

Heartland Cruise Car Show Highlights Father's Day Weekend in Weatherford



For 33 years the Heartland Car Cruise Show has brought together car enthusiasts from around Western Oklahoma and across America for a special weekend of classic cars, family fun, and nostalgia and this year it's planning to be bigger and better than ever for Father's Day weekend.

The weekend event kicks off Friday night at 6:00pm on Main Street in Weatherford, where the street will be blocked off to host a welcome party which will allow car owners the chance to show off their vehicles to the public. Then, at 7:30pm, the annual car cruise will begin taking participants through a nearly 2 mile cruise through the streets of Weatherford.

"If you're old enough like I am to remember the 60's, when people cruised main street... it's reminiscent of that," said Tommy Nabors, who's helped coordinate the event with the assistance of other car enthusiasts from the area, the City of Weatherford, the Weatherford Rotary club and this years corporate sponsor Napa of Weatherford.

The fun continues the following day at Rader Park

with the car show which will feature a wide variety of events including: a flag ceremony presented by American Legion Post 91 at 9am; a burn out contest; a loud exhaust contest, a show and shine exhibition featuring vehicles of all sorts of makes and models; a childrens' money pit; food trucks; over 60 vendors; giveaways presented by the event's corporate sponsor, NAPA of Weatherford; and an awards ceremony at 3pm for registrants of the car show.

While the general public will be allowed to enjoy all the activities free of charge, folks interested in participating in The Heartland Cruise Car Show with their vehicle can register online at https://www.heartlandcruisecarshow. com/register or in person at the registration booth located at the corner of Main Street and Broadway during the welcome party. Registration is \$30 per vehicle, will be open until the Cruise begins at 7:30pm on Friday night, and will allow registrants to participate in all of the weekend's activities with their vehicle of choice.

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Larry Pointer

Clinton resident Larry Joe Pointer, 56, was born September 1, 1966, to Larry Pointer and Patricia Ann (Lunsford) Pointer (now Roque) In Watonga, OK and passed away very unexpectantly in his Clinton home Saturday, June 3, 2023.



Larry was raised in Burns Flat, OK, and Arapaho, OK, where he attended his schooling. He started his working career at an early age, began roughnecking in the oilfields and worked all over Western, OK. He married Novale Gamble in 1987 in Clinton, OK.

He was a member of the Church of Christ, he loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, exploring the wild, and his trips to Alaska with his family, and he loved to fish. He enjoyed classical rock music, as well as watching a lot of T.V. Evangelism and western movies. He was well known amongst rattlesnake hunters and was often called the "Snake man". He had a great passion and loved being with his grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Larry were held on Friday, June 9, 2023, 1:00 PM, in the Emergency Response Center, (ERC) officiated by Pastor Delfred Whitecrow Jr. The Burial followed in the Arapaho Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

A traditional all night wake service was also held on Thursday, June 8, 2023, starting at 7:00 PM in the Emergency Response Center.

Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Novale in 2011, brother, Jeremy McDow and his dad, Joe Roque (stepfather).

He is survived by his mother, Patricia Rogue, Arapaho, OK, two sons, Joshua Pointer and wife Stephanie, and Austin Pointer all of Clinton, two sisters, Shonda Williams and husband, Andre, Clinton, OK and tammy Neihart, OKC, OK, four brothers, Jeff McDow, Arapaho, OK, Kevin Neihart, OKC, OK, Manuel Roque and Raymond Roque, both of Littlefield, TX.

Larry is also survived by three grandchildren, Ella, Jemma and Ezekiel Pointer.

Sheila Collins

Sheila Irene Collins, 74, of Burns Flat, OK was born on October 13, 1948 in Amber, OK. She is the daughter of Roy Cordell and Mildred Irene (Mott) Brown. Sheila received her wings on Friday, June 9, 2023 at Oklahoma

Heart Hospital North, OK City, OK surrounded by her loving family.

She married the love of her life, Thomas Edwin "Tom" Collins on September 7, 1968 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. They moved to Burns Flat, OK in 1972 and after a few years opened a Burns Flat Daycare which she ran for over ten years. Then in 2000, Sheila and Tom opened up a restaurant called the Eagles Nest, they operated this business until 2010. After that Sheila worked for Great Plains Regional Medical Center restaurant



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Sheila was a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Burns Flat, OK where she loved learning about her Lord and Savior and reading her Bible.

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Sheila is preceded in death by her parents, Roy and Mildred Brown; one brother, Steven Brown and one sister, Dawn Brown.

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This is a quote from "Experiencing God: Knowing and Doing the Will of

God. This popular discipleship program swept the country in the 90s, with thousands of churches of various denominations participating.

I had the privilege of leading such a group study with countless college students and, at other times, with church members. We had the blessed opportunity of having Dr. Blackaby on campus at SWOSU and our dinner table. He has five children, all involved in some form of ministry. He was and is a great man of faith with a powerful prayer life.

The truth of the above quote is not a call that has faded over time. It is a call to a lifestyle that introduces one to an adventure that demands sacrifice, placing yourself in dangerous situations, yet filled with the joy of obedience. The abundant life offered by the call of Christ is built upon Trust that He is really whom He claimed to be, "God in the Flesh."

He was sent on a rescue mission. "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loved." - Col. 1:13.

I Peter 3:18 tells us: "Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring us to God...."

I Peter 2:24: "He Himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sin an live to

righteousness; by his wounds, you have been healed." So, while it is poor grammar, the truth is that we have all died for Him.

One of his final messages to his disciples was that he had left them in charge of ensuring his death was not in vain. The Holy Spirit was coming to give them a power that would demolish strongholds, and every argument raised u against knowing him as Lord. The message was to go to the ends of the world. They couldn't possibly comprehend all that that would mean. They just had to take the next step of obedience.

The call lingers with us today. Those in lands where persecution, even to the point of death is present, are far more likely to be obedient to His challenge than those of us living in comfort and safety. But our mission remains the same no matter where we are. His grace is sufficient. His promises are sure. The future is His. If we belong to Christ, we are to be instruments of righteousness, agents of reconciliation, and ambassadors of the King of Kings, Lord of Lords.

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From May 3 - 7, 2023, the Central States Numismatic Society convention held a coin auction. It consisted of 22 pre-1800 U.S. type coins from the collection of B&D Sanders. This \$2.50 quarter eagle gold coin was the star of the show.

It was a 1798 Capped Bust, Wide Date, Five Berries (a quarter eagle gold coin is the same size

Trent Boesen gold coin is the same size as a U.S. Dime). The 1798 \$2.50 gold eagle had

a mintage of 1,094 (A Guide Book of US Coins). It was certified by the Professional Coin Grading

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CRUISE

help generate more revenue for the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, the Heartland Car Cruise Show first took place in Means Park, but the popularity of the event forced a move to Rader Park in 2002. In 2016 the event was transferred to the stewardship of the Weatherford Rotary Club and became a means to fund Weatherford's D.A.R.E. Program. Proceeds from the event completely fund Weatherford's D.A.R.E. Program.

Initially started as a way to

But ambitions for the Car Show are still growing and support from the local community and businesses has never been greater. "It helps if we can make it bigger and draw people into town. This is good for everybody," said Dean Horn, General Manager of NAPA of Weatherford, who agreed to be the event's corporate sponsor this year. As a result of this corporate sponsorship Napa of Weatherford rescheduled their annual customer appreciation day and Tool Sale, which is normally held in April, to coincide with this year's car show. Napa of Weatherford will be offering a free BBQ lunch at their store on Friday from 11am to 1pm or until they run out of pulled pork sandwiches. They will also be offering storewide discounts for tools through Saturday June, 24th in addition to giveaways and drawings to be held at the Heartland Car Cruise Show on Friday and Saturday.

Mike Smith News Director

For more information about the Heartland Cruise Car Show you can visit www.heartlandcruisecarshow.com.

For more information about the NAPA Customer Appreciation day and Tool sale you can find NAPA of Weatherford on Facebook or call 580-302-8673.

SWOSU Hosts Former OK Governor Frank Keating



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre, and Yukon, recently hosted the Honorary Frank Keating, the 25th Governor of the State of Oklahoma, for a visit.

Keating met with SWOSU donors and benefactors at a private reception and then joined the SWOSU President's Leadership Class (PLC) students and their families for a dinner where Keating delivered remarks.

Each year, around 15 of the top SWOSU students entering freshmen are chosen to be PLC Scholars. Each scholar is awarded a scholarship and receives four semesters of leadership training that fosters both intellectual and personal growth. The President's Leadership Class develops leaders who hold a profound understanding of leadership and its responsible application within organizations, communities and their states. The SWOSU PLC was begun by the late SWOSU President Dr. John Hays and continued by former SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler and current SWOSU President Dr. Diana R. Lovell. Keating grew up in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and received his undergraduate degree from Georgetown University and a law degree from the University of Oklahoma.

His 30-year career in law enforcement and public service included service as an FBI agent, U.S. Attorney and state prosecutor, and Oklahoma House and Senate member, including service as a Republican senate leader. He served Presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush in the Treasury, Justice, and Housing departments.

As Governor, Keating won national acclaim in 1995 for his compassionate and professional handling of the bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal building in Oklahoma City. In the aftermath of the tragedy, he raised more than six million dollars to fund scholarships for

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WRH / **ER** – A management agreement is now in place with Team Health for professional services in the emergency room of Weatherford Regional Hospital. Chief Executive Officer Brian Denton says the three main ER physicians will remain on board and that Team Health will provide structure in a busier ER. Denton says the same company has previously worked (and continues to work) with WRH, managing their emergency rooms within an SSM Network.

CLINTON / HOSPITAL - Clinton City Manager Robert Johnston told the city council that there is encouraging news surrounding the relicensing and future opening of Clinton Regional Hospital. Johnston says even once the hospital can reopen, it will occur in a ramp-up process, not all at once.

WFD / BURN ROOM - The addition of a third-floor "Burn Room" has been completed on the Weatherford Fire Department "Burn Tower," according to Fire Chief Mike Karlin. The Burn Tower was constructed in 2021 and has undergone continuous additions since then. the nearly 200 children left with only one or no parents.

Keating currently serves as a regent for the University of Oklahoma and lives with his wife Cathy in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have three children and eleven grandchildren.

For more information, visit www.SWOSU.edu or please contact the SWOSU Office of the President at 580-774-3766.

ELK CITY / ARCHER - As the first legislative session wraps up for State District 55, State Representative Nick Archer reflects on some of the big wins for Western Oklahoma this session. Archer says that, specifically in Elk City, lawmakers were able to secure funds to help with police and fire department improvements.

WHS / AVIATION - An aviation course at Weatherford High remains popular after its first year. Aviation Instructor Ronnie Fleming says 75 students attended the course during the 2022-23 school year, with 55% looking to attend an advanced form of the course next year. Additionally, he says 50 freshmen alone have applied to the course for the 2023-24 school year.

WRH / MRI - The MRI project at Weatherford Regional Hospital is progressing, says Radiology Manager Rebecca Prater. The hospital is in the process of upgrading to a new MRI machine. During work, the hospital utilizes a mobile MRI unit. The project is scheduled for completion around mid-August.

WEATHERFORD / ROTARY - Rachel Worsham of Traditions Health was the most recent guest speaker at Rotary in Weatherford. Worsham spoke on hospice care and the volunteer program available as part of its hospice program.



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Food Club Orange Juice 52 oz	\$2.88				
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Pillsbury Cinnamon Rolls	\$3.28	Dry Grocery			
Food Club Cottage Cheese 24oz	\$2.99	Palmolive Dish Liquid 20oz	\$3.48		
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Zack Saunders Baseball Camp 2023 Continues



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SWOSU's Head Baseball Coach Zack Saunders gathers campers at the mound in preparations for the day's Fundamentals training.





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Campers work to stretch their arms for the rigorous amounts of pitching they would be doing for the next few hours.



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For the final day of hitting camp, students going into Coach's Pitch graduated from having pitches tossed up from the side to experiencing how they'll be playing actual games: with the ball being properly pitched from the mound.



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Oklahoma History: Platt National Park



Courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society Visitors of Platt National Park enjoy some of the parks amenities including Belleview Artesian Well and Plunge. This photo was taken some time in the early 1920's.

Chase Wright Staff Writer Like many locations throughout the US,

Oklahoma has a multitude of parks and recreation spots throughout the state. Its first, and one of its most prominent, Chickasaw National Recreation Area(CNRA) has been a popular spot among locals and tourists. CNRA has had an interesting history as part of its almost 10,000 acres was once designated as a National Park.

Platt National Park, a 640-acre park, was established on June 29, 1906, when Congress renamed the Sulphur Springs Reservation after Orville H. Platt, the senator who began legislation to protect the 32 freshwater and mineral springs in Murray County, Oklahoma.

At the time, Platt National Park was the 7th, and smallest, national park established in the country. Despite its size, the park welcomed droves of visitors, and by 1914, the National Park Service(NPS) recorded more visitors to Platt than to Yellowstone or Yosemite.

As part of the New Deal, the Civilian Conservation Corps(CCC) was put in charge of the park's new infrastructure between 1933-1940. The CCC built pavilions, campgrounds, picnic areas, dams and waterfalls, and linked them all with new trails and roads. During the work, they planted over a half-a-million trees and the park underwent minor expansions. In 1976, Platt National Park was abolished by Congress and merged with the much larger Arbuckle National Recreation Area; the entire area was renamed to the CNRA.

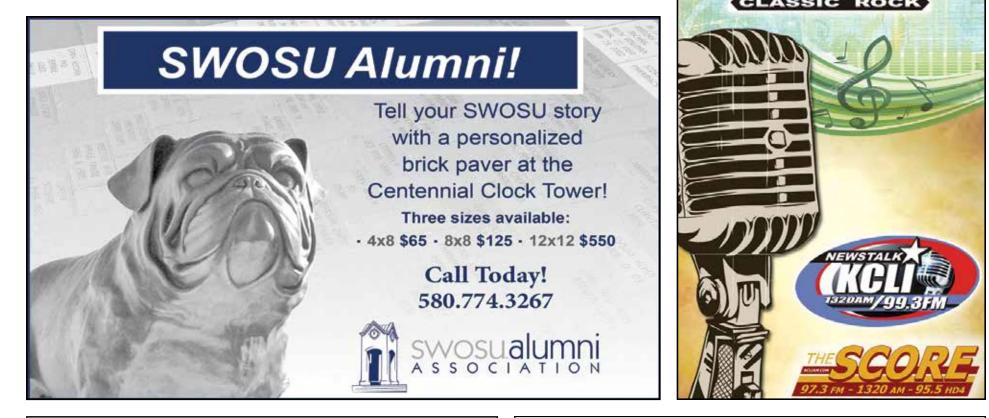
With the addition of many other water features, including the 2,350 acre Lake of the Arbuckles, CNRA's popularity remained high. Due to the clean springs and dams, many popular swimming and fishing spots are scattered throughout the park.

A variety of springs flow together through the Travertine District - a 3 mile long park with biking trails, picnic grounds, a bison pasture, and Nature Center. The crystal clear creeks form beautiful waterfalls as they join together to form Travertine Creek which flows through the district.

Several miles of biking and hiking trails wind their way along the creeks making the Travertine District "an oasis in the Oklahoma Prairie" according to the NPS.

Like the springs and creeks throughout the CNRA, the Lake of the Arbuckles has excellent water quality and clarity. It has year-round fishing and the Oklahoma

Department of Wildlife Conservation has rated it as the best in the state for bass fishing. With free entry, many 24 hour areas, 20 miles of trails, over 400 campsites, and swimming and fishing locations, CNRA is a must stop spot for outdoor lovers.





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June 14 - 20, 2023 • WestOK Weekly • Page 8 Bill & Gail Morris Make Major Gift to Bulldog Angels Fund



BULLDOG ANGELS ~FUND~

William (Bill) Morris and his wife Gail, of Wichita, Kansas have made a major gift to the Bulldog Angels Fund at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

The Bulldog Angels Fund was established by 2014 SWOSU Distinguished Alumnus and Carnegie native Bill Howell to benefit SWOSU students in times of crisis.

Garrett King, Executive Director of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., said the Bulldog Angels Fund is a vital resource when all other options for assistance are exhausted or unavailable.

Bill Morris is a 1974 SWOSU graduate. The Morrises are long-time benefactors of SWOSU, supporting many philanthropic programs of the university.

The Morrises have funded the Loftin Women's Basketball Endowment, the SWOSU Football program, and the SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund. The Bulldog Angels Fund was established in 2014 by Bill, Deborah, and Blake Howell to benefit SWOSU students in times of crisis. Since its inception, the Bulldog Angels Fund has assisted hundreds of students when all other options for assistance are exhausted or unavailable.

The Bulldog Angels Fund helps students with extreme financial pressures to stay enrolled in classes and on campus.

To learn more about the Bulldog Angels Fund or to make a charitable gift, visit www. SWOSUBulldogAngels.com or contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267.

The Bulldog Angels Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU.





Clinton Hosts Pride Event for West Oklahoma





Provided by Caleb Shook

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Merchants set up to sell LGBTQ+ themed pins, art, keychains, and more. Many were out before 9 am, three hours before any larger events and performances began.



Irish Pop artist Patrick Saint James performed for attendees at the McLain Rogers Park

Amphitheater several times throughout the evening.

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