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WOCS Elk City Campus breaks ground for new gym

Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS) at 2001 S. Randall Avenue in Elk City broke ground for a gymnasium on December 17. After ten years, this is a much needed and anticipated phase for the campus. It will serve as a multi-functional building by hosting morning chapel, indoor recess, PE, music programs, and yearly graduations.

WOCS extends appreciation to Jeff Jackson, JAMAC Ventures, Great Plains Bank, and Anadarko Dozer for making this addition possible. When making end-of-year donations, please prayerfully consider this project. WOCS appreciates any financial support, but also prayers, as they continue to follow the vision for Christian Education in Western Oklahoma. For questions, regarding donations, contact Kyle Zybach at 580.225.1883. For enrollment questions, contact assistant principal Megan Thomas at 580.303.4922.

Western Oklahoma Christian School was founded in 1987 near Clinton. The Weatherford Campus was added in 2007 and the Elk City Campus in 2011. One goal is to provide Bible-based academic instruction for WOCS students, beginning with pre-kindergarten and continuing through sixth grade. In addition to the standard curriculum, the school offers computer, art, music, physical education and Bible. WOCS is accredited through the Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI) and the State of Oklahoma.



Provided

From left: Breaking ground for the Western Oklahoma Christian School's (WOCS) gymnasium in Elk City is Emory Thomas, Friends of Christian Education Board Member; Kyle Zybach, Friends of Christian Education Board Member; DJ DeLeon, WOCS Board Member; Dora Miller, Principal of WOCS's three campuses; Brett Russell, WOCS Board President; Megan Thomas, WOCS Elk City Campus Assistant Principal; John Thomas WOCS Board Member and Friend's of Christian Education Board Member.

GPF YMCA 2020 Chili Day 5K scheduled January 30th

The Great Plains Family YMCA's annual Chili Day 5K is looking a little different in 2021. Due to Covid, there will not be a chili cook off alongside the competition. However, they are still having their 5K (Walk or Run) race! The race will begin January 30th at 9:30 AM at the YMCA with race day registration beginning at 8 AM. Race fees are: \$40 for Members,

\$45 for Non-Members, and \$35 for College Students with valid college ID. Pre-registrations can be done and those that register before January 16th will receive a hoodie on race day. Registrations can be done at the GPF's front desk in the Weatherford Business Center or through their Facebook link.

For those who are unsure about being near crowds,

the 5K can be completed individually before race day. Times will just need to be sent to krystal@gpfymca.org. Individuals that complete their 5K in this way, must race the same course. Maps of the route are available at the front desk.

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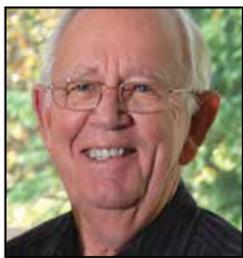
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Clarence Eugene Amen

Clarence Eugene Amen was born February 27, 1934, in Washita County to Ona and Thelma Amen, and passed away Saturday, December 26, 2020, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, at the age of 86 years, 9 months, and 29 days.



Clarence graduated from Weatherford High School. He and Barbara met at Falls Creek Baptist Assembly the summer of 1954. They were married November 30, 1957, after Clarence returned from service as an Army Military Police officer in Germany. Clarence worked in construction, including Sawatzky construction in Weatherford. He continued in the construction field for several years in Broken Arrow, before returning to Weatherford in 1976 to take over the family farm. Clarence worked on the farm until 1996, when he went to work for SWOSU in the Physical Plant. Before retiring in 2011, he became warehouse manager for the Physical Plant. After retirement, he enjoyed gardening, being involved with his church Emmanuel Baptist and keeping up with the family home.

Clarence is survived by his wife Barbara of their home in Weatherford; his two daughters: Debra Moulton and husband Russell of Fayetteville, Georgia, Anita Fischer and husband Kevin of Weatherford, nine grandchildren: Jeremy Moulton, Daniel Moulton, Carissa Kulczycki, Kaitlyn Jonkman, Kaisa Leedy, Kaleb Fischer, Grace Zeller, Jennifer Garcia, Jonathan Fischer, fifteen great-grandchildren: Montana, Joshua, Jacoby, Emmett, Elizabeth, Judah, Ace, Ayla, Lucy, Benaiah, Elsie, Taya, Ezra, Hope and Laityn; and one sister Phyllis Fadenrecht and husband Calvin of Corn. Clarence was preceded in death by his parents, one sister Olene Bray and husband Coye, and great-grandson Joshua Moulton.

Judy Lynne Majors

Judy Lynne Majors was born March 1, 1947, in Thomas to Dr. Raymond and Dr. Verda (Sisson) McKellips and passed away Wednesday, December 23, 2020, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, at the age of 73 years, 9 months, and 22 days.



Judy attended public schools in Greenfield, Weatherford and Stillwater until her sophomore year in which her parents returned to Weatherford to teach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Judy was a member of the 1965 graduating class of Weatherford High School.

While attending Southwestern Oklahoma State University she met Steve C. Majors of Hydro and were married July 1, 1966. They were blessed with a blond hair, blue-eyed baby girl Stacy and later a brown hair, blue-eyed boy, Steven Jr. She and Steve lived in Texas for over 50 years, most recently in Abilene, Texas. She worked in the healthcare industry and was the office manager for a major hospital clinic in Abilene.

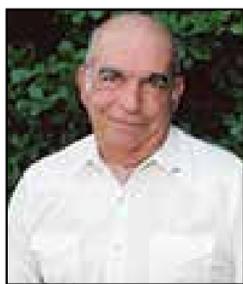
Judy and Steve traveled the world to see new and exciting places such as Germany, Hungary, Italy, Spain, Greece, China, Vietnam, and Singapore. One of her greatest loves was to go camping in her and Steve's 5th wheel camper with friends. Trips were made to numerous states and Canada as well as local state parks in Oklahoma and Texas. Judy loved to cook for family and friends, play cards, spoil her grandchildren, and meet new people.

Judy is survived by her husband of 54 years, Steve of their home in Weatherford; daughter Stacy Lynne Scribner and husband Patrick of Midland, Texas; son Steven C. Majors Jr and Bianca Schroetlin of Loveland, Colorado;

grandson Dayton Deatherage and Sydney Williams of Austin, Texas; granddaughter Sage Majors Diaz and husband Carson of Tacoma, Washington; grandson, Caz Quain and Daleesa Brown of Midland, Texas; grandson Rowen Sky Majors of Loveland, Colorado; brother Roger McKellips and wife Julie of Mustang; and two great-granddaughters: Lyla Quain of Midland, Texas, and Brynne Deatherage of Austin, Texas.

Mickey Don Myers

Mickey Don Myers of Weatherford, Oklahoma, passed away on Saturday, December 26, 2020, at the OKC Veterans Hospital, at the age of 79 years, 9 months, and 25 days.



Public viewing was available December 30-31, 2020, and Saturday morning, January 2, 2021, at Lockstone Funeral Home in Weatherford, Oklahoma. A private memorial service for family members only was held Saturday, January 2, 2021.

Mick was born in Canton, Oklahoma, on March 1st, 1941. He was raised by Leon and Lenna McClure Myers. He graduated from Canton High School in 1959. After graduation he worked for Elliott Brothers Construction Company in Oklahoma City and operated heavy machinery. In January 1966, he was drafted into the United States Army and served until he was honorably discharged in December 1967. After serving he operated a custom combine service and cattle operation. Between wheat harvest and winter cattle responsibilities, he used his CDL to haul livestock, grain, and farm implements. When his harvest days were over, he began working for the Dolese Bros. Company hauling concrete and working as a batch man at the Weatherford and Clinton Dolese plants. After working for Dolese for nearly twenty years, Mick began working for the City of Weatherford until he fully retired.

Since May 2017 Mick has been a resident of the Clinton Veterans Center in the Alzheimer's unit. The medical team and staff provided excellent care for him, and we appreciate them dearly.

Survivors include two sons- Kelley Myers and wife Trina of Owasso, Oklahoma; & Kerry Myers and wife Kelly Jo of Cypress, Texas; four grandsons: Kelsey Myers of Tulsa, OK; Kolby, Koltan, and Kannon Myers of Cypress, TX; two sisters: Jeanie Cavett and husband, Danny, of Moore, OK; & Jan Walton and husband Roger, of OKC, OK; and several nieces and nephews and their families. Mick is preceded in death by his parents.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Members Benefit Fund, at Clinton Veterans Center P.O. Box 1209 Clinton, OK 73601

Barbara Jean "BJ" Fox

Barbara Jean "BJ" Fox was born November 16, 1935, in Council Grove, Kansas, the third child of four born to James Huston and Bertha (Hale) Miller and passed from this life December 24, 2020, at Weatherwood Assisted Living at the age of 85 years, 1 month and 8 days.



BJ spent her early years from first grade thru high school in Council Grove, graduating in 1953. In 1954 she met and married Floyd "Buddy" Fox in Wichita. As Buddy finished his degree at Central State College in Edmond, BJ worked in Oklahoma City but was awarded a PHT degree (Putting Hubby Thru) by the college.

The small family grew by two: Brian in 1956 and Leisa

in 1959. Weatherford became their home in 1963 where they worked side-by-side in business for many years.

BJ was an accomplished seamstress, proud of the fact she wore out 3 sewing machines for herself, children and grandchildren. She proudly crafted a white tuxedo for her 4 year-old grandson when he was named Weatherford's very first "Little Mr. Weatherford."

After Buddy's death, BJ became a resident of Weatherford Assisted Living Center until her death.

BJ leaves two children: son Brian with wife Stacy; daughter Leisa; four grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many friends.

As per BJ's wishes, there will be no services.

Lisa Carol Hunter Ronan

Lisa Carol Hunter Ronan, age 52, of Clinton, OK, passed away on December 23, 2020, after a battle with Cancer.



Lisa was born on June 1, 1968, to Chet and Janie Hunter in Richmond, CA. After graduating from Thomas High School in 1986, she went on to study history and art at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and received her bachelor degree. She was a Senior Accountant at Elmer Smith Oil in Clinton, Oklahoma, for 25 years.

She married and had her only daughter Holly Noel Ronan on December 13, 2001. She later divorced. When Lisa had Holly, she dedicated her life to being a wonderful mother and working at Elmer Smith Oil.

Lisa was passionate about the holidays! ALL OF THEM! She loved dressing up and decorating. She also enjoyed cooking, painting, acrylic ceramics and vinyl crafts. When she wasn't filling her home with warmth and kindness, she would be shopping with Holly and her mom. We will miss her greatly.

Lisa was predeceased by her father Chet Hunter. She is survived by her mother Janie Hunter of Weatherford; her daughter Holly Ronan of their home in Clinton; and her brother Ken Hunter of Weatherford.

A Go Fund Me has been set up for expenses at <https://gofund.me/5073f9bc>.

Virginia V. Lively

Private Services for Virginia V. Lively, 83, Clinton resident will be held for family in the Chapel of the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Doyle Kinney and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Virginia Viola Lively was born November 9, 1937, to Vernon Moody and Mona V. (Mollering) Moody in Pierce City, MO and passed away Sunday, December 27, 2020, in her Clinton home.

Virginia was raised in Missouri and Borger, TX. She graduated from Borger High School in 1955. She married Don Lively on February 18, 1956, in Borger, TX. Mr. Lively was in the military, and the young couple made their first home in Germany. They later made their homes in Columbus, GA, Huntsville, Alabama and then settled in Vici, OK. They owned and operated Lively's Way Quickshop in Vici and retired after 20 years. They moved to Clinton in 1990 and Mr. Lively preceded her in death in 1995.

She was a member of the Baptist Church; she enjoyed cooking, sewing and help care for her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, son, Donnie Ray Lively and brother, Vernon Wayne "Buddy" Moody, sister, Erma Jean Miner.

She is survived by three daughters: Ladonna Roedell, Clinton; Connie Grady and husband Donny, Durant; and Shirley Weaver and husband Jim, Atlanta, GA; son Sam Lively, OKC, OK; sister Mary Clark, Joplin, MO.

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

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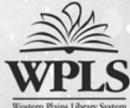
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Mike Smith
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WEATHERFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL APPROVES SALE- The board of trustees of Weatherford Regional Hospital Inc. has approved the sale of the former hospital site on Kansas to the City of Weatherford at a price of \$75,000. The board approved the sale of the property "as is" and subject to USDA approval. The city plans to locate the new police department 911 center at the site.

CUSTER COUNTY WINDOW PROJECT- Custer County Commissioner Wade Anders says the window project at the county courthouse is running a bit behind schedule. However, Anders says crews anticipate to complete the project next month.

HAMBURGER LAST MEETING- Custer County District 2 commissioner Kurt Hamburger participated in his last voting meeting as County Commissioner last week. Bruce Walker will succeed Hamburger as District 2 commissioner beginning in January.

WASHITA COUNTY POLLING CHANGE- The office of the Washita County Election board says voters in the precinct who formerly voted at Western Technology Center at Burns Flat has been changed. Beginning with the special election, scheduled for January 12th, the polling place will now be located at the Burns Flat Community Center.

WEATHERFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL ICU LIMITED- The Chief Executive Officer of

Weatherford Regional Hospital says ICU bed access is hard to come by. Brian Denton says some patients treated at Weatherford Regional Hospital who were in need of an ICU bed have had to go out of state for accommodations during the COVID-19 pandemic because of the lack of ICU beds in the state.

WEATHERFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL NEW BOARD MEMBERS- The Weatherford Hospital Board has two new members. Dr. Blake Badgett has been approved to fill the seat vacated by Dr. Brenda Stutzman, who retired from the board. Additionally, Cody Bell has joined the board to fill a vacancy.



Clint Province (left picture) pictured with Fire Chief Mike Karlin, was awarded the 2020 Career Firefighter of The Year Award! Jonathan Rainey (right picture) for the 2020 Volunteer Firefighter o

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Marissa Sharp, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for improper lane usage, transporting an open container, obstructing an officer, and driving under the influence.

Michael Harper, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Custer County warrant.

Mario Perez, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for possession of marijuana with intent to distribute, unlawful possession of paraphernalia, failure to stop at stop sign, failure to display current number plate, and unlawful possession of a controlled dangerous substance.

Jimmy Banks, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for indecent exposure.

Timmy Cook, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for domestic assault and battery in presence of a minor.

Deidra Dyer, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for city warrant for public

intoxication and petit larceny.

George Perez, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a Custer County bench warrant.

Erica Guevara, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on four city commitments for DUS, one city commitment for no insurance, one city commitment for expired tag, one city commitment for obstruction, and one new charge of obstruction.

Kristan Davis, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on city Clinton warrant for no drivers license, custer county warrant for no drivers license,, failure to appear on wreckless driving and a gray county texas warrant for driving under the influence with child under 15 years of age.

Alberto Soto, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on custer county warrants for failure to appear on no seatbelt, and failure to appear on driving under suspension.

James Barringer, arrested by Dewey CO, for petit larceny.

Nathaniel Bolden, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for DUS, petit larceny, operating mv while DUR, possession of controlled substance, and possession of paraphernalia.

Michael Buckmaster, arrested by Thomas Police Department, for possession of controlled substance, domestic assault and battery, malicious injury of property, TOC-BEER, DUI under 21, DUS, unauthorized use of vehicle, DUI 2nd in ten years, Burglary 2nd degree, obstructing an officer, possession of firearm, and possession of sawed off shotgun.

Pedro Gwyn-Martinez, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for possession of contraband by inmate, and probation and parole.

Alfredo Galvan, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for petit larceny, unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, first degree burglary.

Allen Perrin, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for larceny of controlled dangerous substance.

Jonathan Sieh, arrested Montgomery CO KS, for burglary in the 2nd degree.

Brandon Woods, arrested by Blaine CO, for breaking and entering dwelling without permission.

OUT ON BOND

Shanicia Carter on Rule 8.

Michael Harper, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for possession of firearm, bringing contraband into jail, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, and obstructing an officer.

Rueben Ramirez, arrested by Custer County Sherrif's Office, for public intoxication.

Marissa Sharp, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for improper lane usage, transporting an open container, obstructing an officer, and driving under the influence.

Kristina Stevens, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for driving under the influence.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for December 30th - Peggy Brittenham, Natalie Bryson, Mary Crane, Cody Kreizenbeck, Lauren Ledford, Bruce Peoples; **December 31st** - Kyle Buckner, Clara Clift, Linda Henley, Terry Jordan, Jackie Lindsey, Jeff Mary, Lenard Natseway, Megan Page, Candice Rushing, Alan Wedel, Brock Whitson, Malachi Yellow Eyes; **January 1st** - Todd Anderson, Keely Anderson, Billy Byrum, Tyler Colwell, Sheryl Dungan, Paula Evans, Roy Kliewer, Jerry Lee, Kay Pitt, Danyal Rollins, Bill Seitter, Iva Walters, Luke Woods; **January 2nd** - Angela Duff, Travis Greening, Chelsie Lister, Steven McLaughlin, Tim Ray, Alana Robinson, Journi Sterken, Margrate Washington, Chance Williams, Felicia Yellow Eyes; **January 3rd** - Charlene Ashcraft, Roberta Cheadle, Ben Gooch, Samantha Hamburger, Chelsey Harmon, Mike Janning, Rene Lopez, Sue Lowrance, Gracie Mooney, Elisabeth Rivera, Candy Rogers, Becky Storm, Colleen Vance, Betty Weichel; **January 4th** - Carol Ann Janning, Beatriz Martinez, David Nickels, Bo Anna Popich, Yolanda Soto; **January 5th** - Misty Carmin, Jackie Gallo-way, Ivonna Hinton, Carrol Kiegha, Stacy King, Jennifer Pebley, Kendra Robison, Luke Toho, Lucian Twins.

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Weatherford High School boys get some playing time over the break with a scrimmage against Snyder High School. Senior Keenan Musick goes in for a lay-up.

Weatherford High School girls placed third in the Cornerstone Bank Mustang Holiday Classic invitational tournament over Christmas Break. Weatherford Senior Ashlyn Sage was named to the All-Tournament team.

Weatherford Classic
Basketball Tournament 2021

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Top Team Wears White

January 7th, 8th, and 9th Weatherford High School Gym

WEATHERFORD
Thursday 7pm

Friday 1pm ELGIN Friday 7pm

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CLINTON Saturday 7pm CHAMPIONS

Friday 10am DUNCAN Friday 4pm

JOHN MARSHALL

Thursday 10am

TUTTLE

7th Place Saturday 10am Saturday 4pm 3rd Place

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"Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, our network of partner agencies has worked hard to create innovative ways to continue safely serving the growing number of Oklahomans facing hunger," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "Please know that you are not alone. Help is available and our partners stand ready to provide nutritious food for you and your family."

Anyone in need of food assistance should visit rfbo.org/get-help to find a nearby food pantry. The Regional Food Bank recommends that residents

call a pantry before visiting to confirm operating hours and if there are any requirements such as presenting a photo ID. People can also call 405-972-1111 during work hours for assistance. For after hours, 2-1-1 can also provide information about food pantries.

The Regional Food Bank also encourages residents who are facing food insecurity to apply for SNAP assistance.

"SNAP is vital in the fight against hunger in Oklahoma," said Dykstra. "During the COVID-19 pandemic, SNAP is helping people who are now facing the unfamiliar situation of not being able to put food on the table for themselves or their families."

The federal food assistance program provides monthly assistance with groceries. The Regional Food Bank can assist individuals with the application at rfbo.org/SNAP or by calling 405-600-3168.

Hofmeister announces new members of Student Advisory Council



OKLAHOMA
STATE DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION
— JOY HOFMEISTER —
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State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister has named 97 Oklahoma high school students to her 2021 Student Advisory Council, the sixth consecutive year the group has been convened to assist Hofmeister and the Oklahoma State Department of Education in matters of policy.

"Students have a lot to say about their education, and it is critical that we listen to them. The direct insight we receive from our students is incredibly valuable, and each year I am encouraged by the

thoughtful reflection and fearless vision of these brilliant young leaders," Hofmeister said.

The 2020 Student Advisory Council last met virtually in June, where students voiced their challenges about learning amid a global pandemic and how racism impacts the classroom experience. Other past discussion topics have included the importance of personal financial literacy, increased awareness of student mental health needs, and how trauma can impede student success. Feedback from the Council has been instrumental in state-level initiatives to provide teachers more professional development in trauma-informed instruction, replace end-of-course high school testing with the ACT or SAT, and pilot Individual Career Academic Planning (ICAP).

Recommended by their district superintendents, the students hail from across Oklahoma and represent rural, urban and suburban schools of all sizes. Forty-four are returning members who have served on the council in previous years.

The first virtual meeting of the Student Advisory Council is scheduled for Jan. 26.

"The Coin Guy"

Do You Have This Rare Dime?



Trent Boesen

An ultra-rare 1894-S dime recently went to auction. It comes from a mintage of 24 dimes of which only 9 are known to collectors.

The above pictured 1894-S dime is from the Louis Eliasberg collection. Mr. Eliasberg, a banker and financier,

assembled a type coin collection. It had an example of every coin minted in the best quality he could find.

The pictured dime was certified was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as a Proof 65+. Other 1894-S dimes sell for more than \$1 million dollars.

This 1894-S Proof dime sold at auction on December 17, 2020 for \$1,440,000.

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Oklahoma History: Softball in OKC

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

January 1st is always an exciting day; it's a day when resolutions are set and dreams of the new year are at their highest. It also happens to be the day when Oklahoma and Softball became inseparable. January 1, 1966, the Amateur Softball Association moved its headquarters from Newark, NJ to OKC, OK. Part of the decision to move likely came from the desire to get softball included as an Olympic sport in the early '60s. Shortly after the move, softball teams, that had been pushing for Olympic inclusion, began to promote new events, encourage new players, and compete in nationwide and international games.

However, despite the sport reaching its Olympic requirement in 1965, Olympic organizers did not include softball in the Olympics until 1996. Although by this time, the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex (built in 1987) had been raking in publicity and fans from around the world. The Complex had been hosting worldwide games and is regarded as one of the finest softball facilities in the nation.

Softball was an Olympic sport from 1996 to 2008, and during this time, its popularity skyrocketed. Team USA dominated during these 4 Olympic periods with 3 Gold Medals and 1 Silver Medal. In the 1996 season, the United States won gold with only one loss due to a base error which resulted in a run not scoring (they lost by one run). American Hall of Famer Lori Hannigan pitched the first solo no-hitter at the Olympics in a game against Canada in the Summer Olympics of 2000. The 2000 season ignited USA's dominance of the summer league. They would go on to a 22-game winning streak at the Olympics between 2000 and 2008. Their only loss came from Japan in the gold medal match.

Things looked promising for softball and the Olympics until the decision to drop baseball and softball for the 2012



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USA Softball Hall of Fame Stadium in Oklahoma City, OK

Olympic program “failed to be overturned by a 52-52 vote with one abstention” (ESPN). It seemed to be the end for international competition as countries began reducing their budgets for the sport following the announcement.

Even though worldwide competition was beginning to see a rocky future, the collegiate and national future for softball was on the rise. The OKC Complex began hosting the NCAA Women's College World Series, the World Cup, the Slow Pitch Championship Series, and the 18U Gold National Championship. A softball Hall of Fame museum was established to honor many of the great athletes that helped drive the sport. By the mid-2000's,

the 5-star facility and museum were booking 150,000 fans and had events slated for up to 30 weekends a year.

Then in 2016, the International Olympic Commission voted to include baseball and softball in the 2020 Summer Olympics. So, the next time you get a chance to visit the USA Softball Hall of Fame Complex, don't hesitate. You'll enjoy state-of-the-art entertainment setups like free Wi-Fi, live streaming, hospitality buildings, digital videoboards and fantastic food; all while watching the highest levels of competition from some of the most talented women in the world.

HIGHER GROUND Finding life after work



Jim Morrison

About 17 years ago I was approaching my last semester as Campus Minister through the Baptist Student Union. I had come to the campus, newly married, 37 years before, with great dreams of making a difference in the lives of young people during those crucial, decision-making years of college life.

I'll let eternity determine the degree of success I had, but now I was facing a new challenge—retirement.

What was I going to do? Not being a golfer, and having little interest in hunting or fishing, and with limited money to do much traveling, I hoped that my usefulness had not come to an end. I knew that doing nothing was highly overrated, so I begin to look around for opportunities.

I remember looking over my shoulder at the parking lot of the Fastlane Truck Stop across from the YMCA.

There must have been 25 trucks parked there. The thought occurred to me that those guys (and gals) seldom were free to attend church. They were away from their families for long periods of time and faced many temptations. Before long, I had set up a table with devotional books available for free. My church provided funds to put together “goodie” bags to give away, along with New Testaments written especially for professional truck drivers. I became a self-appointed Truck Stop Chaplain. For about 17 years now I go out each Saturday morning, about 8:00 a.m. I hand out the sacks containing some fruit, a few cookies, a Daily Bread Devotional booklet, and a CD containing a testimony of Greg Laurie a product of the Jesus movement of the 70's movement. I get to meet some interesting people from all over the country and often those whose country of origin may be Albania, Armenia, The Ukraine, Romania, and certainly the Latin American people groups.

As I introduce myself and hand them the goodie bag, I explain that I am the chaplain. “How can I pray for you today?” Often they are a little startled because it has been a long time, if ever, that someone has asked them that question. Those who are believers, smile and are deeply

grateful to have found a Christian with whom they can share their concerns. We bow and I pray for their safety, for their families back home, and other requests they have. For some it may be the first time that anyone has prayed for them by name.

One morning, as I finished praying, I said, “Have a good day.” The lady driver hugged me and said, “You've already made my day.”

On another morning as I was putting the books up, a young Hispanic man turned and said, “Oh, so you're the one who puts these books up.” After embracing me he explained that a couple of years before, he had broken his legs in a truck accident, and during rehab, a book about Joni Eareckson's struggle with her paralysis, had kept him going during those painful days. He had gotten the book from our bookrack.

Some of you are approaching retirement, or already there. As long as you love God and love people, He will find something that you can do. Remember, everyday is preparation for tomorrow. Keep your eyes open and your heart available and those days of freedom will be both exciting and deeply satisfying.

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