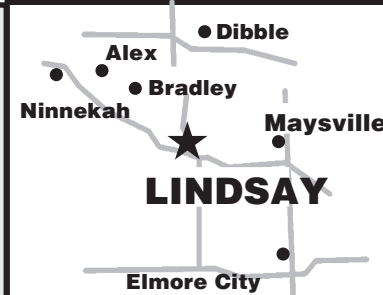




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What When & Where

Holiday gift sets are on sale at IBC Bank. There are several sets to choose from and they will be on sale until all are sold. The sale benefits the Relay for Life. *****

The Homesteaders Christmas Show will be at Sunray Baptist Church Friday, December 11, beginning at 7 p.m. The Homesteaders, based out of Weleetka, are celebrating 11 years of gospel singing and will share beautiful hymns that make Christmas so special. They will present popular yuletide tunes of the past, instrumental music, holiday fun characters, and skits that help one to remember the real reason for the season. The group is made up of baritone Donnie Williamson, his wife Lisa, who sings alto harmony, lead singer Mike Helwig, and bass singer Darin Hebert. Come celebrate the holidays with a Homesteaders Christmas. Admission to this wonderful night of worship, praise, fun, and songs, is free, but a love offering will be taken. Sunray Baptist Church is located at 2223 N 9th Street in Purcell. For additional information, call 527-6808. *****

A Horseshoe Tournament will be held Saturday, December 12 at the Rush Springs Rodeo Arena by Cox City Baptist Church. For more information contact Jackie Fox at 580-476-2024 or 580-476-3727. *****

Cox City Baptist Church's Christmas Program will be held Wednesday, December 23 at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and share in the fellowship. Contact Betty Crabb at 580-476-3727 for more information. *****

A Bake sale will be held December 23 at 9 a.m. at IBC Bank at 209 E. Cherokee in Lindsay. All proceeds go to Relay for Life. Contact Amber Shaw at 756-4494 for more information. *****

A Free Christmas dinner will be held from 11 to 2 Christmas day at Calvary Baptist Church. *****

The Class of 1960 is busily planning their 50th reunion for July 3 and 4 in Lindsay. The class will have a special gathering in conjunction with the planned all-school reunion. They are still looking for a few classmates. If you have addresses or emails for any of these people, please email louanne.trueblood@cox.net or call 405-216-5756. Missing classmates are: Bill Blue, Carolyn Burke, Beverly Caudle, Scarlett Clemens, Delores Dover, Colin Hart, Keith Johnston, and Bill



Members of the Lindsay Lions Club recently made a donation to the Lindsay Joy Store in time for Christmas. Pictured above are (l to r) Superintendent Richard Brownen, Lynn Watkins, Barbara Martin, and Lester Grumbles.

Donations Still Needed For Annual Christmas Programs

The annual Christmas Joy Store and Christmas Food Basket programs has once again been sponsored by the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, the Calvary Baptist Church and United Methodist youth groups.

The food and toy drive has been ongoing through November and December. However, there is still a need for food and toys.

The organizations are still in need of non-perishable food items, especially peanut butter, cereal, and canned fruit.

Also needed are toys for children to have during the Christmas holiday.

The Joy Store is designed to help parents who are unable to furnish their children with

Christmas gifts. They will be able to pick up several gifts at the Chamber office in order to give them to their families.

The Christmas food basket program is designed so the low income, elderly, and unemployed may be supplied with several meals during the holidays.

Donations may be mailed to the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce, PO Box 504, Lindsay, OK 73052. Non-perishable food items may be brought to the Chamber Office at 107 N. Main Street. Those who would like to bring toys are asked to bring new, unwrapped items only.

Those needing more information may contact the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce at 756-4312.

FCCLA Members Place In STAR Events At Marlow



Chelsea Holloway



Sissel Brown



Casey Carr

December 1, three members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) competed at the Students Taking Action with Recognition (STAR) event in Marlow. This was a district wide event that included schools from all over southern Oklahoma.

FCCLA is the club sponsored by the Family and Consumer Science program at Lindsay High School which is

taught by Mrs. Coralee Cox.

The students that placed included Sissel Brown who received first place in the area of Illustrated Talk. Her talk centered around the dangers of smoking and how important it is to get this information out to everyone, especially young people.

Another freshman, Casey Carr, took third place in Creed Speaking. She carefully memorized the FCCLA Creed

and had a great presentation and creative answers to the judges questions.

Also placing was Chelsea Holloway who came in third in Career Investigation. She prepared a Portfolio that showed her interest and desire to become a Physical Therapist and how to reach that goal.

Everyone is very proud of the Leopards that were in this competition. Good job and well done.

Lindsay Resident Awarded Otha Grimes Memorial Scholarship At MATC

Natasha McDaniel, a Lindsay resident, has been awarded the Fall 2009 Otha Grimes Memorial Scholarship. She is a student in the Entrepreneur career major at Mid-America Technology Center. This scholarship is given on the basis of both commitment and scholastic achievement.

The Otha Grimes Memorial Scholarship is awarded by the Oklahoma Vocational-Technical Foundation and is presented to deserving adult students who are pursuing post-secondary education at one of Oklahoma's Technology Centers.

Otha H. Grimes was actively involved in agriculture, oil and gas production, and civic programs. Grimes served on the Board of Directors of the Oklahoma Vo-Tech Foundation for a number of years and has provided scholarships to many educational institutions.



Mid-America Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Tony Hancock is presenting the Otha Grimes Scholarship to Entrepreneur student Natasha McDaniel.

School Board Seats Open In Garvin County

Candidates for the Board of Education in Garvin County school districts will file Declarations of Candidacy beginning at 8 a.m. Monday, December 07.

Cathy Brinley, Secretary of the Garvin County Election Board, said the filing period will end at 5 p.m. Wednesday, December 09.

The Board of Education positions at stake for the Annual School Election scheduled February 09, 2010. If no candidate receives more than 50% of the total votes cast in this election, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will meet in an election on Tuesday, April 06, 2010.

Offices for which Declarations

of Candidacy will be accepted at the County Election Board office include the following:

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE NO. & Term

Bray Doyle # 5 (5 yr. term); Byars # 3 (3 yr. term); Davis #5 (5 yr. term); Elmore City-Pernell I-72 #5 (5 yr. term); Lindsay I-9 #5 (5 yr. term); Maysville I-7 #5 (5 yr. term); Paoli I-5 #5 (5 yr. term); Pauls Valley I-18 #5 (5 yr. term); Stratford I-2 #5 (5 yr. term); Whitehead C-16 #1 (3 yr. term); Wynnewood I-38 #5 (5 yr. term); Vo Tech Mid America #1 (5 yr. term); Vo Tech Southern Oklahoma #2 (5 yr. term); and Vo Tech Red River #5 (5 yr. term).



Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus made their annual visit to Christmas at the Mansion last weekend. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).

Weekend Weather



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SATURDAY
HIGH TEMP. **47°**
LOW TEMP. **27°**
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SUNDAY
HIGH TEMP. **46°**
LOW TEMP. **29°**
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Matchbook Memories

by Dr. Jerry G. Nye

CHRISTMAS AT THE INN

Each year, on the first weekend in December, my nieces, the Rodgers sisters, host a Christmas party for their family, the Nye family, and other friends. They reserve the entire Rush Springs Bed and Breakfast for all weekend. On Saturday and Sunday, we celebrate Christmas and our family ties. We refer to this wonderful weekend as Christmas at the Inn.

The Rodgers sisters are my wonderful nieces- Jo Ann, Mary Beth, Debra, Jeannie, Linda, and Nancy. They are the daughters of my sister, Audrey, who was the mother of thirteen children. These six sisters hold the rest of the family together. They are intelligent, creative, and energetic. Wherever they go, happiness follows them. My wife and I are fortunate to have been adopted by them as honorary grandparents. We enjoy sharing their lives.

This year, Christmas at the Inn had a theme of an old fashioned Christmas. The girls recaptured the spirit of

the Christmases we knew at Bradley many years ago. Santa appeared in his traditional red suit and beard. With a hearty "Merry Christmas," Santa entered the room and immediately began distributing the dozens of gifts under the beautiful Christmas tree. Many of the gifts resembled those we received at Bradley long ago. There were coloring books and crayons, jars of jelly, jewelry, and clothes. Santa gave me a special old edition of a book about scenes from Cape Cod. One article in the book showed a picture of a small home, which was built in the 1820s by a Cape Cod lawyer named Seth Nye. The hand-drawn sketch of the house very much resembled the house I grew up in at Bradley.

When he had distributed all of the gifts, Santa walked to the corner of the room and began distributing brown paper Christmas sacks, much like the ones we always received at the community Christmas parties at Bradley School when we were children. The sacks were filled with exactly what was in our Christmas sacks at Bradley. The sacks held apples, oranges, peanuts, walnuts, candy orange slices, chocolate drops, and hard Christmas candy. As I looked through my sack, I recalled those childhood days when the Christmas sacks that we received at the school Christmas tree were an important part of our Christmas celebration at home. When Santa waved goodbye with a hearty "Merry Christmas," he left many of us with vivid memories of those far away childhood days.

After the sumptuous, delicious meal prepared by the owners of the Rush Springs Bed

and Breakfast and after Santa had departed, the Rodgers sisters led a group singing. Jeannie, Linda, and Nancy, the Happy Rodgers Trio, led the singing, sometimes bringing in other family members to join them. The evening of celebration was memorable in the songs, in the interspersed stories from the past, in a poem read by Ed Matheson about an amazing story from the Bradley tornado, and in the warmth of family love.

Each year, in addition to the Nye family, other guests attend as friends of the family. I can almost always make some kind of connection with the guests. This year, my wife and I sat across the table from my niece, Nancy Goleman, and her friend, Nancy Witt. As we talked, I learned that Nancy Witt is the niece of Birdie Drennan. I spent many hours of my high school years in Drennan's Café in Alex. Stony and Birdie Drennan were always patient with the Bradley boys, even though I am sure we often tried their patience. Nancy and I reminisced about Stony and Birdie and, especially, their daughter, Mollie Sue, who was my friend and the girlfriend of one of my best friends, Hoss Crowe. We remembered Stony, Birdie, Mollie Sue, and Birdie's brother, DeArthur Wilson, the longtime Grady County sheriff. My visit with Nancy Witt made that memorable evening even more special.

Our yearly Christmas at the Inn marks the beginning of the Christmas season for our family. The warmth of friendship, the connections with other family members and friends, and the remembrances of long ago years set the proper mood for the rest of the Christmas season. Our entire extended family is grateful to the Rodgers sisters for this beautiful weekend each year.

E-mail Jerry Nye at jerrynye@jerrynye.com or write to 1438 Pine, Weatherford, OK 73096.

Tall Tales

by Doyle Greteman

A Tall Tales Christmas



It came upon a midnight clear, that frantic, startling realization that Christmas would be here in only 24 more days!

Actually, it happened at approximately 2:30 a.m. on the morning of December 2nd. (Wednesday, as I recall) when my wife Brenda suddenly sat straight up in bed and screeched, "It's December 2 and I don't have any Christmas shopping done!"

Needless to say, she broke out in a cold sweat, turned on the bedroom lights, kicked off the covers, and interrupted what was, up to that time, a very peaceful sleep for me.

As you may have guessed, I'm not one who panics easily about Christmas shopping. The later the better, as far as I'm concerned. Wait until a few days before Christmas, then hit the stores when everybody is in that Christmas spirit!

Not so for my beautiful wife! She won't rest until the lists are complete, the packages are wrapped, and everyone on the list has been treated equally. You know it's a mortal sin in her eyes if I twist off and buy a few gifts here and there that tip the balance in favor of one kid or another.

Now, back to the night of December 1, 2009. As I remember, (although I was a little groggy,) she jumped about four feet in the air, rummaged through the kitchen for a snack, then headed for the computer to e-mail all the relatives, letting them know what the date was, and how critical it was that they inform her as quickly as possible what they wanted for Christmas this year.

"Let it rest!" I pleaded, with my sleep-filled voice, trying to rest my weary bones after two full days of climbing up and down from the roof, hanging Christmas lights. (I did take a little time off to view the wonderful Lindsay Christmas parade where I visited

with my old friends Foch Davis and Loyd Taylor, and witnessed one more impressive performance by the Pride of Lindsay, led by the indefatigable Allison Bevers.)

Pardon me for wandering away from my topic. Now, back to the Christmas shopping problem: It was as if I were talking to the nightstand, as Brenda ignored me completely and continued on with her quest to catch up on the Christmas shopping she so desperately needed to do. (On her behalf, I will say that she at least shut the door to the bedroom while she pounded the internet, trying to locate some of the weird (unique) gift suggestions she had received.

It goes without saying that we slept in the next day (Wednesday, December 2nd, although it seems like such a long time ago.) When I awoke, she was in somewhat of a cheery mood, as she had apparently made a few purchases, and wasn't feeling quite as pressured. She even said "good morning" to me, as if it had been a normal night.

Over the next few weeks, it should be pretty interesting, as Christmas draws closer, and the clock is ticking. Somehow I believe that it will all work out, and this will be the best Christmas ever! Everyone will be blessed with exactly what they want and need!

When it is all said and done, the gifts are exchanged, and we settle down for a long winter's night, we will realize, once again, that Christ is what makes this season so special.

After all, He is the one who gave us a sense of humor. He is the one who made my wife so crazy, and He is also the One who made her so sensitive and caring. Thank you, Lord, for another Christmas to worship You and enjoy the wonderful world You have given us! Merry Christmas!

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Sunday Worship 10:55 a.m.
Evening Worship 6 p.m.

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Lester Vogler, Pastor

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Evening Worship 6:30 p.m.
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756-5118
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Wednesday Evening 7 p.m.

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Sunday Evening 5 p.m.
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The Lindsay News will publish Letters To Santa December 24. The Letters are due in the Lindsay News office December 11 so we can publish them and then forward them on to Santa Claus.

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Badertscher-Linford To Wed



Shelby Badertscher and Michael Linford

Tommy and Connie Badertscher are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Shelby Badertscher to Michael Linford, son of Brent and Susan Linford.

Shelby is a 2003 graduate of Lindsay High School and a 2007 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma. She is employed by Pelco Products and lives in Edmond, OK.

Michael is a 1999 graduate of Putnam City High School and a

2005 graduate of the University of Central Oklahoma. He is employed by Omni Packaging and lives in Oklahoma City.

Shelby is the granddaughter of Curtis and Phyllis Hayes of Lindsay, Helen Badertscher of Chickasha, and Bob Badertscher of Bradley.

Michael is the grandson of Ray and Lois Crooks of Oklahoma City.

The couple will have a family wedding March 6, 2010 at the First Christian Church in Lindsay, OK.

American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary Holds Meeting

American Legion Ball Smith Auxiliary #23 held their monthly meeting Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at the Lindsay Senior Citizens Building at 7 p.m. Allene Lindsey, vice-president, called the meeting to order.

Freida Smith gave the opening prayer and Jerry Jones led the pledge of allegiance. Carolyn Hutto led the singing of the National Anthem. Everyone joined in repeating the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary. Roll call of officers was answered.

Guest, Abel Williams, Thelma Howell's great-grandson was introduced.

Minutes of the November meeting were read and approved. Linnie Covell gave the treasurer's report.

December birthday cards were signed by the Auxiliary members to be sent to the American Legion

members.

A letter from the State Auxiliary was read congratulating the unit for reaching their membership goal.

Several members will be taking gifts to the Sulphur Veterans Home and Ardmore Veterans Home for Christmas.

Members present were Allene Lindsey, Linnie Covell, Judy Holden, Carolyn Hutto, Jerry Jones, Freida Smith, Ruby Boydston, Fannie Stansbury, Glenna Condit, Mildred O'Connell, Thelma Howell, and Wilda Freeling.

Freida Smith adjourned the meeting with prayer. The next meeting of the auxiliary will be January 5, 2010 with a covered dish dinner at 6 p.m. and the meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Any eligible lady interested in joining the American Legion Auxiliary can contact any Auxiliary member for information.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all parade entries, Lindsay Elks, City of Lindsay, and the Lindsay Police Department, American Legion, Lindsay band, parade marshals and KBLP. Also, thank you to all the businesses who donated \$100 for the Christmas drawings: First National Bank, REC, Gordon White, Scientific Oil Solutions, IBC, Jakes, American Exchange Bank, Duncan Regional Hospital, Goodner's, and Clements Insurance. Thanks to Dutton Rent All and Dutton Farm Supply for donating the bikes and also thanks to KBLP for their donation. Special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce board members and volunteers. A very special thanks to everyone who attended!

Lindsay Chamber of Commerce

TO ALL MY PATIENTS:

I began my Practice of Medicine in Pauls Valley July 25, 1977. I have had the privilege of caring for many patients over the years. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve the people of Pauls Valley, Garvin County, and surrounding counties.

I have reached a time in my life to look for new direction.

My practice has been sold to Dr. Dennis Whitehouse here in Pauls Valley and he will have all the patient records.

December 30 will be our last day in the office.

To all my patients, I wish you good health.

Very truly yours,
C.N. Howard Jr., Ph.D. M.D. FAAFP



Chock Rutledge Honored At 90th Birthday Celebration



Chock Rutledge

She was born the 29th of November, 1919

The cutest little "Choctaw" her dad had ever seen.

The best student at Ireton School,

Francis Leona knew every spelling rule.

Married young, six boys by thirty,

She washed and ironed and they'd quickly get dirty!

Then a little girl surprised them all;

And a tackle box became a bed for her doll

Seventeen grandchildren call her Grandma Chock;

Thirty-four grands and one great-great think she rocks.

November 28 over sixty

family members, loved ones, and members of her church family gathered at the Senior Citizen's Center to surprise Leona "Chock" Rutledge in celebrating her ninetieth birthday.

The guests included her five children and spouses, most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Guests were encouraged to share stories about memories of times spent with her. A favorite "grandchild story" seemed to center around dodging lawn darts they threw as they played at Grandma Chock's house.

A ten minute video was shown which captured many of her experiences. Pictures showed her as a student at Ireton School, mother of six boys and a girl and as a grandmother. She was seen standing on the Mexican border, sliding down the dunes at White Sands in New Mexico, patting a reindeer in Alaska, combing a beach for shells in Florida, viewing a statue at Graceland in Nashville, and camping in the mountains in New Mexico.

At one point she took the microphone and said, "Just look around and think, I, started this mess, and this is the best mess I've ever been in."



Mr. and Mrs. Claus recently visited the Lindsay Manor Nursing Home to pass out treats to the residents. Shown above are Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Darrell Lynn. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).

Bill And Helen Eubank Celebrate 50th Anniversary



Bill and Helen Eubank

The children of Bill and Helen Eubank honored them with a dinner at the Ranch House to celebrate their 50th anniversary.

Bill and Helen eloped to Poteau, OK from Meno, AR December 4, 1959.

They moved to Lindsay in 1974 where they later bought Lindsay's Department Store. In 1978 they bought Walden Theatre where they established Eubank's Western Corner and later opened Eubank's Department Store.

Their children are daughter

Tammi McGuffin and husband Mark and children Cameron and Shelby of Wichita Falls, TX; Joe and children Madison, Hunter, and Hayden of Lindsay; and Mike and wife Shelly and children McKenna, Kellan, and Lincoln of Purcell. Their daughter Kelly died in an auto accident in 1986.

"Our lives have been very blessed but 50 years surely went fast. Thank you to our children for such a wonderful and beautiful evening," commented Bill and Helen.

THANK YOU

A special thank you to each person for whatever you did to make the Thanksgiving Dinner a success. To all those who donated money, gave their turkeys from KBLP's Tel-A-Turkey, for those who made desserts, the Elks Lodge for the can of green beans and corn. Also, to the Calvary Baptist Church for the dedication in providing the place. To the children and sponsors who presented the Thanksgiving program.

Special thanks to all our volunteers who gave of their time to help cook the turkeys, prepare the food, serve and the ones who delivered the meals, also to all our children and grandchildren for their dedication to help us faithfully each time.

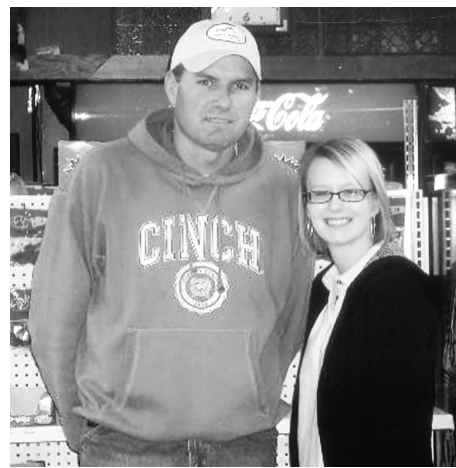
We appreciate everything and everyone but let us not forget to give God the glory for all that is done. It is thru his grace and mercy that we are able to do his service.

We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and we wish everyone a Merry, Merry Christmas.

John and Thelma Howell
Mary Robertson,
Daniel and Barbara Springman
Gene and Berniece Springman

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Superintendent's Corner

By: Richard Brownen
Superintendent,
Lindsay Schools



With bad weather beginning to threaten our state, I thought this would be an excellent opportunity for me to discuss school closing procedures.

When the decision has been made to close school, all major news stations will be informed, these include: KFOR, KOCO, and KWTV. We will also contact our local radio station KBLP. We will also be using our new phone calling system "ALERTNOW" to inform parents and guardians of school age children of the closing.

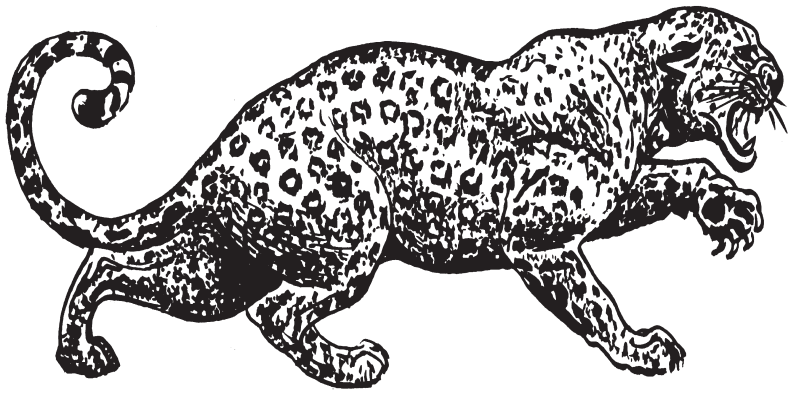
There is really no exact science in the determination to close school. We make the decision with the information we have at the time. We will always respect the judgment of parents when they consider it too hazardous for their children to come to school. With our district being very large in area, parents and guardians are ultimately responsible for determining if the roads are safe enough in their area for driving. Again, we will respect your judgment.

There could possibly be times in which school will open later than normal. This allows traffic to clear and drivers the ability to have daylight when driving. Again, we will use the media outlets above to get this information out. We will try to make all decisions in regard to school closing and late starts before 6:00 A.M. when possible.

Semester tests are scheduled for December 17 and 18. We have several other activities ranging from basketball to academic meets scheduled before Christmas break.

I would also like to remind everyone on Sunday, December 13 at 2 p.m. our vocal music students will have their vocal music concert. I have had the opportunity to see these students perform, and you will not be disappointed!

The last day of the semester will be December 18, with classes resuming January 4, 2010. This semester has flown by! I would like to wish each of you an early Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year!!!!



Elks Students of the Month



Taylor Shoemake

Taylor Shoemake, senior daughter of Glen and Twana Shoemake, is the Elk's Student of the Month for December.

Her school activities have included being Student Council secretary, NHS historian, a member of FCCLA and Spanish Club, girls basketball and baseball manager, in drama and in vocal.

Taylor is a member of the First Baptist Church youth group where she leads praise and worship.

In her spare time she enjoys going to church, singing, texting, shopping, listening to music, hanging out with her friends, and playing on the computer.

Taylor plans on attending the University of Oklahoma and majoring in pharmacy.

Her favorite teachers are Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Blankenship, Mrs. Allen, and Mr. Evans and her favorite subject is math.



Tony Murphy

Tony Murphy, senior son of Mark and Betty Murphy, is the Elk's Student of the Month for December.

He is the film technician for football and basketball.

Tony is a member of the First Baptist Church.

In his spare time he enjoys hanging out with his friends.

Tony plans to attend UCO and major in film and editing.



Kiwanis Students Of The Month



Selena Gilliam

Selena Gilliam, sophomore daughter of Mark and Julie Gilliam, is the Kiwanis Student of the Month for December.

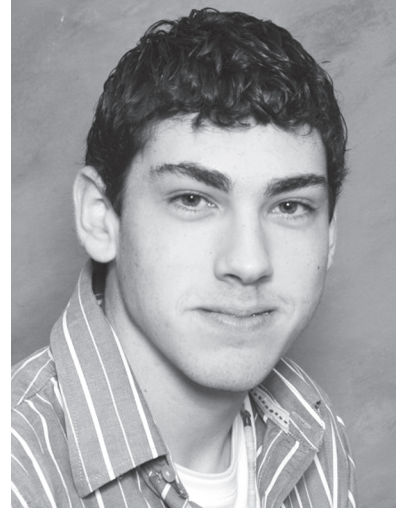
She is involved in vocal, art club, a member of the academic team, and a student council representative.

Selena attends Calvary Baptist Church and the Methodist Church.

In her spare time she enjoys singing, playing piano, drawing, painting, playing with her dogs, and hanging out with her friends.

She plans on attending OU and majoring in music education or performance.

Selena's favorite teacher is Mrs. Wilson and her favorite subject is Geometry.



Brady Magby

Brady Magby, sophomore son of Ladonna Magby, and grandson of Ray and Mary Magby, is the Kiwanis Student of the Month for December.

He is a STUCO representative, Spanish Club president, and FCCLA vice-president.

Brady attends the Calvary Baptist Church and is in the youth group.

In his spare time he enjoys reading, going on mission trips, watching television, going to movies, and hunting and fishing.

After high school he plans on doing foreign mission work and then attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University and becoming a pharmacist.

His favorite teacher is Coach Jacques and his favorite subject is Algebra II. His all time favorite is Mr. King.



The Lindsay Band recently held their Christmas band concert. The band is shown above playing tradition Christmas songs. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).

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Friday--* Hamburger, french fries, peaches, milk-variety.

Grades 1-4

Monday--*Chicken nuggets, cream potatoes, *Peanut butter sandwich, corn, peaches, milk-variety

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Friday--* Hamburger, *Cheeseburger, french fries, peaches, milk-lemonade.

MATC Regional Leadership Class Completes Session

The regional leadership serving all the communities in the Mid-America Technology Center District has completed the session on "Listening & Speaking Skills" for the 2009 - 2010 class. Board Members, Lu Ann Milligan of First American Bank, Norene Moore of Yarbrough & Sons Heating and Air, Inc., and Jan Dye of Pre Paid Legal Services, co-chaired the session by planning the agenda for the day's activities. Moore presented Habit 2, "Begin With the End in Mind" of Stephen's Covey's *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. Milligan & Dye emphasized "listening skills." The remainder of the morning concentrated on learning fundamentals of giving a presentation. The class members practiced in front of mirrors while teamed with a classmate for observation, practice and feedback.

After lunch the class returned to MATC and presented the first "Organizational Profiles." According to Sandy Bull, Program Director, the purpose of the profile is for each member to visit a club or organization in their community that they are not currently involved with but have an interest in that entity. They are to attend a meeting and complete an "organizational profile" that describes the mission or purpose of the organization along with strengths, weaknesses, and opportunities. The members compile the information, copy it for their classmates, and give an oral presentation to the class. In addition to acquainting and exposing the class to this organization, the activity helps them in speaking in front of peers. Bull added, "The LMA Board desires the class members to keep open ears and eyes during the year and find their area of "purpose"

or "passion" to serve." Steven Moore, Anchor Communications Technology, Blanchard, gave the first report of his visit and involvement with the Blanchard Historical Society.

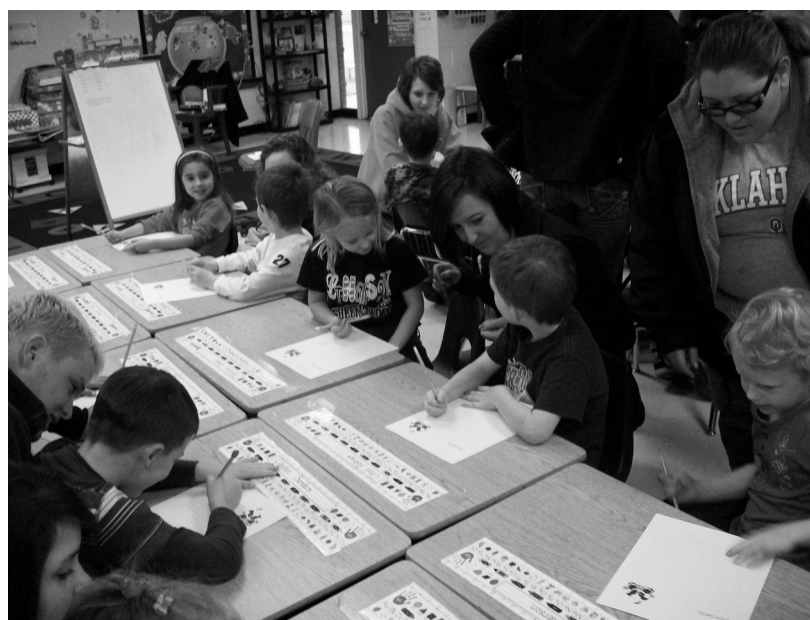
Next, Dye and Milligan presented the class with topics and after giving them opportunity to prepare, each class member gave their presentation and received constructive criticism and praise. This exercise was also designed to prepare the class for the longer presentations that will begin in December.

Milligan, Moore & Dye planned the day to concentrate on leadership skills involving communicating, involving listening, expressing yourself and speaking in front of groups. From the evaluation quotes of the participants: "I really found good, useful information to work into my everyday life and speeches"; "I

really liked practicing in front of the mirror and receiving feedback from my classmates"; "Even though I didn't want to speak in front of the class, it helped me face my fears!"

Class XIII meets again Tuesday, December 8, for Habit 3, "First Things First," and touring the Blanchard, Newcastle and Goldsby area. Leadership Mid-America Inc. is a non-profit organization formed by a group of business and industry individuals interested in promoting area leadership to communities in the Mid-America district. The mission of Leadership Mid-America is "developing and uniting regional leaders."

For more information on the Leadership Program, contact Sandy Bull at 405-449-3391 or HYPERLINK "mailto:sbull@matech.org" sbull@matech.org



The FACS III and FACS IV junior and senior classes at Lindsay High School recently visited the kindergarten class of Mrs. Yarbrough and helped the students write letters to Santa Claus and they sang Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. Pictured above are the group and the bottom picture shows the group working on their Santa letters.

MATC To Hold Open House



MATC students getting ready for the "Blooming Creations" Christmas open house are: Daisy Ochoa, Newcastle High School; Jessie Paysinger, Maysville High School; and Kelsie Todd, Lexington High School.

Come and entice your senses at "Blooming Creations" annual Christmas open house. This event is Wednesday, December 16 from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the Horticulture Department at Mid-America Technology Center.

Featured at the open house will be a wonderful selection of "Made In Oklahoma" products such as Bedre Chocolates, Cedar Hill Seasonings, Heart of the Prairie Candles, Jamie's Country Soaps, Peach Crest

Farm products, and Redland Grape Juice. These products will be available for sale either individually or let our students make a customized gift basket created just for you.

The students will also be selling poinsettias, fresh Christmas green arrangements, and wreaths. Along with all of these activities there will be demonstrations on how to make a variety of Christmas wreaths and arrangements to liven up your holiday home décor.



After learning some fundamentals and tips on public speaking from co-chairs, Milligan and Dye, Cindy Werthmann, McClain Bank and Kim Dulworth, Stratford Chamber, offer suggestions for classmate, Steven Moore, Blanchard.



Jeff Herndon, MATC observes Will McLin, Elmore City, as he practices the public speaking fundamentals taught by Milligan and Dye in the Leadership Class

Garvin County Farm Bureau Women Rally In Enid

Sherry Schauer, Laura Gibson and Mary Temple attended the Annual Women's Rally in Enid on December 4 and 5.

Farm Bureau Women from across the state celebrated a year's worth of hard work, learned new ways to be effective volunteers, planned for the coming year and spread Christmas cheer. These farm and ranch women know how to have a good time.

A long list of items awaited the women as they participated in a variety of sessions aimed to increase their effectiveness in promoting agriculture and improving their communities. The volunteer leaders gathered information from sessions on Ag in the Classroom, Public Policy, Alzheimer's, Citizenship, FBW Program of Work and

Multi-Media. In addition to these valuable sessions, the women took part in fun activities and fellowship opportunities. The annual silent auction was filled with items that created bidding wars as FBW enjoyed friendly competition for a good cause. Over \$1200.00 was raised to benefit the OFB Legal Foundation, which fights to protect the private property rights of the state's farmers and ranchers. The women also worked on seasonal craft projects to add to their Christmas decorations. This year's craft project was paper wreaths.

Special entertainment is provided during each rally, and this year the building rang with laughter as the Smith and Nokes Comedy Team kept the women in stitches during its performance.



Leadership Mid-America, Class XIII November Session: During a "snowflake production" exercise Kim Dulworth, Stratford Chamber, questions the "quality control" demands of teamworker, Steven Moore, Anchor Communications Technology, Blanchard.

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Turn off the highway and turn back the years, down the Wallville Road. They say when the going gets tough, the tough get going. A tough Grady Loyd Bunch, the son of Elihu and Ora Bunch, was born on a cold January 3, 1922 at home on the banks of Rush Creek. He was a ten dollar delivery and would be the sixth of 10 children, 9 boys and 1 girl. They moved 2 miles east of Erin Springs in 1929. In a two bedroom house, one for mom and dad and the daughter Bonnie took the other. Nine brothers took over what they called the cow shed, some winters without heat thought they'd freeze to death. With a praying momma and the instruction of a good dad they grew up learning to work and treating others as they wanted to be treated. In 1929 the land was thrown into the great depression. At 7 years old Grady started 2nd grade at Hughes. They survived by mom and dad's big garden and working for 50 cents a day at the end of a hoe handle, 75 cents a day hauling hay and a cotton sack. By the sweat of their brow many days were spent. Good working men took to hobbing across the country

looking for work. As sandstorms buried crops and houses in the midst of the bleak depression, the Bunch children of Houston, Dink, Preston, Leonard, Jack, Grady, Donald, Cecil, Lewis, and Bonnie struggled through it. Grady graduated from Hughes in 1941. Wasting no time Grady joined the Navy Seabees and would be one of five brothers to serve in war time, a time that would change the world forever and effect lives down the Wallville Road.

Greetings everyone. Legend #887. We send our apologies to the Bunch family for this poor excuse for writing this story. It was too much life, it would take a big book to fit it all in. Grady has my admiration.

Garvin County lost a fine man November 28, 2009 at the passing of Mr. Vic Cacy (84). He was the poor man's friend. An auto dealer the way they were meant to be. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with Miss Margaret Cacy.

The Wallville Veteran's Committee salutes the memory of Willard Edward Pete Burnett

(84), World War II, served in the U.S. Army Air Corps, flew 32 missions as a ball turret gunner aboard a B-17 in the 94th bomb group over France, Germany and central Europe, forced down in France he was rescued by the French underground and safely returned to England, one of a kind.

The Wallville Church enjoyed the preaching and singing of Brother James Jeffries and wife, Sunday, December 6.

Winner of the roses-Joe and Latrella Ince, celebrate anniversary #43 this December 16 as the years continue to roll by.

The man Johnny Bob Williams and wife Bobbi send out happy anniversary wishes to the singing duo Tim and Libby Thomas December 14.

The old Hughes duo Cecil and Linnie Covell, December 16, celebrate big anniversary #40. A big congratulations from the staff of the Wallville Road.

Direct from the pages of old Al's Almanac, under did you know-poinsettias are native to Mexico. They were named after America's 1st ambassador to Mexico, Joel Poinsettia.

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Happy birthday folks-Paul Pratt, the music man celebrates on the 12, Sandy Powers parties on the 13, John Paul Brown turns 45 on the 14, Dustin Chesior's birthday is also the 13, Margaret Travis is the 15, Kylee Smith and Emalee McCarty share the 16, and on the 17 Delanya Holland and the man Silas Mayhan share the big day. Happy holiday folks.

News from Hughes, December 12, the Hughes Church will enjoy a Christmas together-their December 20 annual Christmas program at 6:30 p.m. And also, a memorial service was held December 7 for Craig Willouby.

A Christmas story-December 4, 2009 a 40 year reunion took place. Al Hunt located Dr. Michael S. Bumagin in Ft. Worth, TX. They served together in Germany in 1969-1971. They had a great time reminiscing. It was googlelicious.

Thanksgiving weekend

Robert and Kathy Ellithorp traveled to Nacogdoches, TX to introduce themselves to a brand new great-granddaughter, born November 23, 2009 to their grandson Shawn Hardy and wife Sara they report having a great visit.

On a cold day in December, dropping into the low 20's at night and cold all day. We come to the end of another Wallville Road. This is be kind to "June Adams" week whose been taking care of George 40 plus years and doing a good job.

Oh! By the way, a Blankenship family get together was held December 6 in the Ronnie and Barbara Blankenship from Coweta, Elk City and just everywhere enjoying the day. 42 in attendance with much food and fellowship.

Thanks to our sponsors Santa's Workshop and the Hughes Baptist Church congregation. That's where all the money is. Thanks friends.

From the great Depression, Grady Loyd Bunch would be thrown into a world at war. With little training 2nd Class Petty Officer Grady Bunch was headed overseas. It would be close to 4 years before he would see the lights of home again. Often thinking he never would. Making big money at 54 dollars a month and pumped up to 70 dollars with overseas pay. Their orders had them headed for the Johnson Islands, but were rerouted to the Hawaiian Islands of Honolulu where they would spend 14 months building roads, runways, and the such like. Mission accomplished they received orders to the Island of Guam. It would be home for the next two years building runways, roads, and a 3000 bed hospital. It was October 1944, Grady with 2 others were driving an Army truck loaded when the Island of Guam was hit by a typhoon of a great magnitude, the worst in the history of that country. With winds reaching 180 miles an hour an averaging 100 to 150 miles an hour. Their truck was thrown up against an embankment where they were trapped for 6 days and nights nearly starving to death. In the onslaught bridges, roads, and buildings collapsed. He knew he would survive because of a mother who prayed 3 to 4 times a day and a girl, Imogene Yarborough the daughter of Ervin and Vinnie Yarborough who was waiting for him. Near wars end Grady was among those being sent home. On a salvaged ship turned into a troop ship but the adventure took another turn as they dodged Japanese submarines, 6 weeks aboard ship they ran low on rations, meals consisted of powder eggs, and powdered milk with limited portions again they wondered if they would make it home. When home ports came into view they were allowed to disembark soldiers and sailors ran ashore knelt down and kissed the ground. Grady Loyd Bunch set his sights to home down the Wallville Road.

Mr. And Mrs. Claus Visit Lindsay Manor Nursing Home



Mr. and Mrs. Claus recently visited Lindsay Manor Nursing Home. Shown above with Santa and Mrs. Claus is Marjorie Paddack. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).



Visiting Lindsay Manor Nursing Home along with Santa and Mrs. Claus was one of his elves. Shown above are the elf and Mildred Keller. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).



Shown visiting Mr. and Mrs. Claus at Lindsay Manor Nursing home are Ed and Misty Dutton. (Photo by Sheryl Kochert).

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