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Weatherford Lady JV Eagles Steamroll JV Brackets



The Weatherford Lady Eagles emerged from their most recent District matchup victorious. Travelling to Oklahoma City to face the Classen Comets, the final score was 10-0.



The Weatherford JV girls have also been named the JV State Champions after defeating the Santa Fe Saints 3-0, the Moore Lions 1-0, and and the Del City Eagles 5-0.

Open Golf Tournament & Hall of Fame Event Arrives May 26

Reagan Roof

The Weatherford Athletic Department will be hosting its 16th Annual All-Sports Golf Classic and 14th Annual Hall of Fame Induction on May 26th, 2023, at the Prairie West Golf Course in Weatherford at 8:00 am.

Dust off those golf clubs and hit the links, because the Eagle Classic is just around the corner. We sincerely hope that you will make a special effort to help us raise money for all of our athletic programs here at Weatherford Public Schools. Get together with three of your friends and enter our 4-man scramble. You will have a lot of fun and get to see some old

The field is limited to 36 teams. Enter by contacting Reagan Roof at 580-772-3385 or rroof@wpsok.org. We are going to have a lot of fun, so come and join us! **Tournament Information**

- 4-person scramble (field is limited to 36 teams.) - Must contact Reagan Roof to be entered - rroof@wpsok.org, 580-772-3385.
- Shotgun Start at 8:00 am
- Lunch at 1:00 pm
 - Provided by Magill Insurance Agency
- Cost is \$400 per team or \$100 per person
 - Green Fee
 - Cart
 - Hat
 - Door Prizes - Lunch.
- Prizes (Ties broken on scorecard)
 - 1st Place Team \$800 - 2nd Place Team - \$400

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\$200 - Sign at Tee Box

\$300 - 4-man Entry into Tournament

Hall of Fame Induction 2023

Social Hour will begin at 4:00 pm at The Stafford Air and Space Museum. Hors d'oeuvre will be provided during this time. The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will directly follow the Social Hour, starting at 5:00 pm.

Hall of Fame Inductees for 2023:

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Johnathan Lester

Jonathan Douglas Lester, 44, of Elk City, OK, passed away on March 25th, 2023, in his home, surrounded by his family, singing hymns that he loved.



Jonathan was born on August 30th, 1978, to Ernest Douglas Lester,

Jr. and Susan Kaye Smithee in Pauls Valley, OK. Jonathan graduated from Champs High School in Fritch, Texas.

One of Jonathan's greatest achievements was becoming a father. On December 21, 1999, when he welcomed his son Brent James Douglas Lester.

He was a Service Technician Mechanic at Barber-Dyson Ford for approximately six years. He enjoyed working on and restoring trucks and cars, and fishing.

Jonathan enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter Viola. But what he loved most was being involved in his church. Jonathan has attended Main Street Baptist Church for many years and enjoyed fellowshipping with his church family every chance he had.

He was very involved with the youth and later became the song leader. He wanted to make sure everyone knew how much the Lord loved them. He prayed that he would love people the way Jesus loved them.

One of his biggest blessings was attending Falls Creek, recently, with the youth group he so dearly loved. He wanted to make sure he never missed an opportunity to tell someone about his Lord and Savior. He was always adherent to God's calling for him to share the gospel.

Jonathan was preceded in death by his father Ernest Douglas Lester, Jr.; grandparents Ernest Douglas Lester, Sr. and Treca Lester, brother Robert Douglas Lester, and uncle Deon Lester.

Jonathan is survived by his son Brent and wife Kallie of Elk City, OK; granddaughter Viola Lester; mother Susan and husband Jim Smithee of Stratford, OK; grandparents Robert and Pat Brown of Pickett, OK; two sisters: Jennifer and husband Jon Landis of Cleveland, Missouri; and Jessica and husband Zach Robertson of Rector, Arkansas; brother Jeffrey and wife Deaven of Stratford, OK; two uncles: Ricky Brown of Pickett, OK; and Roger and wife Phyllis of Mustang, OK; and Aunt Linda Plant and husband Doc Coleman of Hazelton, Idaho.

He is also survived by many nieces and nephews, whom he adored greatly, as well as many family and friends.

Marvin Agan

Marvin Leon Agan was born December 8, 1943, to Joy and Frances (Matthews) Agan in Clinton, OK and passed away Friday, March 24, 2023, in his OKC home.



Marvin attended Custer City Schools, where he was very active

in Future Farmers of America (FFA), receiving numerus awards, including the State Farmer Award. Marvin graduated from Custer City High School in 1962. Following graduation, he attended college at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, OK for one semester. At that time, he started farming full time with his dad. He did attend one more year of college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK.

After farming for the next eight years, Marvin married the love of his life Linda Johnson on April 25, 1973, at the First Methodist Church in Custer City, OK.

Marvin and Linda farmed side-by-side while raising son's Ryan and Derek on the family farm. Marvin was on the Custer City Farmers Jr. Coop Board; he was a Regional Representative for Dow Chemical Company in Custer County. Marvin was also named the Most Outstanding Wheat Producer from the Oklahoma Sate University.

He worked as a Custom Applicator for Clinton Coop, spreading fertilizer through the winter months. He was a Bounty Seed Wheat Dealer and ACCO Feed Dealer for several years.

In 1999, Marvin started a Custom Applicator Business with his two sons Ryan and Derek. He ran that business until 2018 before retiring back to being a full-time farmer.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents and son Derek.

He is survived by his wife of 50 years Linda, son Ryan Agan and wife Lyn, daughter-in-law Michelle Agan-Olander; grandchildren: Rylyn Agan and Fiancé Dylon Fox, Abbagail Nance and husband Carter, Callen Agan and wife Autumn, Oakley Agan and step grandson Kole Wherritt and wife Taylor.

Lois Stoner

Lois Jane Stoner was born July 23, 1930, in Bellefonte, Pennsylvania, to Fred William and Verna Mary (Hoy) Waltz and passed away Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Homestead of Weatherford, Oklahoma, having reached the age of 92 years and 8 months.



Lois was raised in the State College, Pennsylvania, area. She lived on several farms in the area. She graduated high school in State College in 1948. In the late 1950's, she married Elwood Milton "Woody" Stoner and made their home in Tusseyville, Pennsylvania. In 1974, Lois and her family relocated to Oklahoma, where she worked at SWOSU in the cafeteria and was receptionist for the Weatherford Daily News. Lois worked as a caregiver for many years, helping many families with their loved ones. Lois enjoyed her grandchildren, working in her yard, staying active and spending time with family and friends. She was a wonderful and loving mother; her family and friends will dearly miss her.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents; husband; ten brothers and sisters; daughter Joanna Garmon; and grandson Jason Goucher.

She is survived by two sons: Robert Barry Stoner and wife Kitty of Port Matilda, Pennsylvania; Tim Stoner and wife Cheri Marie of Clinton, Oklahoma; one daughter Dottie Lee-Jacobson and husband Randy of Watonga, Oklahoma; ten grandchildren; and 18 greatgrandchildren.

Kacy Allen

Kacy Anne Allen was born April 13, 1983, in Sayre, Oklahoma, into a newly formed "yours & my" family, put together by Von and Kay Allen on February 26, 1982. She became the "ours" and thus began a beautiful legacy of love that was



to last almost forty years until God called His Angel home.

Kacy and her family left Oklahoma in September of 1984 to begin a new life in California. It was soon, thereafter, that she was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome, a debilitating disease that would chart the course of Kacy's life. Without the ability to walk, talk or have purposeful use of her hands, it was always Kacy's beautiful spirit, her sparkling brown eyes and sweet smile that kept her engaged in life. She attended San Bernardino County Schools in California and spent those busy years cheering on her brothers' and sisters' teams and making friends wherever she went. In 1996, Kacy moved back to Sayre and began what would be seven of the happiest years as a student at Sayre High School, graduating in 2003. The rest of Kacy's years have been full of life-church parties, volunteering at the Art Gallery, summer vacations in Branson, trout fishing on Lake Taneycomo, dancing at all the family weddings and raising all the little cousins up on her lap. Wherever LIFE was, Kacy WAS.

She is survived and loved so dearly by her family parents Von and Kay Allen, her brother and sisterin-law Geoff and Jennifer Bond and nieces: Dyland and Blake Bond; her sister Courtney Woods; nephew Corbett Woods and niece Ayva Woods; her brother Jeremy Allen; nephews: Preston and Matthew Allen and niece Karissa Allen: her Uncle and Aunt Patrick and Elaine Cowan and furr cousins: Ella and Stella; her Uncle and Aunt, Ron and Marianne Eaton and cousins: Clint and Lisa Eaton, Leighanne Eaton, Anlise and Brandon Williams, Tabetha and Gardner Lockwood and Finley and Addie Lockwood; her Uncle and Aunt, Jim and Dawn Cowan and cousins: John Cowan, Cole Cowan and Jordan Cowan; her cousins: Quent and Bobbie Cowa; cousins: Michael Cowan and Cooper and Kennedy Cowan; cousins: Sean and Jill Cowan, Ryder and Palmer Cowan.

Kacy is preceded in death by her grandparents John and Patty Cowan, Bowie and Ruby Lea Allen; brother Jody Von Allen; and "Uncle Mike" Cowan, all of Sayre, Oklahoma.

Kacy's life was blessed by an abudance of friends, including her loving church family from Queen of All Saints Catholic Church; her wonderful teachers and caregivers at SHS, her friends from Jones Health Care and special friends Caleb Nation, Patti Nation, Larry and Linda Sayles, Lynn and Ladonna Vaught, Kathy Hise, and George Martinez. There are so many friends and family not mentioned here who crossed paths with Kacy throughout her life and a most heartfelt thank you to each and everyone of you who brought laughter, love, joy, and fun into her life. You blessed her life.

Thoughts on Kacy by her Aunt Elaine..."So many of us glide through the life we are born to, searching for our purpose. Kacy's life had purpose from her beginning. As I see it, among her very many purposes was the changes she wrought when people were in her presence. She made us better people by her very life. Her smile. By her attention when she watched us. Our priorities changed because of her."

Karen Sirrine

Karen Nicole Sirrine, 32, of Elk City was born on June 13, 1990, at Elk City, Oklahoma, to Randy Wayne Loyd and Pamela Ann (Courtney) Selman. She went to be with her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at OU Medical Center,



surrounded by her loving family.

Karen enjoyed going to the casino and traveling to Arkansas and Missouri. She especially loved spending time with her children, family and friends. She was a member of The Link Church, Elk City, Oklahoma. Karen will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Karen is survived by her fiance Michael Brinkley of Elk City; her mother Pamela Ann Selman of Huntsville, AK; stepfather Cecil Selman of Huntsville, AK; one daughter Rose Nichole Crowdis of Elk City; and one son Steven Wayne Ray Huffer of Elk City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Randy Wayne Loyd; and her grandmother, Karen Mullins.

Mansour Valli

Mansour Valli was born on 9-6-1949, in the city of Qom, in Iran. His parents were Bahram Ali Valli and Zarah Fallah. He passed away peacefully, on March 26, 2023, at the Fairfax Community Hospital in Fairfax OK, surrounded by his family. He had been battling cancer for years.



Mansour was a sergeant in the Iranian military before he became a food inspector as a young adult, living in Iran. Mansour had a strong desire to come to America and attend college. In 1976 he was finally able to make that dream come true. He was attending Phillips University in Enid OK, in 1977, when he met the love of his life Denise Smith from Freedom OK. They were married on 3-19-1978. To that union two children were born: Vanessa Denise and Michael Mansoor. On New Year's Eve of 1979, the couple spent their first night in California. They found an apartment in Long Beach Ca. and lived there for 18 months before moving back to Freedom, OK. They later moved to Newalla and Mansour opened several convenient stores in and around that area. A few years later, he got into the restaurant business. He opened a pizza place in OKC. In 1988, the family moved back to Freedom ,again, where they opened a restaurant at the Alabaster Caverns, which was the former Park View Café. He and Denise then opened another place in Alva. After several months, they moved the Alabaster Caverns restaurant location to Main Street in Freedom. Later, they opened another location in Woodward OK. As time went on, they opened restaurants in Vici, Yukon, and OKC.

He enjoyed cooking, attending auctions, and buying and selling restaurant equipment. He loved spending time with his children Vanessa and Michael and all of their friends, as well as other family members. He also enjoyed helping his father-in-law Wayne Smith out on the family farm north of Freedom. The two of them enjoyed time together, feeding cattle and other farming activities.

He loved spending time on the farm when family members would come to visit and to have fun times together, celebrating holidays, birthdays and other occasions with extended family members. He also enjoyed his visits with his mother-in-law Norma Jean Smith and listening to stories she would tell about growing up and other things of interest to him. He had a special bond with her. In the last few years, he enjoyed swimming at the YMCA, Instagram and social media where he could visit with friends and discuss health awareness, politics, and share musical talents. He enjoyed music of all kinds. He loved life and enjoyed it to the very fullest each and every day, no matter what life gave him to deal with. He was always very optimistic about any situation and he instilled that positive attitude into his children, employees, friends, and other family members.

He was never without a smile on his face. Even in the worst of times, he would always be thankful for what he had and what God had given him. He always said God is great, and thank God for what we have. He was an honest, hard-working man with many friends and siblings, and other family who loved him dearly. He was a very forgiving man and loved everyone he met. He never met a stranger, and always offered to help anyone needing help.

Mansour was preceded in death by his parents, his siblings: Abdollah Valli, Fatemeh Valli, Azeez Valli, Sharpoor Valli, Mohamad Hossane Valli, Amid Valli, sister-in-law Parivash, his in laws Wayne and Norma Jean Smith, his sister-in-law Diane Lewis, and brother-in-law David Smith.

He is survived by his wife Denise, of the home, his daughter Vanessa, and her husband Bobby Nailon from Weatherford OK, his son Michael Valli, and fiancé Darsea Finley from Stillwater OK, two grandchildren: Avry and Mabry Nailon of Weatherford, siblings: Mohamad Ali Valli, Mohamad Hassan Valli, and wife Malektaj Esteaneh, Sooroor Valli, and husband Ali Ghambari, Mahmood Valli and wife Fateme, sister-in-law Badri Valli, many nieces and nephews, and other friends and family.















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WRH Foundation Donates New Equipment



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The new recumbent exercise bicycle machine, housed at the hospital's auxilliary rehab facility. Several members of the WRH Foundation's Board of Directors were in attendance to see the two pieces of specialized equipment and hear from WRH employees on how the equipment will improve the care offered at the hospital.



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This new ultrasound table will be located at the hospital's main facility. Pictured (from left to right) - Back row: Brad Berrong, Brian Denton, Mariah Kuhn, Jeff DeFehr, Katie Bartmann, Richard Ratcliffe. Front row: Georganna Buss, Debbie Dehn.









(pictured)





HIGHER GROUND Christ Has Risen Indeed



It has been said that in the early church, when a believer would greet another believer on the street the greeting would be "He is Risen." The return statement would be "He is Risen Indeed." This would sound strange in our day of Easter bunnies, colorful eggs, and costly new apparel. I have had inmates who were unaware of the reason we

celebrate Easter.

But it is truly the most significant event in history or the greatest hoax perpetrated on mankind. Sheldon Vanauken and his wife, Davy had gone to England to study at Oxford. They were agnostic at best but they became acquainted with C.S. Lewis who invested his heart and life into this young couple. Lewis who became a Christian as an adult shared his pilgrimage of faith. In their growing relationship with Lewis they faced the question of the resurrection of Jesus. Finally, they had to come

to a conclusion. In his book, A Severe Mercy he said, "By now we knew it was important. If true and we admitted to each other the possibility that it was—it was very simply, the only really important truth in the world. If untrue, it was false. No halfway house. First or nothing."

If Jesus had remained in that tomb he would have been remembered perhaps as a good but misguided man who presented teachings that did not come true-A false teacher—one who made claims that he were not fulfilled. He would be relegated to the sidelines of history as of no real significance.

But Napoleon Bonaparte is supposed to have stated. "Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and I have founded empires. But on what did we rest the creations of our genius, upon force. Jesus Christ founded his empire on love; and at this hour millions of men would die for his sake. …I know men and I tell you that Jesus Christ was not a man."

Sadly, to even mention the name of Jesus in casual conversation is anti-cultural in our world today. We are considered intolerant if we live our lives on the truths of his teachings. But the truth still stands and millions still place their lives in his hands each day. The evidence for his resurrection is so strong that many who sincerely tried to disprove

it have themselves been forced to bow their knee in

what could have changed the life of a headstrong young Jewish leader—one on his way to the top in prestige and prominence. Saul, later known as the Apostle Paul, was a violent persecutor of this new sect of Christians. Yet on his way to do more violence to their cause, Jesus revealed himself to Saul and he became a zealous missionary to the known world before being beheaded at the hands of Nero. The reality of the risen Lord compelled him to give his life in service. The disciples who had been fearful of their lives now stood boldly in the marketplace to

chuck Colson in his book, Who Speaks for God, said, "Sure, Watergate caused my world to crash around me and sent me to prison. I lost many of the mainstays of my existence—the awards, the six-figure income and lifestyle to match, arguing cases in the highest courts, position of power at the right hand of the President of the United States. But only when I lost them did I find a far greater gain: knowing Christ. I learned the truth of Jesus' words, "He who wishes to save his life shall lose it. But whoever loses his life for my sake shall find it."

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SWOSU Rocket Dawgs Win Second Consecutive Argonia Cup



The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Physics and Engineering Club's Rocket Dawgs won their second consecutive Argonia Cup title last Sunday, March 26, at the Rocket Pasture near Argonia, Kansas.

The competition requires teams of college students to launch a two-stage rocket to at least 9,000 feet then deliver its payload, a golf ball, as close as possible to a predetermined location on the ground (an "X" made of tape on the grass). Further, all rocket components must return to the ground by parachute or under controlled motorized flight and be in flying condition after being recovered.

This year's competition was particularly challenging due to the two-stage requirement, and the Rocket Dawgs were the only team to meet all the requirements, despite landing 2.41 miles away from the "X." So, the only award given was for first place to the Rocket Dawgs.

Last year, the Rocket Dawgs won by landing on the "X" in a single-stage flight and were the first team to do that in the seven-year history of the competition. That accomplishment led to the two-stage requirement in this year's competition.

Since the Argonia Cup began, the Rocket Dawgs were the first team to land on the "X" in practice, the first team to land on the "X" in competition, and the first team to have a successful two-stage flight. Other teams that competed were Auburn University, Kansas State University, Oklahoma State University (two teams), University of Missouri, Purdue University, University of Tennessee, Missouri University of Science and Technology, Southern Illinois University, Western Michigan University, and LeTourneau University.

"Congratulations to the SWOSU Rocket Dawgs on their stellar victory, bringing the Argonia Cup back to SWOSU! Your dedication, hard work, and passion for innovation have propelled you to new heights, and your achievement is truly out of this world," exclaimed Dr. Diana Lovell when asked about the Rocket Dawg's recent win.

The Rocket Dawgs are supported by Madeline Baugher and the Oklahoma NASA Space Grant Consortium, the SWOSU Department of Chemistry & Physics, SWOSU Alum Sharon Hodges, Brock Mason, Daniel Gassen, and the amazing members of the Tripoli Oklahoma Rocketry Club

Congratulations to the Rocket Dawgs on another outstanding victory. SWOSU is incredibly proud of their achievements and looks forward to seeing what they will accomplish next.





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Amanda Brewer Haggard (pictured left accepting her team's prize), a current board member at Connections Food and Resource Center, attends the fourth Grand Can Sculpture Competition. Her team "Three Moms and a Machine," won the People's Choice Award for best sculpture.



Provided

Ashtin Optiz gets her fortune read at the circus themed Step-Up Transitional Living fundraiser gala held at Sorelle in Thomas. All proceeds will fund youths to build a place they can call home. To find out more about Step-Up visit stepuptransition.org

EASTER / HOLY WEEK - The First United Methodist Church of Weatherford will be hosting Holy Week events for Easter Sunday this week. Events planned for this week include: a prayer walk inside the church on Tuesday from 9am to 3pm as well as Wednesday and Thursday from 9am to 7pm; a Maundy Thursday service scheduled for Thursday at 7pm with an opportunity for Holy Communion; an outdoor Good Friday Stations of the Cross to be held at St Eugene's Catholic Church from 5pm-7pm; Easter Sunday Breakfast at 9:30am at the Wesley Center; Two Easter worship services to be held April 9th at 8:30am and 10:30am. First United Methodist Church is located at 817 Seventh Street in Weatherford. For more information you can call 580-772-5565.

SWOSU / CHAIN - Dr. Raygan Pierce Chain was named the Chair of the Department of Business at Southwestern Oklahoma State University earlier this semester. Dr. Chain joined the SWOSU faculty in 2015, where she teaches business law, real estate, business ethics, and various law-related classes.

WRH / PATIENT VOLUMES - Emergency Room volumes at Weatherford Regional Hospital remain steady, overall. Chief executive officer Brian Denton says the ER treated 40 patients on Sunday. Denton says inpatient volumes have been volatile recently, ranging from 4 to 9 patients per day over the past few weeks.

LUCAS / JAVORSKY - Congressman Frank Lucas says Wesley Javorski, a native of Corn and graduate of SWOSU, has been added as a field representative. Javorsky will serve as field representative for 15 counties, including Custer, Beckham, Dewey, Roger Mills and Caddo counties.

WEATHERFORD / ROTARY - District Governor Deena K. Fisher recently attended a Weatherford Rotary Club meeting. Fisher says it's been a total rebuilding year coming out of COVID. Fisher has been an active member of the Woodward Rotary Club since 1996, where she has served as Club President twice, Vice President, and Secretary for 8 years.



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Happy Birthday Wishes for April 5 - Stephanie Bridgeman, Mike Davis, Jaden Harris, Mary Beth Henschel, Baleigh Hutchison, Jessica Lent, Kathleen Gay Monahan, Brent Reed, Julie Ricks, Stacy Runnels, Dan Sanders, Amy Vaughn, Terri Villines, Cash Yoder; April 6 - Scot Barker, Gary Bell, Arian Braswell, Cindy Hunnicutt, Krew Kirkland, Amber O'Neale, Loretta Pollman, Eric Ratterree, Billie Russey, Stacey Winters; April 7 - Linda Boatwright, Heath Goodall, Joleen Jackson, LaWana Manos, Sandra Miller, Aaron Schantz, Lindsay Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Alice Switzer, Krissity Vaughn; April 8 - Opal Boyd, Daniel Lamar, Quinda Lane, Cory Price, Ebony Smith, Vincent Sperle, Jennifer Williams, Floyd Winn; April 9 - Dakota Brewer, Lindy Charles, Geneva Cranniore, Tim Easter, Jace Huser, Angela Marsee, Trey Payne, George Roberts, Cathy Shadid, Virginia Strong, Chandler Turney; April 10 - Jessica Allisen, Mike Brown, Lacey Burdick, Chad Chaplin, Patsy Chisum, Elmer Croaker, Shannon Duncan, Beau Ferrell, Jeffrey Maynard, Scott Moore, Brant Purdum, Sam Smith, Mark Stapleton; April 11 - Chuck Ackley, Ari Albrightson, Ian Brennfoerder, Charlene Cantrell, Darla Davenport, Patty Doran, Bill Mucker, Shelby Nance.

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Bulldog Baseball Break Records at Southern Nazarene

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SWOSU Baseball claimed the series against Southern

Nazarene. The Bulldogs completed the weekend sweep of the Crimson Storm and move to 18-16 overall on the season and 11-10 in GAC play.

Game 1 – SWOSU 30, SNU 22

SWOSU Baseball took full advantage of a windy Friday afternoon at the ballpark, racking up 30 runs and 26 hits in a 30-22 win over Southern Nazarene to begin the series. The monster day at the plate broke both the program's Division II era and the GAC record for most runs scored in a single game.

The two teams combined to set conference records with 46 total hits and 52 runs scored. SWOSU also tied the conference team record for both hits (26) and RBIs (28) in a single game.

Chris Goldston, Philip Sanders, and Bryson Armstrong were all tasked with pitching in Friday's elements and threw 3.0 innings apiece.

Geoff Marlow, Griffin Larsen, and Jaylon Johnson all homered alongside Hamilton and Trevino.

Brooks Red doubled twice, with Marlow garnering one hit less.

Game 2 – SWOSU 10, SNU 4

A five-run top of the ninth allowed the Bulldogs to breathe and win handily in the first game of the day. Leading just 5-4 entering the final inning, SWOSU loaded the bases with no outs and finished with four hits in the frame with another two walks and a hit by pitch.

Prior to that, SWOSU got the first runs of the game in the fifth inning and added solo runs in the sixth and seventh.

After being held scoreless the first half of the game, they finished with runs in four of the game's final five innings.

Meanwhile, Ernesto Hidrogo pitched a season high seven innings on the mound to keep the SNU offense at bay. He allowed just one run through seven innings but a leadoff home run in the eighth finally chased him from the game. Grant Ewy entered briefly after Hidrogo before being relieved by Matt Milner who pitched the rest of the way and earned the save.

Brooks Red and Reece Burke both finished 3-5 and doubled in the contest.

Game 3 – SWOSU 8, SNU 7

The Dawgs erased a 6-1 deficit in the series finale and came back to win 8-7.

Trailing by their largest deficit of the weekend in the fourth inning, Reece Burke and Emilio Trevino jump started the comeback with back-to-back home runs to make it 6-3. JC Reed then tripled and was driven in for the third run of the inning, which made it 6-4.

Reed struck again an inning later with a two-RBI double to tie things up. After SNU regained the lead in the bottom of the fifth, SWOSU scored two more in a final response which proved to be the game winning runs. Burke singled in the tying run and a wild pitch with two outs plated the go-ahead score.

Starting pitcher Jackson Phillips made it 2.0 innings before being relieved. Wyatt Sharry and Logan Lagasse pitched the final five, allowing just one run in relief including a scoreless sixth and seventh from Lagasse.

Reed and Burke led the lineup with 3-4 performances at the plate. Geoff Marlow hit his ninth home run of the season in the first inning.



Grant Kopycinski

SWOSU Softball hosted SNU and only managed to

snag a win in one of the three games.

SWOSU had all the momentum before SNU put two runs in the sixth inning to retake the advantage.

Brianna Cryer went 5.2 innings and was on the hook for the loss. Jordyn Wadley had two RBIs for the Dawgs.

Game 1 – SNU 14, SWOSU 8

The first inning saw SWOSU score one run in the opening two batters. Kaylee Barkley's single brought Maddie Rahon home for the first score of the game.

They had the bases loaded with two outs in the first and fifth, but couldn't bring any of the runners home.

Brianna Cryer is credited for the loss after 4.0 innings. Katie Boline earned a run scored and a walk. Dani Carmo batted in two runs with one hit in the game.

Game 2 – SNU 7, SWOSU 4

The scoring ceased after SNU scored 3 runs. A couple of one hit innings and a six-batter inning kept the pace of the game quick for the middle innings. Caitlin Delaney got the scoring restarted in the fifth with a leadoff shot to left center field, sparking a three-run inning for SWOSU.

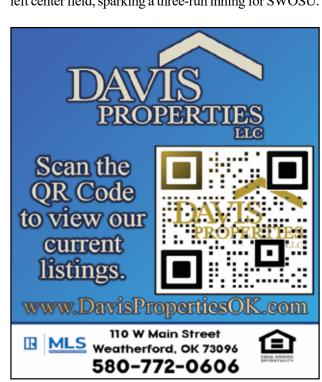
Game 3 – SWOSU 4, SNU 3

A defensive battle ensued for the series finale. There wasn't a base hit until the top of the third inning. The bottom of the fifth was an explosion for SWOSU,

loading the bases with just one out. Kaylee Barkley getting hit at the plate brought home the first run of the game. A sacrifice fly combined with a throwing error from the Crimson Storm outfield saw two more score. Katie Boline scored the final run of the inning with a single to left field.

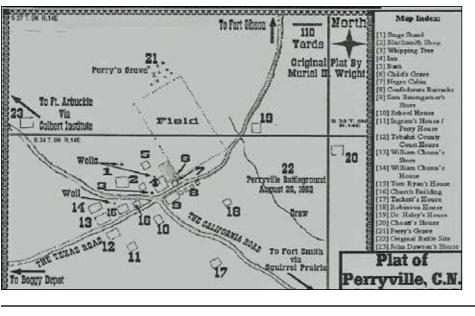
Maddie Rahon scored a run to led the SWOSU offense. In the final inning, the Crimson Storm entered a pinch hitter. She blasted a solo home run to shave the lead to just one. Taryn Westbrook stood unfazed in the circle and calmly procured two outs in the next two SNU batters to close the game.

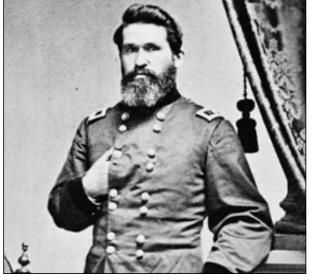






Oklahoma History: The Battle of Honey Springs - July, 1863





from Muriel H. Wright Pictured left: A Map, depicting locations in the Battle of Honey Springs, July 17, 1863. Contains Legend Index for details. This map was created by Muriel Wright, a historian born in Oklahoma best known for her writings on the Choctaw Nation, many years after the war ended.

From the Library of Congress Pictured right: A photo of James Gillpatrick Blunt. He was an active advocate for the abolition of slavery since the mid-to-late 1840s.

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During the Civil War, two climactic battles took place in Oklahoma. The first became known as the Battle of Honey Springs Depot – July 1863. Named after the skirmish between Union forces under the command of General James G. Blunt and Confederate contingents under the main commander General Douglas H. Cooper. Union informants caught wind that Cooper planned to attack the union base at Fort Gibson, and when word reached Gen. Blunt, he gathered a force to head off Cooper at the nearby depot Honey Springs. Blunt's goal was to shut down the Confederate advance before they could get reinforcements from the nearby General William Cabell's brigade, who were on their way from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Blunt's 3,000 men crossed the Arkansas River on July 15th, 1863, and in the middle of the night gathered outside of Honey Springs. Dawn came and the first shots rang out. Soon, the entire southern camp was stirred and a fullblown fight had begun. It did not last long. The region had recently had frequent rain showers which caused the Confederate troops' firearms to fail. As more rain began that afternoon, their wet and cheap gunpowder caused a series of misfires, and Cooper sounded the retreat. Many of the Confederate forces were already fleeing after realizing that their only means of defense was essentially useless. Most of Cooper's men had fled and any hopes of a counterattack were quickly squashed. They relinquished control of Honey Springs and fled south down the Texas Road to meet up with nearby Confederate forces. Blunt had seized control of the depot, and with it, taken control of the northern Arkansas River Indian Territory. However, Blunt knew the Confederates would regroup and once again set their eyes on Fort Gibson. So, he decided to pursue Cooper.

Over the next month, Blunt led his division out from Fort Gibson to find and defeat the Confederate army in Indian Territory, permanently. Blunt knew Cooper's forces were fleeing towards Boggy Depot and would make their way through Perryville Depot. He also received word that General William Cabell's forces, who were supposed to rendezvous with Cooper, were deserting after the news of Cooper's defeat and that Cabell was heading to nearby Fort Smith to gather

Gen. William Steele Steele, who was stationed at Perryville as a rearguard unit, received word of Blunt's pursuit and expected Blunt to abandon his chase of Cooper and focus on Cabell. Knowing if he did so, Cabell could pressure Blunt against the Arkansas River and Blunt's flank would be open for his troops to exploit.

However, Blunt must have decided that Cabell's deserting army wasn't an immediate priority and decided to pursue Cooper with haste and came across Steele at Perryville. Steele had set up a hastily crafted picket line with two howitzers blocking the northern road into town. On August 26, 1863, Blunt's forces quickly widened their board and began firing artillery into the defense line. The battle, a rare night fight, was over quickly as the exchange speedily fell into Blunt's favor.

The Confederate forces, reeling from news of their comrades' recent defeat at Honey Springs, retreated without their stockpiles and wares. Blunt seized the supplies and ordered the town burned. Perryville, due to its close proximity to the Texas Road (a major trade route across Indian Territory between Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Missouri), was a crucial strategic depot for the Confederacy, and they suffered a tremendous blow by forfeiting it to the Union. Oklahoma Historical Society logs compare the loss of the depot to be as if Cooper's entire army had been destroyed. Blunt's victory landed a mighty win against the South.

After his victory at Perryville, Blunt moved on towards Cabell at Fort Smith and captured it on September 1st,

Perryville, postbellum, was partially rebuilt but had lost its importance and members due to a new rail-line and station named McAlester which bypassed Perryville. Businesses and residents moved to the new railway town to retain their livelihood. Now, the community Chambers, Oklahoma occupies the original townsite.

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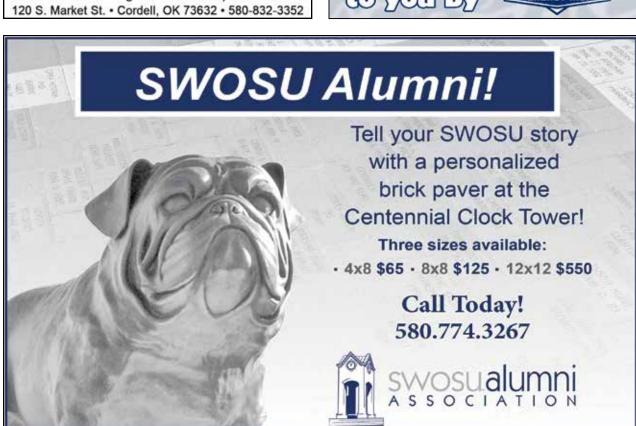
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Burke (Houston, Texas) put up monster hitting numbers over the busy week that SWOSU Baseball just had. Five games in as many days gave Burke ample opportunity to perform well. He batted .500 over these five games, while being the team hit leader with 12. That included a double, a triple, and a home run. Burke also scored six runs and batted in seven runs. His batting average raised from .286 to .331 just over this span.

Berger (Udall, Kan.) was a winner at the Garden City Community College Rodeo over the weekend. She competed in the Barrel Racing event and took home the crown. Berger won first in the average, which included the fastest long round time of 13.89 seconds and a third-place short round time of 14.02 seconds.



We Rock the Spectrum Offers Space for ASD and Mentally Challenged Kids



One summer afternoon during the midst of the pandemic, Audra Ramirez was looking for fun indoor activities that she could enjoy with her toddlers Ellie and Jax. The options were limited in Western Oklahoma where the summer heat and unpredictable wind can stifle any toddler's play day. Add to that Audra's son Jax had been recognized to be on the autism spectrum, so finding an inclusive, judgement-free environment was a must.

That was when she came across a gym in Edmond that offered something exciting. It was a place where she and her son Jax would never have to say they're sorry. That gym was called We Rock The Spectrum and it left an immediate impact on Audra.

"God was very apparent that we need this in Western Oklahoma," said Audra and after a month and a half coordinating with the We Rock The Spectrum's corporate team she and her husband Chad Ramirez were approved to open a franchise in Weatherford. Nearly two years after being approved, the Ramirez family is set for the Grand Opening of their own We Rock The Spectrum Gym.

Securing a property in Weatherford proved to be the Ramirez family's biggest obstacle, but the wait was worth it. With "everybody saying we need anything indoors, much less something for those with extra needs. It's going to be a much needed space," said Audra Ramirez. Offering a wide range of play equipment for children of all ages, that includes a trampoline, zipline slider, rock wall and 4-8 different types of swings, We Rock The Spectrum promises to be a "safe haven for parents to come to let their kids be their kids and not stress [that] their kids are going to annoy somebody," said Audra. "They're pieces of play equipment, but they also serve a purpose of fulfilling that sensory need that a lot of kiddos

"They're pieces of play equipment, but they also serve a purpose of fulfilling that sensory need that a lot of kiddos have. Our goal is to help other little ones understand that sometimes not everybody thinks or does things the same way. And that's okay. And we're going to learn how to play together."

We Rock The Spectrum's grand opening is scheduled for Saturday, April 15 from 9am to 5pm and the festivities will include food, fun, and party favors. Following the grand opening, We Rock The Spectrum will be open on weekdays from 9am to 6pm, Saturdays from 10am to 5pm and Sundays from 1pm to 4pm. The facility will be open to the public, but will also be available for closed parties and events for all ages. For more information regarding parties, pricing or general inquiries you can message them on facebook messenger at https://www.

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Friends on Frisco Invites You to 2023 Events

Are you an avid cornhole fan, looking for bragging rights as the best bean bag tosser in Western Oklahoma? Maybe you're just looking for a fun-filled evening of great food, music, and late-night shopping. Well, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce has you covered as they're set to host the first of seven Friends on Frisco events on April 13th from 6 - 9 pm.

Friends on Frisco is scheduled to take place on the second Thursday of each month from April to October and will center around different themes every month. April's theme will feature a cornhole tournament that will take place on Frisco Avenue. Anyone interested in participating can register to compete at the event starting at 6 pm. For folks looking for good eats, The Clinton Chamber of Commerce has invited a range of food trucks that will include Cajun food, burgers, Bondi bowls, and even ice cream.

If you're in the mood for some classic country covers, Oklahoma City-based Dirty Rich will be performing live at Engleman Park at the intersection of 6th street and Frisco. In addition to the cornhole tournament, food trucks and live music attendees can also expect stores on Frisco Ave to be open late for shoppers. "Come on down to support your local businesses and support the things that we have going on," said Julie Burden, President of the Clinton Chamber of Commerce.

Other themes for this year's scheduled Friends on Frisco events include a carnival theme in May; intertribal dancers and singers in June; Americana in July featuring a live military band; a back-to-school bash in August; a Route 66 themed night in September; and finally, an Oktoberfest event.

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