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## Weatherford kicks off football season with tailgate party

Chase Wright  
Staff Writer

Football season is kicking off with the first of many Tailgate Parties in Weatherford. Starting on September 9th, the Weatherford Eagle Stadium will be stacked with booths and game day spirit as fans rally up for a night of football! From 5pm - 6:30pm, all are welcome to come out, vote for your favorite booth, grab some food, and show your support for the team. Children 5 years old and under eat for free!

The first game pits the Eagles against the El Reno Indians, and all proceeds benefit the Quarterback Club and the Eagles.

## Jimmy Jenkins makes major gift to SWOSU football



### J&J MEDICARE SOLUTIONS

Jimmy Jenkins, owner and operator of J&J Medicare Solutions, has made a generous gift commitment to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Football Endowment.

Jenkins, of Piedmont, Oklahoma, is a 2004 SWOSU alumnus.

A graduate of Watonga High School, Jenkins was a standout on the football field during his time at SWOSU. He remains one of the top five offensive players ever for the Bulldogs with impressive statistics for rushing yards in the early 2000s.

Jenkins founded J&J Medicare Solutions to assist customers with their Medicare needs. J&J Medicare Solutions offers Medicare supplemental insurance, Medicare Advantage plans, and other insurance coverage tools.

Jenkins lives in Piedmont Oklahoma with his wife Jessica and their daughters, Jestyn and Jaysa.

“We are grateful to alumni like Jimmy who give back to the programs they were a part of while here at SWOSU,” said SWOSU Athletic Director Mr. Todd Helton. “Jimmy’s gift will greatly benefit our football student-athletes.”

The SWOSU Football Endowment is administered by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus, the Foundation currently stewards nearly \$37 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information or to make a gift to SWOSU Football contact SWOSU Athletic Advancement Coordinator Allie Hoang at Allison.hoang@swosu.edu, 580-774-3267 or visit www.GivetoSWOSUFootball.com.

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## Custer County Free Fair planned this week

It's an exciting time with the fairground abuzz as we head into the final days of preparation for the 96th annual Custer County Free Fair! To celebrate the talent and passion of county residents and students, this year's exhibits' entries may include any form of craft or art and each and every plant they've been working on. For many, this may be the first show they've participated in, and the goal is to support and cultivate that drive and hobby into future projects with a desire to create. Exhibit submission entries will be accepted on Wednesday, September 7th.

Livestock shows begin on Friday, September 9th and 4-H Educator for the Custer County Oklahoma State University Extension Office Jordan Nel expressed the importance of the show, stating its impact on kids as their first presentation into the world of 4-H. Livestock shows

on Friday include cattle, swine, goat, and sheep, with judging on farm products, crops, poultry and rabbits in the morning. The petting zoo will be available on Friday between 9am - 2:30pm.

Saturday rounds out the livestock shows with the horse show and stick horse races for children between the ages of 1-5 years at 9 am. A KWEY Radio Remote will begin at 1pm.

The Free Fair ends with a Fireman BBQ Cook-Off between 4pm - 6pm! The cook-off pits local fire departments and first responders in a head-to-head battle for the bragging rights of best BBQ! Featuring plates full of meat, sides, and a drink, the \$10 plate is a must have.

Be sure to swing by the Custer County Free Fair at the fairgrounds for all of the fun and games!

## Route 66 Nights scheduled this Saturday

Route 66 Nights, with the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, presents "Rockin' Route 66" on Saturday, September 10th from 1pm - 5pm. Everyone is invited to Heritage Park in Weatherford to celebrate 96 years on Route 66!

Come through and hangout for the afternoon with a

craft fair, food trucks, burger cook-off, dunk tank, live music and a classic car cruise! As token of appreciation, and a little extra celebration, free birthday cake will be served!

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**Phil Lavon Risinger**

Funeral services for Phil Lavon Risinger, 83 year-old Bethany resident, was held Friday, September 2, 2022, 10:00 A.M. in The Chapel of Lockstone Funeral Home with James Ratcliffe officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery. The family received friends Thursday, September 1, 2022, from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.



Phil was born December 21, 1938, in Hollis to Hurshal and Estelle Elizabeth (Wyatt) Risinger and passed away Sunday, August 28, 2022, at Glade Assisted Living in Bethany. The Risinger family consisted of three boys and one younger sister, with Phil being the youngest son. Phil was a graduate of Weatherford High School and Southwestern State College. He did graduate work at the Harding Graduate School of Religion. Phil served as minister for several churches. He retired from professional baseball, Church of Christ ministries, insurance adjusting and storm trooping. The Risinger family remained in Weatherford until their final days. Phil gives honor to his parents, teachers, coaches and employers with glory, honor and praise to GOD our Heavenly Father through CHRIST His Eternal SON. The family requests no flowers please.

Phil is survived by his sister Rose Ratcliffe and husband Richard of Weatherford; three nieces: Renae Acosta of Clinton, Sherri Smith and husband Mike of Wichita, Kansas; and Emily Otero and husband Jesus of Oklahoma City; one nephew James Ratcliffe and wife Dana Leigh of Weatherford; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his grandparents; his parents; and two older brothers; Joe and Don Risinger.

**Steven Lee Walton**

Steven Lee Walton was born December 16, 1946, in Corn, OK to Claude and Ollie "Hansen" Walton. Steve finished his long and tiresome race on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at home surrounded by those he treasured most: his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Steve was a Weatherford native who loved this community and his rural roots. He was "never cut out for the city." Steve and his parents moved to their home south of Weatherford in 1948. He graduated from Weatherford High School in 1964. Prior to graduation, he enlisted in the Oklahoma Army National Guard in January of 1964.

In October 1966 (although Steve swears it was before then), Judy and Steve met and began dating almost immediately. Introduced by mutual friend Bill Firquain it was a love that quickly grew. On July 21, 1967, Steve and Judy were married at the SWOSU Chapel by Emmanuel Baptist Church pastor Bro. Gerald Lunsford.

Steve and Judy made their home in Weatherford, building their first home while Steve continued his work for Sawatzky Construction.

In May 1969, Steve and Judy welcomed their first daughter Kathy. In 1972, the Walton's began building their homeplace south of town and completed it shortly after their second daughter Laura was born in May 1972. In May 1977, Steve and Judy had Melissa who completed their family... or so they thought.

In 1984, Steve went on active duty with the Oklahoma Army National Guard as a Sergeant. Steve had a love for his country and devotion to his service unlike any other. Following in his father's footsteps, Steve served fervently for 26 years and trained many Western Oklahoma young men to be great guardsmen.

In May 1986, Steve and Judy welcomed their first grandchild Stephanie followed by Heather, born in August 1989 to daughter Kathy. Steve and Judy doted on their grandchildren. Stephanie often went to the Oklahoma National Guard Armory calling the beloved SFC Walton "Pappo" to the amusement of his guardsmen.

In 1988, Steve completed active duty and in April 1990, he was honorably discharged and retired from the Oklahoma Army National Guard.

Steve battled many health issues in the coming years. He embraced them with a fighter's spirit and used every second he had to spend quality time, creating lifelong memories with Judy and his family. From Colorado trips, time by the pool, and countless hours simply chatting and watching Fox News or the History Channel, his favorite place was with his family.

In October 2002, Steve finally "got his boy." The family excitedly welcomed grandson Joshua Ryan, born to daughter Laura. He has considered his "Pappo" to be a great role model and followed in his footsteps by beginning his military career in the United States Army.

Though Steve and Judy loved life with their girls and grandchildren, life really got exciting when they welcomed "the greats" from 2004 - 2020. Their 11 great-grandchildren got the best of the best as they spent countless days and hours doing "Mammo and Pappo School" and driving around doing family and community history lessons, playing in the yard, and just talking about life.

Steve's life was definitely not one of regret. He lived every minute with purpose and intention. He worked hard, loved his country and blessed his family beyond measure as the very best husband, dad, "Pappo" and best friend that ever lived.

Steve is survived by his wife Judy of their home in Weatherford; daughters: Kathy Robinson and husband Wayne of Piedmont, OK; Laura Chapman and husband Rob of Virginia Beach, VA; and Melissa Lau and husband Marc of Oklahoma City; grandchildren: Stephanie Warner and husband Jim, Heather Williams and husband Kameron, all of Weatherford, and Joshua Boothe stationed in California; Paige Weinrich and husband Tucker of Piedmont and Michael Robinson and wife Kaydee of Oklahoma City; great-grandchildren: Kade, Karissa, Ky, TynsLeigh, Karlee, Hudson, Easton, Cheyenne, Emerson, Paisley, and Charlotte; honorary great-grandchildren: Memoree, Jaylynn, Harley, Nova, and Noah as well as countless other children who have known and loved him as "Pappo." Steve was preceded in death by his parents Claude and Ollie Walton; and great-grandbaby Warner.

In lieu of flowers, donation may be made to American Legion Post #91 or Emmanuel Baptist Church.

**London Elizabeth Spencer**

London Elizabeth Spencer, daughter of Gavin Lee Spencer and Breanna Elizabeth (Stubbs) Spencer, made an early arrival into this world on March 4, 2022, at 10:04 P.M., weighing in at just 3lbs and 13 ounces at Children's Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. Over the next five months and 25 days with each breathe, London fought an incredible battle to stay with her loving parents. Though her size was tiny, she had the heart of warrior and blessed her family with courage and brought each of them closer to Christ. The love of her family has no bounds and is eternal.



Jesus called London home to be fully restored on the

beautifully still and rainy evening of August 29, 2022. They had much excitement and anticipation when they learned of London's conception. They carry that same excitement and anticipation to reunite with their precious angel one day. She is survived by her parents Gavin and Breanna, of the home; paternal grandparents Matt and Chelsea Randolph, Elk City, OK; and maternal grandparents Alan and Chloe Dalton, Cheyenne, OK, as well as aunts, uncles, cousins and numerous relatives and friends.

There will be a Sunset Memorial Service with a balloon release at Spencer Point at Foss Lake on September 17, 2022. Services and arrangements are under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

"May you always know, little one, that you were wished for, longed for, and will forever be loved!"

**Shona Ousley**

A Chapel Service for Shona Ousley, 50, Cordell resident were held 10:00 A.M., Thursday, September 1, 2022, in the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home, officiated by Pastor Rick Vermillion and Devon Mitchell. Burial concluded in the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Shona Dale Ousley was born August 25, 1972, to James Ousley and Debra (Bowlin) Ousley in Blythe, CA and passed away Friday August 26, 2022, in the Oklahoma University Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Shona was raised in Butler where she graduated high school in 1990. She worked as Certified Medical Aide at the United Methodist Nursing Home or the Veterans Center in Clinton.

Those that knew Shona, knows she loved her children and grandchildren as well as frogs, the Cordell High School Marching Band, the Band Boosters, and the Oklahoma University Football team. She enjoyed watching television and especially "Big Brother" and sitting on the front porch and visiting with Lora or her best friend.

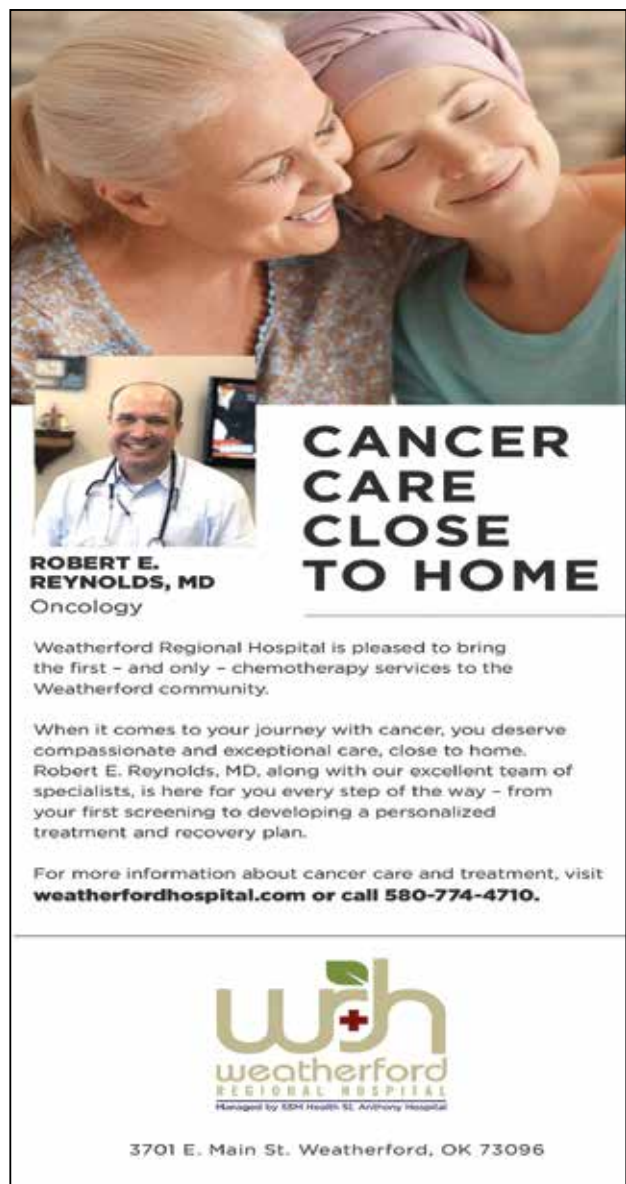
Shona was not a fancy type person; therefore, the family has requested those attending her funeral service not dress up formally but to simply wear a frog, a Cordell Blue Devils' shirt, Oklahoma University shirt or a shirt from one of your favorite teams. This would have made Shona very happy.

She was preceded in death by her son Dawson Sparks, grandparents: Ernest and Gervis Ousley and George Bowlin and Robert and Melba Rinebold; family friend Alan Dowdy-Wilson.

She is survived by two daughters: Makayla Taylor, Clinton and Maddison Newman and husband Ethan, Cordell, OK; two sons: Dakota Sparks, Clinton and Dalton Sparks, Cordell, OK; parents: James and Debra Ousley, Cordell; sister Tammy Mitchell and husband Vanoy, Cordell and brother Michael Ousley, Cordell and best friends Lora and Scott Dixon and Kenny Wilson.

She is also survived by six grandchildren.

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1. The most common appraisal need is for the purpose of borrowing money to purchase a home or any other piece of property. It may be for a business. Most lenders require an appraisal of the property being purchased or used as collateral to secure the loan. In some cases, by Federal Regulations, this appraisal must be performed by a State Certified Licensed Appraiser. In other cases, usually depending on the amount of value, a license is not required. In most cases, the lender must be the one to order the appraisal.

2. Another reason for needing an appraisal, could be pricing your property for sale. Many times, if you are listing the property with a Realtor, they will provide what is called a market analysis, which can be a form of an appraisal. Keep in mind, not all real estate personnel are qualified to appraise real estate. Their training is mostly dedicated toward the ethical handling of sales.

3. Other appraisal uses include; legal disputes, such as a divorce or a land division, such as a partition suit. The settlement and basis computation for an estate may require an appraisal. Most of these types of appraisals do not require a licensed individual.

The cost of an appraisal will vary with its use, size and time to secure the needed data. You can always ask for an estimate of cost before engaging an appraiser. Remember, experience in appraisals can be critical to good methodology.

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## SWOSU Biology Department to Host Blue Thumb Training Workshop

The Department of Biological Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) will host a project Blue Thumb workshop on October 15 and 16. Participants will receive volunteer training that allows them to become part of a team of citizen scientists that monitor the health of Oklahoma's streams.

"Our children and our grandchildren deserve the chance to swim and fish in clean lakes and rivers, and you can help make that happen!" states the Blue Thumb website.

A local Blue Thumb group composed of SWOSU faculty and students from the Biology Sciences Department are currently monitoring Little Deep Creek on a monthly basis. Service learning courses in the department also incorporate Blue Thumb monitoring and training.

"The goal of hosting the event is to build connections with community members around a common goal of promoting the health of water resources," said Associate Professor and Department Chair Dr. Rickey Cothran.

For more information and to register for this event please visit: [https://www.eventbrite.com/e/weatherford-](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/weatherford-blue-thumb-volunteer-training-tickets-399056056407)



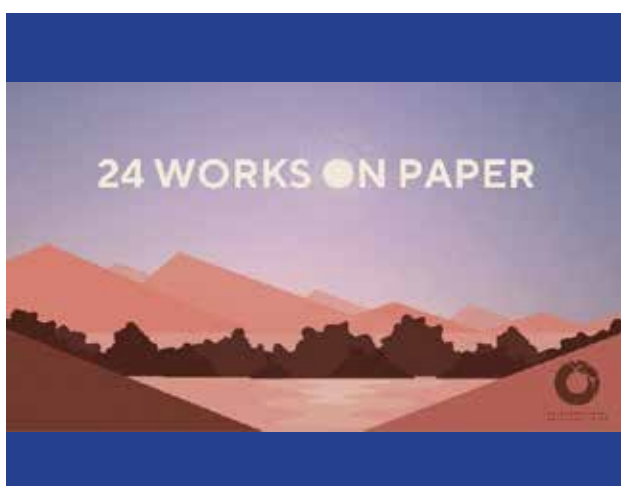
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Blue Thumb is the education arm of the Water Quality Division of the Oklahoma Conservation Commission. The goal of the project is to train volunteers to help monitor local streams for nonpoint source pollution. More information on this project can be found at <https://www.bluthumbok.com/>.

## SWOSU Hosts Traveling Art Exhibition: 24 Works on Paper

The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition (OVAC) biennial exhibition, 24 Works on Paper, is on display in the SWOSU Art Building from August 1-September 9, 2022. OVAC is a non-profit organization that supports visual artists living and working in Oklahoma.

24 Works on Paper is the only traveling show of art by living Oklahomans. Exactly 24 artworks created on paper are included. A closing reception will take place in the gallery on September 8 from 5-7 PM. For more information OVAC website, <https://www.ovac-ok.org/24-works-on-paper>, or contact gallery director Dr. Todd Parker at 580-774-3032 or [todd.parker@swosu.edu](mailto:todd.parker@swosu.edu).



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**RUSS NOV ELECTION-** After winning a recent runoff election over Clark Jolley for State Treasurer, Todd Russ of Cordell is a step closer to being the next treasurer for the state of Oklahoma. However, Russ still has two opponents in the November general election. Russ said he will be reaching out to all Oklahomans for the November election. Russ will have opposition from one democrat and one libertarian candidate.

County commissioners voted to approve the contract of sale for the property at 633 N. 6th in Clinton, which is currently rented for the Custer County election board. The purchase price was stated last week as \$105,000.

**CUSTER CO FAIR/JUDGING-** The Custer County free fair will be held in early September. Lesa Rauh of the Custer County OSU extension said you can bring items that you've made over the past year and should bring them in their best condition for judging. The Custer County free fair begins September 7th.

**CLINTON SCHOOLS/COVID TESTING-** Clinton school officials said district registered nurses are now able to provide COVID-19 testing on students at the request of a parent or guardian. Permission forms can be found on the district website. Tests can be scheduled by calling 323-2855 and selecting option 5. The tests are conducted each morning from 7:45-8:45. Testing sites are held at the following locations each week: Nance Elementary on Monday, Southwest Elementary on Tuesday, Washington Elementary Wednesday, Clinton Middle School on Thursday and Clinton High School on Friday.

**WRH/MRI UPDATE-** Weatherford regional hospital chief executive officer Brian Denton provided an update on the hospital MRI project to the board. Denton said there is an option that is about \$700,000-\$800,000 cheaper than having to do construction for the upgrade of the MRI unit. Under that option, the cost would be around \$1.5 million.

**HYDRO/ACCIDENT-** Weatherford Fire Chief Mike Karlin said Weatherford firemen assisted with an accident near Hydro when a motor vehicle came off I-40 and struck a building. Karlin said three people from inside the building along with the driver of the vehicle were transported for treatment. No names have been released.

**BLAINE COUNTY SHERIFF/DRUG BUST-** The Blaine County sheriff's department has released details of the arrest of two people. Authorities said Blaine County deputies and Watonga Police executed a search warrant at a Watonga residence and arrested Wilbur Eugene Randle on five counts of distribution of a controlled substance and maintaining a dwelling house for the usage and sales of a controlled dangerous substance. Additionally, authorities conducted a traffic stop on Aaron James Narva who had a felony arrest warrant out of Stephens County. Narva was booked into the Blaine County jail on the outstanding warrants, 3 counts of concealing stolen property, trafficking methamphetamine, possession of a controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

**CUSTER COUNTY / DIST 3 BRIDGE PROJECTS-** Custer County commissioners opened sealed bids to consider for three bridge projects in District 3. Dietz Construction and the railroad yard submitted bids for the commissioners to consider. Commissioners also opened bids for the steel used on the projects. Commissioners will take action on the bids at a future meeting.

**CUSTER COUNTY / ELECTION BOARD BUILDING-** At their weekly meeting the Custer

**SWOSU/PARTNERSHIP-** Integris health chief nursing executive Kerri Bayer and SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell met earlier this month to celebrate a partnership between the two entities establishing tuition support opportunities for first-semester enrollees in a SWOSU nursing program. It's a three-year partnership between the two entities.

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# SPORTS

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## Volleyball Splits on Day Two of MSSU Tournament

**Jon Chidester**  
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SWOSU Volleyball was on both sides of the broom on Friday in the second day of the MSSU Lion Classic. They claimed the morning match over Truman State 3-0 before falling to Newman by the same score hours later.

The Dawgs will wrap up the tournament Saturday at noon against William Jewell. A win will push them back to .500 for the season.

**Game One – SWOSU vs Truman State**

After cruising to a first set win, SWOSU and Truman State were knotted up at 21-21 in the second set before the Dawgs closed on a 4-1 spurt to close it out.

SWOSU used the momentum from the second set to jump out to a 15-4 lead in what ended up being the third and final set.

Maicee Morgan and Lacy Mott both notched a double-double in the match. Morgan finished with 13 kills and 11 digs while Mott posted 12 kills and 13 digs.

The offense hit .239 as a team and the defense held firm and kept TSU at bay with a .106 hitting percentage.

**Game Two – SWOSU vs Newman**

The Bulldogs fell victim to nine service aces in the second game of the day, while hitting .177 collectively on offense.



Maicee Morgan was the lone attacker who managed to eclipse double-digit kills (11). She more than doubled the attempts (43) of the next best SWOSU player on offense.

SWOSU was tied 10-10 in the second set, but

Newman ripped off 10 consecutive points to gain control back.

There was fight in the Bulldogs in the third set with the score knotted at 18-18, but Newman closed out strong to eliminate any chance of a comeback.

## Bulldogs Battle, Fall Late at Henderson State to Start Season

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU Football was within one touchdown at halftime against Henderson State and had the game within three points midway through the third quarter following a Bulldog field goal, but ran out of juice as the Reddies scored 14 unanswered points to close out the game.

Henderson State entered Thursday's matchup receiving votes in the AFCA preseason poll. The Bulldogs went toe to toe with them for three quarters, before HSU finally took control of the game for good.

Special Teams kept the Dawgs in the game in the first half while the offense settled in. Trailing 6-0 after Henderson State missed an extra point on their first score, Jalen Lampley took a punt return 65 yards to the house to give SWOSU a 7-6 lead with 8:48 remaining in the first quarter.

Henderson State slowly added another field goal in the first quarter and another touchdown early in the second quarter and extended the lead back out to two scores.

With the first half winding down and trailing 16-7, SWOSU orchestrated an 11-play drive that spanned nearly the entire length of the field. The Dawgs were knocking at the door in the redzone and threatening for more than just a field goal but were unable to cross the goal line and settled for three points instead off the foot of Jaren Van Winkle.

on a 53-yard third-down pass to Lampley that jumpstarted the score.

At halftime, SWOSU trailed 16-10.

After a defensive stop out of the locker room, the offense clicked with a productive drive but had nothing to show for it following a turnover on downs on the Reddie 26-yard line.

Zack Roberts kept the momentum on the Bulldog's side right afterwards when he intercepted an overthrow ball that had SWOSU right back in business. It was the second turnover the defense came up with on the night, with Logan Engle also recovering a fumble previously the first quarter.

They couldn't cash a touchdown in but managed another field goal to chip away at the margin further – now trailing 16-13.

The Reddies scored touchdowns on their next two possessions and pushed the lead out to 30-13 early in

the fourth quarter where it remained the rest of the way.

Henderson State finished with 444 yards of total offense, but that did not quite tell the story of SWOSU's defense. The Bulldogs won the turnover battle 2-0 and came away with three sacks on the night and five tackles for loss. With the offense sputtering at times, the defense kept the Dawgs in the game with timely stops. Mason Daugherty led the way with a team best seven tackles.

SWOSU totaled 288 total yards in the game: 222 yards through the air and 66 on the ground.

Morton finished 18-for-39 passing and rushed for eight yards if you account for the sacks that affected his final yardage. He had the longest run of the night for 17 yards.

Running backs Dexter Brown and Carlin Fils-Aime toted the rock 26 times combined for just 57 yards combined.

Deshon Moreaux led all receivers with six catches for 44 yards.

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# SWOSU Department of Music Announces New SWOSU Music Academy

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Department of Music invites students of all ages and abilities to participate in the new SWOSU Music Academy.

Opening this fall, group classes are available for ages 3 and up, ranging from preschool music exploration to piano, youth choir, and musical theater classes. Private lessons and adaptive (music therapy-influenced) lessons are also available for all standard band, orchestra, and keyboard instruments.

All group classes are taught by SWOSU music faculty and lessons are taught by SWOSU music students, under the mentorship of faculty. All classes and lessons will take place on SWOSU's Weatherford Campus in the Fine Arts Center and Berrong Music Buildings. Online lessons may be available upon request.

Enrollment is open now through September 5th with classes and lessons starting the week of September 12th. For more information or to register, visit [bit.ly/swosuacademy](http://bit.ly/swosuacademy). Questions may be directed to Music Academy Office Manager, Chrissy Hagood at [chrissy.hagood@swosu.edu](mailto:chrissy.hagood@swosu.edu).



## Volleyball Opens Play at LCU Chap Classic

The SWOSU volleyball team began play at the LCU Chap Classic on Thursday, dropping both matches on the day against Lubbock Christian and Adams State.

The Bulldogs will continue tournament play tomorrow at 11:00 a.m. against Fort Lewis.

The Dawgs would lose in their first match of the day 3-0 to Lubbock Christian. SWOSU fell just short in two of the three sets, with a pair of close 25-23 showings.

The first set would set the scene for the match, as SWOSU lost 25-23 in a close one. LCU went up early, but SWOSU fought back. The two would trade points back and forth until eventually SWOSU fell.

The second set would be mainly multi-point runs. LCU strung together these stretches more consistently and would take it 25-15.

The final set saw SWOSU take a commanding lead early. LCU did just enough to keep itself in the set and

closed out the match 25-23.

Zoey Sparks led the Dawgs with nine kills and six blocks. Lacy Mott also had nine kills and had a team high 12 digs.

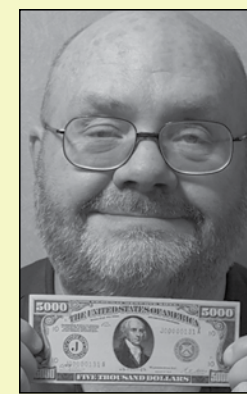
SWOSU took the first set off Adams State in the nightcap but dropped the next three.

The Lady Dawgs started out strong. They led comfortably with a 20-12 margin and went on to win the first set of the match. The second would go to Adams State which led to the most competitive set of the game.

The third set needed more than the minimum 25 points to win. It was a back and forth set until Adams State ultimately won.

Lacy Mott led SWOSU in kills with 13 and also had 11 digs. Maicee Morgan added 11 kills and 10 digs in the contest.

## "The Coin Guy" Auction of Capped Bust Half Dollars



Trent Boesen

On September 8, 2022, a group of Capped Bust half dollars, known as "The Perfection Collection", will be sold by Legend Rare Coin Auctions.

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The star of the collection is an 1838-O (New Orleans Mint) half dollar. Its mintage is a mere 116,000 pieces. PCGS certified it as a Mint State 65+ with a pre-auction estimate of \$80,000 to \$100,000.

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"Christianity, if false, is of no importance. And if true is of infinite importance. The one thing it cannot be is moderately important." This is surely one of C. S. Lewis's most often quoted statements. It comes from this English literary giant, who came to faith in Christ as a middle-aged agnostic.

Yet today, in many circles, even in churches, living for Christ is seen, or lived out as something of an appendage, certainly not something that consumes

our interests and dominates our lifestyles. This is not to say that to live a Christ-centered life is to become a religious recluse, with no interest in the coming football season or whether the Yankees will lose their lead on the way to the playoffs. It does mean that in the midst of this sometimes chaotic world our foremost concerns are the things the world offers. The Apostle John said that "if any man loves the world the love of the father is not in him." He goes on to describe the characteristics of the world as the "cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes, and the boasting of what he has and does." I John 2:15.

We all struggle with the pull of the world. David prayed in Psalm 86:11 "Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name." It is easy, in this pleasure mad world to let the things that pull our emotions hold us captive over the things that are eternal. A personal example: This evening the OSU Cowboys begin their season. It is televised. At that same hour, the Red Sox and Rangers are on another channel. It is the third option

that disturbs me. A single parent of two boys, 6 and 7, is in need of encouragement. The boys came regularly to Vacation Bible School and at least one of them has expressed an interest in coming to church. The father has recently walked away after trying to salvage a divorce situation. (I could bargain with God; "If I visit the family will you let the Red Sox win, they need all the help they can get at this point") That is silly of course. But we all subconsciously sometimes try to bargain with God?

The Apostle Paul, writing from a prison cell in Rome shares how his prison time is really serving to "advance the Gospel." The advancing of the gospel was his primary concern. None of us has the gifts or direct call that Paul had from God. But we, as believers are called to advance the gospel. It will take different forms for each of us. But as Bonhoeffer said, when God calls a man "he bids him come and die." Death to self is one of our daily struggles as we plod life's journey. It is a life-long battle but victories in every area will give strength for the next battle and bring the joy of obedience.

# INTEGRIS Health Enters into Nursing Degree Partnership with Southwestern Oklahoma State University

INTEGRIS Health Chief Nursing Executive, Kerri Bayer, MSN, and Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) President, Dr. Diana Lovell, met Aug. 22, to celebrate a partnership between the two entities establishing tuition support opportunities for first-semester enrollees in a SWOSU nursing program.

The three-year partnership is intended for INTEGRIS Health caregivers who are seeking degrees in the LPN – RN / BSN program, RN-to-BSN program, traditional BSN program and the MSN program at SWOSU.

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Similarly, SWOSU is one of the leading regional universities in the country. The SWOSU Nursing program was established in 1976 and was the first rural baccalaureate nursing program in Oklahoma welcoming more than 400 nursing students per year.

Bayer says, "My career began 24 years ago as a bedside nurse, so I'm extremely passionate about providing opportunities to support those wanting a nursing career. I'm excited at what this partnership will do for INTEGRIS Health, SWOSU and future nursing students."

Echoing Bayer, Dr. Diana Lovell states, "SWOSU's partnership with INTEGRIS Health allows us to double down on our commitment to helping Oklahoma meet its critical workforce needs." Lovell continued, "The tuition assistance offered by INTEGRIS Health will make a lifelong impact in the lives of our students."

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Pictured left to right is Kerri Bayer, MSN and Dr. Diana Lovell.

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