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## Todd Helton Named SWOSU Athletic Director



Todd Helton has been named athletic director at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Helton has been serving as interim athletic director since June of this year, and his appointment is effective immediately.

“I am extremely pleased to name Todd as our athletic director,” said SWOSU President Randy Beutler. “Todd is a loyal Bulldog and has the support of so many alumni and friends of the university. I have complete confidence that he will continue to use his outstanding leadership abilities to guide our athletic program.”

Helton is the longest tenured member of the SWOSU Athletic Department, having served 24 years as a football coach and seven years in athletic administration as assistant/associate athletic director and compliance coordinator.

Since moving into athletics administration, Helton has been an active member on various NCAA committees. He currently serves on the NCAA Division II Football Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) for the Central Region in addition to being a member of the NCAA

Eligibility Center Advisory Committee.

A Class of 2010 SWOSU Hall of Fame Inductee, Helton was a standout defensive lineman for the Bulldogs from 1986-89. He helped the Bulldogs to back-to-back winning seasons in his final two years and in 1989 he was named a First Team NAIA All-American.

After graduation, Helton became a football coach at SWOSU and served under three different head coaches—Paul Sharp, Ryan Held and Dan Cocannouer—and provided a constant link between the past and present of the Bulldog football program. He held the position of defensive coordinator from 2005-14 before stepping away from the sideline and into administration.

In addition to his coaching duties, Helton served on various campus committees while he was a faculty member teaching in the Department of Kinesiology from 1993-2013.

A native of Perryton (TX), 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 has two daughters, Kennedie and Ireland Helton.

## State Question 805 Bad for Oklahoma

State Question 805 seeks to change the Oklahoma Constitution to prohibit the use of prior criminal convictions to increase the range of punishment for repeat offenders. This prohibition against sentence enhancements applies to ALL felonies, except the 52 “violent crimes” as defined on January 1, 2020. By enshrining SQ805 in the Constitution, these prohibitions can only be changed with a subsequent vote of the people. The Oklahoma District Attorneys Association voted unanimously to oppose SQ805. As President of the Association, I want to ensure citizens understand what SQ805 actually does.



District Attorney  
Angela Marsee

SQ805 is a terribly dangerous proposition that is marketed, using terms like “non-violent crimes” without explaining which crimes are included. Habitual offenders

who will benefit from SQ805 include those committing serious crimes such as domestic violence (even if against a pregnant woman, by strangulation, or in the presence of a child); on-line predators who use a computer to solicit sex from a minor; animal cruelty; identity thieves; home burglars; repeat drunk drivers; vulnerable adult abusers, and many others. If passed, SQ805 would limit the penalties for these crimes to the same range of punishment for a first time offender, forever, no matter how many prior felony convictions an offender has. SQ805 constitutionally tips the scales of justice in favor of career criminals.

Currently, there is no transparency in sentencing. A 10 year prison sentence doesn't mean 10 years. Offenders are eligible for parole after serving just 25% of their sentences. For example, under SQ805 a repeat offender who committed domestic violence by strangulation could be released after just 9 months in prison. SQ805 applies the law, retroactively, and mandates the reduction of existing sentences for habitual offenders currently in prison to what the penalty would have been had they been a first-time offender.

Crime victims will no longer be able to rely on the sentence they were promised, and the prior decisions of judges and juries will be overturned.

Proponents of SQ805 would have you believe that if SQ805 is passed, prosecutors can just avoid the consequences of the law by finding a crime on the “violent crime” list with a higher penalty to charge instead, even though the facts, law, and ethical rules require otherwise. Not all crimes could even have an alternate offense that could be charged. If the stated goal of SQ805 is to reduce sentences for habitual offenders, why are proponents of SQ805 the ones asserting that prosecutors can just over-charge someone with a violent crime that carries a higher sentence range to circumvent the consequences of the very constitutional amendment they are seeking? It is circular logic, at best.

When you hear claims from proponents of SQ 805, I would encourage you to take a step back. The stated goal of this group is to lower prison sentences for habitual criminals. They argue costs savings by reducing the number of people in prison, but they fail to address the costs to public safety. If you want to know what the true costs of crime looks like, just ask a crime victim.

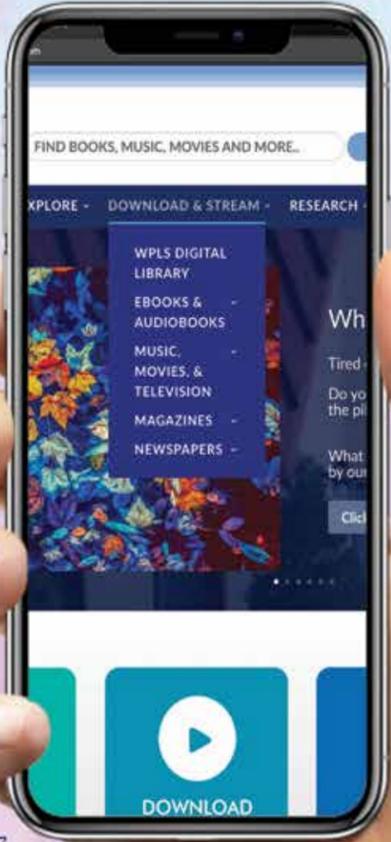
Marsee, who serves as President of the Oklahoma District Attorneys Association and has 24-years of experience as a prosecutor, authored this in her personal capacity.

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**Barbara K. (Marrs) Millspaugh**

Barbara K. (Marrs) Millspaugh, long-time resident of Weatherford, Oklahoma passed away on Friday, October 2, 2020. She was 71 years old.



Barbara was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to William Wyatt Marrs and Gladys Inez Carver on June 28, 1949. She grew up in Oklahoma City and later attended high school in Norman, Oklahoma. Barbara served as Rush Chairman for the Alpha Phi Sorority at the University of Oklahoma, where she met the love of her life, Gary D. Millspaugh, on a blind date, in August 1970. Barbara and Gary married January 15, 1971, at Wesley Chapel on campus at the University of Oklahoma and shared 50 beautiful years together.

After earning a Masters of Psychometry Degree from East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma, she taught special education, first in Noble, then Atoka, Oklahoma. After moving with their young children to Weatherford in 1976, Barbara taught special education at Washington Elementary in Clinton before retiring to focus on caring for, and spoiling, her family. Her most favorite of all activities was bragging on her children to anyone who would listen.

Barbara was an active member of Life Fellowship Church in Weatherford, and she devoted much of her time to serving others as a volunteer for her church, Meals on Wheels, First Choice Pregnancy Care Center, the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, and one-on-one with countless individuals who needed a shoulder to cry on or a compassionate voice of encouragement.

Barbara is survived by her husband, Gary; her son, John, and wife, Dinese, of Weatherford; her daughter, Julie, and husband, Andy Carruth, also of Weatherford. Barbara loved and doted on her four grandchildren: Danny, Brendan, Rachel, and Courtney. She is also survived by her sister, Bonnie Trebbe, of Weatherford and nieces, Mandy and Barbie. She was preceded in death by her parents and her brother, Billy Marrs.

Everyone who had the privilege of knowing Barbara was touched by her compassion and generosity. She exemplified the love of Christ.

In lieu of flowers, Barbara asked that memorials be made in her honor to the First Choice Pregnancy Care Center of Weatherford.

**Grover Columbus Taylor**

Grover Columbus Taylor was born on April 20, 1949 in Anadarko to C.W. and Ramona (Blackburn) Taylor and died Tuesday, October 6, 2020 at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City having reached 71 years, 5 months and 16 days.



Grover was a citizen of the Delaware Nation, and he was raised in Anadarko and graduated high school there in 1967. He was the oldest of the six "Taylor boys" — Grover, John, Robert, Alan "Zack", Jerry and James.

Grover received his Associate's Degree at the Saint Anthony Radiology Program before starting his career in the radiology department at Southwestern Memorial Hospital in Weatherford.

Grover married Gail Lee Simpson in Clinton,

Oklahoma, on February 4, 1972. They made their home in Weatherford where they raised two children, Randall and Leslie.

Grover married Linda Kraft on September 29, 2006, in Weatherford. They lived a happy life together until his death. Grover loved Linda so much, and he was blessed with two bonus children and four more grandchildren.

Grover is survived by his wife, Linda, of their home in Weatherford; one son, Randall Lyn Taylor of Colorado Springs, Colorado; one daughter, Leslie Diane Taylor and her husband, Dylan Yeager of Ada, Oklahoma; one step-son, Marcus and Colby Wright of Weatherford, Oklahoma; one step-daughter, Nikki and Luke Schalla of Arapaho, Oklahoma; four brothers, Robert Taylor of Carnegie, Oklahoma; Alan "Zack" Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee; James Taylor of Kansas City, Missouri; Jerry Taylor of Henrietta, Texas; twelve grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Gail and brother, John.

Grover retired from Weatherford Regional Hospital as Director of Radiology after about 45 years of service. He enjoyed fishing and hunting in his earlier years before taking up golf, and you could find him on the golf course every morning. He loved harvesting cedar and creating beautiful furniture from it. He and Linda liked to watch COPS, and he loved to read too. Grover was most proud of his grandchildren: Ryan Taylor, Reagan Taylor, Caleb Taylor, Eric Taylor, Emma Taylor, Monica Guajardo, Austen Guajardo, Vance Yeager, Madison Schalla, Wacey Schalla, Max Wright and Harvey Wright.

The Taylor family would like to express their thanks to the Weatherford Regional Hospital and Oklahoma Heart Hospital doctors, nurses and other caregivers for providing the best possible care to Grover.

**Samuel D. Pingelton, Sr.**

Funeral Services for Samuel D. Pingelton, Sr., Clinton resident were held 11:00 A.M., Friday, October 9, 2020 in the New Hope Fellowship Church, officiated by Pastor Gary Jones and Jeff Hinshaw. Burial followed in the Sentinel Cemetery in Sentinel, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Samuel Dale Pingelton, Sr. was born November 2, 1947 in De Queen, AR to James K. Pingelton and Winnie G. (Bogue) Pingelton and passed away Tuesday, October 6, 2020 in the Canadian Valley Integris Hospital in Yukon, OK.

Sam was raised and attended school in Spearman, TX. He married Alice L. Thompson on June 8, 1967 in Spearman, Texas. They lived most of their married life in Perryton, TX. He attended Auctioneer School as well as attending Welding school. He owned and operated Samco Manufacturing and Custom Welding Company until his retirement in 2017. He then moved to Clinton, OK.

He gave his life to Christ in 1995 and loved to give his testimony. He often said, "I was saved many times before I was really saved". He was a faithful and active member of Clinton's New Hope Fellowship Church. He loved the outdoors and loved to fish, restore cars, going to car shows, SWAP meets and Auctions.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, James Pingelton and grandson, Daniel Hightower.

He is survived by his wife, Alice, of the home, two daughters, Deborah Stewart, Kemp, TX and Teresa Hightower and husband, Bret, OKC, OK; two sons,

Samuel D. Pingelton, Jr., Clinton and Caleb Pingelton, Yukon, OK; two sisters, Patricia Morley, Gruver, TX and Shirley Pingelton, Goldthwaite, TX.

He is also survived by 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

**Linda Stobbe**

Due to the Pandemic Private Graveside Services are being held for Linda Stobbe, 101, lifetime Corn resident. Services for the family will be held in the Corn Mennonite Brethren Cemetery officiated by Ryan Kopper and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Linda (Dick) Stobbe was born February 20, 1919 on her family farm near Corn, Oklahoma to Cornelius H. and Anna (Gossen) Dick, and she passed away Monday, October 5, 2020 in the Corn Heritage Village Nursing Home in Corn.

Linda was raised in Corn where she attended Corn Schools and the Corn Bible Academy. Linda was a lifelong resident of Corn. She married the love of her life, Daniel W. Stobbe on July 17, 1938 in Corn. They made their home Northwest of Corn until moving into town in 1981. She was a loving homemaker for him until his death in 2007.

Linda was a longtime and active member of the Corn Mennonite Brethren Church. She spent many hours quilting and cooking; she was very involved in her sewing circle and her passion was entertaining guests, she also worked as a cook at the Corn Bible Academy school and also worked as a aid at the Corn Heritage Village of Corn.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother, Wes Dick and two sisters, Margaret Flaming, and Marlene Pauls.

She is survived by two daughters, Karen Wiens and husband Rod, of Idaho, Mary Kopper and husband, Gary, Anthony, KS; three sons, John Stobbe and wife, Barbara, Shawnee, OK, Ken Stobbe, and wife, Vicki, Newton, KS and Harold Stobbe and wife Aimee, Weatherford, OK; sister, Orpa (Arpa) Epp, Corn.

She is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren and one on the way.

The family has requested those wanting to give a memorial contribution may do so to the Town of Corn, P.O. Box 68, Corn, OK 73024.

**Herman Melton**

Graveside Services for Herman Melton, 94, Butler resident were held 10:00 A.M., Wednesday, October 7, 2020 in the Butler Cemetery, officiated by Pastor Roger Comstock and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Herman Lee Melton was born March 12, 1926, one of 13 children, to Albert and Linnie (Wilkes) Melton near Canute, OK and passed away Sunday, October 4, 2020 in the Clinton Therapy and Living Center in Clinton, OK.

Herman was raised north of Canute and attended Colter School. He joined the U.S. Army in about 1944 served in Korea two years during WWII. After his Honorable Discharge he returned back to Western Oklahoma and he was employed doing farm labor for a couple of years as well as working at the Gin.

He met the love of his life, Lillian Baumgartner, while attending a youth group service and they were married on January 2, 1954. They farmed and he began a career with Custer County road crew in 1958 and he retired after 40 years of service in 1998.

He and Lillian purchased their first home in Butter in 1960 and lived there until they moved to the nursing home 60 years later.

He was a member of the Pentecostal Church in Butler. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Lillian and 12 brothers and sisters, Ellie, Odessa, Opal, Velma, A.L., Bill, Obie, Charlie, Albert, Arthur, Clarence and Wilburn.



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# SWOSU Encourages FAFSA Signup

The new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University Student Financial Services Director Jerome Wichert in Weatherford encourages students to complete the form as soon as possible.

Students are directed to manage the student aid process by visiting this website: <https://studentaid.gov/>

At the site, students can apply for financial aid using the FAFSA form and learn about deadlines. They can also review checklists for academic and financial preparation and manage student loans.

Wichert said the 2021-22 FAFSA that is available now is for students who will begin courses during the fall of 2021. This includes current high school seniors who will be attending college next fall.

“We recommend that current SWOSU students complete the FAFSA before December 1 each year so that they can also be considered for the Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant and University scholarships,” Wichert said. “Students can also still complete the 2020-21 FAFSA to receive aid for the current year.”

Students who have questions about the process should contact the SWOSU Student Financial Services office at 580.774.3786.



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FAFSA forms are now available, and high school seniors/SWOSU students are encouraged to fill out the form as soon as possible as students continue their educational careers, like this SWOSU nursing student.

## Trio of SWOSU Seniors Plans Art Exhibition

Southwestern Oklahoma State University graphic design students Mckenzi Mayfield of Cordell, Lester Mendez of Enid and Kristyn Motley of Moore will have their senior art exhibits October 12-23 on the Weatherford campus.

The exhibition is entitled “An Unraveled Perception.”

A “Meet and Greet” with the three students is planned for Thursday, October 15, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Art Building Gallery. Everyone is invited.

The exhibition gallery hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Masks are always required, and social distancing is encouraged.



## SWOSU Hosts First eSports Tryouts



Southwestern Oklahoma State University hosted its first tryouts for eSports on October 3 with 22 students taking part in the first round of

competition.

Out of the 22, three students—Tanner McMullin of Clinton, Joseph Nguyen of Tulsa (Union) and Ethan Abrahamson of Mustang--were selected to represent SWOSU at an upcoming intercollegiate tournament. More tryouts for Super Smash Bros will continue this semester and early spring.

The tryouts took place at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center since the university is in the early construction stages of an eSports arena that will be in the Wellness Center on the Weatherford campus.

Standings from the recent tournament can be viewed at: <http://share.swosu.edu/SSBtryouts>

Coach Hayden Harrington, Devin Smoot and Director Joshua Engle were all pleased with the event and even more excited for upcoming activities.

The future eSports arena at SWOSU will house the program and showcase student talents while hosting competitions.

## Former SWOSU President John Hays Passes



Dr. John Hays

Dr. John Hays, president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University from 2001-2010 and a 1969 SWOSU accounting graduate, has passed away.

The Weatherford resident worked 30 years at SWOSU, having served as assistant business manager, comptroller, assistant to the president, vice president for administration and executive vice president for administration before being named president.

During his years as president, Hays completed the Wellness Center, started/developed the university’s athletic complex and had several major buildings renovated on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. He also was instrumental in the development of a comprehensive marketing campaign for the university and started the President’s Leadership Class.

Hays was very active in community and economic development activities in western Oklahoma. Hays was on the ground floor of many projects such as the Business Development Center at SWOSU, Weatherford Business Incubator program and Weatherford’s hiring of a full-time economic developer.

His involvement in civic activities was many, including Leadership Weatherford, YMCA, Vision 20/20, Weatherford Arts Council, Weatherford’s assisted senior citizen living center and many other projects through the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president of the chamber of commerce and did much to unite the chamber of commerce, City of Weatherford and SWOSU.

Hays was a member of the inaugural class of the Higher Education Leadership Academy and was a member of Leadership Oklahoma.

“He was known as an excellent problem solver and communicator when dealing with people,” said SWOSU President Randy Beutler. “Access and the willingness to listen to a wide variety of views was always part of Hays’ demeanor. The SWOSU community has lost a good person, and I’ve lost a close friend and mentor.”

Wife Linda Hays and family have asked that memorials be made to the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., and designated for the President John Hays Fund. Address is: 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford OK 73096. Gifts may also be made by visiting [www.GiveToSWOSU.com](http://www.GiveToSWOSU.com) or by calling 580-774-3267.



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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS



**Mike Smith**  
News Director

### CUSTER COUNTY/COVID PROCEDURES

- Custer county commissioners decided to keep current Covid-19 procedures in place officially adding the amount of time someone should quarantine. Commissioner Lyle Miller says he wanted to clarify the position of the county of a 14 day quarantine.

### OSDH KINDERGARTEN VACCINATIONS

- The Oklahoma State Department of Health says 91% of Oklahoma kindergarten students are fully vaccinated according to results of the 2019-2020 Kindergarten Immunization Survey, an annual assessment of vaccination coverage and exemption status of children enrolled in public and private kindergarten programs. In Custer County, of the 459 kindergarten students, 92.2% were up-to-date on all their vaccines.

### CLINTON STREET CLOSING

- Clinton City Council this week decided to table the street closing for 4th through 10th streets for this years Trunk or Treat Halloween event. Councilman Chris Jones says he supports the event but has some concern over Covid-19. A more detailed plan will be before the City Council when they meet on October 21st.

### WEATHERFORD/STAFFORD AIR & SPACE MUSEUM

- The Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford has been named a 2020 Travelers' Choice Award Winner. Director of Museum Operations Teresa Schoonmaker says each year Trip Advisor combs through reviews and ratings from travelers everywhere, and uses that information to award the very best. The Stafford Air and Space Museum is part of an exclusive group of the top 10% worldwide attractions.

### ELK CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT SCAM ALERT

- Elk City Police say area individuals have been getting phone calls from people claiming they are from law enforcement agencies asking for money. Police say you should not give any money or any of your information to anyone calling asking for donations claiming to be law enforcement. If you are unsure about any phone call that is similar in nature, you should contact your local police department.

### CLINTON/CANDIDATE FORUM

- A legislative forum will be held October 30th in Clinton. Chamber of Commerce President Julie Caldwell says the candidates for Mayor and State House District 57 will be in attendance. Caldwell says the event will be held over the noon hour at the Frisco Center. You are asked to RSVP by October 23rd by calling the Chamber office.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

#### Arrested

Avery Royce Stinnett, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with DUI and failure to stop at a stop sign.

Michael Charles Ewbank, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with Bryan County Warrant.

Cecil Gerald Black, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with Blaine County Warrant.

Anthony Allen Malone, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with actual physical control of vehicle.

Ruthie Ann Wills, possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Rachel Bryer, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with city warrant for code violation.

Richard Spain, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with driving under the influence of drugs, no insurance, driving under suspension, and expired tag.

Taos Sankey, arrested by Clinton Police

Department, charged with possession of a controlled dangerous substance, public intoxication and obstructing an officer.

Beau Drinnon, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with domestic assault and battery in presence of a minor.

Laura Ellis, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Rule 8 Bench warrant.

Karrie McKinney, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with failure to appear.

Edi Tovar, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with knowingly concealing stolen property, expired tag, and transporting and open container of liquor.

Cory Greeley, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.

Jason Lampkin, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under revocation, and no insurance.

Jeremy Virgil Reeves, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged

with possession of drug paraphernalia.

Joseph Daniel Sherfield, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office, charged with domestic assault and battery, possession of paraphernalia, and threatening to perform act of violence.

Ramiro Caloca, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, charged with DUI.

Lonnie Allen Confer, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office, charged with larceny from retailer.

Victoria Perrin, arrested by Washita County, charged with Rule 8.

Dustin Lee Pittman, arrested by Beckham County, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance and possession of paraphernalia.

#### Out on Bond

William Bartels, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with DUI.

Garrett Alan Snay, Arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with DUI.

Lonnie Gene Copeland, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with

DUI.

William Marshon Griffin, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with DUI and DUS.

Ezra Jayd Salinas, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with application to accelerate (orig: obstructing officer).

Isreal Don Deese, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office, charged with invalid driver's license

Jesse Michael Freudenberger, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with petit larceny.

Avery Royce Stinnett, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with DUI.

Shanica Sutton, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with actual physical control of a vehicle.

Maurico Gabriel Howard, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with 3rd degree burglary, larceny of prescription narcotics and public intoxication.

Donald Ray Taylor, Jr., arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, charged with DUI.

## HIGHER GROUND All the Way He Leads Me



Jim Morrison

Mary and I have just returned from a trip to Illinois to see my brother. He is suffering from Dementia and this may be the last time I will have a lucid conversation with him. He was there to help me through college and seminary, so I owe a lot to him, not just financially but as a big brother. Life can be difficult. As they say, growing old is not for sissies. The trip was a good experience. The only painful thing, other than seeing my brother shuffle along, was the excruciating pain in my ears each time the plane landed. For some reason, it seems to be worse for me than most. I look around expecting to see other passengers cringing with pain but no one else shows any ill effects. It doesn't seem fair. I guess misery loves company. Even now, two days later, my hearing, already poor, has not returned to normal.

It is getting difficult to carry on a conversation, because I am always having to ask people to repeat themselves. I go to deacons meeting and hear only half of what is being said. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could just live a pain free life and like Enoch—just be walking with God and God takes us home. As someone has said, I don't mind death; it's the dying part that I dread.

But before I feel too sorry for myself, I reflect on the way God has blessed me through the years. I look back in amazement and wonder at how God intervened in different situations either to protect me or lead me to ministry opportunities. Even today when most my age are settling into a life of boredom, sickness, or dependency, I have people who are depending on me, who look forward to talking with me. I drive away from the county jail, often thinking how blessed I am to be able to give hope and a challenge to men who feel that life is over for them—to tell them that God still loves them and they can experience forgiveness. Not many get to experience hearing a truck driver say, "I've been driving for seventeen years and this was the first time anyone ever prayed for me." Then there is the joy of receiving a email from a 95 year old nursing home patient, telling me how much she appreciates reading my weekly column. So I am rich indeed. As long as there is breath in my lungs, I want to be faithful, available, and teachable.

I confess there are times when I wish that I had no responsibilities. But then I think of how boring that would be. Fanny Crosby expressed well in her old hymn.

"All the way my Savior leads me, what have I to ask beside? Can I doubt His tender mercy, who through life has been my guide? Heavenly peace, divinest comfort, Here by faith in Him to dwell! For I know, whate'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well. For I know, what 'er befall me, Jesus doeth all things well."

For those who might be interested, I will be leading a six-prayer workshop at 5:00 p.m. each Sunday in the parlor of First Baptist Church, starting Oct. 11. Our country is in desperate need of prayer. To comment jhm82@outlook.com or call at 580-772-2311

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*



## Local High School Football Recaps

**Danny Henderson**  
Wright Wradio Sports Director

The #2 ranked Weatherford Eagles had to battle for their Homecoming win last Friday night, but finally prevailed over the Newcastle Racers, 23-17. Senior QB Gunnar Gaunt threw two touchdown passes to Senior wide receiver Jacob Wilson. Gaunt was seven of ten passing for 150 yards. The Eagles play Elk City Thursday evening. The Elks went on the road Saturday to beat Chickasha, 41-18.

Clinton's crazy football season continued last Friday night as they travelled to Cache and did battle with a good Bulldogs team winning, 21-14. Atril Bryson ran for 229 yards and scored two touchdowns, while throwing a TD pass to Red Tornados QB, Caden Powell. Clinton is ranked this week in The Oklahoman's ranking as the #10 team in Class 4A. As of press time, no game has been scheduled for Clinton this week. They are scheduled to play Weatherford on October 23.

The #4 ranked Thomas Terriers scored on their first possession of the second half after a scoreless first half and went on to beat a good Hookers Bulldogs team, 17-14. Seniors Ethan Hamberlin and Jaxon Ward each ran for a touchdown and placekicker Ryden Luper kicked a 26-yard field goal for Thomas' scoring. The game was clinched when sophomore defensive back Owen Baldwin intercepted a Bulldogs' pass with 28 seconds remaining in the game. Thomas hosts Sayre this Thursday night.

In a bookend game, the Sayre Eagles scored on its



first possession Friday night in their Homecoming game against Merritt and scored their second touchdown on the last play of their last possession to beat the Oilers, 12-6. The Eagles are 4-2 and will be in Thomas Thursday evening.

In other games involving area schools, Burns Flat-Dill City got past Fairview, 12-6. Boone-Apache beat Mangum, 49-20. Hobart shutout Walters, 55-0. Shattuck blanked Turpin, 50-0 and Mt. View-Gotebo stomped Temple, 54-6.

## THE WEEKLY SCOREBOARD



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**23-17 W**



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**21-14 W**



**Merritt**

**12-6 W**



**Hooker**

**17-14 W**

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# The Cost of Freedom



**Kelly R. Kilhoffer**  
Oklahoma History Enthusiast

I want to share a story with you and as you read I would ask you to imagine the scene I am writing about. If you can I would ask that you put yourself into the same position. This story is based on a conversation I shared with a friend years ago.

I would like you to envision a soldier of the American Revolution. It is winter time at Valley Forge and he only has a ragged uniform and a thin wool blanket about his shoulders to keep him warm as he stands his watch. His hands are crusted in dried blood, that of his brothers-in-arms and his own. They clutch his wornout musket which is cold in his hands today yet it has been hot to the touch many times while he used it in the country's struggle for freedom.

He stands in snow in wornout socks, his shoes have fallen apart in the wet mush of snow and mud. His stomach is drawn, his last meal being a half cooked potato three days ago. His body and soul are wounded, emotionally scarred from war and the absence of his family. Years of carnage & death have left him hallow eyed and distant. He is the vision of misery.

Yet there is fire in his hallow eyes and victory lingers



Photo provided: Arlington Cemetery

on his tongue. He turns to face us in anger and disgust and speaks.

"I gave you a birthright of freedom in the Constitution and now your children graduate too illiterate to read it.

I have fought in snow barefooted so that you may use your freedom to vote and you stay home because the weather looks like rain.

I left my family destitute so that you have freedom of speech and you remain silent on critical issues, fearing it may harm your business.

My children are orphaned so that you have a government to serve you and it steals democracy from its people."

Can you see him? Do his words disturb you? They should, they should make you think about what values you hold dear.

For it is the soldier, not the poet, who gives you freedom of speech.

It is the soldier, not some college campus organizer, who gives you the right to demonstrate.

It is the American soldier who salutes the flag, serves the flag, and whose coffin will be draped by the flag that allows the protesters to burn the flag.

There is so much being thrown around about voting this election, I would ask you this: is it not a privilege to vote? Have American sons and daughters not died for that privilege? I realize people are afraid, afraid of contracting a virus. Afraid of being harrassed. But if each of us will get out and use those rights to vote we will honor the sacrifice of the fallen.

We can no longer sit idle and hope things get better. It is time to let your voice be heard. If not for them, for yourself, if not for yourself, for the future generations who may never know what freedom and sacrifice are. That's what's underneath this hat.

## Osburn, Nichols, Pugh, Matthews Host Bipartisan Race Relations Study



State Reps. Mike Osburn, R-Edmond, and Monroe Nichols, D-Tulsa, along with state Sens. Adam Pugh, R-Edmond, and Kevin Matthews, D-Tulsa held a bipartisan, bicameral study on race relations and policing practices in Oklahoma before the House Government Efficiency Committee, of which Osburn is the chair.

The study, which took place at the Oklahoma History Center, included a discussion of race relations and policing reforms as well as the ripple effects on incarceration, social safety nets, education, the workforce and other areas. It included presenters from the National Council of State Legislatures, the Iowa Legislature where unanimous policing reforms were implemented earlier this summer, as well as police chiefs from Tulsa and Oklahoma City and several community and civic members who gave a broad spectrum of views on race relations in the state and areas of suggested reform.

"Race and policing tend to roll into so many other social issues such as incarceration rates, education, the work force and so many others," Osburn said. "We would be negligent as leaders if we were not willing to have conversations about racism especially if entire groups of people say they feel disenfranchised by our laws and practices. With that said, I will reiterate that I fully support our police and always will, but I know that our police departments, too, see that there is always room for improvement. This issue is something that has the entire Legislature's attention, and we plan to use today's study and others that have been held to take action and draft legislation that will make a difference

for all Oklahomans and our state. Racism is not a political or partisan issue but a matter of the heart, and while we can always do better in government, this also will require individuals to consider their own beliefs and actions as well."

Nichols added, "Before the study, I made it clear my intent to have a policy conversation instead of a political one. What I heard today is that putting politics aside is the only way forward to fully address the systemic challenges we face as it relates to race in Oklahoma and America. I am encouraged that other states are beginning to address part of the issue by enacting common sense police reforms that maintain the integrity of the law enforcement profession and demand accountability. The disparities in the criminal justice system are consistent with disparities in education, health, wealth, and overall opportunity. In a state and country that believes in freedom and equality, we have a moral obligation to address these issues because lives and our very credibility is at stake.

"I look forward to continuing this work with my colleagues across the aisle. Oklahoma can both lead the country in accountability and also be the best place in America to serve as a member of law enforcement, but to get there, we must do this work together."

Pugh said he wanted to be a part of today's discussion because it's incredibly important to all Oklahomans.

"Our nation's Constitution says that one

of the goals of we the people is to establish justice," Pugh said. "That is not to establish racial justice, social justice or economic justice – but justice for all. Justice so that everyone has equal access and the ability to become all that God created them to be. To do that, we must follow discussions such as the one that took place today as well as the ones that preceded it and the ones that will follow, with action. I trust that we were all here today to learn and to gather ideas that will help us solve issues as we move forward together."

Matthews said, "This issue being resolved would save lives and create better use of taxpayer dollars in education, healthcare, incarceration levels, and policing across the state. Race relations is human relations, and we need to have these courageous conversations to address the 'elephant in the room' that keep us divided along racial, political, and ideological lines. My belief is that these bipartisan supported studies will lead to policies and funding priorities that reduce the current disparities that currently exist in a way that we all experience the benefits of our system of government in a more equitable way."

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As can be imagined every news outlet in England has covered the story. Since no one knows anything, in the government, speculation rules the day. It is known that the missing money was not used for business nor used by households.

The predominant mystery is this: for the past 25 years the demand for bank notes increased at a steady rate but, since 2010 the use of cash declined by half.

The greatest problem besetting England's finances is there is no single entity that has the responsibility to oversee the cash performance within their form of government. There are, however, five entities who are responsible. They are the Payments Systems Regulator; the Royal Mint; the Treasury; and the Financial Conduct Authority; and the Bank of England. And no one in any of the named agencies has any idea where the money went.

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Trent Boesen

# Zach Baxley and Courtney Williams Named Bulldogs of the Week

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Athletic Department is proud to continue the selection for Bulldogs of the Week during the fall by choosing SWOSU Baseball's Zach Baxley and Bulldog Cross Country's Courtney Williams as the newest award winners.

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Baxley (Wichita, Kan.) is in his second season at SWOSU and he chose Weatherford as his collegiate home because it was the one school who wanted him for who he was and he didn't have to change. His favorite memory as a Bulldog was the first game of last season in which his teammate Alex Bedard led off the game with home run.

Quote: "The best part of being back with my team is I've been able to find out who I am through the challenges we've all faced every day."

Favorite Athlete: LeBron James

Personal Goals for Season: To prove myself right Williams (Keyes, Okla.) is a freshman for the Bulldogs and she chose to come to SWOSU because she feels super comfortable and loves the people



here. Her favorite memories during college are meeting the best people and winning intramural basketball.

Quote: "The best part of this semester has been

getting to go to class in person."

Favorite Athlete: Russell Westbrook

Personal Goal for Season: Setting new Personal Records

## Explore "Return to College" Events Planned October 17 and 20 at SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University will help Oklahomans who have successfully completed some college coursework, but have not yet finished a college degree, with a unique opportunity to submit college admission applications, receive advisement and financial aid counseling, and enroll in college classes on Saturday, October 17, and Tuesday, October 20, on the Weatherford campus.

Reach Higher: RECONNECT is a series of coordinated student recruitment events.

SWOSU faculty and staff will be on site in the lobby of the General Thomas P. Stafford Center for an open house from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturday

(October 17) and 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday (October 20).

Dr. Todd Wiggen, coordinator for the Reach Higher program at SWOSU, said there will be refreshments and some activities for children. Additional information is available by contacting Wiggen at todd.wiggen@swosu.edu. In addition, information about RECONNECT is available at www.reconnectok.org.

The primary goals of Reach Higher: RECONNECT Week are to increase awareness of the adult-friendly degree completion options available through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's Reach Higher initiative and encourage adults who

have earned some college credit to successfully complete their degrees.

Reach Higher provides two distinct degree completion program strands for adult learners. Reach Higher: FlexFinish offers flexible enrollment and online options to working adults who wish to pursue an associate degree in enterprise development or a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership. Reach Higher: DirectComplete offers adult students the opportunity to complete a degree program connected with workforce development needs that align with Oklahoma's 100 Critical Occupations list.

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