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SWOSU Announces Flex-Chem Field at Milam Stadium

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced a major sponsorship agreement with Flex-Chem Corporation.

Founded in 2002 by 1995 SWOSU alumnus Bryce Conway, Flex-Chem is a technology company recognized as a leader in providing innovative chemical solutions in the energy production industry. Flex-Chem maintains operations in Weatherford, Edmond, Ada, and Pecos, Texas.

Flex-Chem's generous sponsorship commitment will provide much-needed financial resources to SWOSU's athletic programs. In recognition of Flex-Chem's support, the SWOSU football field will be called "Flex-Chem Field at Milam Stadium" with the first home football game of the season being styled "The Flex-Chem Kickoff Classic."

"I am grateful to SWOSU for the outstanding start I received there," said Conway. "It's a pleasure to be able to give back to my alma mater. I'm excited about this partnership between SWOSU and Flex-Chem!"

Conway is the son of public school administrators who worked in the Brownsville Independent School District. Conway graduated from high school in Brownsville, Texas and went on to study Chemistry and Biology at SWOSU. He resides in Edmond and is the proud father of two sons, Kennan and Jett. The Conway's attend Memorial Road Church of Christ.

"Here at SWOSU we are very proud of alumni like Bryce Conway who have made the most of the



affordable, quality education we provide to our students," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "Bryce's enterprising enthusiasm and tireless hard work in building Flex-Chem represent some of the finest values we seek to instill at our institution. We are truly grateful to Flex-Chem and Bryce Conway for this incredibly generous sponsorship which will greatly benefit SWOSU's student-athletes and athletic facilities."

Flex-Chem's sponsorship of SWOSU athletic

programs is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was founded in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently administers nearly \$30 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information, visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-3267.

Cordell schedules Hometown Celebration

Cordell's 1st 4th of July Hometown Celebration will be at Cordell Park on July 3rd, from 10 AM to 6 PM. The Celebration will host a parade and Cornhole tournament, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and Washita Woodworks. Teams of two will compete in the tournament

for cash and gift card prizes; the tournament begins at 11 AM. Team signups and parade registration can be done at the Cordell Chamber of Commerce. The celebration will be full of many things to do and vendors to see!



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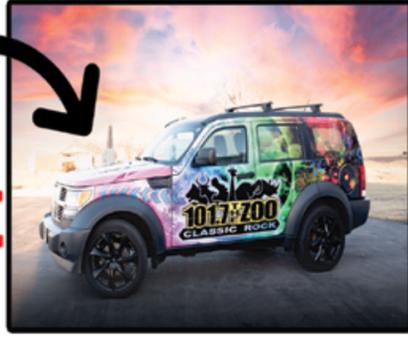
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Kendon Lue Harris

Kendon Lue Harris was born December 11, 2008, in Yukon to Kevin and Melissa (Godwin) Harris and passed away Wednesday, June 23, 2021, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, at the age of 12 years, 6 months and 12 days.



Kendon was raised and attended school in Thomas. He was getting ready to enter 7th grade and was very active in football, basketball and baseball. His grandfather Jimmy had just taken Kendon and his brother Kellan strip fishing at Lake Texoma and brought in a whole string of fish. Kendon enjoyed playing on the X-Box, fishing, wrestling with his brother and sister, and unexpectedly stopping by Aunt Debby's and raiding her kitchen because he knew she always had good snacks. Memorials may be made to the First National Bank "Class of 2027."

Kendon is survived by his mother Melissa Harris of Thomas; his father Kevin Harris of Alva; one brother Kellan Harris of the home in Thomas; one sister Raylea Medicine Bear of the home in Thomas; his maternal grandmother Susan Godwin of the home in Thomas; his maternal grandfather Jimmy Godwin and Mary McReynolds of Fay; his paternal grandparents Ed and Lorna Baldwin of Elk City; Aunt Deborah Slagle and Charlie Clark of Thomas; and numerous family and friends.

Susana E. Guajardo

Susana E. Guajardo was born June 27, 1953, in Dilley, Texas, to Lorenzo and Monica (Elizondo) Guajardo and passed away Monday, June 21, 2021, at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the age of 67 years, 11 months and 24 days.



Susana was raised and attended school in Dilley, Texas, and in 1965 the family moved to Weatherford where she graduated. She worked for 3-M Kodak Division for 35 years. Susana later worked in housekeeping at SWOSU for 8 years before retiring in 2019. Susana enjoyed traveling, scrapbooking and spending time with friends, family and her grandchildren. Memorials may be made to St. Eugene Catholic Church or to St. Jude's Hospital.

Susana is survived by one son Erasmo Barron and wife Kristin of Yukon; one daughter Moriana Garcia and husband Ricardo of Oklahoma City; one brother Lorenzo Guajardo of Elk City; five sisters: Mary Olivarez of Dilley, Texas; Henrietta Salcido of Corn; Sylvia Zungia of Clinton; Esperansa Sambrano of Clinton; and Connie Guajardo of Clinton; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and one daughter, Cecelia Sambrano.

Linda Sue Morgan

Chapel Services for Linda Sue Morgan, 72, Midwest City resident and formerly of Elk City, OK were held in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, Friday June 25, 2021 at 11:00 A.M., officiated by Rick Vermillion and burial will follow in the Union Hatchett Cemetery near Bessie, OK.



Linda Sue (Loveall) Wren Morgan was born November 25, 1948, to Houston Leon Loveall and Claudine Lucille (Hostetler) in Sentinel, OK and passed away Tuesday June 22, 2021, in the Gospel of Life Disciples Hospice House in Moore, OK.

Linda was raised in Elk City where she attended school. She was married to Walter Reed Wren November 19, 1966, at the First Christian Church in Elk City. She traveled many places with her husband with his work. She married Alain "Duke" Morgan May 26, 1999, in El Reno, OK. She was preceded in death by her two husbands as well as her significant other Dewey Ace Wren. For eight years, she worked as a telephone operator, opening new Lowes Stores in Yukon and Midwest City.

She was a member of the Sooner Baptist Church in Midwest City; she enjoyed cooking and organizing the genealogy for the Wren family. She was also an accomplished oil painting artist.

She is survived by her daughter Debra Jean Wren of the home in Midwest City and the large group of the Wren family.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in care of Sister Maria to the Gospel of Life Disciples (GOLD) 4113 S. Eastern Avenue Moore, Ok 73160.

Claudia Williams

Funeral Services for Claudia Williams, 48, Elk City resident, were held 10:00 A.M., Saturday, June 26, 2021 in the Clinton Indian Community Building, officiated by Pastors James Neal and Gerald Panana. Burial will follow in the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



There was an all night Wake Service, starting at 7:00 P.M., Friday, June 25, 2021, in the Clinton Indian Community Building.

Claudia Dawn Williams "Gott Darn," was born April 28, 1973, to Clifford Williams and Chloe Fletcher (Orange) in Clinton, OK and passed away Tuesday, June 21, 2021, in the St. Mary's Regional Hospital in Enid, OK.

Claudia was raised in Elk City, OK and attended Elk City High School in 1991. She is a member of the Holy Cross Church in Enid, OK. She loved music, working word puzzles, she loved to take hot bubble baths, dress up and look pretty. She loved to be challenged and play hand games.

She is preceded in death by her step father Marlin "Bo" Orange, Sr. and brother Marlin Orange, Jr.

She is survived by her parents Clifford Williams, Washington State and Chloe Fletcher, Elk City, OK; two daughters Elonka Williams, Elk City, OK and Wastiia Williams, Oklahoma City, OK and a son Ian Williams, Elk City, OK; four sisters: Delynn Rodriguez, El Paso, TX, Simone Williams, Washington State; Sassone Orange, Elk City, OK; and Sisseton Orange, Elk City, OK.; three brothers: David Michael Orange, Elk City, OK, Terrence Williams, Washington State, Clifford Williams, II, Elk City, OK.

She is also survived by five grandchildren.

Patricia Mabel Goucher

Patricia Mabel Goucher was born on April 9, 1938, in Cromwell, Oklahoma, to John Patrick Ayres and Mabel (Shukers) Ayers and passed away Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at her home in Weatherford, at the age of 83 years, 2 months, and 7 days.



She was raised in Henrietta,

Oklahoma, where she graduated from Henrietta High School. She attended Oklahoma Christian University for two years before marrying Charles Goucher in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, on November 8, 1959. The couple made their home in Weatherford. Patricia and Charles welcomed three children: Corky, Steve, and Carrie. While raising her family, Patricia worked at 3M as a Lab Technician in the Photo Division from 1979 to 1998 when she retired. She enjoyed working in her garden and doing yardwork. She also was a quilter, and she loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

Patricia is survived by her sons: Corky Goucher of Weatherford, Steve Goucher and his wife Lisa of Rockwall, Texas; her daughter Carrie Murrie and her husband Larry of Mt. Arey, Maryland; three sisters: Jeanie Polston and her husband Ken, and Betty Decker all of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Carol Green of Pocatello, Idaho; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Charles and her parents John and Mabel; two grandchildren: Shawn Murrie and Jason Goucher

Waymon D. Kelly

Chapel Service for Waymon D. Kelly, 60, Arapaho resident, was held 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, June 15, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel officiated by Tim Tulton and burial will follow in the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau Le Funeral Home.



Waymon Dale Kelly was born June 25, 1960, to Waymon Charles Kelly and Linda Gail (Burden) Kelly in Clinton, OK and passed away Friday, June 11, 2021, in his Arapaho home.

Waymon was raised in Headrick, OK and attended Navajo High School. He has farmed most of his life, and for the past 14 years, he was employed with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation.

He married Carol Grady-Cass on March 10, 1978, in Altus, OK.

He loved the outdoors, messing with horses, coyote hunting; fishing, and he enjoyed helping young people with their 4-H projects.

He was preceded in death by his mother Linda Kelly, sister Virginia Almquist, son-in-law Robert Smith and a nephew Charlie Almquist.

He is survived by his wife Carol, of the home; two daughters, Cristy Smith, Morrison, OK, Jessica Kelly and Lily Kelly, both of Clinton; son Waymon Jeremy Kelly, Clinton; dad Waymon Kelly, Headrick, OK; sister Norman Wright and husband William, Harrisonville, MO; brother, Eddie Lee Kelly, Elmer, OK and a long time friend DeDe Jarvis, Duncan, OK.

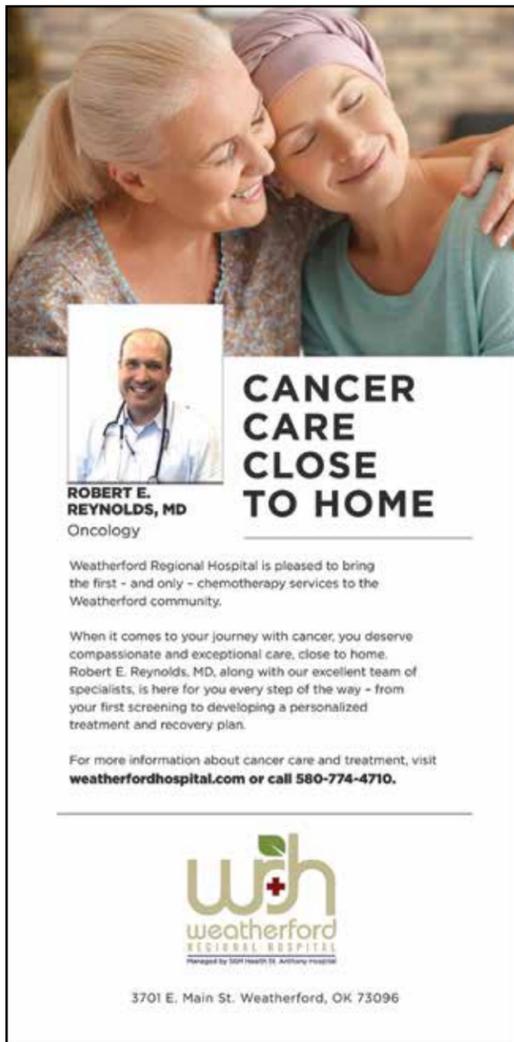
He is also survived by four grandchildren: Taylor and Ivy Kelly and Dalton and Jaxon Smith.

Joyce Lorene Stewart

Joyce Lorene Stewart was born April 15, 1948, in Eldorado, Kansas to James Taylor and Joy (Malan) Marshall and passed away Sunday, June 27, 2021, at her home in Corn, at the age of 73 years, 2 months and 12 days.

Joyce was raised and attended school in Eldorado and Dodge City. On March 14, 1968, she married Joseph Ray Stewart in Dodge City, Kansas and made their home in Corn, Oklahoma in 1972. Joyce worked as a Child Nutrition Director for Washita Heights and Weatherford schools; and served as class parent before retiring after 16 years. She joined the Life Fellowship Church in 1992. Joyce enjoyed golfing, holidays (especially Christmas), and spending time with grandchildren. She was known as an excellent cook and loved doing the praise and worship music at church.

Joyce is survived by her husband of 53 years, Joseph Stewart of their home in Corn; two sons, Joe Stewart and wife, Crystal of Edmond and Jerry Stewart and wife, Susy of Edmond; one daughter, Lori Deffenbaugh and husband, Tim of Clinton; two brothers, Ray Malan and wife, Cindy of Colorado and J.D. Banks and wife, Debbie of Cordell; three sisters, Janet Giles of Flagstaff, Arizona, Janell Riggs and husband, Rodney of Enid, and Beck Ogden of Florida; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents.



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Weatherford First United Methodist church appoints pastor



The Reverend Charles (Chuck) Horton has been recently appointed as Pastor of Weatherford's First United Methodist Church by Oklahoma's Bishop Jimmy Nunn. The appointment will officially begin July 1, 2021.

Rev. Horton has been a United Methodist pastor for 44 years. He and his wife, Nancy, have been married for 42 years and they have four adult daughters who have families and live in Oklahoma and Missouri.

Through the years Chuck has served in a variety of appointments as a solo pastor, an associate pastor, and a senior pastor working with a team. Among his pastorates, he served five years as the senior pastor of the Southwest Oklahoma United Parish (S.O.U.P.) which was a seven-church parish served by a team of four pastors in the Clinton District; and he served six years as the district superintendent of the Lawton District. Most recently he has served at Tulsa's First United Methodist Church as Associate Pastor of Congregational Care where he also led the church's healing ministries.

Chuck grew up in a Christian home and committed his life to Christ at an evangelistic crusade while he was

in high school. While a student at Penn State, Chuck experienced his call to ministry and transferred to Oklahoma City University to become a religion major.

At nineteen he was appointed student-pastor of the Cyril-Cement charge in the Lawton District which he served until graduating in 1980. He then attended United Theological Seminary in Dayton, Ohio, earning his Master of Divinity degree in 1983.

Chuck and Nancy (Diehl) were college sweethearts and married in 1979. Nancy is a graduate of Norman High and the University of Oklahoma's School of Nursing. Nancy, an R.N., has just retired from the Oklahoma Department of Health where she served in various capacities, most recently serving as the District Nurse Manager for Creek, Kay, Lincoln, Noble, Payne, and Pawnee Counties. Nancy loves being a mother and a grandmother and enjoys being involved in the churches and communities where Chuck pastors. God has given her a powerful healing prayer ministry and she has led prayer ministry trainings and retreats, sometimes by herself and sometimes in partnership with others.

SWOSU President Randy L. Beutler Honored by OSRHE



Retiring Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Randy L. Beutler was recognized for his years of service with a proclamation from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. Making the presentation were OSRHE Chair Ann Holloway and OSRHE Chancellor Glen Johnson. President Beutler's last day at SWOSU is June 30.

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GUIDRY CAPTURED- An Elk City man wanted by Beckham county authorities was captured in Crawford County Arkansas. Sheriff Derek Manning says 51 year old Edward James Guidry is now in custody. No other details were available, regarding the capture of Guidry who will also likely face charges in the states of Texas and Arkansas. Guidry was wanted by Beckham County authorities after fleeing from the Beckham County Courthouse after a judge had remanded him to custody on charges in connection with pointing a firearm at another person.

CUSTER CO DISTRICT COURT- A Clinton resident is charged in Custer County district court with first degree rape. Court records show 19 year old Carl Musick allegedly forced himself on a juvenile female against her will when she was 14 and he was 17. Musick told officers he forced the female into those acts 5 or 6 times during their relationship.

CLINTON CC/GRANT APPLICATION- During a special meeting of Clinton City Council, the council approved a resolution authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Midwestern Oklahoma Development Authority to provide partial funding for quality of life enhancements in Clinton. Grant application deadline is July 1st.

SWOSU/HODGE- has released additional information following the recent announcement of the largest-ever single gift in the university's history that will be allocated to supporting a state-of-the-art facility, dedicated to pharmacy and healthcare education. The facility will be named the Jerry & Margaret Hodge Pharmacy & Rural Health Center in honor of a major charitable investment from longtime SWOSU benefactors Jerry and Margaret Hodge of Amarillo, Texas. SWOSU is currently strategizing the next steps toward construction of the Hodge Pharmacy & Rural Health Center. University and foundation leaders are working to secure additional funding for the facility from a variety of governmental and non-profit entities as well as from private donors. The construction timeline and detailed plans will be formulated and solidified as funding is secured.

CORDELL CC/MOSER TERMINATED- The city of Cordell will soon begin the search for a new city administrator after the city council decided to terminate city administrator JC Moser following a lengthy executive session last night. Mayor Jerry Beech says the city will begin the process of finding a successor.

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Weatherford 10U Softball team celebrates their third out at the 10U OK Kids softball state tournament held in Weatherford recently.

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SWOSU Letterman Alumni Association Established



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced the formation of the SWOSU Letterman Alumni Association.

The association has been created to provide SWOSU graduates, who were athletic letterman, a way to stay involved with and support the SWOSU Athletic Department.

The association is offering each SWOSU graduate who lettered in athletics the opportunity to purchase a letterman ring. Letterman status is defined as any individual who graduated from SWOSU and lettered in any sport at SWOSU and will be verified by letter years and graduation year.

The association has been established by SWOSU lettermen Vance Nye and Greg Hinkle.

“The SWOSU letterman ring will be an everyday symbol that each letterman can wear with pride,” Nye said. “The association hopes that former SWOSU athletes will support this unique opportunity to aid SWOSU athletics and SWOSU student-athletes.”

Potential association members are encouraged to visit www.SWOSULettermanAlumni.com to purchase their SWOSU letterman ring and to begin the association membership process.

The SWOSU Letterman Alumni Association is a subsidiary of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was founded in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently administers nearly \$30 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information, visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-



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Camp Invention's Action-Packed, In-Person and At-Home Summer Program Coming to Your Area



- Camp Invention®, a nationally recognized, nonprofit summer enrichment program, is coming to Stafford Air and Space Museum the week of July 19 - July 23, 2021.

At this local camp, families can choose Camp Invention's in-person or at-home option. And to address any uncertainty that families face when planning for the upcoming summer camp season, Camp Invention now offers the Peace of Mind Promise - where parents can switch their experience format up to six weeks before their camp start date.

For its in-person option, Camp Invention will continue to adjust its programs to comply with best practice safety measures to ensure the health of our campers, teachers, families and communities. These precautions may include daily health screenings for all children and Program Team Members; the use of masks; social distancing within classrooms; providing individualized materials to limit sharing; increased sanitation practices and scheduled hygiene checks within the building; and smaller student groups with staggered lunch schedules. Programs will follow all state and regional COVID-19 guidelines.

A hybrid program featuring both offline activities and optional online sessions, Camp Invention at home enables hands-on exploration by delivering an Innovator's Toolkit, packed full of fun materials, directly to each participant. With four themed activities, step-by-step guides and an Innovator Workshop, the program brings imagination, creative problem solving and fun to children's living rooms. During the at-home format, local certified instructors take the campers through the day's activities, with the children choosing to attend the four daily online collaborative sessions or move at their own pace.

Each year, the program features a new curriculum inspired by some of our nation's most world-changing inventors - the National Inventors Hall of Fame® (NIHF) Inductees. This year's Recharge curriculum encourages children to be confident in their ideas and explore their innovativeness through hands-on activities including:

Open Mic: Campers amplify their creative voice, reverse engineer a wireless microphone, and then develop and promote their own extraordinary invention.

Duck Chuck: Through hands-on experiments with trajectory and velocity, children build their own device to launch rubber ducks around the world.

Road Rally: Imaginations accelerate as children design nature-inspired vehicles that can zoom across land and add prototype elements for moving through air and water.

SolarBot: Campers build and take care of their very own solar-powered robotic cricket, creating protective gear, a customized habitat and a fun cricket playground.

Whether parents choose the in-person or at-home format, they can be assured that the 2021 Camp Invention program provides a top-notch STEM learning experience for their young innovator. 'Honestly, the box sold me. The Innovator's Toolkit alone was worth the price,' said Josh, dad of a 7-year-old camper.

A NIHF program in partnership with the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Camp Invention challenges children in grades K-6 to tap into their natural curiosity and use their creativity to solve problems. Through hands-on activities, Camp Invention promotes STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) learning; builds confidence, leadership, perseverance and resourcefulness; and encourages entrepreneurship - all in a fun and engaging environment. In the unprecedented times we're all experiencing, with 'unfinished learning' and other challenges due to COVID-19, these lessons and opportunities for fun ways to learn are even more valuable.

For additional information or to register, visit invent.camp.

"The Coin Guy" Update on Rare Coin Sold on June 13, 2021



Trent Boesen

An anonymous collector from Washington bought an old-looking coin from a junk box for \$1. It turned out to be a rare coin from 1792. The U.S. Mint in Philadelphia turned the silver into coins.

President Washington, and his wife Martha, donated their personal silver service to the Mint in 1792. It was coined as a half dime (pronounced "deem" in French). About 1,500 half dimes were minted and put into circulation.

The half dime was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as a genuine Fair 2.

On June 13, 2021, it will be auctioned online by GreatCollections.com in Irvine, California. The pre-auction estimates are running from \$18,000 to \$25,000.

1792 half dime sold for \$104,625.

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Oklahoma History: Baseball

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Oklahoma and its sports history may be more widely known as a football state, but in comparison, Oklahoma has made more of an impact on the baseball diamond.

Most American baseball originated from the pastimes of several Civil War regiments who could start a pickup game anywhere with the easily transported bats and balls. When the war ended and the men settled around the country, community baseball games began.

In Oklahoma, while it was still an Unassigned Indian Territory, one of the first known iterations of Oklahoma baseball began in 1880 in Krebs, OK. The Oklahoma Historical Society has reported that at the time, Krebs's baseball days originated when, "coal miners from Ohio and Pennsylvania settled near Krebs...and baseball provided them a clean healthy diversion from the rigors of mining." On July 4th, 1882, Krebs organized its first baseball game to a crowd of 300. The town took on neighboring Savanna and used sacks of hay and cans for bases. The game was exciting, full of "gambling and fan violence," and ended with Krebs's victory over Savanna: 35 to 4, but the blowout win wasn't the highlight of the night. All attention was on the Krebs catcher who played the game with no mask or glove.

The city's baseball popularity grew, eventually, pulling in National Baseball Hall of Famer Joe "Iron Man" McGinnity to Krebs in 1889. He became the pitcher for Krebs and was a key voice in organized play. Over the next decade, baseball exploded throughout the territory and many cities founded their own teams.

Additionally in 1889, the newly found cities of Stillwater, Kingfisher, Guthrie, and OKC began hosting Sunday afternoon pickup games. Baseball was not just a city phenomenon as the Apache tribe at Fort Sill was known to play to a crowd of soldiers with their famous chief Geronimo.

Soon, baseball fever had reached every corner of the state, and every small town and community had its own teams to challenge its neighbors. Many played on sandlot fields and winning the games brought a sense of pride to the towns. Before long, sandlots turned to fields, which then became grandstands, and grandstands held state tournaments where thousands of fans gathered to watch.



Photo: Parking for the pro game Oilton vs Cleveland, Oct 6th, 1918. Oilton wins 1-0, after 10 innings. (From Oilton Chamber of Commerce)

In 1927, the *Daily Oklahoman* sponsored the first state sandlot tournament, and following its success, paved the way for Oklahoma to "lead the nation in winning and maintaining championship-caliber clubs." Oklahoma's sandlot days would go on to produce an abundance of Hall of Fame players.

Oklahoma's prowess in baseball wasn't just at the pro level. Collegiate teams produced a wide variety of pro talent and none so more than Oklahoma State University. OSU won the NCAA in 1959 and was a runner-up 5 times. With talent like Robin Ventura, OSU's dominance of the Big Eight tournaments was unmatched. They won sixteen straight Big Eight tournaments and in 1987, "Ventura's fifty-eight-game hitting streak, which is two games longer than Joe DiMaggio's major league professional hitting streak, continues as a record in the 21st century." Many other Oklahoma collegiate teams have won similar championships and produced world-class players.

For the professional league, Oklahoma has

produced the likes of Jim Thorpe, potentially the greatest athlete of all time; Mickey Mantle, the star centerfielder for the New York Yankees; Carl Mays, another Yankee whose pitching prowess helped lead the 1927 Yankees to legendary status; Warren Spahn, who won more games than any other left-handed pitcher; Jerry Walker, the youngest pitcher to start an All-Star game; Johnny Bench, who could be the best catcher of all-time winning 6 division titles and 2 World Series; and Jay Hanna "Dizzy" Dean, one of the elite pitchers to win 30 games or more under modern regulations, led the league in strikeouts, and went on to revolutionize color-commentating and sportscasting.

This is already an impressive list of accolades for the players who grew up or came to Oklahoma on their path to greatness, but there are many more not listed here. Oklahoma's baseball history is full of phenomenal athletes, a high number of National records, and baseball will continue to be one of the state's greatest pastimes.

HIGHER GROUND

Faith over Fear



Jim Morrison

The slogan on the T-shirt caught my eye. It read, "My faith is greater than my fear." I thought to myself, "If only that was true." I can't say for sure about the individual wearing the shirt, I just know that for most folks that is not the case. We live in a society that is often consumed by fear. We fear what people will think if we knock on their door. Will they be offended? Will I look foolish?

We have to watch our words lest we say something that might offend someone, or be misunderstood. Political correctness demands that I not speak what is obviously true, but soften it for the benefit of an over sensitive spirit. Church doors are locked even in the midst of services lest a dangerous stranger intrude.

We are afraid to list our telephone number lest it fall into the hands of one who would betray us. All this is

in contrast to millions of believers who are risking their lives every day sharing their faith in countries where persecution is rampant. We think of the early apostles who were so radically changed after the resurrection of Jesus that they dared to stand in the market place and preach the truth to a crowd that consisted of those who had brought Jesus to trial.

After the disciples had been warned "to speak no longer in this {Jesus} name," they gathered the believers together for prayer. But the content of their prayer was not for protection. Instead, they asked God to "enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness..." They didn't skip a beat in their witness. The Apostle Paul went on to suffer great persecution at the hands of hostile Jews and Romans, later being beheaded outside of Rome. But his efforts helped established churches which led to the spread of Christianity over the Roman Empire.

The early church was challenged by the fact that they had seen Jesus alive and were motivated by his promise of supernatural power. Just as Jesus had conquered death so they would ultimately be victorious over the

grave no matter what the world would offer.

What would happen if we truly believed God's promise found in Isaiah 41:10, "So do not fear for I am with you; do not be dismayed for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

One of our fears is what our child might think if we missed one of his ball games in order to be on mission for Christ. I fear we have let our children control us. We have surrendered to the culture of the day. The Great Commission has taken second or maybe third place in our list of priorities.

When we come to Christ as Lord, we are enlisted in his Grand Army to spread the message of his grace and forgiveness. Few new Christians grasp this truth. We desire his presence, his forgiveness and heaven to come, but have not understood the fact that obedience is a part of trusting Him with our lives. "Rise up Oh men (and women) of God, have done with lesser things. Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of Kings." To comment jhm82@outlook.com or [ph.580-772-2311](tel:580-772-2311)



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