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The Weatherford boys soccer team took home the championship trophy at the Weatherford Classic tournament beating Lawton Eisenhower 4-2.

SWOSU Rodeo scheduled April 8th-10th

Tickets for the 48th annual SWOSU College Rodeo are now available online. The Rodeo will be held at the Don Mitchell Arena and BOP Ram Rodeo Grounds on April 8th, 9th, and 10th. Each performance will begin at 7 PM. Admission is \$10 with Slack (April 8th and 9th at 9 AM) tickets for \$5. The Rodeo will feature some extremely talented stars and the 2020 CNFR Qualifiers: Tim Troyer, Sadie Wolaver, Winter Williams, Cody Keathley, and Taylor Bothwell. The Rodeo is sponsored by great members – ASAP Energy Inc., the Weatherford

Chamber of Commerce, BOP Rentals, and JC Cowboys. Nightly rodeo dances will be held at the newly renovated JC Cowboys Event Center and Concert Hall off I40. The SWOSU Rodeo Team is full of elite performers and has had many historic accolades including “24 National Championships, hundreds of National qualifications, and [they’re current] reigning Regional Champions.” SWOSU competes in the Central Plains NIRA, which is full of fierce competition from universities in the Oklahoma and Kansas region.

Elk City Chamber to host Southwest Farm and Home Expo

The 37th annual Elk City Chamber of Commerce’s Southwest Farm & Home Expo will be on April 10th and 11th at the Elk City Civic Center. The Expo will feature amazing Farm, Home, and Garden products/services and an All-Breed Bull Sale. There will also be a BBQ Cook-Off with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category. Teams can RSVP by contacting Randy Smith with information through the Chamber’s Facebook page. 1st place winners will receive 100% payback for entry fees.

Local area Easter egg hunts scheduled

With Easter coming up, the egg hunting season is here and in full swing. On Saturday, April 3rd, you can take your children to a couple of great Egg Hunts in Cordell, Clinton, and Elk City.

Cordell’s Chamber of Commerce is preparing for their “2021 Easter Egg Hunt” with over 2,500 eggs to be hidden for kids 7 years and under. The hunt begins at 10 AM in Lee Park.

Clinton’s “Easter Hop Event” will be held at Englemen Park from 1 PM - 3 PM. Kids will be able to take photos

with the Easter Bunny, compete in games, get Easter tattoos from the cheerleaders, and go on a very special “Bunny Hop” with the Easter Bunny at 2 PM. Also, make sure bring your baskets and swing by the local businesses for an Easter surprise. Look for the Easter egg in the windows of participating businesses.

The annual Elk City Chamber of Commerce “Easter Egg Hunt” will be in Ackley Park on April 3rd as well. Beginning at 1 PM, children 10 years and under can participate in the hunt for over 11,000 sweetly packed

eggs hidden around the area. During the event, the Easter Bunny will be available for pictures (families are encouraged to bring their own cameras). Before the Egg Hunt, an “Eggstravaganza” by Link’s will be held across from the carousel in Ackley Park between 11 AM – 2 PM. There will be free hotdogs, cotton candy, and drinks, and there will also be games and a bouncy house for the kids.

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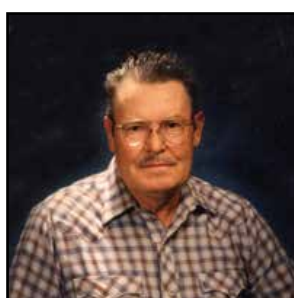
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Hubert Eugene Hall

Hubert Eugene Hall was born March 12, 1934, in Montague, Texas, to Eli and Flora Annie (McMahan) Hall and passed away Monday, March 22, 2021, in Corn Heritage Village of Weatherford, at the age of 87 years and 10 days.



Hubert was raised in Stilwell and attended Bell Schools. In 1957, he married Bonnie Wilson in Van Buren, Arkansas, and made their home in Eakly where he worked in farm labor. Hubert moved to Weatherford in 1978 where he started work with the City of Weatherford on the street crew and eventually worked up to Assistant Street Supervisor before he retired in 1996. On October 26, 1978, he married Mattie Beasley in Clinton and made their home in Weatherford. Hubert enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

Hubert is survived by five sons: Glen Hall, Sr. of Weatherford, Hollis Hall of Sallisaw, Wiley Hall and wife Melissa of Hydro, Adam Hall and wife Jennifer of Hydro and Jason Hall and wife Kaci of Weatherford; one daughter Crystal Hall of Weatherford; and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Mattie; four brothers: Aubrey, George, Bill and Johnnie Hall; two sisters: Alice and Belle; two sons: Edgar Allen and Lawrence Reacil; and a daughter Agnes Ann.

Sullivan and husband Zach of Hydro; Kylie Sanders and husband Chad of Edmond, Oklahoma; Chelsea Wood and husband Roger of Weatherford; Elijah Cloninger of Hydro; Ysabeau Cloninger of Hydro; and four great-grandchildren, Kloey Wood, Sydnee Sullivan, Max Sanders, and Sutton Sanders.

Myrt was preceded in death by her parents; her husband Lloyd; three brothers: Ernest Wilson, Raymond Wilson, and Billy Wilson; one sister Bertha Baker; daughter-in-law Jackie Cloninger; and a great-grandson Aiden Sullivan.

Donations in Myrt's memory can be made to the First Responders of the Hydro Fire Department.

Curtis Gilliam

Funeral services for Curtis Gilliam 61, Clinton resident were held 11:00 A.M., Friday, March 26, 2021 in the Sentinel Church of Christ officiated by Scott Everett. Burial concluded in the Sentinel Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Curtis Dale Gilliam was born October 01, 1959 in Clinton, OK to Bertie Lee Gilliam and Dorothy (Sexton) Gilliam and passed away very unexpected in his Clinton home early Tuesday, March 23, 2021.

Curtis was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1977. While in high school, he was very active in choir. After high school he began a career with Oklahoma Department of Transportation with the Bridge Crew. He also worked with Curtis Cook doing Diesel Mechanic Work.

He married Michelle Morgan on October 13, 1979, in Sayre, OK.

He was a member of the Church of Christ; he was an avid Oklahoma University football fan; he loved riding motor cycles; playing table top football; he loved to cook and was well known for his ability to smoke meat. He was a good friend to everyone and loved to help others.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by daughter Jeni Ree Corbridge and husband James, Clinton; and son Justin Curtis Gilliam and wife Malina, Las Animas, CO; and the mother of his children Michelle (Morgan) Wolf, Los Animas, CO.

He is also survived by three grandchildren: Joseph Corbridge, Izabella Gilliam and Drezden Corbridge and numerous cousins.

Pedro Huerta

Pete passed away Monday, March 15, 2021, in Weatherford, OK. Born on March 21, 1937, in Mathis, TX to Pedro Huerta and Catarina Lemos, he graduated high school, joined the US Army, and served in Korea. Upon returning, he received a bachelor's degree from Texas A & I in Kingsville, TX and moved to Hebronville, TX to teach mathematics and to coach the math team.



It was in Hebronville where he met his wife Rosemary, a home economics teacher, and they wed July 21, 1963.

The couple moved to Austin, TX where Pete received a PhD in Medicinal Chemistry and Pharmacy from the University of Texas. While in Austin they started a family with their first three children: Rachel, Lillian, and Pete III.

In 1972 the Huerta family moved to Weatherford, OK, where Pete taught in and chaired the Department of Medicinal Chemistry at Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy. In Weatherford

the family expanded to six with the birth of their fourth child Carlos J.

Dr. Huerta was part of Rho Chi Pharmacy Honor Society, as well as Phi Delta Chi Professional Pharmacy Fraternity, and he enjoyed his years, serving with Rotary International. He continued with his love of teaching until his retirement in January 1994.

A man with a passion for his profession, he continued to work in the field of pharmacy after his retirement from academia, especially working with compounding for inhalation solutions, pain management ointments, and cancer treatment research drugs up until 2019.

The Huertas were active members of St. Eugene Catholic Church, and the couple loved to participate in community activities, especially playing tennis doubles with other families in town. Also known for his generosity and selflessness, Pete truly knew how to relate to others and to bring people together around his laughter, stories, and a card table.

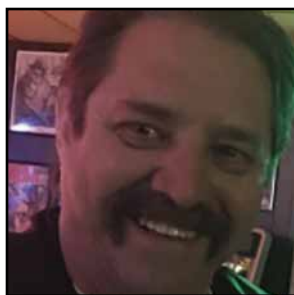
He is survived by one brother Joe; his children: Rachel, Lillian, Pete III, and Carlos J., as well as by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

All were welcome to attend his memorial service on Friday, March 26, 2021, at 3pm at St. Eugene Catholic Church, 704 Bryan Street, Weatherford, OK 73096.

In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society, a cause dear to his heart.

Randy Glancy

Chapel Services for Randy Glancy, 64, Clinton resident were held Thursday, March 25, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Richard Vermillion. Private burial will be held at a later date under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Randy Lee Glancy "Rag Man" was born April 17, 1956, to Jimmie Glancy and Theresa (Moore) Glancy in Clinton, Oklahoma, and passed away in his Clinton home on Sunday, March 21, 2021.

Randy was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1974; he continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1975 and was stationed in Korea before being honorably discharged in 1977. He returned to Clinton and worked in the oilfields; he also worked for the Clinton Laundry and Cleaners before starting a career with the Clinton Veterans Center. He retired in 2019 after a 20 year career.

He was of the Catholic belief; he loved riding motorcycles; going on day trips, going to Medicine Park and Grand Lake; he also enjoyed fishing and watching old westerns on television. He was an avid sports fan and was a big supporter of Red Tornado Sports, Oklahoma University Sports and the Dallas Cowboys.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother, Thomas Glancy and his lady companion, Susan Wilson

He is survived by three sons: Michael Glancy, Moore, OK, Gentry Glancy and Ty Taylor, both of Clinton; two daughters: Lisa Hanson and husband Mark, Clinton, Kerri Mitchell and husband Nick, Edmond; sister Patsy Williams and husband Gary, Monkey Island, OK and his brother Terry Jantz, OKC, OK

He is also survived by six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

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Dr. Howard Kurtz Wins Bernhardt Award at SWOSU

Dr. Howard Kurtz, professor of sociology and criminal justice at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2021 at SWOSU.



Dr. Howard Kurtz

Kurtz was presented the prestigious award at the annual Bernhardt Award ceremony held virtually this year. He received a \$5,000 cash award, clock, pen and medallion.

SWOSU alumni Dr. William and Theta Juan Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Kurtz, a third-generation European immigrant, was born in Pennsylvania and worked his way through college as a musician. He received his doctorate in sociology and psychology from the University of North Texas and completed two post-doctoral studies at Rice University.

He came to SWOSU six years ago after being at Oklahoma City University, where he was chair of graduate and undergraduate programs in sociology and criminal justice for 20 years.

In addition to his university duties at SWOSU, he is asked by the Justice Department, Office of Justice Programs, Office of Homeland Security and the National Institute of Justice to consult on national evaluation projects and to serve as an expert evaluator for federal grants. He also does consulting work for the American Council on Education, National Social Sciences Association, National Science Foundation, U.S. Department of Education and numerous government agencies.

Kurtz developed one of the country's first university courses on victimology, which he still teaches. His dissertation research was published as a book on the effects of violence titled "The Beaten Victim" and in the Journal of Victimology. He has developed graduate and undergraduate course materials on crime for national and international learning companies that are used by countless colleges here and abroad.

Kurtz has received funding from the State of Oklahoma to study electronic monitoring, criminal justice flow-charting, prison escapes and victims' services. He has been actively involved in research and scholarly activity throughout his career and continues to do so at SWOSU.

He was one of the founders of the state's Oklahoma Criminal Justice Research Consortium. The consortium funded statewide program evaluations and research projects in criminal justice. The John F Kennedy School

for Government at Harvard University chose this program as a national finalist in the Innovations in Government competition.

"Throughout my career, two things have guided me—compassion for others and the pursuit of excellence," Kurtz said. "I try to instill both of those qualities in all of my students through teaching and mentoring."

At SWOSU, he has rewritten the criminal justice curriculum, authored annual and five-year reviews, and developed educational materials online and in the classroom. He reestablished the criminal justice student organization and has taken students to academic conferences to present their original research for the first time in 10 years.

He and his wife are longtime residents of Yukon. They have seven children.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt Award are (in order by year): Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker, Dr. Jill Jones, Dr. James Breckenridge, Dr. John Ludrick, Dr. W. Steven Pray, Dr. Les Crall, Dr. Peter Grant, Dr. John Hayden, Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, Steve Strickler, Dr. Mary Aspedon, Dr. John Woods, Dr. Scott Long, Dr. Charles Rogers, Dr. Tim Hubin, Dr. Brian Campbell, Dr. Patsy Parker, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Kevin Collins, Dr. Trisha Wald, Landry Brewer, Dr. Amanda Evert and Dr. Hardeep Singh Saluja.

SWOSU Group Provides Teachers with Special Activity at Women in Science Conference



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) and the Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts / Humanities, and Mathematics (SAGE STEAM) Camp in Weatherford recently participated in the 2021 Women in Science Conference.

The event provides hands-on activities and information about STEAM opportunities to Oklahoma teachers and students ranging from 6th to 12th grades. In response to the pandemic, this formerly in-person conference was conducted virtually this year by the OK NSF EPSCoR through a partnership with the Oklahoma Museum Network and Science Museum of Oklahoma.

The SWOSU group hosted one of eight, virtual hands-on Science and Recruitment Fair booths. A multidisciplinary team from SWOSU's departments of Biological Sciences, Language and Literature, Mathematics and College of Pharmacy worked together on an activity featuring yeast in food production. They

created instructions for teachers, record sheets for students, and a script for the demonstration. While the activity directly featured science and math, the group incorporated the arts & humanities by including yeast's roles in health, history and art.

The demonstration was recorded by the Science Museum of Oklahoma. Each part was recorded individually to follow safety precautions while allowing masks to be removed. In addition, thanks to its supporters, the SAGE STEAM Camp supplied bags for 50 teachers. These contained the materials needed by 1,500 total students to conduct the activity as well as provided information about SWOSU and the camp.

The 2021 virtual Women in Science Conference may be accessed online at <https://www.omnwomeninscience.com/> -- the SWOSU virtual booth is found by clicking on Recruitment Fair and SWOSU. To learn more information about the SAGE STEAM Camp at SWOSU, search for SAGE STEAM at www.swosu.edu.

SWOSU Hosting World Languages Event on April 6-7

The 4th Annual World Languages Week will be celebrated at Southwestern Oklahoma State University on April 6-7.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, the event will be held virtually through Zoom.

On Tuesday, April 6, at 3 p.m., participants will take a virtual trip to Taiwan and Greece. Sophy Liu from Taiwan and Alex Kavoulis from the Kos island of Greece will talk about their daily life, interesting traditions and festivals. Liu and Kavoulis will also give a mini language lesson in Mandarin and Greek.

After their presentation, a session called "80 Seconds Around the World Open Mic" will be held in which the audience will share their experiences about visiting different countries.

On Wednesday, April 7, at 3 p.m., Dr. Tugba Sevin will give a presentation about a language often used in Italy besides Italian.

"It is a very easy language to learn," Sevin said. "This fun and interesting presentation will teach you a completely new language that you did not know about."

Following the presentation, the SWOSU chapter of Alpha Alpha Eta (foreign languages honor society) will hold a new members induction ceremony. Members are required to meet high standards in language learning.

After the ceremony, there will be a Q&A session. New members and SWOSU faculty will be available to answer questions about languages opportunities at SWOSU, the benefits of learning foreign languages and how learning languages changed their lives.

SWOSU students are encouraged to join this year's photo contest. The goal of this contest is to share cultural differences. Individuals can share photos of travels that show a cultural difference or is representative of a culture. Those can be emailed to Sevin at tugba.sevin@swosu.edu with their student email and student ID#.

The winners will be determined by SWOSU students in the World Languages and Cultures Association, and each will receive a gift. Winning photos will be posted to the World Languages at SWOSU Facebook page. And, the photo of the first-place winner will be displayed in the Language Lab located at Stafford Center Room 125. Deadline to enter the contest is April 10. The contest is open to SWOSU students only.

"We encourage everyone to join us in all events during the World Languages Week and to show support to foreign language instruction in Western Oklahoma," Sevin said.

The ZOOM meeting Id to attend these events is: 961 0259 6238

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HINTON PRISON CLOSING- The Great Plains Correctional Facility in Hinton is closing. The decision by the Bureau of Prisons requires the company to close the facility permanently, effective May 31 st. The closure affects approximately 231 employees.

WEATHERFORD FIRE DEPARTMENT WATER & GATORADE COLLECTION-A water and gatorade collection for the Weatherford Fire Department was a success. Weatherford Fire Chief Mike Karlin said the ladies of the fire department collected around 100 cases of water, gatorade and monetary donations. Karlin said the department goes through many pallets of water and gatorade each year.

OSBI ROGER MILLS COUNTY MISSING PERSON- The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is asking the public for information, regarding the suspicious disappearance of 33-year old Rhett Patrick Allen. The Roger Mills County sheriff office requested a full OSBI investigation after Allen was last seen March 3rd just before 1pm. Allen was scheduled to go to a treatment facility in Oklahoma City. Allen was supposed to meet his parents who were taking him to the facility. When he failed to meet them, they located Allen's pickup truck at his home in Crawford, locked and containing his wallet, phone and packed bags. Allen is described as a white male, 5'9, 145 pounds, with brown eyes and brown hair. He has been known to frequent the Texas panhandle area.

GOTEBO WATER IMPROVEMENTS- The Gotebo Public Works authority in Kiowa County has received approval for a more than \$99,000 rural economic action plan grant from the Oklahoma water resources board to improve the authority's water infrastructure. The authority has an aging water system which includes 4-inch diameter sand-cast lines that have deteriorated and are in need of repair. The proposed project will replace the water lines and install fire hydrants.

CUSTER COUNTY ABSENTEE DEADLINE-The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot for the April 6th elections for Weatherford school board, Town of Custer City, Town of Hammon and Hammon schools is March 30th at 5pm. An application can be downloaded at www.ok.gov/elections. Applications are also available at the Custer County election board office in Clinton. Early voting for the election will begin Thursday, April 1 st and continue on Friday, April 2nd, from 8am-6pm. Polling sites will be open April 6th from 7 am-7pm.

CLINTON FIRST- Another Clinton First city-wide clean up event is planned for next month. Clinton Chamber of Commerce president Julie Caldwell says Clinton First will restart on April 10th. Caldwell says Clinton First got put on the back burner due to COVID-19, but is restarting as COVID numbers begin to drop.

HYDRO DOWNTOWN FIRE- A fire in downtown Hydro last week did significant damage to Deer Creek Hardware. Weatherford and Hinton fire departments assisted Hydro in extinguishing the blaze. Hydro Fire Chief Kirk Hartman says a heat lamp inside the hardware store tipped over and started the fire.

WEATHERFORD SPECIAL MEETING- During a special meeting of the Weatherford School Board of Education, the board approved a bid for the track and football field turf project, Interim Superintendent Steve Callen says construction is projected to begin next month. The turf project is slated to be completed by opening night of the football season September 3rd. The total project is just over \$1.8 million.

CLINTON FRIENDS ON FRISCO- Friends on Frisco is returning in the city of Clinton beginning April 23rd. Clinton Chamber of Commerce president Julie Caldwell says Friends on Frisco is always the 4th Friday of the month.

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Weck Leads SWOSU Golf to Third-Place Finish

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Behind a top-five finish from Gregor Weck, the SWOSU Men's Golf team left Topeka Country Club with a third-place team placing at the Washburn Invitational. This is the highest team finish of the year for the Bulldogs, who have now placed in the top five at three of their four tournaments this season.

Weck shot four-over par for the tournament with a low round of 70 strokes in Monday's second round and finished alone in fifth place, two shots off a two-way tie for third place. The second round was also the Bulldogs best as a team as they carded a team total of 293 strokes, which all four scoring golfers having a round of 75 or better. Kason Cook was SWOSU's second-highest finisher despite the highest round of the day on Tuesday, while Heston Brown and Anders Strand were each one shot behind Cook.

SWOSU has two tournaments remaining before entering the postseason and they're right back in action next week, visiting Kansas City, Mo., for the NSIC Regional Preview on March 29-30.



SWOSU's Matt Hopkins Named GAC Pitcher of the Week



For the second time in the past three weeks, SWOSU Baseball has had a player honored as the Great American Conference Pitcher of the Week after Matt Hopkins earned the award on Monday.

Hopkins was stellar in his Game 3 win over Ouachita

on Saturday. He struck out eight and allowed just four hits as he tossed seven scoreless innings before turning the game over to the bullpen for the eighth inning, which would prove to be the final one after SWOSU scored twice in the bottom of the inning to invoke a run-rule. With the win, Hopkins improved to 2-0 on the year and he's allowed just three earned runs in 14.2 innings of work for a team-leading 1.84 ERA.

Hopkins becomes the second SWOSU Pitcher to be named GAC Pitcher of the Week this season, joining Chase Hamilton, who claimed the award on March 8th.

SWOSU Baseball, now 9-4 (8-4 GAC) on the year, returns to action on Tuesday evening in Chickasha, taking on USAO at 5:00 pm.

Makyrá Tramble Named Third Team D2CCA All-American

The stellar sophomore season of SWOSU's Makyrá Tramble added another accomplishment as the star forward was named a Third Team All-American by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA).

Tramble (Shawnee, Okla.) is SWOSU's fourth D2CCA All-American of the Division II era, which dates back to 1997, joining Hailey Tucker (2018, 2019) and Hayden Priddy (2019). Tramble was previously named the Great American Conference Player of the Year and a Unanimous First Team All-GAC selection after leading the conference in scoring, rebounding, steals and three-point field goals made. She also ranked in the top ten in the conference for assist:turnover ratio (third), blocked shots (fifth) and assists (ninth) while recording 10 double-doubles during her sophomore season. Tramble was a four-time GAC Player of the Week during the regular season and she continued her excellence into the postseason, where she was named to the All-GAC Tournament Team and the All-South Central Regional Tournament Team.

SWOSU Rodeo Teams Have Second Straight Strong Showing



For the second consecutive weekend, the SWOSU Rodeo team put on a show that ended in high finishes as the

Bulldog Men's Team won the Garden City Rodeo over the weekend while the Women's Team placed second.

The Bulldogs totaled 490 points as a men's team, which was enough to finish in first place by 50 points over Western

Oklahoma. Wyatt Lohman led the way for the Dawgs with a dominant weekend in Saddle Bronc, which saw him win both rounds and the average with scoring rides of 79 and 78 points. Jack Wright split third/fourth in the average of Saddle Bronc and Tim Troyer was right behind him, splitting fifth/sixth. Jesse Troyer won the long round in Bareback and took fourth in the average and Cody Keathley was eighth in Bull Riding.

Leading the way for the women's team was

Hadley Tate, who won the All-Around after finishing second in Breakaway and fourth in Barrel Racing. SWOSU also got a trio of third-place finishes from Sierra Smith in Goat Tying, Sadie Wolaver in Barrel Racing and the duo of Taylor Lagasse and Jayden Laubhan in Team Roping.

"I'm really proud of our teams and their ability to remain consistent at our

rodeos," SWOSU Head Coach Mike Visnieski said. "It's really fun to watch their hard work pay off. We will keep getting after it!"

SWOSU Rodeo returns to action this weekend, April 1-3, at Oklahoma State, their final event on the calendar before the 48th Annual SWOSU Rodeo on April 8-10 at the BOP Ram Rodeo Grounds in Weatherford.

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Gregor Weck and Annie Haught Chosen as Bulldogs of the Week



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU has selected Men's Golfer Gregor Weck and Annie Haught of the Bulldog Track & Field team as the newest Bulldogs of the Week.

The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of the Bulldogs over the airwaves on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Weck (Wiesbaden, Germany) was named the Great American Conference Men's Golfer of the

Week following a fifth-place finish at the Washburn Invitational last week. He led the Bulldogs to a third-place team finish at the event by finishing four-over par, including a one-under 70 in the second round.

Haught (Collinsville, Okla.) topped all the competition in High Jump at the Oklahoma Baptist Invite over the weekend in Shawnee. She cleared the bar at 1.42, 1.47 and 1.52 meters on her first attempt, allowing her to win in a jump-off.


OBI Plans April 5-6 Blood Drive at SWOSU

The Oklahoma Blood Institute (OBI) will conduct a blood drive at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Monday and Tuesday, April 5-6, from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m.

The "Rise Up & Give" blood drive will be held at the SWOSU Wellness Center. All donors will choose one of three different color t-shirts and receive a free ticket to the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum.

OBI Account Consultant Melissa Santoro said appointments are encouraged to help with flow and social distancing by calling 1.877.340.8777 or visiting obi.org.

All donations by donors ages 18 and over will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors. If a donor has been diagnosed with COVID-19 and recovered, that donor could be eligible to donate. Email coviddonor@obi.org to make a plasma appointment.

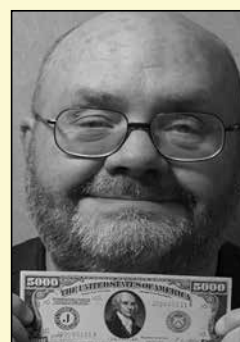


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Trent Boesen

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Oklahoma History: Will Rogers & Wiley Post



Two great American heroes, and world-renowned Oklahomans, Will Rogers and Wiley Post, passed away during a flight in northern Alaska on August 15, 1935. Rogers and Post, both, had lustrous careers and heavily influenced their fields.

Will Rogers was a stage and film actor, performer, humorist, world-traveler, newspaper columnist, and commentator. During his time as a vaudeville act, his skills gained him enough notoriety to transition into Hollywood. He quickly rose among the Hollywood elite, thanks to his comedic wit and ability to poke fun at controversial topics in a way that ensured both sides had a laugh. At the time of his death, Rogers had made 71 films, wrote over 4,000 nationally syndicated newspaper columns, traveled around the world 3 times, was the highest paid Hollywood film star, had published several books, began a radio podcast that ranked among the top radio programs in the country, gave lectures and speeches around the world, and gave to victims of natural disasters of floods, droughts, or earthquakes.

Wiley Post was a world-renowned aviator during the Golden Age of Aviation (between WWI and WWII). He flew around the world in record time - twice - and was the first pilot to fly solo around the world. He was instrumental in the development of pressure suits and is often credited as one of the original discoverers of the jet stream, a discovery he described encountering during his solo flight around the world. Thanks to his record setting flights, Post received parades and receptions on

par with Charles Lindbergh, arguably the most famous pilot of that generation. After his world flights, Post and his navigator Harold Gatty published an account about their journey titled, "Around the World in Eight Days." The book included an introduction by Will Rogers, who Post had met when flying Rogers to one of his rodeo shows.

In 1935, Post began working on an air route from the West Coast to Russia. While working on custom fittings for the plane, Rogers asked Post to fly him through Alaska for new material for his newspaper column. So, the pair left in early August and made several stops in Alaska. Between Fairbanks and Point Barrow, the pair had difficulty with their position due to bad weather and had to land for directions. On takeoff, the engine failed while at low altitude, and they plunged into the lagoon and became inverted. The pair died instantly, and experts still debate whether the malfunction was related to misfit parts or another cause.

The pair received a multitude of honors and tributes from parts around the world. Post was enshrined in the National Aviation Hall of Fame and in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. He received multiple awards, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, The International Harmon Trophy, and the Gold Medal of Belgium. A memorial of the two men was erected at the site of their crash and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Rogers received a statue, commissioned by the state of Oklahoma in the National Statuary Hall Collection. The collection is located in the United States Capitol and features people, nominated by states that had a historic impact on their state. Rogers' is one of the 2 statues Oklahoma has, and he is the only statue facing the Chamber entrance, potentially, because Rogers agreed to the sculpture if he could "keep an eye on Congress." Each U.S. president supposedly rubs the left shoe of his statue for good luck before their State of the Union address. Memorials for Rogers were set up in multiple states, and landmarks/buildings were named in his honor. Rogers received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame



and the famous highway Route 66 is commonly known as Will Rogers Highway with a plaque dedicated to him on the route in Santa Monica.

Rodgers and Post exemplified strength of character bravery, and humbleness in life that others can strive to emulate. They proved people from Oklahoma have a lot to offer the world and will forever be remembered as fun loving everymen who pushed boundaries, basked in the light, and pursued their dreams.

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