



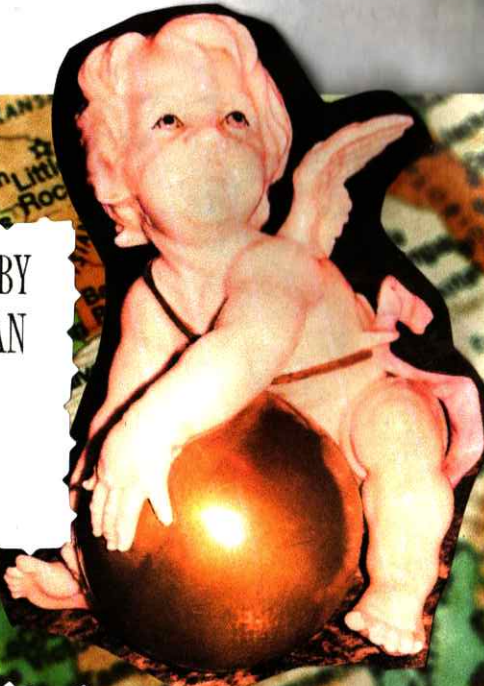
BIG SWAN TIMES



A town founded
by swans & raised
by cherubs

FIRST EDITION NEWSLETTER



A cherub figurine with pink skin and wings, holding a glowing golden orb. The background is a map of Oklahoma with city names like Tulsa, Oklahoma City, and Norman visible.

YOU JUST MADE A GREAT DECISION BY
PICKING UP A COPY OF THE BIG SWAN
TIMES, A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
PRODUCED BY LOCAL CITIZEN-
JOURNALISTS.

BIG SWAN MAY BE KNOWN TO OUTSIDERS AS THE
QUIRKY PLACE WHERE PEOPLE FAWN OVER THEIR
CHERUB ART COLLECTIONS (AND OH BOY, WE DO!!!) BUT
YOU WILL FIND LIFE AND ACTIVITY APLENTY EVEN
OUTSIDE THE ANTIQUE SUPERCENTERS -

A globe showing parts of Africa and Europe, with a map overlay on top.

THERE IS NO BETTER WAY TO GET CAUGHT UP WITH
THE COMINGS AND GOINGS OF THE GENTLE RESIDENTS
OF OUR LOVELY TOWN.



ACTIVITY WE ARE ALL TOO FOND OF
CHRONICLING! WITHIN THESE PAGES.

YOU CAN FIND STORIES OF NEW BUSINESSES AND OLD MEMORIES.

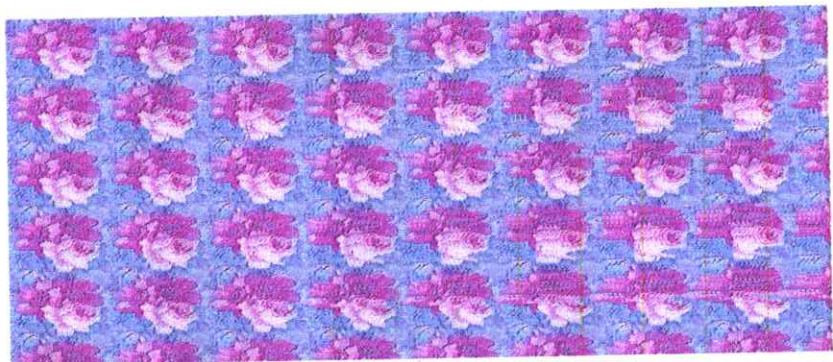
GET THE HOT GOSSIP AND MARVEL AT OUR LOCAL LAW
ENFORCEMENT'S HEROISM IN THE POLICE REPORT.

SOLVE CHALLENGING PUZZLES.

GET TO KNOW SOME HISTORY OF CHERUBS (L), AND DEBATE THE
FINER POINTS OF UNRESTRAINED ANIMALS AROUND
UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN.

WE'RE SO GLAD YOU'RE HERE!
HAVE A BLESSED BIG SWAN DAY!

FROM THE READERS



"Magic Eye CTA"
-Anonymous submission

A charming patch of flowers
sent in by one of our
villagers. We love the
shades of yellow and red.

Want to contribute? Submit your
artwork to Pat Schroep at
schroe35+bigswanart@gmail.com

POLICE REPORT



22 FRI

Officers responded to a call regarding theft of internal organs. The village SWAT team was deployed to a house on the 300 block of Our Blessed Little Angel Avenue.

After a two hour stand off, SWAT determined that caller, George Dinklemeyer aged 67, had meant to tell the dispatcher that she had stolen his heart, not that he planned to steal hers. Mr. Dinklemeyer was eventually brought in for harassing an officer as well as for bench warrants for dozens of public nuisance charges.

23 SAT



While on patrol, officers discovered local artist Gwen Stephenson, aged 37, using sharp tools to deface a tree one block east of Town Square. When questioned, Ms. Stephenson insisted she was on a mission from God to turn every suitably large tree in the village into an effigy of a dancing cherub. Police detained Ms. Stephenson briefly but then released her, admitting that they couldn't disprove her claim and that the sculpture looked quite nice.

24 SUN

Officers responded to a call regarding terrorism from the 800 block of Perfect Fuschia Drive. Resident Marsha Brunswick reported damage to her mailbox. Officers determined the mailbox had caught too much wind and had fallen over. Officers advised Mrs. Brunswick to reduce surface area of ornaments affixed to her mailbox so as to avoid future damage. Following the ensuing altercation, Mrs. Brunswick was brought to the station on charges of assaulting an officer.

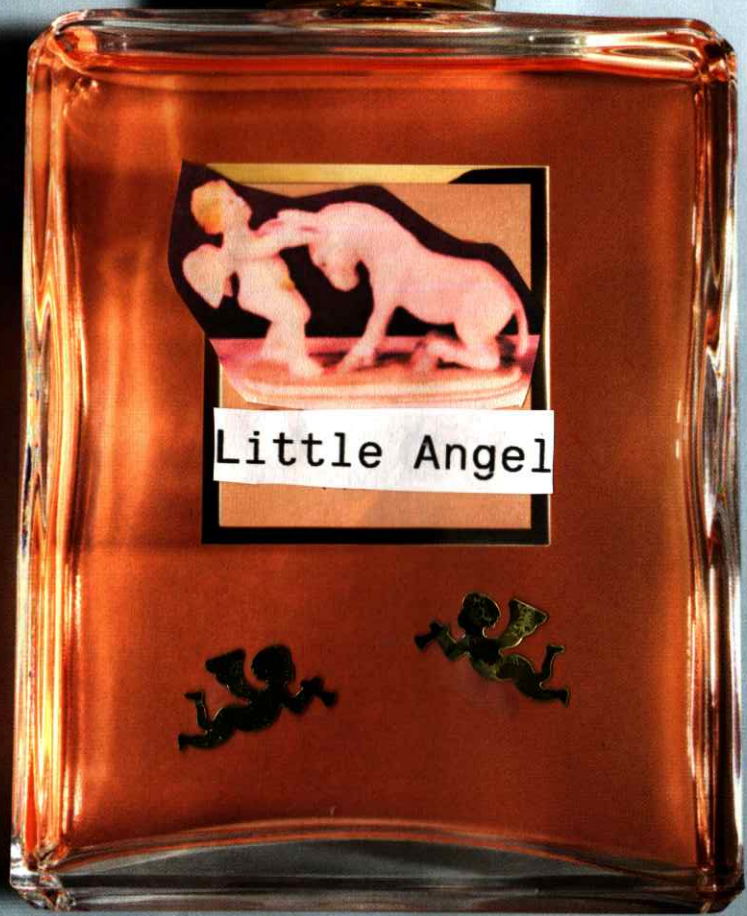


25 TUES

Officers fielded an emergency call from Town Square from tourist Heather Radcalf, who claimed her toddler son had been attacked by a dinosaur. The village SWAT team and Animal Control responded and determined from eye witness accounts and feather analysis that Brawny the Swan was likely mistaken for a dinosaur. Heather and her son were given gauze and an ice pack and escorted out of town. Brawny was found in the mayor's swimming pool and was given a mental health assessment and a snack.



Little Angel



One-Man Show

Michael Coleman is one of the foremost Western Artists of our time, but there is a side to the living legend that is often overlooked:

Michael Coleman, The Sculptor

***Presenting the Remarkable
Portfolio of
Coleman Sculpture***



300 Fuschia Drive



OBITUARY

Myrna Bell passed away peacefully, surrounded by family and friends on Wednesday, October 9. She was 137.

Myerna will be remembered as a spunky, energetic character who frequented every civic event the town of Big Swan had ever put on, ever.



As the president of the PTA since 1936, Myrna held firm in preserving Big Swan's curriculum and keeping it free from radical new ideas like plate tectonics and the Dewey Decimal System.

She was exceedingly proud of the fifteen dollars and a silver pocketwatch she won at a dance marathon during the Great Depression, and was known to re-enact her favorite move without provocation, to absolutely anyone who would make eye contact with her.



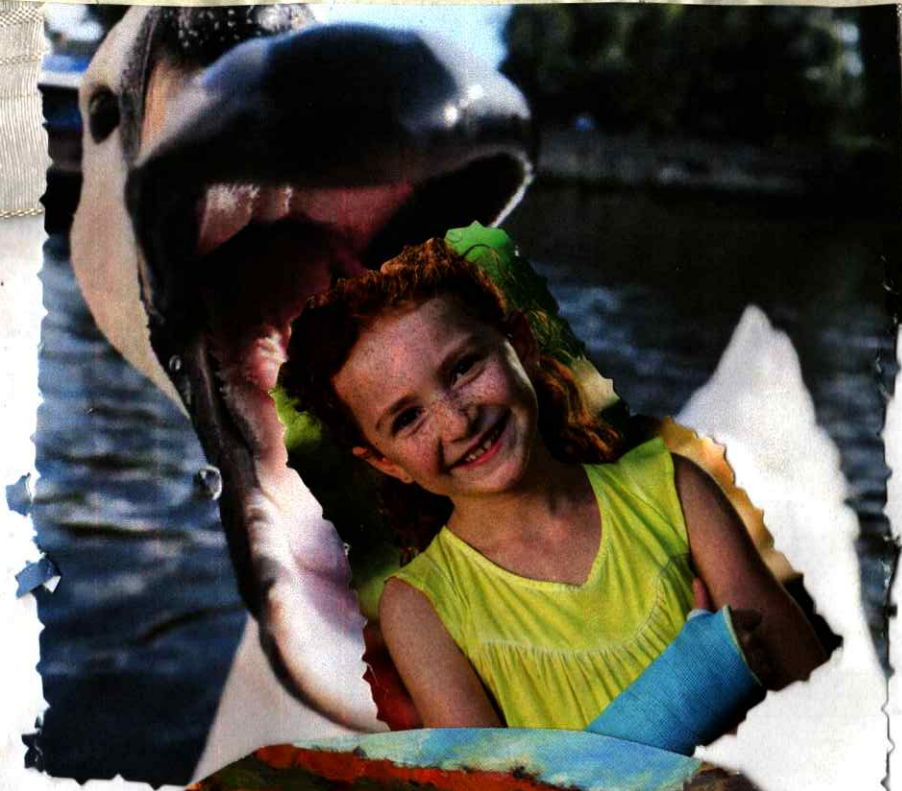
It was in the midst of one of these jigs, while Myrna was passing the time waiting her turn to leap out of a plane on a skydiving trip, that her famous sprint-then-slide-on-her-knees climax involved a course that caused her to exit the plane prematurely.

Mourners are asked not to grieve, as Myrna's grandson, retired fireman Pokie Bell put it, "she had been old for sixty years and it was starting to creep everybody out."

Myrna was buried with her cherubs and interned at an undisclosed location so as to deter grave robbers.

RIP Myrna Bell.

For every emergency. The best is here.



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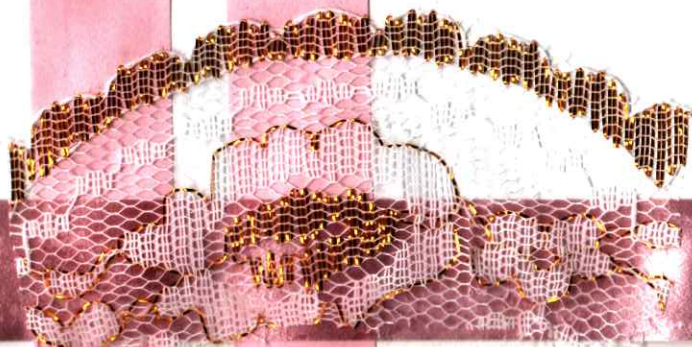
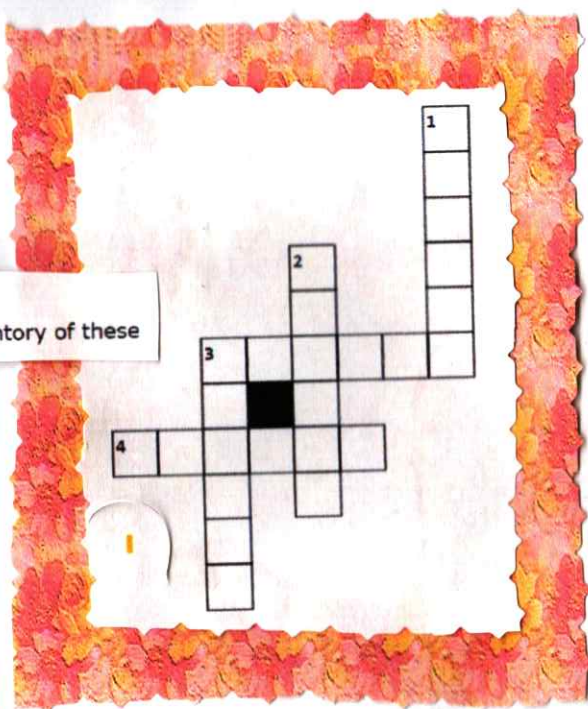
RIDDLE ME THIS

Down

1. a delightful creature
2. lives in the heavens
3. a charming collectible

Across

3. a wonderful birthday gift
4. you may keep a paper inventory of these



GRAND OPENING
OCTOBER 15TH 2023

Dress to Impress



SPACE CHERUB
NIGHTCLUB

1510 W. EAST TRAIL BLVD
BIG SWAN 00290

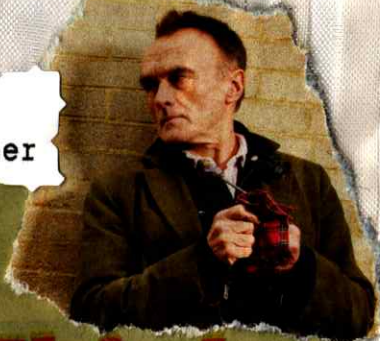
OPINION

HOW DO WE FEEL ABOUT SPACE CHERUB?

From the second I saw an advertisement for Space Cherub Nightclub, I haven't been able to stop thinking about it. This Space Cherub situation is bigger than you think. Space Cherub has big, fluffy hair, with a face of a grown man. The Classic Cherub we know and love has the face of a little boy. Space Cherub looks like he belongs at a discotheque, not on our fireplace mantel.

Since the beginning of our days, travel and tourism has the power to disrupt traditional relations between townspeople and their environment. Sacred ideas may be forgotten in attempt to lure tourists, along with their dollar. With the announcement of Space Cherub Nightclub, our cherub culture and understanding can only transform or self destruct.

Opinion piece by Dirk Danson
- Big Swan resident philosopher



**It's Bigger
Than You Think.**

In the book of Ezekiel, a cherub face is described as a mashup of a lion, ox, human, and eagle.

I've seen this terrifying depiction portrayed only in Gwen Stephenson's private cherub collection, and even Gwen usually keeps it covered with a handkerchief.



Later in history, Mr. Donatello attributed a new form to this Christian lion-ox-human-eagle angel.

Donatello was a serious sculptor and painter from the Italian Renaissance period who made many statues and was known as a workaholic. Everyone probably wanted amazing Cherub art from Donatello, after all, Cherubs are considered to be very important angels in Christian theology.

Donatello accepted more commissions than he could handle and may have been overwhelmed by having to carve four animal heads on one single cherub commission. A small toddler is much faster to make. Donatello churned out so many toddler cherubs, than he is credited for popularizing this toddler form.

Unfortunately, I think that Donatello has contributed to a collective confusion as to what a cherub truly looks like. It makes me wonder - do I love or fear cherubs? Would they love or devour me? Is my cherub collection a lie? Do the cherubs know I wonder about these things?

I interviewed 2 Big Swan residents. 50% of the residents found Space Cherub fun and novel. The other 50% found Space Cherub 'incredibly offensive'.

We have no evidence to believe that Space Cherubs exist, although I am open to the idea that societies of Space Cherubs could be flying above us right now. I will continue to investigate, before making my decision on whether to embrace or scorn Space Cherub.





TALK OF THE TOWN

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS THINK ON
BRAWNY THE SWAN'S VIOLENCE TOWARD
CHILDREN?



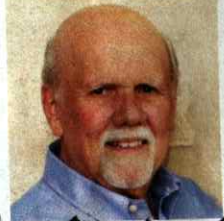
"Well I don't know anything about that, but I can't tell you how excited I am about the upcoming Cherub Festival.

I have my favorite cherub picked out to bring to the festival so that I may get it fitted for a winter cap."

Mindy Hornsby, HR executive

"Animals should be illegal."

Mark Parel, schoolteacher





"One time I saw a little kid throw a lasso around a swan's neck. Swan pulled him up off the sidewalk and over the roof of Maggie Doodle's antique mall. Bet it has something to do with that."

Linda Patterson, heavy drinker

"As a seventh-generation resident of Big Swan, I understand concerns fellow Swanners may have about co-habiting with these special and noble creatures, whose presence sets us apart and grants a huge measure of pride and distinction for a community that couldn't possibly soldier on without them. I'm sorry, what was the question?"

"John Smith", private citizen



