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Krystal Blackwell/WW

KWEY turned 50. Helping ring in their birthday pictured from left to right is Jon Matthews, Jeff DeFehr, David Tauffest, Mayor Mike Brown, Richard Ratcliffe, Herschel Brewster, and Harold Wright.

COVID IMPACTS Casa Soto

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

As we all know, businesses and people across the world have been affected greatly by COVID and the policies enacted by different leaderships to deal with it. It's already hard enough to deal with store closings as an owner/manager when you're present, but it's a whole other matter when you're hundreds of miles away and your business gets shut down. This happened to Casa Soto manager Carmen.

Back in March, a few days before the shutdowns were set across the country, Carmen and her husband were packing up for a trip to visit his parents in Mexico. Both of his parents were celebrating their birthdays, and they both were turning 100-years-old. One of those special "can't miss" milestones in life.

Fast forward a couple of days – the Coronavirus news is all over the media and talks of shutdowns and isolations are brought up in every conversation. Carmen is communicating with her sister, who works with her at Casa Soto, about the potential shutdown. Almost overnight, the country comes to a halt as businesses are told to close their doors and to make preparations for distance serving. Carmen was told that Casa Soto was closed due to these restrictions and the only thing she could do was try to get home – another daunting task.

When she and her husband made it back into Weatherford, her doctor cleared them and advised them to self-quarantine for 14 days. "It was very challenging," Carmen explained. "We couldn't go to our own business to make decisions about [how to operate.]"

During her self-quarantine, Carmen began talking to business friends and local leaders to get up-to-date on the latest regulations and to plan. Casa Soto has always been a family business, and she was taught to treat her customers and the community like family. And you always take care of your family during crisis. Their plan: to focus on curbside service and to setup family specials. Even at a loss, they wanted to let their customers know that they were there for them and wanted to help.

After a small learning curve, the curbside service was up and running at full capacity. The response from Weatherford and nearby towns was so great that they were able to rehire many of their workers. "We're blessed to be in this community."

When lobby openings began, Carmen waited to open dine-in to ensure they were well prepared for customer

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\$20,000 donation challenge for WFRC

Chase Wright
Staff Writer



The Graft & Walraven Law Firm and The Bank of The West of Thomas have teamed up with the Weatherford Food and Resource Center and issued a challenge to the community. By matching their \$20,000 donation to the Weatherford Food and Resource Center,

the Center will provide 160,000 meals to western Oklahoma.

Donations for the challenge can be made by check and sent to PO Box 362 in Weatherford or by texting FEEDWESTOK to 44-321. "Every dollar provides four meals," said Lori Flansburg, WFRC.

This project began as members of the bank and the law firm, who are on the board of the WFRC, saw first-hand how COVID was impacting families. They quickly jumped on the opportunity to give back.

Many of these local families have members that have lost their jobs due to shutdowns, and support is stretched thin. By working together, we can strive to lift those in need so that they too can lift up one another. It's a humbling experience to see this type of response to a major problem. "These guys are part of the big village that makes it happen," Lori said.

From 'Crowe' to Elk City



Kelly R. Kilhoffer
Oklahoma History Enthusiast

"You'll never know where you're goin' until you figure out where you come from."

Though it was founded in 1901, Elk City history goes back much further. Some of the first recorded accounts date back to 1852 when Captain Randolph B. Macy led the U.S. Army troops into the area. After finding "a source of good water," Elk tracks were spotted in the water's bottom and Macy recorded it as Elk Creek.

Its earliest known name was Crowe, and the post office was listed as Crowe before it became Elk City. Because of its location, businessmen from nearby Weatherford had decided it was an ideal location for a town. Those same businessmen later learned C.O. & G. Railroad (The Choctaw, Oklahoma, & Gulf Railroad) was to lay track to Weatherford, and some good dealings let it continue to what was to become Elk City in 1901.

The Choctaw Townsite and Development Co., a Weatherford company, sold its first lots in March of 1901, selling \$32,000 worth of property. At first Elk City wasn't much more than most frontier towns, with the typical timber-walled, canvas-roofed dwellings and sod houses, but soon businesses came.

Plank-wood walls soon became brick buildings and dugouts, and makeshift shacks became one- and two-story homes. By 1902, Elk City had grown to roughly 60 establishments with more than a thousand citizens.

Soon came some of the first of many brick-paved streets to replace the dirt ones. In little more than a year, Elk City had become

County's county seat in Sayre. Elk City is home of the National Route 66 Museum which is a very popular stop.

Elk City has seen its share of booms and busts, but it continues to move forward. Most of the downtown business buildings are still there, reflecting their great heritage. Fires destroyed more than a dozen businesses in 1903 and

plains' that some devout soldier or monk must have cast their blessings on the place.

I have traveled a pretty fair portion of this United States, and I have seen amazing places, met some really fine people, but nothing compares to coming home to Old Crowe.

There comes a time in every life when we should



one of the largest towns in Western Oklahoma. By 1907, the year of statehood, the population of Elk City was documented at more than 3000.

In 1910, the Wichita Falls and Northwestern Railway established a line through the town. In 1923, M.K. & T. Railway (Missouri, Kansas, & Texas Railway), or KATY, ran through Elk City as well. Both depots still stand today.

Elk City is located in Far Western Oklahoma, in Beckham County which is named after, then Kentucky Governor, J.C.W. Beckham. Beckham would later be the first U.S. Senator elected by popular vote. Beckham

again in 1906. Elk City has seen Spring storms and tornadoes, Summer heat, and Winter's bitter chill but there is something about the place that makes it one of a kind – it simply has good people! Personally, I think we have missed a golden opportunity by changing the name from Crowe to Elk City. Crowe has a nice ring to it and could have challenged politicians and foot-in-mouth celebrities to stop in and visit our restaurants. I-40 could have been lined with billboards to 'Eat Crowe.' I can only imagine that when the Spanish traveled through our region while laying out the 'staked

ask ourselves, "Who am I? Where do I come from?" A wise man once said, "we should all look at ourselves in a mirror without a reflection." What will you see? We can't change our outer self until we change the inner self. We can wear it on a T-shirt, ink it under our skin, but none of it will have meaning if we don't truly understand it. Understanding begins with being truthful to oneself. The largest and often most beautiful of trees is nothing without strong roots.

That's what's under this hat.

Correction to Quanah Parker story: "It was U.S. 4th Cavalry, not the 19th."

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Belva Jean Naranjo Gould Hicks

Belva Jean Naranjo, Gould, Hicks was born on August 25, 1932, at Concho, Oklahoma, to Lula LoneLodge, Naranjo and Jose Santos Naranjo. She was raised around the Santa Clara Pueblo, Canton, and Concho areas among three brothers and five sisters, all deceased, and one surviving sister Bernice Bull of Clinton, having reached the age of 87 years, 8 months, 28 days.



She attended Concho Boarding School for nine years from the age of eight to seventeen, completing her sophomore year. She married twice and had twelve children of which six are living. She had eighteen grandchildren, forty-eight great grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-great-grandchildren.

Belva retired from food services with Southwestern Oklahoma State University of Weatherford. She spent most of her adult life in the Weatherford area, living briefly in Angleton, Texas. She was an active member of the Weatherford Indian Baptist Church where she served as the Secretary. She was also a member of the Clinton War Mothers Organization.

She was a self-taught seamstress and her sewing artistry is known and valued for her expert workmanship and creativity. She was often called upon to make items such as ribbon shirts and shawls, and her work is appreciated not only locally, but by other tribal people, such as the Santo Domingo Pueblo of New Mexico. One of her shawls has been exhibited in the Crazy Horse Museum, located in the Black Hills of South Dakota.

Belva was well-known for her strong, beautiful voice and singing ability. She was well respected for her knowledge of pow-wow songs and could be found behind the drum at most local pow-wows and dances. She has been featured in a booklet, published by the State Arts Council of Oklahoma entitled "Remaining Ourselves: Music and Tribal Members---Traditional Music in Contemporary Communities." She provided an invaluable service to both

Arapaho and Cheyenne families at funerals and was one of the few remaining Arapaho who have this knowledge. Her family was included in an August 28, 1993, taping produced by the Oklahoma Historical Society, featuring a memorial dance that she sponsored in memory of her late son George. True to her heritage, she strived to teach and pass on to her family members her knowledge of traditional songs and sewing talents.

Belva was an enrolled member of the Southern Arapaho Tribe and descendant of the Santa Clara Pueblo. Her maternal grandparents are Yellowhair and LoneLodge of the Arapaho; her paternal grandparents are Rosita Pena, San Ildefonso Pueblo and Alojoe Naranjo, Santa Clara Pueblo.

Belva's children are thankful to have been blessed by the unconditional love of their mother. Her tireless contributions to her church, community, and fellow Tribesman will be missed. She was truly a living treasure.

Sharon Gayle May

Sharon Gayle May was born on July 30, 1934, and passed away on May 21, 2020, at the Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 85 years, 4 months, 21 days. Sharon was the daughter of Everett Lucas and Gladys (Springer) Lucas.



She was born in Cordell, Oklahoma, and graduated from Clinton High School with the Class of Fifty-Two. She attended Southwestern State College.

In 1953, Sharon, a city girl, married a farm boy named Joe May. They began their life, living in a shack in the middle of a pasture, 21 miles northwest of Clinton. In 1955, she and Joe moved to their farm near Hydro, living there for 40 years until they moved to town for the remainder of her life.

Sharon had two daughters Jamie Lynn and Julie Beth. She was later blessed with five grandchildren and two great grandsons. Sharon worked as a bookkeeper and secretary for Slim Boyd Chevrolet and Hydro Public Schools. She was clerk for the Town of Hydro for nineteen years. After her retirement, she worked part time at the Main Street Clothing Company.

Sharon will be remembered for her beautiful smile, uplifting laugh and listening ear. She enjoyed her patio, singing in community cantatas, being with family and friends, taking road trips, and shopping. She was blessed by many close friends and family who feel blessed to have had her in their lives.

Sharon is survived by her husband Joe May, two daughters Jamie Brehm and husband Jackie of Piedmont, Oklahoma; Julie North and husband Joe of Golden, Colorado; grandchildren: Kylie North and Laura Keeler, Kayci North and Sean Cornillie, Alison North and Chris Stuber, Megan Hall and Jason Hall and Jared Brehm; two great grandchildren: Cooper Don Hall and Parker Dan Hall. She is also survived by her sister-in-law Martha May; and nine nieces and nephews: Paula Potter, Chris Lucas, Darla Akin, Marsha Miller, Mike May, Gary Suter, Pat Regier,

Jack Holbrook, and Lee Kemp. She was preceded in death by her parents Everett and Gladys Lucas; her in-laws John and Bill May; and her brother and sister-in-law, Phil and Phyllis Lucas. She was also preceded by many family members and close friends.

Agnes Marie Sagebark

A funeral service for Agnes Marie Sagebark, 58 year-old Weatherford, OK resident, was held on Friday, May 29, 2020, at 11am in the Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church in Colony with Sophie Big Goose officiating. Burial followed in Colony Indian Cemetery in Colony under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. Wake services were held on Thursday, May 28, 2020, at the funeral home.



Agnes was born on January 10, 1962, in Clinton, OK to Victor and Lorene (Cross) Sagebark and passed away on Sunday, May 24, 2020, in Weatherford, OK. Agnes was raised in Colony and Weatherford, attending school at Weatherford Public schools. After high school she moved to Seattle, Washington, in 1991. While in Seattle, she met Kermit Sanderson, and they moved to Hamlet N.C. In 1993, Agnes attended college at Richmond Community College in Hamlet N.C. In 2009, she moved back to Weatherford, OK. Agnes began working for Sugar Creek Casino from the first day they opened in Hinton, OK. She loved cooking and enjoyed gardening, working word and number puzzles and being around her great-nieces and nephews. She will be remembered for doing everything for her family and many friends at work. Agnes was a sweet, hardworking, and feisty lady.

Agnes is survived by one brother David Wayne Sagebark of Seattle, WA; two sisters: Edna Grace Bowen and Joetta Maurer of Evansville, ID; and step-sister Effie Beartrack of Montana. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers: Samuel, William Levi, Orren John and Derrell Gene Sagebark; and one nephew Christopher Maurer.

Steve Adams, Jr.

Graveside services for JR Adams will be held June 13th at Redtop Cemetery, southwest of Colony, OK.



JR was born April 7th, 1945, to Steve and Bessie Adams in Colony, OK. He died April, 15th in Neosho, MO.

JR attended school in Colony and graduated in 1964. He worked for Ed and Alfred Weichel for a number of years and the Johnson Ranch at Dill City, OK before moving to Anderson, MO in 1990 where he worked on ranches in the area until his death.

He was preceded in death by his parents along with 2 sisters and 5 brothers: Ester Garcia, Margret Toni, Freddy, Art, Eldon, Frank and Jimmy.

He is survived by 3 daughters: Cindy Pendergrass of Edmond, OK; Melanie Lasater of Baytown, TX; and Christie Flower of Folsom, LA. He is also survived by 2 sisters and 2 brothers: Maryruth Schultz of Maistee, MI; Faye McElroy of Wichita, KS; CD Adams of Clinton, OK; and Alber (Glenda) Ochoa, of Colony, OK.

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Linda Sue Prairie Chief

Funeral for Sue Prairie Chief, 71, Clinton resident was held at 11:00am on Thursday, May 28, 2020, in the Indian Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Gerald Panana. Burial concluded in the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



There was an all night wake service on Wednesday, May 27, 2020, at the Clinton Indian Baptist Church

Linda Sue Prairie Chief was born September 25, 1998, to George Prairie Chief, Sr. and Goldie Tiger Washa Prairie Chief in Clinton, Oklahoma. She passed away Saturday, May 23, 2020, in the Select Specialty Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Linda was raised in Clinton and attended Shilocco Indian School. She married Pete Bearshield in Clinton. He was in the military, and they traveled extensively. They settled back in Clinton, and she became a First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician and a CHR worker.

She was a member of the Indian Baptist Church. She liked playing hand games, doing bead work and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister Mary Louise Bearshield and her brother Mack Prairie Chief and grandson Chazare Bearshield.

She is survived by one daughter Jennifer Bearshield and husband Jesse Herrera of Weatherford, two sons: William Bearshield and Reginald Bearshield and wife, Kristy, all of Clinton; sisters Georgia Ann Wellbourne of Weatherford, Ercel Brian of Weatherford, Anna Belle Prairie Chief of Clinton, Janice Boswell, and husband Frank of Weatherford; brothers: Cedric Prairie Chief and wife, Phyllis of Clinton, George Prairie Chief, J. of Clinton and Eugene Prairie Chief of Vinita, OK.

She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Helen Marie Lovell-McDaniel

A graveside service for Helen Marie Lovell-McDaniel was held at 11am on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, OK, under the direction of Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, OK.

Betty (Glenn) Arthur

Graveside services for Betty (Glenn) Arthur, 89, Clinton resident were held on Wednesday, May 27, in the Clinton Cemetery, officiated by Patrick Peters and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Betty Gayle (Hodge) was born August 30, 1930, to Claude J. and Edna Blanche (Hart) Hodge in Alfalfa, OK and passed away early Sunday, May 24, 2020, in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Betty was raised on the family farm in Alfalfa and attended Alfalfa Schools. After her high school years, she was married to France C. Lee on December 17, 1947, in Washita County. To this union five children were born: Edwin, Lela, JT, Troy, and Jack. They made their homes in the Weatherford, Colony, and Hydro areas most of their married life. The marriage ended in divorce in about 1962. Betty worked endless hours to finance herself through Nursing School and received her Licensed Practical Nursing Degree.

She married Eldon D. Glenn, Sr. on March 17, 1964, in Weatherford. With this marriage came his three children Eldon Dale, Jr., Lenora and Margie; with all eight children they made their home in Clinton.

Eldon suffered a stroke and she cared for him for the next 13 years, and after his passing, she retired.

In 1995 she married Arlie Arther, and they made their home in Clinton and Hydro. They enjoyed traveling, working in the yard, home decorating and entertaining the children and grandchildren.

Betty was a member of the Church of Christ and was involved with numerous nursing organizations; her passion was spending time with her family.

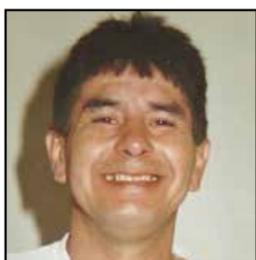
She is also preceded in death by her parents, husbands Eldon Glenn and Arlie Arthur, two sisters: Lavonne Bennett, Helen Campbell; two brothers Allan Hodge and Bob Hodge; grandson Joseph Lee; granddaughter Melissa Lee; step-son Dale Glenn and step-daughter Lenora Glenn.

She is survived by six children: Edwin Lee (and Katherine) of Salina, KS, Lela (and Rick) Farmer of Hydro, JT (and Lissa) Lee of Hydro, Troy (and Toni) Lee of Clinton and Jack (and Peggy) Lee of Clinton, Margie (and Darrin) Blaylock of Piedmont; sister-in-law Dolores Hodge of Amarillo, TX.

She is also survived by grandchildren Ronda Coleman and Jeff of Palm City, FL, Candy Jay of Harrah, OK, Dolli of Salina, KS, Ami Watts of Salina, KS, Krystal Lamb and Dr. Kerby of Hydro, Shae Sheehy and Kevin of Alden, KS, Richard Coit, Jr. and Heather of Custer City, OK, Ryan Lee and Sabrina of College Station, TX, Karri Redcay and husband Claire of Corn, OK, Brandon Lee and Stacey, of Clinton, Taylor Stovall and Catherine of Clinton, Peyton Hutchison and Dusty of Edmond, Beau Lee of Weatherford, Jennifer Lee and Shane Sells of Clinton, Angie Newcomb and Chris of Clinton, Amanda Glenn of Phoenix, AZ, Amy Glenn of Amarillo, TX, Lori Glenn Bossert of Scottsdale, AZ, William Glenn of Phoenix, AZ, Danielle Norman and Kyle of Neosho, MO, Trista Murphy and Brian of OKC, Jason Russo and Laura of OKC, and Sharayah Fore of OKC, Staci Kennedy and numerous great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

Kenneth William Moses

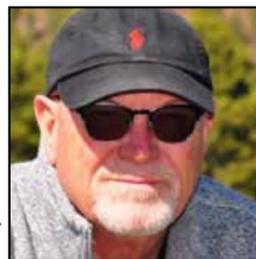
A funeral service for Kenneth William Moses was held at 2pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at the First American Baptist Church in Hobart, OK.



Interment service was held at 3pm on Tuesday, May 26, 2020, at Elk Creek Tribal Cemetery in Hobart, OK under the direction of Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Hobart, OK.

John Chandler Wood

Private funeral services for John Chandler Wood, 72-year-old Weatherford resident, was held at 2pm on Sunday, May 24, 2020, in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home. Friends attended a graveside service at 3:45pm in South Burns Cemetery, southwest of Dill City with Tommy Nabors officiating. Services were under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



John was born May 12, 1948, in Sentinel to Roy and Alyne (Creager) Wood and passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City. John was raised and attended school in Dill City, graduating with the Class of 1966. He received his Bachelor degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. On June 2, 1968, John married Connie Ramsey in Dill City. They made their home in Topeka and later Albuquerque. He earned his Doctorate degree from OU Dental School in 1980. They settled in Weatherford where he began his dental practice. On December 4, 1987, John married Lynda Williams in Weatherford where they made their home and continued his practice. John enjoyed street rodding, photography, being a pilot, Sooner football, traveling and road trips on their BMW motorcycles. Memorial may be made to the Weatherford Dog Rescue.

John is survived by his wife of 32 years Lynda Wood of their home in Weatherford; one son Brent Wood and wife Dalene of Flower Mound, TX; two daughters Valerie Wood and husband Chad Newman of Elk City and Amber Lawler and husband Travis of Bushland, OK; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Roy "Pete" and one in infancy.

Dr. Ron Helvey

Dr. Ron Helvey, 76, died on May 20, 2020. He was a veterinarian in Mountain Home, AR.

Dr. Helvey was raised on a dairy farm in Colony, OK. He married his wife Carolyn Frie, in 1964. In 1966, he joined the Air Force. After his completion of service, he attended OSU and earned a degree in Veterinary Medicine. He tried to live by a plaque on his wall that read "Be the kind of person your dog thinks you are."

He was a longtime Christian and active member of the First Baptist Church in Mountain Home. He was currently serving on the State Board of the Arkansas Baptist Children's Homes.

He is survived by his wife Carolyn, son Jason of Los Angeles, CA, and sisters Debbie (and John) Flaming Corn, OK, and Marcia (and Steve) Mahurin Colony, OK. He will also be fondly remembered by his brothers and sisters-in-law Ron and Paula Ford of Arapaho, OK and Jim and Roberta Frie of Stillwater, OK along with ten nephews and nieces all of whom he loved dearly. Preceding him in death were his parents Arnold and Lendola Helvey of Colony, OK and a nephew Carl Frie.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, June 7 at 2:00 pm, First Baptist Church, 1205 Spring Street. Burial will be in western Oklahoma.




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COVID-19/CORN HERITAGE VILLAGE - Officials at Corn Heritage Village and Rehab of Corn say per state mandates, residents and staff were tested for COVID-19 on May 5th. Two hundred and one test results have returned negative, which includes all employees and residents. Officials say they will continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including requiring all residents to continue social distancing and wearing masks when needed.

CLINTON CC/SPECIAL MEETING - A special meeting of Clinton City Council was held with members of the Oklahoma Municipal League in an effort to begin the search for a new City Manager. The Council held discussion over what they want to see in the next City Manager. The Council has set a timeline of hoping to find a successor within six months at a salary range of \$92,000 to \$115,000.

GARRISON OASA SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR - The Oklahoma Association of School Administrators has named Elk City Schools Superintendent Rick Garrison as the Region 12 Superintendent of the Year. Garrison says it marks the 4th time he has received the honor. Additionally, Tony Chauncey of Elk City Schools was named Central Office Staff of the Year.

CADDO COUNTY DISTRICT COURT/SHIREY PH WAIVED - Formal arraignment for a Carnegie man is planned for July 10th in Caddo County District Court after waiving a preliminary hearing on a charge of lewd or indecent acts to a child under 16. Twenty year old Troy Dean Shirey allegedly inappropriately touched an 11 year old female at a town fair in 2019.

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	Stacey Croslin, arrested by Washita Co., charged with FTA and no seat belt.	Kameron Michael Lee, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, charged with DUI-D.	Calvin Eugene Baggett, arrested by OHP, charged with aggravated DUI.
	Angie T. Lewis, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with neglect or refusal to compel child to attend school.	Jennifer Renee Williams, arrested by TSI, charged with uttering forged instrument.	Donna Hellard, arrested by Roger Co., charged with failure to comply..
	Locadio Hadley, arrested by Oklahoma County, charged with malicious injury to property.	Chase Dalton Ford, arrested by TSI, charged with possession of CDS.	Chris Hellard, arrested by Rogers Co., charged with failure to comply.
	Venuste Mbonwanayo arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for operating motor vehicle under any other intoxicating substances & possession of marijuana.		
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One of my greatest joys in reading biographies is to follow the journey of great men of God who have caught the vision of His call on their lives and pursued it through the years with the persistence that only He could supply.

Such a man was William Wilberforce. An aimless-pleasure seeker in his earlier years, he became a champion of the oppressed. Elected to the English parliament at the age of 21, and a friend of Prime Minister William Pitt, he soon found himself involved in great social issues affecting the downtrodden of England.

But he is best known for his life-long fight to abolish the slave trade in England. After coming to faith in Christ as an adult, he soon became friends with a small group of evangelical abolitionists. As they described the horrific conditions on slave ships, his conscience was pricked. He came to believe that this was a cause to which he could give his life. Starting in 1787 he began sponsoring bills in Parliament that would rid the country of this plague. There was little initial support, due to the vast economic gain involved in such a lucrative enterprise. Year after year he persisted with new research pointing out the inhumane treatment of the slaves and finally, after 20 years of dedicated labor, parliament passed the bill abolishing slave trafficking in England. During those years he received constant encouragement from John Newton, himself a former captain of a slave ship, who was the author of the hymn, "Amazing Grace." John Wesley, also, was a great friend and supporter.

We may marvel at the passion that would drive a man to give of himself with such devotion to a cause that at first seemed overwhelming. Toward the end of his life he began writing on the nature of the Christian life. He saw the shallowness of the average church-goer. The main message of his book, "Real Christianity" was that "many of those who call themselves Christians fall far short of living out the essence of real Christianity. As long as we allow this inadequate form of Christianity to go unchallenged, those who are spiritually needy will never come to faith in Jesus Christ. Our nation faces many challenges at home and abroad, and now is the time for us to return to a radical faith in Jesus Christ."

As I read that it spoke so clearly of our current situation. Radical greed, immorality, selfishness, and a general abandonment of the sovereign rule of God has brought us to this point. Man, left to himself will self-destruct. Wilberforce wrote, "Don't think that your guilt is so little that God will not bother with it. It is ludicrous to think you can trifle with God's patience, ignoring both His invitations and His threats, refusing the offer of His Spirit of grace and the precious blood of the redeemer. Scripture warns, "How shall we escape if we neglect so great salvation."

In our excitement about football teams let us get excited about sharing the truth with those who say there is no "Truth." Though our foundations be shaken and we seem to be standing on the brink of disaster, let us grasp the vision of a Wilberforce and focus on the task before us. May we humble ourselves and pray and seek His face, seeking always to prepare ourselves for action, fully equipped with the truth, fighting the battle in the strength which He fully supplies.

Great American Conference Announces Amended 2020 Football Schedules



Last Friday, The Great American Conference announced its Council of Presidents approved changes to the league's upcoming football and basketball schedules, as well as alterations to the conference's championship formats.

The 2020 football season now consists of the GAC's 12 member schools playing a ten-game conference schedule that can begin on Thursday, September 10. The 10-game slate corresponds with changes to maximum playing seasons passed by the NCAA Division II Presidents Council earlier this month.

"I'm appreciative our leadership identified ways to retain championship experiences for as many teams and individuals as possible," Prewitt said. "These decisions are not pleasant to make, but our presidents, athletic directors, and additional administrators have worked hard to balance the financial realities that we are battling with allowing student-athletes to compete for championships."

SWOSU will now open the 2020 season on Saturday, September 12th against Harding in the ASAP Kickoff

Classic, the first of five home games to be played at ASAP Energy Field. Other key home dates include Homecoming on October 24th against Henderson State and Senior Day on November 14th against Northwestern Oklahoma State. With the modification of the schedule, SWOSU will not face Arkansas-Monticello for the first time since the formation of the conference in 2011.

Game Times will be added to the 2020 SWOSU Football Schedule once they are known.

September 12: vs. Harding
September 19: at Arkansas Tech
September 26: at East Central
October 3: vs. Southeastern Okla.
October 10: vs. Oklahoma Baptist
October 17: at Southern Nazarene
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October 31: at Ouachita
November 7: at Southern Arkansas
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Happy Anniversary Wishes for June 4th - Mark & Brenda Kinnison 2nd- McKenna Albert, Sherreea Baden, Fran Brooks, George Browning, Julianna Leppke, Hillary Wise

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Todd Helton Named Interim Athletic Director

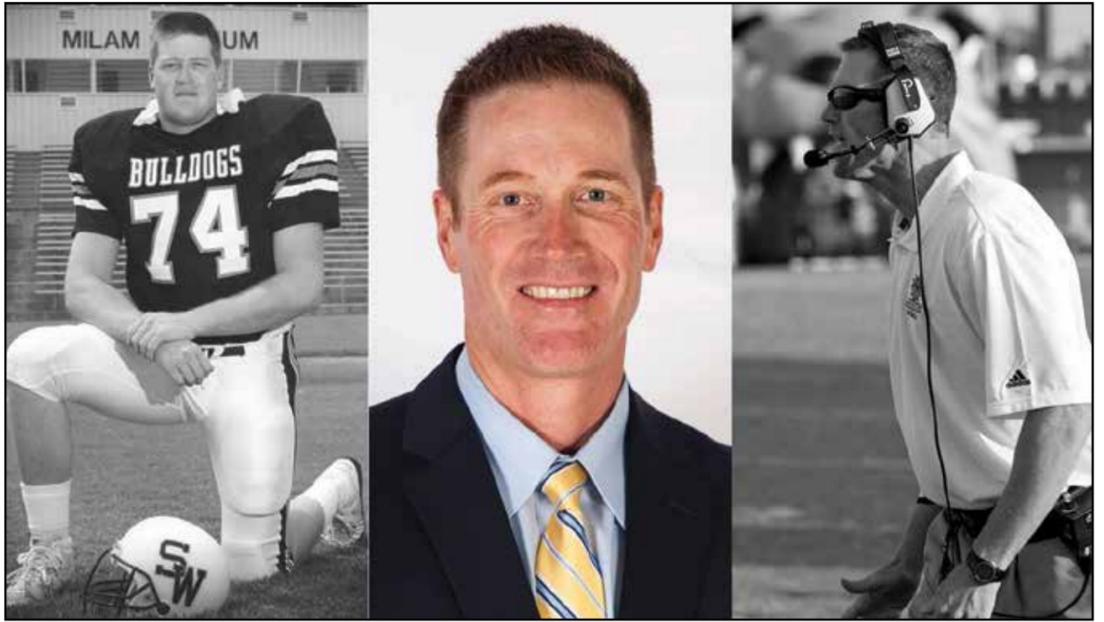
Doug Self
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Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Randy Beutler announced Tuesday that he has appointed Todd Helton as Interim SWOSU Athletic Director. Helton will accept the position following the resignation of Todd Thurman on Friday.

"I have great respect for Todd Helton and believe that he will serve our institution, student-athletes and coaches well," President Beutler stated. "He has done an outstanding job as the Associate Athletic Director and will be a great leader during this unknown time that all athletic departments across the country are dealing with due to the pandemic."

Helton, the longest-tenured member of the SWOSU Athletic Department, has served in athletics administration since June 2014, most recently as the Associate Athletic Director. Helton was previously the Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance, but his history with the university goes back much further. He arrived in Weatherford in 1986 as a member of the Bulldog Football team, where he was a standout defensive lineman from 1986-89. Helton was named a First Team NAIA All-American as a senior in 1989 and he was inducted into the SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 2010.

"I would like to thank President Randy Beutler for the opportunity to lead the hard-working and talented staff, coaches and student-athletes at SWOSU," Helton said. "I would also like to thank Todd Thurman for everything he has done for the university and this Athletic Department as well as helping to prepare me personally for this opportunity. I look forward to working hard to build upon the Bulldog tradition of excellence in student-athlete growth and development, championship caliber



competition and community engagement."

Following graduation, Helton joined the SWOSU Athletic Department headed by Cecil Perkins, where he coached football from 1990-2014 under three different head coaches – Paul Sharp, Ryan Held and Dan Cocannouer – and provided a constant link between the past and present. He held the position of Defensive Coordinator from 2005-14 before stepping away from the sideline and into administration. His current duties include coordinating

and leading the athletics rules compliance program in accordance with NCAA, Great American Conference and SWOSU rules and regulations while serving as the assistant director of athletic budgets, event management, special events and fundraising.

A native of Perryton, Texas, Helton holds two degrees from SWOSU, earning his bachelor's degree in Kinesiology in 1991 and a master's degree in Education in 1993. He is the father of two daughters, Kennedie (21) and Ireland (17).

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will continue to improve."

Carmen and the Casa Soto family would like to thank their wonderful customers and friends that have supported them through these troubling times. They look forward to continue serving the community and celebrating Casa Soto's 35th anniversary on July 5th.

SWOSU Awards 2020-21 Authentic Journalism Scholarship to Kiersten Stone

Kiersten Stone Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) student Kiersten Stone of Anadarko has been named SWOSU's Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Scholar for the 2020-21 academic year.

Stone was selected to receive the Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Memorial Scholarship for the Pursuit of Authentic Journalism by the SWOSU Department of Art, Communication & Theater Scholarships Selection Committee after submitting a competitive essay entitled Journalism vs Editorial Opinion.

Stone is a junior currently studying communication arts.

"I am delighted to congratulate Kiersten Stone on being named our university's 2020-21 Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Scholar and am deeply grateful to the generous donors who have made this recognition possible," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "The names of these two men continue to live on our campus as paragons of integrity and creativity, and I know they would be so proud to see our students excelling. Now more than ever, it is crucial that truth and facts be advanced in our society. Thanks to a thoughtful private investment, students like Kiersten Stone can contribute to that worthy cause."



Kiersten Stone

The Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Memorial Scholarship Fund was established in 2017 to honor the life and accomplishments of the late Jack B. Shelton and the late Walter Crouch. The fund has been generously endowed by Shelton's widow, Margaret Shelton of Oakland (MD), and their children: daughter Becky West (SWOSU Class of 1976) and husband Bill of Lake Eufaula; daughter Susan Smith of Oakland (MD); and son Jack "Barney" Shelton (SWOSU Class of 1988) and his wife Wanda of Ham Lake (MN).

Taken together, Shelton and Crouch invested over four decades in service to SWOSU. Garrett King, assistant vice president of institutional advancement, said the two men worked passionately and diligently to cultivate the university's distinctive and enduring brand and style. Shelton and Crouch mentored and inspired many students during their years at SWOSU and left a lasting, positive impact on public perception of "the Hilltop."

The Jack B. Shelton & Walter Crouch Memorial Scholarship Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For information on how to make a charitable gift to SWOSU, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

This history segment of June has many fun facts featuring Oklahoma's highway system courtesy of Oklahoma Department of Transportation, ODOT. Starting off, on June 2nd, 1975, a special ceremony took place in Erick, OK for the completion of the last 17 miles of I-40. At this time, these last few miles marked the 616-mile interstate highway in Oklahoma, a highway system that has, quite literally, paved the way for many of the cities it passes through.

I-40 was one of the many Interstates set up by the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The route, connects the East and West side of the US

and travels across the southern side of the nation. It runs through eight states: North Caroline, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California; and it acts as one of the major routes of the Interstate System.

The Interstate Highway System was proclaimed complete in 1992 and construction was figured around \$114 billion. According to the Office of Highway Policy Information in 2016, just shy of one-quarter of all vehicle miles are driven on the Interstate Highway System. It's streamlined carrier services and increased connectivity for the average citizen.

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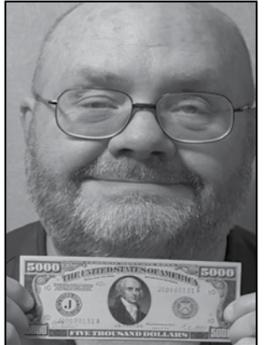
Rare Silver Penny of Boy King Sells in London auction

The coin pictured above was minted in the 10th century. It represents King Edward the Martyr who was crowned king in 975 A.D. when he was 13 years old and was assassinated 3 years later on March 13, 978 by his half-brother Aethelred.

The coin is a rare silver penny. It was found March 2018 by a metal detectorist who had searched the same field for 28 years. The coin was found 4 to 5 inches in the dirt. This silver penny is a new discovery and the first time one had been offered at auction.

The pre-auction estimate was \$6,000 to \$8,000. It sold for \$17,077.28 to a collector in United Kingdom.

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SWOSU Foundation, Inc., Trustees Convene for Spring 2020 Session

The Board of Trustees of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Foundation, Inc. recently convened for a regularly scheduled business meeting. Due to restrictions on public gatherings and limited access to SWOSU facilities related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was conducted entirely via the Zoom platform and facilitated by the SWOSU Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL).

The Foundation trustees heard briefings from SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler and SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Garrett King.

Departing Trustee Lynda L. Lucas of Cheyenne, SWOSU Class of 1981, was commended and thanked for her service. During her term as a trustee (April 2015 – April 2020), Lucas sat on the Foundation Scholarships & Grants Committee and Property Committee.

The Trustees reviewed FY 2019 reports and metrics including:

A 15% increase in philanthropic revenues from FY 2018

A 79% increase in philanthropic donors from FY 2018

A 40% increase in philanthropic gifts from FY 2018

A 12% decrease in operating budget expenses from FY 2018

A 40% increase in Foundation support paid to SWOSU from FY 2018

A 15% increase in SWOSU Alumni Association memberships from FY 2018

In 2019, only \$0.07 out of every \$1.00 donated to the Foundation went to fundraising costs (the national average is \$0.20 according to the Association of Fundraising Professionals) and for every \$1.00 the Foundation invested in fundraising activities, \$13.34 was raised for SWOSU's benefit

The trustees also noted that, in 2019, the Foundation investment portfolio earned a 21% return generating over

\$4 million of investment earnings to support the current and future needs of SWOSU. Over the longer term, the five-year average return on the portfolio of 7.34% exceeded the benchmark return of 7.14%.

"The Spring 2020 meeting of the Foundation trustees was the first in the organization's four-plus decades of history to take place in a totally virtual setting," King said. "With the full agreement of the leadership of both SWOSU and the Foundation, we have enacted a 24% reduction in the Foundation's 2020 operating budget in light of the extremely challenging environment facing so many of our supporters amidst the COVID-19 pandemic and disruptions in the energy sector."

King said concurrently the Foundation has paid out thousands of dollars in crisis assistance to SWOSU students encountering unexpected hardships related to these difficult economic times.

"We remain on-track to provide more Foundation support to SWOSU in 2020 than we did in 2019, thanks to the charitable spirit and steadfast contributions of our generous, faithful donors," King said.

The Foundation's leaders include:

CHAIR – George Cohlma, Oklahoma City, SWOSU Class of 1974

1st VICE-CHAIR/CHAIR-DESIGNATE – Bryan Evans, Edmond, SWOSU Class of 1998, also chair of the Corporate Governance & Nominating Committee

2nd VICE-CHAIR – Brice Harris, Fair Oaks (CA), SWOSU Class of 1970, also chair of the Scholarships & Grants Committee

SECRETARY – Philip Busey, Jr., Oklahoma City, SWOSU Class of 2004, also chair of the Development Committee

TREASURER – Bruce Magill, Weatherford, SWOSU Class of 1970

PAST CHAIR – Dianne Hunter, Edmond, SWOSU Classes of 1986 & 1990

CHAIR OF THE INVESTMENT COMMITTEE – Michael Hart, Edmond, SWOSU Class of 2006

CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE – Judy Wilkes, Oklahoma City, SWOSU Class of 1976

CHAIR OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE – James Keehn, Edmond, SWOSU Class of 1996

CHAIR OF THE PROPERTY COMMITTEE – Debbie Shepherd, Weatherford, SWOSU Class of 1979

Additional seated trustees of the Foundation include:
E. Vann Greer Andrews, Oklahoma City, SWOSU Class of 1960

Lori Baker Boyd, Yukon, SWOSU Class of 1997

Jeff DeFehr, Weatherford, SWOSU Class of 1990

David Ferrell, Amber, SWOSU Class of 1995

Juan Garcia, Clinton, SWOSU Class of 2002

Mark Russell, Elk City, SWOSU Class of 1986

Homer Ryan, Frederick, SWOSU Class of 1963

Nelson Sims, Key Largo (FL), SWOSU Class of 1971

An institutionally-related charitable entity, the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

The Foundation Trustees serve as the overall governing and fiduciary body for the Foundation generally as well as for the Foundation's two subsidiaries, the SWOSU Alumni Association and the SWOSU Athletic Association.

For more information, please contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

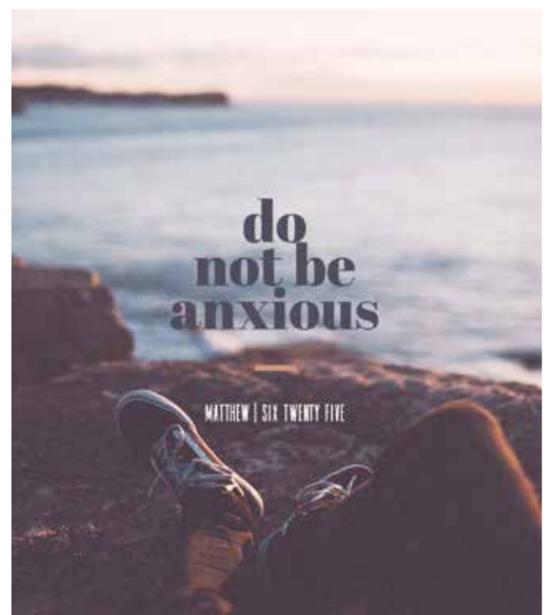
WFRC Volunteer of the Month of March!



Anita Mast began volunteering as soon as the doors opened in September 2016. Anita and her husband, Delvin, are residents of Weatherford. They have three grown children, Kate, Courtney, and Trevon. Anita is employed with Weatherford Middle School as the secretary. You will often find Anita in her garden or reading memoirs. She serves as secretary on Weatherford Food & Resource Center's Board of Directors and as a client intake volunteer. Anita's favorite things about Weatherford Food & Resource Center is the cooperation together for a common goal, the positive energy and encouragement for those going through a difficult time of life, creating new friendships, and watching love in action.

When asked why she volunteers, Anita quoted Howard Zinn, - "Small acts when multiplied by millions of people can transform the world."

Do you want to help Anita transform the world? Sign up to volunteer at <http://signup.com/go/SNSMWW> or contact Kendra at (580) 774-5377 or volunteer@weatherfordfrc.org.



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