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Division 1 Football Players out of Oklahoma University in Norman recently helped with the Sayre Youth League Football Camp. Nearly 200 4th through 12th graders got a unique opportunity to learn alongside these College players. All proceeds helped covered the costs of Sayre's practice gear for the 2022-23 school year and beyond.

Homemade Ice Cream Contest to be Hosted by Route 66 Nights on Friday Night

Route 66 Nights in Weatherford is looking to “melt away summer” with a homemade ice cream contest at Means Park! On Friday, July 29th, from 6pm-9pm, the competition begins with competitors competing for some exciting prizes: a \$2,000 marketing package for your non-profit organization, and a \$500 summer package for winners of the individual entries! Entries are available for anyone at \$25 per

team and \$10 per non-profit team; register at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce.

If you're looking to get some refreshing snacks and escape the heat, you'll find nothing better than Route 66 Nights! Food trucks will be around the park, tasting kits will be available for the ice cream competition, and to fill that sweet treat itch, Legacy Bank will be providing a free Ice Cream Truck on

site for all.

Make sure to bring some swim gear so you can take a refreshing dip in the city pool for an evening of free swimming! Fun games and vendors will be around, including a dunk tank!

Route 66 Nights is put on by the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, but wouldn't be possible without their wonderful sponsors.



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Billy Joe Parsons

Billy "Bill" Joe Parsons was born June 15, 1934, in Columbia, Missouri, to Joseph Benjamin and Grace (Smith) Parsons and passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Weatherford, at the age of 88 years and 29 days.



Bill was raised and attended school in Midwest City where he graduated. In 1953, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy and served in Korea and was honorably discharged. In 1962, he married Sylvia Curtis, and she passed away in 1982. Bill moved to Weatherford in 1981. In 1985, he married Marian McCornack and she passed away in 2011. Bill worked as a pipeline operator for Texas Oil and Gas and Delhi. In retirement years, he worked part time for Cummins.

Bill is survived by two sons, Mike and Tonja Parsons of San Jose, California; and Bob Parsons of Murrieta, California; special friends, Jim Pugh and the Steve Antwine family; goddaughter Heather Himes; three grandchildren: Ryan Parsons, Katherine Parsons and Shane Parsons; and great-grandson Blake Parsons. He was preceded in death by his parents and both wives, Sylvia and Marian.

Colin Andrew Walters

Funeral Services for Colin Walters, 17, Dill City teen were held 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 19, 2022, in the Burns Flat/ Dill City School Gymnasium, officiated by Brad Whinery. Burial will follow in the South Burns Cemetery in Dill City under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Colin Andrew Walters was born November 11, 2004, to Corey Gee Walters and Molly Ruth (Six) Walters in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, July 14, 2022, in Dill City, OK. Colins' dad passed away when Colin was five years old, and his Aunt Cathy Walters adopted and raised him.

Colin was raised and attended School in the Dill City Burns Flat area. He was a member of the upcoming 2023 Senior Class. He was active in sports, including basketball, golf, football. He was very involved with Future Farmers of America (FFA) where he served as an officer and enjoyed the competition of showing goats. He also was attending the welding program at Western Oklahoma Vo-tech in Burns Flat. After completing school his plans were to be an expert welder and owning and operating his own business.

He was an active and faithful member of the Burns Flat Church of Christ where he served as song leader. Along with being a hard worker and helping others, he enjoyed playing golf, fishing, hunting, and spending time with friends as well as playing and being a role model to his cousin Bransyn.

He was very involved in being a caregiver for his grandmother; he often took her on errands, took her to watch him play golf and just spend quality time with her.

He is survived by his mom (aunt) Cathy Walters, of the home, his biological mother Molly Six, Dill City, OK, two sisters: Courtney Lee Walters, Weatherford, OK and Cheyenne Six, Dill City; two brothers: Jerald Six, Dill City, OK and Tony Six, Drumright, OK; sister (cousin) Brooke and Brian Walters, Lone Wolf, OK.

He is also survived by his paternal grandmother, Carol Walters, Dill City, OK; Aunt, Connie Lynn Ainsworth and husband, Alan, Fort Worth, TX and Uncle Cobey Brant Walters and Amber, Enid, OK. He is also survived by numerous cousins.

Charlotte Kreizenbeck

Funeral Services for Charlotte Kreizenbeck, 59, Clinton resident were held 10:00 AM Friday, July 22, 2022, in the Cornerstone Church, officiated by Pastor Roy Dobbs and Pastor Jerrod Nunn. Burial followed in the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Charlotte June (Marshall) Kreizenbeck was born October 31, 1962, to Raymond Gerald Marshall and Doris Aletha (Petty) Marshall in Clinton, OK and passed away July 17, 2022, in her Clinton home.

Charlotte was raised in Clinton, Oklahoma and was a member of the Clinton High School 1979 graduating Class. She married Christopher Kreizenbeck on December 30, 1978, in Clinton.

She was a stay-at-home mom for several years and she also operated an in-home day-care center. She continued her education at Redlands Community College and received her associate degree in accounting in 2011. She was employed several years at Elaine Fransen CPA office, Southwestern Oklahoma State University Assessment Office, and before she retired in 2020, she worked 19 years for the Assessor's Office at the Custer County Courthouse.

She was a longtime member of the Cornerstone Church. She enjoyed planting flowers and trees and maintaining an immaculate yard. She loved to do interior decorating, shopping for decorations, rearranging furniture, and spent countless hours, thinking up projects for Chris to do. Most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her dad Raymond Marshall; grandparents, Joe and Neola (Haney) Marshall and stepfather Wayne Stanford.

She is survived by her husband Christopher of the home; daughter Terri Lynn Barger and husband Rex, Lookeba, OK; sons: Rusty Shane Kreizenbeck and wife, Nicola, Weatherford, Cody Wayne Kreizenbeck and wife, Courtney, Arapaho, OK; mother Doris Stanford, Erick, OK; two sisters: Renee DeSpain and husband Carl, Arapaho; and Leah Stennett and husband Mike, Elk City, OK; three brothers: Gerald "Butch" Marshall

and wife Patti, Binger, OK; Joel Ray Marshall and wife Liz, Arapaho, OK and James McCulloch and wife Alicia, Erick, OK.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Madilynn Barger, Maci Barger, Katie Kreizenbeck, Jake Kreizenbeck, Conner Kreizenbeck, Ciler Kreizenbeck and Claire Kreizenbeck.

In honor of her dog Newt and love of animals, the family has suggested those wanting to give a memorial contribution may do so to the Heart of Oklahoma (Heather Estrada) P.O. 273, Clinton, OK 73601.

Juanita Gay Frans

Funeral service for Juanita Gay Frans, 70 year-old Thomas resident, were held on Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 10:00 AM at First Baptist Church of Thomas. Burial will follow at Liberty Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Thomas.



Gay was born February 22, 1952, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, to Pascal Vernon and Peggy (Lavora) McAlister and passed away Friday, July 15, 2022, at OU Edmond Medical Center, at the age of 70.

Gay was the youngest daughter of eight siblings, four brothers: Johnny, Charlie, Veron, Kenneth; and three sisters: Freda, Donna, Edna.

Gay was working in Clinton, Oklahoma, when a friend introduced her to Deon Frans, and it was love at first sight. They dated a short three months and on October 5, 1974, she married the love of her life in Weatherford, Oklahoma. They made their home west of Thomas, Oklahoma, where they raised their three children.

Gay had been a devoted follower of Jesus since 1979 and a beacon of light to everyone that knew her. Gay and her husband were baptized together in 1979. She lived her life to serve others and to show them the love of Jesus.

Gay was so talented and gifted. She could make something beautiful out of nothing. She enjoyed decorating, and everything she touched was beautiful. Gay worked as a custodian for the Thomas Public school system for 21 years. After she retired, she enjoyed working in her yard, taking trips with her granddaughter Jessica, helping family and friends anytime they needed it, putting together tea parties and themed birthday parties. She loved going all out for Halloween and loved the happiness it brought to all the kids faces. She poured out unconditional love to her family and taught them how to always stand firm in their faith and look to the Lord for everything.

Gay is survived by two sons: Bryan and Marie Frans of Thomas, Oklahoma; Kurt Frans of Enid, Oklahoma; daughter Michelle and Tommy Whitlow of Thomas, Oklahoma; Grandchildren: Jessica and Chance Stephens of Thomas, Oklahoma; Keylee and Karson Frans; Cayla DeHaas; Jace Frans, Emily, Denver, and Michigan Whitlow; and numerous friends and family. She was preceded in death by her husband Deon Frans; her parents Pascal and Peggy McAlister; and her mother and father-in-law Morty and Wilma Frans.

Khanh Thi Kixmiller

Khanh Thi Kixmiller was born August 15, 1939, in Vietnam to Danh Xanh and Chau Thi De and passed away Monday, July 18, 2022, at Norman Regional Hospital, at the age of 82 years, 11 months and 3 days.



Khanh was raised in Vietnam and served her country in the South Vietnamese Army. On November 12, 1971, she married Phillip Lloyd Kixmiller at Tan Son Nhut Air Base in Vietnam. They moved to the United States while Phillip was still in the military, settling in Mascoutah, Illinois. They were relocated to Reese AFB in Lubbock, Texas; Chanute AFB in Illinois; Sembach Air Base; and Edwards AFB in California. After Phillip retired, they returned to Weatherford in 1987. She worked doing cleaning and maintenance for various businesses in Weatherford. Khanh loved to garden and kept an immaculate garden; she loved to cook and was famous for her eggrolls; enjoyed fishing; and loved her grandchildren more than anything in the world. Khanh was a lifelong Catholic and current parishioner of St. Eugene Catholic Church.

Khanh is survived by her husband of 50 years Phillip Kixmiller of their home in Weatherford; two sons: Hai Kixmiller of Tulsa and Perry Kixmiller of Moore; one daughter: Tina Phelps of Weatherford; one sister: Chau Thi Lui of Atlanta, Georgia; and three grandchildren: Sebastian Phelps, Mollie Phelps and Yadiel Justiniano. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother: Danh Thanh and one sister: Chau Thi My.

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As he heads into his sophomore year of college, Downs has not forgotten about his friends, family, and fans in Weatherford. That's why he's announced that he's naming the Great Plains Family YMCA as his home gym.

During the announcement celebration, everyone is welcome to come out for t-shirts, merchandise, and to get signatures and photos with Ethan. Food trucks will be onsite, including Okie J's, Dubtown Dawgs,

snowcones, and more.

Downs played in all 13 games of the 2021 OU Football season and came into the collegiate space as a three-star prospect by Rivals. He ended his impressive high school career as a multi-sport athlete with several accolades: 2019 Oklahoma 4A Shot Put title, No. 2 Player on the Oklahoman's Super 30 list, listed as the nation's No. 13 athlete by ESPN, MaxPrep's first-team All-American as a sophomore, and an All-state selection as a Junior, to name a few.

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CUSTER COUNTY ACCIDENT - One person is hospitalized and two others were treated and released from Weatherford Regional Hospital, following a one vehicle accident on eastbound Interstate-40 at Weatherford. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said 73-year-old Victor Hilborn of Chino Valley, Arizona was last listed in fair condition. Troopers said Hilborn tried to take Exit-81 too fast and the vehicle rolled over. Hilborn and 68-year-old Marcia Hilborn were pinned inside the vehicle for just under an hour.

CLINTON CC/EVENT FUNDING - Clinton City Council acting as the industrial authority approved \$10,000 funding for the Buffalo Art Institute for the Clinton Fall Festival. The event will be held on September 24th.

MONEY CONFISCATION - Weatherford police have released details, surrounding a traffic stop where authorities found a large sum of funds. Assistant police chief Josh Vandeburgh said during the traffic stop, officers could smell burnt marijuana and found \$77,000 cash in the vehicle during a probable cause search. Vandeburgh said police seized the money after the occupants of the vehicle claimed not to have any knowledge of the money being inside the vehicle. He said the occupants of the vehicle were cited for traffic violations and released.

STAFFORD OPEN HOUSE- The public tour of Stafford Elementary in Weatherford has been moved from August 9th to August 3rd. District superintendent Jill Henderson said furniture for the building will arrive on August 8th, which would make navigating the building more difficult, hence the date change. Henderson said the public tour on August 3rd will be held from 5-6:30pm.

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SWOSU Men's Basketball and Golf teams had 8 athletes qualify for their respective Honors recognitions following outstanding achievement in the classroom in 2021-22.

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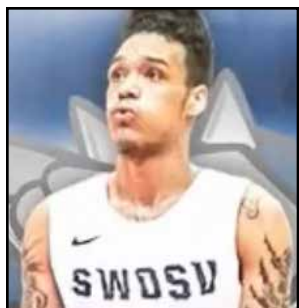
SWOSU Men's Hoops Coach Announces Six New Student Athlete Additions

SWOSU Men's Basketball Coach Terry Evans has officially announced six student-athletes joining the team for the 2022-23 season.

Of the six, four are transfers with collegiate basketball experience and two will be incoming freshman.

"All of our signees are proven winners," Evans said. "They are all great kids, great student-athletes, and are two-way players who will fit into our culture of doing things the right way. We're so excited to have all of them onboard to help make our team a legit NCAA contender."

Evans will enter his fifth year as head coach for SWOSU and is coming off a season that saw the Bulldogs win the conference tournament and compete in the national tournament. He states he expects to have additional student-athletes join the team for next season, alongside the six listed below.



Avante Lederer
6' 7" Forward
Valdosta State

"Avante is long and athletic and an ideal two-way player for us meaning he can guard anyone on the floor and score the basketball. He, alongside

Nate Goodlow and Mark Berry, helped lead NOC Tonkawa to the Final Four in 2021."



Nate Goodlow
6' 3" Guard
Hutchinson College

"Nate is also a great two-way player. He has excelled in high school (6A and Tournament of Champions MVP in 2020) and was part of the NOC

team that made the Final Four. He can get to the basket at will and is a good three-point shooter."



Victor Irhirhi
6' 5" Forward
Southern Arkansas

"Victor is a Dawg! He'll play both ends of the floor hard for us and has not only division II experience but GAC experience as well. We believe he'll be better offensively for us, and he fits perfectly into our defensive culture!"



Marques Warrior Jr.
6' 2" Guard
Cameron University

"MJ is another D2 transfer with outstanding size and defensive ability. He's a great driver and has a good mid-range game.

He has averaged 10 points in the Lone Star Conference and was a winner at Putnam City West before the Covid shutdown in 2020."



Jonah Jenkins
5' 11" Guard
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Vance Raney
6' 2" Guard
Cashion High School

"Jonah and Vance both have the opportunity to have great careers at SWOSU! Like all our signees, they're great kids and also winners. They led their high school team at Cashion to a State runner-up and also had a great showing at the Tournament of Champions. We're excited to have these two high-level guards join the program!"

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to take his life while in the womb is different only in the matter of time. He/she is still a child created in the image of God with a right to life.

Jesus loved little children. He said, "let them come to me and forbid them not." Psalms 78 is a challenge for parents to invest in the lives of their children. It reads, speaking of the need to remind children of God's mighty works in the past, "we will not hide them from {our} children: we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done. . . . so the next generation would know them. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget His deeds, but would keep his commands. They would not be like their forefathers—a stubborn and rebellious generation, whose hearts were not loyal to God whose spirits were not faithful in Him."

Consider the prayer of a parent as follows:
Father I thank you for the gift of my children. May I see them through Your eyes as diamonds to be shaped and polished. Pour Your love into my heart through your Holy Spirit that I might love them with the love that Jesus displayed when he said, "Let them (the children) come to me and

forbid them not."

Give me wisdom and understanding so that their hearts will be drawn to you through y life and instruction. Show me those things in my life that might hinder their coming to you.

Give me the courage to establish boundaries and demonstrate tough love when necessary. I ask for patience when I am tempted to explode. Help me to remember how difficult it was to understand my parents when I was their age. Lord, may they see your calling on their lives as more important than the call of the crowd or the culture. Keep them pure in body and mind. And when they fail, give me the eyes to see your forgiving grace on my life and extend that same grace to them.

Father, may I always remember the priceless nature of each stage of their life and treasure the moments at hand."

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Congressman Frank Lucas Announces August Town Hall Meetings in Southwest Oklahoma

Frank Lucas, the member of the U.S. House that represents Oklahoma's 3rd Congressional District, will hold a number of town hall meetings in Custer, Beckham, Jackson, Kiowa, and Caddo Counties on Tuesday, August 2nd and Wednesday, August 3rd. Residents around the locations are invited to attend and share their thoughts on current events in Washington, DC and across Oklahoma.

Lucas will be discussing recent work in Congress, taking questions about issues important to constituents of the Third Congressional District, and seeking input on legislation currently before Congress.

On August 2, Lucas will be holding the Town Hall meeting for Custer County. The meeting will be held at Weatherford City Hall and will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

After that, Lucas will host Beckham County's Town Hall meeting at Elk City's City Hall. This town hall will take place from 2 to 3 p.m.

Hofmeister Announces \$8.4 Million in Grants to Strengthen Students' Academic Success

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) has awarded 102 grants totaling \$8.4 million to schools throughout Oklahoma, Joy Hofmeister, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, said today. After a competitive grant process, 87 sites in 32 districts will have supplemental funds to enhance programs for sustainable school improvement in the upcoming school year.

"These federal funds are an investment in continuous academic improvement in schools that have faced significant challenges even prior to the pandemic," Hofmeister said. "The leaders of these awarded schools are showing their commitment to kids and their investment in people and programs that will foster sustainable success for their students."

The Edge grants are named after Oklahoma Edge, the state's 8-year strategic plan for public education, approved in 2018 to meet requirements of the federal

Every Student Succeeds Act. Oklahoma schools designated as low on performing through federal Title I, Part A, Sec. III were able to apply for Edge grant funding to improve academic performance among the overall school population or in federally identified student populations, which include economically disadvantaged students, English learners, students of color and students with disabilities.

Designated schools could apply for up to \$100,000 in up to two categories, including: curriculum with training, extended learning opportunities, instructional coaching, parent and community outreach, and professional development for teachers. Two schools, Hartshorne Elementary School and Howe High School, received the maximum possible grant award of \$200,000, while others received amounts between \$24,800 and \$199,473.

Okmulgee Public Schools received five grants of

more than \$400,000 for three of its schools – Dunbar Elementary, Okmulgee Primary and Okmulgee High School – in Extended Learning, Professional Development, Parent and Community Outreach and Instructional Coaching categories.

"We expect to see literacy gains with the implementation of Reading Plus for grades 5-8 and Lexia for grades 9-12. We have also hired a high school graduation coach and a computer coach to work with our virtual students across all grades," said Renee Dove, superintendent of Okmulgee Public Schools. "These academic supports for our students would not be in place without the Edge grants."

The OSDE has awarded Edge grants since 2018. The agency's Office of School Improvement works closely with all federally identified schools to develop a continuous cycle of improvement to ensure all students have opportunities for academic success.

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"Wait a minute! That's not fair! I'm crawling out of my car, holding onto my car, tottering to the door, looking for a basket to get behind and a place to sit down--and I'm old!" It was then that I started using my parking pass.

It kept flashing through my mind, I could be tottering towards the door, fall, a car runs over me and I'm there, sun beating down (like I did in the 50s, but this time without the baby oil and the spray battle of water--I don't want a tan anymore!). An ambulance could be called. It shows up along with a fire truck and three cops. Nobody wants that scenario.

So, at this time, I have a really smart idea: I tried a "walker." I love my walker. It makes me feel safe and helps my balance.

And then, it dawned on me--my granddaughter's wedding was in a few weeks and I'm on a walker! I immediately called her.

"Help, the wedding is soon and I'm on a walker!"

Then she said (cool as a cucumber) "Walkers are allowed."

"Allowed? I can't push a walker down the aisle! Your younger brothers are supposed to usher me, what will I do with the walker then? Also, it's red! It doesn't match the wedding's theme! It's going to be a disaster!"

It wasn't a disaster. It was fine. I left my walker at the end of the aisle and walked slowly down and back. I couldn't dance or table hop like I would have ordinarily, but it was a great occasion for all.

That was all some time ago.

Oh yes, what was the purpose of this article? I guess it's, as you grow older and there are complications with your life, adapt. There's so much to be thankful for--my walker, for one.