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Corn Mayor Barbara Nurnberg Recognized by Oklahoma Municipal League for Continued Public Service

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Staff Writer

A special presentation held on January 14th honors Mayor Barbara Nurnberg for her tremendous 25 years of service on the Town Board of Corn. Officially beginning in February of 1996, Barbara accepted a position to join the board. In November of 2009, she became Mayor of Corn and has since been providing leadership, guidance, and support at the highest level. Barbara is also an active member of the local Calvary Baptist Church and also American Auxiliary

Barbara always put the well-being of her town and community first, and she had complete faith and trust in the board members, support, and ideas around her. Her most recent vision came to fruition in August of 2020. Her idea to create a fun and refreshing place for everyone to enjoy took the shape of a park and splash pad. There was a big undertaking but it was completed and has been a great source of entertainment for the town of Corn.

In recognition of her continuous service, the Oklahoma Municipal League (OML) held a presentation with Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown as the presenter. The OML, "Serves as the individual and collective voice of local government officials in the state of Oklahoma". The OML is also recognized as the utmost respected voice of Oklahoma municipalities throughout the state.

Part of the support the OML provides is training and education workshops to ensure Oklahoma cities and towns are functioning in open, efficient, and effective ways. Barbara has exemplified this practice and has been a major advocate to foster a safe and growing community. Thank you Barbara for your outstanding and dedicated service.

From Chris Lowan, who has served with and seen Barbara in action, "She doesn't serve from above, she serves in the trenches".



Provided
Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown, left, representing the Oklahoma Municipal League hands Corn Mayor Barbara Nurnberg, right, a certificate recognizing her twenty-five years of service to the town of Corn.

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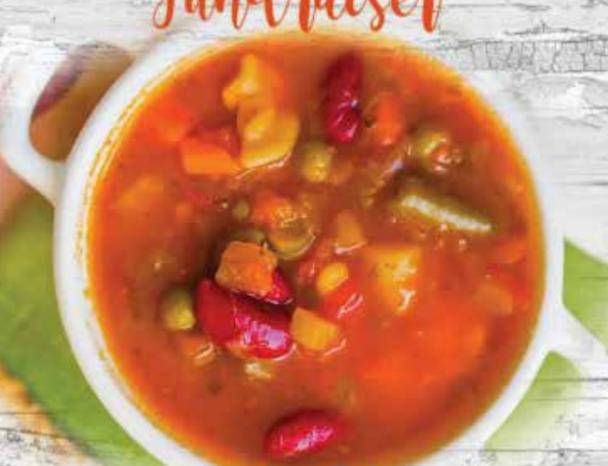
All projects utilized and depended upon access and help from regional property owners. Jones issued a thanks to Jack Albright, GeoReta and Terry Jones, Kirk Meacham, Yvonne and Jack Carpenter, SWOSU and many other landowners that graciously grant SWOSU students permission to sample on their properties each year.

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Dean Bouma

Dean was born March 31, 1932, in Ansley, Nebraska to Namen and Mary (Franzen) Bouma and passed away Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at his home in Weatherford having reached the age of 89 years, 9 months, 5 days.



Dean was raised and attended school in Arcadia, Nebraska, graduating in 1950. He enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Dean returned to Kimball, Nebraska where on June 7, 1959, he married Evelyn Haug and started their family. He worked as a gas plant operator until 1970 and later moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico where he was a supervisor with a gas plant for 9 years. In 1979, they moved to Weatherford where he opened a new gas plant in the Thomas area until 2002 when he retired. Dean enjoyed playing music - guitar, piano, mandolin, and the harmonica. He was a cowboy, enjoyed his church activities, the Full Gospel Business Men and spending time with family and friends.

Dean is survived by one son, Namen Bouma and wife, Christi of Weatherford; four daughters, Denise Lester and husband, Wally of Carlsbad, NM, Debra Simmons and husband, Roger of Carlsbad, NM, Danita McCormick and husband, James of Carlsbad, NM and Diane Bouma of Corn, OK; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; two brothers, Raymond "Bud" and Ed; seven sisters, Rachel, Frances, Myrtle, Betsy, Hazel, Ruth and Dorothy; and two grandsons, Michael and Joshua.

land for other owners and baled hay for a multitude of farmers in the surrounding area. He raised wheat, cotton, milo, and in later years Bermuda grass. Jackie always supported the local FFA chapter and invested his time and skills with young farmers in the area, several of whom served as pallbearers for his service. He would start them out doing basic farm tasks until they developed additional skills leading to more complex operations, eventually helping them obtain their own equipment and farming operations.

Jackie married Merrietta Kareen Cook on April fourteenth, 1962 at the Hydro Church of the Nazarene where her father was the pastor. Their union lasted 59 years and produced two children: a son Jerrald Wayne born December 23, 1963 and a daughter Janelle LaVon born January 9, 1966. Jackie was a member of the Nazarene Church in Hydro from birth and served on the church leadership board for 53 years. He and Merrietta went on many Work and Witness service missions, to Brazil, Indonesia, Swaziland, France, and Italy. He also accompanied a few youth Mennonite Disaster Service teams with Merrietta, as an adult sponsor. Jackie enjoyed the work aspect of these trips more than the travel and sightseeing and always enjoyed returning to his own bed once the trip had concluded.

Jackie loved tractor pulls and watched as a spectator both in person and on television, for many years. He especially enjoyed participating in the tractor pulls at the Hydro Free Fair and was very successful in competition. He delighted in attending farm shows and equipment auctions at times simply for the social interaction with other farmers. He found great joy in watching sports and he and Merrietta attended numerous basketball games for Hydro school sports teams. He especially enjoyed watching his three grandsons participate in baseball, basketball and football and was exceptionally proud of their sports achievements.

Jackie had a sweet tooth and loved candy. He would shop for groceries at the Hydro Food Mart/Deer Creek Market simply to be able to pick up a bag of candy while he was there. He roasted fresh local peanuts and made his own chocolate covered peanut clusters to share with his friends and grandsons. He could often be found taking his grandsons to help him with farm work and then to the Quick Stop for a coke and some candy. If his grandsons weren't available, he would find some of the kids around the neighboring farms and take them along for his daily snack times.

He will be sadly missed by so many, especially his Quick Stop buddies, with whom he shared coffee every morning and later in life he added a mid-afternoon stop. Jackie was an example for many. The simple and deeply felt compliment has been extended immediately by so many is that "Jackie was a good man." Few really deserve that title, but he does if anyone does. Hydro will be in deficit.

Proceeded in death by his son Jerrald Wayne Miller, his parents Amos Miller and Frieda Sadie (Blum) Miller, his father-in-law Alvin Bryce Cook and mother-in-law Naomi Lucille (Harris) Cook

Survivors include wife Merrietta Kareen (Cook) Miller of the home in Hydro; daughter Janelle LaVon (Miller) and husband Randel L Zabel of Oklahoma City; grandsons: Ryan Scott Zabel, Colby Bryson Zabel, and Shane Foster Zabel all of Edmond OK; sister-in-law Lynette Darlene Cook of Oklahoma City; and brother-in-law Dale Ellsworth Cook of Binger OK.

Christopher Lee Marris

Christopher Lee Marris was born June 28, 1966, in Altus Air Force Base to Edwyn Austin and Patricia Ruth (Old Crow) Marris and passed away Thursday, January 6, 2022, at his home in Norman, at the age of 55 years, 6 months and 8 days.

Christopher was raised and attended school in

Irving, TX, graduating with the Class of 1984. He received his Bachelor's degree from Haskell Indian Nation University in computer science. Christopher furthered his education at DeVry University. He was an independent IT tech. Christopher enjoyed music, concerts, Dallas Cowboys and OU Football and spending time with family and friends



Christopher is survived by his brother, Eddie Marris of Irving, TX; his sister, Tricia Peterson and husband Jack, of Norman; nephew, Tyler Boyd and wife, Carmen of Norman; niece, Lindsay Boyd and fiancé, James Spake of Norman; and great-nephew, Flint Boyd. Christopher was preceded in death by his parents; maternal grandparents, Lillian Pratt Toahty and Denny Old Crow; and paternal grandparents, Mart Lee and Anne Tom Marris.

Evelyn Mildred Petrowsky

Funeral services for Evelyn Mildred Petrowsky, 95 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Monday, January 17, 2022, 2:00 P.M. at Grace Lutheran Church with Doug Chain officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



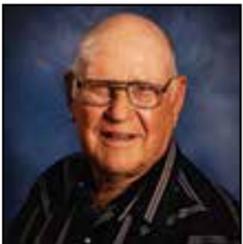
Evelyn was born June 10, 1926, in Rice County, Kansas to Sebastian John and Gertrude Sophia (Koch) Ricker and passed away Thursday, January 13, 2022, at Weatherford Regional Hospital.

Evelyn was raised on a farm on Cow Creek in Rice County, Kansas and attended a one-room school house before graduating from Bushton High School in 1944. After graduating high school, she worked as a nurse's aide in Sterling, Kansas for 2 years. On August 26, 1946, Evelyn married Clarence Petrowsky in Ellinwood, Kansas and they made their home in Topeka, Kansas. They lived in Norman, Oklahoma from 1949 until 1951 when they moved to Tonkawa, Oklahoma for 10 years and then to Goodwell, Oklahoma. In 1963, they moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma where she later worked as a surgery technician at Weatherford Regional Hospital for 11 years. Evelyn loved being outdoors. She enjoyed working in her garden and flower beds, quilting, crafts, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Memorials may be made to Grace Lutheran Church.

Evelyn is survived by her four daughters: Debra Kay Clark and husband, Tom of Winston, Georgia; Kathryn Dee Petrowsky and husband, Andy Frye of Garnett, Kansas; Susie Minton and husband, Trey of Weatherford; and Tammy Gorman and husband, Jeff of Colorado Springs, Colorado; and one son, Marc Petrowsky and wife, Margaret of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; eleven grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; three brothers, John, Ervin and Elmer; three sisters, Ethel, Mabel and Bernice; and one daughter, Sherri.

Jackie Earl Miller

Jackie Earl Miller was born April 12, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, during the blizzard of 1938, to Amos Miller and Frieda Sadie (Blum) Miller and passed away on January 6, 2022 at the age of 83. Jackie lived his entire life in only three homes all within a mile-and-a-half of each other northeast of Hydro, Oklahoma. He attended Hydro Public school from first through 12th grade, graduating in 1956. He was active in FFA and was a member of both the land and the pasture judging teams. As an adult, Jackie served on the Hydro school board for 10 years.



A classmate commented that everyone always knew Jackie would become a farmer. He took over farming operations at the age of 18 when his father passed away, in 1956. Jackie had worked previously for John Russell at his service station in Hydro and later worked at the Hydro Co-op service station delivering fuel to local farmers.

Jackie raised cattle with his son Jerrald, beginning their ranching operations by working cattle owned by Marshal Felton. Throughout the years Jerrald and Jackie, with periodic fence work done by the grandsons, built a thriving cattle business. With the passing of his son Jerrald, Jackie turned to Marshal's great grandson, Matt McKay to partner with in his own cattle operations.

Jackie farmed in conjunction with two of his cousins Dean Schantz and his son Merlin Schantz. He farmed



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“Not only does this donation provide our partners with a much-desired item, it also offers Oklahomans living with food insecurity utility savings that can help them stretch their monthly budgets even further,” said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. “We are so grateful to OG&E and CLEAResult for their innovative and generous donation.”

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SWOSU student Greyson Weedon of Arapaho recently presented research on Washita Riparian forests on the Weatherford campus. With him are (left) SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell and (right) Dr. Zach Jones, associate professor in the Allied Health Sciences Department.

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Jim Morrison

HIGHER GROUND

Christianity is on the Decline

Christianity, considered to have been founded on Christian principles and values, is on the decline in the U.S.; according to a recent poll by the Pew Research Center. In an article recorded in the Baptist Press, the number of people who considered themselves Protestants dropped 10 percent in the last decade. Catholics stayed about the same.

Those who identified themselves as Christians outpaced those with no religious affiliation by a two-to-one margin. However, in 2007, Christians held a five-to-one margin. Clearly Christianity is losing ground. Other Pew Research findings show people are also praying less. Only 48 percent of adults said they pray daily now as opposed to 58 percent in 2007. It is not hard to find a correlation between the decrease in prayer and the decline of Christianity.

In these days 41 percent of adults in the U.S. consider religion very important in their lives, compared to 56 percent in 2007.

In contrast to this, the fastest growth of Christianity is found in the most unlikely places--In Iran and Afghanistan. As one of the early Christian fathers said, “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.”

According to Operation World, the fastest growing Evangelic movement is in Iran. Disillusionment with the current, Islamic regime has caused thousands to turn to the Christian faith.”In the past 20 years more Iranians have become Christians than in the past 13 centuries.” Whereas, in 1979, it was estimated that there were only 500 Christians in Iran; today conservative estimates place the number at close to a million. They own no property, no buildings, no central leadership, and they are pro-Israel. They strive to make disciples not converts.

The question of why, in the midst of persecution and at the risk of their lives, are they willing to share their faith, and meet in secret places to pray, sing and worship. And why in the USA with all of our freedoms, technology, training, buildings and tools, are we on the decline. It might be noted that, historically, the early church confronted similar opposition as the Iranians and yet Christianity exploded across the world.

In this brief space, I would not attempt an in-depth analysis of the situation; but I might offer a few observations. We are comfortable and complacent. The Iranians are anything but that. In our wealth and ease we are self-sufficient. We think, unconsciously, that we have it within our means to handle our own issues and we have lost sight of (if we ever owned it) our responsibility to carry the message of Christ and the cross to the ends of our street and the ends of the earth.

Secondly, it seems that the God, the Holy Spirit, has a special feeling for the persecuted. His Spirit has moved with power to empower and give courage and insight to those who sincerely seek Him. He has used visions, dreams and miraculous events to show himself strong in their behalf. On the contrary listen to the prayers offered in our churches. There is little brokenness, or call for repentance. There is not time set aside to just pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to fall on us and heal our hearts and our land. Society has worshiped the God of tolerance so we dare not speak the truth lest we offend. Let us pray for the persecuted church, but maybe we need their prayers as well. It seems that the Spirit of God is more at home with them than with us. To comment (and I really wish you would,) jhm82@outlook.com
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Gilbreath, Fletcher; Emily Gill, Lawton; Kaitlyn Schrick, Frederick; and Kaysa Carpenter, Cordell. Tickets are on sale and available from any of the candidates as well as the SWOSU Public Relations/Marketing Office in Administration Building 205. Tickets are \$10 for the general public and \$5 for individuals with an SWOSU I.D. card. All tickets at the door will be \$15.

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SWOSU Baseball Picked Seventh in Conference Preseason Poll

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

The Great American Conference announced the 2022 preseason coaches poll recently, where SWOSU was placed seventh.

Southern Arkansas – runner up in last year's NCAA Central Region Tournament – was picked first after earning seven first-place votes and 113 total points in the poll. Oklahoma Baptist (1), Arkansas Tech (3) and Henderson State (1) all also received first-place votes.

The Bulldogs were 21-18 in 2021 and 17-16 in GAC play, giving them the No. 8 seed going into the postseason conference tournament. Head Coach Zack Saunders is now in his 11th season at the helm of the program, having guided SWOSU to eight winning seasons and six top-four finishes in the Great American Conference.

2022 Great American Conference Preseason Baseball Coaches Poll

Place	School	Total	1st
1	Southern Arkansas	113	7
2	Oklahoma Baptist	104	1
3	Arkansas Tech	103	3
4	Arkansas Monticello	90	
5	Henderson State	82	1
6	Northwestern	79	
7	SWOSU	65	
8	Harding	50	
9	Southeastern	39	
10	Ouachita	34	
11	Southern Nazarene	19	
12	East Central	14	



Bulldogs Collect Rivalry Win on the Road Against Rangers



SWOSU's Damion Thornton squares up for a shot against a NWOSU Ranger. The Bulldogs would win on the road snapping their 4 game losing streak. The Bulldogs improved to 3-5 in GAC play.

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

The Bulldogs got back in the win column on Thursday night following their 83-73 road victory over rival Northwestern.

"We've been almost there all season, so it felt good to come out on top tonight," Head Coach Terry Evans said in his post-game interview. "It was a tough environment, but our guys were ready to go. They came out and answered the bell. I'm so proud of our team tonight."

SWOSU built a double-digit lead towards the end of the first half they used throughout the rest of the way. With 7:28 left in the first half, both sides were knotted at 27-27 before SWOSU closed the half on a 20-8 run to lead by a dozen at the break.

Kamden Gipson connected on a three-point shot with 8:52 to go in the game that gave SWOSU its largest lead of the night at 68-51, and from there SWOSU fought off final pushes from Northwestern.

Two separate times the Rangers were able to cut the margin to within six points in the closing minutes of the contest, but the Dawgs were able to answer with timely buckets to eliminate any threat of a momentum change.

The offense clicked all night. SWOSU shot 44% from the field as a team including 40% (10-for-25) from the three-point line. The Dawgs also got to the free throw line 21 times, knocking down 17 freebies for an 81% clip.

Eight Bulldogs scored in the contest and four of those finished in double figures. SWOSU was led by Damion Thornton who scored 20 points, had 10 assists, and grabbed nine rebounds – just one rebound shy of a triple double. Gipson scored 15 points, followed by Chris Braggs, Jr. with 13 and Mason Hart adding 10.

SWOSU finished with 19 assists as a team, marking a season best and five more than their previous high. The Dawgs also won the rebounding battle 37-33.

With the much-needed victory, the Dawgs move to 3-5 in Great American Conference play and find themselves right in the thick of the standings with plenty of basketball left to play.

SWOSU Softball Chosen Eleventh in GAC Preseason Poll

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

The Great American Conference released the league's preseason softball poll, as voted on by the GAC's 12 head coaches. SWOSU has been slated for an 11th-place finish in 2022.

Southern Arkansas is the preseason favorite to win the conference with seven first-place votes and 115 total points, seven poll points ahead of Arkansas Tech who picked up three first-place votes. Southeastern also picked up two first-place votes.

SWOSU is coming off a 9-29 season where they finished 9-24 in GAC. 2019 Coach of the Year Kim Maher enters her sixth season leading the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs open the 2022 season on February 11-13 in Edmond at a tournament co-hosted by Central Oklahoma and Oklahoma Christian.

2022 GAC Preseason Coaches Poll

Place	School	Total	1st
1	Southern Arkansas	115	7
2	Arkansas Tech	108	3
3	Southeastern	105	2
4	Harding	92	
5	Southern Nazarene	82	
6	Oklahoma Baptist	66	
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Rivalry Win Gives Gipson & Thornton Bulldogs of the Week



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SWOSU Men's Basketball duo Kamden Gipson and Damion Thornton have been named Bulldogs of the Week following their 83-73 victory at Northwestern last Thursday. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of SWOSU Athletics on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Gipson (Oklahoma City) helped the ball move around against the Rangers, finishing with a season best seven assists. He also added 15 points himself in the game as SWOSU's second highest scorer. Gipson has had at least four assists for SWOSU in five of the last six games, after starting the first half of the season averaging just 2.5 assists per game.

Thornton (Edmond) nearly had himself a triple-double, ending one rebound shy of the milestone mark. He did still collect his second double-double of the season after finishing with 20 points, 10 assists, and nine rebounds. Thornton's 19.1 points per game currently ranks him third in the Great American Conference in scoring, while his 7.7 rebounds puts him sixth in the league.

Hot Shooting Lady Rangers Snap SWOSU's Win Streak

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU Women's Basketball had not lost a game since the month of October, but finally felt the pangs of a loss again following their 79-68 defeat on the road against Northwestern on Thursday night.

The loss snaps a 13-game winning streak and a perfect Great American Conference record, moving SWOSU to 8-1 in league play.

The No. 14/17-ranked Lady Bulldogs fell victim to a hot shooting Lady Ranger squad. Northwestern finished the night 55% as a team, compared to 41% from SWOSU.

SWOSU finished just 27% from deep including 3-of-19 (16%) in the second half.

The visiting Lady Dawgs trailed just 21-17 after the first quarter, but after the Lady Rangers shot 64% in the opening 10 minutes – it foreshadowed continual challenges the host team would pose. The deficit grew further in the second quarter after Northwestern rattled off a 12-2 run that spanned the first five minutes. At halftime, SWOSU trailed 46-31. Northwestern shot 64% as a team in each of the first two quarters.

Midway through the third quarter, SWOSU faced its largest deficit of the game – trailing 57-37. From that point, the Lady Bulldogs dug in and made their run.

Following a 30-16 run that spanned from the 5:00 mark of the third quarter to the 1:09 mark of the fourth quarter, SWOSU had the game within six points. But with time running out and limited possessions remaining, they could not get themselves fully out of the hole dug earlier in the game and the buzzer sounded one final time.

Macy Gore and Makyra Tramble finished with 17



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Sophomore Karly Gore dribbles to the goal in the Lady Bulldogs first loss since October. The Lady Bulldogs are 8-1 in GAC conference play despite the loss to rival NWOSU.

points apiece in the game. Karly Gore added 13 points. Lauren Ramey grabbed a team best nine rebounds.

Up next for the Lady Bulldogs will be Arkansas Tech

on the road Thursday, January 20th after Saturday's contest against Southeastern was rescheduled due to COVID-19 protocols.

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Oklahoma History: The Sensational Jim Thorpe

Chase Wright
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Jim Thorpe, now an American hero, was a professional baseball, football, and basketball player who had won two Olympic gold medals at the 1912 Summer Olympics. Thorpe was stripped of his Olympic titles in 1913 after months of controversy regarding his status as a competitor. At the time, Olympic games were strictly for amateurs only. Any competitor that had played for money, professionally taught, or had competed against other pros were not allowed to compete. Early in 1913, a story released announcing Thorpe had indeed played professional baseball prior to his Olympic debut. After months of deliberation, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) withdrew his amateur status and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) “unanimously decided to strip Thorpe of his Olympic titles, medals and awards and declared him a professional” [The New Yorker, 2017].

Major public backlash rang out over the decision for a few reasons. First, the AAU and IOC did not follow their own rules for disqualification. The 1912 Olympic rulebook stated that any protest to the results would need to be made within 30 days of closing ceremonies. The initial report against Thorpe was not released until January 1913, nearly six months after the games concluded. Second, Thorpe was not the first Olympian to compete in paid sports. Many of the recent Olympic athletes had competed in paid sports before. However, they all used pseudonyms whereas Thorpe competed under his real name. Athletes competing under false names was well-known and overlooked until Thorpe. Lastly, Thorpe was Native American, and in a time where most Native Americans were denied citizenship and accomplishments were disregarded because they were made by an “Indian”. Although, race was not officially designated as a reason for his medals to be stripped, public opinion over why the IOC fought so hard against him was not convinced otherwise. For example, one of Thorpe’s first articles in The New York Times headlined with “Redskin from Carlisle Will Strive for Place on American Team”.

After he was stripped of his medals, Thorpe began playing baseball for the New York Giants. They would end their 1913 season as repeat National League champions. During his time with the Giants, Thorpe’s fame grew as his presence increased ticket sales and



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Oklahoma native Jim Thorpe in his Olympic uniform during the 1912 Olympic games. Controversy would strip Thorpe of his medals, but his athletic spirit would make him a legend in American sports.

publicity. Thorpe even got to meet Pope Pius X and got to play in London for King George V. But he did not stop there.

Also in 1913, he joined an Indian-based professional football team where he had several winning seasons. Then, he signed with the Canton Bulldogs in 1915 and brought their 1,200-fan average to 8,000 for his debut game. They won titles in 1916, '17, and '19. In 1920, the Bulldogs joined with 13 other teams to form the American Professional Football Association. The association would go on to become the National Football League (NFL) two years later. Thorpe was the first president of the APFA.

Thorpe retired from professional sports when he was 41. And spent a lot of his time working small jobs and visiting his hometown roots of Oklahoma. Thorpe was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and helped coach/develop multiple all-Native American sport teams. He set records in each sport he played, including his Gold medal performance in the decathlon (which stood for 2 decades). Thorpe won the hearts of anyone who watched him compete, and in a speech in 1961 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the President, who had played against Jim in college, stated “he could do anything better than any other football player I ever

saw.”

Thorpe’s physical prowess was unmatched, but despite his success, his demeanor and personality always remained humble and reserved. While he lived out the rest of his life, multiple articles and petitions were pushed to get his medals reinstated. For 30 years, they were declined until the IOC declared they would approve his reinstatement. On January 18, 1983, posthumously they presented two of his children with commemorative medals. His original medals were stored in a museum and had previously been stolen (they were never recovered). The IOC listed Thorpe as a co-gold medalist with Ferdinand Bie and Hugo Wieslander. However, the two athletes had both previously deferred the honor to Thorpe citing him as “the real champion”. Additionally, in a poll by ABC sports in 2000, Thorpe was voted Greatest Athlete of the Twentieth Century out of a roster including Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Babe Ruth, and others.

In July 2020, a petition by the team making a film about Thorpe was released to get the IOC to reinstate Thorpe as the sole winner. A move that has been supported by other athletes including Olympian Billy Mills [The Oklahoman].

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