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## The "I Can Do That" Man

**Carol Wright**  
Staff Writer

Todd was born and raised in Cordell, OK, and worked on the radio during his high school and college years before he moved to California. In 1996 he moved back to Oklahoma and jumped onboard with Wright Wradio, right at the time the company bought the Clinton station.

Todd grew up, listening and idolizing the DJ's on the radio. Listening to the radio the first thing in the morning was his regular routine. After school he would continue his routine, listening to the radio. At night, he would "play" DJ. He said he was "one of those annoying kids that called the radio stations all the time." He listened and called Danny Williams and Ronnie Kay on KOMA all the time. He even called KWOE in Clinton. He had heard KWOE advertise for a "telephone" sales rep. At age 15 with his driver's learner's permit in his pocket, he drove up to Clinton from Cordell to the old rock building on Neptune Drive. He said he had no idea what the job would consist of, but he wanted to find out. Of course, the Sales Manager Tom Libbey immediately noticed Todd's great radio voice, so he called in the Program Director Ed Ryan to meet Todd. That's when they asked if he would be interested in working on air. On Air! That was just about more than Todd could ask for. He could do that! He started board operating

ballgames and then a live on-air shift on weekends. His first live on-air experience was a Sunday afternoon during the NFL football playoffs. Ed Ryan was a Denver Broncos fan and wanted to go home and watch the game on TV so he threw Todd on live.

Todd said he was glad they weren't in that old building anymore with the smoke-filled orange carpet. That's how he learned the business with the Tapes and Carts, spinning real records.

The most unusual thing that happened to Todd on the radio is when KWOE decided to change the format of the stations in the 80's. The FM station was changed to rock and the AM station was middle-of-the road format. He was all of 16 or 17 years old. The FM was automated with "reel-to-reels" music and a recorded "show" to replay later. The AM was live, playing Doris Day and Frank Sinatra, which he hated.



Todd Bruner in his early radio days-with hair

Since bench-warming was his main sport in Cordell, he realized that radio was what he wanted to do so he gave up sports but continued his band years until his sophomore year. He really wanted to be a rock star, but that didn't pan out either, so radio was his go-to love. He even worked in Oklahoma City for awhile before he came back to the Clinton and Cordell areas, doing the programming for

(See Todd Bruner, Page 3)

## Caring and Sharing dates scheduled

2020's Caring and Sharing event from the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance is taking registrations for this holiday season. The program, available to families who live in the 73096-zip code area or have children who attend Weatherford Public Schools, is put on by the churches of the WMA with support and donations from businesses and individuals. Every year, the community gathers toys and goodies to ensure families in need have a wonderful Christmas.

Different churches and businesses around the city have Caring and Sharing drop boxes set up and are offering deals for donations. For example, customers who bring \$5 of food for the Food and Resource Center or \$10 minimum of toys for Caring and Sharing to the Heartland Animal Hospital will receive 15% off their total invoice. Churches all over town were assigned age groups for children and have set up donation stations. Information regarding donation locations can be found at the Chamber of Commerce and by contacting Tony Carter. Checks can be mailed to:

Caring and Charing  
605 Pecan  
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Hundreds of children and families have been recipients of the program each year, and this year, especially, could use some more cheer. There will be three registration dates for families in need at the Chamber of Commerce over November. From 6 PM – 8 PM, parents/guardians can register on November 9th, 16th, and 23rd. A valid photo ID and current utility bill are required for proof of residence.

On Saturday, December 12th, from 9 AM – 12 PM volunteers and support staff will open Shopping Day for the parents.



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**Gregory Walter Black**

Gregory Walter Black passed from this life on November 3, 2020, at age 68 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. He was born July 9, 1952, to Charles and Eileen (Berkey) Black in Hobart, Oklahoma. Greg grew up around Lone Wolf, went to school and graduated from Lone Wolf High School. He later went on to school at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Greg became a licensed Paramedic with professional certifications in Advanced Airway Life Support and Critical Care Life Support. He was working as a Paramedic with Cheyenne and Arapaho EMS in Clinton, Oklahoma. Greg was a long-time resident of Weatherford, Oklahoma, and was baptized at the First Christian Church of Lone Wolf. His hobbies included watching football, hunting and working on cars. He could fix anything, many can say, "Even what his older brother screwed up, eventually!!" Greg was good at everything he did, a caring husband, father and friend. He will be missed dearly.



Greg is survived by his wife Janet (Henry) Black of the home, three sons: Matt Black and wife Lindsay, James Black and wife Rachel, and Michael Black; two brothers: Steven Black and wife Orita and Roy Black and wife Jeanne, his two grandchildren Madilyn and Charlee and a host of other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents Charles and Eileen Black, his grandparents Walter and Gladys Berkey and Esther Black.

Graveside Memorial Services for Greg was held on Saturday, November 7, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at Lone Wolf Cemetery in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma with Pastor Ronald Boelte officiating.

**Lyle Omer Combs**

Funeral service for Lyle Omer Combs, 84-year-old Thomas resident, was held on Saturday, November 7, 2020 at 10:00 AM at the First United Methodist Church of Thomas with Rev. Larry Harlan officiating. Burial will follow at Mound Valley Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Thomas.



Lyle was born on April 28, 1936, in Thomas, Oklahoma, to Leslie and Marjorie Combs, the youngest of four children, and passed away on November 4, 2020, in Edmond, Oklahoma. Lyle preceded in death by his parents; brother Gordon Combs; sister Norma Jean Fender Hight; and brother Charles Combs. Lyle is survived by his

wife of 64 years Shirley Combs; son David Lyle Combs and wife Danielle of Owasso; and daughter Nancy Towne and husband Bret of Edmond. Also surviving Lyle are his grandchildren: Peter Lyle Towne and wife Taylor of Edmond; Patrick Towne also of Edmond; Karsyn Combs, Jagger Combs and Preslee Combs of Owasso; as well as two great-grandchildren Parker Towne and Turner Lyle Towne.

As a young child Lyle moved to Enid from Thomas where he went to school though the second grade before moving back home to Thomas. Lyle was his Senior Class President and played football for Mr. Ross and Mr. Roof winning a State Championship in 1951 and runner-up in 1953. Lyle always talked about the special relationship with his teammates and coaches and the pride that he had from playing football at such an historic program as Thomas.

Lyle graduated from Thomas High School in 1954 and began attending the University of Oklahoma where he walked on to the football team as a freshman. His claim to fame that year was stepping on Coach Wilkinson's foot and breaking several of the coach's toes. Lyle quickly became very familiar with all the bleacher steps in the stadium and special workouts with Coach Port Roberts. The next year Lyle chose to concentrate on his rigorous engineering courses.

While in college, Lyle married his high school sweetheart and love of his life Shirley Helzer on August 24, 1956. Upon graduation from OU in 1958 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aeronautical Engineering and later a Masters degree in Aeronautical and Aero Space Engineering in 1961. Lyle began working for aerospace companies in Fort Worth and at Tinker Air Force Base. He then joined the Federal Aviation Administration at the FAA Academy and Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City. During his 32 years with the FAA, Lyle rose to the position of Branch Manager of the FAA's Aviation Standards Division.

Lyle and Shirley moved back to Thomas in 1969 with David and Nancy. Besides working at the FAA Center, Lyle began farming in the evenings and on weekends. Lyle retired from the FAA in 1990 and eventually retired from farming in 2007. In Thomas, Lyle was an active member and Sunday School teacher at the Thomas First Methodist Church. As a civic leader in Thomas, Lyle led the effort to acquire a large tent for civic events, helped form the Thomas Public Schools Foundation, and started a community Thanksgiving dinner that is still taking place each year in town.

Lyle Combs was known for his character and integrity, his intelligence, his love and commitment to his community, family, friends and his unwavering belief in and dedication to his savior Jesus Christ. Lyle Combs will be greatly missed by his many friends and family.

**Jesse Lee Kimmel**

Visitation for Jesse Lee Kimmel was from 3-8pm on Sunday, November 1, 2020, and 9am to 12pm on Monday, November 2, 2020, at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Hobart, OK. Graveside service was at 2pm on Monday, November 2, 2020, at the Gotebo Cemetery in Gotebo, OK. Graveside service was at 2pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain View, OK.

**Doris Lorene George**

Visitation for Doris Lorene George was from 1-8pm on Sunday, November 1, 2020, and 9am to 8pm on Monday, November 2, 2020, at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Hobart, OK. The family welcomed guests from 6-8pm at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Mountain View, OK. Graveside service was at 2pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, at the Mountain View Cemetery in Mountain View, OK.

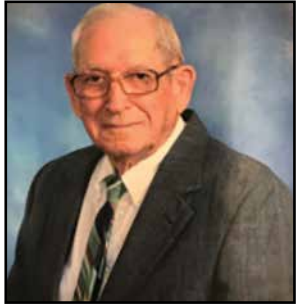
**Dorothy Lou Nash**

Visitation for Dorothy Lou Nash was from 10am-8pm on Friday, November 6, 2020, at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Hobart, OK. Funeral was at 10:30am on Saturday, November 7, 2020, at the First Lutheran Church in Hobart, OK. Interment was at Hobart Rose Cemetery in Hobart, OK.



**Frank Russell**

Graveside services for Frank Russell, 91, Cordell resident were held 1:00 P.M., Saturday, November 7, 2020, in the Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, OK, officiated by Rev. Carl Thionett and Rev. Jimmie Prickett.



Services are under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home in Clinton.

Frank Russell was born February 6, 1929, to John Henry Russell and Bessie (Moss) Russell in Centralia, KS and passed away Wednesday, November 4, 2020, in the Cordell Memorial Hospital in Cordell, OK.

Frank was raised in Burns Flat, OK, graduating from Burns Flat High school in 1948. He was married to Ernestine (Husband) on March 24, 1951, in Wheeler, TX. He immediately joined the Army on March 29, 1951. He later was honorably discharged as corporal.

He returned back to Cordell, OK and began a long career as a lineman and meter technician for Kiwash Electric. He also worked as an electrician in the evenings and on weekends, helping his friends and neighbors.

He is longtime member of the Cordell First Baptist Church; he served on the Cordell School Board from 1975 till 1982; he was the Senior Citizens Director for over ten years; he was a member of the American Legion for 62 years; served on the Cordell Fire Department for 20 years (1963 till 1983). He has been a Mason for over 55 years.

His passion is being with and helping others, being of service, sporting events, loved watching and supporting Oklahoma University and his grandchildren and their activities. He was an outdoorsman, enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved Civil Service.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, two sisters: Agnes Adams and Roberta Livingston: five brothers: Gordon Russell, Dean Russell, Jack Russell, Kenneth Russell, and Bud Russell.

He is survived by his daughter Tenia Davis, and husband Gary of Blanchard, OK; two sons: Mark Russell and wife Tammy of Yukon, OK and Nolan Russell and wife Michelle of Cordell, OK.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren and spouses: Amber Chapman and husband Bryn, Morgan Fernando and husband Bobby, Reid Russell and wife Allison, Rylan Russell and wife, Krysten, Reace Russell, Madison Smith and husband Denver, and Tyler Russell and great-grandchildren, Carter Fernando, Maddy Fernando, Kreidence Russell and baby on the way, Berkley Russell and Frankie Chapman and Weston Chapman.

The family has requested those wanting to give a memorial contribution may do so to the Cordell Senior Citizens Center 216 West 1st street Cordell, OK 73632.

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# Todd Brunner

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Todd Bruner pictured with his wife Dana Brunner

KCLI when Max Maxi worked downtown Clinton. Max had changed the KCLI format from country to pop. Bob Thornton with KCLI started working for KWEY, and that's when Todd found out more about KWEY. Todd already knew about legends Chuck Edwards and Dick Johnson but never dreamed about working for KWEY, and then he moved to California shortly after that.

When Todd was 30 and living in California, he managed drug stores but kept his love for radio alive by working at some radio stations in Bakersfield. That last year he lived in California proved to be a difficult year for Todd with his dad having quadruple bypass heart surgery back in Oklahoma and his nephew being born, which all made him miss home. As a single guy, living in LA, it made home look pretty good. Meredith Barney, a friend, had

mentioned to him that Harold Wright had just bought the Clinton station so with thoughts of "I could do that" running through his head, Todd applied for a job at KWEY and moved back home.

His first job with Wright Wradio was on the pop station Hot Mix 95.5 FM in the afternoon, and Harold Wright said he did a great job for the company, and from there, it was beneficial for both the company and Todd. Todd's night gig was DJ'ing at JC Cowboys so he never strayed too far from spinning the records.

After Bill Jefferies left the station, Todd was promoted to Operations Director and has been at that position since, "and that's the rest of the story" as Paul Harvey used to say.

Todd has been with Wright Broadcasting for half of the 50 years we've been on the air. What Todd loves about working here is that we focus on live and local radio. One of the things that took him out of the radio business in the 80's was because stations had started syndicating programs, making the DJ a thing of the past, so when he came to KWEY 25 years ago, he knew he had found a home since Wright Broadcasting is passionate about continuing the live and local format, never deviating from that programming. "It's just not real radio" to have satellite programming, says Todd. He never dreamed we'd be live-video streaming ball games on the internet with real radio people broadcasting and providing all those services of play-by-play to the public.

President and General Manager Heston Wright has nothing but high praise for Todd Brunner. When Western Oklahoma has severe weather, Heston feels KWEY and Todd provide the best coverage bar none. No matter the day or the time, Todd feels a personal responsibility

for our listeners to keep you aware and safe. Beside weather, Todd is one of the most knowledge people when it comes to music, programming, and broadcast trends. He makes certain our listeners hear the most up-to-date and current songs and local programming. Todd double and triple checks every item for broadcasting to make sure the company has exactly what each employee needs to make a success for each event we hold. Both Heston and Harold mentioned Todd's objective of a successful radio station that they both share with him – to make sure it's live, local, and free for listeners.

The future for live radio will be the same, according to Todd, but will be played over an APP or through Alexa. As long as we're broadcasting local content that people want, there's always going to be a market for it. With today's technology, people can hear the stations anywhere in the world. Todd hears, probably weekly, from someone he knows in California that they are tuning in and listening to him. He feels technology has changed our business, mostly, for the better because we can communicate with the audience better, play the right song at the right time, texting from listeners to the DJ when they want to hear a song, leaving messages on the APP – a million ways to communicate with the station. Local ownership is huge, we're not a conglomerate. "We're truly about family here at Wright Broadcasting and KWEY," says Todd. Harold Wright says that Todd fits in so well and is along the lines of Paul Beuning, Dick Johnson, and Chuck Edwards – one of those people who have made KWEY what it is today. This is YOUR live and local radio station with Todd Brunner – the I Can Do That Man.

## HIGHER GROUND What am I living for?



Jim Morrison

Someone has said that there are five great questions that we all must ultimately face: Our origin, our identity, our purpose, our morality (how are we going to live), and our destiny. Actually, these questions reflect our world view.

What does the phrase, "world view" mean. It could be said that it is the

lens through which we view the world. Our actions and reactions reflect our world view. Maybe it would be helpful to examine these five questions.

The first question could be stated as "where did I come from." Many feel that we are the product of random chance. We began in primordial slime until something happened, perhaps lightning or some electric charge, bringing about just the right combination to produce a protein molecule and on and on. If that be true then any purpose we have for life is simply what we design for ourselves. We have no ultimate responsibility to a creator or reason to live outside that which brings the most pleasure.

The second question flows out of the first. It is "who am I?" or what is my identity? Some find their identity in their job. They give themselves to being successful in their vocation. When asked who they are, they may respond, "I'm a teacher, banker, farmer, etc. Often, when they retire they lose a part of their reason to live.

The third question, "what is my purpose in life," plagues many of us. Without a meaningful reason to live, our passions often take over. We become self oriented. We live for the weekend, the holiday, or retirement. Surely the next phase of life will bring that elusive "something" that will give ultimate satisfaction.

The fourth question might be stated as "how shall I live in this world and with my fellow man." We might call that morality. Why should I be honest other than that being dishonest might get me in trouble. If there is no moral standard outside of ourselves then why not eat, drink and be merry. Many live life on the basis of "what's in it for me."

The ultimate question may be about our destiny. What happens after I die? Is there anything out there beyond the grave? Many live in the hope that their good deeds outweigh their bad deeds and maybe God grades on the curve.

The world view of the Christian gives great comfort

and a guiding north star around which all the questions find their answer. We believe that we have our origin in the heart of God, the creator of the universe. It is not by chance that any of us are where we are and who we are. Our identity is found not in our job, our position, or how others see us, but we are made in the image of God; that is we are created with the capacity to know and relate to God who made us.

We were not created to live out our lives in quiet desperation; we are to live on purpose, to bring praise and glory to God, to make much of God. In doing so, life takes on new meaning, as David wrote in Psalms 37:4; "Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Our life is to be lived on the basis of gratitude for what He has done for us, not for what we will get in return. We see people not as the world does; "what can they do for me," but we see them through the eyes of Christ, loving, compassionate, serving them, and enjoying relationships—as loved by God and thereby worthy of my love.

Our greatest joy can be found in a life of obedience, faithfully following the steps of his wounded feet. As the apostle Paul said in Acts 20:24, "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race

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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS



**WEATHERFORD SCHOOL INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT** - The Weatherford School Board of Education decided to hire Assistant Superintendent Steve Callen as the Interim Superintendent. Board President Dennis Green says Callen is in his 8th year at Weatherford Public Schools. The Board will seek to find quality candidates who will go through an interview process in the Spring to fill the position on a permanent basis, after the recent resignation, of Superintendent Chad Wilson. The potential start date for a new permanent Superintendent would be July 1st, 2021.

ley Ehiemua was arrested on suspicion of armed robbery and assault and battery with a dangerous weapon. The victim and suspect were both shot during the incident and both were transferred to Oklahoma City for medical treatment.

Todd Russ was elected to another term as district 55 State Representative getting nearly 80% of the vote over Austin Gipson-Black. Beckham County Commissioner Tate Finnell keeps his seat by getting 86% support.

**WEATHERFORD CITY SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER** - The Weatherford City Commission approved a memorandum of understanding between the City of Weatherford and the Weatherford School Board of Education for the school resource officer program. The latest agreement becomes affective January 1st for the 2021 calendar year.

**WEATHERFORD 2021 BUDGET** - Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown says sales tax for 2020 is down about 7%. He says the city is budgeting a decline of about \$500,000 for the next fiscal year. The City Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget at its meeting at the end of the month.

In Washita County, Leo Goeringer remains on the County Commission winning with 73% support. Lynda Vermillion won the Washita County Court Clerk race over Kim Batt picking up 64% of the vote.

In Custer City, voters there overwhelmingly approved the renewal of a franchise agreement with Public Service Company Of Oklahoma. U.S. Third District Congressman Frank Lucas also won re-election.

**ELECTION RESULTS** - There will be a new City Commissioner in Ward 3 in the City of Weatherford. Lezley Bell knocked off incumbent Commissioner Warren Goldmann getting 52% of the vote.

Ward 1 Weatherford City Commissioner Rick Miller retains his seat by getting 57% of the vote over challenger Terri Lockhart. Clinton Mayor David Berrong wins a three-way race for mayor by getting 62% of the vote.

Meanwhile, Anthony Moore claims the State House District 57 seat previously held by Harold Wright, who could not run again due to term limits. Moore got 70% of the vote over Juan Garcia.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT** - A Clinton man has been sentenced in Custer County District Court to serve six months in the county jail of a five year prison sentence. Twenty-seven-year-old Robert Aaron Reeb was sentenced this week after pleading guilty to assault, battery or assault & battery with a dangerous weapon. Reeb pulled a knife on an off-duty Oklahoma Highway Patrol trooper in the city of Clinton after becoming confrontational when given an order by the trooper.

**CUSTER COUNTY DIST COURT** - Bond has been set at \$250,000 in Custer County District Court for a man charged with armed robbery in Weatherford at a large apartment complex on East University Drive. Nineteen year old Kings-

## PUBLIC RECORDS

**Arrested**

Kristi Keith Woodall, arrested by Beckham County Sheriff's Office, charged with failure to appear for original charges on one count of possession of a controlled dangerous substance and two counts of possession of paraphernalia

Ryan Lee Herbert, arrested by Washita County Sheriff's Office, charged with Rule 8.

Terra Haps, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia and DUI.

Jacob Anthony Jantz, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Rule 8.

Ramon Dewayne Montano, arrested by TSI, charged with domestic assault and battery, DUI and DUS.

Sergio Bradley Reyes, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office, charged with DUI.

Blanca Huddlin, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with speeding and driving under suspension.

Gabriel Abud, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Custer County Bench Warrant.

**Out on Bond**

Bryce Wayne Butler, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Kobi Brennan Casebeer, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Nicholas Alden Hill, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with actual physical control of a

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Brett William Moffett, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with DUI and improper display of current number plate.

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*



## Week 10 high school football scores and highlights

**Danny Henderson**  
Wright Wradio Sports Director

The Weatherford Eagles, in no uncertain terms, exerted their prowess last Friday evening by dominating the visiting Cache Bulldogs, 52-21. The Eagles, ranked #4 by The Oklahoman, won the District 4A-1 regular season championship with the win. This is the first time since 2009 that the Eagles have gone undefeated in the regular season. This year's record is 8-0. They have a bye in the first round of the high school playoffs which start this Friday evening. The Eagles await the winner of the Bethany @ Cushing game.

Clinton traveled to Bethany for their last regular season game. The Red Tornados led at halftime, 6-3, but the Bronchos came back to outscore Clinton, 20-13 in the second half to win by the final score of 23-19. The Tornados finish the regular season with a 5-3 overall

record; 4-3 in district play. They were voted as the #2 team by the district coaches and will host the Harrah Panthers (#7 team in District 4A-2) for a play-in game this Friday night at 7:30 in the Tornado Bowl.

The Thomas Terriers traveled to the Oklahoma panhandle to play the Texhoma Red Devils. It was a classic defensive struggle as each unit was able to repel the other team as it mounted a long drive or had an opportunity to score. The Terriers had the only touchdown of the first half on a 21-yard pass from senior quarterback Jaxon Ward to senior wideout Noah Rainwater with 1:03 left in first half. Texhoma came back to score and tie the game on a seven-yard pass from quarterback Trent Mitchell to wide receiver Adrian Ornelas on a short field following a fumbled snap to punter Ryden Luper. Thomas' second TD came on Ward's seven-yard quarterback keeper over the left side. After Luper's missed extra point, Thomas

led, 13-7. The win was secured when senior defensive back Jaxen Mannering intercepted a pass in the end zone with 1:03 left in the game. Both Thomas and Texhoma, along with Hooker, received byes in the first round of the playoffs. Thomas awaits the winner of the Burns Flat-Dill City vs. Cordell play-in game for the Terriers' first game of the playoffs.

The Sayre Eagles dropped their final regular season game to Mooreland, 27-0. The Eagles will play Hobart for their first round game of the playoffs this Friday night. Sayre finished the regular season with an overall record of 4-6 and 1-6 in District A-1 play.

Other teams in the first round of the playoffs include: Merritt at Minco; Mooreland vs Mangum; Fairview at Boone-Apache; and Hinton at Wayne.

## Regan Crawford & Bralyn James Chosen as Bulldogs of the Week

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Athletic Department is proud to continue the selection for Bulldogs of the Week during the fall by choosing the basketball duo of Regan Crawford and Bralyn James as the latest award winners.

The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of the Bulldogs over the airwaves on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Crawford (Piedmont, Okla.) is a sophomore for the Lady Bulldogs and she chose to attend SWOSU after falling in love with the community and culture of the university. Her favorite memory to date is going to Missouri for the NCAA National Tournament and making memories with her team even though they were unable to play their game.

Quote: "The best part of this fall was getting to spend time with my friends during the ice storm and power outage."

Favorite Athlete: Joe Burrow

Personal Goals for Season: To build on the success of the last few years and carry on the tradition of winning as a Lady Dawg!

James (Jacksonville, Ark.) is a senior guard for the SWOSU Men's Basketball team and he chose to become a Bulldog because of the relationships he built with the coaches and the closeness of family. James says his favorite memory at SWOSU was the buzzer-beater at Northwestern last year, which was the Dawgs first win in Alva in over 20 years.

Quote: "The best part of this challenging semester is still being able to play basketball."

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# Theodore Roosevelt - conclusion



**Kelly R. Kilhoffer**  
Oklahoma History  
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By March of 1901, Theodore Roosevelt had become the 25th Vice President of the United States. His list of titles was rather long with his first being a New York Alderman, then President of the New York Police Commission, Assistant Secretary of the U. S. Navy and then the 33rd Governor of New York.

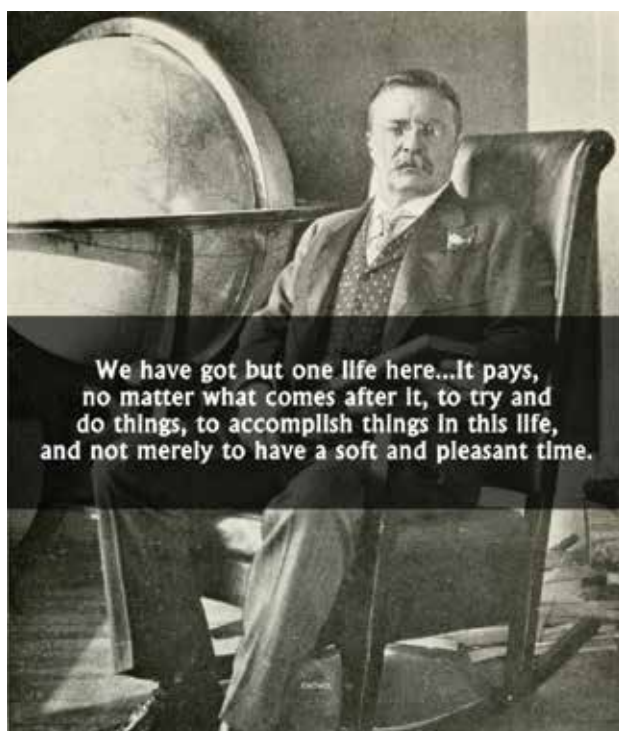
The fragile, sickly child of long past had transformed his body through sheer will and determination. He had faced death more than once, fighting against the severe asthma that plagued him. When life dealt him a devastating blow with the deaths of both his Mother and wife, he "went into the desert" to transform himself, yet again. The man that emerged from the West was no longer the rattle-voiced, skinny Easterner. He was now a middle-aged, barrel-chested man with his face weathered and tanned, possessing a voice that could now reach the back wall of any room he was speaking in. He faced combat in Cuba and was loved by the public, far and wide, for his service.

Roosevelt was in Vermont when news reached him that William McKinley had been shot by Leon Czolgosz. TR rushed back to check on the President, but when the medical outlook was that McKinley would recover, he was told to return to Vermont. On September 14, 1901, McKinley succumbed to his wound. Theodore Roosevelt was sworn in as the 26th President of the United States at the Ansley Wilcox House.

During his term as President, TR came under scrutiny for having dinner at the White House with Booker T. Washington. Roosevelt could see nothing wrong with this, but he did make their meetings more formal to appease the angered Democrats. During his first term, he began to stamp out corruption in the Indian service, seeing to it that Native Americans actually received their allotments. He re-worked the Land Offices and U.S. Postal Service which had also grown corrupt.

He created the Meat Inspection Act of 1906, worked

for safer canned foods, created a child welfare service, and was most proud of his Conversation of the American Splendor. He established the U.S. Forestry Service and created 5 National Parks, wanting to preserve them for all Americans. He signed The Antiquities Act in 1906, making it a federal crime to destroy and/or sell artifacts of American origin. He established 51 bird reserves, 4 huge game preserves, and 150 National Forests. That is more than 230 million acres that all of us can still enjoy to this day. Roosevelt fought for the creation of the Panama Canal, even using some of his own money



**We have got but one life here...It pays, no matter what comes after it, to try and do things, to accomplish things in this life, and not merely to have a soft and pleasant time.**

to fund the project. He also signed Oklahoma in as a state instead of Indian Territory in 1907, something that should matter greatly to you and me today. He enjoyed Oklahoma hunting, as well as his time with Quannah Parker on their hunts for wolves. Roosevelt did so much to become an American legend, but I won't ramble on about it.

After his service as U.S. President, TR set out to tour much of the world. He traveled abroad always promoting America. In 1912, he ran for the Presidency again. What he was seeing in Washington was forcing his hand. "We stand at Armageddon, and we battle for the Lord," said Roosevelt.

On October 14th, 1912, Roosevelt was about to give a speech in Milwaukee when he was shot by John Schrank, a saloonkeeper. The bullet struck TR's eyeglass case & passed through a 50-page speech. The crowd captured Schrank and was about to lynch him when Roosevelt shouted for them to not harm him. He was not spitting blood, so he figured he was not mortally wounded, and stated that he was there for a speech and would carry on. Ninety minutes later, he finished his speech and finally allowed himself to be attended for his wound. The bullet had lodged in his chest muscle. It was decided that the bullet would not be removed. He carried it for the rest of his days.

Roosevelt lost the presidential race to Woodrow Wilson. As was his style, he decided that a journey was needed to revitalize his mind and body. He headed to South America and found his way up the Amazon River. Taking his son Kermit along, TR was injured while trying to keep their boats from crashing into each other. He suffered a nasty leg wound, and since he was still struggling with his bullet wound, he began to worsen. His journey was cut short and he returned home.

Theodore Roosevelt's health was worsening due to his jungle excursions. January 5, 1919, at the age of 60, Theodore Roosevelt Jr. passed away. His last words were to his housekeeper, "Please put out that light, James." His next journey was about to begin. Thomas Marshall, President Woodrow Wilson's Vice President, said it best, "Death had to take him sleeping, for if he had been awake there would have been a fight." Theodore Roosevelt, and all that he accomplished in his life, is the essence of the American spirit. May that same spirit continue to be passed down from this generation to the next for as long as this old world may exist. That's what's underneath this hat.

## "The Coin Guy" Printing Plate from 1820 in Special Auction



On October 29, 2020, a special auction was held in New Jersey. It offered notes from Asia and the United States. The star of the auction was a copper plate used for printing currency.

The copper plate, dated 1820, was engraved by William Kneass who became the chief engraver of the U.S. Mint. The copper plate shows five notes: 5 cents, 50 cents, \$1, \$2 and \$3. The plate was for a bank in Winchester, Tennessee.

The copper plate measurements are 8.5 X 12.5 inches. The back of the copper plate is blank which was the custom before the Federal Government started printing in 1862.

The pre-auction estimate was \$10,000 to \$20,000.

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**Trent Boesen**

## SWOSU-Sayre Collects Over 1,000 Cans of Food



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**SWOSU-Sayre SGA representatives (from left) Hunter Dodson, Matt McNatt, Leslie Fox and Taylor Bonser deliver 1,015 cans of food to the Sayre First Baptist Church food pantry.**

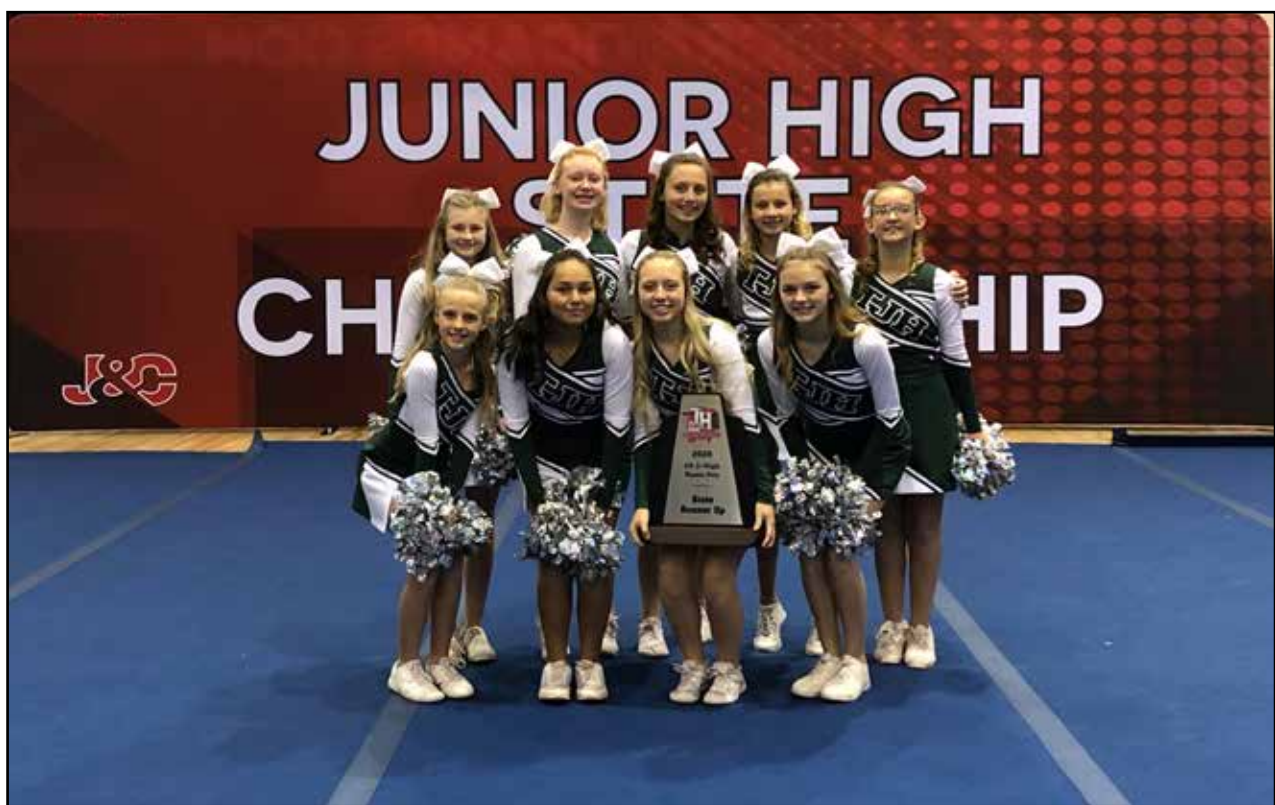
The Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre Student Government Association met its Food Drive 2020 goal of collecting 1,000 canned food items.

SWOSU-Sayre SGA members invited campus faculty and staff to join students this year in donating food to reach that goal.

"This is an opportunity for the university to support community members who are in need," said SWOSU-Sayre SGA Sponsor Nancy Sanders.

Having met their goal, SGA members recently delivered the 1,015 cans of food that had been collected on campus during the food drive to the Sayre First Baptist Church food pantry.

"Students, faculty and staff responded in a big way to help feed the hungry heading into this holiday season," Sanders said.



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**Thomas Junior High cheer squad recently brought home the state runner up trophy. Pictured from left to right is Kyra Warren, Quinn London, Jozlun Fite, Kiley Yoder, Brooklynn Boden; Front row is McCartney Lisle, AnnMarie Cometsvah, Raylen Fite, Jaclyn Glasscock**

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## Blood Drive and Convalescent Plasma Drive Planned Nov. 16-17 at SWOSU

The Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) will conduct a blood drive at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Monday and Tuesday, November 16-17, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The "Give Thanks" blood drive will feature a new option, welcoming convalescent plasma donations.

The drive will be held at the SWOSU Wellness Center.

All donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors. If a donor has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and recovered, that donor could be eligible to donate. All donors can receive a free COVID-19 antibody test but must be at least 18 years old to receive the test.

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## SWOSU Saturday is November 14

SWOSU Saturday, an event for prospective students and their family members, is fast approaching on Saturday, November 14.

The annual event is usually held each year on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford, but because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the popular event is being held virtually this year.

The event gives high school juniors/seniors as well as college transfer students an opportunity to preview the SWOSU campus. Todd Boyd, director of the SWOSU

Enrollment Management Office, said once participants register, they will receive an agenda for the event. Using the agenda, students will select the zoom sessions they would like to attend.

Registration can be done at: <https://swosu.edu/swosu-saturday>

Please contact the Admissions and Recruitment Office at 580.774.3782 or [admissions@swosu.edu](mailto:admissions@swosu.edu) for additional information.

## SWOSU Makes Changes to Spring Semester 2021

As part of Southwestern Oklahoma State University's strategy to promote the health and safety of its community, SWOSU has made changes to its spring 2021 calendar for the Weatherford and Sayre campuses.

For the spring 2021 semester, SWOSU will start on the regularly scheduled date of January 11 but will not offer a traditional spring break. By doing so, students will end the spring semester one week earlier in April rather than the normal time in May. The last day of the spring semester will now be April 30.

"Students, faculty and staff have been resilient this fall in doing their part to keep SWOSU safe," SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. "The university takes safety protocols very seriously and is making every effort to slow the spread of COVID-19 and maintain face-to-face classes on campus. Knowing what we do about COVID-19, we believe that cancelling spring break will

help us avoid a possible surge in cases due to travel."

Beutler said the decision was not made easily. Faculty, staff, students and administration were involved in numerous meetings this fall about the spring schedule.

"No current plan provides 100% protection, but this elimination of spring break will help to lessen the possibility of COVID-19 conveyance from one person to another," Beutler said.

"We want to keep our students, faculty and staff safe and be able to conduct classes for the entire spring semester."

The academic calendar for the spring semester of 2021 can be found at the following link: <https://bulldog.swosu.edu/resources/academic-calendar.php>

Beutler applauds the efforts of everyone in keeping SWOSU safe and look forward to a great spring semester.

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