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## Festival of Arts scheduled in Elk City

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The Elk City annual Fall Festival of the Arts is the largest art and craft show in western Oklahoma. Featuring over 120 exhibitors with handmade works, the festival showcases some of the most talented and

creative people. Crafters come from all over or out of state to participate in this fun and friendly fair. There will be a huge variety of food available, performing arts, and a special children's fair at the Civic Center in Elk City. Fair starts on Saturday, September 11th and goes through Sunday, September 12th.



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## SWOSU Launches Hodge Pharmacy Scholarships Challenge



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) has announced an exciting new philanthropic opportunity.

The Hodge Pharmacy Scholarships Challenge invites contributions of all sizes and scopes from donors across the spectrum of giving.

The Challenge goal is to create a new \$500,000 scholarships endowment to benefit SWOSU College of Pharmacy students.

This new endowment will be used to match \$500,000 which was donated this June by SWOSU alumnus and benefactor Jerry Hodge of Amarillo (TX) and his wife, Margaret.

"As part of their historic \$5 million philanthropic investment in SWOSU announced earlier this year, Jerry and Margaret Hodge have committed to helping us endow \$1,000,000 in new scholarships support for our outstanding College of Pharmacy," said SWOSU President Dr. Diane R. Lovell. "The Hodges have graciously committed \$500,000 towards this worthy objective, and I know that our enthusiastic community of alumni, emeriti and friends will take advantage of this tremendous opening to double the impact of the Hodges' generosity!"

100% of contributions made to the Hodge Pharmacy Scholarships Challenge will be endowed solely for the benefit of providing financial assistance to students enrolled in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy.

Contributions may be made by visiting [www.HodgePharmacyChallenge.com](http://www.HodgePharmacyChallenge.com). Donors may make contributions via check made payable to "SWOSU FOUNDATION" with "HODGE CHALLENGE" noted in the memorandum line; checks should be mailed to:

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Gifts may also be made to the Hodge Pharmacy Scholarships Challenge using credit/debit cards or direct bank account debit via calling the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement/SWOSU Foundation, Inc. offices at 580-774-3267.

For more information, please contact Patti Harper at 580-774-3190, [patti.harper@swosu.edu](mailto:patti.harper@swosu.edu) or Clarke Hale at 817-707-6795, [clarke.hale@swosu.edu](mailto:clarke.hale@swosu.edu).

The SWOSU Hodge Pharmacy Scholarships Challenge is coordinated by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards nearly \$31 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

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**Dwaine Dale Goldsberry**

Dwaine Dale Goldsberry was born on April 26, 1928, to Frederick Eli and Edna Grace (Goodman) Goldsberry in Covington, OK and passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021, at home in Weatherford, at the age of 93 years. The family of nine lived on a farm just outside of Hayward, OK.



Dwaine attended Stanton Country School and later graduated from Hayward High School. At the age of 16, he hopped the train to Wichita to go to work for Boeing Aircraft Company for the summer. After graduating high school, he joined the US Army as a paratrooper in the 11th Airborne Division. He found himself jumping out of the same planes he had helped build.

After proudly serving our country, Dwaine went to work for Charles Machine Works, Inc., the manufacturer of Ditch Witch equipment, where he led the sales and marketing department. On December 3, 1954, he married his beautiful bride Jewel Faye (Judy) Ramsey, and they eventually made their home in Perry, OK, where they raised their three children: Eric, Dana Jo, and Jeff. In 1988, they moved to Weatherford to start their own business with Goldsberry Rentals.

Dwaine's love of travel and aviation continued when he got his pilot's license, which allowed him to travel across the country for work and for pleasure. When he wasn't in the air, it was the dirt roads that beckoned to him, and you could often find Dwaine checking on his cattle, his wheat or just checking his oil wells.

But most importantly, he loved his Savior and spending time with his family.

Dwaine is survived by two sons: Eric Goldsberry and wife Susie of Weatherford, OK and Jeff Goldsberry and wife Deanna of Perry, OK; one sister Margory Scoggins of Enid, OK; nine grandchildren; and sixteen great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Judy; his daughter Dana Jo; four brothers; and one sister.

**Beljean Williams**

Visitation service for Beljean Williams, 71, Clinton resident were held from 1:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., Saturday, August 28, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Beljean Pratt Williams was born June 12, 1950, to William Pratt, Sr. and Iris (White) Pratt in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021, in the Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, OK.

Beljean was raised in the Canton area and attended Canton Schools. She became a homemaker and a stay-at-home mom. She married Harold Williams, Jr. on January 6, 1998.

She enjoyed playing BINGO, reading, gardening; she loved to watch Unsolved Mysteries on TV; she was known to be an organizer; she loved being with her grandchildren and her favorite color was purple. She will

be remembered by all, her SMILE!

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers: Tirador Pratt, William Pratt, Jr.; four sisters: Lela Marie Howell, Phyllis Irene Hayden, Marion Ellen Holsapple and Iva Carlene Pratt.

She is survived by a daughter Robyn Smith and husband Kevin White Hall, Montana; three sons: Kenneth Cross and wife, Tina Clinton, Kevin Cross and wife Melinda, Pryo, OK, and Gerald Martin, Clinton; sister Terry Waterman, Clinton; and 12 grandchildren: Kaley, Kyler, Kolby, Kadin, Kaya, Kolin, Anthony, Brittney, Jada, Melissa, Adora, and Heidi and four great grandchildren.

**Roland D. Walker**

Funeral Services for Roland D. Walker, 76, Midwest City resident and formerly of Clinton were held 10:00 A.M., Thursday, September 2, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Rev. Thomas Perry. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Roland D. Walker "Pewee" was born January 5, 1945, to Luther T. Walker and Alice B. (Murphy) Walker in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, August 26, 2021, in his Midwest City home.

He was raised in Clinton, OK where he graduated from Clinton High School in 1964. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. He was one semester away from graduating and on September 6, 1966, he was drafted into the U.S. Army. He served in Fort Bliss, Texas, and in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze stars and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device. In December of 1968, he was honorably discharge and he returned home and worked for Pan Handle Eastern in Leedey, OK.

He loved playing dominoes, hanging out with family and friends; he just enjoyed life.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his son Roland D. Walker, Jr. and wife Sara, Boner Springs, TX; brothers: Antonio Smith, Sr., and wife Debbie, OKC, Gary J. Smith and wife Mary, Clinton.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Roland Walker, III, Isaiah Walker, Brienne Walker, and Devon Walker; three great-grandchildren, Josiah Walker and Brooklyn Walker and Jeremiah Walker

**Vergil Clarence Burks**

A Memorial Service for Vergil Clarence Burks, 84 year-old Corn, Oklahoma, resident, will be held Sunday, September 19th, 2021, 2:00 p.m. at Antioch Christian Church, 3200 Country Club, Elk City, Oklahoma.



Vergil Clarence Burks was born, February 17, 1937, in Delhi, Oklahoma, to Sidney Clarence and Newell Mae (O'Brien) Burks. Vergil went to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 30, 2021, at the age of 84 years, 4 months and 13 days.

Vergil grew up and attended school in Vega, Texas. He graduated from Vega High School in 1956. In the fall of 1956, Vergil enlisted into the United States Air Force. June 22, 1958, Vergil married Mary Emma Jarnagin in Amarillo, Texas, and they returned to El Paso, Texas, where Vergil was stationed. After service to his country; in 1960, he moved his family to Elk City, Oklahoma. Vergil was a member of the First Christian Church and was employed by Public Service Company of Oklahoma. He was active with the Boy Scout chapter, a member of the Elk City Chamber of Commerce, the Elk City Lions Club, the Proclaimers Gospel Group, the Elk Creek Boys, and the Ozark Flavor. Vergil later owned and operated a heating and air conditioning service until they moved to Arkansas in the early 90's.

He enjoyed playing Bluegrass and Gospel music with his brothers and friends. Vergil played music at numerous events and venues in Oklahoma, Arkansas and South Texas with friends.

Vergil is survived by his wife of 63 years Emmie Burks of their home in Corn, OK.; one son Barry Burks and wife Janet, of Edmond, OK; four grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Frank, Woody and Elmo; one sister Derotha; and a daughter Kim.

**Brennen Neil Ward**

Never was a son, grandson, or nephew loved more than Brennen Neil Ward. Brennen was born in Pampa, Texas, on October 30, 1998. Brennen passed on August 25, 2021, in Golden, Colorado.



While Brennen was born in Pampa, the young family lived in Clovis, New Mexico, as Dennis finished his stint in the Air Force. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to McLean, Texas, then settled in Shamrock, Texas, for a few years, where Brennen attended Pre-Kindergarten at Samnorwood Independent School District. The next year, the family moved to Hydro, Oklahoma, where Brennen attended primary and secondary school.

During Brennen's academic career, he was awarded several honors and earned many achievements: state champion and a national qualifier for National History Day, All-Conference MVP for the Hydro-Eakly Academic Team, a state qualifier in speech and debate, Academic All-State, Presidential Award, Masonic Student of the Day, and a National Merit Commended Scholar.

Brennen was also awarded the Presidential Scholarship to the Colorado School of Mines where he was in his senior year, pursuing a degree in electrical engineering.

Brennen's capacity for knowledge and unique sense of humor transcended generations. In many ways, he seemed like an old soul in a young person's body. Of course, he loved many things in current pop culture, like computer gaming and board games, yet he loved the comedy of George Carlin, the music of Johnny Cash, and golfing.

Brennen will continue to be loved and will be missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his parents, Alison Ward of Hydro, Oklahoma, and Dennis Ward of Yosemite, California, and his grandparents, Tom and Kit Long of Cheyenne, Wyoming, Randy Bunney and Julie Long of Fort Ripley, Minnesota, and J.D. and Billie "Biz" Ward of McLean, Texas, as well as great grandmother, Edith Pearson of Brainerd, Minnesota.

He has also left behind his beloved aunts and uncles: Rebecca and John Simmons of Dallas, Texas; John Amundson of Norcross, Minnesota; Raquel Payne of Stillwater, Oklahoma, as well as cousins Tayden Amundson and Callie Payne.

Brennen will also be missed by his friend Andrew Lee and several others, including an entire community of gaming buddies.

Services will be held on September 7th at 2pm at the Hydro United Methodist Church, located at 589 N. Arapaho Avenue, Hydro, Oklahoma, 73048. A visitation were held in The Chapel of Lockstone Funeral Home on Friday, September 3, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, located in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Colorado School of Mines Student Emergency Fund.

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**Frances Ann (Franny) Perkins**

Frances Ann (Franny) Perkins was born February 16, 1944, to Earnest and Estalene McGaughey in Freeport, Texas and passed away on September 1, 2021, in Norman, Oklahoma.

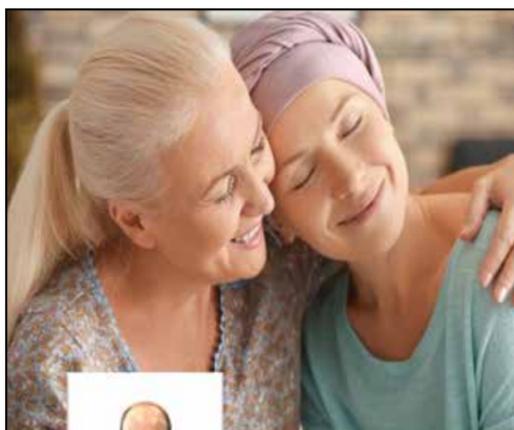


She moved to Chickasha, Oklahoma in 1965. She worked for Commercial Music for over 30 years. She absolutely loved spending time with her family, working in the yard, and taking care of her beautiful flowers.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Charles Perkins, Brothers Ray McGaughey and William Nig McGaughey, Sisters Mada Stovall and Annie Spivey.

She is survived by her son, Trent Perkins, and fiancé Chelsea Kirby of Weatherford, OK. Daughters Leigh Ann Perkins and Jack Ratzlaff of Chickasha, OK, Shelly Rupe and Kevin Rupe of Ninnekah, OK. Grandson Blain Perkins and wife Nikki of Weatherford, OK. Great grandchildren Reed, Harper, and Riggs Perkins of Weatherford, OK. Sisters Sherry Kersh and husband Gary of Brazoria, Texas, and Paula Wadman of Sallisaw, OK. Sister-In-Law Charlann McGaughey of Brazoria, Tx. Also, many nieces and nephews. Special family friends Lorraine McHugh of Chickasha, OK and Tammy Allen of Weatherford, OK.

A celebration of life will be held Wednesday September 8, 2021, 10:30am at Parkview Christian Church, 2828 S. 9th Chickasha, OK.



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# SNL Comedian Colin Jost Coming to SWOSU



Comedian Colin Jost of Saturday Night Live fame is coming to Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Wednesday, October 27, at 8 p.m. as part of the university's Panorama Series and Homecoming Week activities.

Tickets for the show go on sale Friday, September 3, at 10 a.m. on stubwire.com at this link: <https://share.swosu.edu/ColinJostTickets>

Jost serves as a head writer at Saturday Night Live, television's longest running and most successful sketch and comedy show, now heading into its 47th season. Jost originally joined the show as a writer in 2005 and became a co-head writer in 2012. Jost has also co-anchored "Weekend Update" alongside fellow cast member Michael Che since 2014.

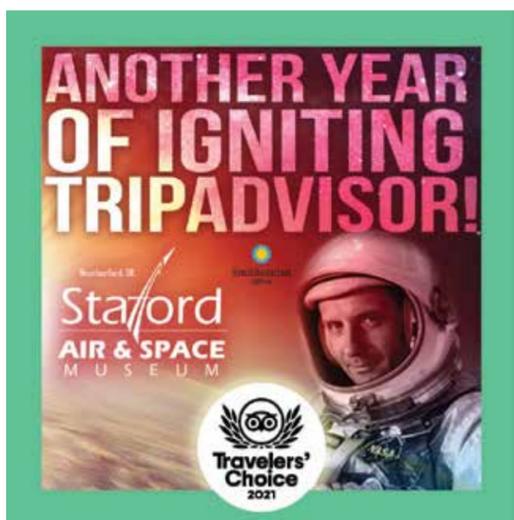
Jost has won five Writers Guild Awards, two Peabody Awards, and has been nominated for 12

Emmy Awards for his writing on SNL. In 2015, Jost wrote "Staten Island Summer," a coming-of-age comedy that was released by Paramount Pictures and produced by Lorne Michaels. Jost has since been seen in the films "How to Be Single," "Coming 2 America," and "Tom and Jerry."

Last summer, Jost debuted his memoir, A Very Punchable Face. The memoir is a series of essays, which documents pivotal moments in Jost's life including growing up in Staten Island in a family of firefighters, commuting three hours a day to high school, attending Harvard while Facebook was created, and more. For every accomplishment and absurd moment, there is an honest, emotional one, told with a healthy dose of self-deprecation.

Jost and his wife, actress Scarlett Johansson, and their new baby currently reside in New York.

## Stafford Air & Space Museum Wins 2021 Tripadvisor Travelers' Choice Award for Top 10% of "Must See" Attractions



as the past year was, the Stafford Air & Space Museum stood out by continuously delighting travelers from the United States and countries abroad.

Max Ary, Director of the Stafford Air & Space Museum, said, "To be named as one of the top 10% attractions in the world is an incredible honor for the museum and our entire staff! We have many extraordinary developments underway for the museum during the next 2-3 years, and this recognition by Tripadvisor indicates that our visitors are excited by our vision and direction."

"Congratulations to all the winners of the 2021 Travelers' Choice Awards," said Kanika Soni, Chief Commercial Officer at Tripadvisor. "I know the past year has been extremely challenging for tourism businesses. What has impressed me is how businesses adapted to these challenges, implementing new cleanliness measures, adding social distancing guidelines, and utilizing technology to prioritize guest safety. The Travelers' Choice Awards highlight the places that are consistently excellent - delivering quality experiences time and time again even while navigating changing customer expectations and new ways of working. Based on a full year of reviews from customers, this award speaks to the great service and experience you provided guests in the midst of a pandemic."

To see visitors' reviews and popular museum attractions at the Stafford Air & Space Museum, visit [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g51734-d1913793-Reviews-Stafford\\_Air\\_Space\\_Museum-Weatherford\\_Oklahoma.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g51734-d1913793-Reviews-Stafford_Air_Space_Museum-Weatherford_Oklahoma.html)

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## SWOSU & Weatherford Rotary Club Establish World Languages Scholarship



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) and the Weatherford Rotary Club have announced the latest in a long history of philanthropic collaborations: the

establishment of the SWOSU-Weatherford Rotary Club World Languages Scholarship.

This scholarship was proposed by Dr. Tugba Sevin, World Languages coordinator in the SWOSU Department of Language & Literature, and will benefit students studying in the Department of Language & Literature who have designated World Languages as a minor degree component.

"The SWOSU World Languages minor is a growing and engaging part of what we offer students here at SWOSU Language & Literature," said Tugba, an associate professor at SWOSU and Weatherford Rotarian. "This scholarship will provide our students with invaluable financial assistance, and our entire department is so grateful to Weatherford Rotary and the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. for making it possible!"

Sevin reported that over 70 SWOSU students are currently minoring in World Languages.

"On behalf of our Board of Directors I would like to thank SWOSU Foundation, Inc. for this opportunity to work together yet again in furthering the ideals and goals of Rotary International," said Weatherford Rotary Club President Nate Downs. "Students who study World Languages are increasing their understanding of different cultures and views and are helping advance the Rotary cause of toleration, peace and international cooperation."

The SWOSU-Weatherford Rotary Club World Languages Scholarship is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).

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## Dr. Patsy Parker Named Acting Vice President of Student Affairs at SWOSU

Dr. Patsy Parker has been named acting vice president of student affairs (VPSA) at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), according to SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell.

Parker will also continue as associate dean of the Everett Dobson School of Business and Technology on the Weatherford campus.

Parker is serving as VPSA after Dr. Ruth Boyd recently announced her retirement. Parker has worked at SWOSU since 1999 and earlier served as chair of the Department of Accounting, Computer Science and Entrepreneurship and at one time was a faculty member on SWOSU's campus in Sayre. She earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in higher education administration from the University of Oklahoma. She has been active in student recruitment and retention at SWOSU.

In 2014, Parker was awarded the prestigious Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award.

A search for a permanent VPSA will soon begin.



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## Sen. Howard encourages public participation as lawmakers develop proposals for pandemic relief funding



The bipartisan, bicameral committee charged with making recommendations on the use of nearly \$1.9 billion in federal pandemic relief funds has announced its next meeting. Sen. Brent Howard, R-Altus, is one of 13 Senate members appointed to serve on the Joint Committee on Pandemic Relief Funding, which will next meet at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8 in room 535 of the state Capitol. The meeting will be livestreamed on the Senate's official website, [www.oksenate.gov](http://www.oksenate.gov).

"This is one-time funding, so we must carefully select projects that will meet the criteria of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) while investing in key areas," Howard said. "We'll be working with stakeholders, including members of the executive Branch, state agencies, community organizations and the public. We'll receive and evaluate the resulting proposals and send the top-rated priorities to Governor Kevin Stitt for his final consideration."

Four subcommittees, including Economic Development and Workforce; Health and Human Services; Government

Transformation and Collaboration; and Transportation, Infrastructure, and Rural Development, will vet proposals to utilize ARPA funds. Under federal law, ARPA funds for state governments may only be used to respond to the public health emergency and negative economic effects caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Those uses can include allocations to state agencies, nonprofits, industry, households, and investments in public infrastructure. In addition to the \$1.87 billion in state funds, another \$1.32 has been allocated for Oklahoma counties, cities and local communities.

Funds must be allocated by December 2024 and expended by December of 2026. Additional information, reports and the proposal submission form will soon be available online at [www.oklegislature.gov](http://www.oklegislature.gov).

"This is a tremendous opportunity for our state to make significant investments that will move Oklahoma forward for years to come," Howard said. "I urge Oklahomans to be involved in this process as we work together to strengthen and diversify our economy, improve state services and modernize our physical and digital infrastructure."

For more information, contact Sen. Brent Howard at 405-521-5612 or email [Brent.Howard@oksenate.gov](mailto:Brent.Howard@oksenate.gov).

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**2020 CENSUS-** Figures from the 2020 census have been released. The City of Weatherford had a population increase of more than 1200 from the 2010 census, now with a population of 12,076. The city of Clinton had a decline of just over 500 at 8,521. Other Custer County populations found Arapaho at 668, Butler 354, Custer city 367, and Thomas 1143. Elk city stayed nearly steady, down by just over 100 residents at 11,561. Cordell had a decline of 140 residents, total population is 2775.

Beckham County. Several jury trials are planned this fall, including a November 15th trial for Custer County murder suspect Dennis Rigsby, who is charged with the murder of his mother, 66-year old Judy Mullin, who was found deceased on the floor of a camper the pair had been traveling in together.

**BECKHAM COUNTY DIST COURT/NIDEY-** A jury trial date for an Elk City man charged with first degree rape, kidnapping and bringing contraband into a penal institution is set for October 25th. Twenty-eight year old Schyler Jordan Nidey allegedly held a woman against her will, choked and raped the victim inside an Elk City apartment. Any motions filed in the case will be heard on September 29th. Nidey is also charged with one count of intimidation of a witness in connection with this case.

**SWOSU/COVID CLINICS-** Southwestern Oklahoma State University is continuing its Friday COVID vaccination clinics on the Weatherford campus. Dr. Randy Curry, coordinator of the SWOSU college of Pharmacy rural health center says the public is invited to get their vaccinations on Fridays through the month of October. The Friday clinics will be held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center from 10am-2pm.

**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-** The Custer County commissioners approved a resolution calling for a special election next February to renew the half cent sales tax. Commission chairman Lyle Miller said that the split from the sales tax will remain the same. The election will be held February 8, 2022.

**SWOSU/DR PARKER-** Dr. Patsy Parker has been named acting vice president of student affairs at Southwestern Oklahoma State University according to SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. Parker will also continue as associate dean of the Everett Dobson school of business and technology on the Weatherford campus. Parker is service in her new role after Dr. Ruth Boyd recently announced her retirement. A search for a permanent vice president of student affairs will begin soon.

**CUSTER COUNTY/JURY TERM-** District 2 District Attorney Angela Marsee said jury summons will be going out soon. The jury term begins in September in Custer County District Court and in October for

**WEATHERFORD CC/BID-** The Weatherford City commission approved a bid for construction of the new terminal building at the Stafford Airport. Director Mark Schoonmaker says the bid was awarded to 15 construction at a price of \$1.4 million. Schoonmaker says the lowest bid was not accepted because the bid was incomplete.

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*



## Bulldog Football Upended in SWOSU Kickoff Classic

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Football team made their Return to the Gridiron on Thursday night as they hosted Henderson State in the SWOSU Kickoff Classic, but the result went the way of the Reddies as HSU claimed a 31-13 victory at Flex-Chem Field.

Miscues marred the first half for SWOSU, with the Dawgs having a touchdown called back by a penalty on the first drive before turning the ball over on downs at the HSU five-yard line later on the first play of the second quarter. Two more SWOSU drives would reach the red zone, with the first halted by a sack and ensuing penalty, while an interception stalled out the next drive at the 18-yard line and sent the Dawgs to halftime trailing 14-0.

Momentum turned in the home teams favor in the third quarter, with Derrius Franklin intercepting an HSU pass to end their first drive and set up the Bulldogs first score. Quarterback Tanner Griffin guided the Dawgs 64 yards in eight plays and got SWOSU on the board with a 21-yard scoring strike to Deshon Moreaux at the 9:39 mark of the quarter. HSU answered with a scoring drive, but SWOSU again got on the board with a one-yard plunge into the end zone by Griffin that made it 21-13 with 3:01 to play in the quarter.

Courtney Ledyard recorded a sack on third-and-eight to halt HSU's next possession and give the ball back to the Dawgs in a one-score game early in the fourth quarter, but the Bulldogs were undone by an interception near midfield that took away the momentum. HSU would add 10 points in the final quarter to close out the 31-13 road win.

Griffin finished 23-for-39 for 269 yards and a touchdown, but was picked off three times in his Bulldog debut while Nate Davis rushed for a team-



high 47 yards on eight carries. Nine different receivers caught a pass in the game, with Justin Bailey leading the way with four receptions for 81 yards while Moreaux had three catches for 40 yards and a touchdown.

Orlando Brown led the Dawgs with nine tackles (four solo, five assist) while Davotrick Dotrey had eight stops (four solo, four assist) in the game. Courtney Ledyard

had the Dawgs lone sack, while Nate Burnard had three tackles for loss. Derrius Franklin hauled in the first interception of the season for SWOSU and joined Donovan Jemerson with pass breakups for SWOSU.

SWOSU, now 0-1 on the year, will return to action next Saturday, September 11th, with a trip to Magnolia, Ark., to face Southern Arkansas.

## Bulldogs Victorious in Return to the Pitch

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU Soccer overcame early adversity to win their season opener 3-1 over in-state rival Northeastern State.

A goal within the first four minutes from the Riverhawks put them in pole-position, but the Bulldogs responded with three unanswered goals of their own to seal the victory.

Freshman forward Launa Torrez opened up this season's scoresheet for SWOSU with a first half header to tie it up before halftime. Another header, this time from Junior midfielder Juliana Rocha, gave the Bulldogs the lead, and then Freshman midfielder Anna Bager sent an absolute rocket into the net from way way outside the box put the game out of reach and help the Bulldogs start their season off with a bang.

Sophomore forward Brianna Benitez, last season's assists leader, also played an influential part in helping SWOSU turn the tide, contributing assists on both the game tying and go-ahead goals.

Freshman goalkeeper Ashley Hughes had a great game in goal with a career high ten saves and a number of important interventions on Northeastern



State corners and crosses to keep the Riverhawk goal count at just one.

Head Coach Mark Persson will be pleased with his team, and especially the performance of newcomers Anna Bager and Launa Torrez for bagging goals in

their debut for the Bulldogs.

Persson and company will not have long to bask in the glow of their victory, as the Bulldogs are back in action on September 4th at 11:00 am against Central Missouri at the SWOSU Athletic Complex.

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## Bayer Fund Teams with Farmers to Direct Funds to Local Nonprofits, Schools and Ag Programs



Bayer Fund announced the kickoff of the 2022 America's Farmers Grow Communities program, which has been revamped to make it even easier for farmers across the country to find and fund the organizations and institutions that keep their communities thriving. From August 2 to November 1, eligible farmers can enroll for the chance to direct a donation to a local eligible nonprofit organization, school STEM or youth agriculture program. For 2022, Bayer Fund will double the individual donations to \$5,000, up from \$2,500 in previous years.

America's Farmers initiatives have awarded more than \$60 million to thousands of schools and nonprofit organizations. Since the creation of Grow Communities in 2010, farmers have played a key role in directing funds to programs

and organizations that contribute to their communities' health and vibrancy, such as food banks, schools and agriculture programs.

In 2021, an Illinois farmer directed a Grow Communities donation to Greenfield High School in Greenfield, Illinois. The school used the donation to purchase an educational farm where students learn firsthand how to care for animals and manage a business.

"We can't thank our local farmers and the Grow Communities program enough for their donation and continued support," said Beth Burrow, Greenfield High School's ag instructor. "As educators we're always looking for ways to engage our students with hands-on experiences, and that's what we've been able to do thanks to Grow Communities."

Farmers are eligible to enroll in Grow Communities if they are 21 years of age or older and are actively engaged in farming at least 250 acres of any crop.

"In addition to increasing the individual donation amounts in 2022, we're excited to evolve Grow Communities to make it easier for farmers to take part," said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund President. "Over the years we've heard from countless farmers and Grow Communities recipients about the ways the donations have made a positive impact across rural America. For this reason, Bayer Fund is excited to continue the Grow Communities tradition."

To enroll or learn more about Grow Communities, including program eligibility and rules, farmers can visit [www.AmericasFarmers.com](http://www.AmericasFarmers.com) or call 1-877-267-3332 toll-free. Winners will be announced January 2022.

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by Dwight Manley who owns California Gold Marketing Group.

The entire collection was formed by William S. Baker who was the first person to research and catalogue the medals associated with George Washington. These items will be made available to future study and public exhibits.

One such item is a rare 1862 brass Washington, D.C. emancipation medal. One side is President Washington with a Mr. Henry Clark who was a freed slave at the time. An 1805 silver medal (one of only 10 known) commemorates the Peace of 1783 (the end of the American Revolution).

Do you have questions about collecting but did not know who to ask? Call The Coin Guy at 580-890-8076 so we can meet to discuss them at Jerry's. Thanks for reading.

## Beckham County Fair planned in Sayre

The Beckham County Free Fair will be held at the Beckham County Activity Center in Sayre on September 9th – 11th. The Fair and livestock show will feature many 4-H and ag exhibits, shows, and contests. Many of the fair exhibits will showcase talented crafts and items like the "Best of Wheat" Bread Baking contest, other baked goods, photography, textiles, fine arts crafts, needlework, and more. Kid competitions and activities will include a pet parade, Kids Korner, money scramble, and youth divisions for crafts. Competitors will compete for prize money and bragging rights. Winners of the Kids Korner (children under 8 years old) will receive ribbons (no prize money) and will be able to participate in various projects like: crafting a bird feeder, play dough, finger painting, bead work, and other projects. The sheep, goat, poultry, and cattle shows will take place on Saturday, September 11th, with the exhibit building open throughout the fair. So, make sure you don't miss a day at the 2021 Beckham County Free Fair!

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While Paul was setting in his cell in Rome, his thoughts must have turned to the churches he had started on his three missionary journeys. None caught his attention more than the first church he started in Europe, the church at Philippi. He had planned to go on into Asia but he heard a call to come to Macedonia (modern day Greece). So he and Silas obeyed the call and found their way to Philippi, a city named after Phillip the father of Alexander the Great. It was a prosperous Roman colony with its citizens considered citizens of Rome.

It was there that he and Silas were jailed after Paul cast out a demon from a young slave girl ruining the profits the owner was making from her fortune telling. The church there was made up of Lydia, a well-to-do business woman, the jailer who was converted when

he heard the gospel from Paul while he was in jail, and the slave girl from whom Paul had cast out demons, plus other brothers that were not named. Lydia, a seller of purple cloth would have been of the upper class and the jailer, a Roman citizen-of the middle class, and the slave girl who was least of all. One was Greek, one Roman, and the other Asian. This demonstrates that the gospel is for all classes and races of people.

This church had been one of the most consistent supporters of Paul over his missionary journeys. So he has a deep affection for the people. It is a letter of joy and gratitude for their partnership in the gospel with him. He records a prayer from his heart for them. We can learn much from Paul's prayers.

In Philippians 1:9-11 we can read the contents of that particular prayer. "And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God."

Note that Paul's prayer is simple in its structure. He doesn't deal with theology or physical matters. His foremost concern is that their love for one another would "abound yet more and more." It was not sentimental love but love that would result in knowledge and a deepened insight. If we love Jesus we will want to learn more about him and about his truth. Too often our knowledge is shallow and hearsay. We must be careful to not listen only to the side that we agree with. Knowledge leads to discernment, the ability to look beneath the layers of half-truths to choose that which is pure and blameless. And this would lead to a life of fruitful righteousness, bringing glory to God.

We would do well to pray this prayer for ourselves, those we love, and for those in authority. This does not mean that we will always agree with each other. Paul and Barnabas had their disagreements. But there should be an overriding concern and love for our brothers that our common love for Christ would bond us together. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com) or 580-772-2311

# Oklahoma History: Labor Day

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Labor Day, an annual holiday where workers and businesses take the day off, is one of the staple American holidays and is extremely important to our history. However, many do not know why the day is important, or even why it is celebrated.

Beginning in the late 1800's, the United States was in the middle of the Industrial Revolution. The revolution described the transition of many American businesses and communities from rural towns to urban metropolises. The transition began with the invention and implantation of things like the cotton gin, electricity, and a transcontinental railroad. During this period of vast growth, the average worker would work 12-hour days and seven-day weeks just to earn enough for necessities. To keep up with demand, mills, factories, and mines would employ children as young as 5 years old, and parents would have no choice because the extra cents the children brought were worth the provisions they could buy.

The workplaces were often dangerous and toxic because modern reformation and workplace guidelines did not exist, yet. Smog filled the air, facilities were not sanitized, and employee benefits and breaks were not even a thought. People working in these conditions had very little choice but to keep on working. Some of the most effected people were those who were very poor or recent immigrants.

As industrialization grew, manufacturing began working with independent agriculture departments which, after seeing the environment workers were exposed to, began pushing for better American employment. Labor unions first appeared near the end of the 18th century and began holding strikes, rallies, and protests to push employers to renegotiate compensation and conditions.

Employers pushed back causing many of these protests to turn violent. In Chicago 1886, several policemen and workers were killed during the Haymarket Riot that broke out when a bomb was thrown at the police. Similar events were cropping up all over the country, and their violent tendencies did more harm than good. Proponents of labor reform found themselves having a hard time, backing workers and unions that many considered to be the cause of such violence. But some companies were listening. Some of the most influential protest tactics were the



Child Labor strike in Philadelphia 1902 (Bettmann/CORBIS)

employee labor strikes.

During the strikes, employees began refusing to work until their demands were met, and for some factories, each minute without production was costing them thousands. As the success of strikes grew, many workers began forming union marches to protest. One of the most successful marches took place on September 5th, 1882, when 10,000 New York City workers took unpaid time off to march from City Hall to Union Square. It became known as the first Labor Day parade.

Many workers across the country began holding similar marches and parades in September and states began passing legislation to recognize it. However, the United States Congress would not legalize the holiday until 1894 when employees of the Pullman Palace Car Company went up in protest about wage cuts and the firing of union reps. A nationwide strike against the

Pullman company meant their railroad cars would cease operation and traffic on the railroads across the nation hit a standstill. In retaliation, the federal government sent troops to Chicago to cull the workers and a wave of riots broke out.

As unrest grew around the country, Congress passed an act to establish Labor Day as a national holiday in order to settle the unrest and repair ties with workers. On June 28th, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed it into law. Many of the workplace benefits we see today is the result of the hard work and sacrifice by the workers back then. Today, Labor Day continues to celebrate the American worker with parades, barbecues, firework displays, and signals the end of summer. So, each time you celebrate Labor Day, just remember that it's not just a time for fun, but a time to consider how we can make the workplace better for future generations.

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