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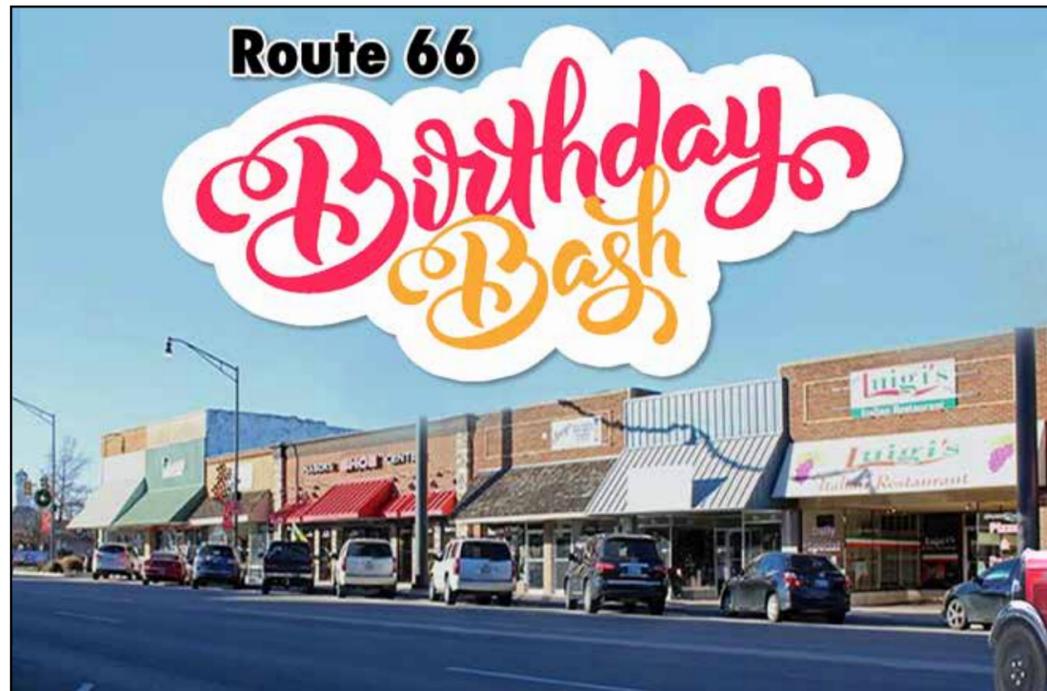
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## The Mother Road Turns 97: Weatherford Chamber Plans Festivities



The Mother Road is turning 97 this year and the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce is throwing a Birthday Bash on Main Street to celebrate, complete with music, food, vendors, games and free cupcakes!

The first of only two Route 66 Nights events planned for this year, The Birthday Bash will take place from 5:30pm – 7:30pm on June 2 and will feature a cornhole tournament presented by the H<sub>2</sub>O

baggers, musical performances by Tori Rae Music, as well as the second annual ice cream contest that's voted on by guests of the event.

In addition to the contests and live music, several local vendors offering products such as Mexican honey to woodwork will be in attendance for folks looking to see what local craftsman have to offer.

"We've got a lot of businesses behind us, so this will be a great time to hangout," said Elizabeth Amen, Executive Director of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce.

Amen's efforts have brought in 21 sponsors for the event as well as 18 vendors and 19 entrants for the ice cream contest.

The Ice Cream Contest, which returns as a fan favorite, will feature 19 contestants and their homemade ice cream creations.

Interested guests can pay \$10 for a wristband that will allow them to taste test every ice cream at the event as well as give them a chance to vote for their favorite ice cream. The contest is broken into 2 categories, one for for-profit organizations and individuals and another for non-profit organizations. Winners in both categories will be awarded prizes, with the non-profit being awarded a \$2000 local advertising package.

For more information about the event you can call the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce at 580-772-7744 or you can find them on Facebook by searching Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce.

## Levitt Amp Clinton Music Series Kicks Off This Weekend

The Levitt Amp Clinton Music Series kicks off this Friday, June 2 at the historic amphitheater in McLain Rogers Park with musical performances by DuHost and Mariachi Orgullo De America as well as dance performances by the Vasquez Flamenco Dancers from the Classen School of Advanced Studies. The event will also bring in an assortment of food trucks, vendors, and kids art which will be open to the public beginning at 6pm. Musicians will begin performing at 7pm.

The June 2 performances will feature the electro-folk/world music duo DuHost, based out of Kentucky. DuHost is comprised of wife and husband duo Moksha Sommer and Jemal Wade Hines. Their latest album 'Anthems of Honor' reached #9 in the folk radio charts. "HuDost performs as either a duo or along with a band of fellow eclectic musicians—often engaging concertgoers through multiple mediums by weaving performance art and dance into their shows for an

unforgettable experience that will leave audiences spellbound" according to a blog posted on the Levitt Foundation's website.

Oklahoma based Mariachi Orgullo De America will also be featured that evening. Mariachi Orgullo de America, translated to English as Mariachi Pride of America, has performed for Oklahoma governors, senators, and representatives and tours across the Southwest United States. They describe their band's mission as, "entertaining, educational, and authentic. Mariachi Orgullo de America strives everyday to spread the mariachi tradition to other cultures while, at the same time, keeping the art form alive and well within the Hispanic community," according to their agency representation's website.

Alongside the musical performances, the Vasquez Flamenco Dancers from Classen SAS will showcase various styles and techniques of the Flamenco dance

art-form under the direction of Erika Vasquez.

The Levitt Amp Clinton Music Series will also give concertgoers a chance to win door prizes from various merchants through 'Key To The Arts' cards, coordinated by the Clinton Chamber of Commerce, Scissortail Productions, and Clinton merchants. Concertgoers can acquire 'Key to the Arts' cards at the event as well as through participating merchants. Concertgoers must fill out their personal information and have the card stamped by 5 participating merchants in order to enter the drawing. Drawings will occur at every night of the Levitt Amp Clinton Music Series. Concertgoers who attend eight nights of performances will be eligible for the final drawing which will give away a 75" television.

For more information about upcoming performances or to RSVP you can visit [www.ScissortailProductions.com/](http://www.ScissortailProductions.com/) or you can visit the Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

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**Randy Butterbaugh**

John Randall "Randy" Butterbaugh was born September 10, 1957, in Omaha, Nebraska, to John and Hazel (Smith) Butterbaugh and passed away Friday, May 19, 2023, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, at the age of 65 years, 7 months and 9 days.



Randy was raised in California until the age of 9 when the family moved to the Corn and Colony area. He graduated from Corn High School and went on to attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University for two years. In August of 1995, Randy married Carolyn Easter and made their home in Weatherford. He worked at United Supermarket and 3-M which later was renamed to Imation. Randy enjoyed fishing with his brothers and teaching his nieces and nephews how to fish, listening to music, and visiting with family and friends. Memorials may be made to the VFW.

Randy is survived by his wife of 27 years, Carolyn Crosby of their home in Weatherford; one son, Chris Crosby and his wife, Stephanie of Weatherford; three brothers, Mike Butterbaugh of Corn, Craig Butterbaugh of Weatherford and Tim Butterbaugh of Corn; two sisters, Jane Hogan of Yukon and Cheryl Veal of Clinton; three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Chad Crosby.

**Florella Bashaw**

Florella May Bashaw, 87, of Elk City, OK, was born on July 18, 1935 in Sawyer, OK. She is the daughter of Lonnie Allan Shannon Sr. and Audria Letha (Richards) Shannon. She went to walk the golden streets of heaven on Sunday, May 21, 2023 at Great Plains Regional Medical Center, Elk City, OK.



Florella married the love of her life, Jack Walton Bashaw on February 17, 1967 in Antlers, OK. He preceded her in death on December 24, 2006.

She was a DHS Director in Oklahoma County for thirty-five years and fifteen years in western Oklahoma and a member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. She enjoyed crocheting, going to garage sales, flea markets and traveling to Shamrock, Texas. She loved suckers and spending time with her family and grandchildren. She will be missed dearly by the many friends and family she made in life, all who knew and loved her very much.

Cherishing her memory is three sons, David Bashaw of OKC, OK, Paul Bashaw of Tulsa, OK, Jack Walton Bashaw Jr. of Mineral Well, TX; two daughters, Robin Allen of Cleburne, TX, Barbara Johnson of Amarillo, TX; two brothers, Bill Shannon of Sayre, OK, Tony Shannon of Altus, OK; one sister; 26 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Florella is preceded in death by her husband, Jack Walton Bashaw; her parents, Lonnie L. Shannon Sr. and Audrey Letha (Richards) Shannon; three brothers; and two sister.

**Larry Morris**

Larry Gene Morris was born October 23, 1953, to Harold Dean "H.D." Morris and Zelma Elizabeth Thompson in Clinton, OK and passed away Sunday, May 21, 2023, in his rural Arapaho home.



Larry was raised in the Barnitz Creek area, and he graduated from Arapaho High School in 1971 as class president. He was an outstanding baseball player while attending high school and was offered a baseball scholarship to Colorado State University. He chose to go straight to work and was employed with a Gas Pipeline Company for 40 years. The company changed names several times which started as Arkla Gas, Arkla Energy Resources, Noram, Reliant Energy, CenterPoint Energy, Enable Midstream and then he retired from Enable Midstream in March of 2015.

He was a member of the Oklahoma Cattlemen's Association, he has served as president of the Arapaho Softball Booster Club, he planted the grass on the Arapaho Softball Field with his own grass and was a beloved coach to many graduated Arapaho softball and basketball players. He loved the outdoors, hunting, fishing, gardening, raising chickens, and his grandchildren. He was an avid fan of Oklahoma University Sports, especially softball.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, infant Wesley Morris and Jerry Morris, sister-in-law, Nan Morris and brother-in-law, Terry Hunter.

He is survived by five daughters, Kim Brewer and husband, Patrick, Weatherford, OK, Lindsey Roberts and husband, Russell, Owasso, OK, Sarah Musick and husband, Josh, Weatherford, OK, Courtney Jones and husband, Randy, Clinton, OK, Randee Morris and partner, Thomas Vander Schans, OKC, OK, sister, Shirley Hunter, Clinton, OK and brother, Stan Morris, Foss, OK.

He is also survived by 13 grandchildren, Madison Schwartz, Matthew Schwartz, McKenzie Schwartz, Bailey Brewer, Nadia Brewer, Peyton Miller, Adelynn Roberts, Collins Roberts, Brooklynn Morris, Branson Musick, Britton Musick, Wacey Jones, Watson Jones and 2 great grandchildren, Ayden Schwartz and Axl Schwartz, and numerous nieces and nephews.

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## Biology Student Team Wins Innovation Award in "Plant the Moon" Challenge



Payden Farnsley / SWOSU Microbiology Student

**SWOSU MARS Team from left to right: Ria Govind, Chloe Mellott, Courtney Johnson, Macayla McIntyre, Stevie Langstraat, Payden Farnsley, Rachel Uhlig, Saraya Hunt, and Kade Flores. Not pictured: Natalie Harris and Lisa Castle.**

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The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Department of Biological Sciences is proud to announce that a team of SWOSU Biology students won the Most Innovative Experiment Award at the Plant the Moon Challenge for their study on "Mammal Scat vs. Worm Casting Viability in Simulated Mars-Regolith Soil in a Controlled Greenhouse Environment." The SWOSU MARS team competed in the Undergraduate/Professional Division during the Spring 2023 Season.

Led by Dr. Lisa Castle, Professor of Biology at SWOSU, the team consists of Payden Farnsley, Kade Flores, Ria Govind, Natalie Harris, Saraya Hunt, Courtney Johnson, Stevie Langstraat, Chloe Mellott, Macayla McIntyre, and Rachel Uhlig.

The Plant the Moon Challenge is an international

competition designed to challenge scientists to develop ways to grow food in lunar or Martian regolith while exploring solutions to sustaining space exploration.

The Most Innovative Experiment Award received by the SWOSU MARS team is one of four Best of Show awards given at the competition. The others are Plant Growth, Experimental Design, and Analysis of Results.

The participating students were provided with support in the form of a \$1,000 scholarship from the NASA Space Grant Program.

SWOSU takes great pride in recognizing the accomplishments of this remarkable team. Their commitment to expanding knowledge and contributing to the scientific community is truly commendable.

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## The Battle is On

**Jim Morrison**

Many people struggle with their prayer life. They may find it easy to pray when they are desperate. "Help me I'm falling apart!"

We may call these parachute prayers. But God wants a relationship. Every loving parent loves to give his children things that will help them become the man or woman they can be. Our heavenly Father wants to meet our needs as well. He said, "You have not because you ask not." Others limit their prayers and gratitude but he also wants us to grow and mature in our faith. How long has it been since you heard your worship leader or small group leader plead with God to bring conviction of sin leading to repentance; or that God would move in a powerful way in the service to break

down barriers, demolish strongholds and bring someone to Christ in the service. The best question to ask when beginning intercessory prayer is, "What does God want to see happen in this event, this situation, or this person's life?" If you are knowledgeable of scripture at all, several things would come to mind. As you prepare for prayer, you might consider the following:

- Thank God for the gift of His love and forgiveness.
- Ask Him to free your mind and heart from all those things that distract.
- Ask Him to sharpen your focus and help you visualize the great need for repentance among both the youth and adults of the community.
- Confess your pride, lack of love, and the sin of self-centered living.
- Give him permission to search your heart and reveal to you those areas you have not yielded to Him.

I often pray a prayer from Wesley Duewel, found in his book *Mighty Prevailing Prayer*.

"O Lord, teach me to pray! Lord, teach me to pray! Fill my heart with your hunger, my eyes with your tears, my soul with your hatred of sin, my will with your strength to resist the Devil in prayer, my spirit with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit so I can prevail with you and for you with holy prevailing and mighty intercessions."

Biblical passages that relate to prayer can be recited to prepare your heart to pray.

"In the morning, O Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation." Psalm 5:3

"Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you Show me the way I should go for to you I lift up my soul. Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. Let our good Spirit lead me on level ground." Psalm 143:8,10

"Search me O God and know my heart, test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there be any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139: 23,24

"We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For your sake O my God, do not delay..." Dan. 9:18b,19

"Show me your ways, O Lord, Teach me your paths; Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Psalm 25: 4, 5

"Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart, that I might fear (holy reverence) your name." Psalm 86:11

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# LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



**Mike Smith**  
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## "The Coin Guy" - Rare 1983 Bronze Penny Discovered




**Trent Boesen**

A copper cent collector from Oregon found a 1983 Lincoln cent in solid copper alloy bronze.

In 2012, a cent collector from Pennsylvania found a 1983 Lincoln cent by weighing every 1983 cent found in pocket change.

From 1909 to 1962 Lincoln cents were made of 95% copper and 5% zinc and tin known as "brass cents". These cents are known by collectors as "brass cents".

From 1963 to 1982 Lincoln cents were made from solid brass composition which were 95% copper and 5% zinc and are known as "bronze cents".

The bronze and brass planchets both weigh 3.11 grams each. The above pictured cent is of bronze material.

The Oregon collector bought 50,000 bronze cents to search. At one point in his quest, he found a 1983-P bronze cent.

The cent, found in Oregon, will be auctioned in August 2023 at the American Numismatic Association (ANA) World's Fair of Money in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Questions on coin collecting can be answered by The Coin Guy 580-890-8076. Thanks for your support.

## Gallery: Photos From the 16th Annual Weatherford All-Sports Golf Classic



Weatherford Alumni Bruce and Wes Magill grill at the 16th Annual Weatherford All Sports Golf Classic.



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**LT GOV / ROUTE 66** - According to Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell, a cap of 6.6 million dollars a year for the investment fund was designed to highlight towns in Oklahoma along Route 66. He says if the cap is reached every year of the four-year plan, there will be over 25 million dollars earmarked for investment for towns along the mother road. The centennial of Route 66 is taking place in 2026.

**BECKHAM / JONES** - A Sayre man convicted in Beckham County District Court of murder in the first degree-child abuse was sentenced today. 26-year-old troy justice jones received a sentence of life in prison with the possibility of parole per the jury's recommendation for his role in the death of 2-year-old Benji Taylor.

**WEST OK / MOTHS** - According to Larry Bryan from the OSU extension office area, residents may see more moths in the coming weeks. Miller moths are migrating through Oklahoma to the higher elevation of the Rocky Mountains. He says that another moth species, forge looper moths, have been appearing in western Oklahoma this spring, although they are not native to the area.

**WEATHERFORD / BAGZ FOR BRAINZ** - Bagz for brainz, a competitive cornhole tournament will happen next month in Weatherford. The event is scheduled for June 11th beginning at 2pm. There will be both social and competitive divisions. The event benefits the alzheimer's association.

**CLINTON / CAREER CENTER** - "A facility, much like a college library," is how Clinton Schools Superintendent Tyler Bridges would describe a future collegiate and career center for the district. The center would include an area with good Wi-Fi, study areas, and facilities for future face-to-face instruction from SWOSU professors. After the construction of Nance and Southwest Elementary and the new middle school, Washington Elementary will be repurposed to create the Clinton School District Collegiate and Career Center.

**CLINTON / CAREER CENTER** - The future for a new collegiate and career center for the Clinton school district is under consideration, says Superintendent Tyler Bridges. After the construction of Nance and Southwest Elementary and the new middle school, Washington Elementary will be repurposed to create the Clinton school district collegiate and career center.

**CUSTER CO / LAWTER RD** - According to Custer County District 2 Commissioner Bruce Walker, at Lawter Road, a large water retention pond will be built to help with flooding issues. The road will also be widened to accommodate the increase in road traffic. Various road construction projects are ongoing around the county, including work at Airport Road, Highway 54, north of Weatherford and Lyle Road in Weatherford.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes for May 31st** - Don Hendrichs, Brady Hickman, Robin Karlin, Vivian Kiewer, Kevin Propps, Rena Sambrano, Amie Upchurch, Gary Wade; **June 1st**- David Blake, Joshua Brittenham, Traci Brownen, Erika Cordes, Betty Dobbins, Clay Gilliland, Candace Kelley, Laura McKinsey, Arnold Miller, Linda Retzloff, Alison Slagell, Candi Williams; **June 2nd**- McKenna Albert, Sherreea Baden, Fran Brooks, George Browning, Sadie Burton, Julianna Leppke, Hillary Wise; **June 3rd**- Barret Cloninger, Kylee Crawley, Rachel Fast, Dr. Wes Levy, Justin Maguire, Stacy Strong, Belinda Thacker, Mavis Wilks, Becky Wood; **June 4th**- Jordan Nel, Hayden Boone, Jeff Brown, Ken Keeton, Bo Lovelace, Deb Mooney, Elizabeth Olguin, Larry Parker, Kendra Parkhurst, Heather Randy, Janice Smith, Laura Lynn Trent, Charmaine Yellow Eyes; **June 5th**- Leonard Abrahams, Caren Edwards, Richard Ratcliffe, Sue Ringle, Luke Sewell, Blake Shaddon, Alsyn Shellhorse, Micahel Shipman; **June 6th**- Kaci Axtell, Raymond Cole, Daryl Jones, Jasmine Lamp, Janet Little, Donna Poeling, Janet Roulet, Dwight Slagell, Brittany Theis, Bo Thomason.

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## Oklahoma Karate Instructor Inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame



**J. Boone Clemmons** Weatherford's very own martial artist Chris Pollman will be inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall later this summer. The honor will be bestowed to Pollman at an event in Houston, Texas, on Saturday, July 22 after teaching martial arts for over 50 years.

Pollman started his career in martial arts by studying under Ichiro Takahata in Oklahoma City in 1969. He taught his first class in 1972 for Ken Rose in Colony, Oklahoma. He received his Shodan (black Belt) in October 1974 from Takahata Sensei and another from the Okinawan Master Seikichi Touguchi.

Pollman also attended Karate College for 11 years at Radford University, VA. He studied under the great Joe Lewis and served as a senior advisor board of directors to the Joe Lewis Fighting Systems. He is currently vice president of Budo Kai International.

Pollman was the first top ten competitor in 4 divisions simultaneously in 1988. He was a quarter-finalist at the National Champions in 1990 at age 44.

At 76 years old, Pollman still works out daily and teaches classes 5 days a week at his Martial Arts Academy in Weatherford, OK. Chris Pollman Karate Academy is one of, if not the oldest operating martial arts schools in Oklahoma. The Academy is located at 1805 East Main - Rear in Weatherford OK. 580-772-4650

## WMS Hosts "Last-Day" Dodgeball Tournament



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The Weatherford Middle School hosted a dodgeball tournament on the last day of school. The 7th grade Eagles came out as champions and had to play teachers and coaches for the final game.



Krystal Blackwell / WW

Running low on ammo, Drevyn Taylor holds down the front line while his team prepares to catch a ball from their opponents.



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# Oklahoma History: Black Wall Street and the Tulsa Race Massacre



**Destruction from the 1921 Tulsa Massacre in the Greenwood District of Tulsa (Black Wall Street).**

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

May 31st marks the 102nd anniversary of “the single worst incident of racial violence in American History” (Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture). The Tulsa Race Massacre, also known as the Greenwood Massacre, took place over May 31st and June 1st, 1921, in the Greenwood District – a vibrant neighborhood with local newspapers, library, churches, and many small businesses. For the time, Tulsa was a full population city with over one hundred thousand people, but like many cities around the nation, most of their African American residents were living in a specified location, almost all of the ten thousand segregated residents were in Greenwood. The nightmarish eighteen hours began as the nationwide racial tensions began to culminate due to the rising growth of the second Ku Klux Klan and the increased resistance of African Americans to attacks on their communities.

At first glance, Tulsa was like any modern city - growing, ambitious – however, underneath it was a deeply troubled town. Its crime rate was frighteningly high, and vandalism was coating the city. Additionally, racial violence was at an all-time high with incidents like the lynching of a white teenager accused of murder, by a white mob in August of 1920. Reports exposed that the Tulsa police had allowed the lynching victim to be taken from his jail cell at the county courthouse.

Tensions were strained over the next eight months until the breaking point on May 30th, 1921 involving a shoe shiner and an elevator operator. The common story is that Dick Rowland, an African American shoe shiner, entered an elevator in the Drexel Building with a white elevator operator named Sarah Page and stepped on her foot, causing her to scream; he was picked up by police. The following day, The Tulsa Tribune reported that Rowland had attempted to rape Page. Additionally, the Tribune is said to have released an editorial titled “To Lynch Negro Tonight” (but there is no known publication). Early that evening, talk of lynching filled the streets.

At 7:30 PM that night, hundreds of white locals gathered outside the courthouse and demanded they hand over Rowland; the sheriff refused. By 9:00 PM, reports of the unrest reached Greenwood where a group of armed African American men, many with experience in World War I, went to the courthouse to offer the authorities aid in protecting Rowland. They were sent home.

Upon seeing the armed men, many members of the white mob attempted to break into the National Guard armory but were turned back by the local guardsmen. At 10 PM, a rumor circulated in Greenwood that members of the white mob were storming the courthouse. So, a second group of African American men, around seventy-five, went back to the courthouse but were sent away again. While leaving, a white man dashed at one of the black veterans to disarm him and a shot was fired. The eighteen-hour riot began.

The first six hours were filled with chaos as angry white citizens began targeting African Americans in general. An unarmed African American man was murdered in a downtown movie theater, carloads of armed white mob members began performing “drive-by” shootings in African American residential neighborhoods, and a hate-filled fight broke out along the railroad tracks. The African American commercial district was in flames by midnight and there were talks of a dawn invasion into Greenwood.

Local authorities did nothing to stop the crisis, with many eyewitnesses from both sides reporting that many police officers began deputizing members of the lynch mob with instructions to “get a gun and get a...” The National Guard was mobilized but was stationed in white neighborhoods for the night to protect them from a nonexistent, “black counterattack”.

When light began to break on June 1st, thousands of armed whites were gathered outside Greenwood and poured into the district. They began looting homes and businesses and setting them on fire. They were responsible for the murder of A.C. Jackson, a renowned surgeon, who surrendered to the mob. but was shot. Reports list many personal weapons used by the lynch mob, including a machine gun. Several eyewitnesses reported airplanes with white assailants who fired rifles and dropped firebombs on buildings and families. While there were several confirmed planes present, there has been no concrete evidence shown to back this claim. Archives picked up by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture describe the planes dipping low and the “sounds of hail” on rooftops. By the time the National Guard arrived at 9:15 AM, most of Greenwood was on fire. Martial law was called, and when the fighting stopped, more than 800 people were in the hospital and 6,000 African American residents were interned at large facilities for the day.

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10,000 residents of the Greenwood District were left homeless and were forced to spend the next winters in tents. Greenwood began the process of rebuilding, but the city tried to keep silent about the tragedy. It was omitted from local, state, and national histories until a commission formed in 1996 to study the event.

Their final report published in 2001 was only able to confirm “39 dead, 26 Black and 13 white...[but an] estimated range of 75 to 300 dead”. The report also stated that “the city had conspired with the mob of White citizens against Black citizens”. Oklahoma passed legislation to establish scholarships for descendants of the survivors and encourage the continued development of Greenwood. In 2010, a park was dedicated to the memory of the victims of the massacre, and in 2020 it was officially added to the Oklahoma school curriculum.

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# Corn's American Legion Performs Memorial Day Flag Demonstration



Volunteers from American Legion Post 300 along with residents of Corn, OK gathered this past Thursday to honor the service and valor of the men and women who fought protecting our country by placing flags on the graves of servicemen in Corn's Mennonite Brethren Cemetery for Memorial Day weekend.

"It is an honor. It is a privilege. It's a blessing to me personally because I know what these guys did to maintain the freedom that we enjoy today," said

Calvin Fadenrecht, former Commander of American Legion Post 300, when speaking about why he chooses to honor Corn's fallen heroes.

Barbara Nurnberg who was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary for American Legion Post 300 until it disbanded has been placing flags since 1996. She's currently serving as Corn's Mayor and helped with placing the nearly 80 flags.

"We wouldn't be where we're at if we didn't have young men and women willing to serve and

give their life for what we enjoy," said Nurnberg. "My dad was in the military, my grandfather was in the military, I had a brother in the military, I've had cousins in the military. I just enjoy coming out and doing this."

Nurnberg was also joined by the current Commander of American Legion Post 300 Scott Taylor.

"One of the things we say in American Legion is Service after service, so we take care of the ones who fought for us," said Taylor.

# Corn Bible Academy Students Perform Well in Academic Tournament



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**Pictured (back row):** Grady Dlugonski, Hannah Cooke, Cami Moran, Braxton Driskill, Emalia Lind, Luke Zybach, August Dobrinski.  
**Pictured (front row):** Kaydence Tugatuk, Chloe Nelson, Genna Marin, Samantha Rother, Miriam Thiessen, Zack Zybach.

### Accolades:

**Braxton Driskill - Clinton**  
- 4th Place in Speech  
- Top 10 for English Usage II

**Cami Moran - Elk City**  
- 4th Place in Algebra II  
- Top 10 for Physical Science

**Kaydence Tugatuk - Alaska**  
- 2nd Place in Anatomy  
- Top 10 for English Usage IV

**Grady Dlugonski - Canute**  
- 5th Place in Social Studies

**Zack Zybach - Elk City**  
- 11th in Algebra II

**Samantha Rother - Weatherford**  
- 1st Place in Communication Skills  
- 3rd Place in Quick Sketch  
- Top 10 for Color Drawing  
- Top 10 for Overall Drawing  
- Top 10 for Vocabulary II  
- Top 10 for Geometry  
- Top 10 for Sophomore Scholar

**Genna Marin - Elk City**  
- Top 10 for English Usage I  
- Top 10 for Science

**Chloe Nelson - Clinton**  
- 2nd Place in Black and White Drawing  
- 4th Place in Color Drawing  
- 4th Place in Overall Art

**Emalia Lind - Weatherford**  
- Top 10 for English Usage III and Spanish II

**Hannah Cooke - Corn**  
- Top 10 for Anatomy  
- Top 10 for English Usage IV

**Miriam Thiessen - Corn**  
- Top 10 for Vocabulary III  
- Top 10 for Vocational Technology

**Luke Zybach - Elk City**  
- 1st Place in Geometry  
- 5th Place in Sophomore Scholar  
- Top 10 for English Usage II  
- Top 10 for Computer Applications  
- Top 10 for Biology I

Corn Bible Academy students excelled in the statewide academic Tournament of Champions at Redlands Community College earlier in May. There were 52 high schools from all class sizes present, represented by 725 students who took 1644 tests. To go compete at the Tournament of Champions, students had to place at a previous academic contest or score well on a qualifying test.

CBA sent 11 high school students who competed in 42 tests.

CBA won two firsts, two seconds, and had an additional 25 finishes in the top ten.

CBA also sent two junior high students to the Tournament of Champions at Rose State College. August Dobrinski placed third and Grady Dlugonski placed fifth in social studies.

CBA is currently accepting applications for the 2023-2024 school year. To start the process, go to [www.cornbible.org/apply-now](http://www.cornbible.org/apply-now) or, to schedule a tour, email [info@cornbible.org](mailto:info@cornbible.org). Scholarships are available based on financial need, plus state tax credits for tuition may become available for all students starting in 2024. Limited seats are available in each grade, so early application is recommended.

# Congressman Frank Lucas Visits SWOSU Weatherford Campus



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**Congressman Frank Lucas met with SWOSU President Dr. Diana "Diane" Lovell and her Cabinet members during his recent visit to the SWOSU Hilltop.**

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre, and Yukon recently hosted United States Congressman Frank D. Lucas for a visit.

A Cheyenne, Oklahoma farmer and rancher, Lucas represents the 32 counties of Oklahoma's Third Congressional District in the United States House of Representatives. He currently serves as Chairman of the House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology.

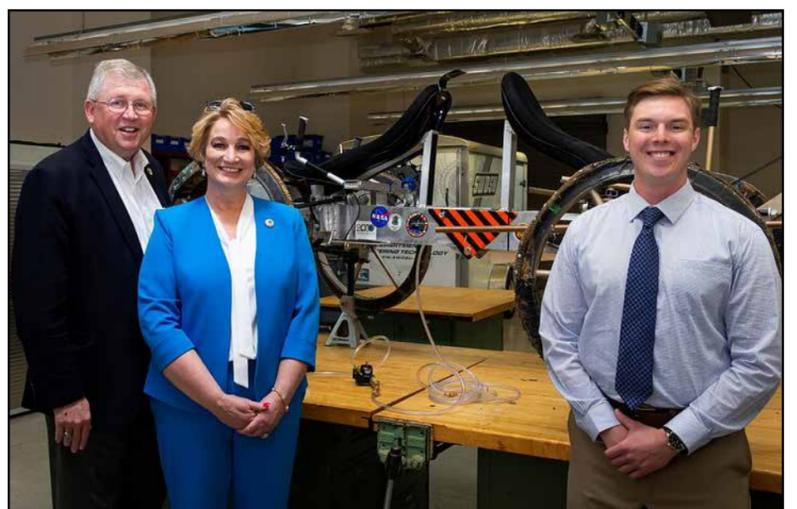
"SWOSU has a long history of productive collaboration with our federal delegation and we value tremendously our deeply-rooted relationship with Congressman Frank Lucas," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana R. "Diane" Lovell.

During his time at SWOSU Lucas engaged with SWOSU faculty and students in the SWOSU Departments of Engineering Technology and Computer Sciences.

"I am very proud to be SWOSU's representative in Congress," Lucas said. "SWOSU's programs in Engineering Tech and Computer Sciences are helping meet Oklahoma's critical occupation needs in the aerospace and defense and other industries."

Lucas completed undergraduate courses at SWOSU's Sayre location, and his wife, Lynda Lucas, is a 1981 SWOSU alumna and an Emeritus Trustee of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc.

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**SWOSU student Mr. Lane Dobrovoly of Kingfisher guided Lucas and Lovell on the inspection of SWOSU's Human Exploration Rover Challenge (HERC) vehicle.**

