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Oklahoma's Oldest Free Fair Returned to Hydro, OK Last Weekend



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The Hydro Free Fair returned for the 117th time from Thursday, August 15th to Saturday, August 17th. Pictured above, you can see the fair's longrunning Ferris Wheel.



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The Hydro Free Fair features the oldest carousel in Oklahoma. This is the third year it appeared after undergoing a five-year restoration. Over 100 years later, it still captivates children who ride it today.



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The Hydro Free Fair features an assortment of exhibits, including Cattle, Sheep, Swine, and other livestock, as well as culinary, flowers, photography, and children's crafts (pictured)



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Charlie Wieland, the Hydro Free Fair President, stands ready to hand out Bingo cards to any fairgoers. Each card was sold for 25 cents each, with kids and adults alike participating.

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Kelli Sharp

Kelli Lynn Sharp was born July 22, 1992, in Clinton, to Larry Joe and Euline Gayle (Lee) Sharp and passed away Wednesday, August 7, 2024, at her home in Weatherford, at the age of 32 years and 15 days.



Kelli was raised and attended school in Weatherford. She moved to Hammon with Cory Greeley where she raised her family. Kelli enjoyed taking pictures, coloring, and spending time with family and friends.

Kelli is survived by her mother, Euline Sharp of Weatherford; companion, Cory Greeley of Clinton; four children, Trystal Sharp, Cameron Greeley, Addison Greeley and Khyler Greeley; four siblings, Thomas Lee and wife, Lori of Weatherford, Ross Sharp and wife, Aron of El Reno, Nicole Sharp and husband, Freddie of Weatherford, and Brandy Sharp and husband, Robert of Weatherford; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry Sharp.

Charles Lewis

Charles Edwin Lewis, born on June 19, 1940, in Eakly, Oklahoma, to Clifford Charles and Della Mae (Berna) Lewis, passed away peacefully on August 8, 2024, surrounded by his loved ones. He was 84 years old.



Charles was a proud member of the Binger High School class of 1958, where he forged friendships and memories that lasted a lifetime. After graduation, he felt the call to serve his country and joined the Army Reserves in 196two. His dedication and commitment led him to serve six honorable years, rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant before his discharge in 1968.

In 196three, Charles married the love of his life, Anna Marie Dyck, in a beautiful ceremony in Bessie, Oklahoma. Their love story spanned over six decades, filled with laughter, adventure, and a shared passion for family and the great outdoors.

An avid bowler and camping enthusiast, Charles found joy in the simple pleasures of life. He was a proud supporter and participant in the Boy and Cub Scouts, creating countless cherished memories with his sons. The Pinewood Derby was a particular favorite of his, where he poured his heart into crafting cars for his boys, allowing them the fun of painting their creations.

Charles had a deep love for travel, with Canada and Cape Cod being among his favorite destinations. As a family, they cherished trips to Red Rock Canyon, where they would travel together, creating bonds and memories that would last a lifetime.

His career spanned four decades as an Operations Support Specialist for Smith Barney, where he was known for his unwavering dedication, integrity, and strong work ethic. His colleagues respected him, and his contributions to the company were invaluable.

Charles is survived by his loving wife, Anna Marie, their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who will miss his warmth, wisdom, and unwavering love.

His life was a testament to the values of family, service, and enjoying life's simple pleasures. He will be deeply missed but forever remembered in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers George Clifton Lewis and Ivan Lewis and three sisters Emma Lee Domstead, Verla Cain and Janice Paula Hall.

He is survived by wife Anna Marie of the home, three sons Jeff Lewis and wife Michelle of Bessie, Brian Lewis and wife Karen of Oklahoma City, and Kevin Lewis and wife Raini of Mustang, five grandsons Grant McAtee and wife Liz of Clinton, Braden Lewis and wife Destiny of Clinton, Parker Lewis of Clinton, Eric Lewis and wife Megan of Plano, TX and Joey Lewis of Oklahoma City, two granddaughters Haley Lewis and husband Jeff of Mustang and Mandy Lewis of Mustang, nine great grandchildren, two sisters: Zella Faye Kerlick and Jeanie Kluver and husband Ray and a brother Jerry Lewis and wife Linda.



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William Murray

William Jackson Murray, Sr., was born June 25, 1982, in Shawnee, OK to Howard Kerwin Murray Sr. and Anna Fern Lowry. He passed away Monday, August 12, 2024, in Lexington, OK.



William attended Clinton Public Schools and began a career in construction as a roofer. William was a member of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribe who loved spending time with family and friends, eating, joking and exercising.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother of his children, Amy Whiteshirt.

He is survived by his mother, two sons: William Murray Jr. and Eliseo Walton; two daughters: X'Zaylia Murray and Zandria Murray; two grandchildren: Jackson and Roman; and two brothers: Phillip Murray and Brian Murray.

Charles Myers

Charles A. Myers, 82, of Roll, Oklahoma was born on June 7, 1942 in Pasadena, Texas. He is the son of Charles Myers Jr. and Loree (Hilton) Myers. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, August 17, 2024 at his residence in Roll, OK surrounded by his loving family.



He married the love of his life, Judy Karen Guinn on June 25, 1962 in Hereford, TX. Charles enjoyed fishing, hunting, metal detecting, collecting Indian artifacts, arrowheads, coins, guns, knives, and wood working.

Charles is survived by his wife; his son Jeremy Myers and his wife, Marla of Ovalo, TX; two daughters, Lamona Gay Black and her husband, Kris of Crawford, OK, Tamara Vogel and her husband, Randy of Plainview, TX; six grandchildren; four, great-grandchildren; one sister, Pat Bass and her husband, Charles of Pearidge, Arkansas; one uncle, Gene Hilton of Littleton, Colorado.

Charles is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Myers Jr. and Loree Myers; In-laws, Gene and Mildred Guinn; and brother-in-law, Layton Sawyer.

Carolyn Dibler

Carolyn Joy Dibler was born to Herbert and People (Amen) Brehm on July 9, 1942, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.



In her early school years, Carolyn attended the rural Missouri School south of Weatherford. The family later moved into town, where she attended Weatherford Schools, graduating from Weatherford High School in the class of 1960.

After high school, Carolyn attended Southwestern State College and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics with a minor in Accounting. She then worked for a time at Security State Bank.

On May 3, 1969, Carolyn married Richard Dibler. Over a number of years, the pair lived in Cashion, Anadarko, and Altus before returning and making their home permanently in Weatherford. In that time, Carolyn bore three children, Jeff, Jason, and Jennifer.

Carolyn was able to be a homemaker staying at home to raise the three children. She actively volunteered at the schools as her kids grew up.

Family was of great importance to Carolyn. She was actively involved with helping to keep reunions for both the Brehm and Amen families going. She was treasurer for the Brehm Family Reunion for many years.

In later years, Carolyn was active with Custer County OHCE, Kappa Kappa Iota, and the Heartland Museum. She served on the Museum board for the last few years and kept up her regular Friday morning volunteer docent time. She loved the museum and enjoyed giving the Wind Turbine Tours for the museum.

Carolyn is survived by son Jeff and daughter-in-law Sandy Dibler of La Pine, OR, son Jason Dibler of Weatherford, daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Mark Samas of San Antonio, TX, and two granddaughters, Rebecca and Rachel Samas, of San Antonio.

She was preceded in death by her parents Herbert and People Brehm, her brother Jerry Brehm, and her husband Richard Dibler.

Donations in Carolyn's memory can be made to the Heartland Museum.

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Elk City Rodeo to Benefit Western Oklahoma Alzheimer's Collaborative



Courtesy WOAC

The Elk City Rodeo of Champions will partner with the Western Oklahoma Alzheimer's Collaborative for the third night of rodeo, on Sept. 1. Fans are asked to wear purple to show awareness of the disease. Pictured (from left): Julie Byerly, Kristi Chervenka, Denise Barr, Crystal DeWitt, Sherri Horn and Julie Western.

On the final night of the rodeo, September 1, the rodeo will partner with the Western Oklahoma Alzheimer's Collaborative (WOAC) to bring awareness of the disease. "Painting the rodeo purple" will be the slogan for Sun., Sept. 1.

The color purple represents the Alzheimer's movement, said Denise Barr, president of WOAC.

The not-for-profit group raises funds for those struggling with Alzheimer's and dementia who live within a sixty mile radius of Elk City.

WOAC provides funding for things patients might need, like fidget blankets, medication and other items, she said.

They also provide respite care for caretakers. Caretakers can be overloaded with the demands of round the clock care for those with the disease, and WOAC can provide funds for someone to step in for a few hours so the family member can run errands or go to appointments.

WOAC works with various hospitals and nursing homes so that if a person is in need, the facility can call WOAC with requests. WOAC is in partnership with Comforting Hands Hospice, Homestead of Elk City, Elk City Skilled Nursing, Bell Avenue Nursing Center, and Great Plains Regional Medical Center.

Alzheimer's and dementia affect everyone, Barr said. "Everybody knows somebody who has it, or has been affected by it," she said.

WOAC also partners with the Alzheimer's Association in providing the nationwide toll-free number, available around the clock for people to call. "When people are overwhelmed," she said, "they have that number they can call and talk to someone."

Barr was part of the group of women who started WOAC in 2018 after helping her mother through dementia. Her mom had had dementia for years, and after her dad passed away, it was discovered that she also had cancer.

Doctors gave her six weeks but with good care from the nursing home, Barr's mom lived three and a half months. In her final months, "Mom was happy," she said.

WOAC staff includes six volunteer staff members, including social workers and those with hospice and nursing home experience. Members are Barr, Julie Byerly, Kristi Chervenka, Crystal Dewitt, Sherri Horn, and Julie Western.

The organization hosts a support group meeting on the second Tuesday of each month from 6-7 pm at the First Assembly of God Church in Elk City. Barr hopes to add a second meeting group. They also provide scholarships for graduating high school seniors going into helping fields such as nursing, research and social professions. This group is the only support group west of Yukon, OK, she said.

They strive to give honor, dignity and respect to those struggling with Alzheimer's and dementia. "Just because they have the disease doesn't mean they're lesser people," Barr said. "We want to provide love while walking the journey."

Fans are asked to wear purple to the rodeo on Sept. 1. The Elk City Rodeo committee will make a donation to WOAC.

The Elk City Rodeo is August 30-31-Sept. 1 at Beutler Bros. Arena, Ackley Park. The show starts at 8 pm nightly.

Ticket prices for general admission are \$11 in advance (for adults) and \$12 at the gate. Children's general admission seating is \$9 in advance and \$10 at the gate.

Grandstand seating is \$15 in advance and \$18 at the gate, with no discount for children; everyone must have a ticket.

Tickets are on sale online at ElkCityRodeo.com. They can also be purchased at Circle A Western Wear in Elk City, at the rodeo ticket office from August 26-30 (9 am to 6 pm), and at the gate, as supplies last.

Fans are encouraged to purchase tickets only from ElkCityRodeo.com. Scalpers are selling tickets at higher prices on other websites, and the rodeo cannot guarantee the legitimacy of tickets purchased from third party sites.

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Jim Morrison

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I would like to share a few thoughts that I have found helpful in my search for the truths of God's word.

First of all, we need to recognize that we read the Scriptures, we primarily to change our lives to more accurately reflect the image of Jesus Christ. The facts are important but they should result in changed lives, or behavior. That brings us to ask questions of the text instead of just fulfilling a goal or plan for the day.

This requires some effort and thought. But the reward is great. Using an acrostic that I learned from Rick Warren when he visited our campus in 1978, consider using this in the study of the letters of Paul, Peter, James, and John.

A SAMPLE OF STUDYING SCRIPTURES IN A WAY THAT CAN CHANGE YOUR LIFE

Sample Passage - Phil. 1: 1-17

T. Is there a truth or teaching in this passage?

1. Paul was a slave of Jesus
2. He was an apostle sent with a message
3. The resurrection of Jesus validated him
4. The gospel brings salvation through God
5. We must live by faith
6. We must encourage each other
7. Obedience comes through faith or trust in God.

A. How can I apply this passage to my life?

1. My actions reveal I belong to Jesus
2. Don't be ashamed to share the Gospel.
3. Know that His Holy Spirit lives through me.

P. Is there a promise or prayer to make?
 "Lord, make me bold and filled with faith; that I might not hesitate to let my faith in you be known.

E. Is there a question I need to ask myself?
 1. Will people talk about my faithfulness?
 2. Is the desire of my heart to encourage others?
 3. Am I praying for the church regularly.

S. Is there a sin that I need to avoid?
 (Though not stated, it is true that often my silence about my faith becomes disobedience.)

Phil 1:16 - I am not ashamed of the gospel because it is the power of God for salvation (deliverance from the binding and blinding effect of sin).

Prayer - "Lord, help me to remember that first of all I belong to you, not to my family, my job, or career, not to my selfish wishes. May my life be an encouragement to others. May my faith lead to obedience.

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Community run fairs are a mainstay of late summer and early fall in Western Oklahoma and one of the longest running fairs in the state is keeping that tradition alive in Hinton, OK. The Hinton Community Fair will take place in Hinton from Thursday, August 22 through Saturday, August 24. The event will open at 7pm each night.

"Well, it's our 114th fair, 114th year we've run," said Jim McCain, President of the Hinton Fair Association. "First of all, it's a volunteer-owned carnival. We own our own rides, we maintain them, we operate them,"

McCain, a lifelong resident of Hinton, has run the fair for over 25 years, and he's made it his mission to make the fair better year after year. Under his leadership and with the help of the residents of Hinton The Hinton Community Fair's list of events and rides has grown.

In 2022 The Hinton Community Fair unveiled the refurbished "Okie Zip Giant Slide," a ride that many Oklahoman's might remember from it's days at the Oklahoma State Fair.

This year they're getting ready to unleash *The Scrambler*. "The whole ride rotates," explained McCain. "There's three sets of four cars that hang from towers. As it goes around, those cars sweep through the middle and it's like a double-action ride." This newest attraction is geared towards teen-aged and adult attendees. "Every year, [the Hinton Fair] is getting bigger, and every time we add a ride, it just makes us bigger."

Along with the rides the Hinton Community Fair also has a vibrant midway with various game booths, food stands, and live entertainment every night.

There will also be stock shows and other exhibits for fairgoers to enjoy.

Entry into the fair, as always, is free, with big attractions only costing \$2 and smaller attractions costing \$1. The fair is certainly a good deal for everyone!

For more information about the Hinton Community Fair and it's schedule of events, you can visit their Facebook page by searching "Hinton Fair."

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BLAINE COUNTY / OFFICER REPORT - The office of the Blaine County District Attorney has decided to not file criminal charges against a Watonga police officer following an investigation for his use of force on a man July 4th. John sexton was walking with his six-year-old son and was stopped by two officers for "suspicious activity" before being thrown to the ground and detained. The DA's office says it was solely tasked with determining whether the officer's conduct was criminal in nature. The statement further says the question of whether any disciplinary or civil action should be taken is not for the consideration of the DA's office.

BRIDGEPORT / BRIDGE CLOSURE - Officials with the town of Bridgeport say Oklahoma Department of Transportation officials have told them that Route 66 in Caddo County will again be closed for bridge construction beginning September 9th. The closure is for the replacement of the tower bridge, just east of the Route 66/State Highway 281 junction between the rest area and the pony bridge. No word on how long the road will be closed. The detour will once again be around Interstate 40 and 281 spur, but expect major delays since crews will also be replacing the overpass bridge at Exit 108 off I-40, at the Cherokee Trading Post. ODOT says they will maintain traffic open to one lane only north and south, controlled by a traffic light to cross over the interstate. The project is expected to last about a year.

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WEATHERFORD SB / AVIATION - The Director of Curriculum of Weatherford Public Schools, Doug Gunselman, recently spoke to the Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics Commission about the district's aviation program. Gunselman says this will be the first year to offer an aviation maintenance program at the high school. He says 13 students have signed up for that program.

CUSTER COUNTY / BODY SCANNER - Custer County Sheriff Dan Day says the recently installed body scanner that is used to keep contraband out of the jail is up and running. Day says he has extended an invitation to other law enforcement agencies in the county to make use of it if they feel it's necessary. Sheriff Day says it's a way the entire county can benefit from the scanner.

ELK CITY / WALKER - Elk City Police in collaboration with the Oklahoma Highway Patrol and Erick Police Department executed a search warrant on an Erick home. 22-year-old Samuel Walker was arrested on charges of distributing and possessing child pornography. The investigation began in May 2024 after the national center for missing and exploited children notified Elk City police that a user on the social media platform "X" (formally known as Twitter) shared child sexual abuse material online.

WEATHERFORD / EXPO - The Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce says the annual Health And Wellness Expo comes up next month. The event will be held Saturday, September 7th from 10-1 at the SWOSU Wellness Center. Weatherford Regional Hospital and Cornerstone Home Health are this year's hosts. It's an opportunity for western Oklahomans to explore their local resources all under one roof.



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Happy Birthday Wishes for August 21 - Dwayne Britton, Korbyn Grace Smith, Kaitlin Keuhne, Mark McAtee, Carol WhiteSkunk, Carri Womack, Patrick Wright; **August 22** - Greg Butler, Chad Nye, Kennda Varnell; **August 23** - Cody Bell, Allen Boyd, Jean Cain, Anne Flood, Darryl Green, Donna Jones, Pat Vawter, Jeremy Washa; **August 24** - Kailin Brodrick, Mackina Dobrinski, Hershel Howes, Bill Leppke, Paige Lindley, Korrina Olguin, Sandi Rhoads, Debbie Shaw, Corbin Sims, Tyler Steinly; **August 25** - Dustin Britton, Preston BRitton, Mickael Carlisle, Randon Folsom, Barbara Griffin, Terry Igo, Desirae Lindsey, Rebecca Manney, Laurel Nowlin, Heather Parsons, Pasiley Payne, Mart Tisdal, Sheryl Troxel, Karessa Wallace; **August 26** - Kelsey Baker, Sue Blagg, Julie Caldwell, Bailey Coronado, Kletta Garrison, Melinda Henson, Amanda Isch-Benton, Mitch King, Carol Lin, Coleen Mannering, Sharla Sharry, Larry Williams; **August 27th** - Amanda Blatnick, Mike Corrigan, Kaycee Harris, Moretta Johnson, Ralph McConnell, James Pannell, Ashley Peck, Jacon Schneberger, James Thompson, Dave Watson, Jane Weichel, Heston Wright.

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Weatherford Lady Eagles Win Five Games in 2 Days at I-40 Classic



Courtesy Kelley Schmidt Photography

Cora Hamons is tagged out moments before she could slide to home base during Weatherford's first game against the Edmond Santa Fe Wolves. Final Score: Weatherford, 9-0



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Marley Teasley meets her team back on home plate during the Lady Eagles' second game on Friday against the Bethany Lady Bronchos. Final Score: Weatherford, 10-0



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The Weatherford Eagles huddle up after a strong batting round against the Plainview Lady Hornets on Friday. Final Score: Weatherford, 5-3



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The Weatherford Eagles relaxing in the dugout shortly after their first game on Friday against Edmond Santa Fe.

Some Welcome Financial Relief, Coming to a Grocery Store Near You



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Rep. Anthony Moore
State Representative, District 57

I've long sought ways to help Oklahomans secure healthy, nutritious food at a price they can afford. That's why I'm so excited for the grocery tax cut to take effect later this month.

On August 29, the state's 4.5% portion of the grocery tax will be eliminated. That's thanks to the largest single-year tax cut ever passed into law by this the Legislature this year via House Bill 1955.

It's estimated this will save the average Oklahoman \$100 per year. For a household of four, that adds up quickly. For some in our community it might be the difference between being able to afford food or medicine or housing.

I fought for other forms of tax relief this year, including lowering the personal income tax rate and the corporate tax rate, but those measures were not picked up in the state Senate. Still, I'm thrilled to be able to eliminate the state sales tax on groceries.

This will ensure every taxpayer will see a significant savings each time they visit their local market. And it will particularly benefit those Oklahomans struggling to live paycheck to paycheck.

According to March 2024 data from the U.S. Census Bureau, 60% of Oklahoma respondents said they had difficulty paying for usual expenses in the last week. This measure will help those most in need. Better still, the legislation received bipartisan support.

This builds on legislation I passed last year that allows restaurants and public school district cafeterias to donate food without the fear of being held liable, with exceptions for obvious negligence.

House Bill 1542 is designed to help those who struggle with food insecurity while cutting down on the amount of food waste in school cafeterias and local eateries. These entities shouldn't have to throw out perfectly good food because of government red tape when there are hungry people that could benefit from the donation. With the rising cost of inflation and growing unemployment, I'm glad to find areas in state statute where we can provide relief to Oklahomans. With the elimination of the grocery tax, Oklahomans can redirect these savings to other areas of their budget, such as for other goods and services they might need.

It's important to note that, while the state portion grocery tax will go away August 29, local counties and municipalities may still charge their portion of the tax. Many cities use this money for needed services such as fire, emergency medical services, police and more. The tax cut also won't apply for every food. Ready-to-eat prepared foods as well as heated foods or deli items aren't included.

I believe everyone will benefit from what the grocery tax cut offers. Lowering taxes is a proven way to stimulate the economy. When people get to keep more of their hard-earned money at spend it at their own discretion, everyone benefits.

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Oklahoma History: Bonnie & Clyde's Three Statewide Crime Spree



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Taken between 1932 and 1934, Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow during their highest stint of lawlessness. The pair were photographed by a member of the gang in front of a 1932 Ford V8,



Courtesy Roadside America

The altercation between Clyde Barrow, his companions, and authorities at Stringtown, OK. The granite slab was placed in 2007 to memorialize the two officers.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

One of the most iconic and famous duos during the Public Enemy era in the 1930s was Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. The couple committed hundreds of felonies throughout their time on the road, earning them the top spot of police warrants and the front page of every news article.

The official story about their first meeting states that the couple met in 1930 at a mutual friend's home and fell in love immediately. Then, Bonnie was still technically married to Roy Thornton, whose wedding ring she had on when she was killed. Bonnie had split from him in January 1929. Bonnie and Clyde were fast lovers and loyal companions after that encounter. Both had run-ins with the law prior to meeting. Bonnie kept a diary during her time as a waitress in Dallas which held details of her loneliness, her poetry, her longing for life outside of Dallas, and her love of taking pictures. Clyde had grown up in a poor family and was known for cracking safes, robbing stores, and stealing cars.

Clyde was the leader of the Barrow Gang which operated between 1932 and 1934 in the central United States. The popularity of gangs and heists by the media shot the Barrow Gang to the top story of many news outlets around the country. They were most known for their bank robberies, but they actually robbed grocery stores and gas stations at a rate much higher than their bank jobs.

The first legal run-in happened on August 5, 1932. Clyde, Raymond Hamilton, and Ross Dyer were drinking moonshine (which was illegal under Prohibition) at a country dance in Stringtown, Oklahoma (the hometown of the famous Reba McEntire, whose family ranch was located a few miles outside the town). Stringtown Sheriff C.G. Maxwell and Deputy Eugene C. Moore approached the trio in the parking lot. Clyde and Hamilton opened fire immediately killing Moore and gravely wounding Maxwell. Deputy Moore was the first law officer of the nine eventually killed by the gang.

A granite slab was erected at the site to commemorate the account of the shootout and to memorialize the two officers. During the groups path of robberies, Clyde's goal was believed to be revenge on the Texas Department of Corrections which he blamed for abuses he suffered during his time at the Eastham Prison Farm in 1930. On January 16, 1934, the group broke-out Hamilton, Methvin, and several others on a raid dubbed the "Eastham Breakout." The violent raid resulted in the death of Major Joe Crowson and generated negative publicity for Texas. With the raid, Clyde had achieved his goal of revenge but had also attracted the full attention of Texas and federal government law enforcement.

A manhunt was put together with former Texas Ranger Captain Frank Hamer leading the group. For the next few months, Hamer was a shadow on the Barrow Gang. During his tracking, he discovered that their movements resembled a wide circle, swinging around the edges of five states to exploit a rule that prevented officers from pursuing into another jurisdiction. The gang's consistency allowed Hamer to chart a path and predict where they would go. Hamer realized the gang would often visit each other's family and were due to see the Methvin family in Louisiana.

Hamer set up an ambush on Louisiana State Highway 154 on May 21, 1934. The ambush posse was comprised of six men, one of which, Ted Hinton, used to be a postal worker and a frequent customer of Bonnie's during her time as a waitress. Early on May 23rd, they heard the Ford V8 Clyde was supposedly driving approach from the distance. The posse had persuaded Ivy Methvin to put his truck on the shoulder of the road to attract Clyde into stopping.

When Clyde fell into the trap, the lawmen opened fire as the vehicle slowed. Clyde was instantly killed by Prentiss Morel Oakley while Bonnie had time to let out a scream, a sound many of the men reported "that haunted them in their dreams". The officers fired around 150 rounds, emptying their weapons.

The lawmen knew of the couples' propensity for violence and had been briefed to not take any chances. As the bullet-riddled car lulled into the ditch, Frank Hamer fired another burst from his rifle through the passenger window and another burst through the side glass as he approached the vehicle. Bonnie and Clyde had several fatal wounds and were killed on the scene without firing a shot. In less than 16 seconds, Hamer's 102-day pursuit ended.

In the aftermath, officers found several weapons and several thousand rounds of ammunition. The couple also had fifteen license plates from various states. When asked about the ambush, the officers explained that they recognized Clyde's death instantly and thought Bonnie had gone quickly as well. In response to their continued firing and his own additional shots, Hamer stated, "If it wouldn't have been her, it would have been us."

The demise of Bonnie and Clyde sold 500,000 newspapers in Dallas alone and attracted droves of people. More than 20,000 attended Bonnie's funeral on May 26th sending flowers from everywhere, including some allegedly from Pretty Boy Floyd and John Dillinger. Clyde was buried privately on May 25th at sunset by his brother Marvin. The six men of the ambush posse were promised a share of the reward money, which should've totalled to \$26,000 each. They ended up only receiving \$200.23 for their efforts. They were allowed to collect memorabilia from the ambush and case.

By the end of that summer, federal statutes were made to have bank robbing and kidnapping federal offenses, and local authorities were trained by the FBI and had two-way radios installed in their police cars, making it more difficult to carry out a series of robberies.

Two months after Bonnie and Clyde were killed, Dillinger was killed in Chicago. Then, three months later, Floyd in Ohio. And one month after that, Baby Face Nelson was killed in Illinois. The Public Enemy era's biggest faces were erased but their impact on history was etched forever.

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The Great American Conference released its annual volleyball preseason poll on Thursday where SWOSU was picked second.

The poll, voted on by the league's head coaches, had Oklahoma Baptist narrowly above the Bulldogs for the top spot after receiving one additional first-place vote and seven more overall points. SWOSU garnered four first-place nods.

Team	Total
1. Oklahoma Baptist	113 (1st Place Votes: 5)
2. SWOSU	106 (1st Place Votes: 4)
3. Harding	102 (1st Place Votes: 3)
4. Henderson State	94
5. Ouachita Baptist	72
6. Southeastern	67
7. Southern Arkansas	66
8. East Central	56
9. Southern Nazarene	46
10. Northwestern	31
11. Arkansas Tech	28
12. Arkansas-Monticello	11

OBU won the GAC Tournament a year ago after finishing tied with Harding for the regular season championship. Both had 13-3 records in league play. One game behind the two sat SWOSU, who was 12-4 in GAC play and qualified for the postseason as the third seed.

SWOSU will return all three of their all-conference players from last season: two-time First Team All-GAC selection Lacy Mott, two-time Second Team All-GAC selection and an All-Region player last season Zoey Sparks, and the 2023 GAC Freshman of the Year Jada Permenter.

A whopping 14 total return to the team from 2023, with two new additions – an incoming freshman and a junior transfer – that will round out the 16-member veteran roster.

The regular season is set to begin September 6 beginning with a trio of non-conference tournaments that includes a trip to Tennessee and two other closer in-state events.

Finally, SWOSU will be hosting a home match on September 24 that kicks off conference action. Head Coach Josh Collins enters year 13 leading the program.

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SWOSU Athletic Auction Raises Over \$172,000



The SWOSU Athletic Association is pleased to announce that the 18th Annual SWOSU Athletic Auction & Benefit Dinner held August 10 in the Pioneer Event Center raised over \$172,000 to support the university's student-athlete scholarships and athletic recruiting.

The spirited event treated over 320 guests to a cocktail hour, dinner, a super silent auction, and a live auction. SWOSU alumnus Corky Heard of United Country Heard Auction & Real Estate facilitated the live auction. Hailey Tucker, a record-setting SWOSU basketball alumna and 2024 SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame inductee, served as emcee for the auction.

SWOSU alumni, emeriti, and friends generously donated hundreds of auction items for the fundraiser. Some of these items were auctioned before the August 10 event via an online auction.

The online auction has gained popularity in recent years, allowing donors, regardless of location, to bid and support SWOSU athletes. This year's online auction featured more than 100 items and attracted 178 bidders from 11 states.

The Super Silent Auction allowed attendees to shop and bid on items during the cocktail hour before the live auction. 11 items were in the Super Silent auction, and the Live Auction featured 17 different donated packages and premium experiences.

Jett Distributing Company, Ben E. Keith Company, and Clinton Textile Corporation were Hospitality Sponsors for the event. Butcher's Wine & Spirits sponsored a "Stock the Bar" raffle. Wright Media and United Country Heard Auction were the event's Presenting Sponsors.

"The SWOSU Athletic Auction is a great example of the charitable community surrounding our university," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. We are truly grateful to all those who donated items, placed bids and attended the event. Booster support is so vital to the success of our student-athletes and programs."

The Pioneer Event Center team worked with SWOSU alumnus Kyle Burrows and his team at Burrows Pro Audio Visual to produce a spectacular show.

SWOSU Food Services Director and alumna Radonna Sawatzky and Jamies Thomas and her catering team served the evening's delicious meal.

The SWOSU Athletic Association is a subsidiary of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support SWOSU's activities and programs. For information on how to support SWOSU's student-athletes and athletic programs through charitable investment, please contact the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., at 580-774-3267 or visit www.GivetoSWOSUAthletics.com.

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