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Class A Basketball Districts Tip-Off Post Season in Western Oklahoma



High School playoff basketball has officially started in Western Oklahoma for Class A and B teams, however, the end-of-the-year tournament will begin in earnest this upcoming Friday when Classes 2A through 4A join the mix. Several teams on the Wright Media network look to cap off their basketball season with a trip to the big house and here's a breakdown of the 2023-2024 playoff picture.

In Class A Basketball the Thomas Terriers hosted the first round of playoff basketball on the Wright Media network this past Friday and Saturday. On Friday night, they welcomed the Oklahoma Christian Academy Eagles. The Lady Terriers easily handled the Lady Eagles with a 63-8 victory that ended the Lady Eagles season. The Terrier boys however were not so fortunate, losing to the OCA Eagles 70-55 and being eliminated from the postseason.

On Saturday night things kicked off as the Thomas Lady Terriers faced off against the Hydro-Eakly Lady Bobcats in a game where the Lady Terriers would prevail 46-37 claiming a 2023-24 District Championship. The Lady Terriers advance to the winner's bracket of the Playoff tournament and will travel to Seiling to play against the Class A defending champions the Seiling Lady Wildcats on Thursday, February 15. The Hydro-Eakly Lady Bobcats move into the consolation side of the bracket and will also travel to Seiling, but they will be pitted against Mooreland in a game scheduled for this Thursday.

After the girls, the Hydro-Eakly Bobcat boys played against the OCA Eagles boys. The game was closely contested, but the OCA Eagles would defeat the Hydro-Eakly Bobcats 51-43 sending the Bobcat boys into the consolation side of the bracket alongside the Hydro-Eakly girls. The Bobcat boys will also travel to Seiling this upcoming Thursday to play against Mooreland.

The other teams on the Wright Media network are still completing their regular season schedule early this week, but the Playoffs will begin on Friday.

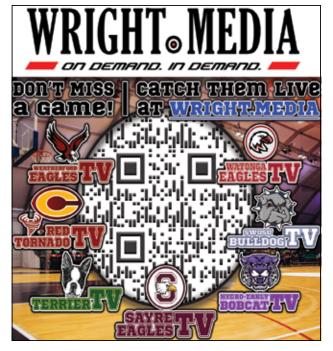
In Class 2A playoff basketball, The Sayre Eagles tip things off against the Merritt Oilers at Merritt on Friday, February 16th for the District 4 Championship of the Area 3 Bracket.

The Watonga Eagles will wrap up the Class 2A District tournament as they travel to Hooker to play against the Bulldogs in their District 1 championship matchup. That game is scheduled for Saturday, February 17th

In Class 4A playoff basketball the Weatherford Eagles will host the Woodward Boomers for the District 7 Championship titles in Area 1 on Friday, February 16th. Finally, the Clinton Red Tornadoes will travel to Bethany to play against the Bronchos for the District 7 Championship titles in Area 2 also on Friday, February 16th.

All of these playoff games will be broadcast on the Wright Media network and you can watch them live or on-demand at Wright.Media.







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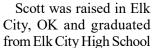
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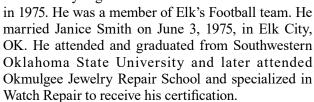
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Scott Damron

Norman Scott Damron was born July 25, 1957, to Harold and Earline (Gore) Damron in Elk City, OK and passed away in his Bixby home early Friday, February 2, 2024.





They moved to Clinton in 1986 and opened and operated Damron's Jewelry Store and Repair. They made Clinton their home until 2001 and made Bixby, OK their home. He operated a repair shop in his home and became very well known for his expertise in watch repair and did trade work for numerous jewelry stores in Oklahoma and Arkansas.

He was a longtime member of the Church of Christ; he loved music and was an outstanding guitar player. He was known to be quite a talker and storyteller and made friends with most of the people he encountered. He loved his Harley Davidson motorcycle and rode it over 100,000 miles traveling all over the United States. He enjoyed the outdoors and loved to water ski. He loved spending time with his family and especially his grandchildren. He was an avid OU Fan and enjoyed watching and attending their football games.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and son, Zachary Scott Damron in 1994 and brother, Jerry "Dee" Damron, father and mother-in-law, Bob and Vona Smith.

He is survived by his wife, Janice, Bixby, OK, daughter, Ginger Andresen and husband, Jared, Broken Arrow, OK, brother, Ray Damron and wife, Dixie, Elk City, OK, sister-in-law, Deena Damron, Angleton, TX, two brothers in law, Rex Smith and wife, Charmaine, and Ralph Smith and wife, Tammy, all of Elk City. OK

He is also survived by three grandchildren, Zach, Ava and Meg and a special cousin he considered a sister, Susan Damron, and her children, Mak, and KT, and several other family members and friends.

The family has suggested those wanting to make a memorial contribution may do so to the Southern Outdoor Dreams or the Hospice of your choice.

Lacy Harris-Golden

Lacy DeeAnn (Golden) Harris was born May 2, 1991, to Jack Golden and Velma (Schindler) Hertz Golden in Clinton, OK and passed away Friday, February 2, 2024, in the Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, OK.



Lacy was raised in

Clinton and Arapaho, OK and graduated from Arapaho High School in 2010. She has been a resident of Norman, OK for the past three years. She was employed at the Riverwind Casino working in the vault.

Her passion was taking care of her children, working, and doing makeup.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Velma Hertz, granddad, Jerry Brehm, Aunt, Coequetta Riggs, and her fiancée DaShawn Wooden.

She is survived by daughter, Viola Wooden, and son, Charlie Golden, both of the home, her father, Jack Golden and sister, Davyn Hertz, Norman, OK.

JoAnn Reynolds

JoAnn Reynolds (Indian Name "Meonestoohe" Morning Holler) was born August 8, 1965, to Roger Reynolds and Janice Oldcrow in Lawton, OK and passed away Friday, February 2, 2024, in the Oklahoma University Hospital in OKC.



JoAnn was raised in Clinton and attended school both at Clinton Public School and Riverside Indian School. She started working at an early age and has been employed at numerous Casinos, Bar-S Foods, Daves Stop and Shop and other locations.

She was a member of the Indian Baptist Church, and enjoyed playing cards, working puzzles, cooking, and going to casinos.

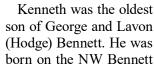
She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Alvin Rush Reynolds.

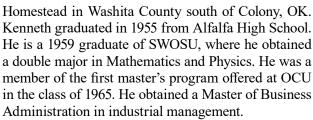
She is survived by three sons, Kendall Ray West, Anthony Kim Reynolds, and Roger Reynolds, two sisters, Angie Lime and husband, Gary, and Barbara Reynolds, all of Clinton, four brothers, Toby Standingbird, Albuquerque, NM, Tony Reynolds and wife Karen, Clinton, OK Sheldon Reynolds, Sr., and wife, Jackie, Clinton, OK.

She is also survived by 14 grandchildren.

Kenneth Bennett

Kenneth George Bennett was born March 25, 1937. He went to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on February 4, 2024.





While attending SWOSU he met the love of his life, Zelta (Meek) Bennett. They were married on October 8, 1960, in Weatherford, OK, at the Church of Christ. They were married 63 wonderful years. He was a member of the Yukon Church of Christ. Kenneth was a member and officer of the El Reno Sportsmen's Club for many years. He loved the El Reno Kid's Fishing Derby, because he loved sharing his love of fishing with the children of El Reno.

Kenneth and Zelta started their married life in Borger, TX, where Kenneth worked for Phillips Petroleum Company. In 1962, they returned to Oklahoma where he worked as a manager of manufacturing and quality control for a series of companies, including GE, Honeywell, Control Data, and Seagate. He managed over 600 employees. His employment allowed him to travel to the Far East many times. He retired from Seagate in 2000. His retirement allowed him to farm and ranch around El Reno. Ken and Zelta loved to travel to Hawaii and Colorado.

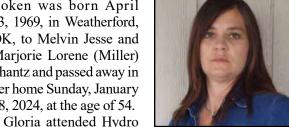
Kenneth enjoyed fishing, which he began doing as a young child with his grandpa on the creeks of Washita County, and he continued his entire life. He also had a passion for quail hunting and loved watching his bird dog's work. At the age of 65 he went on his first turkey hunt and was hooked for the rest of his life. Ken and Zelta enjoyed watching all OU sports together. In retirement, he was a well-known fixture on the sidelines and in the stands of his grandsons' ballgames.

Kenneth was preceded in death by his mom and dad, George and Lavon Bennett, his brother William (Bill) Bennett, and by his beloved daughter, Cynthia Bennett.

He is survived by his loving wife, Zelta Bennett, of the home, two sons, Kevin Bennett and wife Crystal of Oklahoma City, Gregg Bennett and wife Bessie of Oklahoma City, and many grandchildren whom he loved dearly.

Gloria Loken

Gloria Jean (Shantz) Loken was born April 13, 1969, in Weatherford, OK, to Melvin Jesse and Marjorie Lorene (Miller) Shantz and passed away in her home Sunday, January 28, 2024, at the age of 54.



Elementary and Junior

High School. She then completed her high school education at Corn Bible Academy in Corn, OK. While there, she enjoyed choir and basketball. She attended Hesston College in Hesston, KS, before returning to Oklahoma to begin a career as a childcare provider.

Gloria began working for Kiddie Corral Daycare, later known as Stepping Stones Child Development Center, where she served and retired as Facility Director. During this career, her special connection to children was witnessed and appreciated by her coworkers and countless parents. Many of the kids that attended under Gloria's time there even returned with children of their own to entrust her with their care. Gloria took special interest in connecting with the "challenging" kids and was able to offer just the right guidance when others couldn't quite see what was needed. This might have been thanks to Gloria's ability to relate so well, since her personality could occasionally be described as "spunky" or "direct".

Gloria met her husband Tom Loken on a blind date and they were married March 18th, 1996. They built a family in Weatherford, OK, and a home north of town in the country near her childhood home. Gloria loved being in the area she grew up in and had a special connection with the fields and canyons surrounding her house. She enjoyed gardening, taking pictures of nature (namely birds and wildflowers), collecting giraffe figurines, hiking the canyon, and feeding her hummingbirds, which she looked forward to returning every spring.

Gloria is survived by her husband of 27 years, Tom Loken of their home in Thomas; three sons, Trevin Loken of Oklahoma City, Gatlin Loken of Broomfield, CO, and Morgan Loken of Thomas; her mother, Marjorie Shantz of Thomas; two sisters, Lynn King and husband, Joel of Campbell, CA and Anita Anderson and husband, Tommy Anderson; one brother, Tim Shantz and wife, Susan of Hydro; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Melvin Shantz; her infant brother, David Melvin; mother-in-law, Lowaine Gudmunsen; and her brother-in-law, Travis Gudmunsen.

Vivian McDougle

Vivian (Ruckman) McDougle was born on May 24, 1925, in Hydro, OK, to Odis Garfield Ruckman and Della Mae (Weathers) Ruckman. She passed away peacefully Monday, February 5 in her home surrounded by family at 98 years, 8 months and 11 days.



She grew up the second of four children: Cecil Ruckman, Bobbie Ruckman, and Vonda (Ruckman) McPhearson, and surrounded by over 60 cousins.

Vivian graduated from Hydro High School in 1942 at 17 years of age. After attending business school in OKC, she became a lifelong learner attending various classes via college and work programs. She was primarily drawn to classes related to finance and investing, and unwavering interest.

While working at the theater in Hydro, her brother came in and she, naturally, stuck her tongue out at him. The owner saw and counseled, "Now Vivian, we need to be friendly to our customers." So, she gave her best smile to the next person she saw; she and Joseph Allen McDougle were married that December on the 5th of 1942 in Weatherford. Their marriage was blessed with three children: Billy Joe McDougle, Rita Carol Corlee, and Rhonda Rea Riley. They settled in the Florence Alabama area where they lived for 26 years.

Having worked multiple jobs, including one day as a plane spotter during World War II, Vivian retired from Reynolds Metals in 1985 after 23 years. After retirement, she leveraged her previous learning and love of finance working selling investment instruments, primarily securities, and mutual funds. In her 90s she published a book for children on money management and investing. The book blended general investment and money management fundamentals into behavioral advice; she always believed one could not begin learning these skills too early.

Having both retired, Vivian and Joe decided to settle in Weatherford in 1986. Always energetic, Vivian's retirement exploits included building and managing (and eventually selling) a trailer park, working as a candy striper at the local hospital, and running a much sought-after infant daycare from her home. She even published a second book of reminisces to document extended family history and stories.

Vivian was preceded in death by her parents, siblings Cecil and Vonda, her husband Joe and a granddaughter (Emily Riley).

She is survived by her brother: Bobbie Ruckman (Deanna) of Oscoda Michigan; her children: Bill McDougle (Pat) of Weatherford Oklahoma, Rita Corlee (Rodney) of Weatherford Oklahoma, and Rhonda Riley (Craig) of San Antonio Texas; five grandchildren: Joe "Will" McDougle (Kim) of Leland North Carolina, Sean McDougle (Amber) of Moore Oklahoma, Amy Hunter of Oklahoma City Oklahoma, Becky Storm (Brandon) of Elk City Oklahoma and Tim Riley of San Antonio Texas; fourteen greatgrandchildren: Bryant, Dylan, Brooklyn and Ryan McDougle, Jillian Calhoun, Taylor, Olivia, Addison and Liam McDougle, Bradey Washa, Connor Hunter (Stephanie), Kindon Kaiser (Melissa), and Campbell and Luke Jacobsma; and four great-greatgrandchildren

Safina Banuelos

Safina Banuelos was born January 12, 1982, in Clinton, to Justina (Murillo) Banuelos and passed away Friday, February 9, 2024, at Mercy Hospital in OKC. Safina was raised

to her children.



and attended school in Thomas, graduating with the Class of 2000. She earned a Bachelor of Business degree from SWOSU in 2005. Safina held several jobs throughout her life but the ones she loved most were

with a hospice company she knew it was perfect. She loved giving back to the community but was proudest of her annual Food Pantry Thanksgiving meal she would cook for local families in need. Safina loved fundraising events, cooking and baking, doing crafts, shopping at Hobby Lobby, and spending time with family and friends. She was a ray of sunshine everywhere she was and always had a positive outlook. She never met a stranger and was a wonderful mother

those that provided her the opportunity to enjoy her

true passion of helping others. When she was hired

Safina is survived by two daughters, Summer Lettkeman and Autumn Lettkeman both of Weatherford; two sons, Benjamin Banuelos of Thomas and Kyle Scott of Weatherford; three sisters, Brenda Franks and husband, Damon of Coolidge, AZ, Maria Waldron and husband, Kenny of Thomas and Melissa Pray and husband, Gabe of Weatherford; and three brothers, Tony Banuelos and wife, Melanie of Midland, TX, Arturo Banuelos of Lynchburg, VA and Israel Banuelos and wife, Kim of Thomas. She was preceded in death by her mother.



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Baseball Sweeps Bulldogs of the Week, Burke & Leonard Awarded

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Baseball are the newest Bulldogs of the Week. The weekly SWOSU student-athlete recognition is brought to you by Wright Media, the home of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

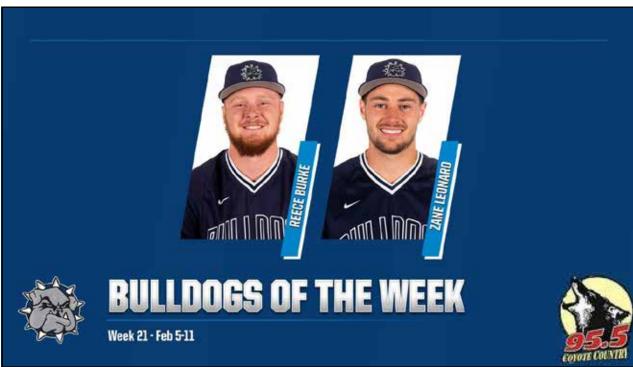
Burke (Houston, Texas) had a team high eight hits last week in an undefeated 5-0 week for the Bulldogs.

In a 7-4 midweek win against No. 23-ranked Missouri Southern, he was 3-for-4 which included his first home run of the season.

Burke currently leads the Dawgs with a .409 season batting average.

Leonard (Wichita Falls, Texas) earned his first win of the year on the mound after throwing 7.0 scoreless innings against Adams State in the series finale on Saturday.

He struck out five, walked one, and pitched around three hits to help the Dawgs claim a weekend series sweep of the Grizzlies.





Provided

Weatherford High School Principal Garrett Smith (pictured, center) presents WHS Students Cydnee Henderson and Jacoby Welsh with the Weatherford Rotary Club "Students of the Month" award for the month of February at Lucielle's Roadhouse.



Weatherford Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell was the most recent Guest Speaker at Kiwanis. There, she gave some updates on many road projects throughout Weatherford and the Custer County Area. According to Creswell, the Lyle Road project is scheduled for completion in April and the Airport Road project is scheduled for completion in March.









I've Been Praying



Jim Morrison

Evangelist Sammy Tippet tells of an experience that he had in prayer that changed his ministry. He was scheduled to hold a revival in a small church in Monroe, La. Tippet was discouraged. It was in the late 60's. The Vietnam war was raging. There was racial strife and unrest and drugs and eastern religion was on the mind

of young people. There seemed to be little interest in spiritual things in the community.

The pastor asked him to attend a prayer meeting with

the young people. Only a few showed up and Tippitt suggested to the pastor that they call the whole thing off. But the pastor replied, "I've been praying. The Lord has given me assurance that he is going to do something special during these meetings. Tippett said: "Okay, but we'll have to go on your faith."

After the first service there was no response. He looked at the pastor as if to say I told you so. The pastor replied, "I've been praying, it will be Ok."

On Thursday night there were about 50 people in attendance. When the invitation was given, one of the leaders in the church came to the pulpit to confess that he had failed the young people, He had a problem with alcohol. He asked the church to forgive him for being a poor example. He asked the church to pray for him.

A spirit of brokenness and prayer came over audience. The altar was filled with people coming to confess sin. The next night the church was nearly full. A daughter of one of the church members who had been on drugs and involved in the occult was saved and delivered from her addition. By Sunday evening there was no room for the crowds.

The pastor said "I've' been praying and I believe we ought to extend the meeting another week. Tippet said, "I Knew not to argue with him." We moved from the church to the university campus. The first building was too small to hold the crowds and they had to move

to another one." But it was too mall. The pastor said, "I've been praying. I think we ought to call the former governor who owns the local T.V.

station, and we should ask for some time on his station

to tell what has been going on. Tippet said, I don't think He will help us." The pastor said, "I've been praying and God will prepare his heart." The former governor gave them two 15 minutes spots. Then he said, "you've been having trouble with space. Do you think the civic center would be big enough? Tippet gulped but managed to say. "Yes Sir."

The mayor donated the civic center to them free of charge. Tippet walked out of the room marveling at the greatness of God. During that time a room was set aside for prayer. Twenty four hours a day, young people could be found in the room praying. The spirit of prayer was so great that occasionally people were unable to eat.

The meetings that began with 40-50 people concluded with around three thousand. Both black and white students involved in racial tensions were converted to Christ, and asked each other for forgiveness. Several newspaper articles were written about the movement of God's Spirit on the campus of Monroe, La. Out of that experience Tippet was thrust into a ministry of evangelism, much of it overseas behind the iron curtain.

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SWOSU Music Students Selected for OK Intercollegiate Honor Band



The SWOSU Music students selected to participate in the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Honor Band, left to right: Jeremiah Cross, Caleb Kaiser, Brevin Hampton, Nathaniel Pundsack, Hayley Gorny, Quinten Corbin, Miguel Lara, Destyne Anderson, Austin Pollard, Londin Hine, Mallory Jackson, Kendrick Brown, Chloe Sutton.







Thirteen students from the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Department of Music earned a spot in the Oklahoma Music Educators Association (OkMEA) Convention's Intercollegiate Honor Band. Being selected as members of the Oklahoma Intercollegiate Honor Band (OIHB) is a recognition of their musical abilities, placing them among the top collegiate musicians in Oklahoma. This year, the performance took place on Jan. 18 in Tulsa.

OkMEA and the members of the College Band Directors National Association annually co-sponsor the OIHB, with over seventeen colleges and universities participating in 2024.

After students are notified of their placements in the band at the end of the fall semester, they prepare audition music and participate in live auditions for final chair placement at the OkMEA convention. All SWOSU students achieved high placements in their sections for 2024.

"Having so many students selected to the OIHB and their audition placements being so high overall is a reflection of the marvelous teaching at SWOSU by the applied music faculty and the strength of the music program," said Robert Pippin, Director of Bands at SWOSU and faculty sponsor for the event. "SWOSU is truly one of the best institutions to study music in the state of Oklahoma."

For more information about the Department of Music at SWOSU, please visit the following page: www.swosu.edu/music

SWOSU Intercollegiate Honor Band students:

Destyne Anderson, flute Mallory Jackson, flute Nathaniel Pundsack, clarinet Austin Pollard, clarinet Miguel Lara, bass clarinet Hayley Gorny, contrabass clarinet Jeremiah Cross, trumpet Caleb Kaiser, horn Brevin Hampton, trombone Quentin Corbin, trombone Chloe Sutton, tuba Kendrick Brown, percussion

Londin Hine, string bass

of the State" address. Throughout his speech, Stitt addressed multiple topics, including poverty, education, business, and energy, among other things. Stitt also addressed the state budget, saying he wants budgets to stay flat this year. State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton reacts to the governor's address, highlighting Stitt's bipartisanship as well as his focus on federal issues such as immigration that hit close to home.

BECKHAM CO COURT / HOWELL - A twoday jury trial is planned for March 28th and 29th in Beckham County District Court for a Sayre man who is charged with an act of terrorism. 53-year-old Michael Scott Howell allegedly sent threatening messages by e-mail to a Sweetwater School official. One of the messages had a link to a news article in reference to the Nashville, Tennessee school shooting that occurred in March 2023. School officials felt the e-mail was a threat towards Sweetwater schools, as well as staff and students.

CLINTON CC / EXIT 65 - Clinton City Council recently approved the execution of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation agreement for the Exit 65 road project off Interstate 40. Mayor David Berrong says the project is estimated to cost \$59 million and the city's portion of the cost of the work is \$5.9 million. The city's payment will be due by August 1.

STITT / MOORE REAX - Oklahoma Governor BECKHAM CO COURT / BORZEA - A jury Kevin Stitt recently delivered the newest "State trial date of March 11th is planned in Beckham County District Court for an Ardmore woman who is charged with first-degree arson. 41-year-old Fallon Tia Borzea allegedly started a fire at Kings Inn in Elk City in April 2023. Authorities say video footage showed Borzea walking to the dumpsters closest to 3rd Street where a fire was observed as she turned away and walked to the laundry room of the motel. Smoke begins to billow from the laundry room as Borzea returns to her room.

> WASHITA CO COURT / SWARTZ - A jury trial has been set for February 27 - 28 in Washita County District Court for a Sulphur, OK man charged with trafficking illegal drugs. 38-year-old Andrew Craig Swartz was allegedly found in possession of 46 pounds of marijuana last January.

WRH / NEW CEO - Weatherford Regional Hospital has announced that Darin Farrell will serve as the hospital's Chief Executive Officer beginning later this month. Farrell has more than 30 years of healthcare industry experience and has an unmatched reputation serving rural healthcare.

CLINTON / TOBY KEITH - Clinton Mayor David Berrong noted at the end of the city's most recent council meeting about the death of singer Toby Keith who recently passed away following a battle with stomach cancer. Keith, who called Moore his hometown, was actually born in Clinton.



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Happy Birthday Wishes for Feb. 14 - Bobbie Lou Allen, John Collier, Stan Eaton, Carol Eaton, Rylee Hart, Joe Merrell, Carol Henderson, Bill Leatherbury, Rod Millard, Ayden Rodriquez, Jeannie Toppah. Feb. 15 - Edna Digby, Queta Douglas, Shawn Graves, Paisley Henley, Chester Moss, Richie Oaks, Jack Phelps, Carol Rumsey, Kimmy Sawatsky, Debbie Shepherd, Alveta Taylor, Doug Terry, Paul Thiessen, Steve Tinsley, Bobbie Kay Tompkins; Feb. 16 - Merle Bonner, Larry Brown, Tommy Eastman, Sam Frans, Abby Goodall, Chris Kirk, Josh Kirkland, Rocky Powell, Margaret Rhodes, Andy Speck, avid Tautfest, Creek Williams; Feb. 17 - Lu Vern Chastain, Cyle Cresnoe, Shayla Davis, Larry Jones, Patt Linstead, Bob Maddox, Jake Matthes, Sydney Purintun, Amy Snider, Paula Stafford, Jaylen Williams; Feb. 18 - Tanea Caldwell, Keith Cox, Glenn Edmondson, Sue Hajny, Beck Johnson, Rance Lax, Connie McClemore, Randi Moynihan, Tara Pope, Glen Reach, Dylan Renna, Alisha Shafer, Becky Uraneck, Marty Wandrie, Amber Wilhoil, Judy Wood, John Wyatt; Feb. 19 -Denise Barthel, David Bergman, Shane Cannon, Derek Creswell, James Cupp, Jennifer Davidson, Angela Flaming, Curtis Garrison, Janet Helt, Mike Hixon, Butch Marshall, Jonathon Pebley, Richard Phelps, Julie Pickett, Bart Royal, Prezley Wright; Feb. 20 - Jerry Atteberry, Jacob Bass, Elane Cain, Kristi Chauncey, Catherine Crawley, Alanna Gay, Tristan Green, Luke Hobbs, Steven Land, Alicia Patterson, Marie Perigo, Lacey Scheffler, Linda Stoffe, Melanie Torres.

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Alex has grown the business tremendously and

continues to follow the principle set by his great grandpa. "I'm a firm believer in accountability. If there's a problem, I want to know about it so we can fix it. I want us to be the go-to company people think of. Our success is success for our customers". Their drive is to keep growing for the 5th and 6th generation of the business, or for whatever comes after.

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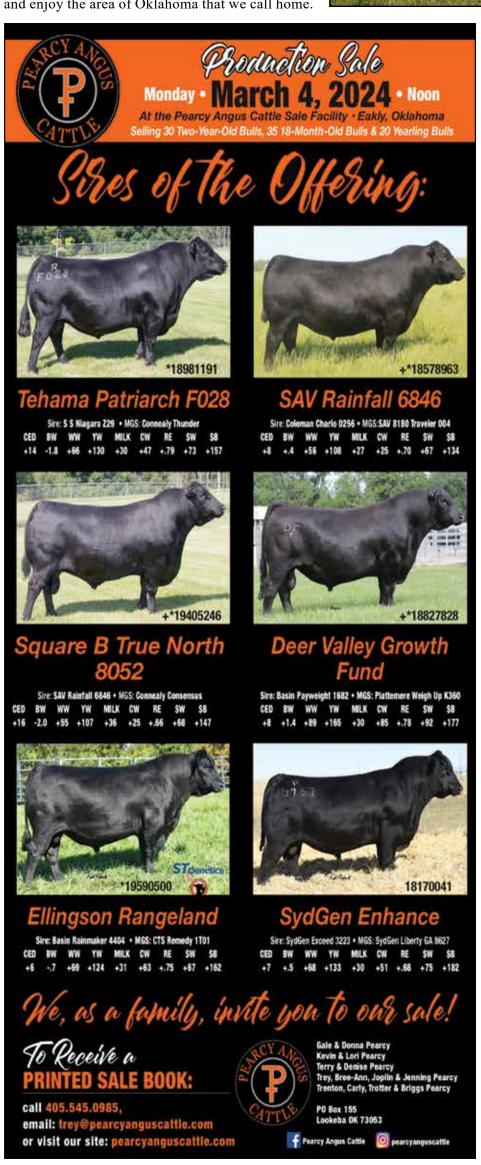
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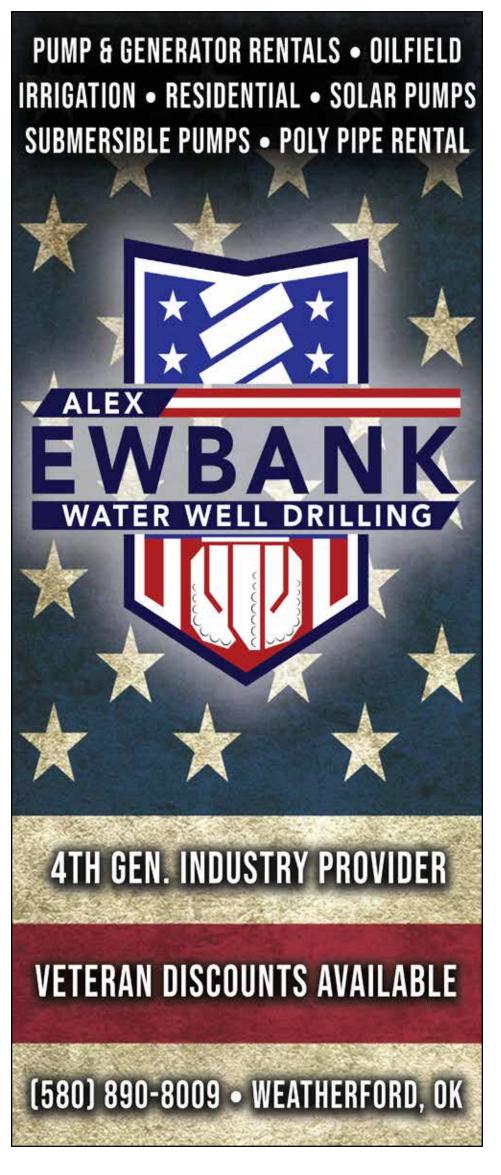
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Switzer Family of Quartermaster Creek has Deep Roots

In the red soil and rolling plains just southwest of Leedey, Oklahoma, you will find the Quartermaster Creek Ranch, home to Mike and Annie Switzer. Just like the sagebrush, roots run deep for this couple.

The Switzers pride themselves on raising cattle that will work for most ranches. Once the calves are weighed and weaned, they are turned out on wheat and back on grass until early fall.

120 days before their annual bull and female sale in February, the cattle are shipped to a grow yard in Hereford, TX, and fed a grow ration. Thirty days prior to the sale, the bulls are shipped back to the ranch. There, they receive dry hay and cattle cubes until they are sold as two-year-old bulls ready to work.

Prior to their annual sale, Mike stated that he was always nervous and doubtful, wondering if the buyers would come. When the sale is over, he is always humbled by the number of repeats and new buyers that attend.

Mike said he once heard the quote, "the best fertilizer for any business is the owners' footsteps." This simple quote reminds him daily that, to be successful, he needs to continue to be hands-on and never stop working to improve his operation.

Mike and Annie take pride in their land, cattle, and roots. Because of these roots or where they came from, families with strong work ethics, integrity, honesty, and the love of the land, they feel they owe their success. Annie said her biggest joy is seeing the new babies hit the ground and all the previous year's hard work coming to life. Mike finds joy in seeing the two-year-old heifers calving, knowing that this process started three years back.

As with any operation, the Switzers face the day-to-day struggles all ranches face, weather conditions, income vs. input, lack of help, etc. However, at the end of the day, the couple feels blessed to be able to live the lifestyle they love.







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Cattle Producing Davis Family Has Long Family History

The Davis family started as cotton farmers before transitioning into raising cattle more than 40 years ago. They have been selling Black Angus bulls for 49 years. Davis Angus consists of Jim and Debbie Davis, their daughter Jordan Cook, her husband Nocona, and their two sons Denton and Baylor.

"The "Davis Difference" people want is to add value to their herd and gain a better profit," Jim Davis said. "We believe the best way to do this is through value genetics, which we strive to provide to our customers."

The Davis family wants to help other beef producers have successful operations, and they hope their bulls help others accomplish that goal.

"We don't just sell cattle," Debbie stressed, "We sell information. It is important we provide information to our customers, so they can make a proper bull selection for their herd," she added. "We stand behind what we sell and want the customer to have the opportunity to make an informed decision."

The Davis family weighs their cattle at birth, weaning, and yearling. They also perform DNA tests and ultrasounds.

"Every calf that goes through the shoot at Davis Angus has a DNA blood card," Debbie explained. They send in their samples for each calf to the American Angus Association, which has an extensive database.

Davis Angus also focuses on feed efficiency, calving ease, and carcass traits.

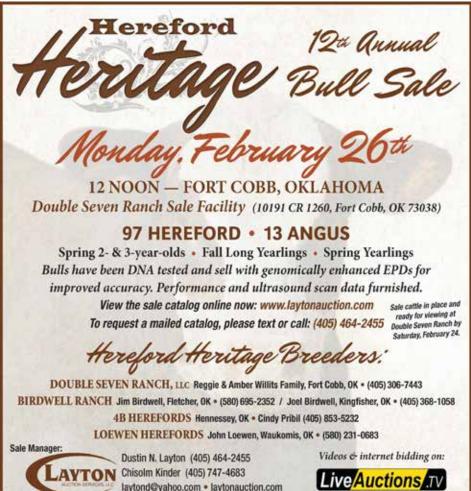
"The Targeting the Brand is the program that the American Angus Association has for those cattle that are eligible for Certified Angus Beef (CAB)," Debbie said.

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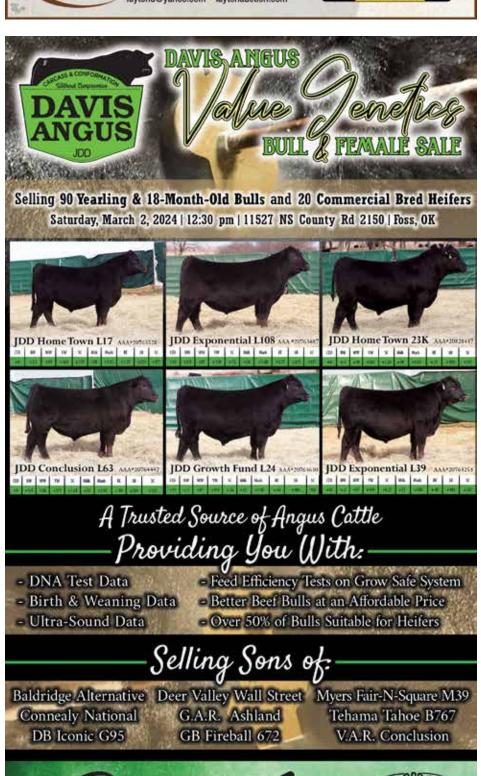


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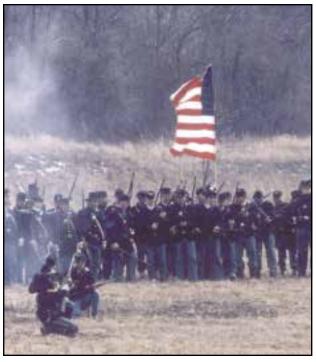
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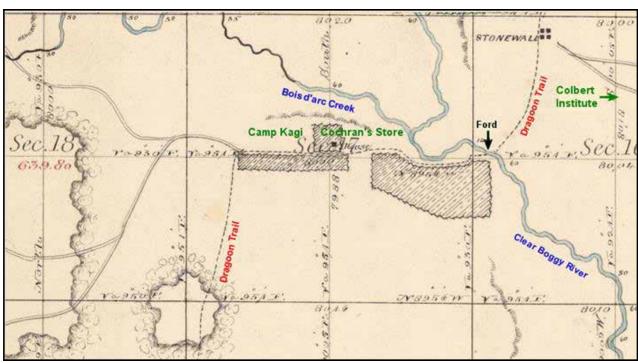
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Oklahoma History: The Civil War and the Battle of Middle Boggy Depot



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Middle Boggy reenactment, hosted by the
OHS Outreach Division.



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Camp Kagi near Boggy River Crossing from US BLM, Initial Land Survey (1871). The battle is believed to have happened near the "Ford" of the River/Dragoon Trail.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

By February 10th, during the winter of 1864, a substantial contingent of Confederate troops began setting up an east-west line to defend the North Texas border from potential Union forces. This Confederate defense line ran from the north section of the Red River along the Dragoon Trail. This trail crossed Middle Boggy River and acted as a major junction for supplies and trails for critical outposts and boundary lines. They feared the possibility of conflict coming out of Ft. Smith or Ft.

Farther north, Union troops under the command of Colonel William A. Phillips were preparing an offensive to claim Shreveport, Louisiana by that spring and to offer amnesty provided by President Lincoln in his Emancipation Proclamation. To do so, they wanted to acquire a foothold in North Texas which would allow them to take control of a major swath of land between the Arkansas River and the Red River. A campaign began with Phillips leading a raid into Indian Territory.

Gibson from Union troops.

When Phillips's forces crossed the South Canadian River, they continued down the Dragoon Trail, passing by Creek Indian settlements and fields of corn. They ran into few rebels on the way; unknown to them, many had fled south towards to bolster defenses.

Col. Phillips had a well-armed battalion of Kansas calvary, regiments of Indian Home Guard troops, and howitzer artillery. The progress was smooth, likely fueled by the calvary battalion's fire for revenge after the Baxter Springs Massacre just a few months prior in Kansas.

There, a group of pro-Confederate raiders attacked Fort Baxter and a Union detachment outside of the Fort. The fight had been massive, with many Union casualties, including those from the detachment that tried to surrender. Union First Lieutenant James Burton Pond received the Medal of Honor for defending the fort. Armed with passion, Col. Phillips scorched a trail south, stopping at the Clear Boggy River Crossing where a Confederate Outpost sat. The outpost site sat across the Choctaw and Chickasaw national boundary line – intersecting Middle Boggy River.

The Confederate Outpost likely was established there as a political and strategic means to fend Union invaders. If they were defeated, southern governors would easily be re-elected. The stage was set.

On February 13, 1864, Union Col. Phillips sent a group of 350 fresh calvary men under Major Charles Willette to attack the remote outpost of Middle Boggy. The timing went well in their favor as the initial Confederate defense force is speculated at around 90 men. Other company forces had not quite made it to the outpost yet, some may have arrived as the battle commenced. Many of the other main battalions for the Confederates were either unaware of the expedition from the Union or were further South bolstering the Red River defense line.

The battle was over after 30 minutes. Major Willette and his troops followed the directive from Col. Phillips and took no prisoners. The Federal papers from the battle reported 49 Confederates were killed, with no Union casualties.

Col. Phillips camped outside of Middle Boggy that night. The next morning, he learned that additional companies of Kansas calvary would not be coming. He wrote 4 letters to be delivered to the governors of the Indian Nations nearby; only 1 was delivered. With no backup and no success at delivering the President's proclamation, Col. Phillips believed he would soon have Confederate forces coming for him so halted his advance south. Experts believe that had he continued, he would have been surrounded by Confederate troops on the defense line.

His expedition turned and continued west towards present-day Tulsa, along the migration trails. Eventually, his campaign was satisfied, and he returned to Fort Gibson after marching 400 miles with a casualty amount of 250 Confederates to 4 Federals (3 missing).

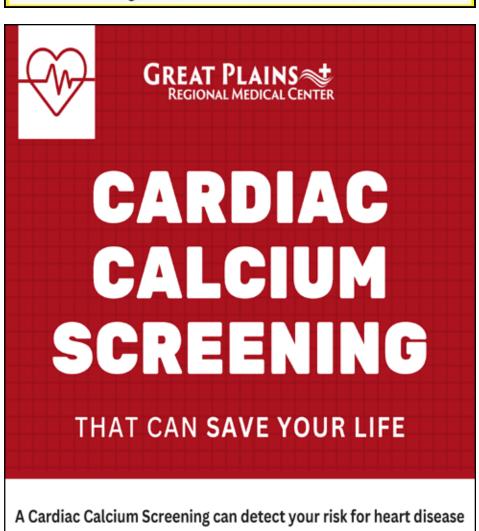
The battle of Middle Boggy Depot is considered the largest encounter during the expedition and was routinely sponsored as a reenactment by the Oklahoma Historical Society every three years. Today, a Middle Boggy Battle marker with details inscribed lays near Atoka, Oklahoma off U.S. Highway 69. It lies outside of a cemetery for Confederate troops that were believed to be part of the battle. However, research came out later that showed the casualties were from an outbreak of measles within another infantry division. No bodies or burial sites from the actual Middle Boggy Battle have been found – it's also believed to have happened 60 miles Northwest of the marker instead.











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Johnson's Career Day Helps Lift Southwestern Past Henderson State



Jon Chidester

SWOSU Basketball senior guard

Jalen Johnson caught fire in the second half of Saturday's game at Henderson State, scoring 25 of his career high 32 points after halftime to help lift the Bulldogs to an 84-78 win over the Reddies.

Johnson's 25 second half points were exactly half of SWOSU's scoring output in the period – the first time the Bulldogs have scored 50 points in a half all season. He finished 12-for-20 from the field

on the day which included a 5-of-9 mark from the three-point line.

The win gives SWOSU a brief bit of breathing room from teams in the GAC standings. The Bulldogs entered the game tied with five other teams at 7-8 in conference play. Following Saturday's results, SWOSU (now 8-8) rests tied for fourth place with Harding, while another four teams are one game behind them at 7-9.

Versus Henderson State, the Dawgs trailed by as

many as 12 in the first half and by eight at halftime, 42-34, before Johnson scored the team's first 13 points after the break and had the game knotted at 47-47 with just over 16 minutes of game time remaining.

From there, both teams remained within two possessions of each other until SWOSU was able to distance themselves late.

A 7-0 run with baskets from Mark Berry, Mason Hart, and finally Johnson put SWOSU up eight, 75-67, with 4:10 left to play which helped push the Bulldogs to the finish line.

The Reddies called timeout looking to slow momentum and prepare for a late push themselves, but timely answers by the Dawgs down the stretch made that impossible.

While Johnson's night was phenomenal, the Bulldogs got help from another two contributors. Ben Smith finished with 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting while grabbing seven rebounds.

Mark Berry collected another double-double with 12 points and rebounds, while setting a new career high with six assists.

In the game, Smith became SWOSU's fifth player in Division II history to surpass the 1,000-career points milestone.

Up next for the Bulldogs will be another weekend on the road.

SWOSU travels to Alva on Thursday to face Northwestern before wrapping up a four-game road stretch at Southeastern on Saturday. Six games remain in the regular season.

Late HSU Reddie Run Manages to Take Down SWOSU Ladies

Jon Chidester

SWOSU Women's Basketball fell 62-53 to

Henderson State on Saturday after the Reddies pulled away in the fourth quarter. It's SWOSU's second loss to HSU this season.

The Lady Bulldogs trailed 40-35 after three quarters and eventually had the score tied 44-44 with 8:39 to play in the game until an ensuing 10-0 run by the Reddies allowed them breathing room the rest of the way.

SWOSU could not get shots to fall after HSU's run. They started the fourth quarter with three straight threepoint makes but finished 3-14 down the stretch.

SWOSU led 14-12 through one quarter, but HSU took a 28-24 lead into halftime after shooting 8-for-10 from the foul line in the second quarter.

The Reddies did not miss a free throw in the second half, finishing 8-of-8 after halftime and 16-of-18 in the game. Meanwhile SWOSU struggled in the game at the foul line, going just 9-of-17 (53%).

Despite the Lady Bulldogs wining the turnover battle 19-12 in the contest, the Reddies outscored SWOSU 17-15 in points off turnovers. Averi Zinn was SWOSU's lone double-digit scorer. She finished with 15 points (4-14 shooting) and five assists, with six turnovers.

SWOSU (12-10, 9-7 GAC) returns home winless in two tries in Arkadelphia. They'll remain away from Weatherford next week with a rivalry matchup on Thursday (2/15) and against Northwestern and another road game at Southeastern on Saturday (2/17).







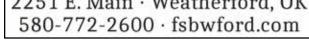




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