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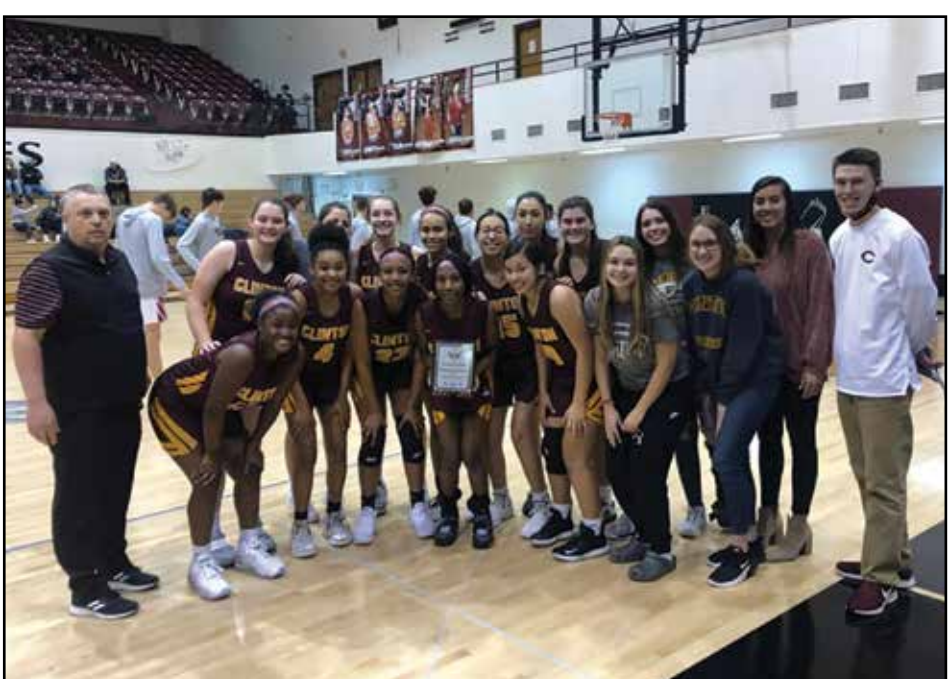
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Weatherford knocks off John Marshall 68-63 and finishes third in the Weatherford Classic. They improve to 7-2 on the season.



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The Weatherford Lady Eagles basketball team falls to Tuttle 45-39 in the championship game of the Weatherford Classic. They fall to 10-2 on the season.



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The Clinton Lady Reds beat The Altus Lady Bulldogs in OT with the final score 46-47!! Lady Reds win 3rd place in the Weatherford Classic last weekend.

West Central tournament scheduled

The West Central Basketball Tournament has been moved from SWOSU to multiple different schools. Brackets can be found on 95.5 *The Coyote's* Facebook page. The High School tournament will take place during the week of January 19th – 23rd, with the championship games to be played at Arapho-Butler on Saturday.



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Saturday Jan. 16th
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Ines Beryl Kelley

Ines Beryl Kelley was born to January 14, 1920 to Leonard and Nellie (Munson) Alexander southwest of Taloga, OK and departed this world January 6, 2021 just a week before her 101st birthday.



She was raised in the Taloga area and the family farm northwest of Arapaho, Oklahoma. She married Earl "Bill" Kelley on May 20, 1936. They had four children. Beryl was saved and baptized in the Nazarene Church in Clinton. In August 1959, they opened Kelley's Paint and Wallpaper on Frisco Avenue. Out growing that building, they built a large building on North 9th Street and named it Kelley's Decorating Center expanding the business with flooring and drapes. She made many beautiful drapes for all over Western Oklahoma. In 1976 they sold the store and retired. They loved to travel and joined a camper club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, her parents, a daughter, Glenda Cash, son, John Kelley, and two sons in law, Leon "Buzz" Miller and Marland Cash. Also preceding he were two brothers, Myron and Loyd Alexander and two sisters, Elizabeth Bozarth and Gladys LaFever-Jones. She leaves to mourn two daughters, Darlene Miller of Thomas, OK and Shirley Carr of Hydro, OK. She is survived by 10 grandchildren, 21, great-grandchildren and 10- great-great grandchildren.

Avery Zackary Trissell

Viewing for Avery Zackary Trissell was held from 9am - 1pm on Thursday, January 7, 2021 at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Hobart, Oklahoma.



Funeral was held at 2pm on Thursday, January 7, 2021, at Ray & Martha's Funeral Home Chapel in Hobart, Oklahoma.

Karen Jane Huckabay

Funeral services for Karen Jane Huckabay, 80 year-old Hydro resident, was held Friday, January 8, 2021, 2:00 P.M. at Swan Lake Baptist Church with Huston Veal and Jim Barnett officiating. Burial will follow in Eakly Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Karen was born October 25, 1940, in Shattuck to Joseph H. and Inez Corine (White) Smith and passed away Monday, January 4, 2021, at Weatherford Regional Hospital. Karen was raised and attended school in Laverne, and in 1956 the family moved to Oklahoma City where she graduated from Northwest Classen High School in 1958. Upon graduation, she attended 2 years of college. On November 11, 1967, Karen married Hershel Huckabay in Weatherford and made their home in Eakly where they raised their family. She received Outstanding Young Homemaker Award in 1997. Karen and Hershel fostered 94 children over a 7-year span and were well known by all children in the area. Karen enjoyed collecting dolls, enjoyed children, and spending time with family and friends. Memorials may be made to Swan Lake Baptist Church.

Karen is survived by her husband of 53 years Hershel Huckabay of their home in Eakly; four sons: Kendall

Huckabay and wife Kathy of Weatherford; Devin Huckabay and wife Michelle of Mangum; Weldon Huckabay and wife Stacy of Hinton; and Jody Huckabay and Mindi Mobly of Weatherford; one brother James Bradley "Jimmy" Smith and wife Deann of Shawnee; one sister Juanita Griswald of Augusta, Kansas; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers: Harold, Wayne, John and Terry; and three sisters: Nellie, Shirley and Patty.

Jerry Alexander Winn

Visitation for Jerry Alexander Winn was from 9am - 8pm on Thursday, January 7, 2021, and 9am - 8pm on Friday, January 8, 2021 at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, Oklahoma.



Funeral was held at 3pm on Saturday, January 9, 2021, at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, Oklahoma. Interment was at Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, Oklahoma.

Zella Bell Harris

Funeral services for Zella Bell Harris, 94 year old Weatherford resident, was held Wednesday, January 6, 2021, at 10:00 AM at Calvary Baptist Church with Pastor David Corley officiating. Burial followed at 2:00 PM at the Cement Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Pastor Eugene Howeth will provide the graveside scripture and prayer.

Zella was born on September 28, 1926, near Cement, OK to Elzy Ely Wood and Ethel Elisabeth (Simond) Wood and passed away on Wednesday, December 30th, 2020, at Corn Heritage Village in Weatherford. Zella was raised in Cement, OK. She met and married Oscar (Pete) Madison Walker and had a daughter Charlene. Pete passed away not long after they married. Zella was raising her daughter and working at the Cement Drugstore when she met Virgil Harris. Virgil and Zella married in March 1946 and had a son Melvin. Virgil and Zella operated several businesses in Cement, including the Texico Station, Apco Station, and the Cement Hotel and Laundry before selling out and moving the family to Texas, Kansas, and New Mexico where Virgil worked in the oilfield. Zella worked in the grocery store industry in Farmington, NM as a checker for 19 years and retired from Smith's in 1986. Zella and Virgil then moved back to Oklahoma to live out their retirement years in Chickasha. In 2009 Zella and Virgil made their final move to Weatherford to be closer to family.

Zella and her late husband Virgil loved to fish and enjoyed spending time with family. Zella was a lifelong Christian and loved the Lord with all of her heart. She was extremely active in the church throughout her life and always strived to help bring others to salvation through Jesus Christ.

Zella was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years Virgil Harris, her mother and father, sister Juanita Walker, brother Orvil Wood (Woody), and first husband Oscar (Pete) Madison Walker.

Zella is survived by her daughter Charlene (Walker) Ashcraft and husband Charles of Weatherford, OK, son Melvin Harris and wife Debbie of Puyallup, WA; five grandchildren, John Ashcraft, Charla (Ashcraft) Hursh, Michele Harris, Jaime (Harris) Zwiefelhofer, and Rebecca (Harris) Holcombe; 7 great grandchildren and 5 great, great grandchildren, and a special niece Pauline Mahan of Norman, OK.

Lena Evelou Ledford

Lena Evelou (Lamb) Ledford was born January 31, 1929, near Carnegie to Ben Alonzo and Ida Mae (Lunsford) Lamb and passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020, at her home in Weatherford at the age of 91 years, 11 months, and 29 days.

Evelou is survived by her daughter Gloria of Flower Mound, Texas, granddaughter Amber of Oklahoma City,

two nieces, four nephews, and several cousins who she loved very much. Evelou was preceded in death by her parents, her loving husband Dayne, her son Jerry Dayne, her daughter Linda, baby brother Bennie, sister Gussie Smith, Brother Checker Lamb, and half-sister Arlene Repllinger.



Troy Kent Schmidt

Troy Kent Schmidt was born July 15, 1962, in Weatherford, OK to Wesley G. and Frances (Penner) Schmidt and passed away Saturday, December 19, 2020, at home in Weatherford surrounded by his family, at the age of 58 years, 5 months, and 4 days.



Troy attended Weatherford Public School, graduating in 1980. He graduated from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1985 with a BS Degree in Computer Science. Troy had a successful career as a contact software developer for IBM, NASA, American Airlines and other companies. Troy's career eventually took him to Rochester, NY where he simultaneously pursued his passion for Drum and Bugle Corps.

In 1998, Troy's Drum and Bugle Corp was performing at various venues in Erie, PA one of these performances, Troy met the love of his life, and future wife Amy Strayer. They were married July 30, 2004, in Key West, FL while aboard the Royal Caribbean Enchantment of the Seas. This was the first of an incredible number of cruises, sporting events, ski trips, sightseeing tours, and family reunions as a married couple. Troy and Amy wintered in Boca Raton, FL and summered in Erie, PA. They had a love for water, and they always had a home with a waterfront view. Troy referred to his time with Amy as fairytale life! He was someone that made friends quickly with laughter and joy in abundance and was always very generous with his time and resources.

Troy is survived by his beloved wife Amy Louise (Swanson; Strayer) Schmidt of Erie, PA; step-daughter Shelby Strayer Roberts and husband Brad of Cleveland, OH; step-son Kyle Strayer and his wife Lally of Erie, PA; 5 adoring grandchildren: John, Samuel and Zachary Roberts; Brantley and Everett Strayer; parents Wes and Frances Schmidt of Weatherford, OK; mother-in-law, Ann Swanson Dagit and husband Hank of Estero, FL; brother Rick and wife Vonnie of Weatherford, OK; brother Bob and wife Terri of Germantown, MD; sister Cindy Schmidt West and husband Darrell of Sand Springs, OK; brother-in-law Bobby (Sawny) Swanson and wife Cheryl of Dallas, TX; brother-in-law Billy Swanson and wife Halle of Miami, FL and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law Robert Reed Swanson.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association in honor of his wife Amy or Glioblastoma Brain Cancer researcher in honor of Troy.

Nikki Luper Alexander Craig

Nikki Luper Alexander Craig died January 3, 2021. She put her family first and was a loyal friend. She was born June 22, 1943, the second of four daughters of Willa Belle Carson and Ernest Homer "E.H." Luper in Wichita, KS. In high school she was football



queen, drum major, a member of honor society and had the lead in a play. At Girls' State in 1960, she was the sooner party candidate for governor and mayor of her city. Nikki graduated from Wayne High School in 1961. At Oklahoma City University, she majored in business and was elected queen of the freshman class. A member of Alpha Chi Omega, she served as social chairman and province rush chairman as an alumna.

She met Donald Lynn Alexander at Oklahoma City University and they married June 23, 1963. They moved to Cordell after graduation from OCU in 1965. Their son, Kerry, was born in 1964 and daughter, Kristin Rae, was born in 1974. They bought a car dealership in 1965 and grew it over two decades to become one of the largest in southwest Oklahoma prior to Don's death from a heart attack in March 1984. Nikki moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma in the late 1980s.

On July 17, 1999, Nikki married Aubrey Dale Craig, who had been her high school sweetheart, and moved to Plano. Her grandsons Calvin and Nicholas, who were preschoolers, walked her down the aisle. Nikki was an active member and volunteer in the Methodist church in Cordell, Weatherford and Plano. She was a life-long member of P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), Golden Girl (50 year member) and held many offices including president of each chapter and representative to state and international conventions. She enjoyed the Rejebian Book Club and many Bible study fellowships. She and Aubrey enjoyed traveling to Germany, Austria, Switzerland, France, Italy, Vietnam, Cambodia, Southeast Asia, Hong Kong, Japan, Turkey, Canada, Belize, Honduras, several resorts in Mexico and Caribbean Islands. With her first husband, Don,

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Vicki Perkins Weatherford Food & Resource Center's Volunteer of the Month for August 2020



Vicki is a resident of Weatherford. Previously, she lived in Enid where she taught elementary and middle school for 28 years. Three beautiful daughters and five wonderful grandchildren are her pride and joy. Her favorite food is a Pecina's Mexican Cafe burrito. June 2020 is when Vicki began volunteering at WFRC as a shopping assistant. She has put in 32 hours of work. Her favorite thing about WFRC is being able to witness how caring the community is, especially when the Weatherford OK Police Department delivers food to clients. When Vicki isn't volunteering at WFRC, you'll find her in her garden or volunteering for CASA.

A special story about Vicki: We had a senior citizen client, who has no family to help care for her, needing a ride to her doctor's appointment in Edmond. Guess who stepped up to provide transportation for the client. Yup, that's right, our Ms. Vicki. Gosh. We love her heart!

Vicki volunteers because feeding the hungry honors Jesus. Would you like to join Vicki in fighting hunger and feeding hope in western Oklahoma? Sign up to volunteer at <http://signup.com/go/SNSMWW> or contact Kendra at (580) 774-5377 or volunteer@weatherfordfrc.org

OBIT

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she traveled to England, Ireland, Italy, France, Switzerland, Scotland, and the Netherlands.

She is survived by her husband Aubrey Dale Craig, son Kerry Don Alexander and his wife Carol, daughter Kristin Rae Alexander, stepson Aubrey "Ace" Craig, grandchildren Calvin Alexander, Nicholas Alexander, Jackson Craig Alexander, Luke Alexander and Haylee Craig, sisters

Karen Lawson and Judy Rork, nieces Kimberly Bielski and Sherry Cagle and nephews Todd Johns and Randy Cofer. Nikki was preceded in death by her first husband Don Alexander, parents and sister Donna Kay Bielski.

Funeral services will be held at Custer Road United Methodist Church, 6601 Custer Road in Plano on Saturday, January 9, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Interment will be on Sunday, January

10, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. at Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the P.E.O. Foundation in honor of Elizabeth McFarland or to the Nikki Craig Scholarship Fund (mail to P.E.O. Chapter FV, 3912 Los Robles Dr., Plano, TX 75074) or to Custer Road United Methodist Church, 6601 Custer Road, Plano, TX 75023.



Clinton Red Tornadoes with the Consolation bracket Championship at the Weatherford Classic last weekend. *Provided*

Enrollment during the pandemic dips for Pre-K, kindergarten while virtual numbers grow



In the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, Oklahoma's annual student count shows its first decrease in overall public school enrollment in 19 years. Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) data shows 694,113 students enrolled in Pre-K through 12th grade for 2020-21, a decline of 9,537, or about 1% from last year's total. Pre-K and kindergarten numbers accounted for 75% of the decreased enrollment, with 4,734 fewer Pre-K students and 2,381 fewer kindergarteners enrolled in

2020-21 than in 2019-20, suggesting parents are choosing to delay the entry of their 4- and 5-year-olds into school.

"This pandemic has presented a multitude of challenges, and lower early childhood enrollment numbers tell us we will need to heighten our focus on early learning opportunities and strategic interventions to ensure these children have the prerequisite skills needed for reading and math," State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister said. "Copious evidence points to the effectiveness of early childhood education in preparing children for lives of learning and academic success, and we are deeply committed to serving our youngest learners."

One of the main goals of Oklahoma Edge, the OSDE's eight-year strategic plan, is to align early childhood education and learning foundations to ensure at least 75% of students are "ready to read" upon kindergarten entry.

Historically, Oklahoma has enjoyed high participation in Pre-K. Seventy-six percent of eligible children in the state attended a public Pre-K program last year, compared to national Pre-K attendance rate of 34%.

Demographic information showed little change in the racial and ethnic makeup of Oklahoma students. Just over half of the state's students were Hispanic, American Indian, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, or members of two or more races, while 47.15% of students were white.

Virtual schools saw a big jump in enrollment because of the pandemic. Among districts, Epic Charter Schools saw the biggest gain in overall enrollment. Epic One-on-One Charter School increased enrollment from 17,106 to 35,731, or 110.8%, and Epic Blended Learning Centers increased enrollment from 10,962 to 23,714, or 116.3%. Other virtual charters saw substantial increases as well, including Oklahoma Virtual Charter Academy (50.3% increase), Connections Academy (60% increase), eSchool Virtual Charter (212.3% increase) and Insight School (33.1% increase).

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WEATHERFORD GRAND LARCENY ARREST - Weatherford Police arrested a North Carolina man in connection with grand larceny from Walmart. Police Detective Matt Bartel says 29 year-old Reid Milligan allegedly broke into the jewelry case and left the store. Bartel says officers located numerous items that belong to Walmart with the total amount exceeding \$1000.

CUSTER COUNTY OATH OF OFFICE - Oklahoma supreme Court Justice James Winchester

administered the oath of office to newly-elected Custer County Sheriff Dan Day, newly-elected County Commissioner Bruce Walker, and County Clerk Melissa Graham.

WEATHERFORD CITY COMMISSION - The Weatherford City Commission approved a grant of just under \$30,000 for the Heartland of America Museum for marketing for 2021. Additionally, the Commission also approved a professional services agreement between the city and multi-county youth services for the use of community intervention center services.

CLINTON/STIMULUS CHECKS - As \$600 stimulus checks are landing in accounts, Clinton Chamber of Commerce President Julie Caldwell says it's another opportunity for people to shop local. Under certain income guidelines, individuals are getting \$600 while couples are getting a \$1200 stimulus.

OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE - The 58th Oklahoma Legislature formally began with a constitutionally-required organizational day to officially seat members, install officers and approve rules. Committee leadership appointments include State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton who will serve as Vice Chair of the Energy And Natural Resources Committee. State Representative Todd Russ of Cordell will serve as Chair of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION AND MOORE - State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton is gearing up for the next State Legislative session. Moore says a few of the bills he is working on for his first session surround protecting royalty owners and to spur economic development. The legislative session begins February 1st.

PUBLIC RECORDS

ARRESTED

Mackenzie Castaneda, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Custer County Warrant.

Reid Milligan, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for grand larceny, attempting to elude an officer, and operating a motor vehicle without a valid license.

Heaven Hernandez, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for public intoxication.

Kim Black, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Blaine County Warrant.

Aaron Harding, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for possession of fire arm after felony conviction.

Casey Henderson, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for operation motor vehicle while license is revoked, obstructing an officer while in performance of duties, failure to stop at proper location for stop sign, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, resisting arrest, possession of marijuana, and possession of paraphernalia.

Misty Burcum, arrested by

Clinton Police Department, for three custer county traffic warrants.

Terri Johnson, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for assault and battery, abuse by caretaker, and a new city charge for public intoxication.

Bran Whiteshirt, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for public intoxication and a new charge of public intoxication.

Philbert McCurtain, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a new custer county charge of aggravated driving under the influence, and transporting an open container.

Deidra Dyer, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for a new city charge of public intoxication by drugs.

Anna Bullcoming, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for driving under suspension, new custer county commitment for driving under the influence of drug causing an accident, driving under suspension, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Millie Factor, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for aggravated driving under the influence, failure to

maintain lane, and improper stopping on roadway.

Joann Comestevah, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a rule 8 bench warrant.

Kandi Pool, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a beckham county warrant for motion to revoke.

David Eldridge, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a washita county warrant for failure to register a sex offender.

Lamont Bell, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a city warrant for public intoxication.

Rhea Rogue, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a custer county warrant for malicious injury to property.

John Willis, arrested by Blaine County Police Department, for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Virgil Eakins, arrested by Washita County Police Department, for rule 8 warrant.

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SWOSU Bulldogs start season with two wins

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Behind a combined 49 points from Tauriawn Knight and Damion Thornton, the SWOSU Men's Basketball team defeated East Central 99-87 last Thursday night in the first game of the 2020-21 season.

The game was close during the first half, but SWOSU pulled away after the break, outscoring the Tigers 50-41 in the final 20 minutes to build a lead as high as 20 points before letting off the gas in the closing minutes. The Bulldogs shot 49.2% from the field and hit nine three-pointers in the game, including seven from Knight in his debut at SWOSU.

Knight led the Dawgs with 25 points, hitting 9-of-15 field goal attempts while Thornton was right behind with a double-double of 24 points and 14 rebounds, which included 8-of-9 shooting from the stripe. Bralyn James chipped in 16 points while Chris Braggs, Jr., had 13 points off the bench.

For the first time since the 2011-12 season, the SWOSU Men's Basketball team is 2-0 after defeating Southeastern Oklahoma State 93-85 on Saturday afternoon at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

SWOSU junior Chris Braggs Jr., came up big for the Bulldogs with an all-around effort that padded the stat box. Braggs ended up with a line of 12 points, seven rebounds, including four offensive rebounds, four blocks and an assist. Braggs was also on the floor at many different points throughout the game in a high-energy effort to get every 50/50 ball. Tauriawn Knight dropped 25 points and Damion Thornton dropped a double-double



of 18 points and 14 rebounds – both of which were their second in as many games.

The Bulldogs put together a big run for the second straight game, having a 12-0 stretch at the end of the first half and into the second. To put the game away SWOSU had a 9-2 run with less than four minutes to go that helped put away the GAC preseason favorites.

"Once we got clicking we had five guys, almost six,

in double figures. That's impressive," Head Coach Terry Evans said. "I am just really proud of our guys right now. We did not play perfect, but we won the game."

This win helps SWOSU remain undefeated on the young season, moving to 2-0 on the year. With Monday's rivalry game against Northwestern unable to be played, the Bulldogs are scheduled to return to action on Thursday night in Bethany against Southern Nazarene.

Lady Bulldogs open basketball season with two wins



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team connected on 14 three-pointers and shot 49.3% from the field on their way to a 92-77 season-opening victory over East Central on Thursday night at the Kerr Activities Center.

SWOSU was paced by sophomore Makyra Tramble, who blitzed the nets with six three pointers as part of her 10-of-18 shooting night from the field. She scored a game-high 27 points while pulling down seven rebounds

and adding two steals. She was one of four players in double figures for the Lady Dawgs, joined by Taber Beer (15), Karly Gore (15) and Lauren Ramey (14). Bethany Franks pulled down a team-best 10 rebounds to go along with three blocked shots.

The Lady Bulldogs never trailed in the game, which was only tied once, and they outscored ECU 25-10 in the first quarter, which proved to be the difference in the game. SWOSU and East Central played even in each

of the final three quarters, scoring 21 points apiece in the second quarter and 23 apiece in the third and fourth quarters.

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team knocked down 18 three-pointers and defeated Southeastern Oklahoma State 101-64 last Saturday afternoon in a matchup of two teams that tied atop the Great American Conference Western Division Preseason Poll.

SWOSU was led by sophomore Makyra Tramble who posted career-highs in points (28), three-pointers made (8) and rebounds (17). Tramble, who was one made three-pointer of the Lady Bulldogs program record, also put up five assists and four steals. The other four starters, Lauren Ramey (11), Macy Gore (14), Karly Gore (15) and Bethany Franks (10) also broke double-digits in a game where the Bulldogs but up 94 shots from the field.

SWOSU only scored 13 points in the first quarter, before turning on the jets, scoring 24 or more in each of the final three quarters. The Lady Bulldogs forced 14 turnovers to help take a 37-31 lead into half before pulling away in the second with the help of big runs throughout and 18 three-pointers made by eight different players.

"We will take the 101 today. We got over the hump in the first half where we didn't shoot as good as we need to but then got it going in the second half," Head Coach Kelsi Musick said. "We are capable of all of our players scoring and that is what we need."

This win brings the Lady Bulldogs to 2-0 on the season.

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Basketball Stars Claim 2021's First Bulldog of the Week Awards



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The first Bulldogs of the Week for 2021 have been selected, with Lady Bulldog sophomore standout Makyra Tramble and SWOSU Men's Basketball junior star Damion Thornton claiming the awards.

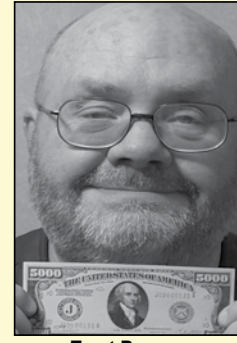
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Tramble (Shawnee, Okla.) had a quick start to her sophomore season, picking up right where she left off last season by averaging a double-double of 27.5 points and 12.0 rebounds per game in season-opening wins over East Central and Southeastern. On Saturday against SE,

Tramble had a massive double-double with career-highs of 28 points and 17 rebounds while knocking down eight three-pointers – one off the school's single-game school record.

Thornton (Edmond, Okla.) posted a pair of double-doubles and helped the SWOSU Men's Basketball team open the season 2-0 for the first time since the 2011-12 season. He matched his career-high with 14 rebounds in each game and averaged 21.0 points per game for the week, which included a 24-point outing on Thursday at East Central. For the week, Thornton shot 63.6% (14-22) from the field and 92.9% (13-14) from the free throw line and also totaled four assists, one blocked shot and one steal.

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Trent Boesen



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Oklahoma History: Prohibition

Chase Wright Staff Writer
 Alcohol – a common drink seen in many households, bars, and restaurants around the world today – has had a push/pull relationship with governments and regulations over its lifetime. Oklahoma is no exception. The most well-known era of alcohol’s woes came during the early 20th century when states signed prohibition laws against the drinks. This period, commonly referred to as “Prohibition” in the US, went into effect on Friday, January 16th, 1920. However, alcohol’s prohibition began much earlier.

Discussions, regarding the consumption of alcohol, have been going on since the beginning, but the arguments are not nearly as black and white as they appear. Proponents of alcohol have listed benefits such as de-elevated stress, pain relief, and commodity revenue; meanwhile, opponents cite incidents of violence, irresponsibility, and health complications. However, examples, regarding these pros and cons, often fell towards the middle of the spectrum. For example, pain relief was beneficial but short-lived (often dampening symptoms instead of healing the problem). And incidents of violence tended to fall along the more milder saloon/bar disagreement. Because of this middle of the pack mentality, most people did not have strong feelings either way which led to long, drawn-out discussions, regarding the sale, tax, distribution, and consumption of alcohol throughout history.

Oklahoma’s alcohol afflictions began early in its statehood when territorial laws sought to set up stricter alcohol enforcements in Indian Territories. From there, the state piggybacked off of the anti-saloon mindset adopted by many Americans and got prohibition accepted as part of the new state’s constitution. However, the medical field (who had been using alcohol for medicinal relief) demanded access to it. So, a compromise was set where Oklahomans in need could apply through dispensaries for a “prescription.”



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Dep. Sheriff Red Edgman, Dep. Sheriff Dave Harlan, Sheriff Orin Johnston and Henry Troup break up a still near Purcell, Oklahoma in 1933. It wasn’t long until more Oklahomans became “ill” enough to qualify.

Many of the lawmakers who had established prohibition in the state were appalled by the corruption of the dispensaries and sought to get them closed down. They did not have to push too hard. The dispensaries fell upon their own hard times as their industry began failing due to customer hardship, financial failures, and bootleg liquor. Before long, Oklahoma lawmakers had passed legislation, labeling the dispensaries as a moneymaking scheme and shutting them down.

Now, those in search of alcohol had nowhere legally to turn. Around this time, the nationwide prohibition on alcohol began which led to back-alley deals, speakeasies, moonshine, and bootlegging. As the demand for alcohol rose, so, too, did the number

of illegal acts, which, in turn, led to more arrests, jailtime, police funding, and fighting. Those against alcohol remained steadfast in their beliefs while others began pushing leaders to look at rising rate of crime across the nation. This unhappy limbo continued for years until a sharp economic impact swept through the Midwest – the Great Depression.

In the 1930’s, Oklahoma legislature began considering the idea of legalizing alcohol due to the potential profit margin the state could receive. Many anti-prohibition organizations were pushing agendas that showed how much potential revenue there

was to gain. In 1933, Oklahoma legislature created a referendum for alcohol; and out of the 77 counties, only 27 were in the dry column. While this did not completely abolish the ban on liquor, it served the purpose of showing lawmakers exactly what the people wanted.

Through the next decade, Oklahoma went through many votes, propositions, and representatives on the road to ending prohibition. By the mid-1950’s, the general attitude toward Prohibition had shifted in the state. Almost 50% of the state was seeing industrial progress, urbanization, and commercial activity. Younger representatives began challenging outdated social views and it seemed the state was ready to revisit liquor laws with a new perspective.

HIGHER GROUND

The Expulsive Power of a New Affection



Jim Morrison

The morning after! I am still a bit in shock after seeing the events of yesterday unfold before my eyes. This is not a political column so I will not try to deal with the politics of the situation. I would like to offer a couple of observations which were mentioned by several analysts.

One statement is that violence has become normalized. What once was considered unwise, or off limits has become normal. This did not happen overnight. Continuous exposure via movies, TV, videogames and news reports has desensitized us to the harmful effects of visual stimulation. The value of human life has been diminished with the advent of the killing of innocent babies and euthanasia. While this in no way justifies what happened in D.C., there does appear to be a bit of a double standard. Day after day of violence in the streets of Portland and Seattle, destroying property, lives and the jobs

of many people did not bring much of an outrage in certain circles. I realize that there is a great gap between destroying a business and insurrection of the country.

One thing that particularly disturbed me was the use of Jesus name on several banners and flags. There is no way that Jesus would have blessed what went on in the capital yesterday. They were trying to justify what went on in the name of the Prince of Peace.

The second statement mentioned several times was that there is something wrong with the heart of America. That is hardly new news. The prophet Jeremiah said that the “heart of man is desperately wicked, who could know it.”(17:9) This does not mean that we are all desperately and equally wicked. It does mean that we are all fallen creatures capable of grievous sins, given the right circumstances.

In the 19th century, a well-known pastor, Thomas Chalmers wrote a sermon that has become a classic. It was entitled, “The Expulsive Power of a New Affection.” He, himself, had experienced such a new affection. As a young minister, he believed that his duties could be carried out in a couple of days and he could do as he wished in the succeeding days. He underwent a radical conversion and

developed a passion for missions, home visitation, and ministry to the poor. His new love for Christ had expelled his self-seeking search for pleasure. We need to expel certain attitudes and expectations from our hearts. This can only happen as the Holy Spirit does a new work in our hearts that will expel the ugliness that Satan has convinced us as normal.

In this day with all its rage and push for power, there needs to be changes in our hearts. A lot of things need to be expelled or rooted out. The apostle Paul urged the new Christians in Colosse to “rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language.” (3:8) It starts with humility. Pride is the root cause of much of our rebellion against God. I, we, need to reflect on our own hearts and attitudes. Words have power. If you only hear one side, it is not likely that you will have complete understanding. If you only read books that agree with your position, you may have only deepened your false assumptions. A prayer might be: “Lord, show me my sin, give me the wisdom that comes from above. Show me how to love my brother. May the grace that you have shown to me radiate out through me, to those around me. Jhm82@outlook.com ph 580-772-2311

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