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Clinton Regional Hospital Celebrates its Grand Reopening



Courtesy Clinton Chamber of Commerce

Community leaders from around Clinton gathered for a ribbon-cutting to mark the re-opening of the Clinton Regional Hospital, which has been closed since December of last year.

Gallery: Halloween Events Throughout Western Oklahoma



Courtesy Sayre Public Library

The Sayre Public Library recently held a Pumpkin Painting contest. First place, titled "Bubble Bath," is pictured above.



Courtesy Elk City Chamber of Commerce

The Elk City Chamber of Commerce recently held their annual Moonlight Madness event. Pictured from left to right are the costume contest winners: Alien Ellie Bieri won first place, Little Mermaid Wrenley Lord won second place, and Bumblebee Sully Daugherty won third place.



Krystal Blackwell / WW

Various tables were set up at the Weatherford Boo Bash to hand out candy, tickets, coupons, and prizes.

Corn Bible Academy Choir Wins Two WOCDA Awards



Valerie Fuller / Corn Bible Academy

The WOCDA concert held at the Pioneer Center on Monday, October 23rd, in Elk City featured six talented CBA vocalists: Lillian Miller (8th, Hydro), Aubree Schones (9th, Canute), Jessica Walker (9th, Clinton), Lorelai Bull (12th, Weatherford), Annelise Bull (9th, Weatherford), and Braxton Driskill (11th, Clinton). We congratulate these students on this honor! In addition, Lorelai Bull won two awards. The first was the medal for being in the WOCDA choir for all 3 years of high school and the second was a plaque for being in WOCDA choir all 6 years in 7-12th grade!

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Ron Subia

Ronald Franklin Subia, known to his loved ones as Ron, passed away on October 22, 2023, at the age of 78 in Hydro, Oklahoma. He was born on August 4, 1945, at the Indian Hospital in Lawton, Oklahoma. Ron was a kind and gentle soul who would always lend a helping hand to others. He had a great sense of humor and was known for his jokes, always bringing laughter and joy to those around him. Ron had a positive outlook on life, always finding the good in every situation. He had a deep love for the Lord and cherished his faith.



Ron is survived by his loving daughter, Cari Wernet, and son-in-law, Joe Wernet, as well as his daughter Gena Subia. He was a proud grandfather to Austen Strauss, McKayla Coleman, Jarred Coleman, Aariah Starks, Memphis Richards, and Josef Rice. And an even prouder Great Grandfather to Kathryn Coleman. Ron also leaves behind three brothers, two sisters, and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Benito Subia, his mother, Pauline Subia, his brothers Joe Subia and Felix Subia, his sisters Patsy Ayala, Mary Casais, and Myrna Lee.

Ron attended Eakly Elementary for his primary education and later graduated from Eakly High School. He received his associate degree from Metro State University. He served in the Army receiving an honorable discharge. He had multiple careers ranging from factory worker to farm hand. Additionally, he pursued his passion for helping others by working as a massage therapist.

In his free time, Ron enjoyed watching and cheering for the University of Oklahoma football and softball teams. He loved spending time with his family, riding horses and fishing.

A ceremony to honor Ron's life will be held on November 3, 2023, at 1:00 pm at the Church of God located at 619 W Main Street in Binger, Oklahoma.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to The American Wild Horse Foundation or the First Americans Museum in honor of Ron's memory.

Ronald Franklin Subia will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him. His kindness, humor, and positive spirit will forever be remembered and cherished.

Kenneth Thompson

Kenneth Ray Thompson was born September 27, 1947, to Cecil and Claudie (Brown) Thompson in Elk City, OK and passed away Friday, October 20, 2023, in the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK.



Kenneth was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1965. He married Patty Cryer in 1970 and they made Clinton their home. He has been in the concrete and construction business most of his adult life.

He was a member of the Broadway Heights Baptist Church, he enjoyed playing dominoes, loved to fish, hunt and he loved to hunt and handle rattle snakes.

He was preceded in death by his father, wife, and two brothers, Terry Thompson and Roger Thompson.

He is survived by three daughters, Kristy Thompson, Kortney Thompson and Chauntelle Thompson, three sons, Matt, Chris, and Ernie Thompson all of Clinton, his mother, Claudie Thompson and sister, Brenda Hindbaugh, all of Clinton. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren and numerous foster children.

Joella Hundley

Joella (Walker) Hundley was born on August 6, 1928, to Ted and Minnie (Evans) Walker in Elk City, OK and passed away Friday, October 20, 2023, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Broken Arrow, at the age of 95 years, 2 months and 14 days.



Joella was a 1946 graduate of Sayre High School, where she met her husband, Charles Hundley. Joella excelled academically and played for the women's basketball team. After graduation, she attended Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, majoring in Business Education, and then pursued teaching. Charles followed her to college in Stillwater. They married in 1948. Joella graduated with her first degree in 1950, then earned her Master's in 1958. As Charles was deployed to Japan during the Korean War, Joella began teaching in Delhi, then later Texola where Charles would join her as a teacher as well.

Joella's father-in-law introduced her to the love of fishing and Colorado, where she would become a talented fly-fisherwoman. Joella gifted the tradition to her son, then his family, as well as her students. Joella and Charles moved to Hooker, where they had their only son, Chet. After his birth, she worked for a time with the Panhandle Eastern Pipeline Company in Liberal. In 1965, she became a professor of Business Education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, teaching typing, shorthand, and office procedures. She retired in 1991.

Joella continued to live in her home in Weatherford until spring 2023, when she moved to assisted living in Broken Arrow to live out the remainder of her days closer to her family. She was able to visit with her great-grandchildren almost every week. Among camping and flyfishing, Joella had a love of the outdoors, Colorado, skiing, and playing dominos. She frequently referred to her chair-side dictionary, constantly pursuing knowledge. Joella often joked she would read the newspaper as though she was expecting to take a test. She was quick-witted, a great conversationalist and loved to play a game with strangers: to see how many details she could gather about them before revealing anything about herself. Joella left a wonderful life that rippled outwards to the people who met and loved her.

Joella is survived by daughter-in-law, Danita Hundley; granddaughter, Anna; grandson, Reese Hundley and his wife, Amanda; two great-grandchildren, Ryder Marshall and Josiah Pete; and nephews Ron, Kent, Larry and Randy Walker. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles Hundley; son, Chet Hundley; a sister in infancy and her brother, Odell Walker.

Robert Standingwater

Robert Ross Standingwater was born January 7, 1969, to Robert Joe Standingwater and Marcia (Mierau) Standingwater in Clinton, OK and passed away early Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in the Integris Hospice House



in Oklahoma City, OK. Robert fought the good fight with cancer. He was present for his family through it all and lived life to the fullest!

Robert was raised in Butler, OK where he graduated from Butler High School in 1987. While in high school, he was active playing basketball, baseball, and in Future Farmers of America. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK, and achieved a degree in Engineering Technology in 1994. While attending college, he was employed with Southwest Distributing as well as working as an Emergency Medical Technician for Sinor Ambulance.

He married Mary Jenae Ford on September 2, 1995, in Clinton, OK, and after college they made their home in Plano, TX, and he worked for Air Systems Components. They moved to Edmond, OK in 2006. He has been employed with the Indian Health Services as a mechanical engineer for many years.

His favorite thing in life was being the father, coach and mentor to his three boys, Ryan, Ross and Rhett. He spent countless hours making sure his sons were involved in sports, school activities and furthering their education.

He was a member of the St. Luke's Methodist Church, he was a golfer, he enjoyed cooking, dirt bikes,

NASCAR, snow skiing, vacationing with his family, and spending time with his friends.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Bob Standingwater.

He is survived by his wife, Jenae Standingwater, a 5th Grade Teacher for Edmond Public Schools, and three sons, Ryan Standingwater, a law student at OCU, and (twins) Ross Standingwater and Rhett Standingwater, students at OSU. He is also survived by his mother, Marcia Standingwater, two sisters, Judy Perkins, Colleen Standingwater-Haunpo and husband, Les, and two brothers Russ Standingwater and wife, Robin, and Randy Standingwater. He is also survived by nieces, Emery, Laurie, Hailey, Mackie, and Jacqueline, and nephew, Austin. Robert has always been "the" favorite uncle!

Finis Oliphant

Finis Earl Oliphant, Jr., galloped up to the pearly gates of Heaven on October 27, 2023 with pride, knowing he exited this world as a better man than when he first arrived. There is little doubt he greeted his Creator with anything other than his signature "Hey Bud," a thousand-watt smile, and a firm handshake.



Born to Finis Marion Oliphant Sr. and Katie Miller Oliphant on February 15, 1941, in Carnegie, OK, he was the youngest of four children.

His early years in Carnegie consisted of school, football, exploring the banks of the Washita River, dancing the twist, coon hunting, and being 'cool.' But the one thing that Finis loved his entire life was being a cowboy.

As a cowboy, Finis knew that the relationship between a cowboy and his horse was unique and special.

When he decided to begin a family, he wanted a life partner with whom he could develop a similarly deep bond.

When the pool of available ladies in Carnegie didn't prove fruitful, Finis saddled up and rode his horse to Fort Cobb.

Arriving in Fort Cobb, Finis met 14-year-old Sharon Meeks, working in her mother's café. It was love at first

sight for both, and despite her parents' dismay, they married in Wichita Falls, TX, on December 7, 1958.

Settling in Oney, Finis proclaimed Sharon as "the princess of Oney." Together, they raised four children: Cindy, Sally, Penny, and Shelly. Finis was a man of many talents that he used while working at Plaster's Station in Fort Cobb, driving a truck, harvesting wheat, or keeping the electricity on across the county while at Caddo Electric Co-op.

When not working, Finis spent his days raising and training quality horses, chickens, dogs, and girls.

He also never balked at helping others solve complex issues with their horses and other aspects of life. But likely, his greatest accomplishment that consumed him was his daily Bible study.

Finis credited Hillary and Ruth Meyers as his spiritual mentors who guided him and provided a valuable friendship. From then on, Finis ensured everyone who walked through his door had 'church.'

Finis' family would like to thank Rita Mayall, his long-time friend and the best rodeo partner ever, for her care and support upon learning of his illness.

Finis was preceded in death by his parents, his beloved Sharon, and daughter Alice (Sally) Mickle.

He is survived by his daughters Cindy Kelley and husband Barry, Penny Howe and husband Sonny, and Shelly Disse and husband Gary, as well as his grandchildren Lacy Saunders, Sara Martin, Jess Mickle, Joshua Kelley, Kevin Kelley, Alisha Recker, Chelsi Rosser, Briana Story, and Reed Allen, his sister, Oneta West, 16 great grandchildren, and 2 great great grandchildren, as well as many other relatives and friends.

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GPF YMCA Merges with OKC YMCA



For nearly 40 years, the Great Plains Family YMCA has been an integral partner in building a healthier Weatherford community. With this proud history and with a bright future ahead, the board of directors of the Great Plains Family YMCA is excited to officially announce a nearly completed merger with the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City.

Originally formed in 1889, the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City has locations throughout the OKC metro area, as well as Guthrie, Stillwater and Chickasha. For the past 14 months, the Weatherford Y has been under contract management by Greater OKC while the merger has been explored and approved.

Kelly Kay, a former Weatherford YMCA employee and current President and CEO of the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City, is looking forward to the merger. "I'm excited to bring the Weatherford YMCA into the YMCA of Greater Oklahoma City family. This community has meant so much to my family and me as I began my Y career at the Great Plains Family Y. I developed special relationships and have fond memories from our time here, and it has been a blessing to reconnect with so many throughout this process. I am honored and humbled to play a part in bringing together these two communities and strong, mission-driven YMCAs. We are eager to see what new opportunities this merger will create, and we are confident that by joining forces, it will make both communities and YMCAs stronger," said Kay.

"The Great Plains Family YMCA has long enjoyed a

very close relationship with the Greater OKC Y," said current board president Paige Craighead, "so this was a very natural and easy discussion for us to have."

"This is certainly not a merger of necessity, but a merger of choice," said longtime Weatherford YMCA board member Jeff Berrong, "We are confident that by joining the YMCA of Greater OKC we will further strengthen our Y and secure its place in Weatherford for decades to come."

"This merger will take our operation to the next level, and we want to make sure everyone continues to stay engaged and involved because this is still our YMCA," said Weatherford Branch Executive Director Krystal Milkeraitis, "The money we raise at our annual campaign still stays here to help our community and that won't change."

This merger will not disrupt current YMCA members' experience. Both organizations' paramount focus remains unchanged: to provide a safe, inclusive and supportive environment where everyone can thrive.

"Bringing the YMCA to Weatherford back in 1986, keeping it here, and expanding its impact over the last several decades has truly been a community effort that would not have been possible without all of our dedicated donors, members, volunteers and committed employees, past and present, and for that we say thank you," said Berrong. "We are very excited for the future of the YMCA in Weatherford, and it is important to us that our community shares in that excitement as well."



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McKinsey Ford in Clinton was honored to celebrate Daniel Fraga (right) as he was awarded with his 10-Year Senior Master Certified Technician plaque, presenting is Owner Max McKinsey (right).

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Time will tell if this interest will wax or wane. But there is one who has expressed a love interest that will never fail. In Eph. 1:3-5 Paul speaks of God's love interest in us. Let's read this from the New Living Translation.

"How we praise God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we belong to Christ.

Long ago even before he made the world, God loved us and chose us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes.

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure."

It is hard for my finite mind to grasp the fact that God loves me so much that he chose me to be a part of his family! My wife and I lost a first born child and then saw God place a beautiful little girl in our lives to become a part of our family and fill our emptiness.

But God was not incomplete. He didn't need us. He simply wanted to make us complete by creating us and allowing us to be the recipient of his love. And this gave him great pleasure! It is the nature of God to lavish his love on his children.

That is the kind of family that God invites everyone to join. At best it is a family of lovers, brothers and sisters caring about each other, sharing in his family banquet table. By virtue of his adopting us we are heirs of every spiritual blessing in the heavens.

As our Father, God wants his children to visit with him, to cry out to him in their pain and suffering; He wants to bear their sorrows, to comfort them, to guide and instruct them in the way they should go.

Why is it so hard for us to understand that? Why do we want to operate as if we were orphans, out on the street, alone, trying to make it on our own?

As Rick Warren said in his book, Purpose Driven Life, "We were made by God and for God —and until you understand that, life will never make sense."

Since our Father is like this we should be eager to spend time with him. Hope McDonald said; "Prayer is a conversation between two friends who love and understand each other."

Richard Trent, Archbishop of Dublin said, "Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, it is laying hold of God's willingness." He is eager to grant our requests; He longs to meet our needs.

E. M. Bounds has said it well, "Prayer is the language of a man burdened with a sense of need. It is the voice of the beggar, conscious of his poverty, asking of another the things he needs." Sadly, we often don't recognize our need.

We want to "do it myself" like a two year old child asserting his independence. In doing so, we cut ourselves off from the greatest offer of love ever made to man.

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Representative Moore Awarded OETA Honors



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Representative Anthony Moore (left) receives Champion award from OETA. The award was presented by Friends of OETA President Garrett King (right).

U.S. Senate Moves to Make Daylight Savings Permanent Again ("Fall Back" on Nov. 5th)

Are you ready to fall back? Daylight Savings Time is returning on November 5th, so remember to set your clocks back an hour and enjoy the winter months with a little bit more daylight in the morning. But will this be the last time you have to adjust your clocks? The short answer is no, but some members of congress are pushing the Sunshine Protection Act of 2023 which could potentially make daylight savings time permanent.

In March of 2022 the Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Protection Act of 2021 which moved to make daylight savings time permanent. However, the bill died in the house without so much as a vote.

Similar bills were presented in 2018 and 2019, but both attempts died in committee.

But hope is still alive that someday we'll never have to "spring forward" again as Senator Marco Rubio of Florida reintroduced the bill as the Sunshine Protection Act of 2023. The bill has strong support in the Senate, but whether or not the House of Representatives will address the bill in session remains to be seen.

Regardless, Oklahoma Senator James Lankford has vocalized his support of the bill. Here are his remarks as a cosponsor of the Sunshine Protection Act of 2023.



"Twice a year Oklahomans ask themselves—why do we still have to change our clocks? Last year, the Senate unanimously passed the Sunshine Protection Act, but the House never even voted on the bill. Every Mom of young children hates this time of year when alarm clocks change, but baby's clocks don't. It is past time to get this bill to the President's desk so we can take the stress, headaches, and annoying twice-a-year reset of the clocks out of our lives. It's time to lock the clocks."

BLAINE COUNTY / FATALITY - One person is dead, and another is hospitalized following a one-vehicle accident on a road in Blaine County, 1.5 miles east of Southard. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says 63-year-old Carla Schultz of Okeene died at the scene from injuries sustained in the accident. 36-year-old Leah Schultz of Okeene was last listed in stable condition at OU Medical Center. Troopers say, the driver, 65-year-old Ralph Schultz of Okeene was driving west on a county road when he was distracted by the radio, departed the road, and struck a bridge embankment with the vehicle coming to rest in a ditch.

CUSTER COUNTY / BRIDGE PROJECT - Custer County District 2 Commissioner Bruce Walker says a new bridge project is on the slate to begin next month, south of J.C. Cowboys. Walker says the cost of the project is \$670,000.

WEATHERFORD / TAP GRANT - The City of Weatherford has received a more than \$2 million grant from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation for work surrounding the Shooting Star Park, says Mayor Mike Brown. Brown says the city also received a \$300,000 grant for a new restaurant, splash pad, and miniature golf in the new Shooting Star Park.

CUSTER COUNTY / ARPA FUNDS - The Chief Executive Officers of both Weatherford Regional Hospital and Clinton Regional Hospital made pitches to Custer County Commissioners for ARPA funds for particular projects. Brian Denton of Weatherford Regional Hospital says the hospital wants to make some surveillance upgrades. Clinton Regional Hospital CEO Len Lacefield says they are seeking funding for a roofing project. Commissioners took no action on the proposals but plan to address the requests during a future meeting.

SWOSU / GRANT - SWOSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. Joel Kendall says the university recently received a grant for a partnership with the city of Weatherford. Dr. Kendall says the grant will help in the effort to increase the workforce over the next five years.

WEATHERFORD / ROTARY - The September and October Students of the Month at Weatherford High School were recognized at Rotary recently. September Students of the Month include Logan Doyals and Dacey Morris. October students of the month were Caleb Depot and Ava Foster. "Each student will receive \$50 Chamber Bucks for use in Weatherford," says Rotarian Heston Wright. Students are recognized for the months of September through May.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for Nov. 1st - Maggie Adcock, Adriana Amaya, Jason Bowman, Brooks Burdick, Luke Downs, Austin Janning, Rita Kimble, Mina Pettigo, Brad Sanders, Wayne Sanders, Jordan Selman, Brad Thacker, Clint Thomas. **Nov. 2nd** - Darren Abshire, Bill Youts; **Nov. 3rd** - Avary Bellamy, Lish Harris, Valerie Juhl, Gavin Klein, Marc Maule, Alisha Moore, Hunter Roark, Ashely Rector, Julia Pawpa-Slagell, Leticia Rodrigues, Sophia Saume, Val Stinson; **Nov. 4th** - Terri Barger, Pat Gatchel, Emersyn Goldstein, Jennie Hanna, Mika McSperritt, Shelby Nance, Becky Penick, Nancy Rodolph, Sonya Roper, Shirlene Sheward, Lana Skinner, Stacy Wilson, Barbara Thompson, Kristie Thompson; **Nov. 5th** - Mykel Banning, Wanda Byers, Freddie Cardenas, Mona Horn, Nikunj Damani, Troy Koch, Jerri Hutchinson, Ida Slagell, Mark Wade, Tiffany Wilson; **Nov. 6th** - Joshua Blackwell, Oliver Lane, Mike Livingston, Ranae Middleton, Neva Taft, Tabitha Middleton, Nancy Rodolph, Laurie Salcido, Brandon Stephens, Elmer Stucker; **Nov. 7th** - Jerri Devine, Jordan Ewing, MacKenzie Garling, Shayna Griffith, Debbie Heckard, Mary Phelps, Catherine Pitzer, Charlene Pope, Kayla Rodriguez, Stacey Scarlett, Richard Settles, Vercilla Roman Nose, Roberta Slagell, Clayton Thompson, Wilma Webb, Kim Williams.

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Oklahoma History: The Legend of Wiley Post's Worldwide Voyage



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Wiley Post poses with his "Winnie May," the plane that flew from Los Angeles to Chicago in just over 9 hours and flew around the world in about 8 days.



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Wiley Post (pictured, left) and his navigator Harold Gatty (right).

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

On November 22, 1898, Wiley Post was born in Corinth, Texas, a modern-day ghost town near Canton, Texas. When he was five years old, Post's family moved to Oklahoma and had settled on a farm in Maysville, Oklahoma, by early 1920. Post grew up fascinated by airplanes and wished to serve as a pilot in WWI, but the war ended before he completed his training. After the war, he did a variety of oilfield work in Oklahoma until he was severely injured in an oil rig accident when a metal shard pierced his left eye, permanently blinding it. He usually concealed it with his famous eyepatch.

As a side gig during his oilfield days, Post performed a parachute act with the flying circus Burrell Tibbs and His Texas Topnotch Fliers as part of the daredevil tricks performed by stunt pilots during the "Roaring Twenties". After his metal shard accident, Post bought his first aircraft with the settlement money and became the personal pilot of two wealthy Oklahoman oilmen, Powell Briscoe, and F.C. Hall. In 1930, Hall bought a high-performance single-engine craft which he dubbed the Winnie Mae after his daughter. The Winnie Mae would go on to become one of the most famous record-breaking aircraft of the 1930s. Hall let Post use the plane in several competition derbies, and Post gained national notoriety when he won the National Air Race Derby – from Los Angeles to Chicago. Around this time, Post met Will Rogers, and the two became fast friends.

Post's fame and confidence grew over the years, and on June 23rd, 1931, Hall let Post and Gatty take the Winnie Mae on their signature voyage around the world. Their flight plan would take them through Harbour Grace in Canada, Flintshire in England, various cities in Germany, Russia, and Alaska, back into Canada, and finally through Cleveland, Ohio, to the finish back on Roosevelt Field in Long

Island, New York. After multiple stops involving propeller repairs, the pair arrived back on July 1, having traveled 15,474 miles in a spectacular eight days, 15 hours, and 51 minutes. Alongside their awe-inspiring speed, they also managed to be the first to circumnavigate in a single-engine monoplane successfully; a feat thought near impossible at the time. On July 7th, they were invited to the White House for lunch, had a parade in their honor in New York City the next day, and were honored by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America at a banquet at the famous Hotel Astor. Following the flight, Hall struck a deal with Post giving him the Winnie Mae. Later, Post and Gatty published accounts of their journey in a work titled *Around the World in Eight Days*, Will Rogers gave an introduction in the piece.

Trying to ride the excitement of the flight, Post set out to open his own aviation school but could not build up enough financial support. Many of the would-be backers doubted his ability for education, citing his rural background and limited formal education as problematic.

To prove himself again, Post announced he would attempt a solo flight around the world and that he would also break his previous speed record. Over the next year, Post assisted on an autopilot device in development and a radio detection finder that would allow him to find bearings to precise locations. In 1933, he took off with the autopilot and a compass and finished the world circuit to a crowd of 50,000 people. His time: 7 days, 18 hours, 49 minutes. He did it again, and he set another record as the first to pull off the world flight alone.

Filled with the desire to push the limits of aviation again, Post spent the next years researching and developing a way to perform high-altitude long-distance flights. The Winnie Mae lacked a cabin capable of being pressurized. So, Post had to find

another way to maintain body pressure at high altitudes. Working with the B.F. Goodrich Company he developed what would be the world's first pressure suit. During testing, the first suit ruptured. The second suit passed, but the helmet became so tight they had to cut Post out of it, destroying the suit in the process. Their last redesign was successful on all fronts and could fit earphones and a microphone.

On his first flight with the suit on September 5th, 1934, Post flew up to 40,000 feet above Chicago, then up to 50,000 feet. As he reached his peak, he reported a substantial shift in airflow, describing fast-flowing currents that put his ground speed substantially faster than his air speed. During other pressurized test flights, he reported similar experiences. Unbeknownst to him, he had partially discovered the jet stream. Likewise, meteorologists around the world were reporting unusual reactions to their weather balloons at high levels of the atmosphere. The official understanding of the jet stream did not come around until multiple pilots in WWII reported high tailwind speeds when traveling in certain directions. Post is often credited as one of the few to discover its existence.

Post's last flight would be with his good friend Will Rogers while testing for mail-and-passenger air routes. Post was interested in the potential investment of two-part air routes between the U.S. and Russia. Rogers, who was looking for new material for some of his radio shows and books, was eager to join him. The pair made several stops in Alaska in a modified floatplane until the engine failed on takeoff at low altitude. The low speed caused the nose-heavy plane to lose control and plunge into the lake; it quickly became inverted. Both men died instantly. Post and Rogers received a well-deserved host of honors and tributes. Post was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

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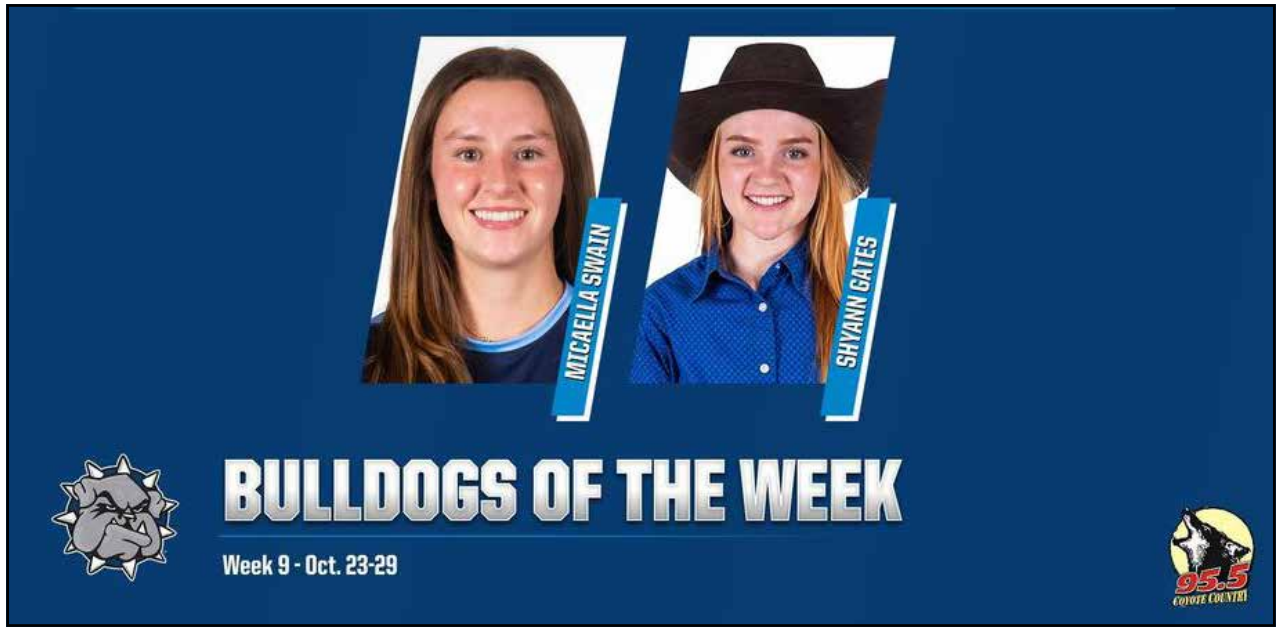
Michaela Swain and Shyann Gates Capture Bulldogs of the Week

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Micaella Swain (soccer) and Shyann Gates (women's rodeo) are the newest Bulldogs of the Week. The weekly recognition is brought to you by Wright Wradio, home of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Swain (McKinney, TX) has been a facilitator on the field all season for her teammates. In the 4-0 soccer win over East Central, Swain claimed two assists in the blowout. She now sits at five assists on the season. This number puts her as the assist leader for the Bulldogs and second in the GAC in the category.

Gates (Weatherford, Okla.) brought home another individual win for the SWOSU rodeo team over the weekend. She posted times of 2.4 and 2.5 to give her the average win in the breakaway event. This is her first win of the year and the second straight rodeo that a SWOSU woman has won the breakaway event.



Oklahoma Representatives Congratulate New Speaker Mike Johnson



Three weeks after the surprise ousting of Kevin McCarthy (CA-20), the 55th Speaker for the House of Representatives, Representative James Michael Johnson (LA-04) has been elected by the House to succeed him.

Congressman Frank Lucas (OK-03) released the following statement after voting for Rep. Mike Johnson as the next Speaker of the House:

“Congratulations to our new Speaker – a true conservative and a principled leader – Mike Johnson. I look forward to getting the House back in order so that we can tackle the issues facing our country at home and abroad. Like my colleagues in Washington and my constituents in Oklahoma, I am excited for this next chapter of leadership in our country.”

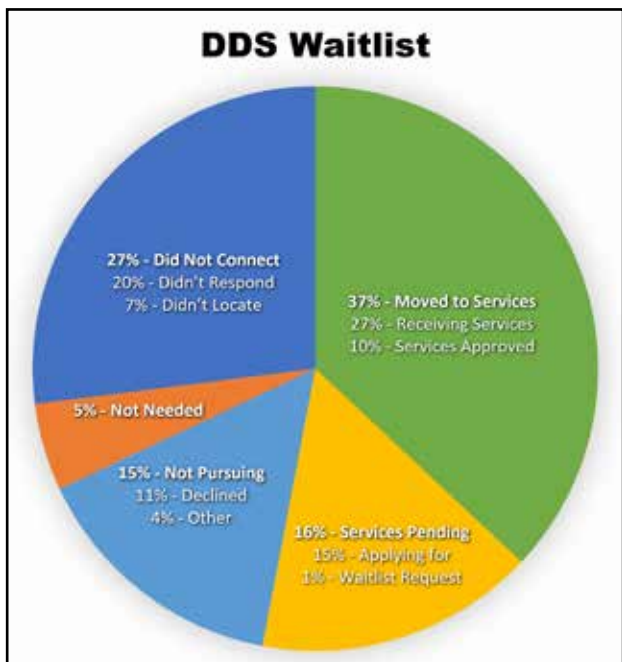
Congressman Josh Brecheen voted for Rep. Mike Johnson in conference and on the House floor. He issued the following statement after Johnson was elected Speaker of the House.

“Rep. Mike Johnson is admired by the entire Republican Conference because of his integrity, his humility, and his commitment to put the best interests of the country over his own political self-interest. A former constitutional lawyer who worked on religious liberty issues, Rep. Johnson is a man who has a deep rudder of faith and understands that our nation must return to founding principles. I was honored to vote for him and congratulate him on being elected Speaker.”

Congressman Tom Cole (OK-04) congratulated Congressman Mike Johnson on being elected the 56th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

“I am proud to congratulate my colleague and friend, Mike Johnson, on being elected the 56th Speaker of the House,” said Cole. “Mike has been an instrumental leader in the Republican Conference during his time in office, first leading the Republican Study Committee and more recently as Vice Chairman of the House Republican Conference. A principled Louisianan, he has a plan to finish the House’s work and secure the southern border. I have full faith in his ability to lead this body and look forward to working with him.”

OHS: Nearly 1,300 DDS Waitlist Families Transition to Services



Oklahoma Human Services continues to stay on track to end the 13-year Developmental Disability Services (DDS) waitlist as Cohort 3 begins to receive services.

After a historic investment from the Legislature, nearly 5,000 applications were divided into seven cohorts to receive services based on when they joined the waitlist. Once contact is made with families, there is a six- to nine-month process to transition someone off the waitlist and onto services.

As of Sept. 30, 37% of Cohort 3 is already approved or receiving services. Cohort 3 includes 914 applicants who joined the waitlist between April 2012 and December 2013.

“We are fulfilling our initial promise to process the 13-year waitlist within 24 months,” said DDS Division Director Beth Scrutchins. “Seeing the effect these efforts have on Oklahoma families has been the greatest gift to our staff.”

To date, nearly 1,300 families from the waitlist are approved or receiving services from all cohorts.

For Cohorts 1-3, 40% are approved or receiving services, which matches the average waiver approval historically. “This is a huge accomplishment, and it cannot be understated,” said Dr. Deb Shropshire, director of Oklahoma Human Services. “We will continue to work hard to make sure Oklahomans can access the vital services they need.”

Oklahoma Human Services is committed to making Oklahoma a no-wait state for DDS services and continues to move toward that goal. DDS has been hosting regional meetings called PossABLE to help families navigate the transition from the waitlist to services.

The next regional family meeting is a virtual option on Nov. 9. In-person meetings are also scheduled for Dec. 5 in Broken Arrow and Dec. 6 in Oklahoma City. To learn more or sign up, families can call 844-944-9301, or visit bit.ly/possible.

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Turnovers and Mistakes Earn Costly Loss for SWOSU at (RV) Southern Arkansas



Five turnovers on a dreary Saturday afternoon in the Natural State spoiled SWOSU's chances against (RV) Southern Arkansas, as the Bulldogs fell to the Muleriders 41-10.

For a second week in a row, SWOSU saw success moving the football and finished with 280 yards on offense. They nearly outgained the Muleriders, who ended with 329 yards which was bolstered by a final drive to get them over the 300-mark.

Running back Dexter Brown was a big reason for the success. He finished with a career high 139 yards on the ground and averaged 6.0 yards per rush.

The defense limited the Muleriders' rushing attack to 60 yards below their season average and held dual-threat quarterback OB Jones to just 96 yards passing and 37 yards rushing. The two-time GAC Player of the Week was averaging triple digits on the ground for the Muleriders entering the day.

The offensive problem for the Dawgs wasn't gaining yards, it was maintaining possession. SWOSU's first three turnovers of the game came on SAU's side of the field when potential points could have been available.

Southern Arkansas opened the game up on a 14-play, 68-yard touchdown drive. They added a field goal early in the second quarter and led 10-0 before turnovers started coming into play.

A sack fumble in the second quarter eliminated SWOSU's first scoring threat.

Later in the quarter, after RJ Powell forced a fumble which was recovered by Richard Silva to get the ball back, the Muleriders intercepted Calvin Cloud's third down pass in the end zone to again keep SWOSU off the scoreboard.

SAU did not score off that turnover on the ensuing drive but did get the ball back again before the half ended and added another touchdown. Southern Arkansas led 17-0 at halftime.

A pair of pivotal moments flipped the game's momentum after the break.

SWOSU got the ball to start the second half and drove down the field again. A 32-yard catch from Taylor Tosches put the Dawgs in good shape, and Dexter Brown thought he scored four plays later until a penalty negated the six points. SWOSU had to instead settle for a field goal. Score: 17-3, with 10:50 to play in the third quarter.

After the Bulldog defense forced a punt, SWOSU again moved the ball down the field and was deep in the red zone when disaster struck. A jump ball in the end zone fell into a Mulerider defender's hands and was returned 100 yards the other way for a touchdown. Instead of a 17-10 score, the Muleriders led 24-3.

SWOSU scored the next drive to answer on a three-yard catch from Jacob Karsak, his first touchdown grab of the season, but it would be the final points for the visitors on the day.

SAU kicked another field goal and then recovered a fumble and intercepted another pass on back-to-back fourth quarter possessions which both led to touchdowns and allowed the game to be put out of reach. Final, 41-10.

SWOSU and SAU combined for 20 penalties on the day. The Dawgs were responsible for 12 of those, marking a season high.

The final home game of 2023 awaits SWOSU next weekend. The Bulldogs will host (RV) Henderson State on Senior Day. Kickoff for that game is set for 2:00 p.m.

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