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## SWOSUpalooza is March 25 with Students Having First Chance at Tickets

SWOSUpalooza is scheduled for Thursday, March 25, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Flatland Cavalry, Mike Ryan and Triston Marez will be featured at the 8 p.m. concert, which will be held in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

SWOSU officials have made some changes to concert plans due to COVID-19. The university is limiting the number of tickets to 650. Ticket sales will be based on first-come, first serve.

In addition, seats will be spread out throughout the arena to allow social distancing. Masks will be required. Finally, there will be no concessions available inside the Pioneer Cellular Event Center during the event, but organizers plan to have a couple of food trucks outside of the arena that night.

The university will honor tickets already purchased on stubwire.com. Remaining tickets will now be available to SWOSU students only until February 19. After February 19, if any tickets remain, sales will reopen to

the public.

A student can purchase up to two \$15 tickets with their student I.D. on stubwire.com at: <http://share.swosu.edu/palooza2021>

“We want safety and success, and the Panorama Committee is working with the Student Government Association to make this event happen,” said Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama Committee. “We hope this will be the start of bringing back more student activities to the SWOSU campus after a year of COVID-19 challenges.”

The annual concert was delayed from 2020 because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SWOSUpalooza music event is sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Panorama Series.

For additional information about SWOSUpalooza, contact the SWOSU Public Relations and Marketing Office at 580.774.3063.



## WHS to perform The Raven February 25th

Weatherford High School’s theatre class is showcasing a short play, based on Edgar Allen Poe’s short poem “The Raven.” The poem, set on a dreary night in December, centers around lost love, grief, and desire. Poe’s play brought him international spotlight and set his name as a major talking point on the lips of the public upon its release. It inspired countless retellings and imitations. His work has been referenced in all forms of pop culture (film,

music, video games), and even led to the name of the professional football team, the Baltimore Ravens - a name chosen due to Poe’s time in Baltimore and his burial there.

Weatherford’s winter performance will open on February 25th and will feature the talented cast: Chase Dawson as Poe, Mackenzie Copeland as Edgar, Sam Kellar as Madeline, Brittany Arnold as Roderick, and Isaac Martyn as The Raven.

## Lyle Road Updates

Weatherford’s “Lyle Road Project” is working on moving the utilities lines on the street to make way for the street width expansion. Currently, CenterPoint Energy is actively working on their lines. Other services like Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) and AT&T are in the process of preparing their relocations. Bids for the next stage of construction on the road are slated to begin in August.

## Little League Sign-ups for summer baseball, tee-ball, and softball open

The City of Weatherford’s Sports & Recreation Association has signups available for their summer 2021 baseball and softball little leagues. A strict deadline date has been set this year to avoid last minute changes to rosters and coaches. Children will need to be enrolled by March 5th by 5 PM; early registrations are highly encouraged.

T-ball begins in May and will play all home games at the fields in Weatherford. All other leagues will have some travel games. Boys’ coach pitch, 10U, and 12U will start in April, and Girls’ Softball 8U, 10U, and 12U will begin in May.

Registration forms can be filled out online at the City of Weatherford website under “Registration.”

For questions or additional information, please contact the Sports & Recreation Association at: (580) 774-2450.

Coaches are needed. If you’d like to coach or are interested in potentially coaching, contact the association or sign up on the registration form.

## COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics Continue on Fridays at SWOSU



COVID-19 vaccination clinics continue on Fridays at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Around 1,400 appointments were scheduled for February 12. During the last month, SWOSU College of

Pharmacy Rural Health Center Coordinator Randy Curry said the number of vaccinations given at SWOSU have been:

February 5	1,194
January 29	980
January 22	1,033
January 15	1,083
January 8	300

All clinics are being held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center (900 N. Seventh Street) on the SWOSU campus, which was approved and set up as a point of distribution. The vaccinations, being given now at SWOSU, are for people in phase 2 of the state’s 4-phase plan.

All appointments are set up through the online portal of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH): <https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/>. The clinics should continue on Fridays for several months.

Curry encourages everyone to sign up on the OSDH scheduler, and it will place everyone in the appropriate category for vaccines. It is his understanding that appointments open seven days in advance, depending on the amount of vaccine, coming from the federal government.

Residents coming to the Pioneer Cellular Event Center should enter through the west doors. Appointments are required. Masks and distancing are required.

SWOSU faculty and students from the College of Pharmacy, School of Nursing and School of Allied Health—as well as many volunteers from SWOSU—have been assisting with the Oklahoma State Department of Health clinics.



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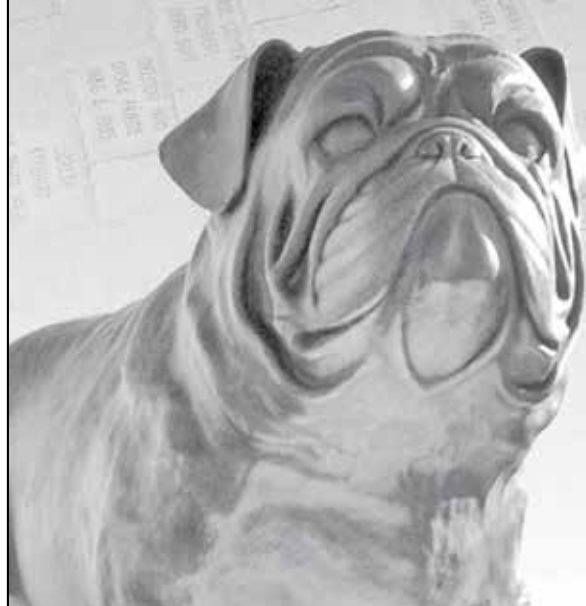



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**Jasper Homer Washa Sr.**

Jasper Homer Washa, Sr. was born on April 12, 1947, to Eugene and Lydia (Watan) Washa in Clinton, Oklahoma, and passed away on February 6, 2021, at his home in Weatherford, Oklahoma, at the age of 73 years, 9 months and 24 days.



Jasper was raised north of Weatherford in the Deer Creek area. He attended school in Colony and Clinton, graduating from Clinton High School. Jasper joined the United States Marine Corp at the age of 17 and served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. He remained a member of the reserves from 1981 until 1996 and served in Operation Desert Storm. Jasper was a proud member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, and in 1976 he began serving as a tribal chairman. Jasper enjoyed traveling, camping, and going to casinos. Memorial contributions may be made to Cheyenne and Arapaho Foster Care Program.

Jasper is survived by his wife Maude Washa of the home in Weatherford, OK; two sons: Jasper Washa Jr and Stephen Washa; and one brother Jimmy Washa. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Titus, Harold, Eugene Jr, and Dean; and four sisters: Viola, Phyllis, Minnie Alice, and Violet.

**Branson Reynolds**

On Thursday, January 14, 2021, Branson Reynolds passed away at the age of 74 from complications following surgery. Branson was born on December 16, 1946, in Hobart, Oklahoma, to Joseph DeKalb and Pauline Rose (Bills) Reynolds. Branson variously worked as a biologist, archaeologist, nature photographer, and author.



Randall "Branson" graduated from Gotebo, OK, High School and went on to graduate from Southwestern Oklahoma State University with a degree in biology. "Randy," as he was known in college, was a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He was known for his kindness, love of nature and intelligent conversations about life, people and nature.

Branson is survived by his step-sons: Larry and Justin Myers, granddaughter Lily; nieces: Jonna Dee, Reyna and Shelly, and a host of friends (human and canine) he loved as family.

Branson was never afraid to follow his passions, largely because they invariably led him outdoors. Like a Tevas-clad Sir David Attenborough, Branson's gentle demeanor brought him into astonishingly intimate contact with the wildlife he loved to photograph and allowed him to share a bit of the magic with the rest of us. Branson also held a deep respect for America's native peoples and loved photographing the ruins of the Southwest and living cultural traditions, alike. As it became more difficult to lose himself in the wilderness, later in life, Branson found solace in the love and care of his many over-fed and exceptionally well-loved rescue dogs. The unifying feature of these disparate passions, and the trait for which he will be best remembered, is that Branson was a truly kind and gentle soul. Out of place in the often ugly world, most of us inhabit, Branson preferred to live in-and tried his best to share his visions of-the beauty all around us.

An Indian legend says, "When a human dies, there is a bridge they must cross to enter into Heaven. At the head of that bridge awaits every animal that humans encountered during their lifetime. The animals, based on what they know of the person, decide which humans may cross the bridge and which are turned away." All of

us who knew Branson and loved him dearly know that awaiting Branson at this bridge are some of his most beloved friends and family...

In accordance with Branson's wishes, a ceremony, celebrating his life, will be held on the banks of the Animas River when conditions permit, likely in August 2021. To receive event information as it becomes available, please email contact information to lawrence.myers@colorado.edu. In lieu of cards or flowers, please consider a donation to Annie's Orphans, an organization near and dear to Branson's heart.

"I used to watch you. I used to watch you when you were just a boy, so young and so in-tune with nature. I remember one day long ago when I watched you laying with your stomach flat on the brown Oklahoma dirt. You were talking to a skunk. I have waited a long time for you, my friend." Horace Daukei speaking to Branson

**Kenny Ray Adams**

Kenny Ray Adams was born to Raymond and Betty (Miller) Adams on February 7, 1952, in Clinton, OK and passed away on February 9, 2021, in Oklahoma City, OK, at the age of 69 years and 2 days.

Kenny was raised and attended school in Clinton. He married Barbara (Lawter) Adams on March 21, 1981, in Clinton. They made their home in Clinton where he worked for the City of Clinton.

He is survived by his wife Barbara of the home; one son James Adams of Clinton; two daughters: Kathryn Adams and Jolene Miller and her husband Brent, all of Weatherford; three grandchildren; one brother Sheryl Adams. He is preceded in death by two brothers: Lanny and Zack; two sisters: Freda and Barbara.

**Leon Scarlett**

Funeral Services for Leon Scarlett, 75, Clinton resident, were held 11:00 A.M., Wednesday, February 10, 2021, in the Church of Christ at 2601 Custer Ave. Clinton, OK, officiated by Patrick Peters. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Leon Scarlett was born August 9, 1945, to George W. Scarlett and Annie Mae (Harris) Scarlett in Somerville, TX and passed away early Saturday morning, February 6, 2021, in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital North in Oklahoma City, OK

Mr. Scarlett was born and raised in Somerville, Texas, and then moved to Houston, Texas, at a young age, when he became a member of the United States Army. He remained in the Army from 1963 and had an honorable discharge with a rank of E6 as a Motor Transport Specialist in 1966. While in the Army, Leon received the Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and became a US Army marksman. In 1966, Mr. Scarlett moved to Clinton, Oklahoma, where he was first employed at the Clinton Tuberculosis Sanatorium. He was a truck driver, he also worked for Dolese Cement Company for several years and served as a firefighter while intermittently driving the ambulance for Sherman Air Force Base. In 1997, Mr. Leon was swooped off his feet when he married his beloved wife Doris (DJ), who was his life partner until his death. Mr. Scarlett most recently was employed at Clinton Public Schools in the maintenance department and was a well-respected bus driver. He demonstrated many other talents such as building and construction, "handy man," and took pride in helping others.

Mr. Scarlett enjoyed fishing, watching westerns, listening to gospel music, and ultimately playing dominos. He was an avid dog lover who raised and bred his dogs for years. Leon was loved by many and enjoyed laughing with his children and interacting with his grandchildren, including those who rode his bus.

He is preceded in death by his parents; three sisters: Georgia Taylor, Mary Wright, Bessie Winston; five brothers: Roy Scarlett, Lester Jordan, Sylvester Jordan, Carl Jordan and C.W. Winston.

He is survived by his loving wife Doris, of Clinton, Oklahoma; his daughters: Mary Scarlett, Anchorage, AK, Lillie Jordan, Mangum, OK, Rhonda Scarlett-Tucker (Caesar), San Antonio, TX, Gwendolen Murphy, OKC, OK and Felicia Scarlett Richie (Veto), El Reno, OK; sons: Michael Scarlett (Susan), Albuquerque, NM, Leon Scarlett, Jr., Houston, TX, Stacy Scarlett and wife Cassandra, Thomas, Ronald Harper, Jr. (Blayne), El Reno, OK, Michael and Eric Harper, of Clinton, Oklahoma

He is also survived by 44 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren, his best friends Esco Abrams and David Collins, and a host of other dear friends, nieces and nephews and co-workers.

**Imo J. McLean**

Visitation for Imo J. McLean, 103 years young, Clinton resident was held Sunday, February 7, 2021, in the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home. Family greeted guests at the funeral home 3:00 P.M. till 5:00 P.M.; she will be laid to rest next to her late husband in Dunn, North Carolina, at a later date.



Imo Johnson McLean was born July 3, 1917, in Clinton, Oklahoma, to Menno Johnson and Mina (Smith) Johnson of Bessie, OK. She left this earth for her heavenly home on Thursday, February 4, 2021, in the Angelwood Assisted Living Center in Clinton, OK.

She was the second daughter of the small town grocer in Bessie, OK. She grew up in the living quarters of Menno's Market, where her six siblings and she resided after the sudden death of their mother. She attended Bessie School and graduated with the Class of 1935. School and book learning were not her fortes, often having her sisters, and even the butcher, Ben Kerschner, of their store helped her with home work. However, she was an excellent seamstress, outfitting her sisters and nieces with incredible garments. Her talent landed her a position in Oklahoma City with Halliburton's Department Stores. The 11th floor of fabric and notions were her domain; seasonal window mannequins were wearing all of Imo's Apparels.

A single career girl, she enjoyed life with friends, her job and especially ballroom dancing. Eventually, she became the manager of her apartment building, "The Melrose," and there she met her husband to be, B. C. "Mac" McLean. She rented him an apartment for his tenure while in Oklahoma City for schooling with the F.A.A. They were married in April of 1967, and they soon moved to his home state of North Carolina. His aeronautical job moved them to numerous places from South Carolina to Florida. They frequently traveled across the states, visiting family and friends while seeing the sights along the way. After Mac preceded her in death, Imo returned to her home of Oklahoma, settling in McAlester where her brother, Bill and his family resided. Her home was the gathering place for many family get-togethers, with Imo being the perfect hostess.

At the age of 98, she moved to Clinton to be closer to her nieces and other family members. She became a resident of the Angelwood Assisted Living Center and soon adjusted to the community living. She loved the monthly family nights and get togethers.

She is also preceded in death by her parents; step-mother Ethel Grimma Johnson; sisters: Novice Jewel Kirschner, Maureen "Mickey" Guthrie, Doris Johnson; brothers: Maurice "Bill" Johnson, A.B. Johnson; two step-sons: Clay McLean and Harry McLean; and niece, Jeannie Estes.

She is survived by a step-daughter Annette McLean, Raleigh, NC; sister Alva Jean Merritt, Sapulpa, OK; nieces: Ann Brown, Clinton, OK, Helen Vowell, Thomas, OK, Karen Viator, Fulshear, TX, Denise Maggart, Magnolia, TX, Cheryl Lauder, Weatherford, OK, Judi Miller, Roseburg, WA, Kellee Drumond McAlester, OK; nephews: Kent Merritt, Sapulpa, OK, Bryan Guthrie, Oregon City, OR, Steven Guthrie, Guaymas, Mexico, John Johnson, McAlester, OK; great nieces and nephews, cousins, Maxine Page and B.J. Brown.

Family has suggested memorials may be made to the Bessie Fire Department which is housed in the building in Bessie where she grew up.

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# Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Holiday Match is a Success



Thanks to the generosity of many, the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Holiday Match campaign will help provide more than 13 million meals to our neighbors facing hunger. The match was made possible thanks to match sponsor APMEX with special support from the Cresap Family Foundation. Funds raised through the match will help the Regional Food Bank meet the increased demand for food assistance caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"This year, the Holiday Match donations come at a very crucial time for the Regional Food Bank. We and our partners are serving more Oklahomans because too many of our neighbors have been impacted by the pandemic," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "We are blessed to have partners like our match sponsor APMEX and the Cresap Family Foundation. Their leadership helped to

inspire others to support our mission."

Generous gifts from match sponsor APMEX and additional support from the Cresap Family Foundation helped meet every donation made, up to \$700,000, between Nov. 15 and Jan. 15. Overall, \$3.3 million was raised through the match.

"APMEX and our employees are overjoyed so many Oklahomans made generous donations to provide millions of meals to our neighbors in need," said Scott Thomas, APMEX founder and president. "We were honored to join the Regional Food Bank during its Holiday Match again and for the opportunity to give back to our community this challenging season."

The Regional Food Bank and its partners continue to see up to a 30% increase in Oklahomans seeking food assistance for the first time. This increased need for food assistance is expected to continue long after the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

KOCO 5 News joined the Regional Food Bank as the official broadcast partner of the Holiday Match, promoting the match with special programming dedicated to the fight against hunger in the state.

"We are so grateful to KOCO for using their platforms to bring awareness to the Holiday Match," Dykstra said. "Their support brought much needed attention to food insecurity in Oklahoma and I know helped to put food on the table for Oklahomans in need of food assistance."

The impact of the Holiday Match can be felt across the Regional Food Bank's network of partners in 53 counties in central and western Oklahoma. Each month, millions of pounds of food are distributed to these partners. Partners like New Emergency Resource Agency Food & Resource Center in Ponca City. The organization reports they recently provided food assistance to a senior couple who is raising their grandchild amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The woman was in our shopping area and began crying because she could not believe her family would get this many groceries. The next month they told us how much of a difference this has made in their lives and how they could not have made it without our help."

Learn more about the fight against hunger in Oklahoma by visiting [rfbo.org](http://rfbo.org).



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Winter weather conditions across the state of Oklahoma were dangerous and record-breaking during the recent winter storm event.

## Hofmeister remarks on new CDC guidance for schools to safely reopen

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister made the following remarks after a report by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), which builds upon previous evidence that PreK-12 schools can safely open with proper precautions to reduce spread of COVID-19. The full report is available at [cdc.gov](http://cdc.gov).

"As COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continue trending downward and Oklahoma state and county health officials make tremendous headway in vaccinations, the CDC report further underscores that in-person instruction can be done safely when appropriate, science-based precautions are in place. The challenges of education in the midst of this pandemic have been extraordinary, just as the challenges of COVID-19 have impacted nearly every aspect of American life. But through continued vigilance and resourcefulness, we can and will ensure brighter days ahead for Oklahoma students. We can accept nothing less."

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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS



**Mike Smith**  
News Director

**CLINTON MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED**-Oklahoma City Police and U.S. Marshals were assisted by the Clinton Police Department in the arrest of four people in connection with a June 2020 homicide in Oklahoma City. Authorities say Salaam Moore, Jeffrey West, Christopher Sadler Jr., and Erica Ramiriz have been arrested in connection with the murder of 25-year old Damon Palmer. Palmer's body was discovered in northwest Oklahoma City.

**CLINTON/CONSTRUCTION**- Clinton City Manager Robert Johnston said the city is gearing up for rehab work at the Clinton Lake Water treatment plant. He said during that time officials will bring on the reverse osmosis water treatment plan to help meet the water needs of the city.

**SWOSU/DEGREES**- A total of 409 students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre completed requirements for either associate, bachelor's, master's, or doctoral degrees after the 2020 fall semester. These students can par-

ticipate in convocation exercises in 2021, tentatively scheduled for April 30th and May 1st on the Weatherford campus.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT**- A murder suspect has pleaded not guilty in Custer County District court. Thirty-seven year old Dennis Ray Rigsby, Jr. is charged with murder in the death of his mother, 66-year old Judy Mullin, who was found deceased on the floor of a camper the pair had been traveling in. Court records show Rigsby and his mother were enroute back to the state of California when Rigsby said he punched her, choked her with some clothes and hit her with an unknown object after she would not give him her cell phone. A pre-trial hearing for Rigsby is planned for February 26th.

**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**-Custer County Commissioners recognized Jordan Nel as the new Executive Director of the Custer County Extension Center effective February 1st. Nel

had been serving as interim director since the retirement of Ron Wright last year.

**CORDELL CITY HALL CLOSED DUE TO COVID-19**- A positive COVID-19 case has resulted in the closure of Cordell City Hall. City administrator J.C. Moser said one person is working at city hall to take phone calls and take utility payments through a drop box. Moser said city hall will be closed for at least another week and a half.

**BECKHAM COUNTY DIST COURT JONES**- A man held without bond in connection with the death of a 2-year old child will have a bond reduction hearing next month in Beckham County District Court. Twenty-four year old Troy Justice Jones has been charged with first degree murder in the death of Benji Taylor, who suffered severe head trauma. Police said Jones turned himself in after a warrant was issued for his arrest. The hearing is planned for March 22nd.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

Arrested	Department, for APCV.	permission.	by the Clinton Police Department, for a Beckham County warrant for count 1 possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and count 2 possession of drug paraphernalia.
David Prairiechief, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for a custer county charge of actual physical control.	Andre Ford, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.	Ravon Henderson, arrested by Okmulgee County, for driving under the influence, possession of medical marijuana without a license, speeding 26-30 over the limit, and DUR.	Evan Atchley, 27, arrested by the Clinton Police Department and for 3 city warrants for driving under suspension, expired tag, and no insurance, and a Custer County warrant for count 1 of possession of a controlled dangerous substance, count 2 of possession of drug paraphernalia, and count 3 of removing proper or affixing improper license plate, and a new charge of false impersonation.
Robert Rutledge, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for petit larceny.	Eva Martinez, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for driving under the influence of drugs.	Brandon Loss, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle and public intoxication.	<b>Out on Bond</b> Andre Ford, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for charge of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute.
Rudolfo Sambrano, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for larceny of merchandise from retailer.	Ronald Redshin, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for allowing dog to run at large, keeping vicious dogs in city limits and keeping or harboring too many dogs.	Sabina Williams, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for driving under influence, and rear center mounted brake lamp.	Kyle Ray, arrested by TSI, for eluding.
Rainey Ward, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for larceny or theft of a controlled dangerous substance.	Joshua Salmon, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a custer county bench warrant.	Kristan Lee Hutchinson, 38, arrested by the Weatherford Police Department and charged with driving while DUS and failure to display current number plate.	
Sashea Gregory, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for driving under the influence in the second degree, failure to signal, toc liquor, and no drivers license.	Kody Thompson, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a custer county for public intoxication by drugs.	Timothy Wassana, 54, arrested by the Clinton Police Department for a rule 8 bench warrant.	
Jonathan Mallow, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for obstruction.	Eric Curtis, arrested by Oklahoma County, for obstructing, and breaking and entering a dwelling without	Alberta Cable, 27, arrested	
David Prairie Chief, arrested by Clinton Police De-			

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*



## Bulldogs Closed Out by Oklahoma Baptist

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director  
SWOSU Men's Basketball was held scoreless for the final 2:10 and Oklahoma Baptist scored the final seven points to defeat the Bulldogs 84-78 on Saturday afternoon at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford.

locker room. On the first possession of the second half, the Bison took their first lead of the game and they led for 15:57 of the final 20 minutes, which featured seven ties and seven lead changes.

The game was tied at 71-71 with 4:31 to play after a basket by Chris Braggs, Jr., but OBU got three-pointers on two straight possessions to lead 77-71 with 3:42 remaining. SWOSU scored the next seven points, taking the lead on another basket by

Braggs with 2:10 to play, but that would be the final scoring for the Dawgs. OBU closed out the game with the final seven points and SWOSU missed their last four field goal attempts.

Tauriawn Knight led the way for SWOSU with 21 points and three rebounds while Braggs tied a season-high with 17 points and Damion Thornton chipped in 15 points and a team-leading six rebounds.

Following their third straight setback, SWOSU falls to 6-7 on the year.



## Tramble Leads Lady Bulldogs Charge Over OBU

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director  
Behind a career-high 33 points from sophomore Makyra Tramble and 14 three-pointers, the #15-ranked SWOSU Women's Basketball team defeated Oklahoma Baptist 93-64 on Saturday at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center in Weatherford.

helping SWOSU build a lead of 32-11 after the first quarter and scoring 25 first-half points as the Lady Bulldogs scored 52 points in the first half and led by 19 at the break. SWOSU scored at least 19 points in each quarter and topped the 90-point plateau for the eighth time this season after converting on 45.1% (32-71) of their field goal attempts, including 14-of-

37 (37.8%) shooting from three-point range.

The dominant sophomore campaign from Tramble continued as she set a new career-high with 33 points on 11-16 shooting, including 5-10 shooting from three-point range, and she hit 6-of-7 free throw attempts. She finished filling out the stat sheet with six rebounds, five steals, four assists and



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one blocked shot in 36 minutes of action. Macy Gore added 14 points, seven rebounds and six assists while Bethany Franks chipped in 13 points and six rebounds while Lauren Ramey also reached double figures with 11 points to go along

with four rebounds, three assists and two blocked shots.

"We really had something to prove today and that's one thing about Mak, she's going to come out and put on a show because she had something to prove," Head Coach Kelsi Musick said

after the game. "We all had a chip on our shoulder today, and we really took that to heart and knew that we needed to make a statement today."

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# Macy Gore and Chris Braggs, Jr. are newest Bulldogs of the Week



**Doug Self**  
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The SWOSU Basketball duo of Macy Gore and Chris Braggs, Jr., has been chosen as your newest Bulldogs of the Week.

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**BOTW\_215\_Mgore**

Gore (Taloga, Okla.) had a steady week and helped the #15 Lady Bulldogs go 1-1, including a big home win over Oklahoma Baptist on Saturday. Against OBU, Gore

went for 14 points and seven rebounds, upping her weekly average to 10.5 points per game. She also dished out six assists in each game and added a combined three steals.

**BOTW\_215\_Braggs**

Braggs, Jr. (Oklahoma City) also had a steady performance in two games as the Bulldogs suffered a pair of close, conference defeats. He scored eight points on Thursday at SNU before joining the starting lineup for the first time this season on Saturday and matching a season-high with 17 points to go with two rebounds, one assist and one blocked shot.

## "The Coin Guy" Two Gold Coins Equal \$2 Million



Trent Boesen

From February 17 to 21 a coin auction in Dallas, Texas, will feature two rare gold coins. They come from the Paramount Collection. Both gold coins are well-known to collectors.

The first gold coin is 1907 Saint-Guadens \$20 gold coin. It is an Ultra

High Relief with edge lettering. It was certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation as a Proof 68. It is one of 20 known surviving examples. It is also known as the most beautiful coin the United States has minted.

Each gold coin was struck on a press using 150 tons of pressure and struck seven times to show all the details very clearly.

The other gold coin expecting to bring a \$1 million bid is an 1880 \$4 gold coin known as a "Coiled Hair" design. It was certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation as a Proof 67. This gold coin is affectionately called a "Stella" by collectors. Although 425 coins were struck their remaining numbers are unknown. Many were given to congressmen to examine but, were duly spent in the "tawdry-side" of town.

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## SWOSU Bulldog Blitz Talent Show Try-Outs are Feb. 22-26

The Collegiate Activities Board at Southwestern Oklahoma State University is hosting auditions for its annual Bulldog Blitz talent show.

The audition dates are February 22-26 at 6-7 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. each evening in the Fine Arts Center. The

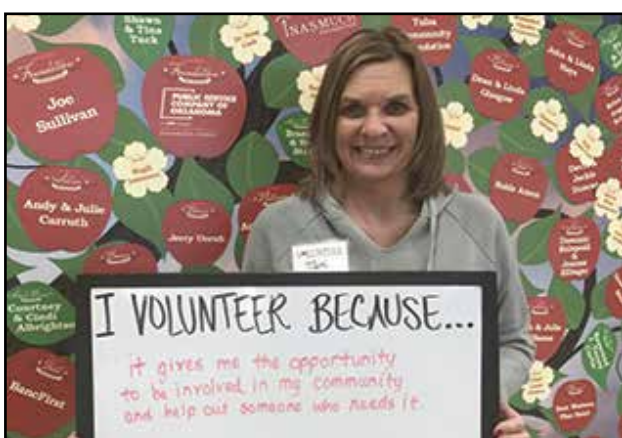
deadline for sign-ups will be Friday, February 19, by 5 p.m. SWOSU students can sign up in the Dean of Students office (STF 214) or by calling (580) 774-3767.

Bulldog Blitz will be held virtually on March 18. First place wins \$1,000 and runner-up wins \$500.

## WFRC Volunteer of the Month for October 2020

Tami Smith is Weatherford Food and Resource Center's Volunteer of the Month for October 2020. Tami lives in Weatherford with her husband, Monte, who also volunteers. They have 3 grown children. Scrapbooking, traveling, eating Mexican food, spending time with family, and being an empty nester with her husband are Tami's favorite things. Tami volunteers because it gives her the opportunity to be involved in her community and to help someone who needs it.

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# Oklahoma History: Doolin-Dalton Gang

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

Oklahoma has had a colorful cast of characters galivant across its land over its rich history. One such group was the Doolin-Dalton Gang that operated in the central US during the 1890's. Better known as the "Wild Bunch," the gang operated out of Ingalls, Oklahoma, where their notoriety grew across the nation. The gang popularized long dusters and influenced pop culture with their high stakes train holdups and bank robberies that usually ended in violent encounters with authority. The gang, led by Bill Doolin and William Marion "Bill" Dalton, consisted of nine other men – William "Tulsa Jack" Blake, Dan "Dynamite Dick" Clifton, Charley Pierce, William F. "Little Bill" Raidler, George "Bitter Creek" Newcomb, Roy "Arkansas Tom Jones" Daugherty, Richard "Little Dick" West, George "Red Buck" Weightman, and Oliver "Ol" Yantis.

The Wild Bunch actually stemmed from the original Dalton Gang, which Doolin was a member of. The gang, led by "Bill" Dalton's older brothers, botched a train robbery in Oklahoma Territory and separated. Doolin returned to Ingalls, Oklahoma Territory with some friends while the Dalton brothers attempted another robbery in Coffeyville, Kansas. That robbery failed too, and it resulted in their deaths.

A short time later, Doolin was operating close to Kingfisher, Oklahoma, where they stopped by the home of the Daltons' mother. Bill Dalton was also visiting his mother during the time, and Doolin proposed a merger to avenge his brothers. The boys operated under the infamous Henry Starr for several raids until Starr was captured and held at Fort Smith. Suddenly, Doolin and Dalton became co-leaders and the Wild Bunch began to prepare.

The gang went on a spree that garnered them media renown and law enforcement infamy between November 1892 and April 1895; Doolin even adomed a Robin Hood-like persona in the eyes of the public for his targeting of wealthy institutions. During this time, some of their biggest heists include a county bank in Spearville, Kansas, for \$1,500 in treasury notes, a Santa Fe train in Cimarron, Kansas for \$1,000 in silver, a bank in Missouri for \$4,000, and the Santa Fe Railway station in Woodward for over \$6,000. According to the Official Data Foundation,

"\$100 in 1892 is equivalent in purchasing power to about \$2,847.26 in 2020." So, the Wild Bunch's scores may be pushing the half-a-million-dollar mark in today's market.

Their methods of success would soon be their undoing. Because of the violent nature of their robberies, they quickly gained the attention of U.S. Marshal Evett "E.D." Nix. His main priority: toppling the Doolin-Dalton Gang. He employed one hundred U.S. marshals to assist him, and he insisted they hunt down every last member of the outlaw gang. His unwavering conviction to end their spree at any cost led him to instruct his deputies to do whatever they felt was necessary to bring them down. He supported any means they used, and with his support, the marshals began to methodically hunt down each member.

The beginning of the end for the Doolin-Dalton gang could be seen when the gang ran into a posse of police detectives led by Marshal Nix on September 1st, 1893, in Ingalls, Oklahoma Territory. The historic Battle of Ingalls resulted in the deaths of three of the fourteen lawmen, two citizens, three outlaws, and the capture of Wild Bunch member "Arkansas Tom Jones." "Arkansas Tom" was charged and sentenced a few months later in Guthrie for manslaughter and records show that the judge told Marshal Nix to "bring them in dead".

Following the battle, the gang went on hiatus until early 1894 where they did several small jobs throughout the region of the Oklahoma-Kansas border. In March, Nix called upon three of his best men that had been apart of the original Dalton gang's demise at Coffeyville, Kansas, and issued a directive that stated, "I have selected you to do this work...to cope with these desperadoes and bring them in – alive if possible – dead if necessary." The three marshals would become known for their bounty hunting abilities as "The Three Guardsmen," a name given to them by their prey for their dauntless pursuit through weather, terrain, and distance. They would go on to have over 300 desperado arrests over the next decade.

The Guardsmen's pursuit of the gang grew so relentless that the gang felt their only hope for reprieve was to split the group with Dalton leaving and attempting a bank heist in Longview, Texas, where three of the four members were killed by a posse. Dalton was later tracked down to his home in Pooleville, Oklahoma,

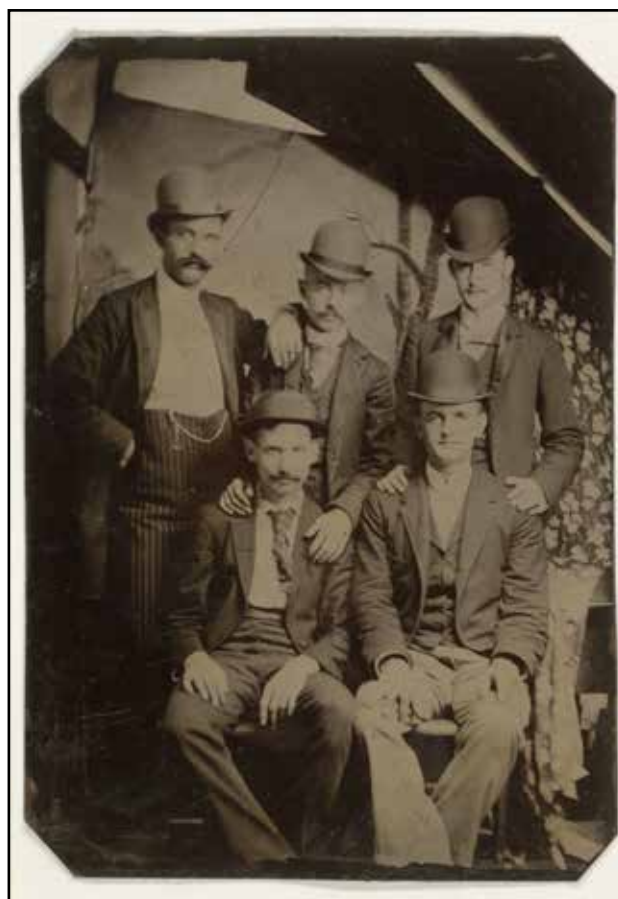


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**Doolin-Dalton Gang**

and perished in a shootout with deputy marshals. The rest of the Doolin-Dalton gang would be tracked down, one-by-one, as they were either killed or arrested by The Three Guardsmen and the men they led. The Guardsmen were directly responsible for the killing of leader Bill Doolin and members: "Dynamite Dan" Clifton, Richard "Little Dick" West, and William F. "Little Bill" Raidler. Other members of the gang were killed or captured by bounty hunters during these final couple years.

A Custer County Posse was responsible for the killing of member George "Red Buck" Weightman near Arapaho, Oklahoma, in March of 1896, two years before the final member of the Wild Bunch met their end.

## HIGHER GROUND

### Healing the Breach



Jim Morrison

This is Black History month. I challenge each of you to read at least one book on black history, one book written by a black author, or the biography of a black leader. Most of us would never position ourselves as a member of the "White Supremacist" group, but by our inaction we subtly display our lack of interest in, or desire to really understand much of their pain. Our black brothers and sisters made a great contribution to our country. When the plantation owners thought that manual labor was beneath them, the textile industry developed on the backs of thousands of black slaves who labored in the cotton fields, with little reward except the lash from their masters if they failed to produce.

Officially, 186,017 Negro troops took part in the civil war on the side of the Union. Many sources believe that had they counted the servants, laborers and spies, between three and four hundred thousand Negroes

helped as regular soldiers or laborers in winning the Civil War. One southern leader said the enlistment of Negro troops by the United States was the turning point of the war.

When you consider the obstacles they had to overcome, their achievements have been remarkable. The Black codes developed by the Southern whites after the northern troops were removed during the reconstruction period, reduced their opportunities and reinstated a kind of near-slavery with the development of the share-cropper system. Much of their lives were still under the control of the white owner.

Even a world-renowned scientist such as Dr. George Washington Carver, had to ride in the baggage car on his way to address the Congress of the United States. They were told where they could live, sleep, eat and work. Their voting rights were severely limited. Thank God we have come a long way. But we must continue to learn and love, to understand and be understood. Does racism go both ways? Certainly, it does. Personal responsibility and the rule of law and love must still abide. The break-up of the family unit and the welfare system contribute to the problem. But we must recognize that cultural differences are not necessarily bad, just different. Just because a person does not look

or act like me doesn't mean I am superior. Because we have been brought up a certain way does not mean it is the only correct way to act.

This past Sunday, my denomination celebrated "George Liele day." He was a freed slave who was one of the most significant figures in the history of Christian missions. He planted the first African American Baptist church in America. After preaching for two years in the slave quarters of plantations surrounding Savanna and into South Carolina he and his family migrated to Kingston, Jamaica. Slaves were brought from Africa to Jamaica to work on the sugar plantations. His ministry had such a spiritual and social impact on the island that slavery was eradicated in 1828, fifty-five years before slaves were freed in the United States. When he came to Jamaica, there were only about 8,000 Baptists on the island. In 1832 there were 20,000. His converts were encouraged to preach the Gospel. Many went to Savannah, Ga., Nova Scotia and Sierra Leona.

He was born into slavery, but through the power of Christ became a messenger of the Gospel that multiplied African American Baptist churches in America, Jamaica and beyond. Yet, to my regret I never heard of him until this week. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com) or call 580-772-2311

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