

# ALUMNI **CS** NEWSLETTER

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## OCTOBER ATHLETIC UPDATES

by Angie Lane, Director of the Bursar Office

Summer and Fall are all about growth and community projects for our cowboys and cowgirls. Athletes, students, coaches, employees, and the Executive Team participate in events to increase awareness and strengthen community relationships. Yearly our athletes participate in the "Walk A Mile In Her Shoes" event hosted by W.I.S.H. in downtown Muskogee. Our athletes run from our campus to the Muskogee Civic Center to join the rally that shares information and awareness of domestic violence and abuse. This event unites not only our athletes and students, but also the athletes and students of our local schools including Warner and Oktaha.

Connors State College is blessed to have two Hall of Fame Coaches who have dedicated their lives to building winning programs here at Connors, but more importantly, helping young men become amazing employees, husbands, and fathers. Perry Keith and Bill Muse have left their mark and set the bar high here at Connors. These coaches are the epitome of leadership, integrity, and the spirit of the Cowboy Spirit. Coach Keith was recently honored by being inducted into the Pryor High School Hall of Fame. Coach Muse was honored by being inducted into the Muskogee NAACP Hall of Fame. Both men are the backbone of Connors athletics, and we are very proud others consider them as amazing leaders and role models.

The Connors State College Soccer teams have just finished their second season. This program continues to grow and improve every year, and we can't wait to see what year three has to offer. Soccer has increased the international student body here at Connors and we are excited to see the student experience and exchange of culture this program has brought to campus.

# AGRICULTURE UPDATES

## Livestock Judging

Two contest trips during the first week of October was a great success for the Livestock Judging Team! In addition to working the ring at the barrow show in Tulsa this past week the team also competed at both Tulsa and Flint Hills. Both were high quality contests and we are very appreciative of all who put their effort into hosting two first class events!

### **Flint Hills Results**

#### Freshmen Results

HIGH TEAM OVERALL

HIGH TEAM SWINE

2nd REASONS

3rd SHEEP/GOATS

REID BUELLESFELD - High Individual overall, 2nd reasons, 3rd swine, 6th cattle

CALLA HIGBIE - 7th overall, 4th swine, 6th sheep, 10th reasons

LACY CONLAN - Tied 10th overall

REBECCA PURVINE - Tied 10th overall

CONNOR WOLF - 10th swine, 16th overall

#### Sophomore Results

8th High Team

6th Reasons

GRACE GROSETA - 8th overall, 3rd reasons, 6th cattle

AUSTIN BELL - High Individual Sheep/Goats

### **Tulsa Results**

#### Freshmen Results

4th High Team

3rd Sheep/Goats

4th Hogs

4th Reasons

REID BUELLESFELD - 8th overall

CALLA HIGBIE - 4th sheep/goats, 7th reasons

JUSTIN FAST - 2nd cattle

REBECCA PURVINE - 6th sheep/goats

## AG Ambassadors

Its that time of year!!! Connors State College Agriculture Ambassadors are hosting their annual Food Drive.

Contact [cscag@connorsstate.edu](mailto:cscag@connorsstate.edu) if you have any questions!

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE  
AGRICULTURE AMBASSADORS

# FOOD DRIVE

MON, OCT 20<sup>TH</sup> - MON, NOV 17<sup>TH</sup> 2025

PLEASE HELP THE AG AMBASSADOR TEAM IN COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE FOOD AND HYGIENE ITEMS. THIS DRIVE SERVES MANY FAMILIES IN NEED WITHIN OUR COMMUNITY.

### Most Needed Items:

NON-PERISHABLE  
MICROWAVEABLE MEALS,  
LAUNDRY DETERGENT, HYGIENE  
PRODUCTS, PANCAKE MIX, PEANUT  
BUTTER, CANNED MEAT, CANNED  
SOUP, INSTA RICE, CANNED FRUIT,  
JELLY, & SYRUP.



Contact:

[cscag@connorsstate.edu](mailto:cscag@connorsstate.edu)

#### DROP LOCATION

Connors State College  
Education Building Room 135  
700 College Rd.  
Warner Ok, 74469

TAKE ALL DONATIONS TO EDB OFFICE 135  
AND LEAVE A NOTE WITH YOUR NAME AND  
NUMBER TO GET CREDIT FOR YOUR ITEMS

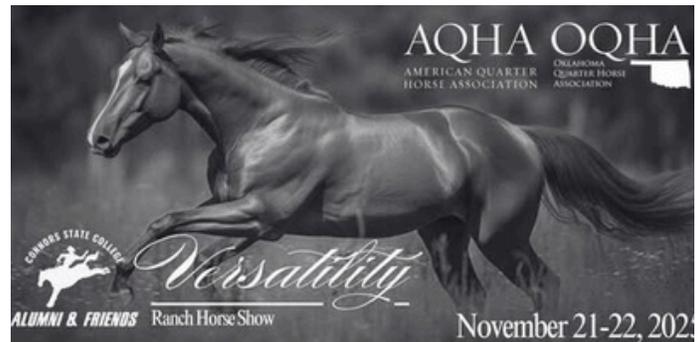


2025-2026 Connors State Livestock Judging Team



## RODEO TEAM

NOVEMBER 21ST & 22ND CONNORS STATE RODEO TEAM  
WELCOMES EVERYONE TO COME OUT TO THEIR ANNUAL  
VERSATILITY RANCH HORSE SHOW!



Fred Williams Arena  
Warner, Oklahoma

Judges - Denis Sigler & Keith Longacre

FRIDAY OFFICE OPENS - 11:00 AM  
Show Starts at 1:00 PM

ORDER of Divisions: Open, Amateur, Limited  
Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth,  
Rookie Youth

- VRH Cutting (Jackpot VRH / All Breeds)
- VRH Ranch Cow (Jackpot VRH / All Breeds)

LIMITED STALLS AVAILABLE ON-SITE  
Contact Jake Walker  
(918) 798-0538

Additional Jackpot - Except Conformation

SATURDAY OFFICE OPENS - 7:00 AM  
SHOW STARTS AT 8:30 AM

ORDER of Divisions: Open, Amateur, Limited  
Amateur, Rookie Amateur, Youth, Limited Youth,  
Rookie Youth

- VRH Conformation - 8:30 AM
- VRH Trail & AQHA Ranch Trail - NOT BEFORE 9:30 AM
  - All Ages Concurrent (SPEV 2 Judges)
- VRH Ranch Riding & AQHA Ranch Riding
  - All Ages Concurrent (SPEV 2 Judges)
- VRH Ranch Reining

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT  
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CONNORS STATE COLLEGE - 700 COLLEGE RD - WARNER, OK 74469



# ARCHERY TEAM



CONNORS STATE COLLEGE

FALL 2025

## ARCHERY SOUTH RANCH SHOOTOUT



OCT 21ST, 23RD, 24TH, 25TH, AND NOV. 4TH & 6TH

**CLASSES:**

- RECURVE/GENESIS/TRADITIONAL
- FIXED-PIN COMPOUND/BOW-HUNTER/FREE-STYLE COMPOUND
- GENX COMPOUND FIXED

**AWARDS:**

- 1<sup>ST</sup> - 3<sup>RD</sup> PLACE INDIVIDUALS FOR EACH CLASS IN 3D AND BULLSEYE CONTESTS WILL RECEIVE BANNERS
- SCHOLARSHIPS WILL BE AWARDED TO TOP 2 COMBINED INDIVIDUALS
- BANNERS WILL BE AWARDED TO TOP 2 TEAMS

**FUN ROUND:** ARCHERS MAY SHOOT THROUGH THE 20 TARGET 3D COURSE AFTER THEIR SCORED ROUND FOR \$15.00. NO PRACTICE ROUND BEFORE 3D CONTESTS. RANGE FINDERS ARE ALLOWED AND ENCOURAGED.

**IMPORTANT INFO:** TIME SLOTS ARE "FIRST-COME-FIRST-SERVE." IF YOU RESERVE A TIME SLOT YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THAT TIME EVEN IF YOU FAIL TO FILL THAT SLOT. IF YOU FAIL TO PAY FOR THAT SPOT, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN. YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS YOU REGISTER WHETHER YOU BRING THAT MANY OR NOT. ANY ADDITIONAL INDIVIDUALS YOU BRING WILL BE CHARGED ON SITE AND MAY BE EXPECTED TO JOIN OR WAIT FOR OTHER SCHEDULED GROUPS TO COMPLETE THEIR SHOOTING. YOU HAVE UNTIL OCT 13TH TO MAKE CHANGES. 50% WILL BE RETAINED IF CANCELLING BEFORE THE SHOOT BEGINS. NO CANCELLATIONS ONCE THE SHOOT STARTS.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER DATES:** NOV 11 AND 13

**TEAMS:** THE TOP 3 ARCHERS FROM THE FIELD ARCHERY CONTEST AND THE TOP 3 ARCHERS FROM THE 3D CONTEST WILL BE STACK RANKED. THE TOP 2 TEAMS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH AWARDS.

**INDIVIDUALS:** INDIVIDUALS WILL BE STACK RANKED. THE TOP 3 INDIVIDUALS WILL BE PRESENTED WITH AWARDS. AWARDS WILL BE MAILED OUT TO THE WINNERS AFTER SHOOTOUT IS COMPLETE. SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS ONLY AWARDED TO COMBINED INDIVIDUAL WITH HIGH SCORE. (EXAMPLE: 3D SCORE + BULLSEYE SCORE = COMBINED SCORE. THAT SCORE IS STACKED RANKED. THE TOP TWO WILL BE AWARDED WITH SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS) (NO SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED TO TOP INDIVIDUAL ARCHERS SHOOTING IN A CLASS WITH EQUAL TO OR FEWER THAN 5 ARCHERS.

SCORED 20 TARGET 3D ROUND: \$20

SCORED BULLSEYE ROUND: \$15

3D FUN ROUND: \$15

(PARENTS, COACHES, AND OTHER STAFF CAN SHOOT IN THE 3D FUN ROUND)

**LOCATION:**  
CSC HARDING RANCH & RESEARCH STATION, WARNER, OK.



TO RESERVE A SPOT OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT:  
JOHN.KING10@CONNORSSTATE.EDU  
OR 469-667-1871

# SHOTGUN SPORTS

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE

## SHOTGUN SPORTS

FALL 2025

## SOUTH RANCH SHOOTOUT



\*5 PERSON TEAMS\*  
SKEET: \$50 PER TEAM - TRAP: \$50 PER TEAM  
OR

- SCHOLARSHIPS AND BUCKLES TO 1<sup>ST</sup> AND 2<sup>ND</sup> COMBINED INDIVIDUALS
- AWARDS FOR TEAMS AND INDIVIDUALS IN SINGLE AND COMBINED EVENTS

COMPETE IN BOTH: \$90  
INDIVIDUALS: \$10 PER EVENT  
ADULT SHOOT: \$20 PER PERSON  
50/50 PAY OUT

- TEAMS MUST PROVIDE AMMUNITION & GUNS
- SAFETY EQUIPMENT WAIVERS MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE SHOOTING
- CONCESSION STAND ITEMS AVAILABLE AT RANGE

SKEET AND TRAP CONTEST FOR FFA/4-H OR ANY YOUTH

DATES: OCT 21ST, 23RD, 24TH, 25TH, AND NOV. 4 & 6  
RAIN DATES NOV. 11 & 13

TIME SLOTS ARE FIRST COME FIRST SERVE. IF YOU RESERVE A TIME SLOT YOU WILL BE BILLED FOR THAT TIME EVEN IF YOU FAIL TO FILL THAT SLOT. IF YOU FAIL TO PAY FOR THAT SLOT YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO RETURN. YOU WILL BE BILLED TO THE AMOUNT OF TEAMS REGISTERED, WHETHER YOU BRING THAT MANY OR NOT. 50% CANCELLATION FEE BEFORE 10/20/25. AFTER THAT DATE ALL SPOTS MUST BE PAID IN FULL REGARDLESS OF IF YOUR TEAMS SHOOT OR NOT.

**LOCATION:**  
CSC HARDING RANCH & RESEARCH STATION, WARNER OK

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO RESERVE A SPOT CONTACT: 918-781-3988 OR  
NICK.HAYES@CONNORSSTATE.EDU  
OR GOLDEND@CONNORSSTATE.EDU

# SHOW TEAM

Connors State College

## COWBOY CATTLE SHOWDOWN

DECEMBER 6TH, 2025

*Registration*

PRE-REGISTRATION:  
NOV 6<sup>TH</sup> - NOV 20<sup>TH</sup>; \$30 PER HEAD, \$10 FOR SHOWMANSHIP

LATE REGISTRATION:  
NOV 20<sup>TH</sup> - DEC 4<sup>TH</sup>; \$35 PER HEAD, \$10 FOR SHOWMANSHIP

DAY OF REGISTRATION:  
\$45 PER HEAD; \$15 FOR SHOWMANSHIP \*CASH ONLY\*

<i>Divisions</i>	<i>Showmanship</i>
REGISTERED BREEDING HEIFERS, COMMERCIAL BREEDING HEIFERS, MARKET HEIFERS, PROSPECT STEERS, PROGRESS STEERS, & MINI HEREFORDS.	SENIOR: 15-18 INTERMEDIATE: 12-14 JUNIOR: 8-11 PEEWEE: <8

*Show Schedule:*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
ARENA & GROUNDS OPEN FROM 5:00PM - 9:00PM

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2024  
CHECK-IN: 7:00AM - 9:00AM  
WEIGH-IN: 7:00AM - 8:30AM  
SHOW STARTS: 10:00AM

CONTACT US

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(918) 463-6304, (918) 463-6335, OR (918) 463-6265  
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# BULL SALE - DECEMBER 4, 2025

Bull Test Sale

## DECEMBER 4, 2025

LUNCH NOON | SALE 1 PM

PERFORMANCE-TESTED ANGUS, ANGUS COMPOSITE, RED ANGUS, SIMMENTAL, SIM ANGUS, MAINTAINER, HEREFORDS, AND CHAROLAIS

BREEDING SOUNDNESS EXAM  
ULTRASOUND DATA AVAILABLE

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE • BULL SALE FACILITY • WARNER, OKLAHOMA  
VIEW DETAILS & VIDEOS ONLINE AT CONNORSSTATE.EDU/AGRI/BULL-TEST  
DR. RON RAMMING (918) 869-7573 STETSON MAY (918) 463-6304 SALE DAY (918) 463-6388

# CAMPUS LIFE UPDATES

## Back to School Bash



AS THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR BEGINS, STUDENTS CAME BACK TO CAMPUS FOR THE ANNUAL BACK TO SCHOOL BASH. OUTDOOR FESTIVITIES INCLUDED A DELICIOUS BBQ SPREAD CATERED BY CHEF MIKE, COMPLETE WITH THE TYPICAL COOKOUT FARE TO GET EVERYONE IN THE FESTIVE SPIRIT. IN ADDITION, LAWN GAMES SUCH AS CORNHOLE, KANJAM, VOLLEYBALL AND SPIKE BALL WERE AVAILABLE TO KEEP PEOPLE ACTIVE ON A BEAUTIFUL, SUNNY AFTERNOON. TO ROUND OUT THE FESTIVITIES, THE JUST CHILLIN SHAVED ICE SHACK ROLLED ONTO CAMPUS TO SERVE SNOW CONES TO EAGER STUDENTS LOOKING TO COOL OFF WITH THEIR FAVORITE FLAVORS. IT WAS A SWEET WAY TO CLOSE OUT A SUNNY REUNION AMONG FRIENDS OLD AND NEW JUST BEFORE THE START OF THE NEW YEAR. -RYLEIGH BACON



# Western Heritage Days

Western Heritage Day was a fun filled day for all who attended. It was full of laughter and learning moments for the students in attendance. The Oklahoma school of the blind students lit up with joy at all the activities and had a blast at everything they did from riding in a horse drawn carriage to jumping on a bungee trampoline. Connors State College students that attended had the privilege of walking around doing the activities with the School of the Blind students as well as working some of the activities for the students to make sure it was the best day ever. This Western Heritage Day was truly one to remember from the shy first hellos to the students who did not want to say goodbye as well as the giggles and joyful laughter. This day we give these students truly might be the best day of their year. -Braydan Robinson



## President's Late Night Breakfast

ON OCTOBER 8 STUDENTS AND STAFF AT CONNORS STATE COLLEGE GATHERED FOR A SPECIAL "LATE NIGHT BREAKFAST" EVENT THAT TURNED OUT TO BE A FANTASTIC WAY TO GET EVERYONE TOGETHER. THE CONNOR'S STATE COLLEGE PRESIDENT DR. RON RAMMING WAS COOKING UP SOME AMAZING PANCAKES WHILE THE SGA STUDENTS WERE HANDING OUT OTHER BREAKFAST FOOD. THIS EVENT WAS HELD AT THE CAFE IN OUR STUDENT UNION. IT WAS GREAT FOOD AND A GREAT TIME FOR ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE EVENT. - RYAN COWAN



# Walk a Mile in Her Shoes



ON OCTOBER 2, OVER 100 CONNORS STATE STUDENTS ATTENDED THE ANUAL WISH WALK AND RUN IN MUSKOGEE, OK. THIS YEAR'S CSC CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS FROM WARNER HS, PORTER HS, HILLDALE HS, AND WEBBERS FALLS HS TO RUN FROM THE CONNORS STATE COLLEGE WARNER CAMPUS TO THE CIVIC CENTER IN MUSKOGEE. DR. RAMMING, COACH PERRY KEITH, AND MIKE JACKSON SPOKE AT THE AWARENESS PROGRAM IN HONOR OF THE WISH ORGANIZATION.



# Warner Cow Chip Day

COW CHIP DAY WAS ANOTHER SUCCESS THIS YEAR. DOWNTOWN WARNER WAS FULL OF FUN FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN. DIFFERENT CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS ACROSS CONNOR'S STATE COLLEGE WAS INVOLVED TO MAKE THIS AN EXCEPTIONAL EVENT FOR THE TOWN OF WARNER. THERE WAS A DUMP TANK, CORNHOLE, PARADE, AND CAR SHOW. -ROSS TURNER





## ALUMNI UPDATES

by Lori Palmer

### **In Memoriam: Kenneth Ray Prater (1956-2025)**

The Connors State College community remembers Kenneth Ray Prater ('74), who passed away on August 17, 2025, at the age of 68. A proud alumnus, Kenneth attended CSC after graduating from Checotah High School and went on to enjoy a 34-year career with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. An accomplished rodeo competitor, he was a nine-time CRRA Champion, four-time runner-up, and a 2023 inductee into the UPRA Hall of Fame. The Connors family extends its heartfelt condolences to Kenneth's loved ones. To share condolences or learn more, please visit [Garrett Family Funeral Home & Cremation](#)



### **CSC Alumni and Friends Board Member Search**

We're looking for passionate individuals to help shape the future of our alumni community. Interested or know of someone who would be a great addition? [Submit Information Here](#)

### **New Alumni Webpage**

We're excited to announce that the Connors State College Alumni webpage is officially live! Explore past newsletters, alumni interviews, event updates, membership benefits, and more — all in one place. To access the page, simply visit [connorsstate.edu](http://connorsstate.edu) and click on the "Alumni" tab at the top of the homepage.

### **Alumni Interview Project**

The Ogdon Family Museum Alumni Interview Project, "Connors Conversations" is preserving the stories of our alumni, students, and faculty. Interested in sharing your Connors experience or know someone with a great CSC story? Contact Dr. Lori Palmer at [lori.palmer@connorsstate.edu](mailto:lori.palmer@connorsstate.edu). View alumni interviews [here](#).

### **Alumni Spotlight: Randall Brock (Class of 1986)**

Randall Brock, current President of the Connors State Alumni and Friends Association, recently sat down for an alumni interview to share his experiences as a Connors Cowboy and his continued dedication to supporting the college community. In the interview, he reflects on the impact Connors had on his life, fondly recalling campus life and lifelong friendships, and encourages students to value Connors as "a true steppingstone to success" while emphasizing the importance of staying connected to fellow alumni. Watch the full interview [here](#).



# UPCOMING EVENTS

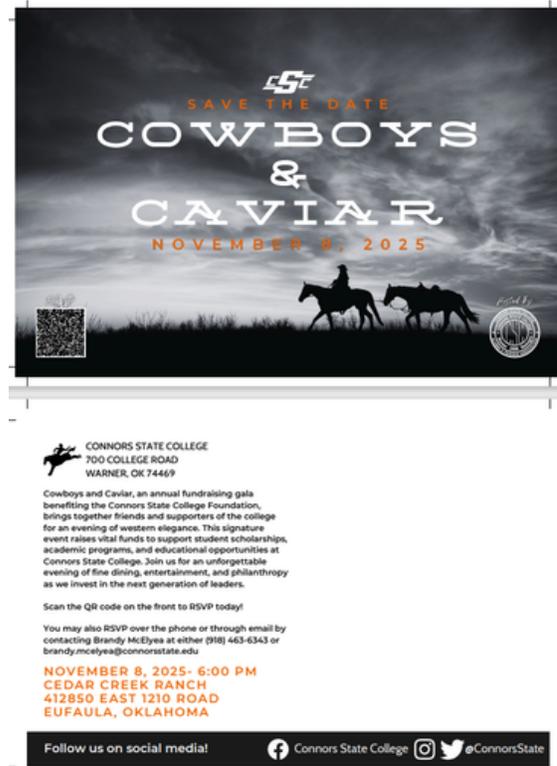
## CONNORS STATE SCHOLARSHIP GALA

THE 1ST ANNUAL CONNORS STATE SCHOLARSHIP GALA IS SCHEDULED FOR SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT THE CEDAR CREEK RANCH IN EUFAULA, OK. THE EVENT WILL START AT 6PM. JOIN FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS OF THE COLLEGE FOR AN EVENING OF FINE DINING, ENTERTAINMENTS, AND PHILANTHROPY AS WE INVEST IN THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION REACH OUT TO JAKE LAWSON,  
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918-463-6387 OR BRANDY MCELYEA,  
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PERRY KEITH/CONNORS STATE BASEBALL**



# ANNUAL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING DINNER



You are invited to

## *Thanksgiving* DINNER

We will be serving turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, turkey gravy, green beans, stuffing, cranberry sauce, rolls, and pies

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NOVEMBER

18

AT 5:00 PM

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700 College Rd, Warner, Ok, 74469  
Student Union Cafe

Hosted by SGA  
Everyone in the Community is Invited



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