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Western Oklahoma High School Football Kicks Off for the 2023-24 Sports Season

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The Lawdog, 97.3 The Score

On Friday, April 25, high school teams from across Oklahoma had their first football games of the school year. Here's a look at how the local teams for WestOK Weekly readers performed:

WEATHERFORD FOOTBALL

Weatherford football made the trip to the Tri-City area to take on the Newcastle Racers. Newcastle struck first with a 4 yard touchdown reception after an Eagle turnover deep in their own territory.

Nick Jett would score on a 42 yard touchdown reception from Stone Chism to make the score 10-7 before Newcastle would break off a long touch down run to make the score 17-7 at the half. The Weatherford offense would have trouble, moving the ball in the second half until a Cy Scammahorn touchdown reception from Stone Chism. Scammahorn would finish the game with 115 yard receiving and that score. Newcastle would score a touchdown the ensuing outside kickoff and the final score would be 34-14. Weatherford falls to 0-1 on the season and hosts Kingfisher next Friday.

CLINTON FOOTBALL

Clinton football made the trip to Class 3A Kingfisher for their week zero match. The first half was scoreless as both defenses would play lockdown football, but the second half was all Reds as running back Zaddon Collins would score on a 3 yard touch down run the third quarter to give Clinton a 6-0 lead. Collins would then score again this time on a long run heard on 97.3 the score and red tornado tv. Clinton would win by a final of 20-0. The Clinton defense held Kingfisher to 88 yards of total offense. Clinton hosts Bishop McGuinness next Friday.

THOMAS AT WATONGA

The Thomas Terriers visited their highway 33 rivals, the Watonga Eagles, for a week zero match in Class A football. Watonga got out to a 6-0 lead early but then the Terriers would score 19 unanswered points, including two Zac Clancy touchdown receptions from sophomore quarterback Tye Littlebird. Thomas won 19-12 and goes to 1-0 on the season. Thomas will host class 2a Alva next Friday and Watonga is set to travel to Hobart to take on the Bearcats from Class A District 2.

SAYRE FOOTBALL

The Sayre Eagles started their 2023 campaign at Cordell, and it looked as though they could name their score in the first half. Sayre led 42-0 at halftime and added one more touchdown in the second half to win by a final of 48-0. Sayre rushed the ball for 241 yards while holding the Blue Devils to 16 yards of total offense for the game. Sayre is off next week and travels to Walters on September 8th. Cordell will play this Friday at Merritt.

OTHER WESTERN OKLAHOMA TEAMS

Regarding other scores in Western Oklahoma; in class 4A, Elk City went on the road and dominated Altus, 36-6. The Elks host Bridge Creek next Thursday.

In Class A games last Friday night: The Hinton Red Comets went on the road and got a 39-25 win at Merritt. The Mangum Tigers shutout the Healdton Bulldogs 49-0. The Fairview Yellowjackets thrashed the Hobart BEarcats 56-6.

In Eight-Man football; Canton fell at home to Garber, 52-6 and Corn Bible Academy lost at Cyril, 52-6.

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Teresa Haub

Teresa Jean Haub was born January 25, 1958, in Oakwood, Oklahoma, and went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, at the age of 65 years, 6 months and 20 days.



Teresa was born and raised in Oakwood and later Weatherford, graduating from Weatherford High School in 1977. After high school Teresa managed the family restaurant Taco Hut. It was at the family restaurant that she found her love for feeding others. When you went to her home, she was sure to have a meal ready for you. She was famous for many of her specialties, but her most loved was her potato salad, baked beans and beef stew. Teresa spent the last 15 years working for Weatherford Public Schools, managing the cafeteria and serving children.

Teresa made her forever home in Weatherford and that is where she raised her two daughters Krystal and Taylor. She was a strong single Mom who taught her girls how to be strong and independent. She also taught them to put others first and love always. She most loved teaching them how to love OU football just like she did. They spent many Saturdays together, watching football and eating their mom's treasured meals. But if you ask her daughters what job she loved best, they would say being a Gram. She was Gram to her two beloved granddaughters Lyric and Asia. When they walked in the room, she lit up. She loved them beyond measure and was always there for them. She was the best Gram that they could hope for. The whole family knows how to spend quality time together, and their beloved Gram is the glue that holds them together. She was not only their Mom and Gram, but she was their best friend.

Teresa was a loving and dedicated daughter and sister. Her family treasures the memories they made over the years. They also could not be more proud of the strength of Teresa and the legacy she left for her girls. Teresa and her family attended Liberty International Church where they found their second family and were able to worship and grow in their faith. Teresa also collected many treasured friends throughout her life. Those friends know that she was a no-frills kind of girl. She kept things simple, but she also loved a good pedicure.

Teresa is survived by her parents Larry and Billie Haub of Yukon; two daughters: Krystal Adams of Weatherford and Taylor Howes of Yukon; two granddaughters: Lyric and Asia; two brothers: Terry Haub of Weatherford and Troy Haub and wife Jill of Kingfisher; one sister Tamara Stanley of Yukon and several nieces and nephews.

Betty Warhurst

Betty Rhea Warhurst was born December 2, 1929, in Clinton, OK, to Ray and Bess Stine and passed away on Friday August 11, 2023, in Texas at the age of 93 years, 8 months, 9 days.



Betty's grandparents on both sides were homesteaders in western Oklahoma. Betty Rhea experienced small town life during and following the Great Depression. Her mom was an accomplished seamstress and made her beautiful clothes. Her dad gave her a trombone, and she played in the high school band. She went to a women's college in Chickasha, OK and majored in vocal music, but after a year transferred to the University of Oklahoma in biology. She would graduate and get her medical technology license, training at St. Joseph's Hospital in Oklahoma City. She met Jack Warhurst at OU, and they married in 1952. While Jack finished his degrees and taught electrical engineering at OU, Betty worked at the student health service. Children Bill and Mary Elaine followed in 1955 and 1957. They moved to California for Jack's job in 1957 and settled in southern California where they lived for 59 years before moving north to be near the kids in 2016.

Betty loved poetry, music (especially choral and vocal music), art of all kinds, going to museums, and travel. She was a stay-at-home mom when the kids were small, participating as a room mom, PTA volunteer, and Girl Scout leader. Starting in the late 1960's when the kids were older, Betty returned to college for her elementary school teaching credential and taught for several years. She then obtained her California medical technology license and worked at medical laboratories. Both Jack and Betty served many years in their church. Betty led ladies Bible studies, prepared communion, taught Sunday School, and helped the candlelighters. She loved reading and singing to the grandkids and taking them to Laguna Beach.

Betty is survived by her son Bill his wife Grace and grandson August; daughter Mary Elaine and her husband Dan and grandson William and great-grandson Jack; granddaughter Elise, grandsons Spencer and Zachary, granddaughter Candace and great granddaughters, Emerson and Rylee.

Glenda Adair

Glenda Jean Adair was born in Lawton on December 19, 1942, to Glen H and Evelyn J (Fateley) Rosser and passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, August 19, 2023, at the age of 80 years and 8 months.



Glenda was raised and attended school in Lawton. She attended St Mary's Catholic School and graduated in 1961. Glenda attended the Lawton Police Academy and graduated in the early 70's. She worked at the Lawton Police Department.

In 1961, she married Gary R Pennington, and they made their home in Lawton. To this union two daughters were born: Michelle and Kelly. Glenda and Gary remained life time friends. On June 18, 1973, She married the love of her life Cletus L. Adair. They made their home in Weatherford, and together they raised a blended family.

Cletus and Glenda opened the Weatherford KFC in the 70's. Together they traveled between stores, building their businesses and raising their family. They built "The Big House" in 1975, north of Weatherford, and started raising and showing Texas Longhorn cattle.

Glenda loved raising the baby longhorns and going to the cattle shows. She was a topnotch farmhand. She could build fence, wrangle cattle and herd kids with the best of 'em. Glenda loved the land and all she could produce from it. There were always fresh vegetables in the house. With so many kids and their friends in and out of the house, Glenda spent so much time in the kitchen - never disappointing.

In her retirement she started spending time "working." She called her daughter to say she was going to work. We later learned "work" was the Lucky Star Casino where she was playing. Glenda made many good friends and loved spending time with them. She spoke of them often and always with a big smile.

Glenda had a lot of special and close friends; she may have not always told them, but we all knew because she talked to us about them.

Glenda loved her grandkids and great-grandkids. They made her laugh and brought great joy to her life. Mention them and she would light up. She had special and different adventures with each one.

Life had many struggles. There was heartache and challenges.... But Glenda climbed the mountain and came out on top. She accepted Jesus Christ as her personal Lord and Savior. All her sins were washed away.

Glenda is survived by Michelle DeBona of Weatherford, OK, Kelly Agee and husband Rob of Ft Cobb, OK, Keitha Robinson and husband Vic of Mustang, OK, Kebyn Steffensen and husband Eddie of Yukon, OK; grandchildren: Hunter Agee, Emma and Olivia DeBona, Bradan Steffensen and Tyler Legg; and great- grandchildren: Harper Murray and Banner and Timberlynn Agee.

She was preceded in death by her husband Cletus Adair; her parents: brother Rodney Rosser; and granddaughter Alexis Murray.

Cameron Simpson

Cameron Troy Simpson was born December 30, 1968, in Johnson, KS, to Chester Thomas Simpson and Sandra Erlene (Frazee) Patterson and passed away Thursday, August 17, 2023, at his home in Burns Flat, OK having reached the age of 53.



Cameron's family moved around during his childhood, living in Kansas, Colorado and Oklahoma. He spent the last two years of schooling in Balko, Oklahoma, where he graduated from Balko High School with the Class of 1987. After high school, he attended Panhandle State. He enjoyed playing football in high school and college. In 1988, he enlisted in the United State Army. On January 3, 1994, Cameron married Jana Moenter in Fort Sumner, New Mexico, and they made their home in the Amarillo area where Cameron worked in construction, doing remodels. He also enjoyed working on feedlots and working with cattle. He moved to Thomas in 2013.

Cameron enjoyed working with his hands and with horses and cattle. He had an amazing voice and loved to sing. Cameron's family will remember him telling the same stories over and over. He lived a full life, will be missed by his family and friends. He especially enjoyed spending time with his family and loved being Papa to his two grandchildren and spending time with family and friends.

Cameron is survived by his mother Sandy Patterson of Llano, TX; one son Chance Simpson of Weatherford; one daughter Caitlyn Simpson and Trevor McSperitt of Weatherford and their two children: Asher and Atley McSperitt; and siblings: Kimberly and Jason Schroeder of Llano, TX, Alana Mowry of Skellytown, TX, Patty and Andrew Beard of Pampa, TX, Mark Patterson of Pampa, TX and Joey Patterson of Canyon Lake, TX. He was preceded in death by his father Chester Simpson; step-father Keith Patterson; his brother Jeff Patterson; and sister Marla Hornsby.

Pepper Wallace

Christopher "Pepper" Klein Wallace was born October 27, 1960, at the Chicago Home and Aid Society in Chicago, IL and passed away peacefully following a heart attack while working near Seminole, Okon, Thursday, August 17, 2023, at the age of 62 years, 9 months and 20 days.



Pepper was adopted at 10 weeks by Glenn and Carol Wallace. He lived in St. Paul, MN, Martinsburg, WV, Savona, Italy, Rochester, NY, and Weatherford. He was dyslexic and attended special boarding schools in Texas. When he was a junior in high school, he moved to Minneapolis, MN and graduated from Edina High School.

After a northern Minnesota fishing trip with two Weatherford buddies, he returned to Weatherford fulltime. He worked for McPhearson Honda and later for Geosite Well Logging for nearly 20 years.

Pepper was the owner of Pepper's Repair for small engines on south 2430 Rd. He enjoyed going to gun shows to swap guns, hunting with a rifle or bow and arrows, and target practice. He also enjoyed shooting pool, upgrading pool cues, eating at Jerry's and spending time with his friends who were like family. Pepper was a big guy with a big heart for people.

Pepper is survived by his father Glenn; a sister Catherine (Oscar) Huerta; five nieces and nephews; seven grand nieces and nephews; and one aunt Lois Oglesby. He was preceded in death by his mother Carol in 2021.

Kyle Shepherd

Kyle Lynn Shepherd of Arapaho, OK entered the kingdom of heaven on August 9, 2023, while surrounded by her family and friends. She was born in Clinton, OK on March 22, 1959, to Kyle and Gerry Watson. Kyle Lynn graduated from Arapaho High School in 1977 and that summer married Lyle Shepherd (July 30, 1977) her loving husband of 46 years. Together that had two sons Jeremy and Jarred Shepherd.



Kyle Lynn worked as a beautician in Arapaho and Clinton for many years. Her later career was in the accounting department at the Oklahoma Veteran Center in Clinton, OK. As a devoted Christian, she was a member of the Antioch Free Will Baptist Church until its closing and joining the Clinton Free Will Baptist Church.

Kyle Lynn loved going SHOPPING with her sister, daughter in-law and many friends. She loved lounging in a swimming pool or lake. Kyle loved spending time with her grandchildren and cooking large meals for her family.

Kyle Lynn is survived by her husband Lyle of Arapaho, sons Jeremy and wife Tori of Butler, Jarred and wife Chelsea of Verden, grandchildren Amy Jo, Rylan, Dacy Rae, Tatum, Everett, Olivia, and Ellis, parents Eddie and Gerry Watkins, mother in-law Betty Shepherd, sister Kathrine Kriezenbeck and husband Kevin, stepbrother Kent Watkins, multiple brother and sisters in-law, as well numerous niece and nephews. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, her father Kyle Watson, father in-law Derman Shepherd, stepbrother Eddie Brent Watkins, and step-sister Becky Ford.

Nancy Gosier

Nancy Jean Murphy-Jennings was born July 26, 1954, to Wardell Jennings and Velma (Murphy) Jennings in Clinton, OK and passed away Saturday, August 12, 2023, in her Clinton resident.



Nancy was raised in Clinton where she attended school. She married Bobbie Gosier on March 28, 1981, in Tulsa, OK. They have made homes in Tulsa and Clinton. Besides being a full-time mom, she was employed as a cook at the historical Pop Hicks Restaurant and the Clinton Veterans Center. She along with other family members had a cleaning service working on oil rigs.

She was a faithful member of the Bethany Baptist Church and was in the Church Choir, she enjoyed cooking and often cooked for others, volunteering to take care of shut-ins and cooking at the East Side Academy for the children.

She was preceded in death by her parents, an infant daughter Cathy Harper and brother Ernest Daniels.

She is survived by her husband of the home, daughter Tracy Northington and fiancé Lonnie Thompson, Clinton; and son Antony Harper and wife Lisa, Cushing, OK; three sisters: Shirley Buris, OKC, OK; Veleria "Tub" Lewis, and Janell Lister, both Clinton, OK; brother Jeffrey Stevenson, Clinton, OK.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

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Indeed, life is precious. Life is sacred. But it is also like a mist, a vapor that appears for a while and then vanishes. The Psalmist rightly prayed. “Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Already well past my three score and ten, I realize that what I am to do I must do quickly.

There was a time when the future seemed to stretch out without measure. I anticipated college, marriage, a family, career and then in some distant future, retirement. How quickly those years passed and now I am in the stretch run. But faith still calls me to new adventures.

I want to finish the race with full attention given to that to which I have been called ; to be on mission for Christ. While I cannot process information as quickly as I once could, the experiences of life take up some of the slack.

Many of you are still in the prime of life with energy levels high and opportunities aplenty. Cherish these moments, especially family times. Recognize that it will all too soon pass never to be reclaimed.

Seize the day! Remember the enemy is primed—ready to steal, kill, and destroy. Resist him in the faith.

In his last day before his crucifixion, Jesus encouraged his disciples to ask so that their joy might be complete (John 16:24).

Joy in the biblical sense is not equated with happiness or pleasure. It is a deep sense of contentment and peace that comes to those who know Him and are known by Him. Indeed, Jesus said that to know God His Father was to have eternal life.

In contrast, Barclay in his commentary on James says, “...so long as a man regards himself as independent of God he is on the way sooner or later to collapse and to defeat.”

An unknown writer left this challenge to us:

“Isn't it strange that princes and kings, and clowns;
That caper in sawdust rings are builders for eternity;
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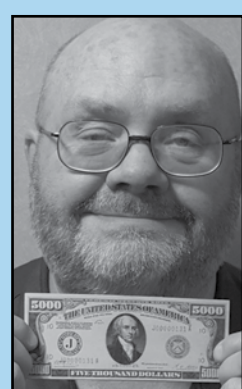
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Mike Smith
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“The Coin Guy”

This is Why You Should Check Your Pocket Change



Trent Boesen

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In 1964, the U.S. Mint was changing the composition of 90% silver dimes to clad coinage as the price of silver on the open market was steadily rising. A clad planchet found its way into the minting process by accident.

The 1964 error cent was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as Extremely Fine 45 as a “Transitional Wrong Planchet Error”. On June 14, 2023, this error cent sold for \$2,880 at auction.

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Weatherford Chamber of Commerce to Host City Commissioner Candidate Forum September 5th

Jeff Berrong
Weatherford Chamber Member

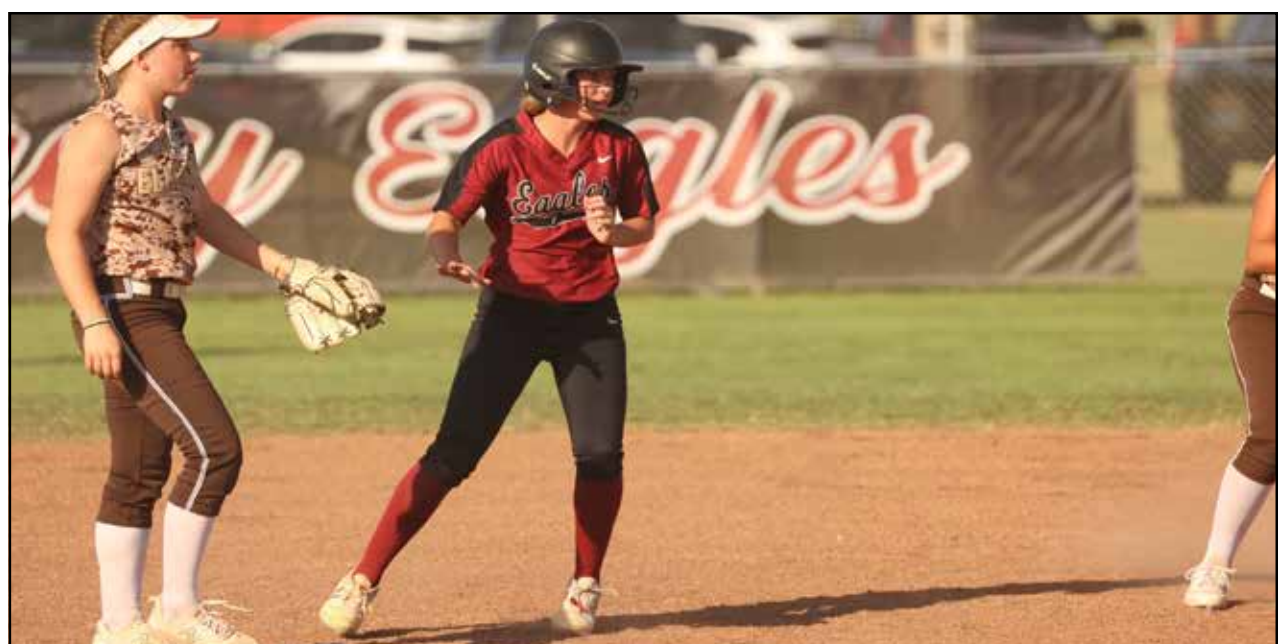
The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce will host a city commissioner candidate forum on September 5th from 6:30 – 7:30 PM at City Hall. All six candidates who are running for the Ward I and Ward III Weatherford City Commission seats have committed to participate. Chamber Public Affairs Committee Co-Chair Jeff Berrong will serve as the moderator of the forum.

Ward I candidates are Terri Lockhart, Madella Shelton, and Kendon Wood. Ward III candidates are Rebecca Carman, Warren Goldmann, and Chad Martin. The election takes place one week after the forum on September 12th. If no candidate receives an outright majority in their respective election, the top two finishers in that election will advance to a second-round runoff on October 10th.

“All registered voters who reside within the city limits of Weatherford are eligible to vote in both City Commission elections,” explained Berrong, “and this forum will be the one opportunity to see all the candidates together and to hear each of them respond to substantive questions.”

The forum is open to the public to attend and will also be broadcast live by the Chamber’s media partners, the Weatherford Daily News and Wright Broadcasting.

The event can be viewed at both the Weatherford Daily News Facebook page and Weatherford Eagle TV at Wright.Media. It can also be listened to live on the radio at Newstalk KCLI 99.3 FM. For more information, please contact the Weatherford Chamber at 580-772-7744.



Steve Wheeler Photography

The Elk City Elkettes and the Weatherford Lady Eagles faced off in their most recent Softball game. Pictured above is Weatherford Lady Eagle Reese Roof preparing to steal a base. The final score was 6-4, with Weatherford bringing home the victory.

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ANTHONY MOORE / TERM LIMITS - In a recent interview, State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton says that while he believes term limits are generally good, he raises issues with specific problems the system can create. State representatives can have six 2-year terms, with state senators having three 4-year terms before becoming term-limited.

CORDELL / CK ENERGY - Groundbreaking for a new satellite facility was held this week in Cordell for CK Energy Electric Cooperative. Vice President of Strategic Planning Boyd Lee says the new facility should be complete next year. Lee says the new facility will include (among other things), offices, a drive-through warehouse, and Pollard. Lee says the bigger site will remain the main headquarters for CK Energy.

WASHITA CO / SWARTZ - A preliminary hearing scheduled in Washita County District Court for a man charged with trafficking illegal drugs has been moved to later this fall. Thirty-eight year-old Andrew Craig Swartz’s preliminary hearing has been moved to October 31st. Swartz allegedly was found in possession of 46 pounds of marijuana in January.

BECKHAM CO / JONES - A hearing on a motion for a new trial is planned for next month in Beckham County District Court for a Sayre man who was recently convicted for murder in the first degree-child abuse. 27-year-old Troy Justice Jones was sentenced to life in prison for the death of 2-year-old Benji Taylor. The hearing on the motion for a new trial will be held on September 8th.

SWOSU / ATHLETIC AUCTION - SWOSU Athletic Association officials say the 17th Annual Athletic Live Auction and Dinner held Saturday on the SWOSU campus raised over \$165,000 in support of the university’s student-athlete scholarships and athletic recruiting. Over 225 guests attended the event on Saturday evening.

CUSTER CO / ROAD CONSTRUCTION - Multiple road construction projects around Custer County are either already underway or will begin soon. Custer County District 3 Commissioner Lyle Miller has advice for area residents who must travel through construction areas. He adds that when construction is complete, the improved roadways will greatly benefit the county.

WEATHERFORD / FIRE ISO - The Weatherford Fire Department will be having an ISO Grading soon. Fire Chief Mike Karlin talks about how having a good ISO rating can affect home and business owners. Weatherford Fire Department was previously given an ISO grading of Class 2, one of the highest in the state.

BECKHAM CO / BLAYLOCK - An Elk City man and former Department of Corrections employee faces various sex-related crimes in Beckham County District Court, including child sexual abuse, attempted rape, and pornography. Thirty-seven year-old Timothy Blaylock Jr. allegedly committed inappropriate touching and other lewd acts with juvenile females. Court records show that Blaylock also had a cell phone that contained 35 images of child pornography, 8 images were of the victims, and that Blaylock used a social media application to communicate with others and sexually exploit the victims.

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(pictured above holding trophies, from left) were formally inducted into the SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame. The event took place Friday evening in the Skyview Suite of the Pioneer Event Center.

Calip (1974-78) and Nix (1979-82) became the 45th and 46th representatives from the football program in the SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame, while Duncan (1988-90) became the ninth from women's basketball. Calip, a two-sport athlete in college, also adds to the baseball list as the 17th name to be inducted. 114 total athletes and contributors have now been inducted into the SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame.

2023 marks the 32nd time friends, family, and supporters have gathered to induct Bulldogs into the school's athletic hall of fame, dating back to 1963 when the first such event took place. Annual inductions began occurring in 2003 with two exceptions – in 2018, and again in 2020 due to COVID.

Gary Calip was a four-year letter winner in a pair of sports as a Bulldog from 1974-78, playing both football and baseball while in Weatherford. On the gridiron, Calip played defensive back and was a member of the famous 1977 Apple Bowl team that went undefeated in the regular season, earning a #1 National Ranking despite being picked last in the preseason poll that year.

Calip and the Dawgs went on to defeat Kearney State College in the playoffs, which setup a showdown in Seattle against Abilene Christian for the NAIA National Championship. He was a senior that season and ranked third on the hard-nosed Bulldog defense in tackles while grabbing five interceptions which included a pick in the national championship game.

Following the season, he was named an All-Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference (OIC) defensive back to cap off his successful football career. On the diamond, Calip was a starting outfielder known for his athleticism that allowed him to play multiple sports collegiately. He graduated in 1978 and eventually obtained a master's degree in 1992. He has dedicated the past 43 years to a career in education, including 25 as a school administrator, and is currently retiring.

Calip also stayed close to football after his playing days were over as a Division I official for Conference USA from 2004-20. To this day, Calip still remembers that plane ride to the Apple Bowl as his first time ever flying. Calip married Carolyn (Gouthier) Calip over 40 years ago and they are proud parents of Mark, Marcus, Kela, and Tregary and 10 wonderful grandchildren.

Carla Duncan spent two seasons as a Lady Bulldog during SWOSU's dominant reign in the NAIA women's basketball ranks. She holds the 'National Champion' title and was a First Team All-American in both seasons she played in Weatherford as one of two players in program history to earn first team honors in multiple seasons.

She transferred from Northwest Mississippi Community College and was labeled the 'tallest player ever to start for the Lady Bulldogs' as a force on both ends of the court at her center position. In a conference and district that was known to be competitively stacked, Duncan was named OIC Player of the Week three times and District IX's Player of the Week once in her first season at SWOSU. As a senior, she was named to the NAIA National Tournament Team and was awarded Most Valuable Player at a holiday tournament at Phillips University while also landing on the All-Tournament Team at Wayland Baptist University's holiday tournament. Her 63% field goal percentage in the 1989-90 season ranked her seventh in the nation.

The Lady Bulldogs went 52-9 with Duncan and went on to win the program's fifth national championship in 1990 during Duncan's senior year to cap off a decade of program excellence. In two seasons in Weatherford, she averaged 61% shooting from the field, 16.8 points, 7.6 rebounds, and over one block per game.

Her best performance as a Lady Bulldog coincides with her favorite memory when she scored a school record 50 points and grabbed 27 rebounds in a 109-103 three-overtime victory against rival Northwestern Oklahoma State. Both of those single-game records have never been surpassed to this day. After SWOSU, Duncan played semi-professionally overseas in Europe before living in Houston for 20-plus years as an educator. She then relocated to her hometown of Memphis and currently works for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Duncan has two sons, DeVon and Devin.






Gregory Tod Nix was a decorated offensive lineman and captain for the Bulldogs, collecting both All-Oklahoma Intercollegiate Conference (OIC) and All-District IX honors from his sophomore season and on which culminated in earning All-American status from both the NAIA and Associated Press as a senior. He was a Second Team All-Conference and All-District player as a sophomore before clean sweeping First Team honors as both a junior and senior.

While in Weatherford, Nix was a conference champion in back-to-back seasons in 1980 and '81 and saw his teams combine to finish 30-11 from 1979-82 while consistently holding a national top-20 ranking.

Upon graduating with a bachelor's degree in business administration from SWOSU, he signed a free agent deal with the Denver Broncos and played professionally until injuries forced retirement and kickstarted his career into coaching. Nix mentions signing his pro contract and the intense 1981 rivalry game against Northeastern State, a contest the Dawgs ended up winning 14-7, as two core memories he holds as a Bulldog.

Following the end of his professional football career, he then dedicated 40 years to education as a teacher, coach, athletic director, and principal in numerous school districts – mainly throughout the state of Texas – and is now retired.

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Miss SWOSU's 2024 Scholarship Pageant Entry Deadline and Contestant Information Meeting Planned for September 12



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)

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This year, please note that the Miss SWOSU Teen competition will not be held.

The Miss SWOSU Pageant Information Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 5 p.m. The meeting will take place in the Bonny Board Room located in the Memorial Student Center. SWOSU invites all interested female students to attend this session, which will provide essential information for potential contestants.

Eligibility for the pageant extends to female students born between 1996 and 2007 and who are no older than 28 years of age by December 31, 2024. Applicants must be full-time students, maintaining a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

The entry deadline and a mandatory meeting are Thursday, Oct. 5 at 5 p.m. in the Bonny Board Room.

Megan Bradley, a sophomore Communications major from Leedey, currently holds the title of Miss SWOSU. Landri Jones, a junior at Weatherford High School, serves as Miss SWOSU Teen.

For more details, contact the Co-Directors of the Miss SWOSU program, Ellen Hamburger-Moi or Tia Sauer-Blanchard at missswosu@swosu.edu.

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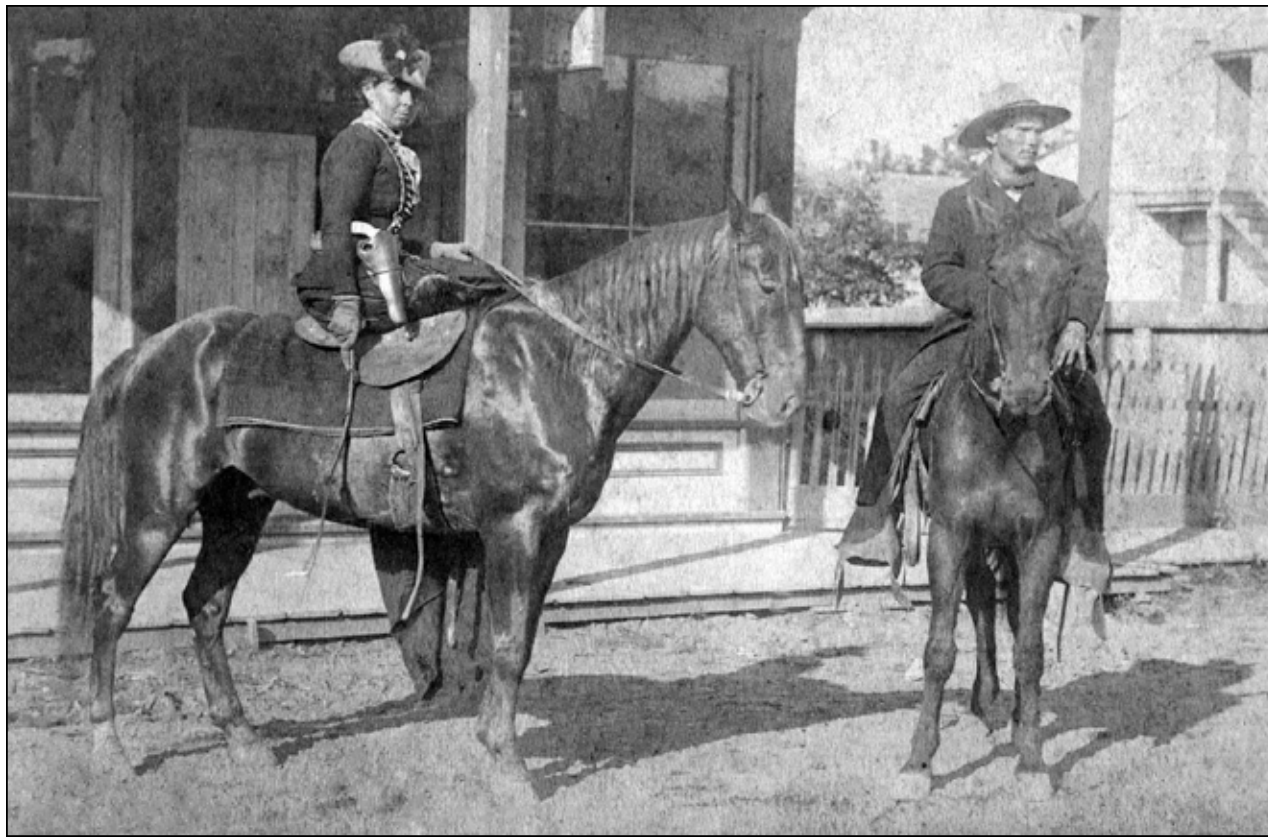
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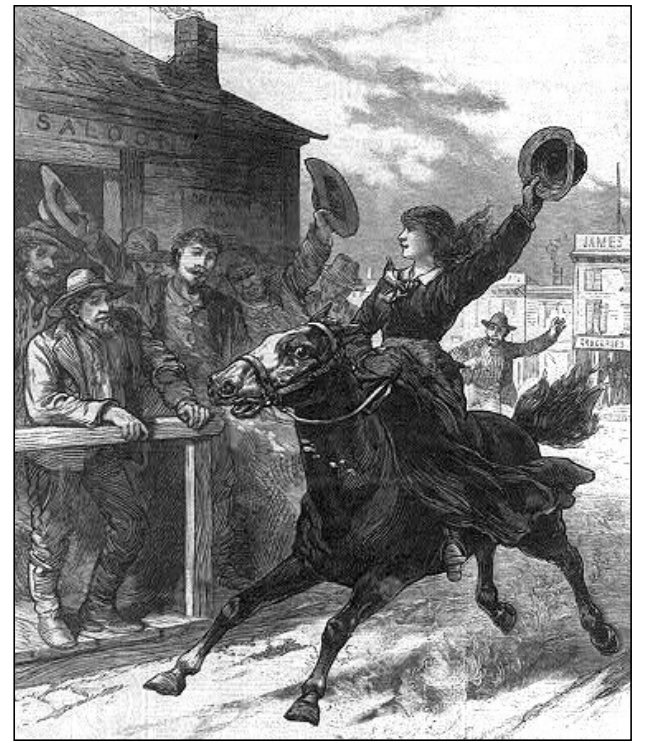
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Many of the infamous Wild West outlaws are intimately familiar with Oklahoma. From Jesse James's gold, to Bonnie and Clyde's shootout, to the Wild Bunch's high profile bank & train robberies, Oklahoma was an attractive location for laying low and dastardly deeds. Another *Starr* of the South, who met their end in Oklahoma "Indian Territory," was one of the most notorious women of the period: the "Bandit Queen" Belle Starr.

Belle, born Myra Belle Shirley, grew up in Missouri in the early 1850s. According to sources who knew her family at the time, she was well educated and had already become adept as a pianist. Her family life was typical; her father was an innkeeper and they were respected as a middle-class family. Life for Starr was organized, calm, and a little boring. However, tragedy struck when the Civil War outbreak took the life of her brother Edwin and forced her father to close his business. Her family gathered their things and headed to Texas, where they would hopefully be able to leave all those painful memories in Missouri.

While in Texas, she met Cole Younger, a member of the James-Younger gang. The gang centralized around Jesse James and his brother Frank. The History Channel described Belle's attitude towards her new running mates as "untroubled" and even listed her as a "partner in crime by 1869."

Some of her crimes involved stealing horses, cattle, and money around the Dallas area. Always atop her mare named "Venus," Belle was romanticized in the public's eye for her high-fashion outfits like velvet skirts and plumed hats. She gained the nickname "Bandit Queen."

In 1874, Belle found herself alone and betrayed when her recent partner Jim Reed was killed, presumably by his own gang. On the run from the law, Belle found shelter in Oklahoma Indian Territory. While in Oklahoma, Belle began leading her own band of thieves. Shortly thereafter, she met her future criminal partner and namesake Sam Starr. They became "married" under common-law and went on a successful crime run for almost a decade. In 1883, the couple was arrested and spent five months in a federal prison in Detroit.

Upon release, they dove straight back into their criminal activities, but Belle once again experienced loss when Sam was killed in a gunfight 3 years later.

By this time, Belle's notoriety was at its peak and she found another companion named Jim July. But a violent life leads to violent ends, and in 1889, July was arrested and set to appear in Fort Smith, Arkansas for sentencing. Belle went with her him until they reached Fort Smith where she turned back home. While on the way back, she was ambushed and fatally wounded near Eufaula, Oklahoma with two shotgun shots in her back. July believed the murder was done by a neighbor that they had been fighting with. However, charges were never brought up on anyone for her death.

Following her death, Belle's story was published by Richard K. Fox in a novel, titled Belle Starr, the Bandit Queen, or the Female Jesse James. Belle became of the most prominent figures of the Great Southwest and her death became one of the most high-profile "unsolved murders" stories. A statue of Belle Starr can be visited at Woolaroc museum in Oklahoma.

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