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Corn Bible Academy Homecoming Ceremony to be Held September 29

Valerie Fuller
CBA Administrative Asst.

Corn Bible Academy (CBA) Homecoming will be Friday, September 29 at 7 p.m. The CBA Crusaders will face the Mountain View Tigers at the Crusader Park in Corn.

Our Senior Homecoming candidates can be seen pictured right. The candidates are (from left):

- Elle Bittle of Corn
- Lane Russell of Clinton
- Emalia Lind of Weatherford
- Savvy Fuller of Clinton
- Lizzie Kauk of Elk City
- Grant Stewart of Clinton
- Miriam Thiessen of Weatherford
- Lance Hulett of Clinton.

The ceremony will begin at 6:15 p.m., where a Homecoming King and Queen will be crowned. The football game will kick off at 7 p.m.



Block Party Celebration in Weatherford is Happening on Main Street

Three local businesses in Weatherford are celebrating their new digs as the newly renovated shopping center located at 1204 E. Main Street is officially open for business, and they want the community to know by hosting a Block Party.

Hosted by Great Plains Bank, SW Dentistry & Cosmetics, and Woods Insurance Service, The Block Party is Saturday, September 30 from 11am to 2pm.

The Block Party will be a fun way to celebrate the updated shopping center and it's new tenants, so stop by at anytime to participate in various activities.

There will be many things for attendees to do, including hourly giveaways, corn hole, a dunk tank, a flat screen TV giveaway, free pulled pork sandwiches and other refreshments, as well as Gold Dollar Giveaways.

95.5 The Coyote will also be hosting a radio remote at the event so make sure to come out and get some free barbeque, visit the dunk tank, and say hey to one of our DJ's!

For more information about the Block Party, you can find the event's sponsors on Facebook by searching "Great Plains Bank," "SW Dentistry and Cosmetics," and "Woods Insurance."

FINDING HOPE PRESENTS:
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TZ MEMORIAL 5K >>> 2023
SEPT. 30, 2023: 9AM-NOON
OKC, TULSA, WICHITA, WEATHERFORD

This year will mark our 7th annual "Sobriety Sprint" as we remember, honor, and celebrate those who lost their lives. This year's event is hosted by our Finding Hope & Hope After Loss Support Groups. We currently have over 600 members across the United States who attend these free support groups to seek hope and healing as they navigate loving someone with addiction and find strength through the grief of losing a loved one. This year's run will be family focused. We will have our first 1 mile walk/run, inflatables, food trucks, and more. This will be an event you and your family will not want to miss! **All proceeds from this year's "Sobriety Sprint" will go to funding our growing Finding Hope and Hope After Loss Support Groups allowing more families to find healing and hope.**

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Weatherford's Hope is Alive Hosts 7th Annual "Sobriety Sprint"

Weatherford's Hope is Alive Ministries chapter is hosting their 2023 Sobriety Sprint this upcoming Saturday, September 30th, beginning at 9am and running until noon. This marks the 7th year that the Sobriety Sprint has been held.

The family-focused event is held to "remember, honor, and celebrate those who lost their lives to alcohol addiction," according to the Hope is Alive website. There will be concurrent events hosted in Tulsa, OKC, and Wichita (Kansas).

Hope Is Alive Ministries helps people and their loved ones who are suffering from alcohol or drug addictions by offering mentorship services, support groups, and other resources to put addicts on the road to recovery.

All proceeds raised from the event will go towards funding "Finding Hope," a support group for alcoholics, as well as "Hope After Loss," a support group for grieving family members of alcoholics who have passed away.

Online registration for the event is open until Thursday, September 28 at 9 a.m. Registration fees for the event start at \$20 for the One Mile Run/Walk and \$35 for the 5K Run/Walk. You can register for either event by visiting the website www.HopeIsAlive.net/SobrietySprint/.

For more information about Hope is Alive Ministries or their addiction support groups and resources, visit www.HopeIsAlive.net.

Alternatively, you can find the Weatherford chapter of Hope is Alive ministries on Facebook by searching "Hope is Alive Weatherford Volunteers and Supporters."

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Joquetta Ramsey

Joquetta Ramsey was born at home on July 30, 1931, to Zula and James Goza in Alden, OK, and was raised in the Oney area. Early in life, Joquetta attended a one room schoolhouse in Willow Creek, OK. She later graduated from Oney High School, where she played basketball.



On May 7, 1949, Joquetta married Bob Ramsey and they raised their family in Weatherford, OK. They were blessed with three children, Rita Jo, Deloras Jean and James Alan.

In addition to raising her family, Joquetta was active in her community. She was employed by 3M for 20 years, and enjoyed volunteering at the Weatherford hospital for many years. Later in life she enjoyed socializing at the Pioneer Center in Weatherford. She was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Weatherford, OK. Her faith was an important part of her life and brought her comfort.

Throughout the years, she enjoyed hosting and cooking for large family gatherings, and was famous for her peanut brittle, fudge and fried chicken. Joquetta maintained an independent and active lifestyle up until the very end of her life.

Joquetta was preceded in death by her parents, husband, brothers: Carl Goza and James Goza; sisters: Catherine Lenora Goza and Rubye Hodges; daughter Deloras Jean Page-Bridwell; and son-in-law Richard Edward Baumgartner.

She is survived by brothers: Donald Goza and wife Marie of San Antonio; and Tom Goza and wife Jo of Mustang; daughter Rita Jo Baumgartner of Stillwater; son James Alan Ramsey and wife Sharon of Edgewood, MD; granddaughters: JoDe Goss and husband Rick of Frisco, TX; April Snethen and husband Todd of Stillwater; and Jennifer Quinn and husband Matt of Park Ridge, IL; grandsons: Scott Baumgartner and wife Casey of Mannford, OK; and Charlie Page and wife Brianna of Olathe, KS; and a multitude of other loved ones.

Roy Fisher

Roy Lee Fisher was born June 1, 1934, in Watonga, to Willis Leroy and Nina Lea (Scott) Fisher and passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2023, at Weatherford Regional Hospital having reached the age of 89 years, 3 months and 7 days.



Roy was raised in Watonga and Thomas, graduating from Thomas High School in 1952. After graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army, serving during 1953-1954. On November 11, 1955, Roy married Janice Raff in Custer City and made their home in the Thomas area. He ran a dairy farm for 14 years, from 1973-1987. When he retired, they moved into Thomas. Roy enjoyed fishing, camping, listening to music, and watching baseball and football on TV.

Roy was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Billy; one sister, Norma; one son, Wayne; and one daughter, Beth.

Roy is survived by his wife of 66 years, Janice of their home in Thomas; three sons, Alan Fisher and wife, Tracey of Sayre, Jamie Fisher and wife, Debra of Burns Flat and Troy Fisher of Thomas; one brother, Johnny Fisher of Watonga; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

Rush Abercrombie

Norlan "Rush" Abercrombie was born to Forrest and Alzada (Cline) Abercrombie on March 14, 1952 in Thomas, OK, and passed away on September 19, 2023 at St. Anthony's hospital in OKC after a sudden stroke.



Rush attended Fay Public Schools and was a lifetime member of the community.

Rush started driving tractors when he was sixteen. He worked for several years in the oil field and always said his favorite place to be on the rig was the "crows nest." Rush went on custom harvest over the years with Selby Minton, Virgil Rhodes, Gale Walker, and Spud Walker.

He always enjoyed traveling the country and seeing the sights along the way. During the off season he was cutting down trees for people and cutting firewood. Rush enjoyed roller skating at Oakwood and was looking forward to the rink opening back up on September 16th.

Rush is survived by sisters: Daleene and Larry Caldwell, Stillwater; Eldora and Dwaine Horton, Thomas; and Robin Meyer of Weatherford; nephews: Shane Caldwell and wife Tiffany; Dorrin Caldwell and wife Hazel, all of Stillwater; nieces Shawna and Jevin Jefferson, Clinton; Abbey King and husband Eric; and Natalie Meyer, all of Weatherford.

He was preceded in death by parents, Forrest and Alzada Abercrombie, and brother-in-law Chuck Meyer.

Norma Shantz

Norma Allene Shantz was born October 31, 1924, in Volant, PA, to Harvey and Amelia (Detweiler) Miller and passed away Saturday, September 16, 2023, at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, at the age of 98 years, 10 months and 15 days.



Norma grew up with her parents and five siblings in New Wilmington, PA. She went to school through 8th grade at Neshannock Falls, PA.

Norma first met her husband, Marvin D. Shantz, in school at age 12, when Marvin's family moved to Pennsylvania. They met up again years later at church, when he went to visit family. When Marvin returned home to Oklahoma, they began writing each other, and were married on April 29, 1955, at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in New Wilmington, PA.

Norma enjoyed sewing, quilting, fixing puzzles, working word searches, going to church and spending time with her husband, children and grandchildren. In her last years she enjoyed feeding and watching the hummingbirds.

She was preceded in death by her husband; her parents; brother Marvin Miller; and sister, Virginia Hess.

She is survived by sons: Eldon Shantz and wife Ellen of Thomas; and Delmar Shantz and wife Patty of Mingo; daughters: Joy DeLeon and husband Irvan of Watonga; and Marilyn Yoder and husband Duane of PA; sisters: Marjorie Shantz of Thomas; Geraldine Schwartz of PA; and Rudelle Matthews of Ohio; 10 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Amaryllis Jones

Amaryllis Maurine Jones was born July 12, 1933, in San Angelo, TX, to John Allen and Lula Maize (Matthews) Roach and passed away, Monday, September 18, 2023, in Thomas surrounded by her family, at the age of 90 years, 2 months and 6 days.



Amaryllis was raised and attended school in San Angelo, TX and later moved to Brownfield, TX where she graduated in 1950. She accepted Christ at age 12 and was baptized in the Concho River in San Angelo. Amaryllis worked along-side of her father on the family farm. On January 6, 1956, she married Lendon Durwood Jones and made their home in Seminole, TX. In 1960, they moved to Denver City, TX for 18 years and spent the next 27 years in Muleshoe, TX. In 2012, Amaryllis moved with her daughter to Lubbock, TX and then moved to Thomas in 2019. Amaryllis enjoyed painting, sewing, cooking, her church activities and entertaining. She was known as NaNa by her family and friends. Memorials may be made to the Children's Home in Lubbock, TX.

Amaryllis is survived by her daughter, Johnette Frymire and husband, Tim of Thomas; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother, Jarvis Roach; and son, Kipp Jones.

Jana Howlingwolf

Jana Beth Howlingwolf was born October 31, 1971, to Wesley Howlingwolf and Margaret (Hayes) Howlingwolf in Clinton, OK and passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in the St. Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.



Miss Howlingwolf was raised in Arapaho, OK and graduated from Arapaho High School in 1989. She was a standout basketball player while in high school, her senior year she averaged 28 points per game. She received a basketball scholarship to Clendon, TX and later transferred to Seminole Jr. College in Seminole, OK. She later continued her education at the Frances Tuttle Vo-Tech School in Oklahoma City, OK working towards her nursing career.

She was employed with Indian Health Services in Oklahoma City as well as the Dean A. McGee Eye Institute. She was a member of the Indian Baptist Church; she loved all sports and was a major fan of the Oklahoma Sooners Sports and the Blazers Hockey Team. She loved to watch television and had several favorite shows she watched.

She is survived by her daughter, Demetra Howlingwolf, son, Trey Meely, Shawnee, OK, mother, Margaret Howlingwolf, Clinton, sisters, Rhonda Howlingwolf, Clinton, OK, Anita Spradlin, OKC, OK, Dena Howlingwolf, Clinton, OK, Shannon Littleman, Hammon, OK, Lillie Higgins, Hammon, OK, Bridget Higgins Hammon, OK, Mary Joe Higgins, Hammon, OK and brothers, Wesley Howlingwolf, Jr., Eufaula, OK, Byron Howlingwolf, of OK; one grandchild, Kyler Meely, Shabee, OK and Aunt Irene Hayes, of Hammon, OK.

Betty Deutschendorf

Betty Ann Deutschendorf was born November 4, 1928, to Myrtle Margret (Butler) and Oscar Charles Moore, and passed away September 21, 2023, at home surrounded by family. Betty was raised in Clinton. She married Paul Joseph Deutschendorf on



December 21, 1949. They made their home in Clinton and raised three children: Betty Lynn Deutschendorf, Paula Deutschendorf-Terry, and Mark Steven Deutschendorf.

Paul and Betty enjoyed many summer evenings, camping at a favorite spot near a river alongside other family members. A highlight of many evenings was spent playing cards with her sisters and their families. Betty was employed at T.G.&Y. in her younger years and was the support staff at her husband's Barber Shop. She served as a daycare for her grandchildren and great-grands, who she loved and cherished.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, sisters: Tiny Ickes, Marie Nixon, Teresa Jantz, Rose Rehder, and Helen Howell; and brothers Bob and Tommy Moore.

She is survived by her two daughters, brother-in-law Dave Deutschendorf and his wife Arva; sister-in-law Lou Deutschendorf; grandchildren: Jenna Deutschendorf, Brooks Krewall, Halee George, Tayler Terry-Adams, and Shyla Terry-Wilhite; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Chase Taylor

Chase Edward Mapes Taylor was born May 28, 1998, in Oklahoma City, to Chad Mapes and Sherrea (Emrich) Taylor and passed away Monday, September 11, 2023, in Fort Worth, TX having reached 25 years, 3 months and 13 days.



Chase was raised and attended school in Hinton, attending Weatherford during middle school and high school before graduating with Hinton High School with the Class of 2017. After graduation, he started work as a diesel mechanic. He also earned a personal training certificate and worked on obtaining his private pilot license. Chase loved building and flying RC planes. He rode a Harley Davidson motorcycle and had been to Sturgis. He was active in the Christian Motorcycle Association and raising money for veteran services. Chase enjoyed helping anyone that needed help and working on and rebuilding motorcycles.

Chase is survived by his parents Sherrea and Jack Taylor; father Chad Mapes; five sisters: Sierra Taylor, K'Lei Taylor, Aubrie Taylor, Shaylin Taylor and Hope Taylor; maternal grandfather Robert Rice; paternal grandmother Sherry Mapes; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents Sandra T. Rice, Jack and Gail Taylor, Alvin Mapes, Bud and Erma Mapes and Alfred and Barbara Howe; and an aunt Shelly Johnson.

Eddie King

Eddie B. King was born April 25, 1939, to Austin B. King and Vivian Irene (Smith) King in Clinton, OK and passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2023, being loved on and surrounded by family, in his Clinton home.



Eddie was raised in Arapaho, OK and graduated from Arapaho High School in 1958. While attending high school, he was an outstanding basketball and baseball player. He married Dewilda "Jody" Darling on August 31, 1958. He soon began a 33-year career with the Clinton Cotton Oil Mill and was Manager until 1993. He was also employed with BAR-S Foods, Western Oklahoma Long Distance, and he owned and operated M&M Computers until retirement.

He was a longtime active and faithful member of the Church of Christ; he served in several capacities. He had a servant's heart and served as Deacon, but his biggest and most memorable accomplishment was being elected an Elder in the Church, a role he accepted and served very seriously and passionately.

He managed the Clinton men's and ladies' softball leagues for several years. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and supporting them in their activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, infant son Michael John and daughter Pam Andrews, twin brother: Billy King, two sons in law: Mark Howard and Fred Andrews, sister Sharon Spears.

He is survived by his daughter Melody Toma and husband, Kory, Chandler, OK, two sons: Scott King, and wife Holly, Guthrie and Jeff King and wife Jeanna, Clinton, OK.

He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Elizabeth, Haley, Bryan, Brent, Randee, Karlee, Taylor, Corbyn, Jocelyn and Jeter and three great-grandchildren, Faith, Reese and Canaan.

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Connections Food & Resource Center's Names Volunteer of the Month



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Crystal Hamons / Volunteer Coordinator

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Sen. Darcy Jech
R-Kingfisher, District 26

State Senate Review for Spetember 2023

Between legislative sessions, we hold interim studies to evaluate issues affecting Oklahomans. I have requested two myself, which will look into issues affecting our agricultural producers and public schools. The first study will be heard by the Finance Committee and will seek to understand the issues and inconsistencies those with an agricultural sales tax exemption are experiencing at retailers.

The Retirement and Insurance Committee will hear a study on school insurance rates. Many districts are dealing with rising costs across the table and insurance is taking up a large portion of their budget. We want as much money going into the classroom as possible, so I am looking forward to hearing from industry experts and school officials on how we can mitigate these costs.

As the chair of the Public Safety Committee, I was able to select which studies our members would hear. On September 25, we will hear three interim studies related to deputy sheriff's salaries, publishing arrest booking photos for profit, and looking at best practices for legislation related to driving under the influence of drugs. You can tune into these meetings live at <https://oksenate.gov/live-proceedings>, or watch the recording any time after the hearings.

Another area of particular interest to me and my district is invasive species such as eastern red cedars and tamarix.

Last year, I served as the Senate author on legislation that works to remove these woody species in the North Canadian Watershed. The Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee recently did an interim study on these, and I hope that we will be able to continue efforts across the state to eradicate these plants that consume large amounts of water and increase wildfire danger.

In addition, we looked into hemp production and how that can help with rural development efforts. This plant requires less water to grow when compared to other crops such as cotton or alfalfa and has tens of thousands of uses. With our district and much of the state still largely affected by drought conditions, I am interested to see how we can use hemp not only for economic development, but to diversify producer's crops so they are still able to turn a profit when faced with a drought.

The Emergency Drought Commission also recently approved the remaining \$17 million in legislative appropriations to go to the emergency drought cost-share program. I am pleased that our communities and producers will receive this needed relief and appreciate everyone at the drought commission for working to provide this to those still facing the devastating effects of the drought.

If there's anything I can do to help you, please contact me by email at Darcy.Jech@oksenate.gov or by phone at 405-521-5545. You are also welcome to visit my Capitol office on the second floor.

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HIGHER GROUND

Prayer Changes People

Jim Morrison

“If leaders want to lead well they must pray well.” This quote from one of the great books on prayer summarizes the jest of what I will try to address. I began to write this column in 2009. It began as a series of articles dealing with the importance of learning how to pray effectively. Gratefully, I have been given the privilege of continuing these devotional articles for two newspapers and for many friends for fourteen years. Some of you are newcomers and I hope you find some encouragement, inspiration, and insight that will help you in your spiritual journey.

I am still convinced that more people see prayer as one of the most important tools in our spiritual arsenal. You never graduate from the school of prayer. We have many books on prayer in our church library. By and large they are neglected, even by the most devoted believers.

If we were to study the lives of great leaders in church history we would find that they saw prayer as a vital necessity for their effectiveness and influence. Charles Spurgeon, great British pastor of the 19th century called it “the slender nerve that moves the muscles of omnipotence.” R.A. Torrey, evangelist and at one time president of Moody Bible Institute and Biola University said, “Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God’s infinite grace and power. All that God is and all that God does is at the disposal of prayer. But we must use the key. Prayer can do anything God can do, and as God can do anything, prayer is omnipotent.”

We read of early church leaders praying for hours at a time and we marvel and wonder how they could do that. Of course, they didn’t have TV to watch or ball games to go to but they were busy. Martin Luther, pastor, writer, and reformer on one occasion said, “I have so much to do today that I must spend the first three hours in prayer. Prayer is both an automatic and a learned activity. It is easy, in times of trouble to cry out, “God, or Jesus help me!” But real prayer comes out of a growing relationship with God. It is true that we learn to pray by praying and hearing others pray. But we are nurtured in prayer by reading of the prayer lives of great men and women whom God has used in mighty ways.

One example would be the life of George Mueller who fed, clothed, and educated 10,000 orphans, without ever asking for money; simply asking God to provide. One of the modern day writers who have greatly helped me is Ron Dunn in his book, “Don’t Just Stand there, Pray Something.” Of course there are many others; Andrew Murray, E.M. Bounds, Stormie Omartian, Don Whitney, D.A. Carson, etc. Our churches know so little about urgent, diligent prayer. Most of our prayers consist of praise, thanksgiving, and physical issues. These are important but the primary word from Paul is that of intercession. Read Paul’s prayers in Eph. 1:16, 3:14-19; Phil. 1:9-11; Col. 1:9-11; 1 Th. 5:23; 2 Th. 3:1; Col. 4:32; and 2 Th 1:11.

In your small groups is the main focus praying for spiritual matters, character issues, troubled marriages, hurting people and conversion of the lost? I doubt it. How long has it been since you heard the chorus, “Lead me to some soul today, and love that soul through me.” Praising God is wonderful but we also need to be challenged to action. Throughout history, great movements of God have been preceded by prayer and fasting. Fasting is taught in the New Testament and accompanied by prayer and seeking God, results in the power of God being manifested in lives and churches.

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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



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“The Coin Guy”

\$1 Coin Sells for \$19K



Several years ago, Dr. George Schwenk, a Florida Podiatrist, expanded his gold coin collection.

This collection recently sold at auction on August 16, 2023. The star of his collection was an 1880 \$1 coin, pictured above.

The total mintage of the \$1 gold coin was 1,600 pieces, all from Philadelphia. The bright yellow gold coin is a pleasing sight for all collectors. It was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as a Mint State 68+ (better than a 68 grade, but not quite a 69 grade). The 1880 \$1 gold coin sold for \$19,200.

Questions concerning coin collecting may be answered by calling The Coin Guy 580-890-8076. Thanks for your support.

SWOSU Homecoming Parade Now Accepting Entries



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) is now accepting entries for the 2023 homecoming parade. The parade will take place on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 1:30 p.m. on Main Street in Weatherford. This year, the parade's theme is "Paint the Town Blue." Parade entries are due by noon on Wednesday, Sept. 27.

All float entries will be eligible to compete for prize money. The first-place float will be awarded \$1,500, second place will receive \$1,000, and third place will receive \$700. Floats will be judged by originality, design, and quality of construction, mechanics, and application of the homecoming theme, all in comparison to other float entries.

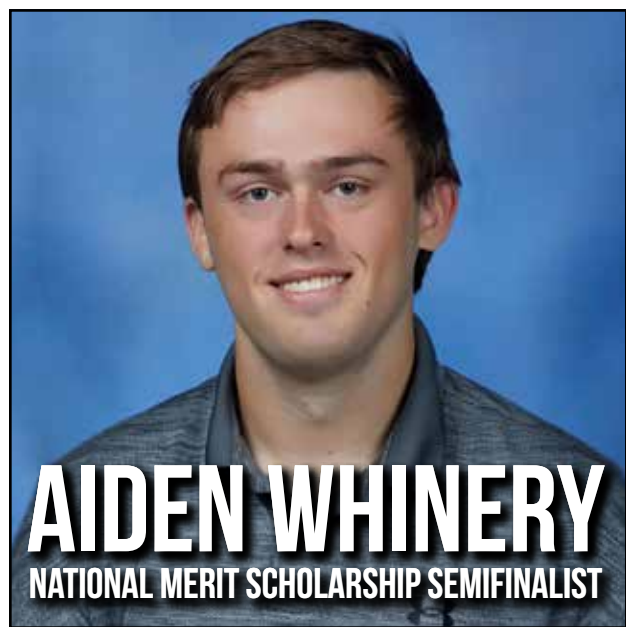
"If you are looking for a great way to show your Bulldog Pride and community spirit, join us for the SWOSU homecoming parade! We are anticipating a great parade that will be fun for the whole family. This year's theme lends itself to creativity and we cannot wait to see all the entries," said Dr. J. Boone Clemmons, Assistant Vice President of Public Relations and Marketing.

Floats, queens, and units can find their form at [swosu.jotform.com/forms/homecoming-parade](https://www.swosu.edu/jotform/forms/homecoming-parade).

Marching bands can find their form by visiting [swosu.jotform.com/232395479086065](https://www.swosu.edu/jotform.com/232395479086065).

For more information, please contact the Public Relations and Marketing Office at 580-7774-3066.

Corn Bible Academy Senior Named as Scholarship Program Semifinalist



Valerie Fuller
CBA Administrative Asst.

Corn Bible Academy is pleased to announce that senior Aiden Whinery has been named as a semifinalist in the 2024 National Merit Scholarship Program (NMSPP). Recently, officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation announced the names of more than 16,000 semifinalists in this year's 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,140 National Merit Scholarships, each worth \$2500 (worth nearly \$28 million in total), that will be offered this coming spring.

As outlined by an NMSPP leaflet, semifinalists are decided through the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMQT), a standardized test assigned to students during the 2022-23 school year.

Whinery's scores were high enough to put him in the running for a chance to apply for a National Merit scholarship, an achievement that, as the National Merit leaflet describes it, "represents less than one percent of the state of Oklahoma's high school seniors."

Whinery's achievements as a National Merit semifinalist have been sent to various four-year colleges and universities across the United States.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, Whinery must fulfill several requirements to advance to the Finalist level of the competition. Broadly speaking, eligible high schoolers will report on their other academic achievements to the academy to examine and compare to their peers.

We wish Aiden Whinery the best of luck in his application for National Merit Finalist and hope he wins a National Merit scholarship!



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CUSTER CO / LAWTER RD - The Lawter Road Project near Weatherford is expected to begin on October 16th, says District 2 Custer County Commissioner Bruce Walker. According to Walker, the city is still waiting for some utilities to be moved, primarily older power lines. Walker says with Lyle Road construction being extended into next year, there will be some overlap between the two construction projects.

CLINTON / HOSPITAL UPDATE - Clinton Mayor David Berrong says officials are gearing up for the grand reopening of Clinton Regional Hospital on October 30. Berrong says officials are also working to determine if an outside agency will operate the Emergency Room.

WEATHERFORD / TRUE VISION - Beginning Monday, True Vision Optometric Group will serve patients in a temporary location, says Dr. Tyson Allard. Dr. Allard says the construction process at the North Washington Avenue site is still being evaluated after a vehicle struck the building earlier this week.

BLAINE CO / ACCIDENT - Two Greenfield residents were admitted to OU Medical Center with head and internal injuries following a vehicle/semi accident on State Highway 3, about a quarter mile east of Watonga in Blaine County. According to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, 82-year-old Carol Ridenhour and 85-year-old John Ridenhour were hospitalized when their vehicle was struck by a semi driven by 69-year-old Ritchie Tate of Thomas. Authorities say the driver of the Ridenhour vehicle failed to yield while turning onto a Blaine County Road. Troopers say Tate was not injured in the crash.

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Slow Second Half Dooms Dawgs at SNU

Jon Chidester
 SWOSU Asst. AD / Media Relations

SWOSU Football scored on its opening drive but did not find the end zone the rest of the afternoon on Saturday, falling to Southern Nazarene 41-7 on the road.

SWOSU moves to 0-4 on the year. Southern Nazarene, 3-1, which is the best start for them in the program's Division II history.

Things looked good early on. SWOSU opened the game by forcing SNU to punt and then the offense proceeded to drive 70 yards down the field on 10 plays, capped off by a 14-yard Ethane Hyché touchdown run which gave the Dawgs a 7-0 lead halfway through the first quarter.

After SWOSU's defense held SNU scoreless in the first quarter, the home side finally got on the board with a touchdown following a methodical 16-play drive that spanned across the end of the first and into the second quarter.

Later in the second quarter, a short punt gave the Crimson Storm great field position, and they regained the lead three plays later with a 34-yard rush to get in the red zone, followed by a seven-yard rush to cross the goal line.

SNU tried adding more points right before halftime, but an Elijah Reyes interception deterred the threat. SWOSU trailed 14-7 at the half.

SWOSU couldn't move the ball on offense in the second half, and it was coupled with additional SNU scores to break open the once close margin.

The Crimson Storm added one touchdown in the third quarter before pulling away in the final 15 minutes.

The offense managed just 36 yards in the second half and finished with 154 for the game.

That number is the lowest total yardage the Dawgs have accumulated this season.

SNU entered the game ranked second in the league by averaging 475 yards per game and nearly got that by finishing with 456.

The bright spot was Hyché. He ran the ball 21 times for 106 yards and his score. It's his first 100-yard rushing game as a Bulldog.

Calvin Cloud finished 6-of-16 for 53 yards through the air at quarterback and threw one interception.

Taylor Tosches caught three of those for 38 yards including two on the first drive when the offense put up points.

Logan Monroe, SWOSU's leading tackler, did so again on Saturday. He finished with nine tackles and 1.5 tackles for loss.

SWOSU is on the road again next weekend where they'll travel to face Harding (Sept. 30) who currently sits undefeated and No. 10 in the national poll. They'll be back home October 7 for Homecoming against Arkansas Tech.

THE WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

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Bulldogs of the Week Go to Ruth Vasquez and Lacy Mott

Grant Kopycinski Sports Information Graduate Asst. SWOSU student-athletes Ruth Vasquez and Lacy Mott have been awarded the latest edition of the Bulldogs of the Week honor. The weekly recognition is brought to you by Wright Wradio, home of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Vasquez (Wichita Falls, TX) scored the game-tying goal in SWOSU's road match against Northwestern to help avoid a loss, as SWOSU went on to tie the Rangers 1-1 in the conference opener. The sophomore's goal came in the 80th minute and was her first of the season. SWOSU remains unbeaten against Northwestern in 17 matches—a streak that dates back to 2014.

Mott (Waxahachie, TX) set a career high in kills last week when she produced 26 against East Central in a thrilling five-set victory in Ada. That 26 number ties her for third all-time on the single-game kills list. Mott followed that up with a team high 14 kills against Southeastern two days later as SWOSU Volleyball began the GAC schedule a perfect 2-0 on the week.



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Oklahoma History: The Cherokee Strip Land Run of 1893



William S. Prettyman / Frontier Photographer

Photos of the Cherokee Land Run, taken on September 16, 1893. More than 100,000 people gathered on the border of Kansas and Oklahoma Territory (pictured left). At noon, the homesteaders "boomed" across the border via horse, wagon, or on-foot to secure prime claims on the government-purchased Chillicothe Reserve (pictured right).

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Land runs across the US are a staple part of its early history. The lands of Oklahoma went through a few different land runs, but none could match the sheer magnitude of the Cherokee Outlet Land Run of 1893.

The run, which, quite possibly, is the largest land run in US history and potentially the world, took place on September 16th on the eastern front of a new piece of land received from the Cherokee natives as part of the Treaty of New Echota.

The Outlet land was located on the Oklahoma/Kansas border, just west of the Cherokee Reservations, and was central to the cattle drives (like the Chisholm Trail) out of Texas.

Due to its "potential" for grazing, cattle ranchers, a.k.a. "Boomers", began to lease land in the Strip from the Cherokee. However, Congress quickly deemed grazing in the Outlet land forbidden and profits fell drastically leaving the Cherokee with no choice but to sell the land to the US government. This opened the land to settlement in 1893.

The fourth land run in Oklahoma, the Cherokee Outlet Land Run faced new issues as the promise of a better life lured in ranchers, farmers, tycoons, hunters, traders, bankers, and more. Many of these hopeful settlers were seeking reprieve from the economical downfall that became known as The Panic of 1893.

The Panic was one of the most serious depressions to hit the US and it affected every piece of the economy.

Speculated to begin with the wheat crop failure and price plummets of properties in South Africa and Australia, the depression quickly saw global markets sell US stocks because the cash was backed by gold. With stocks plummeting, people rushed to withdraw their money from banks, crippling the credit lines for many businesses.

This nation-wide panic left many without work and without a home. Looking to better their fortunes, these wayward souls gathered in droves as tens of thousands began to line up days before the event for run certificates.

These certificates were an attempt by Secretary of the Interior Hoke Smith to quell "sooners" – folks who snuck into land runs early and staked claims to highly sought-after deeds.

He established only nine registration booths where people could get their certificates. The certificates were needed by individuals who had legitimate claims during the run.

They would need to show both the claim and the certificate for the land to be granted. 115,000 certificates were handed out, but many more never got to register, and as many as 20,000 were still in line on the day before the run.

This new rule caused a great deal of turmoil as waves of runners lined up for miles in the dry summer air, well away from any source of water and days before the event.

While waiting, chaos broke out as drunk, belligerent home seekers grew violent, and heat strokes began to sweep through the crowds.

Smith assigned more cavalry troops and guards around the borders of the land and forced the civilians back.

The new holding lines caused mass confusion among the restless civilians. One starting location was the Chillicothe reservation, located near Indian Territory's border with Kansas, near Arkansas City. Here, the holding lines ran into so much confusion that a stampede broke out and result in one confirmed death, with historians speculation there may be many more that went undocumented.

While pushing the general starting line back, some officers permitted participants to begin from a point three miles inside the border.

Protestors to the unfair advantage began to push back against the soldier's line until about 10 minutes before the noon start time, when the line broke, the soldiers fired, killing a man.

The stampede continued unfazed which caused other nearby districts to break loose fearing they'd be left behind.

Other stampedes and injuries were recorded all over the land as people fought to board trains into established cities and others leaped from the moving trains in an effort to be first.


The chaos of the Outlet Land Run affected the growth of the area for years as towns were over-built and land unsuitable for farming was abandoned. Even successful towns and farmers were feeling pressure as American commerce began to industrialize which reduced the need for small family farmers and the towns that relied on them.

WOCS Welcomes Four New Elementary School Teachers for 2023-24



Jena Skarda / WOCS

Western Oklahoma Christian School has brought on four new teachers for the 2023-24 school year. Pictured, from left: Mickie Doty (5th grade), Rachel Miller (2nd Grade), Nicole Horn (three-year-old program), and Debbie Dyck (Pre-K).




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