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## What When & Where

**Janet's School of Dance** will hold their Christmas program Sunday, December 20 at 2 p.m. at the Lindsay High School auditorium.

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**A Dance** will be held for FFA/4-H Saturday, December 19 at the Fair barn. Everyone is invited and admission is one wrapped toy.

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**A Bake Sale** will be held by the Junior Class parents December 21 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at the First National Bank. All proceeds will go to the After Prom Party for the Jr.-Sr. Prom.

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**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.

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**First Baptist Church of Bradley's Christmas program** will be December 20 at 6 p.m. There will be treats after and Christmas sacks for everyone. Come and enjoy the reason for the season!

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**Garvin County Courthouse** will be closed December 22 and December 23 due to renovations only if the weather is clear. December 24 and December 25 the Courthouse will be closed for the Christmas holiday. An extension is being made for the 1/2 property tax it will not be due until January 8, 2010.

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**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.

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**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.

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

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**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 Stone.



Pictured above (l to r) Darrell Sparks, County Commissioner from Stephens County, Shon Richardson, County Commissioner from Garvin County, Karen Nichols, Executive Director Delta Community Action, Dee Bowen, County Commissioner from Stephens County, Rosa Lee Conner, board member Delta Community Action, Charles "Shorty" Foster, County Commissioner from McClain county, Valerie Miller, Director of Community Transportation Association of America, Washington D.C., Susan Coldwater, Transportation Director of Delta Public Transit, John Branch, Mayor of Lindsay, Wilson Lyles, County Commissioner of McClain County, and Bill Mitchell, City Manager of Lindsay.

## Director Of Community Transportation Association Makes Stop In Lindsay

It has recently come to the attention of Valerie Miller, Director of the Community Transportation Association of America, in Washington, D.C., that the public transportation providers in the State of Oklahoma seem to have a better working relationship with their community leaders, county leadership, and the state

legislators than any other state in the nation.

Miller recently visited Oklahoma to gather research on OTA's transit directors best practices for garnering an excellent relationship with it's community and state leaders to take back to Washington D.C. She wants other states to follow Oklahoma's lead.

Delta Public Transit Transportation Director and Vice-President of Oklahoma Transportation Association, Susan Coldwater was chosen to be interviewed.

Valerie Miller and Steve Lalli, Executive Director/Oklahoma Transportation Association visited with Karen Nichols/Executive Director Delta Community Action, and several of our county Commissioners and board members from Stephens, Garvin, and McClain Counties December 8 on how they work hand in hand with Delta Public Transport to provide communities with the best service available.

## Lindsay Graduates Named To Who's Who Among Students

One hundred thirty-one Southwestern Oklahoma State University students on the Weatherford campus have been named to the 2010 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

The Who's Who award is one of the biggest academic honors on campus, because the students are selected from among some 900 seniors at SWOSU.

Campus nominating committees and editors of the annual directory selected the

students based on academic achievements, service to the community, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

The SWOSU students will be honored at a reception on February 28 at 2 p.m. in the SWOSU Fine Arts Center on the Weatherford campus.

Students selected from Southwestern Oklahoma State University include:

From Lindsay were Jennifer Nicole Elam; and Sara J. Miller.

## Candidates File For School Board Seats

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

Cathy Brinley, Secretary of the Garvin County Election Board, said the filing period ended 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.

Those candidates which filed for the open seats included: Elmore City/Pernell-72 (Office No. 5 5 yr term) Renee Barber filed

unopposed. In the Lindsay I-9 (Office No. 5 (5 yr. term) Larry Winn filed unopposed.

Maysville I-7 (Office No. 5 (5 yr. term) Eilanda Kinard and Susan Deviney filed.

Paoli I-5 (Office No. 5 (5 yr. term) David Wells and Rean W. Adam Brooks filed.

In Pauls Valley I-18 (Office No. 5 (5 yr. term) Shelby Humphrey and Melissa Moxley Nation filed.

In Stratford I-2 (Office No. 5 (5 yr. term) Jimmie Jarrell filed unopposed.

Whitehead D-16 (Office No. 1) 3 yr. term) Joyce E. Tate and Brent Thompson filed.

Wynnewood I-38 (Office No. 5 (5 yr. term) Pat LaMascus and Terrell Turman filed.



Gordon White Lumber Company gave a Dewalt tool set away for the November sale drawing. Area contractor Glen Copeland, left, is shown with Gordon White manager Lester Grumbles.



Monday afternoon November 30, Santa and Mrs. Claus took time from their busy schedule to stop by the Lindsay Elks Lodge #2351 and help Exalted Ruler, Kevin Shaffer and the Elks volunteers prepare to hand out bags of candy at the annual Lindsay Christmas parade. With their help and the help of the Elks volunteers, the Elks Lodge handed out over 900 bags of candy. The Elks Lodge, would like to thank everyone who made donations to the annual candy fund and to all the Elks volunteers, who helped sack and hand out the bags at the parade. They hope everyone enjoyed the parade and they would like to wish a very Merry Christmas to all, from the Lindsay Elks Lodge #2351.

*Just 8 days until Christmas. Look For Santa Letters Next Week in the Lindsay News.*

## Weekend Weather

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# Matchbook Memories

by Dr. Jerry G. Nye

## DECEMBER 1952

December 1952 brought changes to my life which would carry unending effects. Fifty-seven years ago this month, I was inducted into the U.S. Army. I had no idea on December 12, 1952, that my life was about to change forever. But even now, I can trace how that day set me on a path that would lead to this very day.

At 5:30 a.m. that Friday morning, Hoss Crowe and I got into the car with my brother, A.W., and left Bradley. As we drove up the Bradley hill, the houses were dark, and the town was asleep. Bomhak's Cafe and McCann's Store were dark and deserted. As we passed the Alex exit, we talked about how we would miss Drennan's Cafe. We talked about the night before when we had sat in a booth in the back room, talking to Mollie Sue Drennan and Kathleen Cotton as we listened to the jukebox play Kay Starr's "Wheel of Fortune." We had no idea that our wheel of fortune was about to change our lives forever.

As we arrived in front of the U.S. Post Office across from the Grady County Court House, dawn was breaking in the east. As we stood shivering in frosty air in our jeans and Levi jackets, other young men began to arrive. Soon a Greyhound Bus pulled up to the curb, its exhaust sending clouds of steam into the crisp air. As soon as the door opened, Hoss and I jumped in and settled into a seat near the front. In a short time, other young men climbed aboard, filling the seats. We were soon rolling toward the induction center on North Robinson in Oklahoma City.

The induction center was a whirlwind of confusion. We were herded into rooms, bombarded with forms to fill out and sign, and told to line up in single file. We were told to undress for

our physical examination. As we stood shivering in the large room, doctors punched, probed, and prodded us. Those who had a pulse were told to get our clothes back on and go into the next room. There we were told to raise our right hands and recite the oath of allegiance. As we lowered our hands, we became members of the U.S. Army.

Later in the afternoon, we boarded a bus for Fort Sill. We arrived after dark and were assigned to tents with double-deck bunks. After we drew our bedding, Hoss and I chose bunks along the wall. I took the top bunk, and Hoss took the bottom bunk. Then, about 8:00 p.m., we were marched, even though we didn't know how to march, to a large mess hall where we dined on cold cuts, bread, and coffee.

As we returned to our tents, we began to meet our tentmates. One of our tentmates was a quiet young Black man from Tatum, Oklahoma, named Willie Winslett. I had never talked to a Black person in my life. I am sure Willie had not had much contact with white people. Since Hoss had grown up in Mississippi, he had been around Black people all of his life. As we played poker that night, Willie sat silently watching. Before the week was over, Willie was our friend.

At 9:55 p.m., a sergeant stuck his head in the tent door and yelled, "Lights out in five minutes." Five minutes later, we were sitting in the dark. Hoss and I fired up our Zippo lighters and found our way to bed. In what seemed like only a few minutes, someone blew a whistle, turned on the lights, and yelled, "Fall out!" I was not quite awake. I asked Hoss what the guy said. Hoss answered, "He said 'fall out,' but he must have been joking. It's not even

daylight." When the sergeant came back five minutes later and we were not dressed, we found out that he meant what he said.

The next week, we drew our uniforms, took batteries of tests, and filled out preference forms for the kind of training we preferred. Hoss asked for infantry training. I asked for engineer training. Hoss was sent to Camp Stoneman, California. I was assigned to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. We left Fort Sill on Friday morning, December 19, 1952. I went out one door of the tent, and Hoss went out the other. The last time I saw Hoss, his barracks bag was stuck in the tent door, and he was saying some blunt words about it. I never saw Hoss again. Two years ago, I made sure that his obituary was printed in The Lindsay News after he died in Texas, where he had a career in the oil fields.

My two years in the U.S. Army changed my life forever. I learned many things that I did not want to do in the future. I qualified for the G.I. Bill, which would pay my way through college. I had many adventures in Korea, where I grew up in many ways.

On Saturday, December 12, I was in Oklahoma City at a gun show with my son, Chad, and my grandson, Walker. As I passed one of the display tables, I picked up an M1 rifle. As I held that weapon, I remembered that day 57 years ago when I took the oath to become a soldier. I thought about my Bradley friends who entered the Army that fall. From September to December in 1952, Boyd English, Loyd English, Gary Word, Hoss Crowe, and I all entered the Army. All of the others have left this earth. I am the last one remaining. I miss my friends and those long ago times when the future lay shining before us. Now, as the shadows lengthen, I remember those days long ago and the ones who shared those good times.

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## News from the State Capitol An Update from State Rep. Lisa Billy

### New Laws to Aid Oklahomans By state Rep. Lisa J. Billy

Several new laws recently took effect that show legislators can advance worthwhile measures that will aid Oklahomans without new spending during a down economy.

Among the roughly 200 new laws are the following:

- House Bill 2026 creates a core benefits package for young, healthy Oklahomans to purchase cheaper insurance policies free of the cost increases created by the state's 36 mandates. The bill also creates an insurance hub to help match Oklahomans to private insurance plans that fit their needs.

- House Bill 1603 puts in place landmark lawsuit reform, which will help reduce health care costs for all Oklahomans, reverse a doctor and nurse shortage trend and attract business and economic development to our state. The bill caps noneconomic damages except in cases of gross negligence, which will bring added certainty to the system and help cut down on frivolous lawsuits.

- House Bill 1114 bans human cloning in Oklahoma.
- Senate Bill 135 enacts a plan to increase the number of therapists serving children with autism.

- House Bill 1595 makes it illegal to abort a child based on the baby's gender and implements new reporting requirements. The data collected will help officials better understand the situations leading women to have abortions and develop policies that help those women avoid reaching that point. (Unfortunately, the law is currently in limbo due to a legal challenge brought by abortion supporters.)

Another important measure taking effect is House Bill

2174, which increases financial transparency during the adoption process and prevents crooked lawyers from extorting adoptive families. The law requires public reporting of adoption expenses and that only one prospective adoptive family at a time may be billed for a birth mother's expenses.

Although the Department of Human Services has a code that adoption agencies must follow, there has been no oversight of the attorneys involved in adoptions. As a result, a May 2006 multicounty grand jury report found that some adoptive parents had been forced to pay for automobiles, car parts, traffic tickets, court costs in unrelated criminal cases, driver's license reinstatement fees, television sets and utility bills – all masked as "adoption costs."

According to the grand jury report, the haphazard regulation of "adoption expenses" has created an atmosphere where some women and their attorneys effectively sold children.

That is unacceptable, which is why I was proud to support this reform effort.

As you can see, some of the issues we tackled this year—including health care reform and lawsuit reform—have stalled at the national level, so I am glad we were able to show Washington how to get things done without tax increases or growing government.

Although next year's session will be tough due to budget problems, it's clear that conservative, pro-growth policies remain viable and necessary.

As always, feel free to contact me at (405)557-7365 or write me at State Capitol Office 302A, 2300 North Lincoln Blvd., Oklahoma City, OK 73105.

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**Abriel McKinley Dodson**

Eric and Heather Dodson of Lindsay are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Abriel McKinley Dodson. She was born November 16, 2009 and weighed 7 pounds and was 19.5 inches long. The attending physician was Dr. Dye.

She was welcomed home by her big brothers Parker and Maverick Dodson.

Maternal grandparents are Robert and Gayla Parker of Ardmore. Maternal great-grandparents are Jean Tarlton of Ardmore and Judi Tarlton of Stillwater.

Paternal grandparents are Debbie and Delbert Bell of Lindsay and Steve and Deb Dodson of Hiwatha, IA. Paternal great grandparent is Florence Davis of Lindsay.

**Fidelis Sunday School Class Holds Monthly Meeting**

The Fidelis Sunday School class of First Baptist Church met at noon, December 7, for dinner at the home of Nancy Dew.

Attending were Nancy Dew, Ruth McConnell, Jean Bunch, Virginia Cunningham, Fannie

Stansbury, Aileen Jensen, Sue Duncan, Louise Blakemore, Allene Lindsey, Erna Tannehill, Mary Rolen, Joy Everett, Oglene Gordon, Jo Williamson, Marilyn Bryant, and Mary Lee Jones.

Nancy Dew gave everyone a Christmas angel to take home.

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all our relatives and friends for the support you gave us at the passing of our beloved sister Lola Mae Lindsay. Thank you for all your prayers, calls, visits, cards, and love.

Thank you to the gentlemen from the police department who responded so quickly to the Sunday morning call. Also, to those of the EMS for your quick response.

Thank you to the employees of Encompass Health Care for all your service to Lola.

To the Calvary Baptist and Banner Baptist Churches for the delicious meal you served to our family at noon.

To the Boydtons for your wonderful service.  
May God Bless You.

Cecil and Freida Smith  
Jerry and Darlene Smith  
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**THANK YOU**

Thank you to Jimmy and Ann Sheets for donating the bicycles that were given away after the Lindsay Chamber of Commerce Christmas parade.

Lindsay Chamber of Commerce

**Society**

**Winsome Sunday School Class Holds Monthly Meeting**

Sheneesta Heatly graciously opened her beautifully decorated home to the Winsome Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Lindsay, for their annual Christmas party. Christmas is just something else at Sheneestas!

The had a good group this year. Everyone brought more than they could eat! Diane Estes gave the blessing, and the feast began.

Later the ladies gathered in the living room and started the evening singing Christmas carols acappella. It helped that several in the group were in "Singing Seniors" and or the Church choir.

Leota McCoy had her camera to record the occasion, and Frances Sunderland was in the spirit with her Christmas socks!

"Dirty Santa" was played with tree ornaments. Several Santas and angels were traded back and forth with much laughter and fun.

Absent members and the sick were mentioned. A time of remembering and antidotes followed. The ladies visited in small groups, and then it was time to go, too soon.

Before the party broke up, Barbara Lackey was presented with a git for another year of teaching. She is a blessing to them all.

Those attending were guests, Kathy Ellithorp's house guest, Myrna Lawson and Joyce Wilhoit. Others were: Lavora Dodd, Linda Eastman, Kathy Ellithorp, Shirley England, Diane Estes, Darlene Henry, Margaret Henson, Darlene Huffman, Carolyn Hutto, Jerry Jones, Barbara Lackey, Leota McCoy, Sharie Reneau, Frances Sunderland, and Virginia Yandell.

A heart felt thank you to Sheneesta from them all, and to you, Merry Christmas.



Lavora Dodd of Lavora's Boutique in Lindsay stands behind her Christmas cactus. Bill and Harriett Pool gave the Cactus to Dr. Mildred Pool and she gave it to Lavora to take care of and when she came back to get it it wouldn't fit through the door, so Lavora has had it since then. The Cactus is 50 years old. She feeds it coffee and coffee grounds.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus recently visited the Lindsay Manor Nursing Home. They visited with residents and passed out treats. Pictured above are Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Joann Isabell. Ms. Isabell was misnamed in last week's Lindsay News. We regret the error.

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# Signs Letter Of intent To Play For Tulsa University



Pictured above (front l to r) are Bob Blanton, Shelby Blanton and Leah Blanton. (back l to r) are Dana Hightower, Courtney Turner, and Bob Hightower

The following article was taken from the Newcastle Pacer and was written by Victoria Middleton, the managing editor.

Playing softball is something that Newcastle senior Shelby Blanton has been doing since she was four years old.

She remembers playing first base in her T-ball league, but never thought that playing softball in college would be in her future.

It turns out, though, that Blanton's athletic ability has landed her a full-ride scholarship to the University of Tulsa. She verbally committed to the private school the middle of her junior year, she said.

Last Thursday, Blanton joined her family, friends and coaches for a softball signing at the Newcastle High School Library.

When she goes to UT next year, Blanton said she plans on pursuing a degree in pre-law and one day becoming a lawyer. This is a career choice, she explained, that stems from a family friend who has a job in the field.

Next fall, Blanton will be

joining three other freshmen newbies, including a current senior from Mustang she was once in a softball league with.

These new friends will hopefully keep Blanton from getting homesick for Newcastle, a town she has lived in her whole life.

"We are trying to get a four-person room, so we can all room together," said Blanton.

Looking back at her high school career, Blanton has rallied a host of awards including being honored for various conference awards. They include: Conference Newcomer of the Year as a freshman, Conference Defensive Player of the Year as a junior and Offensive Player of the year as a senior.

In addition, Blanton was named All Conference all four years in high school for her handiwork at first base, catcher and shortstop (which is Blanton's favorite position to play).

Lastly, she has been honorable mention in Little All-City her freshman, sophomore and junior years, and most importantly, she was chosen to be All-State this

year.

Head Coach Mike Crossley said Blanton batted .410 and was a very good player for us for all four years. "She's very versatile and can play just about anywhere on the field."

"She is very talented, and stepped up and played anywhere we put her. I wish her the best of luck in college."

Blanton is the daughter of 1982 NHS sweethearts Bob and Leah Blanton, but also has many relatives in Lindsay, where much of her dad's family is from. She also has an older sister, Courtney Turner, who resides in Bridge Creek and is expecting Blanton's first nephew in mid-December.

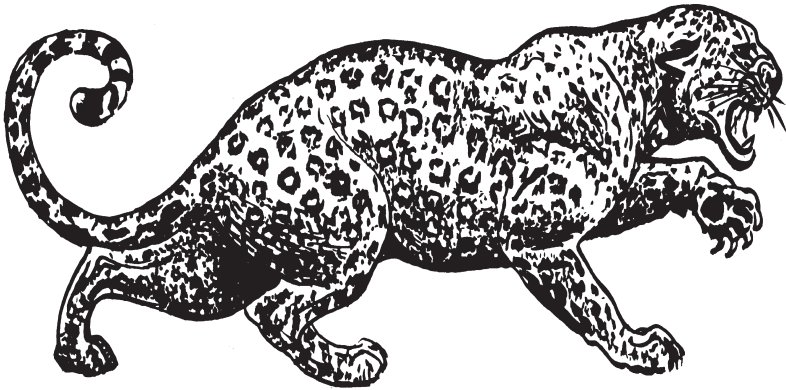
Blanton's great-grandparents were Garland and Heleoise Hightower of Lindsay. Her grandparents are Bob and Dana (Hightower) Blanton. Dana is a 1961 Lindsay graduate. Her father attended Lindsay Schools in his younger years.



The Lindsay Leopards recently played Bridge Creek at home. Shown above is Stephon Bradley dribbling around a Bridge Creek defender. In the upper right picture is Shelby Lee going for a shot against a Bridge Creek defender. And lower right are the Leopards on defense, #5 Dalton Ernst, #32 Tanner Mason and #24 Zach Hibbard. The Leopards and Leopardettes will be home in their final game before Christmas break this Friday at Charles K. Healty Arena.



Shown above are Mrs. Spradlin and Mrs. Finley's first grade class from Lindsay Elementary making reindeer food. Spradlin presented Jan Brett's book "The Wild Christmas Reindeer" to the lower elementary classes. A follow-up activity of making a reindeer and reindeer food was enjoyed by all. Mrs. Spradlin, along with Kay Gage are the elementary librarians at Lindsay Schools.



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