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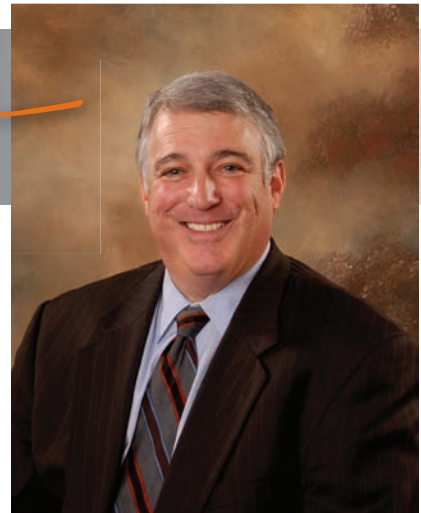
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Meet the Regent:



Andy Lester

Husband, father, and lawyer. Many titles can be used to describe Andy Lester, however, his appointment as Chairman of the Oklahoma A&M Board of Regents has given him yet another opportunity to make a difference in Oklahoma.

Lester has served as a United States Magistrate Judge for the Western District of Oklahoma, an adjunct professor at Oklahoma City University School of Law, and as an adjunct scholar of the Oklahoma Council of Public Affairs. In addition, Lester is a partner in Lester, Loving & Davies, P.C., based in Edmond, Oklahoma.

An avid antique map collector, Lester has been recognized for having an extensive collection of maps, including many of the territory of Oklahoma, as well as a world map dating to 1493. In his free time, Lester enjoys reading and certain sporting events, including Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma City Thunder basketball games.

Lester mentioned that his favorite time of year is spring in northwestern Oklahoma, where he lived for a period of time.

"Spring time in Enid is very pretty," explained Lester.

"Watching the wheat turn from green to amber in late spring is special."

When asked what his advice would be to a Connors State College student on life and career, Lester replied, "Work hard, be ambitious, work toward goals, and don't let the prospect of failure hold you back."

"Successful people fail yet keep moving forward," Lester added.

Married to wife Barbara for 34 years, the Lester's have one daughter, Susan, who will be graduating from OSU this spring, much to Chairman Lester's excitement.

By Lynsey Meharg



Members of Leadership Connors Class I with OSU A&M Board of Regents CEO, Jason Ramsey. Pictured left to right: Heath Hodges, Debi Corrado, Kim Phillips, Jason Ramsey, Julie Dinger-Blanton, Kim Ryals, Jennifer Watkins.

Ramsey Speaks to Leadership Connors

On February 1, Jason Ramsey, CEO of the OSU A&M Board of Regents, visited with the Leadership Connors class to discuss leadership and higher education governance. Members of Leadership Connors Class I learned about Ramsey's background, particularly his previous position as the Director of State Government Relations. That position, Ramsey stated, greatly influenced his leadership philosophy and prepared him to take on the responsibilities and challenges as CEO, to which he was appointed March 1, 2012.

Ramsey shared the various duties entailed in his position, the relationship of the Board to the institutions it governs, and his views of the unique role that Connors State College fills in Oklahoma Higher Education.

The Leadership Connors Class also had the opportunity to ask Ramsey about his leadership style and philosophy. Class members remarked that it was a great opportunity to learn more about higher education governance, but, more importantly, they learned a great deal about effective leadership and the dedication of OSU A&M Board of Regents.

Ace Pitcher Rivas Contributes to Cowboy Baseball

Kelvin Rivas, a sophomore from Guyanabo, Puerto Rico, is a big force on the mound for the Connors State Cowboys.

The stout right-hander was the ace of the Cowboys' pitching staff last season; as a freshmen he posted a 7-1 record en route to a 2.06 earned run average. He appeared in 10 games, throwing 48 innings, allowing just 34 hits, which included four home runs, while striking out 58 and walking 23.

Cowboys head coach Perry Keith heard about Rivas through a scout at the Puerto Rico Baseball Academy.

"Scout Joe Rodriguez played in the Houston Astros system and he recommended Kelvin to us," said Keith. "We had to fight Chipola [Florida] Junior College for him. He was sore (arm) early in the year last season and as the weather got warmer he really came on."

In an interview with Rivas, he said he chose Connors over Chipola and Tallahassee Junior Colleges, on the recommendation of Rodriguez.

"He said it was a good school and I would learn a lot. I was very surprised when I got here. I didn't

like the cold. That was the big thing – the cold," said Rivas.

Rivas contributed his success on the mound last year to "a little bit of luck. I just did the little things by throwing strikes and getting ahead in the count always. That was the result."

Keith said he knew Rivas was "special" on the mound.

"He just had to overcome his sore arm and then he took off. He has won everywhere he has been. He is a very durable pitcher, who has three good pitches to throw at the hitters for strikes."

Rivas is a power pitcher, who throws strikes in the 90 mph range for lots of strikeouts, according to Keith. However, Kelvin, feels he's more of a "finesse pitcher," like his idol Greg Maddux, who threw for the Atlanta Braves, Rivas' favorite major league team.

"I try to hit the corners and be a spot pitcher. I don't try to overpower anyone," said Rivas.

Keith said he expects another outstanding season from Rivas this year. "He's going to be one of four or five guys in our rotation. We expect him to eat innings up and keep us in the game. He's the type of pitcher that's going to keep you in the game every day and shut people down. That's what we have to have from Kelvin to get where we want to go."

The coach said Rivas will have some opportunities following his career at CSC at some NCAA Division II schools, but expects his ace pitcher to go in the June Major League Draft.

"Right now he could go 15th or 20th round, but if he keeps improving, depending on the velocity of his pitches, he could move up. You never know. He might run up the pole some," said Keith.

"I would like to be drafted, but if it doesn't happen I want to go to Oklahoma City University and major in physical therapy," said Rivas.



Nursing Students Participate in VA Hiring Fair

2013 Eastern Oklahoma Veteran and Military Hiring Fair held at the Muskogee Civic Center allowed veterans the opportunity to see what was available from various colleges and businesses. Connors State College was one of over 100 vendors in attendance at the event. CSC not only provided the programs for the event, but the college's Student Nursing Association also set up a booth to provide health assessments to fair participants. The students assessed more than 60 of the 400 participants, including Muskogee Mayor, Bob Coburn. The assessments included blood pressure, heart rate/rhythm/strength, respiratory rate/rhythm/effort, and height-weight assessment, as well as tips on how to improve basic health like stress reduction.

The eight nursing students who ran the booth were: Aaron Wilson, Maranda Stout, Misty Burns, Kelina Phiefer, Angela McGee, La'Trisha Rollerson, Valerie Gilstrap and Jayme Stepp.



Connors State nursing students are pictured with Muskogee Mayor, Bob Coburn, during the 2013 Veterans Hiring Fair.

Connors State College is proud to help veterans interested in going to college and have staff members ready to help them with the process. For questions, please contact Mike Jackson at 918.684.5426.

Dunigan “Steals” the Diamond Spotlight

Ashley Dunigan arrived on the Connors State campus via a different route, but the petite sophomore came to Warner with two goals: first to graduate and second, to reach the National Junior College Softball World Series in St. George, Utah, this June.

Since her arrival, the second baseman has been a thief – not in the criminal sense, but on the base paths.

Dunigan established a CSC record for base stealing last year, stealing 55 bases, hitting .346, eclipsed the previous stolen base mark of 44, held by Cassie Tipton, which was set in 1996. Dunigan is well on her way to establishing a new mark with eight stolen bases in the early going of the season and hitting over .600.

Cowgirls head coach Rick Carbone says Dunigan is a “top notch ball player, who gives you 100 percent all the time.”

“She is an outstanding kid, who is a hard worker in the classroom as well as on the softball field.”

Dunigan, who was an All-State fast pitch and slow pitch softball player and defensive player of the year, also played basketball at Bristow High School, where she was named to the National Honor Society.

Dunigan, recruited by several colleges including CSC, signed with Seminole State College early.

“Coach Carbone was at my high school regionals and didn’t realize I had already signed. I saw him in the stands and then he left. I guess he had figured it out,” said Dunigan.

“We recruited her out of high school, but she decided to attend Seminole,” said Carbone. “After a semester there, she contacted us, saying she wasn’t happy and wanted to attend Connors.”

“I told her we couldn’t talk to her, that she had to transfer here and then we could talk. Ashley redshirted a year and we couldn’t be happier with her play,” said Carbone.

Dunigan is known for her speed on the base path and takes

pride in recording a stolen base.

“I’ve always been really fast and I have always been really little,” said Dunigan. “I’ve always just worked with what I have. I am not a power hitter, so I slap the ball around, bunt and get on base. That’s my whole job, just to get on base.”

Defensively Dunigan feels she does a good job and credits her teammate at shortstop, Sammy Perry, with protecting the middle of the Cowgirls infield. “We really work together in the infield.”

Looking back to last season Dunigan said the team played “decent” but she is expecting much more this season.

“We have the potential of going a long way. We have been working hard and will continue to work hard to get even better,” said Dunigan. “I want to go to the national tournament, that’s my goal and a team goal.”

While her sights are set on a national tournament berth, following her CSC graduation, she is looking at continuing her softball career at a four-year.

“Right now I want Connors in the nationals; I’ll wait and see what happens. I am currently majoring in general studies, but I plan on pursuing nursing or athletic training,” said Dunigan.



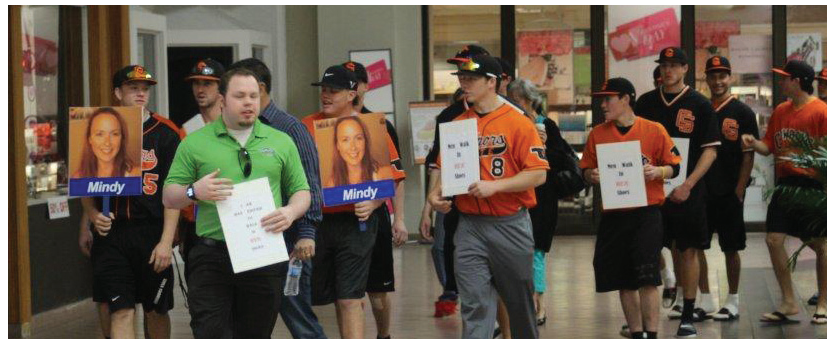
Connors Takes a Big Stand Against Domestic Violence

This Valentine’s Day was spent with reason for many Connors State College students. More than 75 students from campus organizations such as Cowboy Baseball and Basketball, Phi Theta Kappa, sociology groups and general students participated in the Women in Safe Home’s (WISH) “Kick Up Your Heels,” event held at Arrowhead Mall in Muskogee.

West Campus Administrator and WISH Board Member Mike Jackson was very pleased with the turn-out of the event and the representation of Connors State College, “We want to bring awareness to this cause especially through young men taking a stand against domestic violence, and CSC has really taken an active role in the fight.”

Participants of the event wore high heels and walked around the event to show their support in stopping domestic violence.

Jackson added, “the fight against domestic violence is especially dear to the students and staff, particularly after the death in a murder-suicide of Melinda Shatto, a CSC employee,



last year and the death of former basketball player Anthony Hartfield Jr., during a robbery at his home in Oklahoma City.”

Connors was proud to win first place for having the most team members, as well as Vice-President of Academic Affairs Dr. Ron Ramming claiming first place for outstanding individual.



Judging Team Takes Fort Worth Competition

By Ian Schaefer

The Connors State College (CSC) livestock judging team recently traveled to Fort Worth, Texas, to compete in the 2013 Fort Worth Stock Show (FWSS) Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest, where on February 8, 2013, they brought home the champion title.

Connors won high team overall with a score of 3,768 points, beating Northeastern Oklahoma A&M (NEO) and Butler. Along with the champion title, CSC was named second high team in the sheep division and second in the horse division. Connors also made a clean sweep in the swine, cattle and oral reasons divisions, scoring 944, 1,338 and 1,472 respectively, taking home the high overall team award in all three divisions.

Team member Clay Carlson of Stoneham, Colorado, had an

impressive run at the FWSS, receiving high individual overall with a score of 955. Carlson also was named third in sheep, seventh in swine, sixth in horses and second in oral reasons.

Carlson is very proud of his success, but stays humble and focused.

"I have worked hard and it's nice to be rewarded for my effort," said Carlson. "But we still have two more contests, so I want to keep working and stay focused, and continue our accomplishments as a team."

Brazos Williams of Memphis, Texas, also represented Connors well, ranking first in horses, fifth in cattle, third in oral reasons; ending as third high individual.

Williams was proud to have such a great day and bring home a win for Connors.

"I have been coming to this stock show since I was born," said Williams. "I'm glad I got the opportunity to compete and be a part of our team's success, especially at a contest that means so much to me."

Garrett Foote of Texico, New Mexico, received many honors at the FWSS, as well, being named fourth high individual. Foote continued his winning streak in the cattle division, ranking first in both cattle and oral reasons.

The other team members of Connors were rewarded, as well. Dakota Moyers of Newcastle, Oklahoma, placed third in the swine division. Matthew Murdoch of Marion, Texas, ranked ninth in oral reasons, 10th in cattle and eighth overall.

Jacob McKillip of Lafayette, Indiana, received honors for placing fourth in swine and 10th in oral reasons. Tyler Mackey of Blum, Texas, ended sixth in the cattle division.

Cassie Godwin of Prescott, Arkansas, placed fourth in the cattle division. Ian Schaefer of Garden City, Texas, placed seventh in horses. Overall, Connors had four team members place in the top 10 and seven in the top 25.

The Connors State College livestock judging team is coached by Brandon Gunn and Dodge Nichols.



Faltyn Keynotes Community College Conference

Connors State College President Dr. Tim Faltyn was invited to give the keynote address at the Community College Conference on Learning Assessment in Florida, February 17-19.

"I spoke about the importance of building relationships and planting seeds of success,"

said Faltyn. "I wanted them to understand that anyone can lead good people, but great leaders aspire to make everyone at the workplace better."

The conference emphasized different subjects, including: the necessary relationship between faculty/professional development and learning assessment; learning assessments in the online environment; and the issues associated with the collection and use of data from learning assessment. The conference specifically focused on community and technical college employees who were responsible for learning assessment, faculty development, student development, institutional research, and regional and program-specific accreditation.





“Humpty” Boasts Major BPIR Swag

At just 20 years of age, William “Humpty” Wayne became one of the youngest competitors to win a national title at the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo (BPIR). The country’s only touring black rodeo competition, which annually consists of seven performances nationwide, awarded champions in Washington, D.C., at the conclusion of the 2012 season.

“The whole experience was pretty exciting ... I mean, I’ve never won a national title,” said Wayne.

“During the circuit, I got to showcase how good I rope,” Wayne continued. “Now, anytime I compete, people say to me, ‘Hey, you’re that kid that won the Bill Pickett Circuit!’”

Wayne, the son of William and Sherry Wayne of Tulsa, Oklahoma, won the overall tie-down roping championship for the season by a margin of \$2,073.92. For this honor, the Connors State College sophomore was awarded a customized Teskey’s saddle. He finally received the custom roughout trophy in January 2013.

“We are proud of Humpty for winning at the national level,” said Jake Lawson, CSC head rodeo coach. “He has matured in his roping abilities since he’s been at CSC and definitely has a chance to make the Collegiate National Finals Rodeo.”

According to Wayne, the BPIR circuit made him grow up, as

he travelled to all competitions with his uncle.

“The circuit took us across the U.S. – to both coasts,” Wayne said. “My parents didn’t go, so I just called them to tell them how I’d done, from wherever I was.”

On his horse Rocky, which he acquired only a week before the finals, Wayne also won the tie-down roping average with 31.7 seconds total on three head, and earned the Rookie Cowboy title. For these two honors, Wayne received two belt buckles.

“You know, the first black cowboy to win the calf roping at the National Finals Rodeo, won his first national title at the BPIR – Fred Whitfield,” said Wayne. “I hope to be there someday.”

With a heritage in rodeo – his grandpa bull-dogged, grandma barrel raced, and dad roped calves – Wayne knows he’ll continue competing at a four-year college upon graduation from CSC.

His lucky color for competition? Yellow.

“People say don’t wear yellow – it’s bad luck,” said Wayne. “But I wore yellow, and won in it!”

ABOUT THE BPIR

The thrilling BPIR celebrated its 28th year in 2012, showcasing skilled athletes’ performances and competitions. This competition celebrates the life of legendary black cowboy Bill Pickett and others who greatly contributed to the development of the West.

Known as the “Dusky Demon,” Bill Pickett (1870-1932) was the best-known African American rodeo performer of all time. He invented the rodeo sport of steer wrestling during a rodeo career that spanned more than 40 years. For more detailed information about Bill Pickett or the BPIR, visit www.billpickettrodeo.com.





King Initiates Online Degree Checks

By Katie Bullard & Lynsey Meharg

It can be said that graduating is the single greatest accomplishment a college student can achieve. At Connors State College, students could not achieve this goal without the assistance of Kwanna King, CSC registrar. King joined the Connors staff 19 months ago and has been a great team player during her tenure.

"I am grateful, proud, and humbled to be a part of Connors State College," said King. "Our school is small enough to know just about everyone by name and large enough for you to be inde-

pendent. For me, that speaks volumes from the standpoint of being more than just a number."

Although she has many other responsibilities within her job description, King says that helping students with their degree checks is the most rewarding.

"I would say conferring degrees is my favorite part about my job," said King. "It is awe inspiring to witness the number of graduates each semester to achieve academic success."

"I consider it a personal investment because our graduates will someday diagnose and treat my ailment, teach my

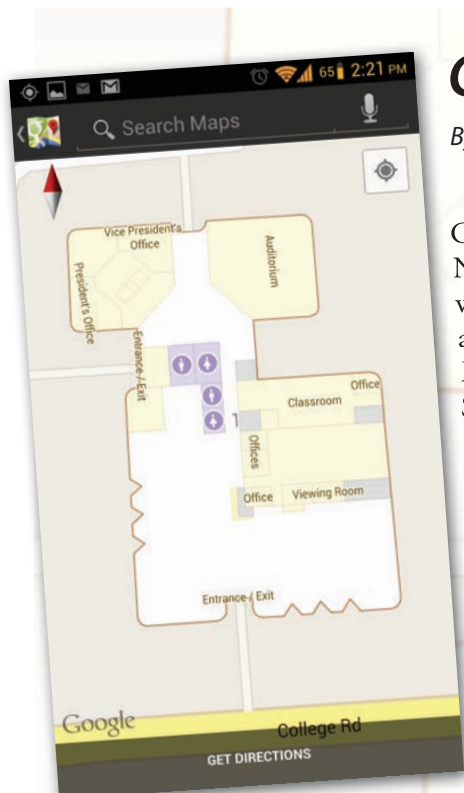
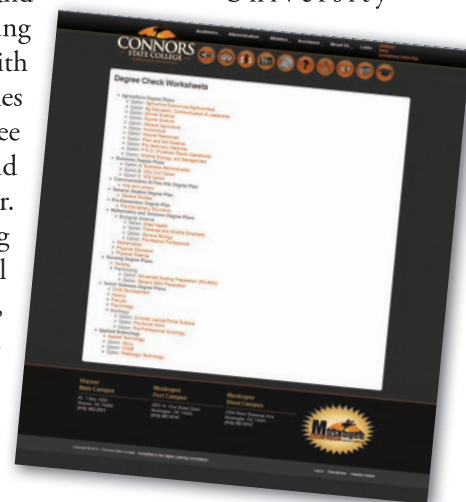
grandchildren, prepare my taxes or govern my state," King continued. "For that, I am grateful, proud and humbled to be a part of Connors State College."

Given students changing daily schedules, King decided it was time to offer students an option of tracking academic progress anytime of the day or night. Seeing her vision become a reality, as of February 15, students are able to conduct personal electronic degree checks on the CSC website. Links are now available online for all 36 CSC degree programs.

"This will be an especially valuable tool for students approaching degree completion," said King. "I challenge each student to use the page to track their progress and hope that they see it as a tool of empowerment for academic success."

The Bacone College and of Oklahoma alumna, King enjoys spending time with her family, which includes her husband, Todd, three sons Christian, Demario and Nigel, and grandson Xavier. In her free time, King enjoys reading inspirational and motivational books, which is no surprise given her position of motivating students to strive for excellence in their academic schedules.

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CSC Floor Plans Available on Google Maps

By Audery DePre

Unfamiliar with Connors State College? Need help finding your way around? Help is now at hand thanks to Google Maps and Connors State College Office of College and Community Relations. Google's popular 'maps' service has been expanded to include the insides of a number of buildings to help people around transport hubs, football grounds and college

campuses.

"Currently, we have eight of our buildings mapped with plans to expand to the entire campus," said Neil Myers, CSC Webmaster.

The interactive maps are available online and via Android application. Connors State is the first two-year institution of higher education to have all operable buildings at the main campus in Warner submitted to Google Maps.

"Google had a team of four people come to CSC in June and walk through all of our buildings to design the floor plans," said Myers.

Anyone can view the maps by going to Google Maps and typing in Connors State College. For more information on Connors floor plans on Google Maps contact Neil Myers at (918) 463-6370 or neil.myers@connorsstate.edu.



CSC Hosts Mini Cheer Camp

By Jake Neighbors

On January 18, the Connors State College cheerleading squad held a Mini Cheer Camp, in which they taught a group of seven 4–9-year-olds and three 10–13-year-olds a dance and two cheers, and the older group also learned a cheer stomp.

During the mini camp, the participants first learned a few of the stretches that the cheerleaders do before every practice. Cheerleader Jessica Parham then taught the “mini cheerleaders”

a few standard jumps. The participants also had a chance to tumble—cartwheels, back handsprings, round offs, etc.—after everyone had learned one of the cheers.

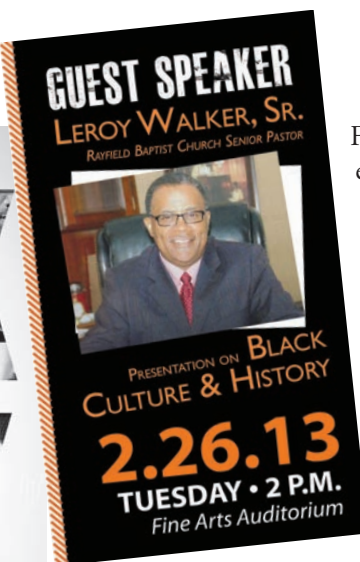
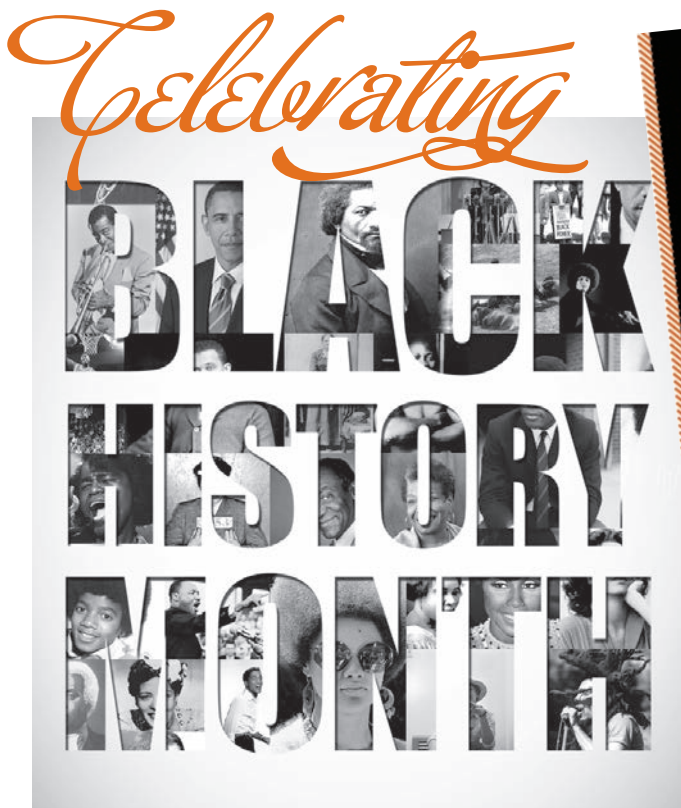
Halfway through the night, the girls were treated with a snack break before finishing up the last cheer and the dances.

The younger girls had the chance to be a part of a thigh-stand stunt with two squad members. Two girls from the older group also had the opportunity to partner stunt with a few of the male cheerleaders. While one said she had partner-stunted previously, the other admitted she had no prior experience, however, she was up in a one-man prep within a matter of minutes.

“We had a great turn out this year for our mini camp and the mini cheerleaders worked very hard during the camp,” said Lacey Wallace, CSC cheer coach. “Their hard work paid off when they got to show off their new cheer moves to everyone during halftime.

“They really put on a great half time show for the crowd and we can’t wait until next year to host another mini camp,” Wallace said.

The following Monday, January 21, the “mini cheerleaders” performed all of the cheers and dances they learned during halftime of the CSC men’s basketball game.



Connors State College did its part to celebrate February’s Black History Month, offering fun, educational activities in its honor.

On February 26, Leroy Walker, Sr., 34-year pastor of Rayfield Baptist Church in Muskogee, gave a presentation on civil rights, black culture and history at the Warner Campus Fine Arts Auditorium. Pastor Walker is often at CSC basketball games cheering on the Cowboys and Cowgirls. He also meets with the team at the beginning of the year to talk about making positive decisions.

On February 20, the Office of Campus Life showed a double feature, watching the inspirational flicks *Remember the Titans* and *The Fab Five*.

During the course of the month, the cafeteria also offered “soul food” as a menu option.

It is important to understand various cultures and their impact on society. Connors strives to facilitate this process of learning and understanding.

For ideas and suggestions on future cultural events on campus, contact Cody Clovis, campus life activities coordinator.

Nelson's Show Team Members Intern at the National Western

By Lynsey Meharg

It has been called the granddaddy of them all and the Super Bowl of the livestock industry. Drawing livestock producers and enthusiasts from across the United States, Canada, Central and South America, the historical National Western Stock Show (NWSS) showcases nearly 20 breeds of cattle during its 16-day run.

"Denver is a premier event in the livestock industry where top breeders and industry leaders come together to exchange information and opinions that will impact the future of the livestock industry," stated Blake Nelson, show team coach and director of the college's bull test.

Students Cecile Harris, Thida, Arkansas; Kylie Duggan, Gilham, Arkansas; Katie Bullard, Wister, Oklahoma; and Hannah Allen, Nowata, Oklahoma; might have given up the majority of their Christmas break to work for producers at NWSS, but the opportunity was truly once in a lifetime. These girls, who represented CSC with their knowledge, work ethic, and dependability, spent 11 days in Denver, during which they helped care for cattle, prepared cattle for display, and answered questions from attendees about the livestock.

The girls experienced a relaxed NWSS, dealing with cattlemen looking at cattle for production settings.

Duggan and Allen, working for Dixon Land & Cattle of Muskogee, Oklahoma, cared for Angus and Saller cattle, which were displayed in the 'yards with other performance-bred animals. Harris and Bullard had a similar experience at the NWSS.

"Cattle in the 'yards are marketed more toward commercial cattlemen looking for purebred bulls to use in their operations," explained Harris.

Harris and Bullard worked with Angus bulls owned by Krebs Ranch of Gordon, Nebraska.

Nelson felt that his students had a unique opportunity in Denver.

"They had the opportunity to work with some of the

top professional herdsmen in the country," said Nelson. "It was our goal when we started the show team to expose our members to professional cattlemen and industry leading operations."

The show team internship in Denver was created for networking and developing students into productive leaders in the beef industry. "To get to work at the NWSS was amazing," said Harris. "However, working for these cattlemen was truly a unique opportunity."

Though the CSC show team is only in its first year, the success they have enjoyed this year is extraordinary. Nelson attributes this to the difference between his CSC team and those of other colleges.

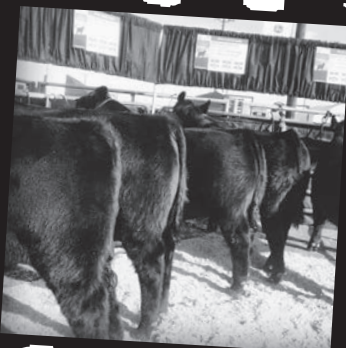
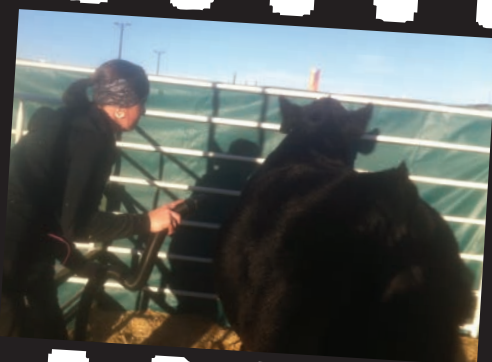
"The difference between CSC and other teams is that our members are getting real world experience and opportunities instead of just hauling cattle to shows," said Nelson.

It appears that the show team success will last well beyond its first year.

"We have already been contacted about show team members working with more producers next year at NWSS," said Nelson.

Director of Farm Operations Nelson, who attended Connors State College as a student on the livestock judging team, earned a bachelors in animal science from Oklahoma State University and has been employed by CSC since 2000. Nelson has taken on everything from coaching the judging team to founding the inaugural livestock show team. In addition, 2012 was the first year for the Purebred Ranch Operations program, which includes real world classes covering reproduction, marketing, and ranch management. Nelson resides in Warner, Oklahoma, with his wife Ruth, daughter Paisley and son Brigham.

The show team is also coached by Assistant Farm Manager Dale Pitchford.



Honors Night Recipients

On February 25, 2013, Connors State College honored 314 students for their academic achievement during the Fall 2012 semester. The students honored are as follows:

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Alumni Feature **JERI DONNELL**

Connors State College alumna Jeri Donnell has a passion for helping agricultural producers achieve their goals through her career as a Sam Roberts Noble Foundation agricultural economist consultant. Originally from Wyandotte, Oklahoma, Donnell studied agriculture at Connors State College from 2001 to 2003.

“The thing I liked most about Connors is that it is a small school with a small town feel,” said Donnell.

After earning her associate degree, she earned her bachelor of science in animal science from Oklahoma State University in 2005. After an internship that summer, Donnell returned to OSU to work on a master of science in agricultural economics. It was during her studies that Donnell began assisting on projects that led to her career with the Noble Foundation.

“These little connections that, at the time, didn’t seem so important turned into relationships that helped me in the future,” said Donnell.

After earning her masters in 2007, Donnell began working at the Noble Foundation as an economist assistant, working on the Integrity Beef Program. In 2009 she became a research associate, focusing on work with fruits and vegetables. In 2011, she was promoted to her current position of agricultural economist consultant.

“The best part of my job is that I get to work with producers, look at their property and goals, and help them achieve those goals,” said Donnell. “I really enjoy working with the producers, at the producer level, and want to continue to develop as a young consultant.”

Donnell credits CSC with providing her with tools that help her succeed.

“As a member of the livestock judging team, I really developed my presentation skills and focus,” said Donnell. “Some days I have a lot of meetings, and while some people fade in and out, I am able to stay focused, and present my ideas or information.”

Donnell recently returned to the Warner campus this month with other staff members of the Noble Foundation to tour facilities, as well as present information to students.

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