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Teen Birth Rate Declines In Okla.

Oklahoma's teen birth rate for 15 to 17 year olds has shown a steady decrease since 1975 according to Joan K. Leavitt, M.D., commissioner of health.

In contrast to the national average which has recently demonstrated a dramatic increase, Oklahoma's teen birth rate has fallen from 40.2 per 1,000 girls in 1988 to 39.3 for 1989. The Oklahoma rate has been steadily decreasing from 1975 when it stood at 51.9 per 1,000.

"We are still concerned," Dr. Leavitt said. "Our rate is still above the national average of 30.5 per 1,000 but it is heartening to note that while the national average is rising sharply, ours continues to go down."

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control, the national rate has increased by 8 percent between 1988 and 1989 while Oklahoma's dropped by 2.3 percent during that same period.

Several communities in Oklahoma are addressing the problem of teen pregnancy.

Using funds appropriated by the Oklahoma legislature, these communities are implementing locally based adolescent pregnancy prevention programs across the state.

During the past four years, grant monies have been used to fund a variety of community-generated projects. Examples of these include: a male involvement project, inter-generational senior citizen/teen community effort, a community pregnancy prevention project, youth center programs, parent-child communication workshops, and teen parent peer educator teams. The projects are administered through the Oklahoma State Department of Health's Maternal and Child Health service.

Anyone desiring information on community-based teen pregnancy prevention projects can contact the Oklahoma State Department of Health, Maternal and Child Health Service, Marilyn Lanphier or Brenda Hutcheson Smith, 405/271-4476.

Co. Assessor To Visit Area Towns

Jackie Scott, Muskogee County Assessor, has announced that her department will be meeting in area towns for the purpose of making assessments on real estate property, tractors and mobile homes.

They will be at Webbers Falls on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 8:30 am.-2 pm.; Warner, Wednesday, Feb. 12, 8:30 am.-1 pm.; and Porum, Friday, Feb. 14, 8:30 am.-1 pm.

For more information, call the County Assessor's office in Muskogee.

Academic Team Wins Area

The Warner High School Academic Pursuit Team won the Area Academic Meet last Saturday at Morris to qualify as one of the eight finalists at the state tournament to be held later this spring.

Warner stormed through without losing a game, averaging 260 points a contest, to finish first among the eight teams entered in the academic meet.

They defeated Stroud in the finals to gain one of the eight prestigious state final spots. Stroud also qualified by finishing second.

Gore High School also had a good showing, as they finished fourth in the meet behind Beggs High School's team.

Congratulations to both Gore and Warner High Schools for their outstanding showing at the area tournament and good luck to Warner at the state tournament.

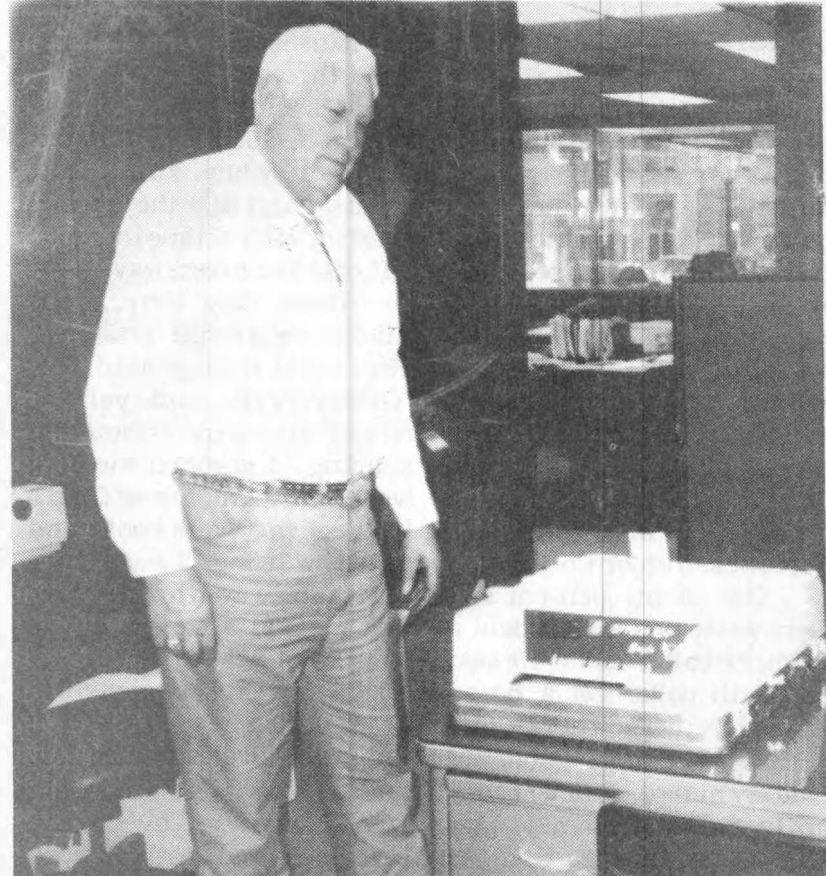
Legislature Resumes Work by Bill Settle

The Legislature officially convened on Monday, February 3, 1992. The House of Representatives began work on January 21, 1992, by considering various bills that had been filed. This was Committee work and has been going on for the last two weeks. It was not the official start of the House of Representatives, but was a way to try and get a head start on the numerous bills filed for this Session.

I will be working on a bill to help bring out improvements in the workers' compensation law, a bill to allow the County Commissioners to remove surplus property from their inventories, a bill involving state employees, a bill to increase the punishment for people violating the Dental Act, and a bill to reform sex crimes.

The Legislature will also be working on funding HB 1017, the education bill, problems within the Department of Human Services budget, the Department of Corrections budget and other various state agencies.

I am hopeful the Legislature will be able to fund a pay raise for state employees as they certainly deserve consideration. The money available to fund the budget has not increased as much as was previously thought, meaning there will be less money to go around for all of the State departments. The House and Senate will be working on these matters, as well as many others, in the upcoming weeks as the committees consider the bills that have been filed.



Kenneth Blackburn shows off one of the new electronic voting machines that Muskogee County will use in future elections at the Muskogee County Election Board office last Friday afternoon.

Muskogee County Modernizes Voting Equipment

The Muskogee County Election Board has modernized its equipment, saving money in the process, and has made election results much quicker with the introduction of the electronic ballot machines.

According to Kenneth Blackburn, it will save \$40,000 in Muskogee County alone this year while it will also reduce the number of counters needed per election. \$2,600 will be saved as precincts will be consolidated from 56 precincts in the county to just 36, primarily because four fewer counters will be needed per precinct.

The new system, which goes into effect statewide, cost about \$18 million, which was paid for without raising taxes.

He said that because workers will not have to count after the polls close, they should be able to leave by 7:30 pm. instead of a three to four hour delay to count the ballots.

The machine used is completely sealed until the end of the election day and will return a card to the voter if he/she has over/under voted to finish voting properly. It also has a memory bank that allows the bank to be entered into a computer and pick up other election results from throughout the state every 15 minutes. In case of a power failure, the voting machine can be opened on the bottom and voters can deposit their ballots through a slot.

In order to help voters

acquaint themselves with the new system, mock elections are being held until Feb. 13 throughout the area, including the Community Center in Warner on Feb. 6, 7, and 13.

Elections this year include the Presidential Primary Election on March 10 (registration through Feb. 28); the Annual School Elections on May 5 (registration through April 24); School Run Election, if needed, on June 30 (registration through June 19); the Primary Election on August 25 (registration through August 14); Run-Off Election, if needed, on September 15 (registration through September 4); and the General Election on November 3 (registration through October 23).

Since the number of precincts has been reduced, voters should have already received new voting cards with the polling place on them.

Polling places include the following area locations:

- Town Council Building, Oktaha
- National Guard Armory, Davis Field
- Medlin Residence, McLain Road
- Webbers Falls Civic Center, Webbers Falls
- First Assembly of God Church, Warner
- American Legion Hall, Porum

If you haven't already receive your new voting card, or if you are still not sure where you are supposed to vote at, contact the Muskogee County Election Board for information.

Synar To Bush: Remember Sooners

WASHINGTON - Oklahoma Congressman Mike Synar stressed economic development and health care for the working people of Oklahoma in his response to President Bush's State of the Union Address.

"The President has given his State of the Union Address. The real challenge is turning words into action," declared Synar. "The working people of Oklahoma are looking to Congress and the President for leadership in three critical areas: economy, health care and energy independence."

"Putting aside partisan politics, Congress will go half-way in working with the President. Tough decisions need to be made, but not at the expense of Oklahomans battling health care costs and facing economic uncertainty."

Synar criticized President Bush's deadline of March 20th for Congress to pass his \$1.52 trillion, 1653 page budget as being unrealistic and unfair.

"A realistic timetable for fair, effective action is what the people of this country expect and deserve from their elected leaders," stated Synar. "An artificial deadline of March 20 is a political smokescreen. It's an arbitrary and unrealistic gimmick the President is using to hide a bankrupt domestic policy."

"We will work with the President. He doesn't help his own cause when he vetoes 27 bills since taking office and waits two months to announce a health care plan that he had to change at the last minute. We need an economic plan that will help working people, not tax credits for the richest one percent in this country."

"Instead of a piecemeal economic plan from the President that does more for the Kurds and Russians overseas, we need a strategy that will make investment in our country a priority."

"In the light of dramatic changes in the former Soviet Union and around the world, we need to use the savings from the military budget to build new plants, upgrade

machinery and retrain workers."

"On the health care front, I have held 17 town meetings across my District since August hearing from people from all walks of life. The 600,000 people in Oklahoma who don't have health insurance and the countless more who are underinsured need quality, affordable health care."

"The President's health care plan is a band-aid that focuses on tax credit proposals that do nothing to stop rising costs. The President's patchwork political proposal fails to offer families any security against major medical bills and long term care. This year the Democratic leadership will begin hammering out a plan that will create fair and affordable health care for the middle class."

"With his popularity dropping and the economy struggling, the President's stop gap measures are designed to get him through the next election. The Democratic party is looking to develop a strategy that will carry us into the next century."

JOM Elections Near At Warner

One of the most important components of the JOM program is parent involvement. This February, parents of JOM eligible children will have an opportunity to get involved in the development of the JOM Program at their local schools. Elections for three parent committee members will be held February 6, at Warner Elementary School: 7:30 pm. in the Elementary Building.

In order to serve on the parent committee, a person must be the parent or guardian of a JOM eligible child. School board members, school employees or the spouse of board members or school employees may not serve on the committee. All committee members serve a two year staggered term.

For more information, contact Lanny Riggs at 463-2950

Governor's Conf. On Child Passenger Safety Is Feb. 6 At State Capitol

In an effort to address the critical consequences of the most common form of child abuse, Gov. David Walters, with assistance from the Oklahoma Highway Safety Office, is sponsoring a statewide Governor's Conference on Child Passenger Safety Feb. 6th at the State Capitol.

The conference is in-

Governor To Lead Project

On February 3, Governor Carroll Campbell (R-SC), Chairman of the Southern Governors' Association announced that Governor David Walters (D) of Oklahoma will be the new Lead Governor for the SGA's Southern Regional Project on Infant Mortality. The Southern Regional Project on Infant Mortality was established in 1984 jointly by the Southern Governor's Association and the Southern Legislative Conference to address the high rate of infant mortality in the South.

On accepting the appointment, Governor Walters noted, "The South has made exceptional progress in improving the likelihood that babies are born healthy in our region. Unfortunately, we still trail behind the country. Bringing babies into the world must be a priority."

Governor Walters shares the leadership of the Southern Regional Project on Infant Mortality with Senator Ted Little of Alabama.

tended to motivate and prepare health and law enforcement professionals, concerned citizens and others regarding loaner seat programs, correct usage of various seats, and car seats for children with special needs.

"Children riding unsecured in vehicles represent our greatest source of child abuse," said Walters. "During 1990, 44 children under age 16 were killed and an additional 4,025 were injured on Oklahoma's streets and roadways."

"The best current estimate indicates that if every child was properly buckled in a crash-resistant car seat or was wearing a seat belt, deaths would be reduced nearly 80 percent."

Although Oklahoma law provides for children under the age of six to be properly restrained, only 38 percent of the children are secured as passengers on Oklahoma's roadways.

Currently, 14 states have child restraint laws that exceed Oklahoma's age limit, and 21 states have fines greater than Oklahoma, \$32 for first-offenders.

"Since 1983, the state has experienced a 17-percent increase in the number of children ages five and under killed or injured in traffic crashes," said Walters. "However, the 6-15 age group experienced a 43 percent increase in the number of deaths and injuries during the same period."

Instructors for the course

VFW Post Holds Meeting

VFW Post #9152 of Warner will be holding its monthly meeting on Sunday, February 9, at 12:30 pm. at the post headquarters, located next to Mottzys' Pizza on the north side of the community.

All post members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Way Safety Office is State Farm Insurance and the Oklahoma Automobile Dealers Association.



Faith Hiebert
Letters From Blackoak

I was just remembering where we were this time last year. The most often repeated phrase, at that time, was "ground war, ground war, ground war". Of course, we all know how it ended. The ground war occurred...and on the seventh day, H. Norman Schwarzkopf rested. Yes, indeed, Schwarzkopf used Notre Dame's good old Hail Mary play, and Iraq, I believe, was using a play from Baghdad's Northwest Junior College.

One of my pen-pal soldiers wrote and joked about a Baghdad call-in show. He said the sixth caller got a brand new white flag. There's just nothing like that good old military humor, I know. I grew up in a military family. My grandfather insisted that the first piece of music I learned on piano had to be the Marine Corps Hymn.

So, I felt comfortable writing letters to the soldiers. At least I never ran out of things to say. (Chip claims that isn't likely to happen anytime in this millennium). Those people seemed to have plenty to write too. I think my favorite single statement was from a soldier in a tank division. It went like this: "At this time, my prime objective is to afford the enemy the maximum opportunity to give his life for his country."

At any rate, the fighting was over soon, and suddenly

hundreds of news media men and women found themselves hot, dusty and short of material. As I recall, they all left en masse, and went straight to the Kennedy's place in Palm Beach.

As for me, I returned to my own battle front. The whole affair has received little news coverage, but here on the ranch, we continue to fight wave upon wave of opossums. (hereafter referred to as 'possums').

The invasion took place several years ago. Night raiders began looting from the cat dish every evening. We first noticed the covert action, when our four cats had completely gone through a twenty-five pound sack of chow in one week. I decided to make a few reconnaissance runs that evening, and met the enemy, head on, the first time I stepped out onto the breezeway.

There they were, three nuclear waste size 'possums. They stood their ground, too. "Glarey-eyed, and yellow-fanged", they were, hissing and snarling. I grabbed the only weapon in sight, one of Chip's big old, heavy work boots, and began swinging. Two of them made a getaway, while the third dug in, and snapped at me while I bounced that boot off his head twenty or twenty-five times. When he grew weary of the game, he also turned tail, hopped onto a tree branch that was hanging over the breezeway, and neatly climbed down to the ground below. As far as I could determine, the nasty creature, waddling away from me, was quite unharmed.

In all my night maneuvers, and sorties, since then, into 'possum occupied territory, I have learned that those critters can sustain about any direct hit to the head, without incurring damage (and that includes rat shot). I have had to learn to know the enemy and his weak spots.

Last Sunday night, I came home from play practice to find a fat 'possum up on the garage tool shelf. My headlights had picked up the evil glint of his

eyes, as I came up the drive, toward the open door. I roared into the garage, and bailed out, leaving the engine and lights on, and dispatched that animal, post haste (all the time reminding him of my general opinion of his species).

Suddenly, I was struck by a certain realization of my age, and station in life, not to mention my dress. I was so glad nobody had seen the whole event. It occurred to me that I could have gone into the house for reinforcements, but then, my boys don't have a problem with women in combat around here. In addition, they do dislike being hauled out of bed, fifteen minutes into their sleep.

And so it is, the battle goes on, and I'm pretty sure we should have staged some sort of massive air assault before this ground war commenced. Perhaps it would have led to a more rapid conclusion of the hostilities, and all that, but then what? As I recall, the Desert Storm folks were rewarded by being put into formation and marched for miles and miles, after which they were treated to numerous lengthy speeches.

Well, I think I'd prefer to just go on with the conflict. It's more familiar, and anyway, I think I'm a "lifer" here.

Y'all come!

Tenkiller Cherokee Castle

by Leif Olson



First Spring Break

Two years plus, I was growing fast. A world now endless to my vision. A short run of ten foot length, an enticing adversary on new shore, and waters. A warm, golden pancake was freshly washed into a golden beach. I heard the words, "Spring Break!".

My mother and sisters safely near, I had no fears. I, a bold explorer with strong desire to run into the flat mirror surface of liquid silver. I met the soft sand grains' bright smile. With eager stride, high-raised knees, swinging arms and almost hysterical happiness of voice, I raced to the water's edge. And!...upon my last step from warm sand into cool wet grasp of water's lisp-ing kiss, I, too, WET!

Surprise erupted within my mind; wide-eye astonishing, age and discovery merged rapidly, losing ignorance to experience. Now, this truly total shock!

More 'wet' below my knees that spread smoothly around my chubby thighs. I turned half-round, catching my mother's alert smile. She understood my transfixion. Calm washed fear, hesitant knowing a new medium's venturesome touch. A return to birth's initial adventure. Life a reality, a new trail beckoned and the Talking Leaves waited for my return.

I turned back to retrace my trail, the water's vast surface calling me with encouraging soft sounds. Bringing my feet forward a few more steps, I sensed a deeping draw as body form 'melted' into the lake's face. Tops of my 'pampers' disappeared below water deception as would a breath of air into the sky.

"Wow!" A problem demanded immediate attention, 'SOS!' "Mom!" My thoughts rang alarms. "I need a change!" "Quick!"

Someday, I will come back to the beach when I am taller. For my first "Spring Break", this becomes part of the mystery of the womb. Now I sense the warm eternity of birth and knowledge waits with love.

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Cross Talk

by Tammie Gilstrap & Cynthia Ward

"Happy Birthday, Leandra". Leandra Kendrick, daughter of Russell & Chrissy Kindrick, celebrated her first birthday on January 21st.

"Happy Birthday, Nathan". Nathan Webb, grandson of Jane Mayes, celebrated his first birthday Sunday, January 26th.

"Happy Birthday, Corey." Corey Baldwin, son of Susan & Gene Baldwin, celebrated his fifth birthday with a party at Burger King on Saturday. Corey's birthday was Sunday, February 2nd.

13 Receive OSU Degrees

Thirteen Muskogee County residents were among the 1,138 students who were awarded degrees from Oklahoma State University in December.

Receiving degrees were: **Ft. Gibson** - Jennifer Carol Hutton, B.S. in elementary education; **Muskogee** - Elena J. Bowman, M.S. in applied behavioral studies; Thomas Maxwell Carment, Ph.D. in business administration; Darrell Glenn Fuller, B.S. in management information systems; Stephanie Annette Key, B.A.R. in architecture; Jeffrey Coley Maher, B.S. in agricultural economics; Jason Edward Rogers, B.A. in sociology; Leslie Carol Thomas, B.S. in journalism; James Ray Westhoff, M.S. in accounting; and Joe Edward Westhoff, M.S. in accounting; **Oktaha** - Wayne Woodward Layman Jr., B.S. in

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- Jason Frank Synar, B.S. in animal science; and Billy James Williams, B.S. in agronomy.

Community Health Care
Of Gore News
by JoAnn McGrew

We have had a extra fun-filled week of activities with the family members of Community Health Care.

Monday was truly a marvelous Monday for the residents. We played bingo in the afternoon for all kinds of goodies. We had a lot of winners who won enough sweets to last them the remainder of the week. Resident Lonnie Resecker has requested bingo as a everyday activity. The residents enjoyed playing blackout last week, so we did it again this week. Mary Riley won first place and was awarded with four prizes, Woody Dickerson won second place and was awarded with three prizes and Les Hunter came in third place for two prizes. Woody Dickerson said that this was his first time playing bingo. The residents said that he must have had beginner's luck. I want to say thank you to Olan and Imogene McElhaney for helping with the bingo games this week.

Tuesday was another fun day for the residents. The ladies got together for coffee and crafts. This week we made Oklahoma weather forecasters. These are made out of yarn that is braided together with a sign that reads, If It's Wet, It's Raining, If It's White, It's Snowing, If It's Stiff, It's Freezing, If It's Moving, It's Windy, If It's Gone, You've Been Ripped Off! These are really cute to give away as gifts because they give a lot of laughs. We really are starting to enjoy working on craft projects now especially the ladies. The men said they couldn't tell if we were actually making stuff or having a hen party. Next time, we have decided to make the men work on crafts or take their popcorn away. A suggestion was made to make popcorn at the crafts and they would automatically show up!

Wednesday was also a fun day for all of the residents. We had the birthday party for the residents celebrating a birthday in December and January. I thought I would honor these residents a little bit more by giving you a little background information about each one of them.

December's celebrants are:

Pauline Anno was born on December 2, 1908 at Braggs, Oklahoma. Her hometown is Tahlequah, Oklahoma. Pauline enjoys reading, working with flowers and she said in her younger days that she really loved to play basketball. Pauline serves as the President of the Resident Council.

Alluwee Monholland was born on December 12, 1905 at Tahlequah, Oklahoma. She has lived there all of her life and said that she really loved that town. She said that she used to love to piece quilt, cook and attend church.

Charlie Meeks was born on December 26, 1903 at Gore, Oklahoma. Charlie loves to go for walks outside, watch the cloggers, work in the garden, reading his Bible and he said he loves baseball. Charlie also said, "That when he was in school, of course, that was 100 years ago that he use to love to play basketball and was really good on the left hand side of the court." Charlie loves to visit and talk about a 1982 Ford pickup that he used to own.

January celebrants are:

Mary Morrison was born on January 13, 1919 in Arkansas. Mary said that she used to love to go fishing and hunting. She also loved to paint, embroidery and work in her flower beds.

Elbert Johnson was born on January 27, 1931 at Braggs, Oklahoma. Elbert loves to walk, play ball at exercises and listen to his pocket radio.

Wilma Jones was born on

January 28, 1919 at Greenwood, Arkansas. Wilma lived at Webbers Falls more than anywhere, she said. She enjoys watching "The Price Is Right" on her TV, exercise class, and said that if she had a stove in her room, she would love to cook pies, cakes and hot rolls.

John Fuller was born on January 30, 1926 at Warner, Oklahoma. When I asked John what his favorite things to do were, he said, "Popcorn, popcorn and popcorn." I asked him to please tell me something besides popcorn, so he said, "Caramel popcorn, cheese popcorn or plain popcorn." Then he got serious and told me that he enjoyed fishing, pretty women and popcorn.

Happy Birthday to all of you!

I want to say thank you to the VFW Ladies Auxillary Post 4609 for hosting the birthday party. The following ladies were here to help this month with the party: Lorine Hunter, Terry Downs, Berdice Dyer, Mary Simons, Marie Simons, Marie Slaughter, Wanda Owens, Anna Jackson, Dorothy Barnes, Mildred Billue and Ruth Lewellin. I appreciate all of you more than words can express. I want to also say thank you to Phyllis Hust of Clowns, Etc. for giving birthday balloons to the residents this month.

Debbie Mladjan came over this week to have Bible study with the residents. This was a very special time for the residents. This was a very special time for the residents. I want to say thank you to Debbie for bringing this ray of sunshine to them this week.

We also had a day for manicures this week. We have some very pretty ladies and handsome men. I don't know how we're going to decide on a Valentine's Day King and Queen. I think we need to have a prince and princess for Valentine's Day also.

Friday was Popcorn and and Movie Day! Now that we have the hot air popcorn popper, it has become so easy to get the residents in the TV room for the movie. When they smell and hear the popcorn popping, we have a line begin to form with their sacks ready for popcorn. I ask the ladies to tell me what kind of movie to get this week. They said to get something with a little romance and maybe a horse or two for the men, so that's what we did.

I want to say thank you to the churches that came in January for services with the residents. I want to also thank David Boyer for having Sunday School this month with the residents. If your church or group would like to volunteer to have services with the residents, please give me a call.

Resident Highlight: I want to tell you about one of our newest family members to join us here at CHC. Woodie Dickerson joined us here last week. He was born on September 14, 1912 at Ozark, Arkansas. He bought a place at Gore in 1937 and farmed for a little while. He left Gore when the war broke out, but he returned in the early 1950's to open up Woodie's Conoco Station. The station was located where the post office is now. Woodie said he could remember a time when the price of gasoline was 12 cents a gallon during the gas war. He said he would have a line of cars waiting to purchase gas. Woodie used to donate ice to the Gore football team. He said there's no way of knowing how many dollars in ice he gave to those football players, but he wanted to do something to help support the boys. He sold the station in November of 1977 so he could retire and do what he loved to do more than anything else (fish) Woodie said it was crazy to love fishing as much as he did

Sims News
by Helen Masterson

Last Thursday, I stayed home all day and mostly looked through papers. Found the letter I was looking for, but not the story about Chickens. M & M came here on the school bus. Nancy came after them, and all went to a ball game at Connors. I wrote letters to cousins.

I went to Muskogee on the county van a couple of times with Evelyn, Helen Cole, Geraldine Mullins, Bonnell and Millard Dyer, Audie Wood, Bonnie Haney, Ophelia Hartness, Nellie Washum, Ellouise Benton, Ida Ross and my sis, Bea Swindell. We shopped and ate, what else?

Talked to Maureen, Nancy, Kathryn, Joyce, Chris, Frank and Marilyn.

Saturday, I got my hair done at Joyce's, went to Webbers Falls and delivered a picture of Webbers Falls for the Webbers Falls Museum. Nancy came over and we went to Checotah. We delivered some poetry booklets to Smith's for Checotah O.E.S. and shopped at Wal-Mart.

We came back to Warner, visited Lisa and Rogers, ate at Cowgirls and got groceries at Puckett's.

Sunday, we had a family get-together at Western Sizzlin in Sallisaw: Marilyn, David and Monica of Owasso; Maurice, Nancy, Marc and Maureen from Webbers Falls; Cleat, from Sallisaw. I went down with Marilyn and family. Betty Maxwell called to tell me that Taylor Masterson, Jay's and Cleat's cousin of Checotah, had died on Saturday.

M & M missed the school bus Monday. They called Grandma (me), I went over and took them to school. Went to Muskogee on county van and went to Taylor's funeral when I came home. Graveside services were held in Fields Cemetery northeast of Porum.

Tuesday, I learned just before dark that the propane tank was almost empty. I called, and Tommy Fisher delivered it that night. I kinda panicked when I learned I had less than 5 percent. Thanks, Tom.

I cooked sausage and gravy for lunch Wednesday. Bam-Bam smelled it cooking and could hardly wait. We both "pigged out".

Another little gem: Weather, like people, gets talked about, but mostly when it misbehaves. (Last week, it

He said that his wife and he would get up at 4 in the morning to go to Greenleaf Lake to fish until the sun would come up, then go back to the station and work. He said that would make for a 14 hour day. He said that it was bad to love fishing so much. He said he loved Greenleaf for fishing, but he has had the best luck fishing at ponds. He bragged about a time when he went to Ray Fine's pond to fish. He said he only had about 15 minutes for fishing, but he just had to go. He said he couldn't have thrown his line out more than 4 or 5 times when he caught a 4 1/2 pound bass. Now, that was good fishing. Woodie said he knew a lot of people around here and a lot of people knew him. Woodie is doing just great and would love to have a visit from you.

If you have any activity suggestions, I would love to hear from you. I still could use volunteers to play checkers with some of these men. I could use volunteers to read to some of the residents, visit with them, go for walks with them or just have a cup of coffee with them. There is no certain amount of time required to be a volunteer. If you would be interested in being a volunteer. If you would be interested in being a volunteer, just call Joann McGrew at 489-2299.

didn't).

MOSTLY HELEN: The Coffee Blonde - Hey, what's with all the blonde jokes? I hate 'em! I was born blonde more than a half century ago. Lots more. Actually my first baby hair was brunette, as are most blondes, I believe. But it soon was replaced by white hair, which was my color by age 2 or 3. White, bright and shiny, according to snapshots taken at that time.

My parents, being both brunette, probably took some ribbing about their blonde baby. By the time I started to school, my mom would comb my fine, "nappy" hair by dampening with a little water. She had been told that coffee would help to darken my hair. One morning, I smelled it; she was using coffee instead of water! I had a little fit, and she didn't use it anymore.

My hair gradually became "dishwater" blonde by the time I was a teenager. Mrs. Ardoyno, my landlady in Atlanta in 1944, called me a "disappointed blonde". I ask you, was that nice? A few years ago, I started having my hair done by Mrs. Manley, a neighbor and licensed beautician. Back-combing, or "teasing", was the style then, and my hair being extremely fine, slick and crawly, wouldn't hold the new style. "It needs body," she said. I asked, "How can we give it body?" She said, "by coloring it." So we selected a shade just lighter than my own, and I've been coloring it ever since.

I decided about 3 or 4 years ago to stop coloring it, as I was developing an allergy to the chemicals, so I let it grow out. After about a year, I saw my own true natural color. About 19 shades of color had appeared in all their glory.

The mild weather has been kind to us in January. Fewer illnesses of a lesser degree of severity and shorter duration has been the pattern at Countryside Estates.

Polly Mode came home from MPMC on Tuesday, the 28th. The hospital nurses commented on what a good patient she was. We are happy to have Polly home again.

Ruby Barnard's family were moving to Kingfisher and wanted Mrs. Barnard to transfer to a nursing home there so she would be close to them. We understand their desire and respect their wishes. However, "Miss Ruby" had become a part of our Countryside Estates family and she will be sorely missed. Mrs. Barnard never missed an opportunity to play bingo. She always attended exercise and popcorn or birthday party and never missed a Tuesday Bible Study or Sunday Worship hour. She's a friendly lady who has gone to a new home to make new friends. But we give her up reluctantly.

Helen Watts was taken to MPMC on Wednesday, the 29th.

Jesse Nickell suffered a broken wrist when he fell in his room on Thursday last week. Mr. Nickell is one of our active 90-plus residents who leads a rather independent lifestyle but this time when he got up from his recliner, he swept a lap robe off on the floor, stepped on it, stooped to pick it up and found himself on the floor with a broken wrist. He's doing fine today.

Though Bert McCoy has felt a bit under the weather this whole month, he was playing a game of dominoes on Wednesday.

Nettie Kuzmic is our new dietician. She is replacing

Army Spirit Of Nursing
Award Enters Second Year

More than 240 nursing students got the "spirit" in 1991. And this year even more will catch it.

For the second year in a row, nursing schools nationwide will honor their top students with the Army Nurse Corps (ANC) Spirit of Nursing Award.

Launched during the 90-91 school year, the award recognizes undergraduate nursing students for exemplary academic, community and professional achievement. The award is sponsored by the ANC, in cooperation with the National Student Nurses' Association (NSNA).

The Spirit of Nursing Award is awarded at the local and national levels. Award certificates are presented by Army nurse recruiters in local ceremonies. One national winner will receive an engraved crystal plaque at the NSNA Annual Convention in April 1992, in Phoenix, Ariz. A plaque will also be presented in a separate ceremony to the

varying from snow white at the temples to a silver (not bad!) color on top, and a little spot in the back showed my French and Cherokee lineage by being stubbornly brown. And to top it all off (no pun intended), there were about 15 other shades tying the whole yucky thing together.

That wasn't all. My wardrobe of bright colors, the perference of which I probably inherited, didn't blend with my "natural" hair. I was going to have to throw out all my clothes and start all over with pastel colors, which don't do a thing for my ego. I decided coloring my hair was cheaper than a whole wardrobe of new clothes, so I chose a different hair color and "voila!" - blonde again!

So! You may call a feisty grandma, but don't tell me any blonde jokes.

Alexander Miller, who has accepted a teaching position at Okmulgee Tech. Alexander was here almost 10 years.

Crafts have been attracting a lot of attention lately. Completing a project of embroidery for Francis Carr just means she will begin another the next week. We have some beautiful handwork to show for her enthusiasm. In ceramics, Georgia Helsley, Neva Miles, Lunia Ferrell, Ruby McCutcheon, Woody McCutcheon, Ruby Barnard, Ora Tarpley, Mina McCormick and Kathryn Reynolds have enjoyed displaying their handiwork now completed. Ruby McCutcheon, Mina McCormick and Millie Brennan are crocheting. The mice we needed for the bread loaf project we found at Wal-Mart. Three of these are finished! Some are piecing together a puzzle. The more people involved in production, the better they feel; for these are folks who've worked all their lives and a finished project feels good.

national winner's school.

Local winners are selected among students enrolled in a two-, three-, or four-year nursing program. Each nursing school dean establishes the criteria for selection of ore winner who will represent their school in the national competition.

A committee composed of three NSNA members and two ANCREpresentatives will judge and select a national winner from among the local school winners.

The national award recipient is chosen based on the following elements: demonstration of excellence in academics and the nursing profession; involvement in community activities; membership in professional organizations; and leadership experience. In addition, all entries for the national competition must include a statement from the schcol's dean and a brief essay by the student on the spirit of nursing.

Last year's national award recipient was Pam Barlow Smith from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas.

Information about the Spirit of Nursing Award Program, including the entry form, was mailed in September to local nursing schools.

All entries must be postmarked by Feb. 12, 1992 to qualify. School deans who have not received their entry packets should contact a local Army nurse recruiter.

Obituaries

Henry D. Arney

GORE - Mr. Henry D. Arney, 80, of Gore, died January 29, 1992 at home in Gore.

Services were on Saturday, February 1, 1992, graveside at 2 pm. in the White Chapel Cemetery, northwest of Gore, with the Rev. Laymon Garrison officiating.

Mr. Henry D. Arney was born November 18, 1911 Lonoke, Arkansas, the son of George Washington Arney and Lucy Elizabeth McAlester. He was married to Georgia D. Smith, June 17, 1939 in Gore. He was of the Baptist Faith, a retired blacksmith and a farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Georgia of the home; five daughters, Mary Lou Brannon of Eagle Creek, Oregon, Norma Fisher of Tulsa, Jo Ann Hurd of Huslin, Alaska, Rohonda Siles of Pegg and Donna Phillips of Fort Gibson; six sons, John Arney of Okay, Jimmy Arney of Braggs, Charles Arney of Gore, Benny Arney of Knob Noster, Missouri, Robert Arney of Webbers Falls, and Steve Arney of Gore; 16 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; one sister, Deanna Tullos of Ory Prong, Louisiana.

He was preceded in death by a son, Michael Lynn Arney in 1964, a brother, George (Benny) Arney and a sister, Nanna Mary Sprinkles.

Services were under the direction of Agent Funeral Home in Sallisaw.

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Swine-callers of all ages test their techniques during the World Championship Hog Calling Contest in downtown Weatherford, February 29.

OKLAHOMA CALENDAR OF EVENTS - FEBRUARY 1992*

YEAR OF THE INDIAN EVENTS: Basket Weaving Workshops, Wewoka, 1, 8, 15; David Fitzgerald's Native American Exhibit, Oklahoma City, 1-Mar. 3; "Young Cherokee," Tulsa, 7; Lecture and Symposium of Native American Art, Tulsa, 7-8; Winter Skies Native American Arts and Crafts Show, Oklahoma City, 7-9; Choc-Coup-Lot Festival, Norman, 8; Run for Missions, Oklahoma City, 22; Native American Fair, Oklahoma City, 22-23; Oklahoma Native America Showcase '92, Oklahoma City, 27; "Thinking About 1492: Views From the West," Tulsa, 28.

FAIRS, FESTIVALS, SHOWS & CELEBRATIONS: Flea Market & Antique Sale, Nowata, 1; Bridal Fair, Tulsa, 1; Gun and Craft Show, Oklahoma City, 1-2; Eagle Watch, Lone Wolf, 1, 15, 29; Woolaroc's Winter Wildlife Viewing, Bartlesville, 1-29; Groundhog Day at the Zoo, Oklahoma City, 2; Bridal Festival, Stillwater, 2; Chocolate Festival, Norman, 7-9; Home and Garden Show, Oklahoma City, 7-9; Southwest Oklahoma Outdoor Recreation Show, Lawton, 7-9; An Affair of the Heart Arts and Crafts Show, Oklahoma City, 7-9; Women's Show, Tulsa, 7-9; Surreal Con '92 Science Fiction Show, Oklahoma City, 7-9; Festival of Chocolate, Duncan, 8; Bridal Fair, Oklahoma, 8; Boy Scout Day at the Zoo, Oklahoma City, 8; Sportsman Show, Clinton, 8-9; Seminole Kennel Club Dog Show, Shawnee, 9; Vo-Tech Fest, Muskogee, 13-16; Oyster Fry, Frederick, 14; Jazz Festival, Weatherford, 14; Casa Blanca Night, Duncan, 15; Valentine's Dance, Claremore, 15; Baseball Card Show, Tulsa, 15; Crazy Horse and Custer Gun and Knife Show, Vinta, 15-16; Presidents' Day at the Zoo, Oklahoma City, 17; Moscow Circus, Tulsa, 18-20; Oklahoma Engineering Fair, Oklahoma City, 19; Sesame Street Live, Tulsa, 20-23; Winter Tales Storytelling Festival, Oklahoma City, 21-22; Music Festival, Edmond, 21-22; Friends of the Library Book Sale, Oklahoma City, 21-23; World of Wheels, Tulsa, 22-23; Handbell Festival, Tulsa, 22; Gun and Craft Show, Enid, 22-23; Central Oklahoma RV Show, Oklahoma City, 27-Mar. 1; Strawberry Junction Arts and Crafts Show, Tulsa, 27-Mar. 1; City Heat Cruisers Car Show and Swap Meet, Shawnee, 28-29; Red Glove Revue, Tulsa, 28-29; Monster Truck Pull Showdown Competition, Ardmore, 28-29; Rainbow Expo, Tulsa, 28-Mar. 1; Indoor Fun Fair, Tulsa, 28-Mar. 1, 6-8; World Championship Hog Calling Contest, Weatherford, 29; Callers' Hoe Down, Midwest City, 29; Holland Hall Book and Art Fair, Tulsa, 29-Mar. 1; African Violet Show and Sale, Tulsa, 29-Mar. 1; Grand National Gun and Knife Show, Tulsa, 29-Mar. 1.



Here Are Problems/ Solutions In A Windowless World by Pam McKeown

If cramped, windowless office spaces are getting on your nerves and you're suffering psychologically, it's a natural reaction to an "unnatural" atmosphere.

"It's human nature to see the rising and setting sun," said Dr. Robert Nelson, associate professor of environmental health at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center in Oklahoma City. "An indoor environment is basically foreign to humans."

Nelson said the easiest way to remedy a bothersome environment is to take charge over it - if you're allowed to.

He gave these tips on "humanizing" the office environment:

- Listen to pleasant music, which helps mask distracting sounds and soothes your psyche.
- Rearrange your office furniture; turn your desk around in the cubicle or set your computer on another table.
- Add a few plants to the area.
- Decorate your office space with bright, cheery paintings or posters, favorite items from home or maybe even a fake window.
- If you can, control the temperature and lighting.
- Remove yourself from your office for short intervals.

Norman, 4-29; "Flowers for Algernon," Oklahoma City, 5-23; Philharmonic Classics Concert, Tulsa, 6; "Focus on 1900-1909" Series, Lawton, 6-8; "Chapter Two," Oklahoma City, 6-8; "Keeping Tom Nice," Tulsa, 6-9, 13-15; "Greater Tuna," Stillwater, 6-9, 13-16; "Big River," Shawnee, 6-16; Patterson Ewen Exhibit, Oklahoma City, 6-Mar. 29; "The Gathering of the Clans" Concert, Guthrie, 7; "An Evening with Charles M. Russell," Oklahoma City, 7; Gallery Talk: "Hunger," Tulsa, 7; Teen Theatre Production, Enid, 7-8; "Faust," Oklahoma City, 7-9; "A Footlights Night," Tulsa, 7-9; "Roosters," Norman, 7-8, 12-16; Theatre Production, Oklahoma City, 7-9, 21-23; "The Imaginary Invalid," Guthrie, 7-Mar. 7; Philharmonic Concert, Oklahoma City, 8; "Sword in the Stone," Tulsa, 8; "Business Men and Women of Black Wall Street" Seminar, Tulsa, 8; Friends and Music Musicals, Stillwater, 9; "Gypsy," Tahlequah, 10; "Gottschalk Gala" Piano Concert, Tishomingo, 12; "Never Too Late," Miami, 13-16; "I'm Not Rappaport," Bartlesville, 13-16; "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," Edmond, 13-16; "Steel Magnolias," Wagoner, 13-15, 20-22; "Skikisha," Oklahoma City, 14; American Sweethearts Concert, Tulsa, 14; Gospel Opry at Taylorsville, Stillwater, 14; "Love, Lust and Limbo," Tulsa, 14; "Songs of Romance" Performance, Bethany, 14-15; "A Midsummer Night's Dream" Ballet, Tulsa, 14-16; Winter Theatre Production, Drumright, 14-16; "Alone

Together," Broken Arrow, 14-16, 21-23; "Night Watch," Sapulpa, 14-16, 21-23; "Arsenic and Old Lace," Tulsa, 14-23; "A Long Shadow: U.S. Race Riots Early in this Century" Seminar, Tulsa, 15; Organ Recital, Tulsa, 16; "Amazing Australia," Tulsa, 17; Art Talks, Tulsa, 17; "Me & My Girl," Ardmore, 17-22; University of Central Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra Concert, Edmond, 18; Fairground Art Museum Exhibit, Oklahoma City, 18-June 30; Jazz Ensembles Concert, Edmond, 20; "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Stillwater, 20; "The Lion in Winter," Lawton, 20-23, 27-29; "Treasure Island" by the National Theatre of the Deaf, Bartlesville, 21; Kids' Concert, Bethany, 21; Philharmonic Concert, Oklahoma City, 21-22; "Sleeping Beauty," Oklahoma City, 21-22; "Faces of Death," Tahlequah, 21-23; "The Coarse Acting Show II," Tulsa, 21-23; "Marigolds," Tulsa, 21-23; "Big River," Norman, 21-23, 26-Mar. 1; "Kiss Me Kate," Clinton, 21-23, 27-29; "This Land is Our Land," Lawton, 21-22, 27-Mar. 1; Youth Symphony Chamber Orchestra Concert, Tulsa, 23; Barbershop Quartets Concert, Oklahoma City, 23; Osage Opry, Pawhuska, 23; Orchestra Concert, Oklahoma City, 24; "The Three Bears," Oklahoma City, 25-Mar. 15; Photographing Montana Exhibit, Lawton, 25-Mar. 29; "Gottschalk Gala" Piano Concert, Tulsa, 26; "The Little Foxes," Tulsa, 26-Mar. 1; McFarlane Singers Performance, Ardmore, 27; Celtic Music Series Concert, Tulsa, 27; "Your Move, Mr. Blue," Lawton, 27-Mar. 1; Oklahoma Lecture in the

Humanities, Tulsa, 28; "Thinking About 1492: Views From the West," Tulsa, 28; Spring Choir Concert, Tulsa, 28; Radio Listener Appreciation Concerts, Tulsa, 28; "The King and I," Hobart, 28-Mar. 2; Philharmonic Orchestra Concert, Lawton, 29; "Most Valuable Player," Tulsa, 29; "Armida" Opera, Tulsa, 29, Mar. 5, 7.

HORSE & AGRICULTURAL EVENTS: Bull Sale, Cheyenne, 1; Rodeo, Proctor, 7-8; Mid-State Market Hog Show Barrows and Gilts, El Reno, 7-8; Rodeo, Tulsa, 7-9; Southwest District 4-H Day, Oklahoma City, 8; Agri-Business Clinic, Alva, 14; Western Oklahoma Junior Heifer Show, Cheyenne, 14-15; Rodeo, Lawton, 14-15; Central District Livestock Show, Shawnee, 14-16; Rodeo, Proctor, 21-22; Toma Pro Sport Rodeo, Lawton, 21-22; Exotic Animal Sale, Shawnee, 22-23; Roger Mills County Livestock Show, Cheyenne, 23-25; Grady County Junior Livestock Show, Chickasha, 23-27; Smith Brothers Winter Roping, Guthrie, 28-Mar. 1; Jackson County Junior Livestock Show, Altus, 28-Mar. 2; Spring Livestock Show, Nowata, 28-Mar. 5.

SPORTING EVENTS: Arenacross Motorcycle Races, Tulsa, 1; Daily Oklahoman Track Classic, Oklahoma City, 7-8; OK Kids State Wrestling Tournament, Tulsa, 7-8; Harlem Globetrotters, Tulsa, 8; Harlem Globetrotters, Oklahoma City, 9; Sageye Fishing Derby, Jet, 21-23; State High School Wrestling

Tournament, Stillwater, 27-29; Body Building Contest, Stillwater, 29.

CONTINUING EVENTS: Thoroughbred Pari-Mutuel Racing at Remington Park, Oklahoma City; Pari-Mutuel Mixed Horse Racing at Blue Ribbon Downs, Sallisaw; Bald Eagle Viewing Excursions, Red River.

*Events and dates are subject to change.

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Towns Celebrate The Unusual

Where can you nibble on a 410 pound burger, ride in a medieval joust or race your rubber duckie? Answers to these questions can be found in Oklahoma's 1992 list to unusual events, developed by the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department.

The guide features about 75 celebrations, fairs and festivals dedicated to unusual facets of Oklahoma life and, although their themes might be offbeat, their success is no laughing matter. Last year, these events drew thousands of people from around the world.

Oklahoma is a melting pot of international cultures, and each year events celebrate time-honored traditions, customs and food from all over the world.

People of Czechoslovakian descent host the Czech Festival in Yukon (October) and

the Kolache Festival in Prague (May). Tulsa hosts a Scottish Games and Gathering in September, complete with a hammer throw, stone put and "kilted-mile" run, along with highland dancing and bagpipe music.

Historical re-enactments add a fascinating aspect to Oklahoma's events. Norman's Medieval Fair in April takes participants to the "days of old when knights were bold." Following a similar theme, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah holds its annual "Boare's Head Feaste" in December, complete with Renaissance food, music and games.

History repeats itself every August in Wetumka, during "Sucker Day". The story is told that many years ago, a circus promoter came through Wetumka, fleeing the

city and absconding. In the spirit of good sportsmanship, the city celebrates this day with parades, a carnival and other activities.

Boise City, in the Oklahoma Panhandle, celebrates "Santa Fe Daze" in June, honoring the Santa Fe Trail, traveled during the 1860s. Among the festivities during this celebration is the "World Championship of Posthole Digging," with divisions for men, women and children.

If there is a dominant theme in these events, it is food, food and more food. In February, Norman hosts a Chocolate Festival, while Frederick has an Oyster Fry. The "World Championship Catfish-Eating Contest" highlights Holdenville's Catfish Festival in May and; in July, Oklahoma City is the site for the "State Championship Chili Cook-Off."

Watonga's Cheese Festival is celebrated each Novem-

ber, honoring the state's only cheese factory.

El Reno fires up the grill for the world's largest onion-fried burger (8 1/2 feet, 410 pounds) during its "Fried Onion Burger Day" in May. The city of Okmulgee has captured the titles in the Guinness Book of World Records for the largest pecan pie (40 feet), the largest pecan cookie (7,500 pound, 32-foot) and the largest ice cream and cookie party during its Pecan Festivals held annually in June.

Oklahoma's true delicacy, the calf-fry, is dished out during the "Calf Fry Festival and Cook-off," in Vinita during September.

Oklahoma also offers celebrations of the strawberry (Stilwell, May); the huckleberry (Jay, July); the watermelon (Rush Springs, August); the peanut (Marlow, September); and the pumpkin (Cordell, October). Wewoka hosts

"Sorghum Day" in October and the "Honey Festival" lands in Erick each November.

Sallisaw celebrates the Okie spirit with its October tribute to John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." Southeastern Oklahoma chooses to recognize the forest with the "Kiamichi Owa-Chita Festival of the Forest," in June.

Three perennial Oklahoma events have captured the imagination of the world - Okeene's "Rattlesnake Hunt," Weatherford's "Hog-Calling Contest" and Beaver's "Cimarron Territory Days and World Cow Chip Throwing Contest."

The community of Okeene started hunting rattlesnakes years ago to aid area ranchers. Today, the hunt attracts visitors and media coverage from across the globe. Mangum, Apache, and Waurika also host rattlesnake hunts in April.

The World Championship Hog Calling Contest brought national attention to Weather-

ford in 1991 with "Inside Edition" television program filming contestants using their swine-calling techniques. Similar TV shows have made appearances in Beaver for the "pasture-discus" championship.

Some Oklahoma events defy classification; there's the "Great Oklahoma Rubber Duckie Race" in Tahlequah (July); the "Halloween Tour of Terror" at Alabaster Caverns; the "Arkansas River Sandcastle Contest" in Tulsa (June); and the **Cow Chip Day Festival and Cow Chip Bingo in Warner (September).**

Oklahoma's Tourism and Recreation Department also publishes a full calendar of events, featuring Native American festivals and powwows, horse shows, rodeos and other community based events.

For more information, call the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department, toll-free, 1-800-652-6552. Oklahoma City residents may call 521-2409.

Allen Ranch Issues Invitation

Allen Ranch, just south of Tulsa in Bixby, invites all outlaws, rustlers, cowpokes and other old west characters to its Friday night "Old West Cowboy Night."

The costume party, held each Friday night through March, is a non-alcoholic evening of hair raisin' good times, according to Paula Allen of the ranch.

"This is a family event with live entertainment, food and contest. We encourage anyone who enjoys dressing up to bring the kids and enjoy the evening in an 1800s saloon setting," Allen said.

The "Allen Ranch Wranglers" will entertain guests with boot scootin' music and a hot food bar and refreshments will be available. Allen Ranch "party bucks" are given to each paid admission and can be used at the ranch gaming tables.

Allen encouraged everyone to come dressed cowboy-style. "Each Friday the best-dressed cowboy and cowgirl win two tickets to our Saturday evening Chuckwagon supper," she said.

Pre-paid reservations are required and seating is limited. Contact the Allen Ranch at 918/366-3010 for information and reservations.

For more information on Oklahoma events and attractions, call the Oklahoma Tourism and Recreation Department toll-free, 1-800-652-6552. Oklahoma City residents may call 521-2409.

Warner Hosts Native American Heritage Day

The Warner Johnson-O'Malley is looking forward to their first Native American Heritage Day event, scheduled for March 7 from 10 am. until 4 pm. at the Warner High School parking lot.

Anyone interested in setting up a booth, demonstrating your Native culture, arts and crafts, please contact 463-2429, 989-5242 or 463-2207.

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The Grapevine

by Larry Crouse

Peach Tree Disease Control Starts Now

Every spring I get calls from concerned homeowners in regards to a strange malady they see affecting their peach trees. Late April to mid-May usually will bring about the emergence of funny looking blisters on the foliage of their peach trees. These blisters start out small and as they enlarge, they will turn a peculiar purplish-red color. Depending on the weather conditions, this will be noticed in just isolated incidences around the tree or it can seem like every leaf has it. What I am referring to is peach leaf curl.

Peach leaf curl is the most common fungal disease that affects peach trees in eastern Oklahoma. Infections can range from relatively insignificant to severe. In severe cases, a majority of the fruit and foliage will show symptoms, sometimes trees will completely defoliate in late spring and put out new leaves. A tree that is infected this severely will have little to no fruit to offer you. Fortunately, this disease is as easy to control as it is common.

Control of peach leaf curl depends on application of a fungicide before bud swell begins. Sharon von Broembsen, OSU Extension plant pathologist says that the disease cannot be controlled after the buds have begun to swell.

The fungicide can be applied anytime after the trees have gone dormant in the fall and before bud swell begins in the spring. Most growers will apply the sprays in February or early March.

Peach trees have to be watched carefully to determine when bud swell takes place, fungicide applications after bud swell will have little to no affect on controlling peach leaf curl. In other words, a person that brings me a sample of peach leaf curl in May will only see me smile and say, "Yep, you've got peach leaf curl and there isn't anything you can do about it this year."

Many products are available to prevent this disease; Bordeaux mixture, lime sulfur, Kocide 101, or Bravo used according to label instructions all offer acceptable control for peach leaf curl. Care must be taken with these materials, applying these materials after bud swell can do more harm than good, sometimes to the point of complete defoliation. The right spray at the right time is the key.

Don't let peach leaf curl weaken or defoliate your trees or reduce the quality and yield of your peach crop. Apply the proper control at the right time. Spray applications should be applied to cover the limbs and twigs thoroughly and only when the temperature is above 40 degrees F. For more information, contact me at the county extension office.

Sophomores Attend Conference

Sophomore members of the Webbers Falls FFA chapter attended the 14th annual Oklahoma Sophomore Motivational Conference Thursday, January 23, at the Sheraton Kensington in Tulsa.

Laura Ogg, David Casady, Stacey Hubler, Matt Marks, Brian Cole, Heath Shelby, Jarred Morton and chapter advisor Bill Stricklin represented the Webbers Falls chapter.

The conferences are designed to provide sophomore FFA members with leadership training, goal setting instruction, and the importance of a positive mental attitude.

The Tulsa conference is

one of five held throughout the state. National FFA Secretary, Mike Stevenson, Montana, and Southern Region Vice President Shane Black of Alabama conducted the conferences. Stevenson, Black, and four other national officers will serve a one-year term traveling across the United States to provide leadership training for 384,000 FFA members. More than 19,300 of those members are from Oklahoma.

The Oklahoma State FFA Officers assisted with the program. The 1991-92 Oklahoma State FFA Officers are Brent Kisling, Burlington, president; Heather Hartsfield, Coalgate, secretary; Tara Mueggenborg, Kingfisher, reporter; Justin Whitefield, Paoli, central dist. vice pres.; Amber Case, Bristow, northeast dist. vice pres.; Rhett Laubach, Laverne, northwest dist. vice pres.; Jeremy Woodruff, Red Oak, southeast dist. vice pres.; and Rachel Massey, Roosevelt, southwest dist. vice pres.

The FFA is a national organization of high school students enrolled in agricultural education. FFA members gain experience in agriscience, business and production, as well as citizenship and leadership training.

Only In Oklahoma

by C.W. "Dub" West

Muskogee Was Born In Blood

George Reynolds, special agent for the Katy in Indian Territory, being interviewed by Edwin King, a reporter for "Scribner's Magazine," in a special car, said, "Three men were shot about twenty feet from this same car in one night at Muskogee. Oh! this was a little hell, this was: The roughs took possession here in earnest. The keno and monte players had any kind quantity of tents all about this section, and life was the most uncertain thing to keep you ever saw. One night a man lost all he had at keno, so he went around behind the tent and tried to shoot the keno dealer in the back; he missed him but killed another man. The keno man just got a board and put it up behind himself, and the game went on. One day one of the roughs took offense at something the railroad folks said, so he ran our train off the track the next morning. There was no law, and no means of getting any. As fast as the railroad moved, the roughs followed. We tried to scare them away, but they didn't scare worth a cent. It was next to impossible for a stranger to walk through one of these canvas towns without getting shot at. The graveyards were sometimes better populated than the towns next to them.

New Tax Changes Could Benefit Producers, Agribusiness

STILLWATER - The new year is here, bringing with it thoughts about 1991 and how the past year's events will affect taxes and potential tax benefits.

While some parts of the agricultural economy continue to improve slowly, losses from drought or floods reduced income for many producers in 1991, explains Mike Hardin, Oklahoma State University Extension tax specialist. In addition, the results of past financial problems will become income tax problems when debt forgiveness transactions occur.

"Tax planning opportunities exist for producers whose income is above normal," says Hardin. "Similar tax savings are possible for producers in financial distress."

Beginning in the 1991 tax year, the top marginal tax rate increases from 28 to 31 percent. However, the tax rate on capital gain is limited to 28 percent.

"If taxable income exceeds \$100,000, then itemized deductions are limited and personal exemption amounts are reduced," says Hardin. "On the other hand, earned income credit is increased and expanded to include a separate credit for children born in 1991 and a credit for health insurance paid for a qualifying child."

Another new tax item beginning in 1991 affects property containing oil and gas wells. The percentage depletion allowance now will be limited to 100 percent of net taxable income from the property. Proven oil and gas property that is transferred to someone else now is eligible for the percentage depletion allowance.

Farmers and other business operators also need to be aware they can deduct up to \$10,000 of the cost of depreciable assets purchased as a current expense in the year bought rather than depreciating the cost over the life of the asset.

Law limits the expense deduction to the profit from the farm or business. However, beginning in 1991, the definition of profit from business has been expanded to include other items. Wages

earned by the business owner or spouse are included, as is income from the sale of depreciable farm assets.

In addition, if a producer or spouse is a partner in a partnership or shareholder in a subchapter S corporation, the earnings from either of these entities is included.

"Expanding the definition of profit will allow producers and business operators to reduce taxable income by taking the \$10,000 expense election if the income from these other sources offsets a farm loss by at least \$10,000," says Hardin.

Disaster payments and crop insurance proceeds received in 1991 can be deferred until next year. For drought sales of livestock, the gain from breeding livestock can be postponed if the same type of animals are purchased within two years. Income from the sale of all livestock can be postponed until next year. However, both provisions apply only to sales in excess of normal sales of these animals or crops.

A casualty loss can be claimed for losses caused by a sudden occurrence such as fire, flood or storm. The loss is limited to the lesser of the tax basis (cost less depreciation taken) or the reduction in the fair market value of the property. The amount of the loss must be reduced by any insurance proceeds received, adds Hardin.

Since income averaging was repealed in 1986, the expense election is a useful tool to reduce or level taxable income from year to year.

Hardin advises the best way to ensure all potential Internal Revenue Service benefits are understood and utilized is for producers and business operators to meet with a qualified tax specialist.



Muskogee County Spring Livestock Show Nears

The 5th annual Muskogee County Spring Livestock Show will be held Friday and Saturday, February 21 and 22. This show is open to 4-H and FFA members attending schools in Muskogee County. The show will be held at the Muskogee Expo Center. Exhibits will start arriving on Friday evening, February 21st. The market lamb show will be held at 7:30 pm., Friday evening with Kent Boggs, State FFA Executive Secretary, as the judge.

Market hogs will be judged Saturday morning starting at 8:00 with Steve Welty of Clinton, Oklahoma as the judge.

Jeff Bedwell, Livestock Judging Team Assistant Coach, Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, Miami, will select winners in the beef show starting with heifers at 2:30 pm., followed by the steers.

Superintendents for the show will be Jamie Smith of Oktaha with Dorothy Perry of Muskogee as assistant in the lamb division. In the swine division, Roger Mann of Haskell with Ken Hopkins, as assistant, and Larry Sand of Fort Gibson, with Ronnie Cook, assistant, will head the steer division. Tony Nichols of Wainwright with Basil Myers assisting in the heifers division, and Rusty Criner of Haskell will be the Ring Steward.

Show officers are Troy Fisher - President, Lindell Duncan - Vice President and Bill Stricklin, Secretary/Treasurer.

Entries must be in by Monday, February 10. Entry fees for sheep and swine are \$5.00 per head and heifers and steers - \$10.00 per head. All entries must be made through the local Agriculture Education Instructor or the local 4-H leader.

This show is financed by entry fees and a Trophy Jacket Auction held in December. Jackets sponsored by various individual and businesses will be awarded exhibitors in each breed division as well as Grand and Reserve Champions and Showmanship.

Sponsors of the jackets are as follows: Grand Champion Mkt. Steer, James Hodge Ford; Grand Champion Mkt. Swine, Muskogee Co. Farmers Union; Grand Champion Mkt. Lamb, Oktaha Booster Club; Premier Heifer, Muskogee Co. Cattleman's Assn.; Res. Grand Champion Mkt. Swine, By-Pass Farm & Garden; Res. Grand Champion Mkt. Lamb, Criner Sheep-Haskell; Res. Grand Champion Mkt. Steer, Sunburst Seed; Reserve Premier Heifer, Muskogee Farmers Assn.; Jr. Lamb Showmanship, Ken Frazier Farmers Group Ins.; Jr. Swine Showmanship, Warner Booster Club; Jr. Beef Showmanship, Hensley-Evans Lakeland Ins.; Sr. Swine Showmanship, Sen. Ben Robinson; Sr. Beef Showmanship, Be A Champ Lamb & Cattle Camp (Warner); Sr. Lamb Championship, Haskell Booster Club; Champion Berkshire Mkt. Swine, Thunderbird Chemical; Champion Suffolk Mkt. Lamb, Fort Gibson Booster; Champion Class 3 Mkt. Steer, Lake Country Bank; Champion Commercial Heifer, American Machine; Champion Mkt. Hamp Lamb, Drew Edmondson, DA; Champion Duroc Mkt. Swine, By-Pass Farm & Garden; Champion AOB Heifer, Muskogee Co.

Farm Bureau; Class 1 Mkt. Steer, Munding Milling Co.; Champion Hamp Mkt. Swine, Morton Farms (Webbers Falls); Champion Angus Heifer, Thunderbird Chemical (Jon Monks); Champion Chester Mkt. Swine, SRS Supply (Webbers Falls); Champion Class 4 Market Steer, Bartholet Auction; Champion AOB Mkt. Lamb, MFA; Champion Spotted Poland Mkt. Swine, Porum Booster Club; Champion Shorthorn Heifer, Vian State Bank (Gore); Champion Class 2 Mkt. Steer, Champion Yorkshire Mt. Swine, and Champion Santa Gertrudis Heifer, all by Munding Milling Co.; Champion Cross Mkt. Lamb, Gene Bullard, Dist. 1 Co. Comm.; Champion Poland Mkt. Swine, MFA; Champion Simmental Heifer, American Ag. Supply; Champion Cross Mkt. Swine, Herndon Carpet & Tile; Champion Limousin Heifer, McAffrey Limousin (Warner); Champion Shropshire Lamb, Herndon Carpet & Tile; Champion Saler Heifer, Muskogee Co. Cattleman's Assn.; and Mkt. Heifer, Fort Gibson Booster Club.

For more information, call Bill Stricklin at 464-2653.

Nickles Named As Chairman

WASHINGTON - Oklahoma Senator Don Nickles described his appointment as Chairman of the Platform Committee for the 1992 Republican National Convention as "an honor and an opportunity to inject some Oklahoma common sense into the issues confronting our nation in this crucial election year."

"It is an exciting challenge and opportunity," Nickles said, "and I am confident we can put before the American people a positive platform that will bolster the economy and move the country ahead."

"As an Oklahoman, I intend to represent the interests of middle America in drafting a platform which will demonstrate that the Republican Party is the party of mainstream America and that significant differences exist between the Republican Party and the present liberal Democratic leadership. I also hope to expand the party's base so that we can retain the White House and make substantial gains in the Senate and House."

The platform will be presented at the Republican National Convention in Houston, August 17-20.

Nickles has been a member of the Senate leadership since 1989 and currently serves as Chairman of the Republican Policy Committee. He is the first Oklahoman to serve in the Senate leadership since 1942 when Senator Josh Lee served as Secretary of the Democratic Conference.



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1991-92 Warner Basketball Homecoming Queen Crystal Chapman is pictured with her court during homecoming ceremonies last Friday evening at Warner High School.

Boren Captures Funds For Okla.

Senator David Boren on January 22 succeeded in attaching two amendments to the National Education Bill of 1992 that would give Oklahoma \$23.4 million in new federal funds for educational reforms and \$2.6 million for the creation of magnet schools in Oklahoma.

Boren's first amendment eliminates a provision in the National Education Bill that would have blocked Oklahoma and three other states that have passed education reform bills from using new federal funds to implement measures to improve school curriculums, increase teaching quality and lower the student-teacher ratio.

"It is completely unreasonable to penalize Oklahoma for being one of only three states that have passed educational reform bills," Boren said. "Now we can be sure that we will have the federal funds necessary to improve our literacy rate and to provide better training for our teachers."

Boren's second amendment will ensure that Oklahoma will be able to use \$2.6 million in new federal funds for the creation of magnet schools and other alternative schools, like Washington High School in Tulsa.

"This funding is crucial for the efforts of cities throughout Oklahoma to establish new magnet schools," said Boren. "These schools can be extremely valuable to Oklahoma's students, giving them an opportunity to take the type of specialized and advanced courses that they would never be able to take otherwise."

School Boards Association Votes To Oppose State Question 640

The best interests of the children of Oklahoma were foremost on the minds of the OSSBA Board of Directors when they voted to oppose the passage of State Question 640. The proposed question would require a vote of the people for any tax measure not approved by 75 percent of the legislature.

The directors discussed their concerns on the issue before taking a stand-up vote during their January board meeting.

President Walt Hushbeck, Tulsa, set the tone by reminding the directors who they represented. "Whatever our personal opinions on this issue, we must remember our decision to oppose or support the issue must reflect what will benefit the school children of our state."

Director Debi Thompson, Carney, believes opposing this question would be in line with the association's support of House Bill 1017.

"We don't want tax issues to go to a state-wide fight every time we need funding for our schools," she said.

Thompson felt citizens



From left to right, Jamie Herndon, Bart Herndon and Lisa Ellis are pictured at Warner Elementary School with their awards from the 3-Forks Jackpot held recently in Muskogee.



Pictured are the winning group from the Warner Sr. 4-H Club at the County Share-The-Fun competition. From left to right are Jeanora Rinehart, Clay Bales, Amy Aldridge and Jodee McAffrey.

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would not be willing to vote themselves a tax increase, even for education. Supporters of SQ 640 disagree, using voter approval of House Bill 1017 as an example. This is not a valid comparison, according to Thompson.

"With the House Bill 1017 issue, the people did not vote themselves a tax increase. They just voted not to repeal one that had already been approved and implemented by the legislature."

Not only would it be difficult to pass a tax increase, but any increase that was approved is likely to be directed against the business community. In a state-wide poll, 44% of the respondents said they would raise business taxes before other types of taxes, if faced with the decision.

This could chase businesses out of our state, or cause other businesses to rethink any possible move to Oklahoma. If the economy is hurt by this measure, the children of Oklahoma will ultimately feel the crunch as well, through reduced school funding.

Future funding was not the only concern voiced by the

board. Director Sam Young, Midwest City-Del City, believes the measure contradicts our current form of government.

"I don't have a problem with tax issues being sent to a vote of the people," he said. "But if we elect legislators to represent us, we shouldn't require 75 percent to approve a measure. Even a legislative veto only requires a two-thirds majority."

Other problems include the possibility that rural areas would lose their voice in tax issues through voter domination from metropolitan areas, and that legislators would refuse to take any stand on tax issues, leaving them all to a vote of the people.

"If this measure is approved, it would become very difficult to hold our legislators accountable for the operation of the government," said Bob Mooneyham, OSSBA executive director. "It would be too easy to send all the tax questions to a vote of the people, and then blame the people when the state faces a financial crisis. The legislators would no longer be accountable for fiscal issues."

They would also have their hands tied in case of a state emergency. The proposed state question would eliminate

Warner School News

Opportunities Arise At Universities

There are two events for high school students coming up at Oklahoma Universities. One is Sooner Saturday at the OU School of Drama/Department of Dance; the other is the Science in Agriculture Sciences and Natural Resources.

Sooner Saturday is for Seniors interested in attending the OU School of Drama. It will be held on February 22. Students are asked to bring their parents to tour the campus, audition, and attend workshops. They are also invited to see a production of BIG RIVER that evening. See Mrs. LaBounty for more information.

The Science in Agriculture Symposium is for Juniors and Seniors and will be held March 16 and 17. One hundred applicants will be chosen to attend. See Mrs. LaBounty for a nomination form.

Baseballers Warm Up

The baseball team has been selling meat pies on Tuesdays for \$1.25 each. The use for this money has not been decided on as of yet. The team and Mr. Edwards will choose the purpose as soon as enough money is raised. Until then, they will still be selling pizza, Mexican, ham and cheese, and Bar-B-Q meat pies at noon on Tuesdays. The baseball team would like to thank Mrs. Kathy Hill and her family for the time and effort spent in making the meat pies.

4-H Update

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Senior Share the Fun. Warner Senior 4-H had three acts. All of them received blue ribbons. Our single acts were: Amy Aldridge singing "I Go To The Rock". She won third overall.

Area Schools To Participate In MATHCOUNTS Competition

The 1992 East Central Oklahoma MATHCOUNTS Competition is scheduled for February 15 at the Allen Chapman Activity Center on the University of Tulsa campus. 54 area schools are expected to send teams of 7th and 8th graders to this year's competition. Teams consist of four students plus alternates, and will compete in Small, Medium and Large size classifications.

Area schools entered include: Small: Gore Jr./Sr. High, Nita Justice, coach; Gum Springs Elementary, J. Hubler,

Warner Offers Computer Classes

Warner High School is the site for a pair of Indian Capital Area Vo-Tech computer classes, starting February 18 and going for twelve straight weeks.

Both WordPerfect and LOTUS 1-2-3 will be offered and classes are at 3:30 pm. and at 6:30 pm. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

For more information or to enroll in the 3:30 pm. or 6:30 pm. courses, contact the high school at 463-5172.

emergency clauses for tax bills, which means no bill could go into effect for 90 days. This was to allow time for a referendum vote on any issue.

"The bottom line is that our constitution says the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended or contracted away," Mooneyham said.

"We elect our legislators to examine all the facts and make decisions in the best interests of our state's future. We can't afford to leave that future in doubt," he concluded.

Jodee McAffrey did a dance to "Everybody Dance Now". 4-H had one group act that did very well. The performers were Clay Bales, Jeanora Rinehart, Jodee McAffrey and Amy Aldridge. They sang "Jesus is Your Ticket to Heaven" and placed second overall. They will go to Grove for districts on February 8th.

Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Three Forks Jackpot. We would like to make special notice of Bart Herndon, who won Grand Champion with his Hampshire, Jamie Herndon, whose pig won Breed Champion, and Lisa Ellis, who won fourth and fifth on her Cross and Yorkshire.

Entries and fees for the county show are due to Mr. and Mrs. McAffrey by February 1. The regional fees will be due at a later date.

Act On The ACT Deadlines

If you haven't taken your ACT test yet, you should know that there are only two test dates left this year. These dates are April 11 and June 13, and they must be registered for by March 13 and May 15, respectively. See Mrs. Webster for information and a registration packet.

Seniors Take Over

The Seniors have taken over the pizza sales this semester. They will sell pizza every other Wednesday. Pizza will be sold again on February 5.

Mrs. Susan Reed would like it to be known that the Senior dues of \$50.00 will have to be paid at the latest by February 28.

Fiesta On Hold

The Español Class will hold a Grand Old Fiesta at Señora Tatum's house when

Warner School Menu

February 10 - 14

Monday

BREAKFAST: Buttered Rice, Biscuits, Jelly or Honey, Juice, and Milk.

LUNCH: Beef Patty & Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Hominy, Hot Rolls, Wacky Cake, and Milk.

Tuesday

BREAKFAST: Bacon, Scrambled Eggs, Gravy, Biscuits, Juice, and Milk.

LUNCH: Turkey & Noodles, English Peas, Hot Rolls, Jello w/Fruit, and Milk.

Wednesday

BREAKFAST: French Toast/Syrup or Cereal, Juice, and Milk.

LUNCH: Spaghetti & Meat Sauce, Green Beans, Garlic Bread, Spiced Apples, and Milk.

Thursday

BREAKFAST: Chocolate Gravy or Peanut Butter & Honey, Biscuits, Juice, and Milk.

LUNCH: Chili, Hash Browns, Crackers, Cherry Cobbler, and Milk.

Friday

BREAKFAST: Breakfast Bars, Toast, Jelly, Apple Wedges, and Milk.

LUNCH: Hot Ham & Cheese, Tater Rounds, Pickle Spears, Frosty Peaches, and Milk.

Salad Bar Available Menu Subject To Change

all Mottzy's money and coupon books are turned in. So turn them in NOW!!! Señora Tatum has a list of those who have them out still, so if you don't remember, ask her.

Board Approves Guidelines

The State Board of Education approved guidelines that would exempt local schools from specific state regulations during its regular monthly meeting January 23.

The board established a definition of outcome-based education that State Superintendent Sandy Garrett said "reflects the spirit of reform in House Bill 1017."

"Our new procedures for deregulation are concerned with empowering individual schools," Garrett said. "They open the door to innovation in education all across Oklahoma."

The board approved procedures that would exempt a local school district or individual school site from one or more regulations, if that exemption promises to improve teaching and learning. Schools cannot apply for exemption from federal law or regulations, state law or existing regulations that govern health and safety matters.

A school seeking deregulation would submit an application approved by the local school board. The application must then be approved by a review team at the State Department of Education and by the State Board of Education.

"Different schools have different approaches to reaching quality student results," Garrett said. "Under the outcome-based education system established by House Bill 1017 and related laws, we are concerned more with results and less with how those results are reached. Deregulation allows schools to pursue those results in the way that is best for them, whether using technology, co-ops (sharing resources between districts) or other innovative programs."





Gore's Amber Bailey (#33) looks to pass to teammate Brandi Neer (#10) as Jenni Cole (#30) of Webbers Falls comes out to defend during their game last Tuesday evening at Webbers Falls.



Bo Taylor (#12) of Webbers Falls throws to teammate Otto Warren (#33) over the defense of Gore's Stan Evertson (#40) as Gore's Loyd Qualls (#33) looks on during action last Tuesday night at Webbers Falls.



Penny McClure of Warner (#42) battles with a Hilldale guard for position during their game last Tuesday at Hilldale High School.

Comprehensive Agreement Reached On Cable Sports Network

Home Sports Entertainment and Multimedia Cablevision in Oklahoma announced that they have reached a comprehensive agreement to launch the Southwest regional cable sports network as part of the basic service on the vast majority of Multimedia systems throughout the state representing 1,111,000 subscribers in 32 communities.

The first phase of the rollout will begin on February 1 when HSE begins airing on Multimedia's systems in Stillwater and Pauls Valley. HSE will be added to the remainder of the state as each Multimedia system completes its rebuilding process and channel capacity expansion.

As part of the agreement, all Multimedia systems in the rebuilding process will have full access to all HSE Big Eight Conference sports programming until HSE comes on board full-time with a complete programming lineup.

"We're excited about this agreement and the ability to showcase HSE's exclusive Big Eight programming on systems local access channels during the rebuilding process," said Tom Smith, Multimedia's regional manager. "This is an added value to our customers who will be able to enjoy the finest sports programming in the Southwest."

The initial two systems represents 14,000 subscribers and boosts HSE's subscriber base to 2.9 million.

"This is a major accomplishment for HSE," said Jon Heidtke, HSE's assistant general manager and director of affiliate sales and marketing. "The Oklahoma City area was the last major market in our five-state territory not to have access to HSE. I'm sure we've made Big Eight sports fans in the area extremely happy with this decision."

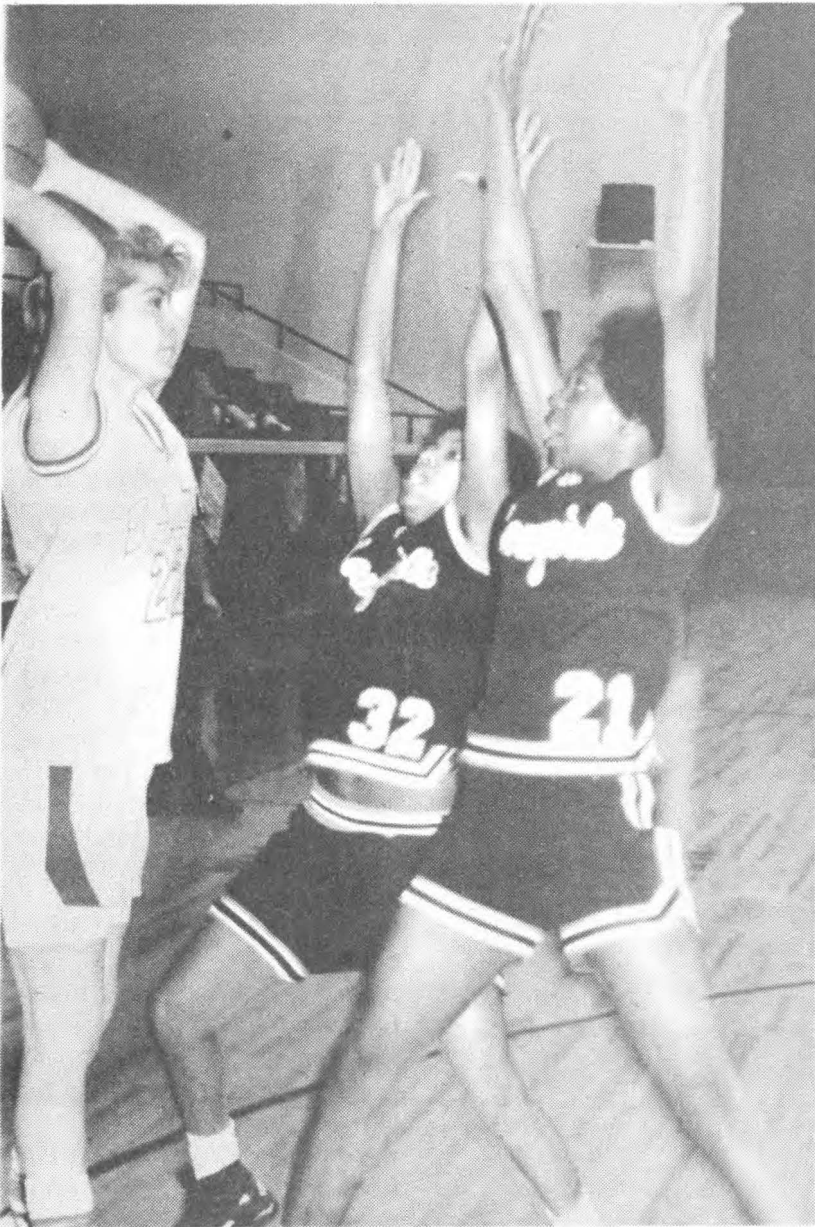
The Big Eight package which will be available to Multimedia customers in 1992

includes 11 men's regular-season basketball games, four women's regular-season basketball games and the tournament semifinals and finals, the baseball tournament semifinals and finals, the men's and women's indoor track and field championships, the men's and women's outdoor track and field championships, the women's volleyball championship semifinals and finals, the men's wrestling championships, the men's and women's gymnastics championships and a selected number of football games.

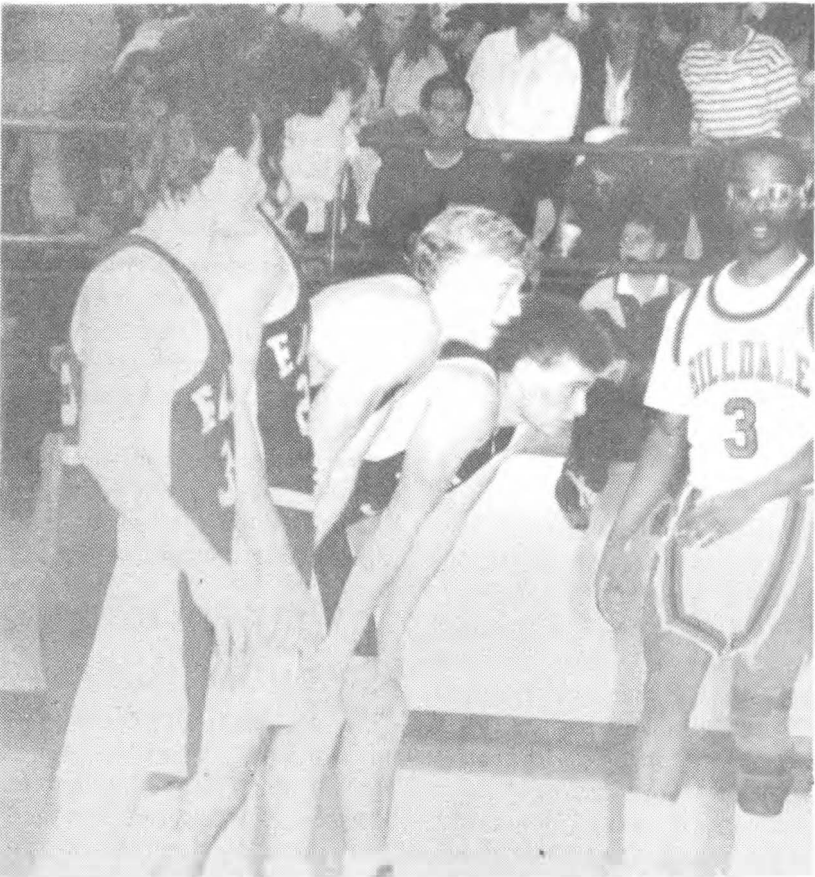
HSE also provides exclusive home game coverage of the Texas Rangers and Houston Astros, Dallas Mavericks and Dallas Sidekicks in addition to Southwest Conference football, basketball, baseball and conference championships, and major collegiate events from the top conferences in the nation.

Through its parent, Prime Network, HSE also televises major auto racing, ATP Tour and Virginia Slims tennis, PGA European Tour and international golf, Arena Football, Australian Rules Football, Major League Lacrosse, motorcycle road racing, skiing, professional hockey programs, equestrian events, racquetball, live talk shows, a wide variety of playoff/review shows and magazine programs.

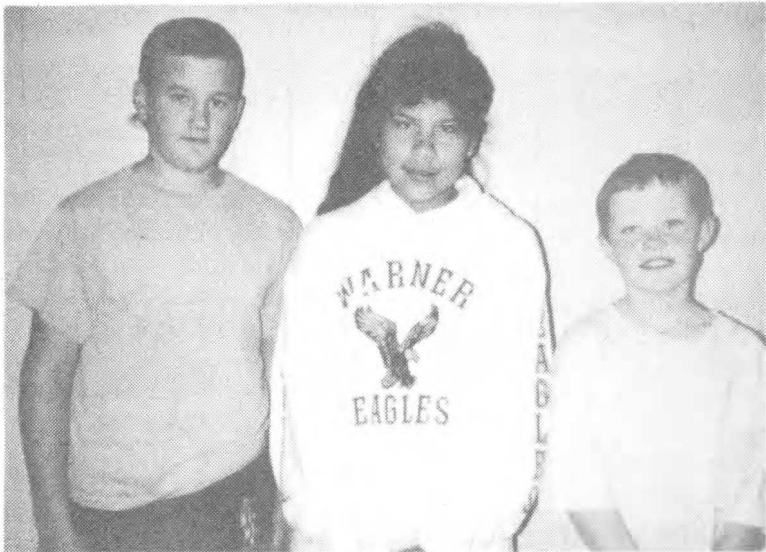
An affiliate of Prime Network, HSE is the nation's fourth largest regional sports network serving 2.9 million cable subscribers in Oklahoma, Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and parts of New Mexico.



CSC Cowgirls Consuelo Askew (#32) and Nikki Holmes (#21) pressure a Bacone Lady Warrior during their game last Monday night at the Muskogee Civic Center.



From left to right, Warner Eagles Brent Perry, Shawn Hogner, Chris Barnes and Kenneth Doke prepare to run an inbound play during their game with Hilldale last Tuesday.



Three Warner students traveled to Rogers State College in Claremore on Saturday, Jan. 25, to participate in the district finals of the nationwide Elks Lodge Free-Throw Shooting Contest. To be eligible, these three won the local district contest in their respective age categories. From left to right are: Toby Doke (12-13 year old boys), Tasha Morgan (12-13 year old girls) and Tyler Clemons (8-9 year old boys).



CSC's Shorron Woodley goes for the slam at the Muskogee Civic Center as he is fouled during their game with the Bacone Warriors last Monday night.

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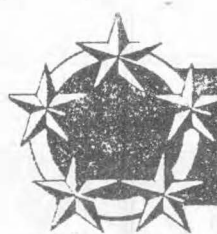
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Susan Madewell and Recycling Club members Tiffany Bales, Mindy Madewell and Martin Madewell are shown painting barrels donated by the city of Warner for recycling purposes at Warner Elementary School. The club is made up of elementary students at the school.



Rev. Larry Wilson stands on the front porch of the new Wesley Foundation United Methodist Student Center near Connors State College. It will be a haven for students from the college to come and relax from the pressures of school.

Warner Holds Parent/Teacher Conferences

Warner Public Schools will be holding Parent/Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, February 5, and Thursday, February 6.

On Wednesday, the conferences are from 4:30-6:30 pm. at both the high school and elementary school campuses while on Thursday, the high school parent/teacher conferences will be from 9 am. to 1 pm. and the elementary school parent/teacher conferences will be from 8 am. to 12 noon.

Parents can call the high school at 463-5172 or the elementary school at 463-2950 for further information or to make an appointment with a teacher or teachers.

Local Council Attends Tenn. Workshops

The Cherokee Youth Council will be attending the "Meeting of the Minds" training session in Nashville, Tennessee, February 14 through February 17.

Topics discussed will be Self Esteem/Self Confidence, Health Projects, Youth Council Assisting High School and Junior High Students, Substance Abuse, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, Spirituality Discussions, Anti-Smoking, and Family Project Workshops.

Attending will be Sandy Lynne Foltz, Eddie Trice, David Fielder, and sponsors Reba Bruner and Lisa Trice. These students will also assist the Warner Johnson O'Malley team with their Heritage Day Program in March. Sandy Lynne will be one of the speakers at the event.

Eddie is a freshman at NEO in Miami, David is a senior at Sequoyah High School, and Sandy Lynne is a senior at Northeastern State University.

All three are officers in the Cherokee Youth Council and are available to assist high school and junior high schools with various projects and events. They can be contacted at the Cherokee Nation Complex in Tahlequah.

CSC Holds Homecoming

Connors State College will be holding its annual homecoming ceremonies on Thursday, February 6, at approximately 8:45 pm. at the half-time of the men's game between the Cowboys and the Eastern Mountaineers at the Melvin Self Field House.

Eighteen candidates from various clubs and organizations are vying for the homecoming crown.

UPS Plans To Convert 140 Vehicles To Natural Gas

OKLA. CITY - United Parcel Service (UPS) and Governor David Walters announced on January 30 plans to build two "quick fill" natural gas stations to fuel up to 140 UPS vehicles here and in Tulsa. The announcement follows legislation signed by Governor Walters last year providing incentives for fleet conversion to natural gas use.

"The commitment by UPS to the use of natural gas in its fleet vehicles in Oklahoma, and its continued testing of this alternative fuel in major cities across our country, reinforces the real need to explore the use of alternative fuels and the creation of a bold, comprehensive national energy policy," the Governor said.

"We share Governor Walters' desire to continue research into cleaner-burning alternative fuels and Oklahoma has given UPS the incentives to make use of natural gas here economically viable," said Thomas Hardeman, UPS Vice President for State Affairs.

Under the terms of agreement in Oklahoma, UPS would receive tax incentives from the state for building the two stations and converting 140 engines to operate on natural gas. The stations would be constructed on UPS property in Tulsa and Oklahoma City. They can fuel a vehicle in four minutes, similar to the time and manner of conventional fueling.

"The Oklahoma plan would take UPS beyond the testing phase to a full-fledged operation of a commercial fleet

on natural gas," said Hardeman. "The incentives Oklahoma provides for UPS can be a model to other states for the expansion of the program to other areas of the country."

This project is contingent upon Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approval to insure converted vehicles can operate economically with improved emissions on a permanent or long-term basis.

UPS is currently testing compressed natural gas in Dallas, New York City and Washington, D.C., and hopes to expand to other major metropolitan areas in 1992. The company is also the first commercial fleet operator in the U.S. to construct a fast-fill natural gas fueling station on its private property in Dallas.

For the past four decades UPS has been active in testing alternative fuels. In the 1950s and '60s it experimented with battery-powered vehicles in New York City. During the '70s and '80s, UPS helped develop a stratified-charge engine which could be powered by a variety of energy sources. In the mid '80s, it was involved in extensive testing and operation of a methanol-fueled fleet in California. Currently, the company is converting a majority of its fleet in Canada to run on propane.

UPS, based in Atlanta, Ga. is a worldwide company serving all 50 states and more than 180 countries and territories. With employment of more than 250,000 companywide, UPS is the world's largest package delivery company.

Nickles Introduces Amendment

WASHINGTON - Oklahoma Senator Don Nickles introduced an amendment to the education bill which would remove a federal stumbling block for states wanting to link school attendance with welfare benefits.

"This amendment is designed to help children by keeping them in school," Nickles said. "Children who drop out of school are more likely to end up on welfare and more likely to turn to a life of crime. Education is the key to breaking the cycle of welfare dependency and raising healthy, productive citizens."

Nickles' "learnfare" effort tells welfare recipients to keep their children in school or face a loss in welfare payments. It enhances education opportunities, increases school attendance, promotes self-sufficiency for those who receive welfare payments and reduces crime.

At present, states trying to keep the children of welfare families in school must obtain a federal waiver, which is ex-

tremely difficult to obtain due to endless bureaucratic requirements. Nickles' amendment eliminates the waiver requirement and lets states like Oklahoma enact welfare/education reform laws without unnecessary delay and expense.

"Doing away with this stumbling block encourages states to find ways to keep at-risk students in school and achieve a 90 percent or better high school graduation rate as outlined by the America 2000 education strategy, which Oklahoma has adopted," Nickles said.

Nickles offered his amendment as part of the Neighborhood Schools Improvement Act. The Senate is expected to act on Nickles' amendment soon.

Nickles also sponsored an amendment to correct inequities in funding for special education programs and provide a 20.7 percent increase in funds for educating Oklahoma's developmentally disadvantaged children.

National Vocational Education Week Is February 9-15

Educators, business leaders and parents are urged to join students in celebrating National Vocational Education Week Feb. 9-15. "Vocational Education...Classroom of the Future" is the theme for the 1992 celebration.

Dr. Roy Peters Jr., state director of vocational education, said the theme illustrates the increasing role vocational education plays in the lives of students preparing to work in a technological career and live in a technological world.

"The jobs of the future will demand an emphasis on technical skills and vocational education offers an excellent means of bridging the gap between abstract educational concepts and practical skills," Peters said. "National Vo-Tech Week is an opportunity to let people know about the advantages of a vocational education."

The week spotlights the students and the skills they have learned in a wide range of fields - from computer sciences to health sciences, from construction trades to marketing.

More than 390,000 Oklahomans - from high school students to adults - enrolled in

a vocational education program in 1991. Vocational education programs are offered in nearly 500 local schools and at 48 area vo-tech school campuses in Oklahoma.

Today's vocational educators work in the "Classroom of the Future," focusing on the application of a skill or concept through hands-on exercises and lab demonstrations, Peters said.

In addition, many of the concepts that vocational students study are linked to a specific job, so that what is learned in the classroom may be applied to real-life job situations.

Vocational students who take applied academic courses as ninth- and 10th-graders are more likely to take higher-level math and science courses in the last two years of high school, Peters said.

"It is imperative that vocational educators keep pace with advancements in learning technology as well as teaching techniques. It is in the classroom of the future that we will prepare today's students for the jobs of the future," he said.

Extension Offices Designated State Rural Development Centers

STILLWATER - Governor David Walters recently announced Oklahoma State University's Cooperative Extension Service will expand its ongoing role in Oklahoma's rural development efforts.

In a Jan. 21 press conference, Walters said OSU's Cooperative Extension Offices are to be designated one-stop rural development and assistance centers. These centers will be able to supply information on any type of community development assistance available.

The designation of OSU Cooperative Extension Offices as rural development centers is an important role, and one well suited to the Extension Service, according to C.B. Browning, dean and director of OSU's Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

"There already is an Extension office that serves each county," said Browning. "These offices are in county seat communities and are easily accessible to rural decision-makers. Also, the county Extension director in each office already is responsible for providing educational programs in rural development."

In addition, OSU state and district rural development specialists are available to assist and train county personnel. These professionals

are members of Oklahoma's Rural Enterprise Team and work closely with rural development specialists from other federal and state agencies.

"The division has a longstanding and successful history of transferring knowledge to local decision-makers," said Browning. "Our county offices currently provide a wide range of educational programs and information about economic development, agriculture, home economics, natural resource management, 4-H and youth development."

Furthermore, since the offices already are staffed and linked into a statewide communication system, Browning said the cost of making them one-stop rural development centers will be far less expensive than creating a new entity.

"Our new responsibilities really are an outgrowth of services we have been offering for some time," said Browning. "As a member of Oklahoma's Rural Enterprise Team, we have worked closely with fellow team organizations to provide economic development assistance and leadership for several years."

The Rural Enterprise Team is a cooperative rural development effort of the CSU Cooperative Extension Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration,

Ministry Helps CSC Students

The Wesley Foundation United Methodist Student Center has opened up just east of the Connors State College campus in Warner for students to come relax and enjoy fellowship with one another.

After much work to the exterior and interior, the building opened up the beginning of the spring semester and is open to all students, regardless of denomination or religious affiliation.

According to Rev. Larry Wilson, minister for the United Methodist Churches in both Warner and Porum, it will be open seven days a week and encourages everyone to come by and visit.

He plans to continue updating the building and is open to any suggestions from students.

CSC Holds Blood Drive

Connors State College will be hosting a blood drive on Monday, February 17, 1992 from 10 am. to 3 pm. at the Connors State College Student Union Building.

All donors are encouraged to come and donate blood to help the area hospitals and blood banks have an adequate supply of blood.

For more information or to make an appointment, call Robin Roth, CSC Student Activities Director at 463-2931, Ext. 261.

Oklahoma Conservation Commission, Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Oklahoma Department of Commerce, Oklahoma State Department of Vocational-Technical Education, Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Commerce and U.S. Small Business Administration.

"Federal officials have told us Oklahoma has been more successful than most in bringing together state and federal agencies and organizations to form a workable economic development unit," said Browning.

The designation of OSU's Cooperative Extension Offices as one-stop rural development centers came about because of recommendations from the Oklahoma Rural Development Summit, a 25-member team that has been working with the governor since July.

Summit members include the governor, lieutenant governor, eight cabinet secretaries, House and Senate leaders, the OSU Cooperative Extension Service and 13 other public and private organizations representing rural interests throughout the state.

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