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In 2026, our nation will celebrate 250 years since the signing of the Declaration of Independence. This milestone is more than a look back at history; it is a chance to reflect on the courage, determination, and vision that shaped our country and to consider how today's communities can build a stronger future.

At Pioneer, that spirit of progress feels especially meaningful. For generations, rural communities have depended on reliable connections—not only roads, bridges, and utilities, but also the ability to communicate, learn, work, and grow. As America celebrates 250 years of independence, Pioneer is proud to continue investing in the infrastructure that keeps our members, subscribers, and customers connected to opportunity.

One of the most important ways we are doing that is through the continued expansion of fiber across our service areas. Fiber is the foundation for how families, farms, schools, healthcare providers, and businesses operate today. It supports remote work, online learning, virtual health visits, streaming entertainment, smart home technology, and services now part of everyday life.

Across the country, strong broadband service is recognized as essential infrastructure for rural economic growth, education, healthcare access, and local business development. For rural areas especially, dependable high-speed connectivity helps reduce distance as a barrier. It gives students access to digital resources, helps small businesses reach broader markets, supports agricultural technology and remote work, and keeps families connected.

Pioneer already offers fiber in many areas and continues expanding to the remaining communities we serve. Today, 86.8% of our customers are on fiber, enjoying a fast, reliable experience. Our goal is to make fiber available to all areas we serve by the end of 2027. This commitment reflects our belief that rural communities deserve the same technology and connectivity as larger cities.

As we look back on 250 years of American history, we are reminded that progress has always required investment, cooperation, and a willingness to build for tomorrow. The founders of our country could not have imagined fiber optics or video meetings, but they understood the importance of creating a foundation for future generations to grow, innovate, and thrive.

That spirit guides Pioneer today, reflected in our mission: "Pioneer will enhance the quality of life for our Members and Subscribers through continual innovation and technology." We're honored to serve communities built on hard work and neighborly support—and proud to be building that future together, one connection at a time.

Welcome to GoPioneer!

Our mission is to help the communities of Pioneer learn, evolve and move forward in the ever-changing world of technology.

We welcome feedback, story ideas, or any questions relating to this magazine, previous articles, or even your personal inquiries.

Baffled by your teen's obsession with emojis? Confused about why you get WiFi in the garage but not in your bedroom? Let us know! This magazine is just as much yours as ours, and we are excited to help you become more adept in the tech world.

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Then, Now & What's Next

This issue looks at how technology and connection continue to change with us—from 35 years of the World Wide Web to the ways families, students and businesses stay connected today.

From getting your home ready for a new school year and staying close when kids move away to understanding the technology behind a reliable connection, we're looking at where we've been, how we connect now and what's helping our communities move forward.

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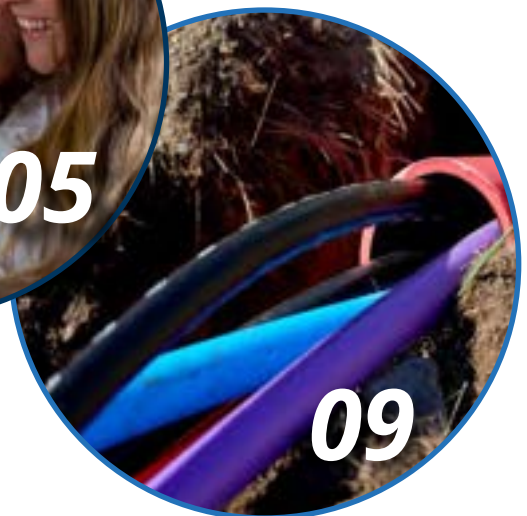
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The Internet Just Turned 35

Grab your calculator, because this one might make you feel old. This August marks 35 years since the World Wide Web went public. On August 6, 1991, a scientist named Tim Berners-Lee posted a short summary of his new "web" project to an online newsgroup, and just like that, the internet as we know it was born.

Before that, the internet existed, but it was mostly researchers and universities sending files back and forth. Berners-Lee's idea was simple: link pages together so anyone could jump from one to the next just by clicking. Sound familiar? That's the internet you're using right now.

It didn't happen overnight, either. The first web page went live at CERN in December 1990 and stayed inside the physics community for months before Berners-Lee opened it up to everyone that August. Some historians even mark August 23 as "Internaut Day," the informal birthday of the public internet.

Thirty-five years later, we're streaming shows in 4K, video calling grandkids across the country, and asking a smart speaker to add milk to the grocery list. None of that happens without that one newsgroup post back in 1991.

If you were online in the 90s, you remember what it actually felt like. The screech of a modem dialing up. The little envelope icon and "You've Got Mail" announcing your one new message. Waiting to load a single photo, one line at a time, while someone in the house yelled at you to get off so they could use the phone. It wasn't fast, and it definitely wasn't private, but it felt like magic anyway. That was the whole internet, and now it fits in your pocket with room to spare.

So this month, we're taking a break from tips and tricks to look back at just how far things have come, and maybe make you appreciate that fast connection a little more. (Speaking of, curious what's actually powering that speed today? Check out our fiber feature on pg. 9.)

DID YOU KNOW?

- The first website ever published is still online today. It's a plain text page explaining what the World Wide Web even is. Check it out: Info.cern.ch
- The first secure online purchase is widely credited to a Sting CD, sold for \$12.48 through a site called NetMarket in August 1994.
- "www" takes longer to say out loud than "World Wide Web." Somebody actually timed it.

Around the time the web went public, only about 2.6 million people worldwide were online. Today, more than 5 billion people are.

- The first-ever email was sent back in 1971, twenty years before the web even existed, by an engineer named Ray Tomlinson testing a message between two computers sitting a few feet apart.
- The world's first webcam wasn't watching anything exciting. In 1991, researchers at Cambridge pointed a camera at the office coffee pot so they'd know before walking over if it was empty. It grabbed three images per minute.

THEN VS. NOW

Then

GETTING ONLINE

Now

A modem screeching for 30 seconds just to connect, then praying nobody picked up the house phone.

Instant, always-on connection over fiber, with plenty of speed left over for everyone else in the house.

Then

LOADING A PHOTO

Now

Up to a minute for a single image to load, line by line.

A whole gallery loads before you finish blinking.

Then

WATCHING A VIDEO

Now

Video didn't really exist online yet in 1991. If you wanted to watch something, you rented a tape.

An entire season, streamed in HD, in the time it took to load one modem page.

Then

TALKING TO SOMEONE FAR AWAY

Now

A phone call or a letter, and you hoped they were home.

A video call, a voice message, or a group chat, all from your pocket.

Then

SHARING PHOTOS WITH FAMILY

Now

Drop off film, wait a week, order doubles, mail them to grandma.

Snap it, send it, and grandma's already commented before you put your phone down.

Then

LISTENING TO MUSIC

Now

Sit by the radio waiting for your song, or record it straight off a cassette.

Any song, any artist, any time, streamed instantly.

Back to School Back on the Network

Backpacks, pencils, new shoes. Every August, the school shopping list looks pretty familiar. But there's one category that keeps growing every year, and it's not on the supply list the teacher sent home. According to the National Retail Federation, K-12 families are expected to spend an average of \$293 on electronics alone this back-to-school season, with a total of \$14.7 billion being spent nationwide.

That's new laptops for class projects, a fancy-smancy calculator for the kid in physics, a tablet for the kid who "really needs it for homework," or maybe a phone for the one who's finally old enough. All of it lands in your house around the same time, and all of it wants to talk to your Wi-Fi.

Here's the part nobody warns you about: it's not the school day that stresses your network, it's the evening after school. There's homework tabs open, a show streaming in the living room, someone gaming upstairs, and a video call for a group project, all happening between 6 and 9 p.m. That's peak hour at your house now, and while some networks are ready for that kind of bandwidth, other's might have a data package that's too small to prop up that many electronics all at once.

Before the first bell rings, it's worth taking twenty minutes to make sure your home setup, and the new devices coming into it, are actually ready for the year ahead. Explore the next page to see a few easy ways to get your network ready for the new year.

BEFORE THE FIRST BELL: QUICK CHECKLIST

- Nothing new piled up around the router
- Called Pioneer if things feel slow with everyone back on the network
- Screen Time, Family Link, or GoPioneer SmartWiFi set up
- Auto-updates turned on
- Strong passcode or passkey set
- Privacy settings checked on any new messaging or gaming apps

What to Tackle Before the Bell Rings

Check That Your Wi-Fi Can Keep Up

Our techs place your router where it'll get the best signal throughout your home, so that part's already handled. Just make sure nothing new has piled up around it since then, boxes, furniture, or a stack of school supplies can all block signal even from a well-placed router.

If it still feels sluggish once every device in the house is back in the mix, it's usually not a placement problem, it's a bandwidth one. More devices streaming, gaming, and video calling at the same time just needs more speed to keep up. Give us a call or stop by and we can check what you're on and whether it's time to bump up your plan for the school year.

Know Who They're Talking To

Group chats, class apps, and messaging features built into games are all normal parts of school life now. You don't need to read every message, but it's worth knowing which apps your kids are using to talk to classmates and whether those apps default to public or private settings. A five-minute settings check together beats finding out the hard way.

Lock Down New Devices Before They're Used

New device day is exciting, but it's also the easiest time to set things up right, before habits form. A few minutes now saves headaches later.

On iPhones, Screen Time lets you set app limits and downtime. On Android, Family Link does the same thing, plus lets you approve app downloads remotely. Either way, take the ten minutes while the device is still new.

If you'd rather manage things from one place instead of every device separately, GoPioneer SmartWiFi does that at the network level. It's free for Pioneer subscribers and lets you set time limits and profiles for each person in the house, all from one app. The GoPioneer SmartWiFi premium tier adds app-specific time limits and Safe Search or YouTube restrictions. If you want deeper content monitoring or location sharing across devices, Bark Premium is also available. Both can be found at GoPioneer.com.

Also worth doing on day one: turn on automatic software updates, set a real passcode (not 0000 or 1234), and if the device supports it, set up a passkey or fingerprint login instead of relying on a password alone.

There's a particular kind of quiet that shows up in a house in the Fall. Maybe it's a college dorm move-in, a first apartment, or just a kid who's finally old enough to be out of the house more than in it. Whatever the reason, if your family is feeling that shift this month, you're not alone, and technology can actually help more than you'd think.

This isn't about tracking every move or texting "did you eat" seventeen times a day (though, no judgment). It's about setting up a few simple habits before they leave, so staying close doesn't take extra effort once life gets busy for both of you.

The good news is you likely already have everything you need. It's just a matter of setting it up now, together, while you're both still in the same room.

Stay in the Loop Without Hovering

A shared photo album is one of the easiest ways to feel connected without either of you having to remember to check in. Apple's Shared Albums or Google Photos' shared albums let you both drop in pictures whenever, no explanation needed. It becomes a quiet, ongoing conversation instead of a scheduled one.

Pair that with one standing video call a week on the same day and at the same time if you can manage it. It takes the guesswork out of "when should I call" and gives you both something to look forward to!

Location Sharing (Done the Right Way)

Apps like Find My (Apple) or Life360 (any device) can offer peace of mind, especially for a first semester away or a first apartment in a new city. The key is treating it as something you set up together, not something you do to them.

Talk about why you want it, agree on how it'll be used, and revisit it after a few months once everyone's settled in. For example, my parents would typically only check my location if they hadn't heard from me in a few days, and I didn't answer any calls for a few hours. They even still have my location today as an adult! Having boundaries is important, because a safety net works a lot better when both people agreed to the net.

Empty Nest, Full Signal



Make Staying in Touch Easy

Long texts can feel like homework when you're adjusting to a new schedule. Voice messages are an easy middle ground, quicker to send than typing, and it's nice to just hear their voice. A shared Spotify or Apple Music playlist you both add to over time is another low-pressure way to stay connected without either of you needing to carve out real conversation time every single day.

Keep a Few Shared Traditions Going

Staying close doesn't always have to be a serious conversation. Most streaming services have cracked down on sharing one login outside the house, so instead, just agree on a show and hit play at the same time on your own accounts. Text each other through it, or even Facetime while you watch!

A shared calendar with visits home, birthdays, and big dates keeps everyone on the same page without anyone having to ask. Even something as small as a running group chat, especially if there are siblings still at home, gives the family a place to just exist together without it needing to be a whole phone call.

Have a Game Night

Family game night doesn't have to end just because everyone's not in the same house anymore. Jackbox Party Packs are built for this. Everyone just needs the game on one screen (shared over a video call) and their own phone to play along as a controller, no matter where they're sitting. It's the same chaos and laughing over bad answers, just with a few more time zones (or screens) involved.

The house will feel different for a while. That's normal. But a full signal home means it's a little easier to still feel close, even from a few hundred miles away.

SET THESE UP TOGETHER

- ☐ A shared photo album both of you actually use
- ☐ One standing weekly video call, same day and time
- ☐ Location sharing, discussed and agreed on by both sides
- ☐ Each other's emergency contacts saved and up to date
- ☐ A backup way to connect if home Wi-Fi isn't reliable
- ☐ A screen-sharing app ready to go for remote tech help
- ☐ A show you both agree to start at the same time for long-distance watch nights
- ☐ A shared calendar for visits home and important dates
- ☐ A family group chat, especially if siblings are still at home
- ☐ A go-to game for long-distance game night, like a Jackbox Party Pack

More Than Parts

Cousins Matt Endres and Brian Mueggenborg have grown NAPA to three locations while keeping their local communities at the center of the business.

For cousins Matt Endres and Brian Mueggenborg, owning NAPA has brought together two different backgrounds, decades of experience and family roots in the communities they serve.

Before becoming business partners, Matt had built a career in the auto parts industry while Brian worked in the oilfield.

The opportunity to own a store came when Brian asked the previous owner about his retirement plans. The next step was convincing Matt to join him.

"I had a career path with O'Reilly's," Matt said. "He asked me three times, and I turned it down every time."

Eventually, Matt and his wife reconsidered.

"Me and my wife really talked about it, and we said, 'What the heck? Let's go for it,'" Matt said.

There was also a family connection to the store that drew them to it. Their uncle had previously been involved with the business.

"It's kind of bittersweet because our uncle actually was involved in running this when we were kids," Matt said. "So now, three generations of Endreses have owned it, which is kind of cool."

Matt and Brian officially took over the Kingfisher location in August 2019. Since then, they have expanded NAPA to three

locations along the Highway 81 corridor, adding El Reno in 2023 and Hennessey in 2024.

Although customers see the familiar NAPA name, Matt and Brian's stores are independently owned and operated, allowing them to shape each location around the needs of its community.

"We won't tell people no," Brian said. "We carry a lot of oilfield stuff with a lot of farm equipment or farm parts. So we're not a regular just auto parts store."

Their customers range from individual vehicle owners and dealerships to farmers, construction companies and oilfield operations.

"There's very few times that we can't figure anything out or how to fix something up or send someone to the right place to get it," Brian said.

That ability comes in a large part from experience. Between Matt and several longtime employees at the Kingfisher location alone, the team has more than 100 years of combined experience.

"It was a pretty good 50/50, honestly," Matt said. "The stuff that I didn't know about the oil field or farming, he's done an excellent job of really helping me with, and everything else like the parts side and he's picked it up great. So it worked out really, really well."

Their experience was put to the test



FUN FACTS

What is one skill you've been wanting to learn?

"Welding, machinist. This has always been a skill that interested me. I think it's interesting how they can take a big block of metal and create almost anything. I have my own lathe so if I could create my own spindles and things, I think that would be neat." - Brian

"I mean, I think it'd be cool to play an instrument, you know. I always thought it would be cool, but if I was gonna be like really good, like learn how to really do it, then my golfing skills. Which I've gotten better at it. But that's the main skill that I wish I could be like really, really good at." - Matt

What is something you're looking forward to right now?

"Retirement? I mean, that'd be the only thing that far ahead." - Brian

"I got my 40th coming up in September and we're flying out to Arizona, so I will get to play golf every day back there. I'm looking forward to that." - Matt



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Matt [left] and Brian [right] with their family.

With Brian & Matt

What is the biggest compliment you can give someone?

“That I respect them. Respecting someone and valuing their opinion, to me, is one of the biggest compliments you can receive in life.” - Brian

“When People tell me my kids are really good. Like my son, he played in the golf tournament a couple weeks ago, and guys we never met after they spent the day with him told me, ‘You got a really good kid,’ and that’s a big compliment to me. I’m raising good humans, basically.”

Do you enjoy traveling, or do you prefer to stay local?

“I like to do things locally if I can, but obviously, there’s not a swim-up bar and a beach here in Oklahoma that I can go to. A swim-up bar for me and a beach for my wife, because I’m not going down to the beach. She is. So, yeah, it’s both.” - Brian

“We’re big road trippers. We like cruising to the beach and stuff, but we also like being home. There’s no place like home. That’s the reason they say it.” - Matt

almost immediately.

Two months after taking over NAPA, COVID-19 hit. At the same time, oilfield production declined, affecting a customer base the Kingfisher store had historically relied on.

“It was heartbreaking first year,” Brian said.

For Matt and Brian, knowing how to sell parts was one thing. Learning how to be responsible for every decision that came with owning a business was another.

“Selling parts is the easy part, you know,” Matt said. “It’s dealing with everything else is what made it really tough.”

They adjusted, working more hours and relying on their families to help keep things going. They also expanded the store’s inventory beyond its previous focus on three-quarter-ton and one-ton pickups.

“It was really scary at first because it was a lot of money coming out,” Matt said. “But it benefited us later on. Especially like during those times like COVID when we had the part that people couldn’t get.”

Today, the three NAPA locations employ approximately 36 people, and Matt and Brian credit much of their growth to finding employees they can trust.

Those relationships are a big part of how Matt and Brian measure success. Even with three locations and years of growth behind them, Brian is hesitant to consider the business a finished success story.

“I won’t ever say I have a successful business,” Brian said. “Because you never know what you’re capable of and you always strive to do better than the year before.”

For Matt, success looks a little different.

“Success is when you see those same people come through the door every day and every week, and they’re coming to you. That’s where it seems like you’re really winning,” Matt said. “You’ve got consistency. You’ve got someone who enjoys coming to your store.”

Those relationships extend beyond the store. Matt and Brian grew up in the area and try to make NAPA an active part of each community they serve.

“Taking care of the community is

important. We’re big into supporting the kids at the school, like the FFA,” Brian said. “We try to donate our time as much as we can and volunteer for things as much as we can. Obviously, you can’t do everything.”

They regularly support FFA programs and auctions, school activities, car shows and other community events. In Hennessey, the store’s employees quickly became involved after the location opened.

“When they first saw that car show last year after we first opened, every employee in the store was working something for that event,” Matt said. “It was pretty amazing to watch.”

That same sense of connection exists within the business. Matt and Brian are first cousins whose mothers are sisters, and they have been close since childhood. They don’t always agree, but both say their partnership works.

“It’s business,” Brian said. “You’re not going to agree with everything. I don’t agree with everything he does, and I know he doesn’t agree with everything I do. But it works.”

Matt Agrees.

“Well, there’s no one I’d rather do this with,” Matt said.

As for the future, neither wants to force a particular outcome. Their children have grown up around the stores, but whether another generation eventually takes over will be their choice.

“If our kids want it, that’s great,” Brian said. “If they want to work it, if they don’t, then I mean it sucks that we built something that they don’t want. But also, I don’t want to pressure them into it because I don’t want them to hate their job.”

For now, Matt and Brian are focused on continuing to grow, taking care of their employees and customers, and staying involved in the communities that have supported them.

“We like what we’re doing, and we’re still growing,” Brian said.

WHY FIBER WINS

Traditional internet, whether it's DSL or cable, still relies on copper wire at some point in the line. Copper carries your connection as an electrical signal, the same basic idea as the wiring in your walls. It works, but electricity has its limits. Think of it like a flashlight beam versus a walkie-talkie. Shine a flashlight and it's just as bright a few feet away as it is close up. Try talking on a walkie-talkie from too far off, though, and the signal starts to crackle and drop before it eventually gives out completely. Electrical signals behave a lot like that walkie-talkie. The farther they travel down a copper wire, the weaker and less reliable they get. Add in a thunderstorm, a hot Oklahoma summer, or a line that's simply been in the ground a long time, and that weakness only gets worse.

You've also probably seen ads for cellular carriers' "home internet," which uses your cell signal instead of a wire at all. It sounds convenient, since it's the same network your phone already uses, but that's actually the catch. You're sharing that cell tower's bandwidth with every phone, tablet, and now home internet customer in range, all at the same time. Carriers say as

much in their own policies. One major carrier's network management terms state that its home internet customers generally receive the same network priority as its heaviest mobile data users, meaning most everyday phone customers get served first when a tower gets busy—no, really! We got the source right below. This means that on a Friday night when everyone in town is on their phone at the football game, your "home wifi" is already behind in line.

Fiber optic internet skips both of those problems. Instead of electricity through copper or a shared signal through the air, it sends your connection as pulses of light through strands of glass thinner than a strand of hair, straight from us to your house. Light doesn't fade over distance the way electricity does, it isn't bothered by weather or interference, and it isn't splitting a signal with your whole neighborhood's cell phones. That's the whole reason fiber can carry so much more data, so much more consistently, than copper or cellular ever could.

Check the sources:

t-mobile.com/responsibility/consumer-info/policies/internet-service/network-management-practices

Why Members Choose Pioneer Fiber

- No data caps. Stream, work, and game as much as you want.
- No speed throttling, ever.
- Manage your whole home network from the GoPioneer SmartWiFi app.
- Wi-Fi 6 technology built to handle multiple devices at once.
- Local, Oklahoma-based support, on the phone with a real person.
- Worried about outages? PowerON Battery Backup keeps your internet running during a power outage (for up to 6 hours), so a storm doesn't mean losing your connection too.

COPPER

Speed

Limited by distance from the source, often well under 100 Mbps.

Uploads

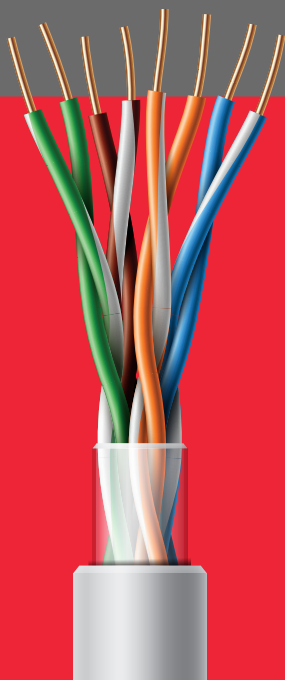
Asymmetrical. Downloads are fast, uploads lag behind.

Reliability

More sensitive to weather, distance, and electrical interference.

Room to Grow

Nearing its physical limit for how much data it can carry.



CELLULAR

Speed

Varies a lot by location and time of day, since it depends on cell tower capacity.

Uploads

Asymmetrical. Upload speed drops further when the tower is busy.

Reliability

Shares bandwidth with everyone's phones nearby, and can be deprioritized behind mobile users during busy times.

Room to Grow

Limited by tower capacity in your area, which doesn't grow with your household.



FIBER

Speed

Consistently fast regardless of distance, with plans up into the gigabit range.

Uploads

Symmetrical. Uploads and downloads move at the same speed.

Reliability

A dedicated line to your home, resistant to weather and interference, with far fewer outages.

Room to Grow

Built to handle demand for years to come as households add more connected devices.



Meet Our PIONEER SCHOLARS



Emmy Lunsford • District 10 • Kingfisher

Emmy is a marketing major at Oklahoma State University, where she is also pursuing a certificate in Event Planning and Production. She plans to graduate in December 2027.

After entering college unsure of what she wanted to pursue, Emmy found herself drawn to the creativity and possibilities within marketing.

“I love the creativity that marketing allows and how there are always new ways for me to grow and learn,” she said. “There are so many different jobs in marketing, and you can find something that you are truly good at and passionate about.”

For Emmy, that passion has led her toward the wedding industry. After graduation, she hopes to work under an experienced wedding planner before eventually opening a business and venue of her own.

“I would love to make people’s dream day come to life and allow them to not have any stress during such an exciting time,” she said. Emmy also hopes to find ways to make wedding planning services more affordable and accessible.

Outside the classroom, Emmy keeps a busy schedule. She works at Richie Hippie, a boutique

in Stillwater, as well as the Child Development Lab on campus. She is a member of Alpha Chi Omega, where she has served on the executive board, and volunteers as a LifeKids Coach at Life Church.

While balancing so many opportunities has been one of her biggest challenges, Emmy considers discovering what she is truly passionate about one of her greatest accomplishments.

“I came into college unsure of what I wanted to do, and with each class I have grown more and more excited about my future,” she said.

The Pioneer Scholarship helps Emmy continue her education while allowing her to focus more on her studies. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with friends and family, going on walks, reading, and embroidering and sewing.

For students who may also be unsure of where their college journey will take them, Emmy encourages them to have faith in the process.

“Trust in the Lord and His plan for you, even when you are struggling and unsure what you want to do,” she said.



Madilyn Mannering • District 4 • Thomas

Madilyn is a nursing major at Oklahoma Christian University and plans to graduate in May 2028. For her, choosing nursing was an easy decision—it’s a career she has dreamed about since she was young.

“I’ve always wanted to be a nurse since I was a little girl, and I just want to shine Jesus’s light as I’m helping people,” she said.

Madilyn is currently interested in working in labor and delivery or the NICU after graduation. After dreaming about becoming a nurse for so long, she said one of the most exciting parts of college is seeing that future begin to feel real.

Outside of the classroom, Madilyn stays involved on campus and in her church community. She is an active member of Gamma Rho, a social club at OC, and is involved in the college ministry at Memorial Road Church of Christ. This past summer, she also worked with the Park Church of Christ in Tulsa, spending the summer working with its youth group.

Madilyn is proud of maintaining good grades while

still making time to enjoy her college experience and build new friendships. She earned a spot on the Honor Roll last semester, an accomplishment she is especially proud of.

Going somewhere new and meeting new people hasn’t always been easy, but Madilyn said stepping outside of her comfort zone has helped her along the way.

In her spare time, she enjoys going on walks, reading, baking and spending time with friends.

The Pioneer Scholarship will help Madilyn continue through OCU’s nursing program without having to constantly worry about the financial side of her education.

For other students beginning their own college experience, Madilyn encourages them to embrace new opportunities.

“Just be yourself and don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone,” she said.

Strawberries in the Snow

ingredients

1	pre-made angel food cake
2	cream cheese (8 oz.)
1 tub	frozen whipped topping, thawed
2 C.	powdered sugar
1 qt	strawberries, thinly sliced
1/2 C.	sugar
1 tub	strawberry glaze (14 oz)

1. In a small bowl, stir sliced strawberries and 1/2 cup sugar together. Chill in the refrigerator for at least one hour.
2. After strawberries have chilled and made some juice, stir in strawberry glaze.
3. In a mixer, beat softened cream cheese, frozen whipped topping and powdered sugar together until creamy.
4. Spread cream mixture in a 9x13 dish. Cut angel food cake into small, 1-inch pieces and place the cake on top of cream mixture.
5. Gently push some of the cake pieces into the cream.
6. Top with strawberry mixture. Chill in the refrigerator.



Brook's Grandkids, who LOVE this dessert!

Where did you find this recipe?

"I got this recipe from my husband's aunt Bobbie from Wyoming."

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"It's a great summer dessert."

Do you have any tips and tricks for preparing this recipe?

"I like to layer in a glass trifle bowl because it's prettier, but this can be made in a 9x13 cake pan!"

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