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## SWOSUpalooza Rescheduled to October 22



SWOSUpalooza 2020 has been rescheduled for Thursday, October 22, during Homecoming Week at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Flatland Cavalry, Mike Ryan and Triston Marez will be featured at this year's SWOSUpalooza, which will be held in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

SWOSUpalooza was scheduled for August 20. Tickets already purchased on stubwire will be honored at the October 22 concert.

"We know students are looking forward to SWOSUpalooza but we thought at this time because of the pandemic, we should wait to have the concert," said Brian Adler, chair of the co-sponsoring Panorama Committee. "We are fortunate that Flatland Cavalry, Mike Ryan and Triston Marez all agreed to the switch."

The music event is sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Panorama Series.

Tickets are available on stubwire.com at share.swosu.edu/SWOSUpalooza2020 or in the SWOSU Public Relations and Marketing Office in Room 205 of the Hays Administration Building. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the show.

For additional information about SWOSUpalooza, contact the SWOSU Public Relations and Marketing Office at 580.774.3063.

## Coyote's 50th Concert Schedule September 18th

Tickets for the Coyote's 50th Birthday Concert at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center are on sale on Stubwire. The concert will feature musical guests Mo Bandy, Tyler Wilhelm, and No Justice. A limited number of \$30 VIP assigned seats will be available,

along with \$20 General floor seats and \$10 General stadium seats. The concert will be held on September 18th along with the 50th Birthday giveaway of \$5,000. Entries for the giveaway can still be made at platinum sponsor locations; these include:

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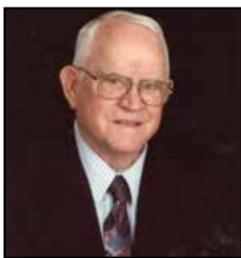
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**Billy “Bill” Bert Webb**

Billy “Bill” Bert Webb was born in Custer City on March 13, 1930, to Ted and Jessie (Sherbourne) Webb and passed away on Saturday, July 25, 2020 in Mustang, at the age of 90 years, 4 months and 12 days.



Bill married his high-school sweetheart Norma Jean Matthews on December 24, 1950, at the United Methodist Church in Custer City.

After graduating from OSU with a degree in Agronomy, Bill farmed and ranched in the Custer City area. Following that, he spent 4 years in Ethiopia teaching farmers how to improve their agricultural and animal husbandry practices as a part of the Point 4 Program implemented by President Truman.

After earning an MS degree in Agronomy from OSU, he managed the OSU Research Station at Altus. He completed his Ph.D. in Agronomy at Kansas State University and assumed the position of Director of Research for the OSU Agriculture Experiment Stations across Oklahoma for the rest of his professional career. He retired in 1995 but continued to work as a consultant for the department until 2002.

Bill and Jean were active members of Highland Park Methodist Church in Stillwater for over 30 years, followed by Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City for more than 15 years. He was Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America, a board member for the Wesley Foundation at OSU, and a volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Bill was also an avid woodworker and handmade wooden ink pens that were given as gifts to people all over the world. He was the epitome of graciousness to all who knew him. Suggestions for memorial donations are Habitat for Humanity and Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

His wife of almost 68 years, Jean, preceded him in death. Bill is survived by six children, 17 grandchildren, and 26 great-grandchildren. His children are Dr. Ted Webb and wife Judy of Yukon, Janette Moyer and husband Robert of Mustang, Rick Webb and wife Jeannette of Barrington, New Hampshire, Rod Webb of Southern California, Dan Webb and wife Teresa of Yale, and Jeane’ Redmond and husband Larry of Basehor, Kansas. Bill is also survived by one brother Gene Webb of Grand Island, Nebraska.

**Bradley “Brad” James Thacker**

Funeral services for Bradley “Brad” James Thacker, 61 year-old Weatherford resident, will be held Monday, July 28, 2020 ,at 10:00 am at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Earl Stephenson officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Bradley J. Thacker was born November 11, 1958, in Wichita, Kansas, to Tommie and Mary (Koop) Thacker and passed away Thursday, July 23, 2020, at the Weatherford Regional Hospital at the age of 61 years, 8 months, and 22 days. Brad was raised and attended school in Weatherford, Oklahoma, and graduated with the class of 1977. After graduating from high school, Brad joined his father Tommie laying bricks for many years. If you drive through town, you will see many buildings they have bricked together. Brad would say with pride that his house was one of the last to be bricked by them. There were times Brad took a break from brick masonry to be a Weatherford Fireman, a SWOSU police officer and with Chesapeake Energy for several years. His heart was always laying bricks with his father. On June 5, 1987, he married Belinda Roles, and they made their home in Weatherford, Oklahoma. Brad loved being outdoors, hunting, fishing, shooting guns, and camping. He loved motorcycles and owned his dream Fat Boy Harley. Brad always owned a dog or two. His furry faithful friend Toby will miss his loving owner.

Brad is survived by his wife Belinda Thacker; mother Mary Thacker; one brother Tom Thacker; mother-in-law Sue Roles, all of Weatherford, OK; one brother-in-law Clint Roles of Oklahoma City, OK; many uncles, aunts, two nieces, two nephews, many cousins and his sidekicks Tim and Sammy Entz. He was preceded in death by his father Tommie Thacker; one unborn baby angel; and both sets of grandparents.

**Patricia Mae “Pat” Springer**

Patricia Mae "Pat" Springer was born July 4, 1949, in Thomas to Grover C. and Virginia (Hooper) Hazel and went home to be with the Lord, Friday, July 24, 2020, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, at the age of 71 years and 20 days.



Pat was raised and attended school in Weatherford, graduating with the Class of 1967. On August 4, 1967, she married Orval Eldon Springer in Byers, Texas. Pat and Orval traveled the central and western parts of the states as evangelists. They pastored churches in Kingman, Kansas; Lordsburg, New Mexico;

Pearl, Oklahoma; Roseland, Oklahoma, and in 1993 pioneered and pastored Grace Assembly of God in Weatherford. They settled their home permanently in Weatherford in 1977. Pat was a stay-at-home mom and helped Orval run his family business, Willie Kilpest, until Orval retired. Pat then went to work at Dr. Brenda Stutzman’s office in Hydro for several years. She also served 11 years (1986 to 1997) as head inspector for Precinct 21 for the Custer County Election Board. She received a commendation from the Governor of Oklahoma for outstanding service.

Pat loved the Lord, her church family, playing the piano and singing with Orval. Pat’s hobbies were scrapbooking, crocheting, sewing, working puzzles and cake decorating. She loved spending time with friends and her greatest love was her grandkids and the great grandkids. Pat was loved by many and will be greatly missed; our loss is heaven’s gain. Memorials may be made to Grace Assembly of God Church.

Pat is survived by her husband of 52 years, Orval Springer of their home in Weatherford; one daughter Patti Springer of Weatherford; two sons: Damon Springer of Piedmont and Billy Springer and wife Tamara of Amarillo, Texas; one brother Kenneth Hazel and wife Jackie of Weatherford; two sisters: Judith Scott of Ottawa, Kansas and Gwendolyn Johnson of Central City, Kentucky; one adopted sister of the family Florence Miller and husband Arnold of Weatherford; and close family friend Lauren Binder Kuykendall and her husband Bobby of Weatherford; eleven grandchildren: Kyle Springer and wife Jenny of Duncan, Matthew Springer of Weatherford, Hayden Springer and wife Brantley of Amarillo, Texas, Logan, Madison, and Landry Springer of Amarillo, Texas, Courtney and Caitlyn Springer of Piedmont, Madi Grace Hoyt of Weatherford, Sam and Lizzy Kuykendall of Weatherford; three great-grandchildren: Parker Springer of Amarillo, Texas, Delta and Wesson Springer of Duncan, and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents Grover and Virginia Hazel of Weatherford.

**Leanna Marshall**

Visitation for Leanna Marshall was from 1:00pm to 8:00pm on Saturday, July 25th, and Sunday, July 26th, 2020. The family welcomed guests from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Ray & Martha’s Funeral Home in Hobart, Oklahoma. Chapel Service was at 10:00am on Monday, July 27, 2020 Interment was in Eldorado Cemetery in Eldorado, Oklahoma.

**Janet Ray Myers**

Visitation for Janet Ray Meyers was from 9:00am to 8:00pm on Friday, July 31, 2020. Family welcomed guests from 5:00pm to 7:00pm at Ray & Martha’s Funeral Home in Hobart, Oklahoma.



Funeral was at 2:00pm on Saturday, August 1, 2020, at First Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma. Interment was at Lone Wolf Cemetery in Lone Wolf, Oklahoma.

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## Hofmeister remarks on Gov. Stitt's investment in PPE for schools, students

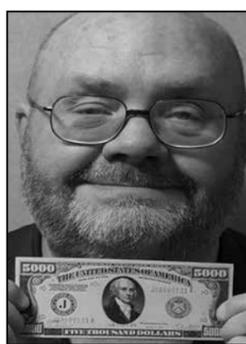
State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister made the following remarks after Gov. Stitt announced Oklahoma is using \$10 million in COVID-19 relief funds to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to public schools throughout the state.

"It is critical that every effort be made for our kids and teachers to return to school, and the evidence is clear that face masks – along with face shields, gloves and gowns – are crucial for that to happen. COVID-19 has created difficult decisions that require schools to offer families a number of instructional delivery options that best meet their needs. We thank Gov. Stitt and his team for their work in helping to provide PPE to our schools."

## "The Coin Guy" 1919 Error Dimes Are Very Rare and Expensive



In 2015 a new error coin was discovered on the 1919 Mercury dime. The new error shows a doubling in the motto, "In God We Trust". This is known as a Doubled Die Obverse (DDO) in coin collecting parlance. This "doubling" occurred when the working dies were made at the Philadelphia mint by mistake. The doubling of the motto makes it seem like when a person is looking at it "cross-eyed". Any elementary child can demonstrate the procedure.



Trent Boesen

The above pictured 1919 Mercury dime one can see the "error". Only a few of these dimes have been found. The majority of them are well-circulated. Plus, they are selling for high prices. The above 1919 dime sold at auction for \$1,020 recently.

Are you having concerns about your collection but didn't know who to ask? Call the "Coin Guy" at 580-890-8076 for a consultation at Jerry's Restaurant. Thanks for reading.

# Ghost of the Plains



Kelly R. Killhoffer  
Oklahoma History Enthusiast

Have you ever been on a casual drive in the country and come across a cemetery in the middle of nowhere? Chances are, many years ago, that very spot you are standing on or driving through was a busy junction of a flourishing town. There are scores of towns and communities in Western Oklahoma that have dried up and gone the way of the Dodo. I'm looking to bring a bit of life back to them.

In the early days of our state, both pre-statehood

and after, many of these now lost places existed in close proximity to one another. Remember that back then there were no automobiles that could travel long distances like we can today. Often the distance from one of these communities to the next may have been within a ten or twelve mile radius. Farmers couldn't haul their harvest great stretches. Generally, there was a central location to sell or process crops. At one time, crops such as broom corn, kaffir corn, maize, alfalfa, millet, sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes, pie melons, musk melons and watermelon were raised, harvested and sold all around these parts. There was a time when Elk City had multiple cotton gins or yards.

Sadly, those days have seen the books close on

many of those crops. Farming has changed drastically over all those years. Understandably, techniques and farming have progressed. Once upon a time, the land had to be cleared by hand, axe and pick. There were no bulldozers to do in a week what took these tough, determined pioneers years of back breaking labor to accomplish.

The land can be pretty unforgiving in these parts. I have been shown parcels of land, full of sage brush and mesquite, that my father-in-law recalled being cotton ground when he was growing up.

Those places are quickly slipping away from us and the people who know of them are fading away as well. I want to know all I can about these places. I want to hear or read about what it was like in Western Oklahoma in

those days of yesteryear.

If you have knowledge and would like to share your story with the rest of us, please contact me. These places are important, especially in a time when people are trying to destroy and denounce our past as quickly and hatefully as they can. Will you stand with me and tell your story of these long lost, but not forgotten, places?

I am looking for information about some of the following locations. I am sure there are more out there, these are just a sampling of the ones I'm aware of: Nine Mile, Kiowa, Sandstone, Grandview, Ural, Poarch, Dodoxy, Grimes and Dempsey, Lone Oak, Buffalo, Taylor, Highway, Kempton, and Ross.

That's what's underneath this hat.

## Three SWOSU Students Participate in Stafford-Leonov Exchange Program



One computer science and two engineering technology students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently participated in a new student exchange program offered by the Space Policy Program at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy in Houston (TX).

The Stafford-Leonov Student Exchange Program was attended by Trey Biddy of Weatherford and Colton Parkinson of Crawford, both engineering tech students, and computer science student Kurtis Clark of Weatherford. Participating with the students was Cindi Albrightson, instructor in the SWOSU Engineering Technology Department.

The exchange program is so named to pay tribute to the commanders of the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz mission—Thomas Stafford and Alexei Leonov. Their mission was the first in which spacecraft from different nations

docked in space and pioneered the spirit of international cooperation in space that resulted in the successful International Space Station.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this year's program—Space Development: Theory and Practice—was held via videoconference and teleconference in late July. Co-sponsors were the Youth Space Center at Bauman Moscow State Technical University and the Russian Space Program.

The purpose of the program is to develop international collaborations in which engineering, biomedical and science students from different countries work together to design simulated missions and to encourage at the university level the next generation of space explorers.

Selection to the program was competitive and the three SWOSU students were among students chosen from across the United States.

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**Mike Smith**  
News Director

**CLINTON SB/DELAY START OF SCHOOL**- The Clinton School Board of Education has decided to delay the start of school until August 20th . Superintendent Tyler Bridges says the district had planned to begin classes on August 13th . Bridges says the school calendar will not change with the one week delay of the beginning of school.

**CLINTON CHAMBER BANQUET POSTPONED**- Officials with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce say the annual banquet that had been planned for August 14th has been postponed until further notice. Chamber President Julie Caldwell says officials plan to reschedule the event. Meanwhile, Caldwell says the new teacher luncheon is still on for Next week.

**WEATHERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT PURSUIT** - Two Clinton residents were arrested by Weatherford Police after getting into a pursuit on interstate 40. Detective Matt Bartel says officers pursued the vehicle after it was clocked traveling 84 miles an hour in a 70 mile per hour zone. Bartel says Jesse Dale Wells and Tanner Wells were apprehended in connections with traffic and drug related offenses.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT** - A Custer County District Court Judges sentenced a Clinton man to life in prison without the possibility of parole for the killing of his ex- wife. Forty year old Brandon Joseph Benevento was sentenced Tuesday after pleading guilty to the first degree murder of Heather Park. Benevento shot Park multiple times in April 2019 in an Arapaho continent store parking lot.

**CADDO CO FATAL IN EAKLY** - a Hydro man is dead, following an accident on a Caddo County road, just south of Eakly. He wasn't discovered until the next morning. The Oklahoma Highway patrol says 62 year old Randal See died at the scene of the accident. Troopers say See was driving at a high rate of speed, lost control of the vehicle, striking a dirt embankment and rolling the vehicle 5 times. See was ejected from the Vehicle.

**CUSTER COUNTY PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT**- Custer County emergency management director Mike Galloway told county commissioners Monday that personal protective equipment in the County is beginning to run low. Galloway says he has been trying to help provide PPE to various agencies for the last three months, but he says the supply is beginning to dry up.

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## PUBLIC RECORDS

**Arrested**

Jennifer Barron, arrested by Clinton Police Department for Washita county bench warrant.

Samuel Martin Jennings, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substances.

Sarah Virginia Knauss, Arrested by OK CO for larceny from the house

Jesse Dale Wells, Arrested by Weatherford Police Department for entering structure with intent to commit crime, POV,POV,POV possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, and failure to maintain security.

Brently Bellmule, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for public intoxication.

John Asher, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, obstructing and officer, false impersonation, resisting arrest, an an Arizona warrant for aggravated casualty with deadly weapon.

Ahmed Karim, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for public intoxication.

Tonah Fishinhawk, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for public intoxication.

Desiray Allen, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of marijuana, no driver's license, and defective equipment.

Jodi Sadler, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of marijuana.

Erica Rodriguez, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Kentovo Holcomb, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Reginald Lee Bearsheild, Arrested by CCSO for rule 8.

Alisha Nez Bullcoming, Arrested by CCSO for possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, and false impersonation.

John Phillip Cox JR, Arrested by CCSO for public intoxication, possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, and transporting open container of liquor.

Agustin Garcia, Arrested by OHP for DUI and no valid driver's license.

Lance Leroy Greeley, Arrested by CCSO for DUI, DUS, and failure to carry security verification.

Charels Edward Jones, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for PI by drugs, obstruction, assault on officer, and resisting officer.

Taylor Richard Keyes, Arrested by OHP for obstructing officer.

Jose Luis Pena, Arrested by OHP for DUI and no valid driver's license.

Judy Bee Tointigh, Arrested by Weatherford Police Department for Domestic assault and battery with dangerous weapon.

Teddy Lewis Toler, Arrested by Weatherford Police Department for possession

of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia and DUI.

Tyler Cuccias, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of drug paraphernalia.

Mark Herndon, Arrested by Clinton Police for failure to appear.

Sonya Racelis, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for unauthorized use of credit card, false impersonation, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Aaron James Roth, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of controlled dangerous substance.

John Aubrey Burns, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for DUI and possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Tanner Wells, Arrested by Weatherford Police Department for possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana, eluding police officer, speeding, and o/m unsafe conditions.

William Ross, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for motion to revoke officer.

Ridge Fregason, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for driving under suspension X2 and no insurance X2.

Lamont Bell, Arrsetd by Clinton Police Department for obstructing and officer an public intoxication.

Carlos Chavez, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for unauthorized use of vehicle and possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Charels Jones, Arrested by Clinton Police Department

for public intoxication by drugs, assault on a peace officer, obstructing and officer, and resisting arrest.

Hometo Rivera- Carillo, Arrested by TSI for obstructing an officer and resisting arrest.

Roy Lamont Bell, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for obstructing officer.

Peyton Lea Veal, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for breaking and entering without permission.

Brant Coda Wassana, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for obtaining cash by bogus check.

David Adams, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for assault with deadly weapon.

**Out On Bond**

Desiray Allen, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of marijuana, no driver's license, and defective equipment.

Bentley Bellmule, Arrested by Clinton Police Department for attempted kidnapping.

Jordan Kole Brown, Arrested for DUI, transport open container of beer, and unsafe lane use.

Nicholas Anthony Flowers, Arrested by OHP for DUI.

William Griffin, Arrested by CCSO for driving with out license.

Felix Morales III, Arrested for DUI and carrying firearm intoxicated.

Amy Kay Harris, Arrested by TSI for uttering forged instrument.

**Higher Ground Stand by Me**

I am having to restrain myself, the Red Sox have won two straight after losing four in a row. Bring on those Yankees!

How strange it is that we as humans can go from euphoria to despair over a meaningless game or event. But there are stages or events of life that bring significant times of sadness. Someone has said that everyone is either in the midst of a storm, coming out of a storm, or soon will experience a storm. None of us are exempt from life's struggles. We would like life to be fair or explainable. But there are many things that will remain a mystery.

It has been said that the safest place you can be in is in the will of God. This may be true in terms of your relationship with God but it is not true in physical terms. Great heroes of the faith have experienced terrible times of suffering and even death. The apostle Paul said that "I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is like to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want." He indicated that he had learned this, it did not come automatically. Often we learn through painful disobedience or foolish mistakes which reap harmful consequences. At other times through no fault of our own, life comes crashing in. David, described as a man after God's own heart, experienced times of despair. In Psalms 31 he cries out, "Be merciful to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eyes grow weak with sorrow, my soul and my body with grief. My life is consumed by anguish and my years by groaning; my strength fails because of my affliction, and my bones grow weak." But after his lament, he concludes by saying, "But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, 'You are my God, My times are in your hands.'"

In Luke 6, Jesus said, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and do not what I say." He then gave the illustration of the man who built his house on the sand. It did not stand the storms that came. But the man who dug deep and built his house on rock was able to withstand the storms of life.

No matter what you are going through, God would have you build your house (life) on genuine faith in Him, through repentance and obedience. We live in a time of rugged individualism. God is only a distant figure. His loving will is that he becomes the central part of your daily life, guiding and instructing you in the way you should go. Then you can pray the words of the old gospel song; "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me. In the midst of faults and failures stand by me. When I'm growing old and feeble stand by me, when my life becomes a burden and I'm nearing chilly Jordan, O Thou Lily of the valley stand by me." To comment [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com) or call 580-302-1142 or 580-772-2311

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*

## SWOSU Spotlight with Mike Smith

**Mike Smith**  
Wright Wradio News and Sports Director

Maicee Morgan returns as a sophomore for the SWOSU Volleyball team. Maicee plays as an outside hitter for the team and is looking forward to getting back into the swing of things. “We’re currently in workouts, and we’re just starting practice. Soon, we’ll have the newcomers coming in to work with us”. When asked about the newcomers and this season’s expectations, Maicee explained that they’ll have an advantage, “because of our chemistry already. We have such great girls, and we’ve met some of the freshmen. Even with different personalities, we all come together as one”.

Maicee is from Edmond and recalls her decision to come to SWOSU, “I had been to many volleyball camps and didn’t really know about SWOSU. So, I came to this camp out of the blue and the moment I stepped foot at the camp I was like, ‘This is it. This is where I need to be.’”

Her most memorable game from her freshman season was against Southern Nazarene University at home. She remembers overcoming adversity with her teammates as they played a 5-set match. “It was a really close game the whole time. We won in the end, and we played like a team for the first time that season”.

For future SWOSU prospects, Maicee tells the up-and-comers to look forward to the family aspect and the atmosphere, and not just for the volleyball team. “The sport [programs] in general. A lot of the other teams are really close. I’m actually living with two basketball players, and I love them”. Maicee attributes her love for the school and program to the relationships she’s built with her teammates and their coach Josh Collins. “Coach Collins is absolutely amazing. [He] gives every player the confidence they need. Not even just the volleyball aspect; he cares about who you are



as a person and wants you to grow”.

With the erratic nature of sport seasons in the wake of COVID, Maicee and the team are preparing to play regardless of potential cancellations. The girls are passionate about the sport and all they want to do is

play. Maicee states, “If we don’t have a season, we’ll just practice and get better for the next one”.

The Volleyball girls have high hopes for this year’s season and are going to give it their all week in and week out.

## Wright Wradio hires news sports director

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

95.5 *The Coyote* would like to introduce the newest member of the family, Sportscaster Danny Henderson. Danny has had a unique life traveling around the nation and the world. Born in Tennessee, Danny moved a lot while his father served in the Air Force and most of the traveling was spent listening to various radio broadcasts. Some of his earliest memories were listening to the Armed Forces Radio Network in Germany. During the 3rd and 4th grade, Danny’s love for radio grew as he listened to games, music, and news from towns he once called home. To hear from and about friends he met along the way was amazing. He knew that he wanted to pursue a career in radio. So, Danny went to Oklahoma Christian College (it would later become OC) and majored in Mass Communications (Radio/TV). A few years after graduation, Danny’s first sports-related role came in

1988 at the Oklahoma News Network to cover the Friday Night Finals. He stopped after the 2000 season ended and loved every minute of those 13 years. Danny and his family had already moved to Tuttle and he began helping with various broadcasts and was actively involved in the booster club, along with his wife. Danny was a Federal employee for 28 years and finished his career at the Pentagon. He spent the last twelve years of his career traveling, building relationships, and freelancing for radio stations at various times.

Danny considers himself a “transplanted Oklahoman”, and after retirement, they came back to the land they love and helped cover games as a freelance sportscaster. Eventually, a spot as a sportscaster opened up at Wright Wradio and Danny felt it was a perfect match. “I’m excited to have a part with a great company, and I’m looking forward to establishing relationships with the coaches, players, and communities we cover.”

You can catch Danny on 95.5 *The Coyote*.



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# Oklahoma History: Springtown Shootout

One of the most iconic and famous duos during the Public Enemy era in the 1930's was Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. The couple committed hundreds of felonies throughout their times on the road which shot them to the top of police warrants and the front page of every press story of the day.

The official story about their first meeting says that the couple met in 1930 at a mutual friend's home and were in love immediately. Parker was currently married to Roy Thornton, whose wedding ring she was still wearing when she was killed but had split from him in January 1929. Bonnie and Clyde were fast lovers and loyal companions after that meeting. 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 safe, robbing stores, and stealing cars.

Clyde was the leader of the Barrow Gang which operated between 1932 and 1934 in Central USA. 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 known for their bank robberies, but they actually robbed grocery stores and gas stations at a rate much higher than their bank jobs.

One of the first run-ins with the law happened on August 5th, 1932. Barrow, Raymond Hamilton, and Ross Dyer were drinking moonshine (which was illegal under Prohibition) at a country dance in Springtown, Oklahoma. Springtown sheriff C.G. Maxwell and Deputy Eugene C. Moore approached the trio in the parking lot. Barrow 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, Barrow'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, Barrow had achieved his goal of revenge and 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.

During 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 the 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 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 posse was comprised of six men, one of which, Ted Hinton, used to be a postal worker who was a frequent customer of Bonnie's during her time as a waitress.

On May 23rd early in the morning, they heard the Ford V8 Barrow was driving approaching down the road. The posse had persuaded Ivy Methvin to put his truck on the shoulder of the road to attract Barrow into stopping. When Barrow fell into the trap, the

lawmen opened fire as the vehicle slowed. Barrow was instantly killed by Prentiss Morel Oakley. The officers fired around 130 rounds, emptying their weapons. The lawmen reported that "We weren't taking any chances." Bonnie and Clyde had several fatal wounds and were killed on the scene. 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 after they recognized Clyde's instant death, 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 her funeral on May 26th. Flowers were sent from everywhere, including some allegedly sent 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 posse who were promised a share of the reward money, which should've totalled to \$26,000 each, 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 police cars, making it more difficult to carry out a series of robberies. Two months after Barrow and Parker 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.

## Hofmeister announces grant award of 50,000 Verizon mobile internet connections and devices to bridge digital divide

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister today announced that 175 Oklahoma school districts have been awarded mobile internet access and devices through 50,000 Verizon Unlimited 4GE data plans and Jetpacks, following a competitive grant process. The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) grants leveraged a portion of the agency's set-aside monies from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund created by the federal Coronavirus Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act to help ensure all students have connectivity to access online learning if community spread of COVID-19 requires districts to use distance or hybrid learning models.

"This pandemic has underscored the inequities of the digital divide that hinder opportunities for so many of our children," said Hofmeister. "We know one-fourth of our students lack reliable home internet access. Many districts have used a portion of the funds allocated to them under the CARES Act to purchase a sufficient number of devices for every student to have access to technology, an effort we encouraged through incentive grants earlier this summer.

"But a device without connectivity is like a book in a pitch-dark room. We are grateful that this partnership with Verizon and OneNet will make a critical difference in ensuring many thousands of children and families will now have the opportunity for robust distance learning."

OneNet, a division of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, provides broadband and internet services to public school districts, libraries and higher

education institutions around the state. As a partner in the OSDE initiative, OneNet will provide, at no cost to districts, content filtering and technical support to facilitate the telecom connection between Verizon and the state telecom network. OneNet is assuming the \$250,000 value of this support as a contribution to the OSDE initiative and the students in districts awarded the hotspots.

"Now more than ever, internet access is vital for students to fully participate in distance and online learning," said Vonley Royal, executive director of OneNet and higher education chief information officer. "OneNet is proud to provide services to our state's students during the pandemic."

Districts receiving the devices, which Verizon sold to OSDE at a discounted rate, will assign and deploy them under specific requirements. For example, districts awarded hotspots must pay a nominal monthly service fee for unlimited 4G LTE data service for each awarded device for at least six months and assure that devices are assigned only to low-income students.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has emphasized the need to bridge the digital divide and keep students connected to their schools, teachers and each other," said Andrés Irlando, senior vice president and president of Public Sector and Verizon Connect at Verizon. "Verizon is working to provide connectivity, devices and other solutions to every student in the U.S. who needs them - whether they are back in the classroom full-time, learning from home or through a hybrid model."

Verizon expects to ship hotspots to districts so that they will be available when school starts. The company

will also provide technical support throughout the school year.

Districts have the opportunity to purchase additional hotspots for students not considered low income and for teachers and staff at the same cost and rate secured by OSDE for the grant.

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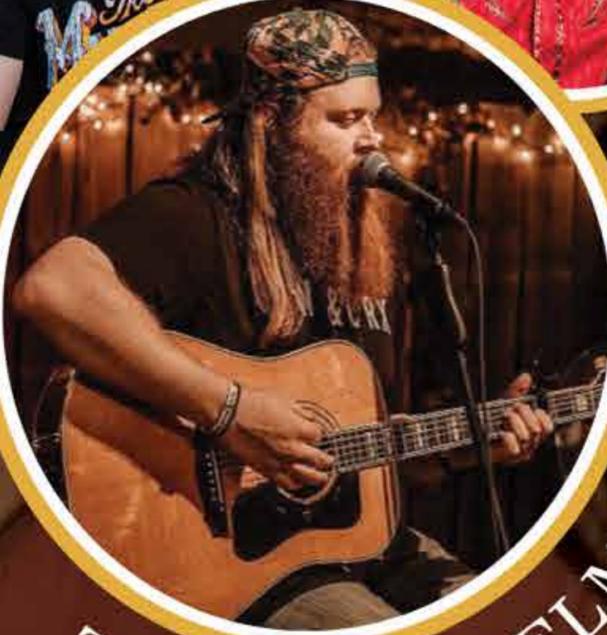
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