

ZARROW POINTE

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He was born on 17 December 1902 on a homestead farm on Elk Creek in Oklahoma Territory. At age 16, he became the first tractor driver in the county when his father traded in his mules for a revolutionary new Cletrac Crawler tractor. Farmers from all over would come to watch him change the width and height of the crawler tractor to fit the row crops being cultivated.

His father, after steadfastly refusing to get close to the "critter" finally consented to drive it from the house to the section line barbed wire gate, a distance of about a quarter of a mile. He patiently walked beside the lurching, idling "beast" until nearing the gate, he realized something was awry when his father began standing up and yelling "Whoa! Whoa, consarn you! Whoa!". He jumped on the tractor and brought it to a halt just as the barbed wire gate was taut to the breaking point. His father never tried to master another machine after that experience.

It was assumed that after high school he would either work on his father's farm or in his grandfather's bank in the town of Rocky. His grandfather had learned the blacksmithing trade from his father and uncle and had plied his trade as blacksmith for the James/Younger organization in Missouri and now owned the cotton gin, creamery, bank, grocery, and barber shop in Rocky and was the only blacksmith/mechanic in that part of the territory.

He had other ideas so—with the support of his mother and Uncle Tom Berry—he fled the farm to go to college at Chillicothe, Missouri, where he paid his expenses by working in the college dining room. After obtaining a degree in business, he stopped off on the way home at the bustling little city of Tulsa where he was offered a job as secretary to the president of the National Oil Field Supply Company—a good position from which to see the entire operation and make good contacts.

He proposed to his sweetheart back home by letter and sent a train ticket to Tulsa. Etta Owen McCain accepted and they were married in Tulsa on 30 June 1923.

In Tulsa, he was restless and always seeking more education. He became a 32nd degree Mason. Then he began taking night classes at the new Central High School. He took languages such as French, German and Spanish. He would take his family to a Mexican Baptist church in north Tulsa each Sunday where they would sit through the sermon (in Spanish) and then he would mix and converse with members afterward—in Spanish.

He took classes in auto mechanics and overhauled our 1928 Chevrolet, explaining each step to his "gofer" son, teaching him to melt and pour Babbit bearings and grind valves. The first two times after completing the overhaul, the engine would not start. On the third try it started and ran perfectly. He was a study in patience and persistence.

Next he took classes in woodworking and for Christmas gave his son (me) a woodshop consisting of a table saw, lathe, jig saw, grinder/buffer, shaper, and hand tools and patiently taught his eight year-old son the art of cabinet and furniture making.

In 1937 he was offered the position of store manager for the Frick Reid Oil Field Supply Company at their troubled store servicing the Spindletop oil field near Beaumont, Texas. The wood shop was put in storage for a year in Beaumont and also for the six months that he was a "troubleshooter" at the Humble oil field store in Houston. Upon moving to the Alice field near Corpus Christi, a large bedroom was set aside as a wood shop for the manufacture of custom furniture and souvenirs for the town "five-and-dime" store.

In 1939 he managed a large store in Houma, Louisiana, that serviced the huge new Terrebonne Parish gulf oil strike. When oil company crew boats could not get their bilge pump Briggs and Stratton motors repaired, he taught his son to repair the motors while his company supplied the parts.

After finding plans for a 17 foot, inboard speed boat in Popular Mechanics Magazine, he agreed to permit his son to build it in the garage providing he would finance all the materials—and having worked in a chicken hatchery, he suggested a way. He described—and together he and his son built—"Battery Brooders", each of which would hold a hundred chicks. By stacking the brooders and buying 100 chicks/week, 1,000 chicks could be raised and 100 2-1/4 pound fryers could be sold each week to the Hollywood Inn—a favorite hang-out of the Texas oil men who preferred chicken to Cajun gumbo.

The boat was completed shortly after Pearl Harbor was attacked and was a huge success, attaining a top speed of 45 mph.

You may have guessed by now that my "Role Model" was my Dad. He later worked for the British Petroleum/Gulf oil company in Kuwait for three years where he was required to become fluent in reading, writing, and speaking Arabic.

He then worked in Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, for ARAMCO who sent him to Harvard University for one year to learn the application of computers to business. He was then sent to The Hague, Netherlands to establish a new branch, the Arabian Overseas Company, which was charged with the worldwide purchasing of supplies for ARAMCO. They had procurement offices in London, Rome, and New York City.

Upon retiring, he moved to Fallbrook, California, where he raised at least one of every conceivable fruit and vegetable. He bought a chipper/shredder and shredded trimmings for the whole neighborhood, covering his half acre to about four inches in mulch to conserve water from his automatic drip watering system.

A blue jay caused problems by pecking on his fruit. He tried scaring him with a sling shot; then a BB gun. Finally he and the bird declared a truce and he would go on his porch and whistle and the bird would light on his hand and eat corn from his hand. As long as he was well fed he left the fruit alone.

Dad taught patience, perseverance, and a quest for knowledge that has been unparalleled in my experience. I hope I have been successful in passing some of it on to my children—and their children. He broke the mold! He was the first to get a college education (AA in business) but far from the last.

I could write much, much more but I think you get the idea of why I chose him as my role model and my "rock".

I miss him terribly but he will always have a presence in my heart.



***SARS CoV-2 (COVID 19) Virus;  
The Virology, Immunology, Risks and  
Benefits of the Vaccine***

***Dr. Gerald Miller, Ph.D., D(ABMLI)  
Thursday, June 9th at 2:00 pm***

Chief of Microbiology and Immunology at Regional Medical Laboratory and Pathology Laboratory Associates in Tulsa, OK; Dr. Miller joined Pathology Laboratory Associates, Inc. and Regional Medical Laboratory in 1994 following 12 years of owning and operating Immuno-Diagnostics Laboratory. He is Adjunct Associate Professor in the Department of Microbiology at OSU School of Osteopathic Medicine. He served as an Assistant Professor of Microbiology and Immunology at the ORU School of Medicine (1977-1982) and Adjunct Assistant Professor at the OU School of Medicine - Tulsa (1986-1994) in the Pediatric Department. He received a Ph.D. degree in virology from Kansas State University in 1972 with subsequent fellowship training for 3 years as a Mayo Research Fellow in the fields of virology and immunology. He is board certified by the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology. Past professional activities include serving on the editorial board of Clinical and Vaccine Immunology (CVI), Journal of Immunological Methods, Lab Medicine and member of the Board of Examiners for the American Board of Medical Laboratory Immunology. He also served as treasurer and past secretary of the Association of Medical Laboratory Immunology.

Dr. Miller will address the important traits of the SARS CoV-2 virus that must be considered in the infection and the immune response to the infection. Vaccine induced immunity and natural immunity will be a central focus of the presentation. The risks and benefits of the vaccine will also be addressed.



***Happy Father's Day!  
Men's Trip Out  
Route 66 Car Museum & Lunch at Ollies  
Tuesday, June 14th at 9:30 am***

The **Heart of Route 66 Car Museum** is located on the historic Route 66 highway in Sapulpa. Their collections focus on vintage cars, Route 66 memorabilia, and local military history. Created, curated, and cared for by true enthusiasts, the Heart of Route 66 Auto Museum is Northeast Oklahoma's premiere automotive attraction.

Steeped in local history, **Ollie's Station Restaurant** is located at the famed Red Fork Corner in Tulsa, where the oil and railroad industries merged with Route 66. Fittingly, the food doesn't stray far from traditional, down-home favorites, but that doesn't make it any less satisfying. Ollie's has a "Mom and Pop" atmosphere with 10 trains, from G-scale to Z-scale, running the length of the dining room through model cities and towns.

Call Chelsea for reservations at 918.496.8333



***The Bob Dylan Center  
Thursday, June 23rd at 10:30 am***

Join our group for a trip downtown to tour the newly opened Bob Dylan Center; dedicated to the study and appreciation of renowned American singer-songwriter Bob Dylan and his cultural significance. The center features cutting-edge and immersive technology in a multimedia environment that is designed to be as impressive and revealing to visitors new to Dylan's work as it will be to long-time fans and aficionados.

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## Mother's Day Party!

Healthcare residents enjoyed an outdoor Mother's Day celebration!



## Cat Therapy

Staff had a visiting kitten that residents were able to pet.



## Happy Birthday Peggy!

Mrs. Peggy T. on her birthday in May

## Crazy Neck Tie Day!

Wear a neck tie however you like in honor of our Dads



## June Birthdays:

Mary C. 17th  
Shirley S. 28th  
Paul G. 30th

## DO YOU HAVE TIME TO GIVE BACK?

As we age, we all know how important it is to take care of our physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being. However, we often forget the role that giving back can play in providing our lives with continued meaning and purpose. One way we can give back, at any stage of life, is to volunteer. Retirement is an opportune time to explore and identify the special talents, knowledge and skills we have to offer and do it from home. It is a well-known fact that retirees who volunteer live healthier, more satisfying, and longer lives with a sense of meaning and purpose. We may think that because we are aging, we can no longer contribute, but there are many ways we can give now.

**WE ARE LOOKING FOR TEN RESIDENTS TO SIGN UP TO BE FIRST TO**

**“FIND YOUR GIVING HOTSPOT”**

**SIMPLE STEPS TO DISCOVER HOW YOU CAN GIVE BACK FROM HOME**

### WORKSHOP OBJECTIVES:

**TO ASSIST PARTICIPANTS IN FINDING MEANING AND PURPOSE AT THIS STAGE OF LIFE  
THROUGH GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY FROM HOME**

**TO BUILD RENEWED SELF ESTEEM**

**TO CELEBRATE AND BUILD ON CURRENT TALENTS, STRENGTHS AND SKILLS**

**TO DISCOVER WAYS TO GIVE BACK NOW**

### FORMAT:

**6 WEEKLY 1 - 1 1/2 HOUR SESSIONS**

**DATES: MONDAY'S AT 10:30 AM - JULY 18, 25, AUGUST 1, 15, 22, 29**

**LOCATION: TOWN CENTER THEATER ROOM**

**FACILITATOR: ARLENE CHEMERS, ZARROW POINT RESIDENT, CERTIFIED RETIREMENT COACH**

**SIGN UP: SHEET AT THE MAILBOXES (FIRST 10 PEOPLE TO SIGN UP)**

Arlene Chemers, a Zarrow Pointe resident, is offering a workshop to help other interested residents identify ways to give back. Arlene is a Certified Retirement Coach, a Certified Professional Coach, and a Certified Career Management Professional and holds a MS Degree in Human Resource Management majoring in Career Development and Training. Using her extensive experience training and coaching people in transition, she designed this special workshop for Zarrow Pointe residents. She has worked in corporate, academic, outplacement and non-profit environments and co-authored a book entitled, *“The Empty Desk Survival Guide for Women on the Verge of Retirement.”*

We make a living by what we get,  
But we make a life by what we give.

Winston Churchill

**RICK CLEMONS**

**COCKTAILS & JAZZ**

**June 27 - 7PM**  
**Burnstein Auditorium**

*Poolside*  
**COFFEE & DANISH**

**SUNDAY MORNINGS**  
**10 AM - NOON**  
**WATERS AQUATIC CENTER**

- OPEN SWIM
- TIME WITH FRIENDS

**Visit the bookmobile at Zarrow Pointe**



2nd Thursday of every month  
 5/12, 6/9, 7/14, 8/11, 9/8  
 11:15-12:15 p.m.

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**THE BOOK CLUB REVIEW**

Suggested read for June:  
*"My Name is Lucy Barton"* by Elizabeth Strout

Suggested read for July:  
*"On Juneteenth"* by Annette Gordon-Reed

Interested in reading and discussing popular books?  
**Monday, June 13 @ 3:30pm**  
**Zarrow Manor Library**