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DINE OUT AGAINST HUNGER
THURSDAY, SEPT. 14

Connections Food & Resource Center's Fundraising Event Starts 9/14

Connections Food & Resource Center is once again partnering with restaurants and convenience stores across Western Oklahoma for their annual Dine Out against Hunger event this Thursday, September 14th, with one other restaurant (JC Cowboys) participating on Friday, September 15th.

Participating stores are set to donate at least 15% of their sales on Thursday and Friday to the non-profit organization.

Connections Food & Resource Center's mission is to "provide adequate access to healthy, nutritious food for our hungry neighbors...throughout Custer County," according to their website.

22 Stores from 5 towns in Western Oklahoma have committed to the event this year which has taken place annually since 2018, except for 2020. The annual event brings in thousands of dollars in proceeds to the Connections Food & Resource Center which serves 15 zip codes across Western Oklahoma.

Connections Food & Resource Center supports the following western Oklahoma communities: Arapaho, Butler, Clinton, Colony, Corn, Custer City, Eakly, Fay, Geary, Hammon, Hinton, Hydro, Lookeba, Thomas, and Weatherford.

This year's "Dine Out Against Hunger" welcomes some new businesses which means you have more choices and ways in which you can help fight hunger and food insecurity in Western Oklahoma.

For folks wanting to dine out in Clinton there are 5 options: The Domino C-Store on Gary Boulevard, The Domino C-Store on Us Highway 183, Split Decision & Grill, Strayhouse Kitchen + Coffee, and White Dog Hill.

If you're in or around Hinton on Thursday the 14th you can stop by Granny's Country Kitchen or Pecina's Mexican Cafe to help the cause.

In Hydro there will be three participating businesses: Gloria's, Linder's Pub & Grill, as well as Wildflower Junction.

In Thomas there are two participating businesses; Heart & Home Bakery and OK Street Grill.

And in Weatherford there will be 9 businesses participating on Thursday which include All star Shaved Ice, The Double 6 Diner, Josefina's Kitchen, Nickel's Point, OKE Ice Cream, Pecina's Mexican Cafe, Pizza Hut, Sweet Memories Parties & Events, and the BBQ Shed. All Star Shaved Ice and OKE Ice Cream will be donating 100% of their sales on Thursday towards Dine Out Against Hunger. On Friday evening in Weatherford JC Cowboys will also take part in the event.

So, if you're looking to grab a bite to eat this Thursday, September 14th and you also want to support a great cause visit one of the participating restaurants and help feed Western Oklahoma.

For more information about Connections Food & Resource Center or Dine Out Against Hunger you can find them on Facebook or you can visit their website www.connectionscenter.org/

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Linda Dobbins

Linda Jean Dobbins was born December 6, 1946, in Wichita Falls, TX to Ebert Lewis and Cliffogene (Masoner) Patterson, and she passed away Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at SSM St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City at the age of 76 years, 8 months and 17 days.



Linda's parents settled in Woodward Oklahoma when she was in the 6th grade where she would continue and finish graduating Woodward High School with the Class of 1965.

Her parents remained in Woodward until their later years. Linda then attended Northwestern Oklahoma State University following high school graduation where she met the love of her life, Larry D. Dobbins, during her freshman year of college. She was crowned NWOSU Ranger Football Queen 1966 while her college sweetheart was the NWOSU football quarterback. The couple later married during their junior year of college on December 28, 1967. Upon their graduation they lived in Custer City for two years until they later moved and made their home in Thomas, Oklahoma.

Linda went on to earn her bachelor's degree in education from NWOSU in Alva, Oklahoma in 1969. Later she completed her master's degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK in English Literature and Library Science. Her first English teaching job was in the Custer City secondary school system for a couple of years before she moved to the Thomas School system where she taught until 1976. She stepped away from her teaching position after her second child was born to be the most incredible stay at home mother that two children could have. Linda was class teacher most years during her teaching years. Linda and Larry were class parents for both children's classes from 7th-12th grade for Lorri Jo and Lance at Thomas Schools. Linda was present and participated in every homecoming float, concession stand sales, class trips and fundraising events. Linda always had her home open to all of the friends of her two children while they were growing up. She was one of the Youth Group Leaders for over 10 years for the First Christian Church in Thomas Oklahoma. Later, Linda went to seminary school at Phillips University from 1999 to 2001. She was very active in the Thomas Hospital board and the Thomas School board for many years.

Linda was full of love and selfless giving. She loved her classmates and friends from high school and college. She and Larry had close friends that they enjoyed traveling and sharing time with all throughout the years. Mostly, Linda was the mother that all children would love to have growing up. She loved her children and then her grandchildren became her greatest joy. She loved so many others outside of her own children and family - and she was loved by so many as well. Her family was blessed to have her as a daughter, sister, mother and grandmother. She was our every ready positive supporter and our example of how to live with a Christian heart and spirit. Linda was such an amazing, kind, giving, supporting and loving Christian woman and mother! Memorials may be made to the Christian Church in Thomas.

Linda is survived by his daughter Dr Lorri Jo Dobbins of Yukon; son Lance Dobbins and wife Rachel of Thomas; brother Pat Patterson and wife Paulette of OKC; and five grandchildren: Rheanna Jo Dobbins, Rhett Dobbins and Rheid Dobbins of Thomas; and Mack Haggard and Logan Haggard of Yukon. She is also survived by niece Shannon Lorenz and husband Gary of Bartlesville, OK; Chas Patterson and wife Keela of Cherokee, OK; and Cole Patterson and wife Amber and children of Edmond.

She was preceded in death by her husband Larry D. Dobbins; parents Ebert and Cliffogene Patterson; and in-laws Donna and John Gibson.

Donnie Schantz

Donald Wayne Schantz was born on October 27, 1938, in Thomas, OK to Peter and Barbara Schantz and passed away on August 30, 2023.



Donald was raised in Thomas, OK and finished 11th grade from Thomas High School. He married Carol Jean Ledbetter on May 5, 1961, in Hominy, OK and raised six kids in Thomas. Donald was a hard worker, a good provider, and quiet in his expression of love. Donald provided for his family by working at Sinclair gas station as well as delivering the Sunday paper to as far as the Oklahoma panhandle on Saturdays after working all day at the service station. Later he would drive a school bus in Thomas until his eyesight would not allow him to.

Donnie is survived by his children: Elisa Wilkerson and husband Cody of Tulsa; Larry Schantz and wife Tenna of Decatur, TX; Donna Williams and Rob Sheppard of Weatherford; Johnny Schantz and wife Sandra of Bessemer, AL; Bobby Schantz and wife Julia of Clinton; and Bianca Caler and husband Gary of Booker, TX; eleven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by grandson Jared Wayne Schantz.

Ernestine Bose

Ernestine Bose was born December 15, 1929, to Otto Brady and Beatrice (Morris) Brady in the family home in Clinton, OK, and passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2023, in the Cordell Memorial Hospital in Cordell, OK, surrounded by family.



She was raised during the Great Depression and had to learn to help wherever she could on the farm. She started Guy Country School at the age of five and later transferred to Nance Elementary for two years.

At the age of eight her mother became ill and was hospitalized for two years; therefore, she had to change schools again and attended Bessie School. Ernestine and her siblings were split up for a while until her mother could care for them again.

She had a love for the piano at a young age and convinced her father to purchase a piano when she was about 12 years old. She learned to play and spent over 60 years playing for church services, weddings, and funerals.

She graduated from Clinton High School in 1948 and continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

While in college she took organ lessons and played the organ for Trinity Lutheran Church in Clinton, OK.

She had to leave college after one year and start working. She got a job working for Clarence Sweeney Law Office as a secretary. She then worked as a claims clerk for the Division V Headquarters for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and later for the Superintendent of Clinton Schools, Al Harris, as his secretary.

She met Edward Bose Jr. while playing for his brother's wedding, and on March 11, 1951, she and Edward were married in Clinton. Since Edward was in the army, they lived in Georgia a short while before he was deployed to Germany. When he returned, they moved to Bessie.

She was a longtime and faithful member of Trinity Lutheran Church and most recently Grace Lutheran Church in Weatherford, OK.

She was a wonderful cook and made delicious cinnamon rolls and creamy macaroni and cheese. She loved roses, the color lavender, and springtime. She enjoyed reading mystery novels and watching westerns.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Otto and Beatrice Brady; husband Edward Bose Jr.; sister Mildred Dixon; brother Kenneth Murray; two nephews: Eric Jacobson and Jim Dixon; and niece Kristin Jacobson.

She is survived by her son Bryan Bose and his wife Kimberly of Clinton; sister Janice Jacobson and husband Lloyd of Redlands, CA; niece Stacy Creed and husband Bruce of Williams Bay, WI; and great-niece Erin Creed of Williams Bay, WI.

She is also survived by three grandchildren: Jennifer Rovey and husband Karl of Clinton; Katherine Bose of Clinton; and Andrew Thome of Ft. Worth, TX; and great-grandchildren, Joanna Rovey, Lydia Rovey, and Saige Thome, and Ella Thome.

Paul Pendley

Paul Edward Pendley along with twin sister, Pauline was born July 20, 1952, to Clayton Edward Pendley and Edna Jane Berry Pendley in Okarche, Oklahoma and passed away Tuesday, August 29, 2023, in his Clinton home.



Paul was raised in Clinton where he attended and graduated from Clinton High School in 1972. Soon after graduation he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force on May 19, 1972. He served three years as an Airframe Repair Specialist. He was honorably discharged in November 1975. He received a certificate from the American Legion for his Honorable Service to the United States Ared Forces.

Paul returned to Clinton and worked with his father at their Cameo Carpet Care Business. He also worked for several years for Cleek Aviation, refueling planes and doing aircraft maintenance.

He is a member of the Assembly of God Church and the American Legion. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his twin sister, Pauline Lee and husband, Ray, Gayla McCallister and husband, Vernon, both of Clinton, Diana Bowen, Newcastle, OK and Myra Richard and husband, Brian, Collinsville, OK and Aunt Virginia Tate of Enid, OK.

He is also survived by two daughters, Brandy Renee Pendley, San Antonio, TX and Heather Mabelle Morris, Duncan, OK and numerous nieces, nephews and other family.

Danny Elston

Danny Dale Elston was born July 4, 1944, to Johnny & Vera Peyton Elston in Rocky, OK and passed away August 31, 2023, in his home in Arapaho surrounded by his loving family.



Danny graduated from Rocky High School in 1962 and later attended IBEW Electrical School.

He is married to the former Linda Arington and they have spent their entire married life in Arapaho, OK where they own and operate Danny Elston Electric.

His greatest treasure in life was his family. He loved family vacations and loved watching his grandkids in all their sports and activities.

He was an avid trapshoot, travelling to numerous states to shoot competition trap. The rest of the family always joins them for a week, usually on the 4th of July to celebrate Danny's birthday. Danny and Linda also enjoyed traveling and were fortunate enough to see all 50 states and several countries.

He was a lifetime member of Amateur Trap Association and the Oklahoma Trap and Skeet Association where he served on the board for 23 years and served two terms as President. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Trap Shooters Hall of Fame in 2007, he was a member of the Clinton Gun Club, and he was responsible for helping acquire their new clubhouse and served on the board where he served as president for many years. He was a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association remained active.

He is preceded in death by his parents, a brother Terry Elston, a granddaughter Ashley Grybowski and his in-laws Paul and Frances Arington.

He is survived by his wife, Linda of the home in Arapaho, daughter Lisa Grybowski and husband, Brett of Arapaho, grandson, Corbin Grybowski, Woodward, OK, granddaughter Kinley Grybowski of Arapaho, OK, son, Bobby Elston and wife Brenda, grandson Bobby Elston Jr. and wife Peighton and granddaughter, Brittany Beeman all of Nashville, Georgia.

Donna Crane

Donna Rae (Altman) Crane was born April 11, 1942, to Clifford Eugene "Kit" Altman and Ocie Berry in Huntington Park, Los Angeles County, CA and passed away Thursday, August 31, 2023, in her Custer City, OK home.



She was raised in El Monte, CA and graduated El Monte High School in 1960. She married Cary Lee Crane on September 1, 1961, in El Monte, CA. She was employed with Pacific Bell P.B.X. Operator while in California. They moved to Custer City, OK in 1980 and she worked in the Dietary Department of the Thomas Memorial Hospital. She was also the owner and operator of the Trails End Restaurant in Custer City.

She was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist, she loved gardening, bird watching, cooking and spending time with her neighbors.

She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, Bob Altman, grandparents, Jacob and Hattie (Combs) Altman and Arthur and Anna (Taylor) Berry.

She is survived by her husband, Cary Lee Crane, of the home, daughter, Susan Lynn Crane, Clinton, OK, son, Steven Forest Crane and wife Frances, Custer City, OK and brother, James Altman and wife, Jan, Thayne, WY; .seven grandchildren, Bill Crane and wife, Kara, Marcus Odum, Jordan Crane and wife, Amanda, Kenya Crane, Aaron Golden, Me'Lisa Burgess and Nicole Ybarra and husband, Fabian and ten great-grandchildren, Madison Lovelace, Lexi Lovelace, Lily Crane, Zoey Crane, Kitti Odom, Hazel Crane, Seth Yeager, Caleb Yeager, Shay Yeager and Alexis Henderson.

She is also survived by nieces and nephews, Barbie Mack, Robert Altman, Jr., Jackie Aubrey and husband, Mark, Debbie Altman, Cathy Reffner and husband, Jeff, Cheryl Huber and husband, Eddie, Jennifer VanHuysen and husband, Duane, Ocie Hoopes and husband Willie, and numerous great grand nieces and nephews; numerous cousins and friends including special friend and honorary family members, Clay Hooper and Carolyn Fletcher and daughter in law, Mary "Tootie" Moore.

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When Dr. Debra Stevens, an Associate Professor of Pharmacy Practice in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy, walked into her patient's room on the top floor of the hospital, it wasn't to check blood pressure or review the latest scans. Recently transferred from the psychiatry unit to a medical floor, the patient was given a new, terminal diagnosis. Debra, a pharmacist, was there to evaluate the patient's severe depression and ensure it was being managed in the best way possible.

"I think pharmacy chose me," says Debra Stevens, an Oklahoma native, who received her Doctor of Pharmacy degree in 1998. She didn't have any pharmacist examples growing up, but during undergraduate classes, she discovered organic chemistry didn't scare her. Her path materialized, although where it would lead was uncertain.

Anyone who has met Debra knows she likes talking to people. Her experiences as a student exposed her to a specialty where talking was vital. Fascinated by how she could impact people's lives, she pursued a psychiatric pharmacy residency in San Antonio, Texas. After a yearlong immersion in mental health care, psychiatry, and neurological disease, she could not have anticipated her next steps.

The Oklahoma Department of Human Services isn't a place you'd typically expect to find a pharmacist. Debra started working for DHS, tasked with reviewing medication lists for clients with developmental disabilities. She identified errors and problematic medications and reported issues to their primary care providers. Excelling in this position, her responsibilities and the team she led grew, but her career was about to take a turn.

In 2016, Debra came to Southwestern Oklahoma State University as a clinical faculty member in the College of Pharmacy. She now splits her time between campus and Oklahoma City serving at SSM St. Anthony Hospital.

"My main role there is to be in the mental health units, particularly the adult unit, and also our unit that is chemical dependency for detox from substances," Debra says. This is an experience she provides pharmacy students in their final year of training, educating them on both pharmacotherapy and communication techniques that are essential in managing mental health.

One of her main activities at St. Anthony is medication education groups. She also talks with patients one-on-one. Whether they are withdrawing from addictive medications or being managed for an exacerbation of chronic mental health issues, Debra develops trust with her patients, making it easier for them to discuss concerns.

As for the patients who transfer out of the unit, Debra occasionally sees them again. Sometimes they come back to the psychiatric unit, and sometimes they're faced with other worrying health challenges. Taking on a new diagnosis of a progressive disease can be challenging for anyone's mental health, but for someone trying to get a handle on major depression, preserving quality of life becomes a priority.

According to Debra, "In psychiatry and mental health, a lot of what the pharmacist is doing involves patient education. It's the lightbulb moments when I realize that I've said something that's really impactful to the patient—if it's something that has allayed some of their fears about medication. I'm definitely using skills I've learned to decide how to communicate and if they want this conversation to end."

Debra, now in her ideal job, teaches students and models interactions with patients and healthcare providers. While recognized as an exceptional practitioner and teacher, Debra would likely have been described as "least likely" to be a teacher by her pharmacy school classmates. Now she's here, having adhered to her own patient-care philosophy—by not allowing the conversation to end too soon, especially when the future is uncertain.



Provided
Dr. Debra Stevens, pictured working with a SWOSU College of Pharmacy Student. For more information about pharmacy as a career, visit, www.swosu.edu/pharmacy.



Facilities Will Not Lock Down to Protect Residents from Latest COVID Outbreak

Cherrie Nutley
SWODA Supervisor

You may be aware that there is an increase in COVID-19 outbreaks in our long-term care facilities. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention defines an outbreak as any single new case of COVID-19 among residents or staff.

Thanks to a robust vaccination program and infection control measures, the affected population is presenting with fewer and/or less significant symptoms.

Area nursing homes and assisted living facilities are posting notices at their front entrances of COVID status.

If you are experiencing symptoms or have tested positive for COVID-19, please plan to reschedule visits once you are feeling better and testing negative. Some minimal screening is in place at some facilities. If there are active cases, then masks will be required for all staff and visitors. Facilities will not be locked down, but preventative measures will be in place to ensure residents are protected from the virus.

Please show your love by staying home if you have any illness or symptoms of illness. If you have questions or concerns regarding long-term care, please contact Cherrie Nutley at 580-562-5032.

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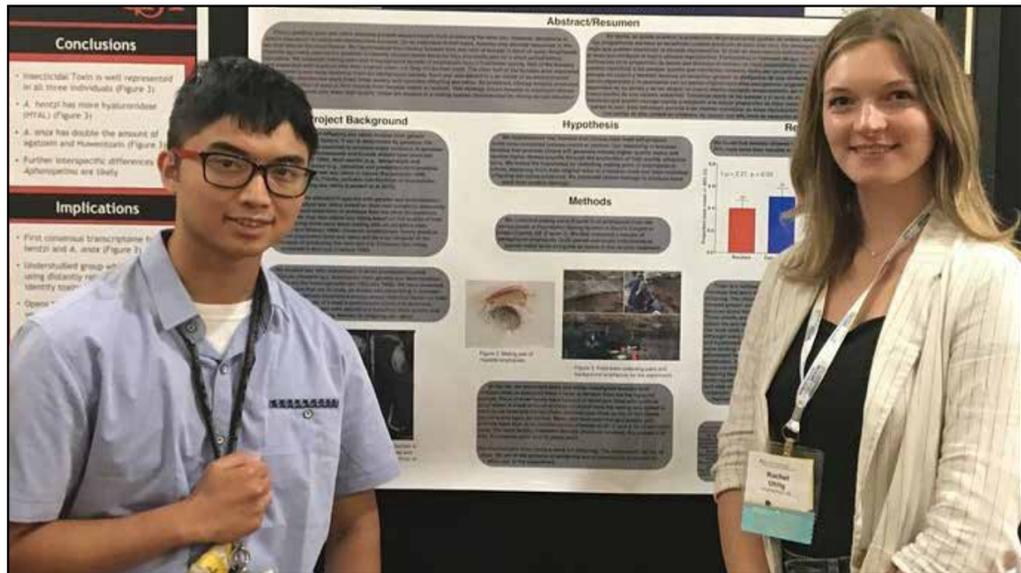
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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



Mike Smith
News Director

Local Biological and Biomedical Sciences Students Win International Conference Award



Joseph Alcuitas and Rachel Uhlig presenting their poster at SWAN 2023. Their presentation covers mating choices of amphipods and predicting the sex of their offspring.

Dr. J. Boone Clemmons Joseph Alcuitas and Rachel Uhlig, two undergraduate students in the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences, won third place in the Clark Hubbs Poster Competition during the Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Association of Naturalists in San Antonio, held from Aug. 3–6. Their poster presentation, titled “The Effect of Female Mate Choice on Offspring Sex Ratios in a Freshwater Amphipod Species/El Efecto de Elección de Pareja por Parte de la Hembra en la Proporción de Sexos de su Descendencia en una Especie de Anfípodo de Agua Dulce,” was presented to an international assembly of biologists at the conference.

Abstracts for the posters were submitted in both English and Spanish for accessibility and consideration of the mixed audience of English and Spanish speakers. A panel of judges evaluated the posters based on visual presentation and the significance of the research findings. While Alcuitas and Uhlig both work with Dr. Rickey Cothran in the Aquatic Ecology Lab at SWOSU, the work had to be performed primarily by the students. Most participants in the competition were graduate students, including the first and second-place winners. SWOSU takes great pride in these achievements and in the excellent work being consistently produced by the Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences. Joseph and Rachel will receive a certificate of achievement and a \$300 cash prize for their contribution to the field.

Health & Wellness Expo at SWOSU in Weatherford Invites the Public on September 16

The Weatherford Chamber Of Commerce in partnership with the City of Weatherford as well as Southwestern Oklahoma State University and several local businesses will be hosting their annual Health and Wellness Expo at the SWOSU Wellness Center on Saturday, September 16th from 10am to 1pm. The Health & Wellness Expo seeks to foster healthy living practices by offering free screenings for A1C, lipids, pulse ox, cholesterol, and blood glucose as well as connecting local community members with organizations and medical services and vendors. The Oklahoma Blood Institute will also be in attendance for a mobile blood drive that will run the length of the event from 10am – 1pm. In addition to the free health screenings and blood drive there will be free drawings with door prizes as well as Bondi Bowls and free entertainment. Entertainment at the event is set to include face painting, live music, SWOSU & WHS mascots, and the Not Just Country Line Dancers. The Health and Wellness Expo coincides with SWOSU family day which will also see a host of events scheduled for parents of current SWOSU students and will culminate with the SWOSU Bulldogs Football team facing off against the East Central Tigers at 6pm. For more information, visit Weatherford's website at www.cityofweatherford.com/chamber-of-commerce/ or visit the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce's facebook page by searching Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce.

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Custer County Free Fair's BBQ Cook-Off: Butler Fire Dept. Go Home with the Gold



Butler volunteer Fire Department takes home first place at the Custer County Free Fair Responders BBQ cook-off. Pictured left to right is Nathan Spencer, James Clem, Brett Bishop and Blaine Eagan. All proceeds for the competition went to local first responders.

WEST OK / DROUGHT – Drought conditions are creeping back into western Oklahoma. Nearly all of Custer, Washita, Beckham, and Roger Mills counties are experiencing a moderate drought. Mike Karlin, the Fire Chief for the city of Weatherford, says several burn bans have already been issued in southern Oklahoma. He says there are a lot of criteria that must be met to even ask for a burn ban, but he did not rule out the possibility that burn bans could eventually extend into western Oklahoma counties.

BECKHAM / JONES – A Sayre man has been denied his request for a new trial after his conviction in Beckham County District Court on first-degree murder and child abuse. 27-year-old Troy Justice Jones was sentenced to life in prison for 2-year-old Benji Taylor's death.

BECKHAM / FIRE – Several fire crews from western Oklahoma were working a large grass fire near Elk City. Beckham County authorities say the fire northeast of Carter had been contained. Fire crews and deputies stayed overnight, looking for hot spots.

WEEKLY SHOUTOUTS!

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SWOSU Stumbles on the Road at Monticello

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Asst. AD / Media Relations

It was simply not SWOSU's night, after falling to Arkansas-Monticello 58-21 on Saturday in the first, and longest, road trip of the season.

UAM led 25-0 at halftime and scored 32 unanswered points to start the game which created a hole too big to dig out of. SWOSU woke up in the second half with a pair of offensive touchdowns and a pick-six on defense, but the deficit was too great to overcome.

SWOSU's problems started from the onset after a muffed return to start the game allowed UAM to recover the ball and score one play later. Just seconds into the game, the Bulldogs trailed 7-0.

Positive field position and the UAM passing game allowed the score to continue to grow in favor of the home side. SWOSU's offense fought an uphill battle all night with its lack of production. Every drive in the first half ended in a punt for the Bulldogs, except for one turnover on downs. For the game, the Dawgs finished 3-of-16 (19%) on third down.

UAM tried to leave the door open with three missed extra points in the game including two in the first half, but it was not in the cards for SWOSU who could not get anything going on offense to make them pay.

A 43-yard pass and catch from Scott Pfeiffer to Taylor Tosches on the first play of a third quarter drive broke the scoring drought and made the margin 32-7.

Chris Trufant intercepted a pass and took it to the house for the second score of the night later in the fourth quarter. Kenny Graham capped off the points with a 51-yard rushing touchdown on his only carry of the game on SWOSU's final possession.

Pfeiffer finished 11-for-25 for 128 yards and his touchdown pass. He was also intercepted for a pick-six in the contest. Ethane Hyché ran 17 times for 60 yards. Tosches caught three balls for 89 yards including his score.

Monticello ended with 489 yards of total offense – 285 through the air and 205 on the ground, though much of the ground work came in the second half trying to run clock. The Bulldogs finished with 250 yards of total offense and possessed the ball for 11 less minutes than its opposition.

The loss drops SWOSU to 0-2. They'll return home and prepare to host East Central next Saturday on Family Day in Weatherford. Kickoff for that game is set for 6:00 p.m.

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Dodgion and Smith Named Bulldogs of the Week

Grant Kopycinski Sports Information Graduate Asst. **Drew Dodgion** (women's golf) and **Hailey Smith** (volleyball) have been named the newest Bulldogs of the Week. This award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Dodgion (Guthrie, Okla.) played the best tournament of her Bulldog career at the Central Region Fall Preview last week. She finished the two-day event tied for second after shooting consecutive rounds of 74 and tied two others as the top finishing golfer in the Great American Conference.

Smith (Prosper, Texas) had herself a weekend at the Skyhawk Invitational. She was named to the All-Tournament Team after averaging 2.06 kills per set and 20 total blocks (1s-19a) during the tournament. She also set a new season high with 11 kills against Texas A&M International and then matched that total the following game against (RV) Angelo State to help hand the Rambelles their first loss of the season.



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Jim Morrison

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Let us look at the three statements mentioned

at the beginning. What does it mean to be an instrument of the righteousness? This comes from Romans 6:13b where Paul writes “offer the parts of your body to God as instruments of righteousness.” An instrument may be a tool or a means by which a purpose is achieved. Your life can be an influence which points others to a right standing with God. It may be a spoken word, or a lifestyle which points others to Christ. Love demonstrated in kindness and compassion will draw others to question why? It begins with seeing people as individuals instead of a group. (From now on we regard no man from a worldly point of view. 2nd Cor. 5:16) 5: Then, find a way to put Christ on display, not necessarily in a preachy way but just showing that you care.

Paul again points out that we have been given the ministry of reconciliation. (2nd Cor. 5:18b) The follower of Christ is automatically involved in ministry—the ministry of reconciling man to God. At birth we begin the journey of life. It was intended to be a life of walking with God, enjoying his presence, and relishing his love and grace. But we were born with a sinful nature; one that desires to root God out of the picture and asserts one’s own control. This remains intact throughout our

lives unless something, or rather someone deals with our captivity. God in his love did that in Jesus. “God so loved (insert your name) that Jesus took on human flesh, lived fully as both God and man, perfectly obeying his Father so that on the cross he could become sin for us allowing us to become the righteousness of God. (2nd Cor. 5:21) So that means we don’t keep the good news to ourselves. But we share that message with others so that they could also be reconciled (brought back into a right relationship with their creator).

He has left us here as his ambassador, representing him, his character, his values, and purposes. We have been called to make disciples, loving people into the Kingdom; both by words and actions.

I close with this quote from Mark Patterson’s book, In a Pit with a Lion on a Snowy Day:

“God is in the business of strategically positioning us in the right place at the right time, but it’s up to us to see and seize those opportunities that are all around us all the time.”

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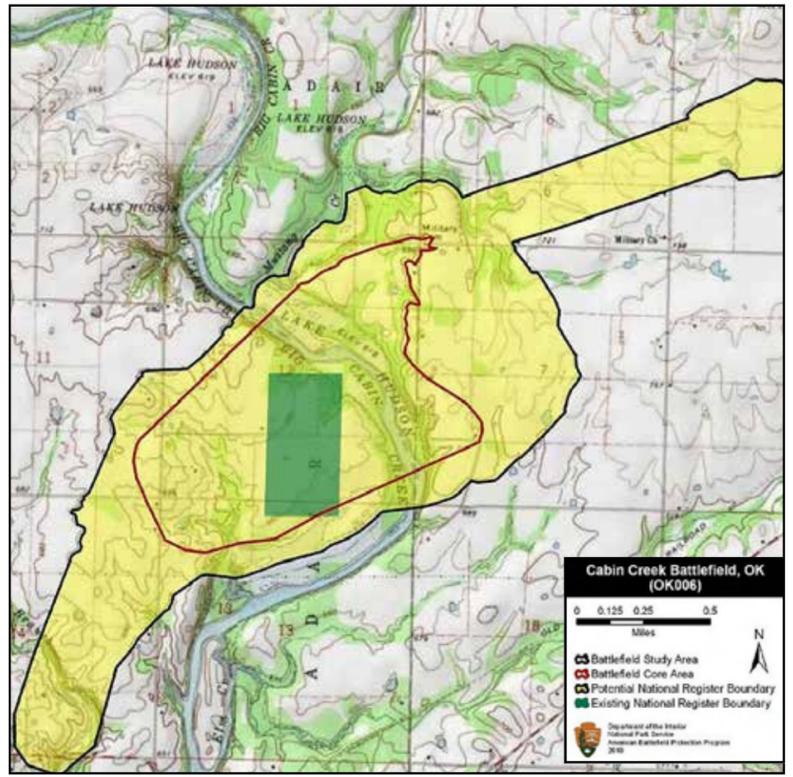
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A map including roughly 9 sq. mi. of Indian Territory. Illustrations outline the areas in which the Cabin Creek Battlefield encompassed.

Cabin Creek Battlefield was the site of two major engagements between the Union and the Confederate forces during the Civil War. The battlefield is located where the Texas Road crosses Cabin Creek, near the town Big Cabin, Oklahoma. The crossing lay along the Texas Road, a historic trail used by explorers, pioneers, herders, and traders.

The trails popularity for transport of goods led many armies and Forts to utilize it for transportation of military supplies, like those from Fort Scott, Kansas to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory. Cabin Creek saw its fair share of skirmishes, but it's two engagements were exciting moments that could tip the scales during the Civil War.

The first major engagement between the Union and the Confederacy at Cabin Creek Battlefield took place on July 1st & 2nd, 1863. The first battle was an attempt by Confederate forces to capture a Federal supply wagon train. The Confederate troops failed to stop the Union's supply train, which played a pivotal role in the Battle of Honey Springs later that month. We discussed the impact that battle had on the war as a whole.

The Oklahoma Historical Society noted that, "The Battle of Honey Springs was, in both size and importance, the Gettysburg of the Civil War in Indian Territory". Honey Springs solidified the Union's hold on Arkansas and marked the top of Confederate forces power west of the Mississippi River.

The second major engagement at Cabin Creek Battlefield took place on September 18th & 19th, 1864. This time, the Confederate raid on another Union supply train was successful – majorly successful. A Confederate force of 2,000 led by Gen. Stand Watie's Indian Brigade were able to secure the convoy of 130 wagons full of supplies after a grueling fight.

The supply train's mules and wagons were a great asset for any army and the supplies they carried were listed at over \$1.5 million dollars. However, the victory was short-lived because Confederate forces in other parts of the nation were being pushed back, and the snowball effect from the Battle of Honey Springs left the Confederate foothold in Indian Territory shaky at best. The capture of the supply train came too late, and it failed to have a major strategic impact on the outcome of the war.

A portion of the land where the two battles were fought was purchased from Joseph Martin, who built up a ranch of over 100,000 acres named Pensacola over the period of 1940 – 1960. In 1958, 10 acres at the heart of Cabin Creek Battlefield were purchased and finalized by 1961 after raising funds. That same year, the land was donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Vinita Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) were responsible for purchasing the land. In 1964, the Chapter donated a monument for the 100th anniversary and the Oklahoma Historical Society created a circle drive with small monuments to commemorate the battle positions of the forces.

During 1992, the OHS and Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce held a reenactment of the battles and had around 15,000 visitors participate. Its success led the event to be scheduled every three years and the park to be cleaned up from vandalism during waning years. In 2011, the Civil War Trust bought more land around the battlefield, and today, the park covers most of the original battlefield of the Cabin Creek. The Park is open 365 days a year and continues to host reenactments every three years.



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