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Holiday Cheer Comes Early to Clinton with Christmas Open House



You can feel it in the air and you can see it in the leaves. The holiday season is quickly approaching which means it's time to stock up on Christmas gifts and goodies for your friends and loved ones! But don't fret, the Clinton Chamber of Commerce and nine participating Clinton merchants have got your back with Clinton's Christmas Open House running from November 9th - 11th.

"We do it every year and it's kind of the kickoff to Christmas shopping," said Clinton Chamber of Commerce President Julie Caldwell when asked about Clinton's Christmas Open House. "Everybody will have their stores decorated and normally they have refreshments."

The Clinton merchants participating in this year's Christmas Open House include: Beau Lee Men's Apparel, Dottie's, Gift Gallery, Hem Co., Holiday House, Lily + Rose, Red Wagon, The Mulberry Bush and Place of Grace.

The holiday season is an important time of the year for local businesses. While online shopping has become seemingly ubiquitous with the season, The Clinton Chamber of Commerce wants to make sure Oklahomans remember to support local businesses.

"Absolutely it's important people shop locally. Support those businesses that support things in Clinton," said Caldwell. "It's just a good chance for some of them to run specials on that week so you can get an early start to Christmas shopping."

While most businesses will be closed on Saturday, November 11th for Veteran's Day the participating merchants in the Christmas Open House will be open allowing for another shopping day for locals which is just another benefit of the event.

For more information about Clinton's Christmas Open House you can visit the Clinton Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page by searching "Clinton Chamber of Commerce."

Have a "Happy Veterans Day!" - Photos from the Clinton Veterans Center



Chad Gray / WW

A bulletin board in the Clinton Veteran's Center with photos of some of the Veteran residents.



Chad Gray / WW

Veterans at the Clinton Veteran's Center play bingo in the recreation hall. Veteran's Day will be observed this Saturday, November 11th. The holiday originated in 1919 following World War 1 and was originally named Armistice day in order to commemorate the end of the World War 1. Please be sure to thank a Veteran who has fought to protect freedom in America.



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Dorothy Bergner

Dorothy Mae Bergner was born October 12, 1938 in Bates, Arkansas to Eugene and Mattie “Dimple” (Brown) Johnson and passed away October 28, 2023 at her home in Weatherford, OK at the age of 85 years and 16 days.



Dorothy was raised on her family farm in Bates, Arkansas, but attended school in Waldron, AR up through the beginning of her senior year when she married her school sweetheart Don Stinson on August 15, 1955.

They then moved to Jenks, Oklahoma where she finished her high school year graduating from Jenks High School in 1956. After graduation she attended Tulsa business college where she earned her associates degree. In 1958, Don was tragically killed in a house fire at their home.

She then began working at Robert Hall clothing department store in Tulsa where she was acknowledged as head sales clerk. She met Carroll Bergner while he was also living in Tulsa and working for CR Anthony’s clothing department store. They were joined in marriage on April 12, 1959 and enjoyed 42 years together.

Both then worked for CR Anthony’s moving to Liberal, Kansas and then Clinton, OK for a short time before making their home in Hobart, OK. Carroll became manager and Dorothy worked beside him as the head sales clerk for over 25 years as they raised their three children. In 1987 the store closed and they were both transferred to Anthony’s in Watonga, OK, until leaving in 1990 to open and manage the Western Wear Outlet in Moore, OK, owned by Langston’s.

After Carroll’s death, Dorothy became manager of the store until retiring in 2002 and moving to Weatherford, OK. Dorothy and Carroll worked together by each other’s side in retail for over 30 years.

Dorothy was a member of the Weatherford Church of Christ. She enjoyed fishing and cooking, and hosted most all family gatherings throughout the years as she was known for her large meals and delicious food. She also loved visiting people whether they were customers, friends, or family.

She had a generous heart and helped many family and friends in any way she could. She loved her family and her home and enjoyed time spent there together. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother.

Dorothy is preceded in death by her husbands Don Stinson and Carroll Bergner; parents, Eugene and Mattie Johnson; and her brother Robert (Bob) Johnson.

She is survived by twin sons: Larry Bergner and wife Cindy of Adair, OK; and Terry Bergner and wife Janet of Marlow, OK; one daughter: Tammy Smoot and husband Glenn of Weatherford, OK; eight grandchildren, Wakley Bergner, Wyatt Bergner, Will Bergner, Hannah Bergner-Copeland, Hayley Bergner, Hope Bergner, Hunter Bergner, and Shelby Smoot-Troyer; and two great grandchildren: Raiden Bergner and Savannah Copeland; brother-in-law, Carol Gaunt; as well as many nieces and nephews.

Rick Roof

Ricky Wayne Roof passed away October 27, 2022 at the age of 49. He had many friends and was a well loved member of the community in Clinton.



Rick worked many jobs and trades thru the years including in the oilfield, Ozzy Electric and Optic Cable company, and WW out of Thomas, OK.

Ricky also had many hobbies, cooking, gardening, listening to music, and fishing. Ricky played and won in many poker tournaments throughout the state in his lifetime. He was an active member of The Avenue church and baptized in 2019. Ricky also helped many in their struggles with sobriety throughout the years.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Clifford Clifton Roof, maternal grandmother, Sadie Wells, maternal granddad, J.C. Griffin, paternal grandparents Cecil and Hattie Roof, Aunt Janet Adams, Aunt Dorothy Adams and Uncle Jacky Wolfe.

He is survived by his mother, Phyllis Roof, Newcastle, OK, two daughters, Mackenzie Franklin and husband, Taylor, Norman, OK, Rachel Roof, Elmore City, OK, brother, Tommy Roof and wife, Brandi, Newcastle, OK

He is also survived by two grandchildren, Clifton Franklin and Aurora Franklin, both of Norman, OK, several nieces and nephews, Lexi, Hatti, Collin, Tucker, Turner, all of Newcastle, and Trey of Houston.

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.

Ralph Edwards

Ralph Hunter Edwards was born September 16, 1956, to Philip and Anna Bell (Baier) Edwards in Middletown, OH and passed away Sunday, October 29, 2023, in his Putnam home.



Ralph was raised in Miamisburg, OH and graduated from Carlisle High School in 1975. While in high school he was an outstanding wrestler and still holds the record for the fastest pin.

He married June Hohnhorst in December 1975 in Miamisburg, OH and to this marriage two sons were born, Jeremy and Matthew.

He was employed with Jack Summers Tire Company and the Dayton Tire Company before he started truck driving. He then moved to Baton Rouge, LA where he was employed with Kodak Photography Company. He later moved to Charleston, SC, where he worked for Firestone Corporation and OK Tire, where he met and married Cynthia J. Burkhart (Alvis) on June 11, 1988 and to this marriage, daughter Tara was born.

They soon made their home in Western, OK settling in Putnam. He was employed with Goodyear Tire Company, K&S Tires, CTC, the Butler Coop, and most recently with 2D Trailer. He was a helping hand to all who asked. He enjoyed working with Max Parr, working horses for parades, such as the Oklahoma Centennial Parade in Guthrie.

He was a member of the Pentecostal Faith. He loved to fish and hunt, he loved nature and raised cows and horses. When it was still a legal sport, he was a professional cock fighter. He bred and raised many champions. His passion was spending time with his family, children, grandchildren and his numerous cousins that he was raised with.

He is preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, Larry Edwards and Phil Edwards and a sister, Lynn Bolen.

He is survived by his wife, Cynthia, of the home, daughter, Tara White and husband, Jerron, of Putnam, two sons, Matt Edwards, of OH and Jeremy Edwards and wife, Nora, of NC and the mother of his two sons, June, of SC, sister, Janet Rose, of OH and brother, Andrew Edwards, of KY. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren: A.J., Trinity, Elijah, Elizabeth, Hunter, Layla, Joby, Jaxon, Joseph, and Christopher; and one great-grandchild, Winry Ramirez.

Judy Hoffman

It is with heavy hearts and profound sadness that we announce the passing of Judith Ann Hoffman, a pillar of our family and friend to everyone she met. A woman of grace and compassion, Judy was called home to her eternal rest on October 29, 2023, at the age of 86.



Born on March 4, 1937, in Spring Valley, Wisconsin, Judy’s life was a testament to love, kindness, and unwavering dedication. She touched the lives of all who were fortunate enough to know her, and her presence will forever be deeply missed.

Judy was a devoted wife, cherished mother, and doting grandmother. Left to honor her memory are her beloved husband, Norbert Hoffman of Weatherford, and her children: Mark Hoffman of Weatherford, Scott Hoffman of Weatherford, Todd Hoffman of Tulsa, Michelle Douglas of Weatherford, and Allison Flannigan of Oklahoma City. She nurtured her family with immeasurable love and was their unwavering source of strength and support.

She is survived by her siblings Charlotte Netzer of Folsom, CA, June Webb of Palm Desert CA, and Cindy Freeman of Rochester, WA

She is preceded in death by her father, Harley Larrieu, mother, Julia Larrieu, Brothers, John and Mike Larrieu, and sister Susan Bonaventura.

Throughout her life, Judy was guided by her faith and was an active member of St. Eugene’s Catholic Church. She found solace and spiritual fulfillment through her dedicated worship and as an organist for many years.

Judy served the Weatherford community for many years. She dedicated four decades of her life to the Weatherford Hospital Auxiliary, selflessly giving her time and energy to support the needs of patients and families. Additionally, Judith spent many years as a secretary at Burcham Elementary School, making a lasting impact on the lives of countless students, and finally she loved volunteering at the Heartland Museum and the Et Cetera Shop.

Beyond her commitments, Judith took great pleasure in pursuing her passions. She found joy in tap dancing and playing the piano, using these artistic expressions to brighten the lives of those around her.

Let us cherish the memories we shared and find solace in the knowledge that Judith’s spirit will forever shine brightly in our hearts. May God rest her soul in eternal peace and may her legacy of love and kindness continue to inspire us all.

Marjorie Reimer

Marjorie Reimer went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Wednesday, October 26, 2023, at River Valley Skilled Nursing and Therapy. She was born on July 31, 1929, near Colony, to Fred and Millie Moritz.



She attended a one room school, Pioneer School, by Colony, then graduated from Corn Bible Academy in 1947.

Marjorie was married to her high school sweetheart and love of her life, Verno Reimer, on December 7, 1947. She and her husband farmed together for over 50 years west of Corn. She loved working alongside him and being with him. She chopped and pulled cotton, drove tractor, and drove truck in wheat harvest. She liked working outside more than in the house.

They raised their three children, Vernie, Lucille, and Delmer on the farm, and they all worked together as a family. After 59 years of marriage, Verno passed away January 17, 2007.

Marjorie taught Sunday School at the Corn Mennonite Brethren Church for many years. She also faithfully helped at church and at Corn Bible Academy. She read her Bible and prayed for her family daily.

Marjorie loved the Lord and her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great great grandchild. She loved it when her great grandchildren just called her “great.” She enjoyed playing games with them.

Marjorie loved animals. She had pet squirrels, rabbits, and raccoons, along with dogs and cats. The pet baby skunk wasn’t kept very long.

Preceding Marjorie in death were her parents, her husband, her daughter-in-law Brenda Reimer, and her sisters, Vange Reimer and Opal Vogt.

She is survived by son Vern Reimer and wife Elnora of Canada; son Delmer Reimer and wife Robin of Sickles, OK; and daughter Lucy Penner and husband Norm of Clinton. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren, including the children of Verno: Brent and Arlene Reime, Tara and Phil Bueckert, Sidney and Loche Genereux, and Tyler Bueckert--all of various provinces in Canada; the children of daughter Lucy: John, Everett, Christopher, Nicholas, and Seth Kelly--all of Omaha, NE; Jeff and Jodee Bailey of Tecumseh, NE; and Mistienne McFarland of Las Vegas, NV; and the children of son Delmer: Krista and Joe Neal Sanders of Sayre; Jessica and Colt Carpenter of Arapaho; and Kaycee & Justin Vincent of Corn, OK; 13 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild.

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(Pictured left): September Students of the Month at Western Oklahoma Christian School in Clinton are Graham Murray of Clinton and Axton Floyd of Thomas. Dora Miller, Head of School, made the presentation which is sponsored by Lucille's Roadhouse.

(Pictured Right): September Students of the Month at Western Oklahoma Christian School in Weatherford are Clara Navarre and Indie Collins both of Weatherford. Lucille's Roadhouse sponsors these awards.

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4. Pray that they will be courageously bold witnesses to those holding them captive.
5. Pray for the salvation of guards and officials bringing the persecution.
6. Pray for greater freedom for those exercising their rights to religious freedom.
7. Do not necessarily pray for the persecution to cease. In most cases that would indicate that they had stopped sharing their faith.

Jim Morrison

Ripkin was speaking to a group of house church leaders in a remote area of China. One local pastor asked, “Do the people in other countries also know about Jesus—or is He only known in China?”

Ripkin told them that millions of people all around the world knew about Jesus and about the Chinese Christians as well.

The people were astounded, “Wait, wait!” they could hardly believe what they heard. One man responded this way, “Do you mean that people in your country know that we believe in Jesus? Do you mean that they know that we are suffering for our faith? Do you mean they haven’t forgotten us and that they are praying for us?” Another young woman asked, “Are believers in other countries persecuted like we are?”

Ripkin told them about the experience of believers in two very oppressive Islamic countries. The crowd became strangely quiet. A few minutes before they had been clapping and shouting and asking questions. Now they were completely silent and still.

At 6:00 a.m. the next morning, He was awakened by screaming and shouting outside in the compound. His first thought was that the secret police had come. But what he saw was Chinese house-church leaders and evangelists either lying or sitting on the ground, crying, screaming and yelling hysterically. Many were pulling their hair or clutching at their clothes. He spotted his interpreter and rushed over to him asking, “What in the world is going on?” He told me to just be quiet and listen. He actually began to recognize the names of the two countries being repeated again and again in passionate and anguished prayer.

His interpreter, David, turned and looked at him, and with tears streaming down his face said, “They were so moved by what you shared last night about believers who were truly persecuted, that they have vowed before God that they will get up an hour earlier every morning to pray for those Muslim-background believers that you told them about, until Jesus is known throughout their countries.

Ripkin said, “In that instant I could see why the number of Chinese believers had gone from a few hundred thousand to perhaps hundreds of millions.”

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WEG Member

A now traditional recycling event will be held for the city of Weatherford on November 18 from 9 am - 3 pm.

The Weatherford Recycling Event is sponsored by the Weatherford Environment Group, composed of volunteers working to keep our city green, clean, and beautiful. The recycling event is organized by the efforts of our Weatherford citizens and is not a City of Weatherford function.

To reach the landfill, go south on Custer Street. Just as you complete the S curve (but before the H&H Salvage yard), you will find E 1035 Rd. There will be a green sign that indicates Glass Recycling - Brush Disposal Area. The glass drop-off site is just before the guardhouse.

We encourage you to research "America Recycles Day." Find out how you can support recycling and take care of the planet on which you live. If you have questions about recycling or wish to schedule a program for your organization or company, contact Faye Hensen at (580) 772 - 5984. Thank you for your efforts to make Weatherford clean, green, and beautiful!

If you have any of the following items to dispose of, bring them to the "Materials Processing & Education Center" for the Weatherford Recycling Center, located at 602 E. Clark Street on the corner of Illinois & Clark Street (two blocks south of Main St. on Illinois).

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- Large metal items and appliances
- personal papers to be shredded
- Non-Working Electronic Items
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- Incandescent Light Bulbs
- Car Batteries
- Household Batteries

LIST OF ITEMS ACCEPTED AT ALL TIMES:

- Cardboard
- #1 and #2 Plastics (no Styrofoam)
- Aluminum, Steel, & Tin Cans
- White Office Paper
- Mixed Paper
- Newspapers
- Magazines
- Phonebooks.

HOW TO DISPOSE OF GLASS:

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BFDC / PAC CLASSES - Burns Flat-Dill City is looking into offering aeronautics classes in the district to train workers for the premium aerospace center located in Burns Flat. District Superintendent Larry Johnson says Premium Aerospace Center is already looking to hire around 60 employees before the end of the year.

CLINTON SCHOOL/UPDATE - Several construction projects are either underway or getting ready to begin in the Clinton School District. Superintendent Tyler Bridges says dirt work has begun on the new Clinton Middle School. The Nance Elementary construction project is scheduled for completion in April of 2024. Southwest Elementary is running about 4-6 weeks behind schedule and is targeted for completion in September 2024.

WRH / CYBERCRIME - Weatherford Regional Hospital CEO Brian Denton reported that the hospital recently "sent \$123,000 to a spoof HCH Vendor" and found their email servers to be compromised after the theft. The FBI Cyber Division has been advised of the incident and the hospital has changed policies to ensure something like this doesn't happen in the future.

WEATHERFORD / AMBULANCES - Discussion was held at the Weatherford City Commission over potential changes to the city's contract with the city ambulance service provider, Lifeguard. Fire Chief Mike Karlin will report back on negotiations next month.

WRIGHT / RECOGNITION - Former State Legislator for District 57 and Wright Wradio's founder Harold Wright was one of 55 Inspiring Oklahomans who were recently recognized for making an impact on the quality of life for many Oklahomans. Others who were recognized during the event included Former Governor Mary Fallin and Sports Director Dean Blevins from News 9 in Oklahoma City.

CLINTON / CANDIDATES - Two candidates seeking the Ward 3 Clinton City Council seat later this month participated in a candidate forum recently. Patch McComas is seeking his third term in office. He is being challenged by Stormie Hill. McComas outlines what he wants to see accomplished in the city over the next two years. Challenger Stormie Hill discussed how the city of Clinton can benefit by attracting more residents with more jobs going into neighboring Burns Flat. The two candidates will square off in the November 14th election.

WEATHERFORD / ROTARY - Jennifer Staggs of the SWOSU School of Pharmacy was the most recent guest speaker at the Weatherford Rotary meeting. She spoke on substance abuse disorder in western Oklahoma and spoke about the 'Know science, no stigma' event being held by the School of Pharmacy later this month. The event takes place Monday, November 13th, in the student union ballroom on the SWOSU Campus beginning at 5 pm.

WEEKLY SHOUTOUTS!

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Happy Birthday Wishes for Nov. 8th - Lori Burns, Linda Carpenter, Jackie Kurts, Alice Lackey, Butch McCammon, Sandy Miller, Donna Newsome, Lance Pitzer, Ann Russell, Kory Selman, Chloe Settles, Paul Stange, Lori Walker, Shane Young. **Nov. 9th** - Ariel Cunningham, Sabrina Dungan, Norman Kissler, Heather Matz, Milly Maynard, Myrna Perkins, Joe Slann, Donna Webb, Brittany Wile, Ryan Wilson, Amy Young; **Nov. 10th** - Jamie Albright, Rick Goodall, Stetson Green, Braden Hinton, Garrett Holley, Linda Hulsey, Heather May, Naomi Nickles, Landon Scales, Rheba Smith, Amber Snider, Becky Stotts, Lindsey Thomason, John Towe; **Nov. 11th** - Kimberly Chervenka, T.C. Garrison, Blake Hook, Matt Lantz, Wesson Shaw, Nancy Stinson, Kenna Wise; **Nov. 12th** - Carmen Arriaga Jr., Clint Bridgeman, Jamie Carrizales, Alex Gomez, Clinton Horn, Nathan Hunn, Keith Miller, Mike Parrish, Jeff Schneberger, Stephen Short, Cody Thiessen, Harold Wright; **Nov. 13th** - Kimberly Banuelos, Larry Cagle, McKinsey Cloninger, Kobe Malone, Brittany Nix, Patty Radka, Blake Sappington, Dale Schomp, Claudia Wright, Chase Wright, Tami Young; **Nov. 14th** - Krystal Blackwell, Nelda Bonner, Pat Gatchel, Adam Hopper, Cindy Jackson, David McCarthy, Mike Ringler, Diana Scott, Donna Smith, Maria Thorpe, Dalton Ward.

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World War I – known at the time as “The Great War” – officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28, 1919, in the Palace of Versailles outside the town of Versailles, France. However, fighting ceased seven months earlier when an armistice, or temporary cessation of hostilities, between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally regarded as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

Veterans Day continues to be observed on November 11, regardless of what day of the week on which it falls. The restoration of the observance of Veterans Day to November 11 not only preserves the historical significance of the date, but helps focus attention on the important purpose of Veterans Day: A celebration to honor America's veterans for their patriotism, love of country, and willingness to serve and sacrifice for the common good.

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day with the following words: “To us in America, the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country's service and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nations...”

The original concept for the celebration was for a day observed with parades and public meetings and a brief suspension of business beginning at 11:00 a.m.

The United States Congress officially recognized the end of World War I when it passed a concurrent resolution on June 4, 1926, with these words:

“Whereas the 11th of November 1918, marked the cessation of the most destructive, sanguinary, and far reaching war in human annals and the resumption by

the people of the United States of peaceful relations with other nations, which we hope may never again be severed, and Whereas it is fitting that the recurring anniversary of this date should be commemorated with thanksgiving and prayer and exercises designed to perpetuate peace through good will and mutual understanding between nations; and Whereas the legislatures of twenty-seven of our States have already declared November 11 to be a legal holiday: Therefore be it Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), that the President of the United States is requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the officials to display the flag of the United States on all Government buildings on November 11 and inviting the people of the United States to observe the day in schools and churches, or other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies of friendly relations with all other peoples.

An Act (52 Stat. 351; 5 U. S. Code, Sec. 87a) approved May 13, 1938, made the 11th of November in each year a legal holiday—a day to be dedicated to the cause of world peace and to be thereafter celebrated and known as “Armistice Day.” Armistice Day was primarily a day set aside to honor Veterans of World War I.

In 1954, after World War II had required the greatest mobilization of soldiers, sailors, Marines and airmen in the Nation's history; after American forces had fought aggression in Korea, the 83rd Congress, at the urging of the Veterans service organizations, amended the Act of 1938 by striking out the word “Armistice” and inserting in its place the word “Veterans.” With the approval of this legislation (Public Law 380) on June 1, 1954, November 11th became a day to honor American Veterans of all wars.

Later that same year, on October 8th, President Dwight D. Eisenhower issued the first “Veterans Day Proclamation” which stated: “In order to insure proper and widespread observance of this anniversary, all Veterans, all Veterans' organizations, and the entire

citizenry will wish to join hands in the common purpose. Toward this end, I am designating the Administrator of Veterans' Affairs as Chairman of a Veterans Day National Committee, which shall include such other persons as the Chairman may select, and which will coordinate at the national level necessary planning for the observance. I am also requesting the heads of all departments and agencies of the Executive branch of the Government to assist the National Committee in every way possible.”

In 1958, the White House advised VA's General Counsel that the 1954 designation of the VA Administrator as Chairman of the Veterans Day National Committee applied to all subsequent VA Administrators. Since March 1989 when VA was elevated to a cabinet level department, the Secretary of Veterans Affairs has served as the committee's chairman.

The Uniform Holiday Bill (Public Law 90-363 (82 Stat. 250)) was signed on June 28, 1968, and was intended to ensure three-day weekends for Federal employees by celebrating four national holidays on Mondays: Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and Columbus Day. It was thought that these extended weekends would encourage travel, recreational and cultural activities and stimulate greater industrial and commercial production. Many states did not agree with this decision and continued to celebrate the holidays on their original dates.

The first Veterans Day under the new law was observed with much confusion on October 25, 1971. It was quite apparent that the commemoration of this day was a matter of historic and patriotic significance to a great number of our citizens, and so on September 20th, 1975, President Gerald R. Ford signed Public Law 94-97 (89 Stat. 479), which returned the annual observance of Veterans Day to its original date of November 11, beginning in 1978. This action supported the desires of the overwhelming majority of state legislatures, all major veterans service organizations and the American people.

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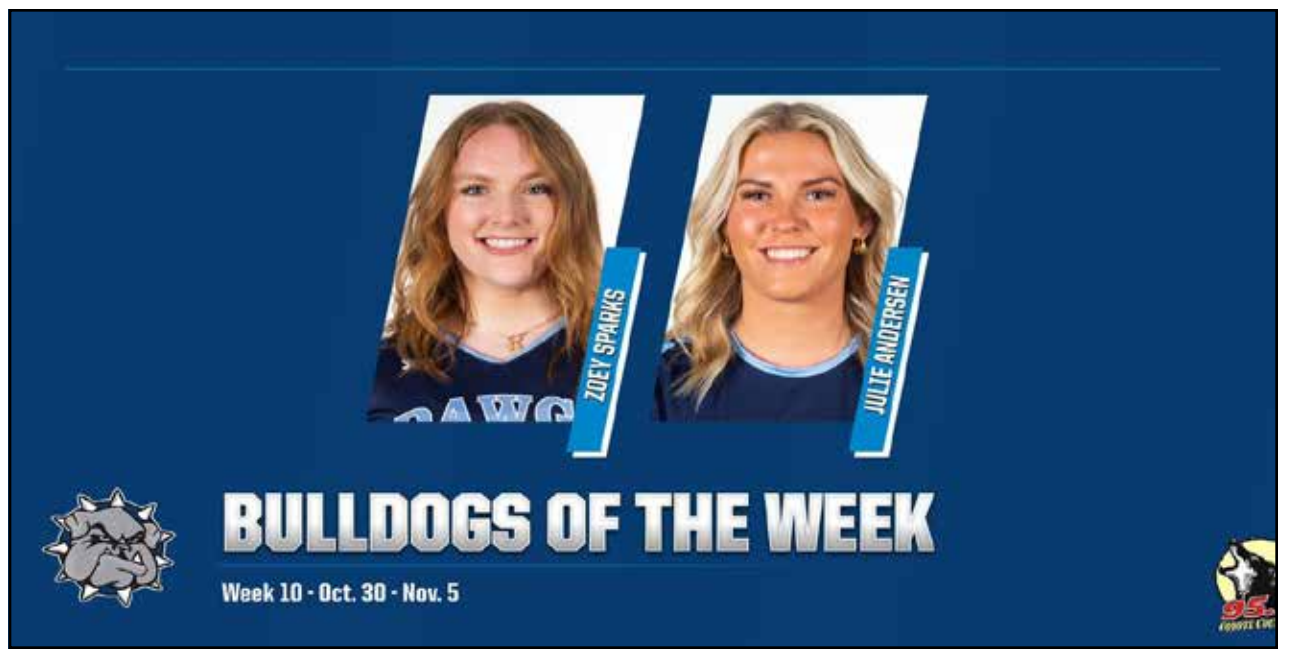
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Sparks (Canyon, Texas) led the Bulldog defense from the middle of the court last week. She accumulated nine total block over two games. In the 3-0 win against Southeastern, she set a season high 14.5 total points in the game. Sparks is currently third in Division II in total blocks and sits at 13th in blocks per set.


Andersen (Middelfart, Denmark) came up big for SWOSU soccer this past Wednesday. Andersen anchored the Bulldogs backline that got a second straight shutout in a 1-0 road win against Oklahoma Baptist. This win clinched a GAC Tournament appearance for SWOSU.



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SWOSU Football held scoreless on Senior Day in a 56-0 loss to Henderson State. The Reddies entered the day receiving votes in the AFCA Division II National Poll.

The Reddie defense limited the Bulldogs to just 117 yards of total offense in the game and had the Bulldogs playing from their side of the 50-yard line nearly the entire way. SWOSU crossed midfield on two drives in the contest but had no points to show for it. It's the second time this season SWOSU has been shutout.

Henderson State intercepted four passes on the day including a pair of third quarter pick-six touchdowns.

SWOSU's best offensive drive of the contest came in the first quarter, but a methodical 14-play drive eventually stalled on the HSU 24-yard line. Trailing 21-0 at the time, the Dawgs were forced to go for it on fourth down and could not convert.

The Reddies had 327 yards of offense by halftime

and led 35-0 at the break. They scored on five of their six drives in the first two quarters to open up the large lead. Two big pass plays gave them their first two scores, and they added three more rushing touchdowns after.

Another 148 yards by the visitors were tallied in the second half, mainly on the ground, and HSU finished with 475 total for the game.

A pair of SWOSU seniors, Richard Silva and RJ Powell, both had solid games on defense. Silva recorded a sack on the first play of the day and finished with nine tackles, 2.5 of those for loss. Powell had a sack fumble and matched Silva with nine tackles. Tye Tucker set a season high with eight tackles.

On offense, SWOSU got a majority of yardage from Dexter Brown. He rushed 23 times for 79 yards.

The 2023 season will conclude next Saturday on the road against Northwestern. Kickoff for that game in Alva will come at 3:00 p.m.

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