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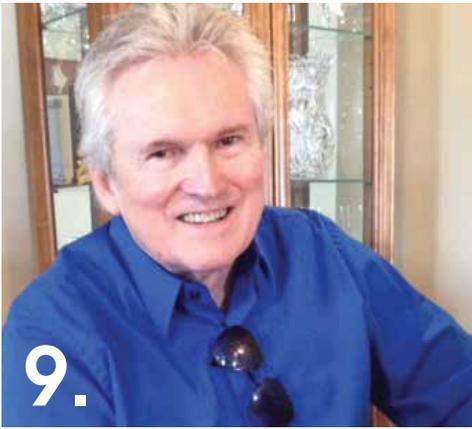
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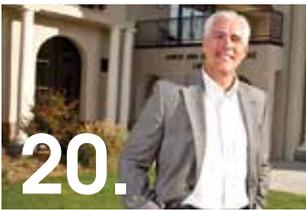
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# upfront

Growing up as a kid, July meant going to the lake every weekend, learning how to water ski, cooking out, chasing lightning bugs and, of course, roasting s'mores. Summers brought some of the happiest times of my youth.

Today, we do the same thing with all of our kids. We love going to the lake, jumping off the top of the pontoon boat, pulling all the kids on inner tubes, and shooting off fireworks at the end of the day. For us, summer is one of the best opportunities to spend time together as a family. To Christy and me, our family is everything.

In this issue, we share 17 places in our great state where you can travel this summer to make your own special family memories. Whether you visit one of our selected destinations or to hit the road for one of your own favorites (perhaps one of Oklahoma's man-made lakes – our state holds the record with over 200!), we hope that the memories you make will be shared for generations to come.

I can't close without mentioning the special holiday we observe this month, when we all come together as a city, state, and nation to

celebrate Independence Day – the day we all sit on blankets and lawn chairs, on the banks of a river or lake, small town road or city street, when we look up toward the sky to see all the colors rain down and recall how blessed we are to have the freedoms that so many have died for.

I want to say thank you to all the brave men and women in service that have allowed us to celebrate that we are one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. God bless you and God bless America!



*Keith & Christy McPhail  
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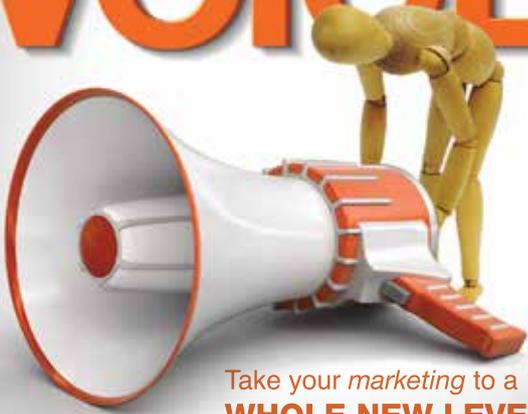
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# Safari Smiles

## Business of the Year

By Julie Pranger

“Treat patients the way we would want our kids to be treated.” That’s a primary goal of Safari Smiles Children’s Dentistry in Bartlesville.

With such a standard, it was no surprise to many Bartians that Safari Smiles took home the coveted Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award this past spring.

Opening in 2011, Safari Smiles has been serving the Northeast Oklahoma area for over five years.

“Our mission is to strive to be the most compassionate, professional, and friendly dental office possible, focusing on patient education and prevention of dental disease,” said owner Dr. Jon Lindblom, DDS.

Lindblom was raised in Bartlesville. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Biomedical Science from Oklahoma State University, before continuing onto the University of Oklahoma College of Dentistry and later serving his pediatric residency at the Children’s Hospital in Denver, Colorado.

He then had the opportunity to work alongside Dr. Jeff Ahlert.

“We worked together for a few years and I learned a lot about owning a small business,” said Lindblom. “I decided I wanted to give business ownership a try and Safari Smiles was born.”

In addition to working at his Bartlesville practice, Lindblom currently serves as President of the Oklahoma Pediatric Dental Association and as a clinical instructor at OU College of Dentistry and at the Children’s Hospital Colorado Department of Dentistry.

His office specializes in oral sedation and advanced pediatric dental procedures, services not offered by another office within a 45-mile radius. Tripling from 1,800 to 6,000 patients over the past five years has

demanding an increase in staff from eight to now 13 employees.

Recently, the office welcomed Dr. Scott West, who brings over 20 years of experience to the practice.

“He’s been a great asset to our team and has allowed us to continue caring for more pediatric patients in the surrounding area,” said Lindblom.

Much of the business’ success has been attributed to their office culture, high standards, compassion for the community, as well as their friendly staff. Lindblom finds that forming a dental team and office culture that he is proud of as his biggest accomplishment.

“Our team is like one big family and we support each other like we would our family,” he said.

And that support extends beyond the team to all their patients.

“From the time our patients walk through the door to the time they are choosing their prize to take home, our focus as a team is giving them and their parents the best experience possible.”

Caring for patients is only one of the many ways in which Safari Smiles helps local families. Sponsoring events throughout the area including Ray of Hope’s H’art of a Child, Big Brothers Big Sisters’ Bowl for Kids’ Sake, Mary Martha Outreach’s Shamrock the Ville, as well as activities for the local schools, and more, they have given upwards of \$50,000 back to the community.

Later this summer, they’ll host Safari Cinema, an outdoor movie night for the community. Details to come!

Safari Smiles is located at 2359 Nowata Pl, open Mon-Thursday, 8-5 p.m. For more information, visit [safari-smilesok.com](http://safari-smilesok.com) or call 918-331-0016. \*

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# Rodney Lay

## Newest member of the OK Music Hall of Fame

by Linda Keller

Most people think of Nashville as the birthplace of country music. Yet Oklahomans have always had a profound impact on the music industry.

To recognize those unsung artists, the Oklahoma Music Hall of Fame was formed in 1996, annually inducting the state's best musicians, including 2017 inductee, Rodney Lay.

Musician, singer-songwriter, and former Coffeyville disc jockey, Lay was born in 1940 in Coffeyville,

Kansas. He grew up in a musical family. His father, who played guitar at square dances, and grandfather were both part-time musicians. Lay and his younger sister, Sue began performing at an early age.

He honed his music skills at Coffeyville Community College and then at the University of Oklahoma before forming his own rock and roll band in 1957, Rodney Lay and the Off Beats. After recording "Teenage Cinderella," their disc was released under the banner of Rodney and the Blazers, a name that brought them renown.

In the early 1960s, the band played at the Seattle World's Fair, then headed for New York and the famous Peppermint Lounge. After a tour with Bill Haley and the Comets, the Blazers, with their silver hair, silver shirts and wrap-around sunglasses, also toured with Jerry Lee Lewis and then Wanda Jackson.

The real turning point for Lay came in 1962 when he met and played with Roy Clark in Las Vegas. There, both he and Clark came under the management of noted music promoter Jim Halsey, known for launching the careers of The Oakridge Boys.

Gone was Lay's glitzy image and in were the denim and boots that would carry him through the rest of his career.

In 1966, he earned local notoriety when he returned to Coffeyville to work as a disc jockey and sing at the radio station KGGF before putting together another band called Rodney Lay and the Wild West. That's when he began to get his own songs recorded. Hank Thompson recorded a hit with Lay's "He's Got a Way with Women," Waylon Jennings earned a Top 20 with "Something's Wrong with California," and the Hagers, another success with, "Gotta Get to Oklahoma."

In 1970, an interview with Buck Owens led to a record deal that included two singles: "Georgia Boy" and "Tennessee Woman." Then came Lay's screen debut in the Sam Peckinpah movie, "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid." He then toured with Freddy Fender, who would become a lifelong friend.

Later that decade, Lay reunited with Clark and together they enjoyed a stretch on the television variety show "Hee Haw," followed by a long-running theater collaboration in Branson, Missouri.

By 1979, Lay had signed with Sun Records and hit the country charts for the first time with the album Rockabilly Nuggets and the acclaimed single, "I Wish I Had a Job to Shove." In 1989, Lay's "Rock Around the Clock" was featured in the Tom Cruise film "Born on the Fourth of July."

Second only to music is Lay's love of horses. Now settled with his family just north of Dewey, he raises race horses. And still far from retired, Lay continues performing with the western swing band, the Tulsa Playboys. You can "grab your boots, get your hat, and swing with the Tulsa Playboys!" on July 5, 6-10 p.m. at Cherokee Casino Will Rogers Downs in Claremore. \*

# Top 17 things to do in Oklahoma this Summer

Growing up, summer seemed like an unending time of playing outside, eating popsicles before they melted, and seeing lightning bugs in the backyard. The sad truth of adulthood is that summer is fleeting, a brief moment of time where adventurers collect as many memories as they can before the warm nights begin to fade away.

Oklahoma explorers looking to add to their summer scrapbook have as many adventures awaiting them as there are counties in Oklahoma (there are 77). Sadly, there may not be enough time to see every museum or attend every festival this year. For those wondering where to begin, Bartlesville Monthly has complied this fun list of 17 things to do and see in 2017. This isn't all the fun, but it's a great start!

## 1. Bartlesville and the 36th Annual Green Country Rodeo, August 3 – 5, 2017



Oklahoma's western heritage is alive and well in Bartlesville and the rodeo is a celebration of that hard work and effort of the American cowboy and cowgirl. The Bartlesville Round Up Club has been hosting the Green Country Rodeo since 1981 and organizers are hoping for even more entries this year as an officially sanctioned International Professional Rodeo Association event. The rodeo, which includes American Cowboys Rodeo Association and local participants,

features three nights of top cowboys and cowgirls competing at 7:30 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults and children 6 – 12 are \$5. Friday night also includes a performance from the Oklahoma Pride 4-H Drill Team. For an Oklahoma adventure close to home, the Green Country Rodeo is a fun and affordable night of entertainment for the entire family. For more information go to [www.bvillroundupclub.com](http://www.bvillroundupclub.com) or call 832-600-8018.

## Duncan and the National Day of the Cowboy at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center, July 22, 2017 2.

For more Oklahoma history head down to Duncan, OK for the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center's National Day of the Cowboy. This is a free day at the museum with several indoor activities for guests. Museum exhibits will feature cowboy tools of the trade and the important role the chuck wagon played for cowboys on the Chisholm Trail. Other activities include roping a longhorn, riding a bucking bronco, and creating a branding iron design. The museum also features a "4D Experience

Theater" where visitors can watch the cattle stampede, experience a storm on the Oklahoma prairie and learn about life as a cowboy or cowgirl. 2017 celebrates the 150th anniversary of the Chisholm Trail and this summer is a great time to visit Duncan. Other events in Duncan include Ultimate Calf Roping on July 8 and August 5 – 6, the Main Street Duncan Car Cruise on August 18, and the F&F Rodeo Finals August 23 – 27. For more information go to [www.visitduncan.org](http://www.visitduncan.org) or call 800-782-7167.



### Elk City and the National Route 66 Museum 3.

Travel the Mother Road to the western part of Oklahoma to explore the history of Route 66 and its invaluable mark on the landscape of America. This museum features each of the eight states Route 66 passes through and the quirky roadside attractions that dotted the highway for so many travelers in the 40's and 50's. The Route 66 Museum is a part of the Old Town complex and includes Old Town

Museum, the Farm & Ranch Museum, and the Blacksmith Museum. All of these feature vast collections that tell the story of Oklahoma pioneers and give a hands-on glimpse into the lives of early settlers in Western Oklahoma. For more information on this museum and the many other events and attractions in Elk City, go to [visitelkcity.com](http://visitelkcity.com) or call 800-225-0207.



### 4. Paul's Valley and the Toy and Action Figure Museum

Opened in 2005, this small museum features the story behind the creation of action figures. Visitors can see a behind-the-scenes look at how toys are made and learn more about what some fondly refer to as childhood works of art. The museum is also the home of the Oklahoma Cartoonists Collection and includes published artists and writers from Oklahoma that have worked in

the comics field. Favorite action figures and heroes from Dick Tracy to Wonder Woman are featured at the museum and the displays are sure to bring back memories of playing pretend and saving the world. Admission into the museum is \$6 plus tax. For more information go to [facebook.com/actionfiguremuseum](http://facebook.com/actionfiguremuseum) or call 405-238-6300.

### Stillwater and the Lost Creek Safari 5.

There is no shortage of fun to be had in Stillwater but travel just a few miles to the south to discover an exciting world of animals in an up close and personal setting. The Lost Creek Safari is a USDA Certified Animal Park and gives visitors the opportunity to interact with many of the animals during the tour. Guests can feed a lemur, hold a baby kangaroo, and see many animals in a comfortable or open environment. Lost Creek Safari has over 30 species to view during private

tours with exotic animal professionals and owners, Rusty Focht and Carla Meadors. This animal experience is open the first two weekends of the month from 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. with no appointment necessary. Other tours are available by appointment only and guests are invited to bring a picnic lunch. Cost of the safari is \$5 per person with an additional \$5 for feeding the animals. For more information go to [lostcreeksafari.com](http://lostcreeksafari.com) or call 405-707-0403.



### 6. Miami and the Coleman Theatre

The Coleman Theatre Beautiful holds fantastic events to this day and is an attraction all its own. The theatre has a "Mighty Wurlitzer" pipe organ that was built in 1928 and delivered to the theatre in 1929. It is the only Wurlitzer organ built in 1928 that is in its original home. The Coleman was built by George L. Coleman and hosted vaudeville performers,

silent films with the "Mighty Wurlitzer" providing sound effects, and currently entertains audiences with concerts and other live performances. Tours of the Coleman are available and groups can rent this historic theatre for dinner and a movie or lunch on the stage. For more information on this crown jewel of Route 66 go to [colemantheatre.org](http://colemantheatre.org) or call 918-540-2425.

### Oologah and Claremore and the Will Rogers Memorial Museum and the Will Rogers/Wiley Post Fly-In National Day of Remembrance August 12 7.

One of the largest Fly-Ins in Oklahoma takes place near Oologah Lake on Saturday, August 12. The event honors all those who have lost their lives in a small airplane crash. The Fly-In is named for two historic Oklahomans who also lost their lives in a devastating crash in 1935. Will Rogers is known as one of Oklahoma's favorite sons and his wit and wisdom provided the country with much needed perspective during his time on the radio. Wiley Post, who

moved to Oklahoma when he was five, was a pilot who, with the help of Frank Phillips, helped develop the world's first pressure suit. The Fly-In includes over 125 planes flying over Oologah Lake, Classic Cars, Cherokee Story Telling, and Kids Zone Activities. For more of the story of The Cherokee Kid, guests can also spend time at the Will Rogers Memorial Museum in Claremore. For more information go to [visitclaremore.org](http://visitclaremore.org) or call 918-341-8688.





## 8. Midwest City and the Major Charles B. Hall Memorial Air Park

The Major Charles B. Hall Memorial Air Park is a tribute to Major Hall and his fellow Tuskegee Airmen who were the first all-black unit of the U.S. Army Air Corps. Major Hall is the former Tuskegee Airman who has the distinction of being the first black man to shoot down an enemy plane; a German Focke-Wulf 190. After the war, Major Hall moved to

Oklahoma and spent the remainder of his days working for the Federal Aviation Administration at Tinker Air Force Base. The free airpark is packed with historical airplanes from a B-52 to a RB-47E and is open to the public from dawn until dusk every day of the week. The airpark is conveniently located at I-40 and Air Depot Boulevard at the entrance to the Tinker Gate.

## Broken Arrow and The Rose District 9.

The Rose District is Broken Arrow's arts and entertainment destination. A growing presence for downtown Broken Arrow, the Rose District provides food, entertainment and events for locals and visitors alike. Jazz and Wine Wednesday takes place every Wednesday night at Main Street Tavern while Fridays invite

visitors to shop late and stay for food, music, and more. The Rose District also hosts a Farmer's Market every Tuesday and Saturday from April to October. To explore Broken Arrow's Rose District go to [rosedistrict.com](http://rosedistrict.com) or call the Broken Arrow CVB at 866-503-7081.



## 10. Norman and Andy Alligator's

This eight acre indoor/outdoor complex includes a water park, miniature golf, a go-kart track, and the state's largest recreational rock climbing wall. The water park includes a 45-foot tower with Oklahoma's only four-lane mat racer water slide, a 400-foot tube slide, and a 700 foot lazy river with its own beach. Boasting as the largest aquatic play structure for kids in Oklahoma, the water park

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## Oklahoma City and The Boathouse District 11.

Located in the heart of downtown OKC, The Boathouse District has quickly become a place for fun and adventure in the heart of Oklahoma. RIVERSPORT Adventures offers outdoor activities for all ages. Buy a pass and climb to the top of the SandRidge Sky Trail, slide down the 72-foot Sky Slide, step off the Rumble Drop or reach for the sky on the 700-foot SandRidge

Sky Zip across the Oklahoma River. Find whitewater rafting, kayaking and tubing at RIVERSPORT Rapids, plus climbing walls, bicycle pump tracks, and a youth zone for younger kids. Learn more about this new OKC attraction at [boathousedistrict.org](http://boathousedistrict.org) and plan your adventure to Oklahoma City at [www.visitokc.com](http://www.visitokc.com) for ideas on where to stay, eat, and play.



## 12. Tulsa and Oklahoma Breweries

Tulsa's brewing history dates back to the late 1930s with the short-lived existence of a large scale production brewery. Brewing returned to Tulsa in the mid 1990s, and craft brewing has become increasingly popular in recent years. Tulsa's craft brewers each bring their own unique perspective to the brewing scene

to bring more beer and beer lovers to Tulsa. Five Tulsa area breweries are available for tours including Marshall Brewing Company, American Solera, Dead Armadillo Craft Brewing, Prairie Artisan Ales, and Renaissance Brewing Company. For more information including tours and locations go to [www.visittulsa.com](http://www.visittulsa.com).



## Chickasaw Nation and the Chickasaw Cultural Center **13.**

Step into the history and culture of the Chickasaw people at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulpher. Dedicated to sharing and celebrating Chickasaw history and culture through demonstrations and community outreach activities, this beautiful complex includes media stations, an exhibit center, an amphitheater, and a research center. The

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## **14.** Cherokee Nation and the Hard Rock Casino Hotel

With a 170,000 square foot casino floor, three hotel towers, and a picturesque 18-hole golf course, the Hard Rock Casino Tulsa is a top attraction for the Cherokee Nation. The complex includes dining, music and a recently renovated indoor/outdoor pool. Located just outside of Tulsa, the Hard Rock includes beautiful guest rooms

including VIP suites, plenty of food choices like Toby Keith's I Love This Bar & Grill, and Tulsa favorite McGill's with fine dining on the 19th floor. With varied music and gaming offerings, the Hard Rock is a getaway that's close to home and packed with world-class entertainment. For more information go to [www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com](http://www.hardrockcasinotulsa.com).

## Tahlequah and Big Jim's Motorcycle Rally on August 11 and 12 **15.**

A family friendly event, this Tahlequah original is named after Big Jim Gilliam, a resident who owned and operated an outdoor market in the 40's, 50's, and 60's. Big Jim was his own farmers market in his day and sold ice cold watermelon, fruits, veggies, cold pop, and ice cream by the scoop. A Tahlequah

community memory, Norris Park now stands where his market once operated. Created to remember a simpler time in history, the Big Jim Rally includes a motorcycle run, food, vendors and much more. For more information go to [www.tourtahlequah.com](http://www.tourtahlequah.com) or call 918-431-1655.



## **16.** Lake Eufala

Oklahoma's largest lake offers 105,000 surface acres and 600 miles of shoreline. With multiple marinas, Lake Eufala is a great place to rent a houseboat, pontoon boat, ski boat or paddle boat. Or visitors can also enjoy playgrounds and swimming beaches along the shoreline. Other

features include golf, Frisbee golf, fishing, and cabins for rent. The lake has multiple campsites available for exploring. To discover all the possibilities in planning a getaway to Lake Eufala, go to [www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com) for a complete list of amenities and resources.

## Broken Bow **17.**

A nature lover's dream, Broken Bow is the home Beavers Bend & Hochatown State Park, Broken Bow Lake, and the Mountain Fork River. Visitors can camp, go bird watching, canoe, kayak, go horseback riding, or hike along the David Boren Hiking Trail. While exploring Broken Bow, visitors can also visit the Gardner

Mansion and Museum, the 1884 home to a Choctaw chief, or sip a glass of wine at Girls Gone Wine – as seen on Discover Oklahoma. To create an itinerary and learn more about this beautiful Oklahoma escape, go to [www.travelok.com](http://www.travelok.com) for contact information and overnight accommodations.



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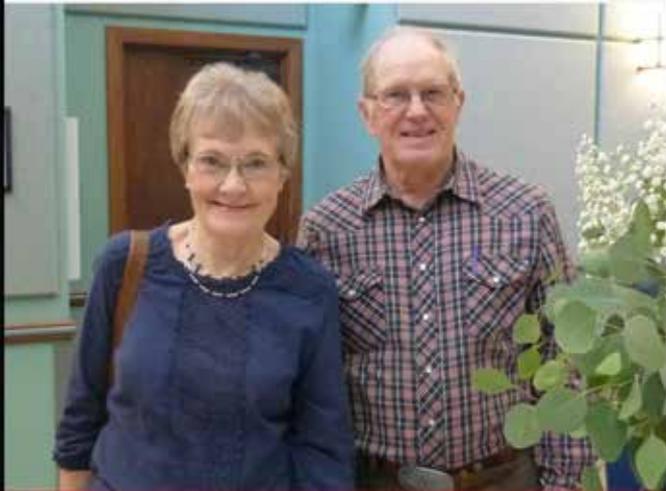
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# Not a Day Care:

## The Devastating Consequences of Abandoning Truth

Everett Piper President | Oklahoma Wesleyan University

About a year and a half ago I posted my routine, weekly op-ed on the Oklahoma Wesleyan University website. It was a response to the protests presently sweeping across our nation's college campuses where talk of "safe spaces", "micro-aggressions" and "cultural appropriation" is being used to silence any dissenting views that might make today's students feel challenged or uncomfortable. The article was titled, This Is Not a Day Care: It's a University. About two weeks later it had gone viral, with well over 3.5 million views, not only in the U.S. but around the world. As the result, I found myself scrambling from one interview to another with the likes of Bill O'Reilly, Stuart Varney, and Steve Doocy. Drudge and Dreher and Dr. Drew; Limbaugh, Beck as well as CBS and NBC, the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Times were all interested. Everyone was essentially asking the same question: How did we get here and what's the solution?" My new book, Not a Day Care: The Devastating Consequences of Abandoning Truth, is my answer, but for the purposes of this article perhaps I can offer this teaser.

Richard Weaver reminded us some seventy years ago in his book, *Ideas Have Consequences*, that "ideas have consequences" and, frankly, the ideas that dominate higher education today are bankrupt and the consequences are dire. Today, college campuses have become bastions of speech codes and ideological conformity. Faculty and students alike are more interested in identifying "trigger warnings" than they are in good teaching. For decades, our most prestigious colleges and universities have blatantly mocked the very concept of "self-evident truths" and the frightening results are now playing themselves out in our culture, in our laws, and in our political life. As Barak Obama's pastor warned, "The chickens are coming home to roost." Jeremiah Wright was right. The consequences of the ideas we have imbibed for the past several decades are, indeed, unfolding before our very eyes.

Few are willing to speak out against these illiberal tendencies. Former Stanford Provost John Etchemendy,

however, is one exception. In a 2017 speech to Stanford University's Board of Trustees, he said:

Over the years, I have watched a growing intolerance at universities in this country...a kind of intellectual intolerance, a political one-sidedness, that is the antithesis of what universities should stand for.... This results in a kind of intellectual blindness... [where] we succumb to the all-purpose ad hominem because it is easier and more comforting than rational argument. But when we do, we abandon what is great about this institution we serve.

I'm sure Dr. Etchemendy and I would disagree on many things, but we do agree on this: the purpose of the university is the pursuit of truth. Yet truth is precisely what is most unwelcome at so many universities today that insist on protecting students from having to encounter it.

The answer to this absurdity, I would argue, is found in the classical understanding of liberty: in classical liberalism and its premise that there are certain moral and intellectual laws tested by time, defended by reason, validated by experience, and endowed to us by our Creator that we can discover through free inquiry. Dozens of universities were once emblazoned with the motto, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." The University of California has the motto, *Fiat Lux*, "Let there be light." That is what a university should be about—about pursuing that truth and encountering its light— a light that was not born on the sidewalks of Berkeley but in a stable under the stars in Bethlehem some 2000 years ago.

It has been said that freedom is but one generation away from being lost if we fail to understand it and defend it. Not a Day Care, will empower you to defend that freedom in the face of a vacuous cultural tantrum that threatens to destroy both our universities and our country. \*

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## Sat, July 1



**8 AM**  
**Bartlesville Farmers Market**  
 Johnstone Park Pavilion, NE Cherokee Ave & E Hensley Blvd

Shop fresh produce, food, and crafts produced by local farmers, artisans and vendors.

**8 PM**  
**Live music with Julian Duo**  
 Price Tower Copper Bar, 510 S Dewey Ave

**8:30 PM**  
**Live music with the Steve White Band**  
 Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
 110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

**9 PM**  
**Live music with Travis Kidd**  
 Osage Casino, 222 Allen Rd



**9:15 PM**  
**Summer Sundown Movies**  
 Arvest Building Parking Lot  
 Second St and Dewey Ave

Enjoy an outdoor showing of "The NeverEnding Story" presented by the Bartlesville Film Society. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs!

**9:45 PM**  
**Copan Lake Fireworks**  
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## Mon, July 3

**7 PM**  
**Johnstone Irregulars Book Club**  
 Bartlesville Public Library  
 600 S Johnstone Ave

The club will be discussing the book, "Off the Grid" by C.J. Box. Open to all!

## Tues, July 4



**4 PM**  
**Dewey Duck Derby & Fourth Of July Celebration**  
 Don Tyler Park  
 Brahma Ave & Delaware Ave, Dewey

Free watermelon, kids' activities, music, and fireworks make for a huge 4th of July celebration! Great food is available from the Dewey Lions Club. Duck race will start at 8:30 p.m. Hundreds of numbered plastic ducks will race down the "Delaware River" (through the middle of Don Tyler Park) for super prizes. Ducks sell 1 for \$5, 5 for \$20, or 10 for \$30. Fireworks at 9:35 p.m.

**4:30 PM**  
**Nowata's Annual 4th of July Celebration/Independence Day Wild Turkey Fest**  
 Jack Gordon Park, Nowata

Bring your lawn chairs and join in for some family fun with games and activities, food, turtle races, homemade ice cream, and more! Make sure to stick around and see the live show and one of the state's best fireworks displays, beginning at dusk.

**5 PM**  
**4th of July Celebration at Copper**  
 Price Tower Copper Bar, 510 S Dewey Ave

Featuring a beer and wine garden on the outside patio from 5-10 p.m.



**6 PM**  
**Freedom Fest**  
 Downtown Bartlesville

Bring the family out to enjoy games and activities, inflatables, patriotic kids parade, music, beer garden, vendors and exhibitors, food and fun! Fireworks at 9:45 p.m.

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## Weds, July 5

**1 PM**  
**Free Open Studio**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

Bring your own project and supplies to this weekly 3-hour open studio, facilitated by Cheryl Bryan every Wednesday. Email bartlesvilleartassociation.com for more info.

## Thurs, July 6

**1 PM**  
**Beginning Watercolor Art Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

Ongoing 2-hour class every Thursday with instructor Martha Reyburn. \$20 to register and supplies are included. Email bartlesvilleartassociation.com for more info.

**5 PM**  
**Business After Hours**  
 Hilton Garden Inn  
 205 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

Promote your business by joining over 100 Chamber of Commerce members at this networking event. Bring plenty of business cards! Meet with potential customers and tell them about your products and services. Food and beverages provided.

**6 PM**  
**Stained Glass Art Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

Ongoing 2-hour class every Thursday with instructor Mitzi McGregor. Email bartlesvilleartassociation.com for more info.

**7 PM**  
**Stray Katz Movie Night**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Enjoy a showing of "Smokey and the Bandit." Free event open to the public. Food and drink available.

**9 PM**  
**Angelos Karaoke**  
 Angelos Tavern, 130 S Cherokee

Bring your vocal cords and join in the fun at Angelos Karaoke, every Thursday evening, 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. Welcome to all singers 21 and older!

## Fri, July 7

**10 AM**  
**Fine Art Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

Ongoing 2-hour class every Friday with instructor Valerie Jones. Bring your own supplies and receive help with any drawing or painting medium. \$20 per class. Email bartlesvilleartassociation.com for more info.

**10:30 AM**  
**Intro to Watercolor Workshop**  
 Woolaroc Event Center  
 1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd

Using fun, easy techniques, Lauren Florence will demonstrate how to create colorful, impactful paintings for cards, gifts, and relaxation. All materials included. No experience necessary. Four-hour class, limited to 25 participants. Visit woolaroc.org to register by July 2.

**6 PM**  
**Copper Repoussé Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

Create malleable metal artwork with instructor Steven Graham. Learn to do a portrait in profile or a figure from ancient Egyptian art. Cost is \$15 and supplies are included. Visit bartlesvilleartassociation.com for more info and to register.

**7 PM**  
**Movie Night**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Enjoy a showing of "The Princess Bride" presented by the Bartlesville Film Society. Free event open to the public. Food and drink available.

**9 PM**  
**Live music with the HI Fidelics**  
 Osage Casino, 222 Allen Rd

## Sat, July 8

**8 AM**  
**Bartlesville Farmers Market**  
 Johnstone Park Pavilion, NE Cherokee Ave & E Hensley Blvd

See July 1 event for more info.

**10:30 AM**  
**Intro to Acrylics Workshop**  
 Woolaroc Event Center  
 1925 Woolaroc Ranch Rd

Using acrylic paint, Lauren Florence will demonstrate a number of exercises to explore color mixing, mark making, layering and image analysis to create expressive paintings. All materials included. No experience necessary. Four-hour class, limited to 25 participants. Visit woolaroc.org to register by July 2.

**12 PM**  
**Level 8 VR Grand Opening Celebration**  
 Level 8 VR, 120 C SW Frank Phillips Blvd

Come check out Bartlesville's first virtual reality family arcade. All-day discounts, contests and fun!



**8 PM**  
**Live music with Jo Hemian Jazz Syndicate**  
 Price Tower Copper Bar, 510 S Dewey Ave

**Karaoke**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Enjoy a night of karaoke! Food and drink available.

**Karaoke & Dance Party**  
 Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
 110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

## Sun, July 9

**7 PM**  
**Hideaway Pizza Sunday Summer Concert Series**  
 Hideaway Pizza, 100 SE Frank Phillips

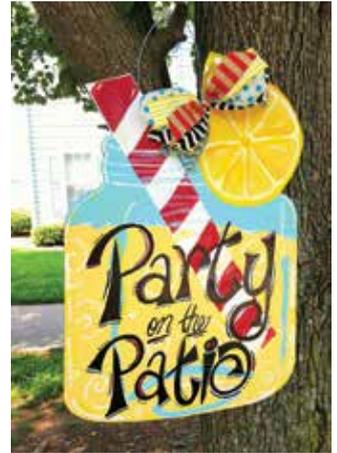
Enjoy an outdoor concert with the fabulous Mid-Life Crisis Band. Fun, outdoor pizza sales, Kids Zone, giveaways, and more.

## Mon, July 10

**6 PM**  
**Introduction to Email Class – in Spanish**  
 Bartlesville Public Library, 600 S Johnstone Ave

Registration required. Call 918-338-4161.

## Tues, July 11



**6 PM**  
**Pinterest Craft Party: Pool Float, Snowcone, Lemonade or Solo Cup**  
 Tri County Tech, 6101 SE Nowata Rd

Don't you wish you knew how to make all the cute things you see on Pinterest? Well, stop pinning and get busy crafting! Create & take home your own door hanger! 3 hour class. \$5 to register plus \$25 for supplies.

## Weds, July 12

**12 PM**  
**Exhibit Tour**  
 Price Tower, 510 S Dewey Ave

Get an in-depth look at Price Tower's current exhibit, Frank Lloyd Wright's "Journey to the Prairie," inspired by his life and the journey that lead to the culmination and design of his only realized skyscraper, the Price Tower. Free with gallery admission.

**1 PM**  
**Free Open Studio**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 5 event for more info.



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5:30 PM

**REFIT**Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S Johnstone Ave

One-hour exercise class open to the public.

**Thurs, July 13**

1 PM

**Beginning Watercolor Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 6 event for more info.

1:15 PM

**Nutrition Group**Hopestone Cancer Support Center  
206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd

Learn how to make fun, fresh salad dressings and mayo. Free and open to everyone.

6 PM

**Stained Glass Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

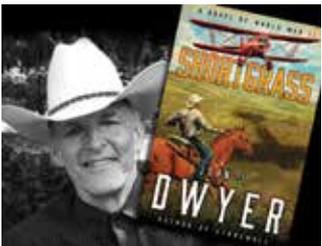
See July 6 event for more info.

9 PM

**Angelos Karaoke**

Angelos Tavern, 130 S Cherokee

See July 6 event for more info.



11 AM

**Meet the Author – John Dwyer**Bartlesville Area History Museum  
401 S Johnstone - 5th floor

Dwyer will do a book signing and presentation on the subject of his latest World War II novel, "Shortgrass."

**Fri, July 14**

10 AM

**Fine Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 7 event for more info.

6 PM

**Kids Pizza, Pop & Paint**Hopestone Cancer Support Center, 206  
SE Frank Phillips Blvd

Bring the kids for a pizza &amp; paint party. Kids will be given step-by-step instructions to paint a canvas tote bag or apron. \$20 per child covers all supplies, instruction, pizza and drink. Children living with cancer and their siblings are welcome at no charge. Call 918-876-1709 for reservations.

6:30 PM

**Live music with****Ann-Jannette Webster**

Price Tower Copper Bar, 510 S Dewey Ave

7 PM

**Family Movie**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Food and drink available.

9 PM

**Live music with Signal Twenty-Nine**

Osage Casino, 222 Allen Rd

**Sat, July 15**

8 AM

**Bartlesville Farmers Market**Johnstone Park Pavilion, NE Cherokee  
Ave & E Hensley Blvd

See July 1 event for more info.

6 PM

**Paint and Pour**Hopestone Cancer Support Center  
206 SE Frank Phillips Blvd

Get step-by-step instructions to paint an apron or canvas tote bag. \$40 per person covers supplies, instructions, drinks and snacks. Enjoy an evening of fun while supporting cancer patients in our community. Call 918-876-1709 for reservations.

7 PM

**Comedy Clinic**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Enjoy a night of comedy. Food and drink available. \$10 at the door.

8:30 PM

**Live music with Lenny Baker Band**Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd**Mon, July 17****Deadline to RSVP for the BIG Event**  
[bigeventbartlesville.org](http://bigeventbartlesville.org)

"Surf's Up" at the BIG Event! Join the party and support life-changing mentors for vulnerable children, benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters of Oklahoma. Tickets are \$100.

**Tues, July 18**

5 PM

**Kids' Guided Painting Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

Join Elaine Wilson every third Tuesday, 5-7 p.m. \$20 to register and supplies are included. Email [bartlesvilleartassociation.com](mailto:bartlesvilleartassociation.com) for more info.

6 PM

**Fitness Sampler**

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**Stained Glass Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 6 event for more info.

7 PM

**A Conversation with Michael Tait**Wesleyan Christian School Gymnasium,  
1780 Silver Lake Rd

Michael Tait of the Newsboys will be speaking as a fundraiser for Home Energy Aid month for the Salvation Army. Tickets are \$20. Call 918-336-6454 for more information.

**Weds, July 19**

1 PM

**Free Open Studio**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 5 event for more info.

5:30 PM

**REFIT**Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S Johnstone Ave

One-hour exercise class open to the public.

**Thurs, July 20**

1 PM

**Beginning Watercolor Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 6 event for more info.

2 PM

**Gentle Reads Book Club**Bartlesville Public Library  
600 S Johnstone Ave

The club will be discussing the bestseller, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredric Backman. Open to all!

6 PM

**Stained Glass Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 6 event for more info.

7:30 PM

**"Annie"**Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd

Enjoy Children's Musical Theater's 18th season main-stage summer musical!

9 PM

**Angelos Karaoke**

Angelos Tavern, 130 S Cherokee

See July 6 event for more info.

**Fri, July 21**

10 AM

**Fine Art Class**

Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey

See July 7 event for more info.

7:30 PM

**"Annie"**Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd

See July 20 event for more info.

9 PM

**Live music with the****Brent Giddens Band**

Osage Casino, 222 Allen Rd

**Sat, July 22**

8 AM

**Bartlesville Farmers Market**Johnstone Park Pavilion  
NE Cherokee Ave & E Hensley Blvd

See July 1 event for more info.

3 PM

**"Annie"**Bartlesville Community Center  
300 SE Adams Blvd

See July 20 event for more info.

7 PM

**Live music with Signal Twenty-Nine**Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Music, dancing, food and drink. \$5 at the door.

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**8 PM**  
**Live music with Seth Lee Trio**  
 Price Tower Copper Bar, 510 S Dewey Ave

**8:30 PM**  
**Live music with Grazzhopper**  
 Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
 110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

**Sun, July 23**

**1 PM**  
**Family Funday**  
 Price Tower, 510 S Dewey Ave

Enjoy free gallery admission 1-4 p.m., learn about Frank Lloyd Wright, and create your own stained glass art, just like Wright!



**CHILDREN'S  
 MUSICAL  
 THEATRE**

**3 PM**  
**"Annie"**  
 Bartlesville Community Center  
 300 SE Adams Blvd  
 See July 20 event for more info.

**Weds, July 26**

**1 PM**  
**Free Open Studio**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey  
 See July 5 event for more info.

**5:30 PM**  
**REFIT**  
 Bartlesville Public Library  
 600 S Johnstone Ave  
 One-hour exercise class open to the public.

**Thurs, July 27**



**12 PM**  
**Bill Woodard on the life of Cowboy Artist Joe**  
 Bartlesville Area History Museum  
 401 S Johnstone - 5th floor

Woodard will present on the life of cowboy artist, Joe De Yong, showing his original artwork and discussing how his formative years were shaped by his early life in Dewey.

**1 PM**  
**Beginning Watercolor Art Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey  
 See July 6 event for more info.

**5 PM**  
**Speed Networking**  
 Location TBD

This fast-paced, one hour, free quarterly event hosted by the Chamber of Commerce is an excellent way to make new business contacts, interact one-on-one with other professionals, showcase new products, and promote your business. The event is limited to one member per business category.

**6 PM**  
**Stained Glass Art Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey  
 See July 6 event for more info.



**7 PM**  
**Greater Tuna**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey

Local comedian and original playwright Joe Sears' nationally-recognized play brings the small town of Tuna, Texas back to life with new twists. Enjoy dinner and the show! Reservations required. Call 918-440-2393.

**9 PM**  
**Angelos Karaoke**  
 Angelos Tavern, 130 S Cherokee  
 See July 6 event for more info.

**Fri, July 28**

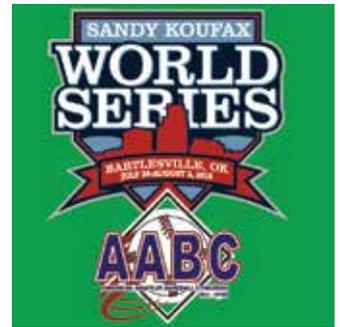
**10 AM**  
**Fine Art Class**  
 Price Tower Design Center, 500 S Dewey  
 See July 7 event for more info.

**7 PM**  
**Greater Tuna**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey  
 See July 27 event for more info.

**9 PM**  
**Live music with Ronnie Pyle and The Drivers**  
 Osage Casino, 222 Allen Rd

**Sat, July 29**

**8 AM**  
**Bartlesville Farmers Market**  
 Johnstone Park Pavilion  
 NE Cherokee Ave & E Hensley Blvd  
 See July 1 event for more info.



**Sandy Koufax World Series**  
 Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium  
 115 E Hensley Blvd

Sandy Koufax World Series is the AABC 14U championship game. Teams will be coming from all over the United States to compete in the tournament, July 29-Aug 2. It will be a great weekend of baseball!

**7 PM**  
**Greater Tuna**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey  
 See July 27 event for more info.

**8 PM**  
**Live music with Travis Fite Trio**  
 Price Tower Copper Bar, 510 S Dewey Ave

**8:30 PM**  
**Live music with Sarah Maud**  
 Painted Horse Bar & Grille  
 110 SW Frank Phillips Blvd

**Sun, July 30**

**8 AM**  
**Sandy Koufax World Series**  
 Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium  
 115 E Hensley Blvd  
 See July 29 event for more info.

**3 PM**  
**Greater Tuna**  
 Heritage Theatre Café & Pub  
 306 E Don Tyler, Dewey  
 See July 27 event for more info.

**Mon, July 31**

**8 AM**  
**Sandy Koufax World Series**  
 Bill Doenges Memorial Stadium  
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 See July 29 event for more info.



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**04** **DEWEY DUCK DERBY & FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION**  
4PM-10PM cityofdewey.com **FREE**

**B'VILLE FREEDOM FEST** **FREE**  
6PM-10PM bartlesvillefreedomfest.org

**05** **B'VILLE LIBRARY TWO-DAY IMPROV CLASS FOR TEENS**  
2PM July 5&7 bartlesvillelibrary.com

**07** **WOOLAROC INTRO TO WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP**  
10:30AM-3:30PM woolaroc.org

**08** **WOOLAROC INTRO TO ACRYLICS WORKSHOP**  
10:30AM-3:30PM woolaroc.org

**09** **HIDEAWAY PIZZA SUNDAY SUMMER CONCERT SERIES & KID ZONE**  
7PM-9:30PM hideawaypizza.com

**10** **PRICE TOWER ARCHITECTURE CAMP**  
June 10-14 bartlesvilleartassociation.com

**11** **HISTORY TIME** **FREE**  
11AM Ages Prek-1st grade  
bartlesvillehistory.com

**14** **TEEN ARCHITECTURE/DESIGN WORKSHOP**  
2PM bartlesvillelibrary.com

**17** **MAGICIAN KEVIN WADE**  
2PM Ages 6 & under  
bartlesvillelibrary.com

**18** **CAMP WOOLAROC**  
July 18-20 Ages 6-8 woolaroc.org

**KIDS COOKING CLASS: CHINESE**  
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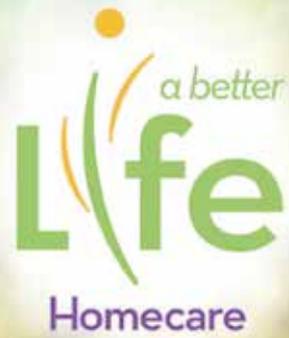
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# TATTON MANNING

Mike Wilt

Tatton Manning's right foot was facing the wrong direction. While playing baseball in nearby Ramona on April 2, 1998, the Chelsea High School senior attempted to score a run. As he slid into home his shoe spike got caught on the plate. His first-ever visit to Bartlesville was spent in the emergency room at Jane Phillips Medical Center with a foot and ankle broken in eight places.

More familiar with the Tulsa area, Manning's worried mother thought they should seek care elsewhere. Straight-forward even then, the young Manning flatly asked the orthopedic surgeon if he could fix his foot. The straight-forward Dr. Jim Zeiders flatly said that he could.

"Let's do it here," Manning said confidently.

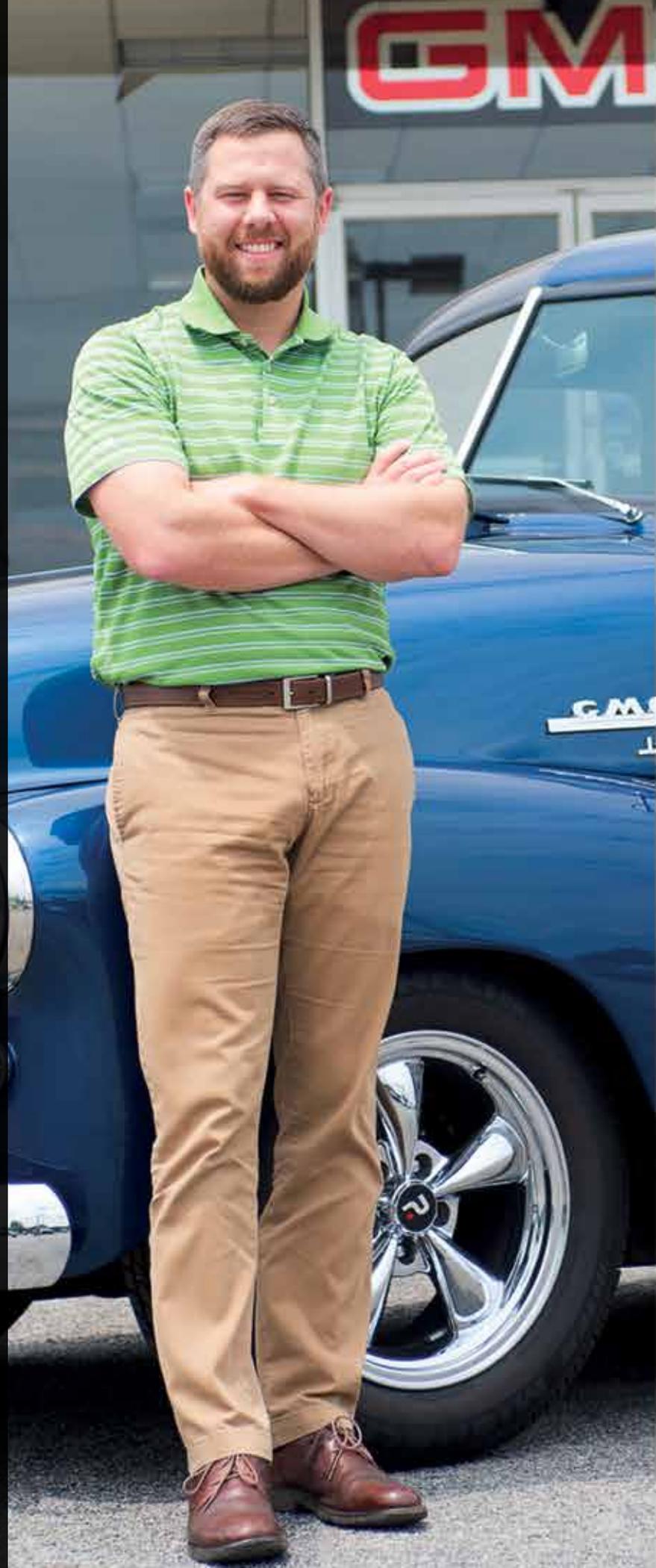
The surgery was successful and after only four weeks Manning was walking without a cast.

"But it wasn't a great start," he smiles about his first time here.

A state champion in both track and baseball, Manning would visit Bartlesville again that July, but under far better circumstances. Marty Carver was the new baseball coach at then-Bartlesville Wesleyan College (now Oklahoma Wesleyan University). New to the area, Carver made some phone calls and learned that Manning's injury caused some schools to lose interest in the young prospect. The coach was interested in him and hoped to convince Manning to be interested in the college.

"He took me and my mom to dinner and showed us around the campus. We really liked what we saw. Coach said that while he realized I was still healing from the injury I could receive a scholarship if I played for him."

In the fall of 1998, Manning stepped foot onto campus and began a four-year career



as an outfielder. While he describes himself as a “very inconsistent ball player,” he admits that his baseball bravado allowed him to hit it off with an attractive student named Jessica.

“Generally speaking, baseball players are full of confidence. They have to be. Baseball gave me the guts to go up and speak to her.”

Manning didn’t really connect at first, but he eventually caught the Austin, Texas native’s attention. They dated throughout college and married soon after.

As for a game plan after graduation?

“I didn’t have one,” he laughs.

An acquaintance tossed out the idea of working at a car dealership in Pryor, OK.

“I knew absolutely nothing about the business, but he thought I’d be good at financing.”

However, Manning was told he first had to pitch cars for six months.

“I sold 26 cars in a month,” he grins.

He began fielding financing after only six weeks.

Next up was the war in Iraq in 2003.

“I really wanted to serve.”

He ran the idea past Jessica.

“She was okay with it because she has a long line of military service in her family.”

Believing the Army’s culture suited him best, Manning began visiting with recruiters.

However, the plate and six screws in his right foot and ankle caused them to balk at signing him. Refusing to back off, Manning dug in. Two years later he was finally sent to basic training in July 2005. He served our country for four years including one year as a field artillery officer in Afghanistan.

After being honorably discharged from the military, Manning connected with a college friend whose father owned a Tulsa-based natural gas business. He worked for the business for five years during which he also earned an MBA from Oklahoma State University.

But Manning really wanted to be in business for himself.

“My grandfather used to say that he’d rather have a hot dog stand than work for someone else. So, I guess I have a little bit of that spirit in me. I really like people and the car business is really about serving people.”

Manning wanted to buy a dealership, but he didn’t have the resources. He and his friend’s father (who was also Manning’s employer) reached an agreement.

“He told me that if I could put a deal together he would be my partner.”

Manning began cold-calling dealerships to see if they were interested in selling. They were not. He then dialed up his good friend and current OWU President Dr. Everett Piper.

“He wasn’t there when I was a student, but we met at an alumni banquet and just hit it off.”

Dr. Piper paved the way for Manning to contact Fred Malone of Malone Motors. One year later, Manning and his partner were owners of a car dealership which they renamed Patriot GMC Hyundai.

“Yes, my military background influenced the (dealership’s) name, but it goes deeper than that. We are a team here and ‘Patriot’ is something everyone, regardless of what they do, can really get behind.”

Getting behind Bartlesville is a source of pride for Manning and his employees. They are visibly active in a wide variety of volunteer endeavors both as a business and as individuals.

***“Our philosophy is to get involved and actively support our community in ways that are visible and meaningful to people.”***

One visible and meaningful show of community support came on May 11 of this year when Patriot teamed up with the local newspaper to honor area high school athletes and scholars. The evening’s highlight was Patriot awarding a brand new Hyundai Elantra to the student of the year.

Manning scored his second car dealership this past February when he acquired Chandler (OK) Chrysler.

“It’s close enough to get to and it was good deal.”

Named after a character in a Louis L’Amour book, Tatton Chantry Manning enjoys duck hunting and running. But with two girls and two boys ages 8, 6, 4, and 2, family comes first.

“I’m not going to get these years back, so when I’m not working I’m working at being a husband and dad,” he smiles.

Almost two decades have passed since Manning was a hospital ER patient. Today at age 37, he’s got both feet firmly planted and in the right direction. The one-time Chelsea teenager is now safe at home in Bartlesville. ✱

# 71st Annual Cavalcade

## World's Largest Amateur Rodeo

by Katy Holland



It's time to saddle up for another Cavalcade Rodeo, returning to the Osage County Fairgrounds, in Pawhuska this July 17-23, as it continues to “keep alive the love of animals and the freedom of the great outdoors—the heritage of the American people!”

What began in 1947 as a small event which gathered less than 20 clubs in a competition that lasted only two days is now the world's largest amateur rodeo, with over 115 participating clubs, 950 individual contestants and a week's worth of performances.

Morning and evening rodeo competitions are scheduled Wednesday through Saturday leading up to the final performance midday Sunday.

With crowds beginning to gather as early as the Friday before the event, the week kicks off with a Playday – something like a miniature rodeo. Each participating club holds its own prior to the Cavalcade to determine who will compete in the event. The Pawhuska Roundup Club, as host, arranges theirs immediately before, this year on July 14, mostly to keep early arrivers entertained.

A pasture on the fairgrounds is transformed into a makeshift city, as it welcomes thousands of Cavalcaders and event-goers from across the state and surrounding areas. Hundreds of pens are erected for the animals brought in, almost all of which are supplied by participating clubs. The campgrounds, which in earlier days saw a provisional grocery store along with a canvas-topped restaurant, now reach maximum capacity as RVs, campers and pickup trucks roll in.

A relatively small Cavalcade Committee organizes over a dozen events, from bareback bronc riding to wild

cow milking, to chuck wagon and pony express races, all taking place in one of the largest arenas around, measuring about 530 feet in length.

“We have several events that are [rather] unique,” said Cavalcade Secretary, Kate Huddleston.

“The pony express race isn't done very many places and certainly not on the one mile track like we do it,” she said, explaining how three riders will compete each round, each switching horses several times through the course of the race.

Competitors as young as four years old will participate, and without age restrictions, Huddleston said she has seen folks well into their 70s competing. Some of the events are divided into junior, intermediate and senior competitions, while others are open to all. Kiddo Day, Thursday, July 20, is designed for the youngest Cavalcaders who may need a parent's help to compete.

The Queen event is one of the most elaborate aspects of the Cavalcade. Each year, ladies are invited to compete for the title of Cavalcade Queen, who will go on to represent and promote the rodeo at different events throughout the coming year. This year, there are about 15 contestants. In the past, there have been as many as 32.

The winner will take home the title as well as a number of prizes, including the travelling crown, handmade by local artist, Cha Tullis of Hominy.

Other prizes to be awarded include over \$20,000 of entry fee money paid back to the winners of each event along with Cavalcade Championship belt buckles.



Trophies will go to the best of show in the parade that takes place Saturday morning, the all-around club award – a victory that also earns a custom Cavalcade flag, as well as to the club whose participants ride the farthest to attend the event.

“They will ride their horses to the Cavalcade, rather than trailer them in like most contestants,” explained Huddleston. Describing last year’s winners, she continued, “It will take them about a week of traveling. I think they plan on riding around 90 miles this year, which is impressive.”

Apart from the competition, there is plenty of fun to be had at the Cavalcade. The “street dance” will draw the crowds downtown Tuesday night, with local band, Mark Chamberlain and The Whiskey Poet Society performing.

“They’ll close off the street and a lot of our town merchants will set up on the sidewalks. Everybody just brings a lawn chair and dances in downtown Pawhuska,” said Huddleston. “There’s no admission. Everything’s free!”

The dances will continue nightly at the fairgrounds, with performers including Read Southall, Jon Wolfe, Whiskey Myers and Jason Boland and the Stragglers. Carnival-style food vendors will keep event-goers fed, while local artisans will be set up to sell everything from saddles and tack to furniture and western wear.

Finally, beyond the entertainment, the Cavalcade Rodeo enjoys giving plenty back to the local community, using funds to support community charities as well as local FFA and 4H clubs. And Friday, July 21, they’ll host a Tough Enough to Wear Pink night to raise funds for the Susan G. Komen foundation.

So, grab your chaps and hats and head to Pawhuska. Seventy-one years in the making, it’s an event not to be missed. \*

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# OSU Women's Football Camp

Oklahoma loves football. With no professional team in the state (at least not yet!), the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University are revered. Planning a wedding during football season? Make sure there's a television at the reception!

This love of football is very much attached to the love of Oklahoma's two largest universities. Both OU and OSU hold football camps every year. These camps provide an opportunity to get on the field, learn from revered coaches, and maybe even throw a ball with a player or two.

One school, Oklahoma State, decided to add a camp tailor made for their female fans. This July, as part of Mike Gundy's Football Camps, OSU will host "Women's Football 101". The camp has been around for a few years and is very popular. "People really love it!" said Carisa Hoelting. Hoelting happened to answer the phone at Oklahoma State Football. Upon discovery that this story was for Bartlesville Monthly Magazine, she excitedly pronounced, "I'm from Bartlesville"! Yes, there's always someone from Bartlesville.

The staff at Visit Stillwater, Stillwater's Destination Marketing Organization, have attended the camp and look forward to it each year. "It's a fun day of football," said Kylie Vincent, Vice President of Visit Stillwater, "OSU fans are the best fans in the state. Those attending football camp are no exception. There's a lot of football but also a lot of smiles."

The Mike Gundy Football Camps are designed to teach young players and coaches the fundamentals of football and to allow each athlete to develop their overall skills. Women's Football 101 allows female fans to get on the field and experience the game first hand. In addition, attendees will have lunch at the Cowboy

Training Table, experience a live Q & A with Cowboy Football, workout in the Sherman E. Smith Training Center, and have the opportunity for autographs and photo opportunities.

Brooke Cox, former Bartlesville resident and OSU alum will be attending Women's Football 101 on July 28.

"Our family loves OSU football. I met my husband at Oklahoma State and we bring our family to homecoming when we can," says Cox, "this camp just seemed like another fun way to experience the game and support my alma mater."

When asked about seeing Coach Gundy at the camp, Cox eagerly replied, "oh yes, I really hope to see Coach Gundy and his mullet in all its glory."

Since Coach Gundy has grown out his hair recently, much has been made of what he calls the "Arkansas Waterfall".

No one knows for sure if Coach Gundy will still have his much talked about hair style for Women's Football 101, but given that there has been a lot of focus on the "swag" and "mojo" it possesses, one can only hope.

Look for pictures of this writer attending the Women's Football 101 camp coming in a later issue of Bartlesville Monthly Magazine.

For more information on Women's Football 101 contact Cowboy Football at 405-744-9869. The camp takes place July 28 from 9 am – 5 pm. Sign up forms can be found at [okstate.com/sports](http://okstate.com/sports) \*



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# Joe Sears’ “Greater Tuna” Gets Even Greater at Heritage Theatre

by Lori Esser

Fall in love again with the beloved, dynamic characters of “Greater Tuna” as this famous comedic play is brought back to the stage, here in northeast Oklahoma.

The Heritage Theatre Cafe and Pub in Dewey is hosting an exclusive run of the show July 27-30 with a full cast of actors hand-picked by one of the original playwrights, Joe Sears, to bring the town of Tuna, Texas to life.

“I chose to make this production something special to bring the audience back to a tiny Texas town where, according to our show’s motto, ‘the Lion’s Club is too liberal and Patsy Cline never dies,’” said Sears.

As many may recall, “Greater Tuna” was written by comedians Sears, Jaston Williams and Ed Howard as satire about small-town Southern life and attitudes. The play is distinguished by the fact that, for most performances, just two men are cast to play over 20 characters – male and female, young and old.

A full cast will perform this particular show but a few “gender switches” will maintain the original spirit of the play.

“An entire town of actors doing the roles is very funny, especially if you have recruited the best available actors from the surrounding area,” said Sears.

“I didn’t want to repeat everything I had done in the show before,” he continued, “but rather expose our audience to funny antics they have [not yet] seen.”

“Greater Tuna” originated on the main entertainment strip in Austin, Texas in the winter of 1981. Music scene critics caught the show and gave it a review in Variety Magazine, sparking its run in New York City. This gave Sears the opportunity to meet many stars in the business including Robin Williams, Shirley MacLaine, and Steve Martin who came to see him perform. Former President George H. W. Bush specifically requested a performance at the White House.

A sequel called “A Tuna Christmas” premiered in San Francisco in 1989, launching another national tour that brought the show to Broadway in 1995, later followed by “Red, White and Tuna” and “Tuna Does Vegas.”

July’s performance will have its own Bartlesville-twists. The SALTY Seniors, a local senior acting group will play the “Smut Snatchers of the New Order,” a group which, in the play, meets to discuss the banning of “dirty words.”

“This scene has never been staged to my knowledge and I can’t wait to make what is already a funny scene... even more hysterical,” said Sears.

A Bartlesville native, Sears has received numerous recognitions for his contributions to the arts, including a Tony Award nomination for Best Actor in 1995. His play has been one of the most produced comedies in America for three decades. Since returning to his hometown, he has remained involved with the local performing arts community.

“Shelby Brammer [Artistic Director for Theater Bartlesville] told me she wanted to help me bring ‘Tuna’ back to life... to help repay me for all the good theatre that has happened since I came home,” explained Sears, who returned to Oklahoma in 2012 after 38 years in Austin.

“I was young when I moved there and loved every minute of it, but Osage County is hard to beat for my druthers since I’m older now.”

Brammer wanted to see the classic play done well, said Sears, “So we teamed up to make this happen.” \*

**Greater Tuna will be performed at Dewey’s “entertainment central,” Heritage Theatre Cafe and Pub**

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# Frozen in Time

## The Glencliff Building

by Debbie Neece

photos courtesy of The Bartlesville History Museum



Two blocks west of the railroad tracks at 515 W Frank Phillips Blvd. sits a two-story, long-vacant brick building awaiting

attention. Behind the decorative rust-clad cupola, Juliet balcony, glass block windows and 13-inch thick walls, only the memories of ice cream treats remain.

Some say necessity is the mother of invention. That might have been exactly what set off the ice business in Bartlesville: a means to survive the long and dry Indian Territory summers.

City founder, Jacob Bartles was an enthusiastically patriotic man. During the winter months of the late 1800s when the Caney River froze, he would cut ice from the river and tuck it into his sawdust-lined ice house in anticipation of his elaborate Fourth of July celebration at which guests were served homemade ice cream and chilled drinks.

In 1903, Harry McClintock arrived in Bartlesville to find dusty dirt streets and sparse living conditions, but he had a dream. Soon, several railroad cars of equipment, lumber and supplies arrived to help him establish the Crystal Ice and Cold Storage at Hensley Blvd. and the railroad tracks. McClintock retired in the mid-1930s and turned the ice business over to his son, Edward.

Dairy farms began littering the countryside, and it wasn't long before the business of ice became the business of ice cream. Among the early enterprises were Absalom Klump's Bartlesville Cream Depot on

Second St. and the Waukesha Ice Cream Factory, which opened in 1912 at 513 W Third St., complete with a horse-drawn ice cream wagon.

In 1924 the Crystal Creamery opened for business at that location, selling and delivering ice cream, butter and dairy products. The address was changed from 513 to 515 W Third St in 1929 and that same year, Crystal Creamery was replaced by Western Creameries Inc., operated by Alton West. From 1930-1940, the new creamery manufactured butter as well as bought and shipped cream and dairy products.

In 1940, The Glencliff Company arrived. They homogenized and pasteurized milk as well as varied milk and ice products, and manufactured ice cream. They operated until 1948, alongside the Glencliff Retail Ice Dock next door to the east.

The building was purchased in 1950 by the Crystal Creamery, a division of the Crystal Ice and Frozen Food Locker. Edward McClintock served as its president. A contest was held to name the new dairy and Top-Hand Dairies was the winner.

The Crystal Creamery operated Top-Hand Dairies until 1957, followed by Armstrong Ice Cream Company and later, Top Hand Creamery, who occupied the building until 1968 before finally leaving it vacant, as it has remained ever since.

Gone are the days of Bartians waking to fresh milk delivered to their doorsteps in convenient glass bottles. Gone is the local creamery. Now stands what is simply known as the "Glencliff building" on West Frank Phillips Blvd. awaiting its opportunity to become a vibrant part of the community once again. \*

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# Meet the Masters

## CrossFit Bartlesville Aims for the Games

by Jennifer M. Cordero

CrossFit Bartlesville owner and head coach Brian Baker is leading the way, along with clients Patty Thompson and Deb Davis, headed for the annual international CrossFit Games this August.

“The goal of CrossFit is to optimize health and fitness to improve quality of life,” according to Baker. “It’s one of the fastest-growing approaches to fitness with over 14,000 CrossFit gyms worldwide.”

CrossFit uses constantly-varied functional movements performed at high intensity.

“It’s the sport of fitness. It’s for anybody. Anyone can participate,” said Baker.

This is the fifth year Baker participated in the Open, the first of the Games’ three stages.

During the five-week Open, which took place in February and March this year, CrossFit headquarters releases and announces a workout each week to be watched live on the CrossFit website.

“Everyone does the workout or a scaled version of it. You can do that workout as many times as you want – Thursday to Monday. By the following Wednesday night, you see your rank for that week’s workout,” explained Baker.

A qualified judge monitors the workout, then athletes enter their score online and wait to see where they rank in their age division.

“We had more than 60 people sign up to compete in the Open this year. It’s our biggest event each year. We see incredible breakthroughs – it’s inspiring, it’s hard, it’s emotional,” he said.

He competed against nearly 7,000 people to make it to the top 2.5%. He ranks 98th in the world for the 50-54 age bracket. Along with other top athletes from 17 regions, he’ll continue onto the Masters Qualifier, also known as regionals, and hopefully onto the internationally televised CrossFit Games.

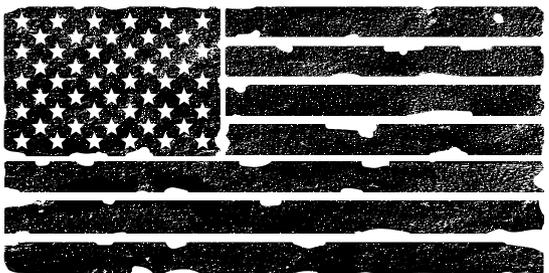
What motivates Baker?

“Staying healthy and inspiring others to do the same. When you let the pressures of life weigh on you, it’s easy not to eat healthy and exercise. You have to fight that,” he said.

Baker’s wife and co-owner of CrossFit Bartlesville, Aubrey Baker said, “We celebrate everyone’s successes. It’s challenging, humbling, and a struggle but we’re always helping each other get better. It’s not like your traditional gym experience. It’s a place you



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“Staying healthy and inspiring others to do the same. When you let the pressures of life weigh on you, it’s easy not to eat healthy and exercise. You have to fight that,”

are inspired to work hard. You start to see your body changing – your self-confidence and self-image goes up.”

Thompson, who competes in the 45-49 age bracket, now ranks 79th in the women’s category. She competed against over 10,000 women to reach the Masters Qualifier ranking.

“I’ve always been an athlete and been fit. I love the challenge of it, the community aspect of it,” said Thompson. “I have three daughters. I want them to know they can be strong and do things other people are afraid to try. I want to be an inspiration for other people. It’s exciting to grow and have the challenge every day to get better.”

“It’s about being fit and strong not just skinny – being mentally tough,” she added, smiling.

“Mentally tough!” Baker agreed. “It’s the new superpower. You can’t get there without hard work, it’s fighting, failing and trying again. That translates in other areas of your life – you can do it because you know how that feels now. You go through mental and physical transformation.”

Davis began doing CrossFit almost four years ago at age 60 and has made it to the Masters Qualifier every year. She is in the 60+ age bracket and ranks 53rd worldwide.

“I was a competitive gymnast for many years before I had children but never considered myself a competitive person, until I got into [CrossFit],” explained Davis. “I

was a spectator watching my kids growing up... I hated being a spectator. My daughter started doing CrossFit and I thought, ‘I can do this.’ This is for me. I’m done being the parent. I’m now the competitor.”

She was shocked the first year she participated in the Open when they called her and said, “I think you better check it out, you get to do that again – you made it into [the] top 200 Masters Qualifier.”

“She was 16 places away from making it to the Games two years ago,” Thompson added proudly.

“The kids motivate me,” continued Davis. Once a gymnastics coach of 40 years, she now coaches kids’ classes at CrossFit Bartlesville.

**“They are so willing to do anything... They understand exercise is fun, not work,” she said. “I want other people my age to understand anyone can do this and can start it at any time in their life.”**

The 2017 Reebok CrossFit Games are August 3-6 at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

CrossFit Bartlesville is located at 3822 SE Kentucky, Units 13-16 in Bartlesville. They offer classes for all ages, including kids and teens. Visit [crossfitbartlesville.com](http://crossfitbartlesville.com) or “have a conversation with us” said Aubrey Baker, on facebook or Instagram, email [crossfitbartlesville@gmail.com](mailto:crossfitbartlesville@gmail.com) or call 918-350-0120 or 918-350-0054. New CrossFitters can try two classes at no cost before signing up. \*

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# Pawhuska Oklahoma

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Swagger. To walk or behave in a very confident way.

Pawhuska, OK has swagger. Pawhuska should have swagger.

Sure, since October of 2016 there have been tens of thousands of visitors to the tiny Osage County town, but many knew great things have been on the horizon for quite some time.

In March of 2015, the Pawhuska Chamber of Commerce hired Joni Nash as their executive director. Nash, an Oklahoma State alum and former Miss Rodeo Georgia, had been a judge in the International Roundup Clubs' Cavalcade queen contest in 2013 and 2014.

With Nash leading the Chamber, Pawhuska had chosen someone to help lead the city into a time of business growth and community development. If the opening of Ree Drummond's Mercantile was going to bring visitors from all over the country to Pawhuska, Pawhuska was going to need to be ready.

So when "The Pioneer Woman", as Ree Drummond is known to her fans, opened a restaurant, bakery and store in the old Osage Mercantile building, Pawhuska was already in a great position to provide a full visitor experience to her fans.

"Since October we've had several stores open," said Nash, "restaurants, boutiques, and three or four bed and breakfasts."

Pawhuska has also seen a rise in sales tax. Up 33% over last year, the community has maintained a popularity not unlike the time of the oil boom in the early 1900's.

"There's definitely a sense of pride in Pawhuska," adds Nash, "and a renewed sense of interest in our rich history."

Visitors to Pawhuska have stopped by the Tallgrass Prairie Preserve, the Constantine Theater and the Osage County Historical Museum. The Osage Nation Museum is the oldest tribal museum in the country. The Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, also known as the Cathedral of the Osage, holds beautiful stained glass, some of which had to be especially approved by the Vatican.

Visitors looking for something free and fun have gone to the Pawhuska Swinging Bridge. The bridge is only a few blocks from The Mercantile and can sometimes cause a few butterflies in the stomach. First built in 1926, the swinging bridge has provided a thrill for many Pawhuska locals and visitors alike.

Pawhuska's largest event of the year, Cavalcade, will begin July 18 and run through July 23.

Dedicated to the spirit of the Old West and preservation of American ideals, the International Round Up Club's Cavalcade was created to bring together amateur roping and riding clubs from across the US.

With outdoor dances on Tuesday through Saturday, Cavalcade brings in rodeo enthusiasts from all over the country. The competition is fierce and the performances are something incredible to see.

For many reasons, Pawhuska is a wonderful place to visit in July. For more information on things to do and see in Pawhuska, go to [www.pawhuskachamber.com](http://www.pawhuskachamber.com) or call 918-287-1208. \*



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## Children's Musical Theater Summer Musical – July 20-23

by Abigail Singrey

Annie, the intrepid orphan girl who charms her way out of an orphanage is getting ready to make her second Bartlesville debut in the upcoming production of Children's Musical Theater's (CMT) annual "Main-stage" Summer Musical, a reprisal of their 2005 show.

11-year-old Kamille Girard, is taking the stage in her first lead role as the famous little orphan.

Appearing in almost every scene, Girard brings an upbeat, enthusiastic presence to the musical, said Children's Musical Theater Board Member Tracye Caughell.

"Annie starts many young actresses on their careers," she added.

Girard has the vocal range to perform traditional ballads as well as songs like "Tomorrow," that require belting out, according to Caughell. Girard worked to learn the music months before rehearsals officially began, then picked up with the rest of the cast in June.

With songs like "Hard Knock Life," the show has a great ensemble to engage the entire cast of 66 local children, ages 7-17. It's heavy on acting, with lots of interesting characters the children have enjoyed developing.

A historical drama, Annie is set in the 1930s. A mistreated orphan girl is whisked away to the Warbucks mansion, which leads to her meeting President Roosevelt and his entire cabinet. Her quest to find her real parents will tug on the heartstrings of the audience.

"The experience is similar to what you would see in a Broadway touring company," said Caughell. "With the exception that we can do more with our sets since we don't have to break it down."

CMT took great care in creating historically-accurate costumes and settings for the show. At one point in

the play, Annie arrives in a "Hooverville" shanty town. Volunteers put together an elaborate set to recreate the Depression-era scene and transport the audience back in time.

"Some of the political concerns that are in this show are the same that are voiced today," Caughell said. "You realize, some things don't really change over time."

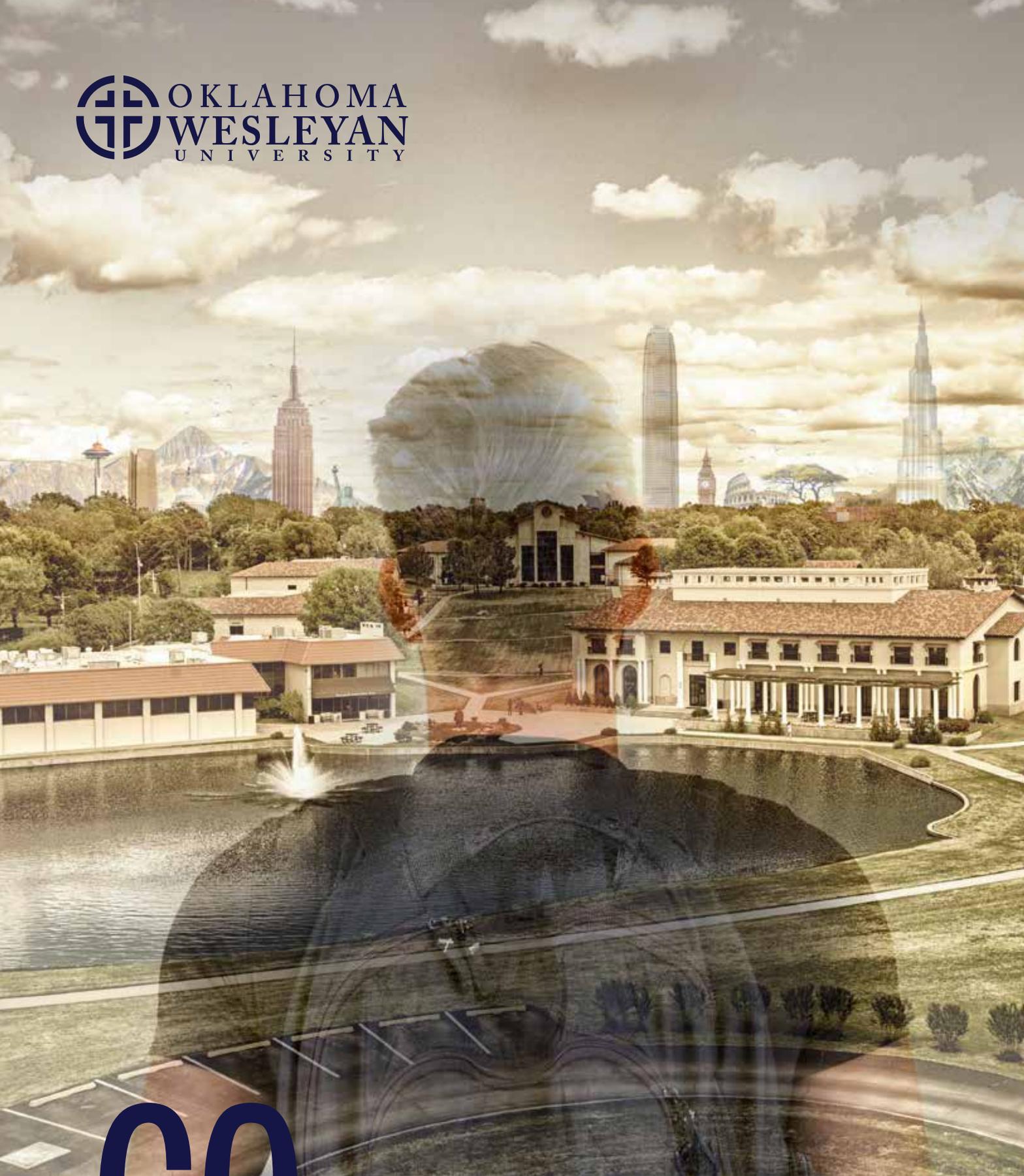
CMT's Main-stage Summer Musical program works to teach children the skills they need to perform a full-scale, Broadway-style musical. Auditions are judged by outside artistic staff unfamiliar with the children and what roles they might have played in the past, giving equal opportunity to all.

Each year, CMT brings professionals in the field from around the country to teach the children and introduce them to different styles of performing. This year's director, Kathy Pingel has worked at the Des Moines Children's Playhouse and directs plays and musicals all over the country. Choreographers Kelsey and Eric Geibel, a CMT alumni who just wrapped up dancing in a national tour of Cinderella, also bring professional experience to the table.

Unique from the typical show, it won't just be children performing. Seventeen local dogs, from pit bulls to poodles, auditioned for the part of Sandy, Annie's faithful companion.

As CMT's capstone program, the summer musical is expected to entertain audiences of up to 4,000 people.

Annie will be performed at the Bartlesville Community Center July 20-21 at 7:30 p.m. and July 22-23 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available through the BCC Box Office or online at [bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com](http://bartlesvillecommunitycenter.com). \*



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