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Various Local Election Across Western Oklahoma Have Been Called



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Mike Smith News Director

A number of important elections were recently held ma and the results have been

across western Oklahoma, and the results have been announced.

In the Weatherford School District, Matthew Fast, who was appointed to the Weatherford School Board of Education, has won the election to seat 1 by getting 63% of the vote over Brandy Chase Tuesday.

"It's not a position I take lightly," said Fast. "I'm excited to remain on the board as we transition to new leadership for the school."

Also in Weatherford, Kyle King won seat 4 over Lisa Grant by getting 58% of the vote. "I didn't know how [the election] would go," admitted King. "I just wanted to do the right thing for Weatherford by supporting our staff, our administration, and our students."

In the Clinton School District, voters approved a

\$2 million school bond for Clinton Public Schools by giving the proposition nearly 82% support. According to Superintendent Tyler Bridges, the bond allows the district to conduct more improvements for underserved areas of the city, as well as open up the potential for bonds on projects the city "wants to do" rather than "needs to do."

Additionally, Caralea Kriezenbeck got 79% support in her run on the Clinton School Board of Education. The franchise agreement for ONG in the city of Clinton received 87% support.

In the Cordell School District, Danielle Dick Ivey and Cole Gregg won seats on the Cordell School Board of Education.

Meanwhile, in Sayre, OK, the franchise proposition in the city of Sayre for Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO) got 84% support.

High School Criminology and Forensics Class Analyze a Mock Crime





Krystal Blackwell / WW

School Resource Officer (SRO) Justin Bushong (pictured, left) briefs Dennis Seifried's Criminology and Forensics class at WHS about a simulated triple homicide case (pictured, right). The students are tasked with collecting evidence from the crime scene and analyzing it within the classroom environment to devise solutions to the case, which will contribute to their final grades.



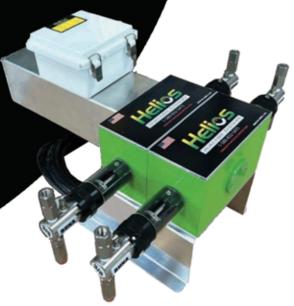
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Geronima Amaya de Flores

Geronima Amaya de Flores was born October 26, 1939 to Bernardino Amaya and Francisca Morales, in Animas Rodeo Durango, Mexico. She went to be with the Lord on March 27, 2024 in her home surrounded by family and friends.



Geronima was raised and educated in Mexico, on September 11, 1955 she married the love of her life Hilario Flores, where she blessed him with a large family. There they tended to their land and farm animals, with the help of the family.

In January 1997, they immigrated to the United States and settled in Clinton with all of their younger children in tow. The older children of the two were already in the US. Geronima loved spending time with her family, she loved cooking for them and having them be all together, she was well known for her delicious tamales.

She loved tending to her garden, going on walks and spoiling her grandchildren and then her greatgrandchildren. She also loved to listen to music and at times sing karaoke with those boys.

She had a big admiration for the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the Catholic faith.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Hilario, an infant daughter Carolina Flores of 8 months and son Paulo Flores at the age of three, son Andres Flores and wife Hilda Lopez, Cenovio Flores and wife Angie Flores. Brothers and sisters Rogelio, Jose Maria, Bernabe, Encarnacion, Alta Gracia, Joaquin, Monica and Petra Amaya.

She is survived by siblings Espiridion, Nolberto, and Lupe Amaya Morales and her children; Jose Lino Flores and wife Aida, Maria Flores and husband Pedro Renteria, Narcizo "Chicho" Flores and wife Aide, Manuela Flores and husband Ramon Romero, Teresa Flores and spouse Salvador Martinez, Tomas Flores and wife Rosa Delia, Ma. De La Cruz Flores and husband Juan Renteria, Maria Guadalupe Flores and husband Alfonso Martinez, Jesus "Chuy" Flores and wife Lucero, Hilario "Lalo" Flores and wife Angelica, Cecilio "Chilo" Flores and wife Diana.

She is also survived by 39 grandchildren, 45 greatgrandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren.

Llueva Richardson

Anna Lueva Crow Richardson was born October 14, 1943, to John Crow and Betha Willoughby Crow in Ninnekah, OK and passed away Saturday, April 6, 2024, in the Corn Heritage Village in Wetherford.



On January 4, 1944, Lueva's mother passed away and her father needed help and Lueva went to live with her grandmother Anna Allen Montgomery. Later she went to live with her father's sister, Laura McKenna and her husband, Kermit, they were also known as Peggy and Dick. So, she began a new life in Butler, OK where she attended school and graduated from high school in 1961.

Through the years Lueva worked in several places including a lawyer's office and the Collins and Aikman Carpet Factory. She made many friends while working.

She was a member of the Putnam First Christian Church, and she volunteered at the Methodist Nursing Home. She enjoyed reading, riding horses and attending various horse shows. She loved to do cookouts and spend time with family and friends.

She was preceded in death by both sets of parents, John and Berth Crow and Dick and Peggy McKenna, her son, Rodney Scott Richardson, four sisters, Mary Austin, Margaret Brewer, Lahonda Abramson, and Debi Valentine, seven brothers, Milton Crow, Frankie Crow, J.C. Crow, Marvin Crow, Ray Cro, Dee Crow, and Bruce Crow.

She is survived by son, Martin Richardson and wife, Gloria, Two daughters, Pamela Elliott and her companion, John Flick, Sheri Shaw and husband, Melvin, and half-brother, Lyn Crow; five grandchildren, Kristina Blythe, Tara Megli and husband, Cory, Sheresha Atchley and husband, Brantley, Devin Barker, and Clayton Shaw and wife, Katie, five step grandchildren, Angel, Brandy, Candice, Joshua, and Stoney and 9 great grandchildren, 11 step great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. She also has numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and a great number of friends, who all have meant so much to her.

Billie Kerdus

Billie Sybil Kerdus was born August 20, 1927, in Komalty, OK, to Porter and Betty (Williams) Teems and passed away Monday, March 25, 2024, peacefully in the loving arms of her daughters in Weatherford, at the age



of 96 years, 6 months and 28 days.

Billie had been placed on hospice and spent her last week surrounded by family and friends at the home of her daughter in Weatherford.

Billie was known for her work ethic and dedicated years to working in the cleaning industry. She most enjoyed working at nursing homes and visiting with the residents. Billie loved to share her life experiences and the joy her family brought her.

Billie's greatest love and pleasure was God, family and her beloved companion dog Duck. Billie loved to visit with family and friends sharing her 96 years of memories ad experiences. Billie dedicated many loving hours to her grandchildren and later in life enjoyed seeing each succeed in their endeavors. Billie was an avid gardener and was well-known at the Van Horn community for her beautiful flowers and her love of the outdoors. She and her wonderful friends at Van Horn regularly spent hours sitting outside visiting. In her younger years, Billie was an active member at the Weatherford Pioneer Center. She proudly accepted the "Volunteer of the Year" award several times for the hours she spent helping others. Billie's strength came from her love of God. She was an active member at the Emmanual Baptist church in Weatherford until a few years ago when her health started to fail. She still enjoyed the visits from the ministers and the weekly news letters from the church.

Billie is survived by two daughters, Mary Thornhill of Weatherford, OK and Lynn Wood and husband, Scott of New Home, TX; eight grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; and ten great-greatgrandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three sons, Danny Willis, Tony Willis and Buddy Dale Penner; son-in-law, Keith Thornhill; two brothers, John Teems and Jack Teems; three sisters, Imogene Brazel, Joy Bright and Wanda McClure; and one grandson, Brad Willis.

Darell Shepherd

Darell Gene Shepherd was born January 19, 1947, to Winford Shepherd and Dorothy Cabiness in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, April 4, 2024, in the Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon, OK.



Darell was raised in Clinton, OK where he attended Clinton schools and graduated in 1965. While in high school he played the trumpet for the Red Tornado Marching Band. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. He enlisted in the U.S. Army, later U.S. Airforce and then served in the National Guard for a total of 30 years, retiring as a Master Sergeant.

He began a long career in 1963, with Blunk Studio's and retired in 2005. He photographed schools and individuals all over Western Oklahoma and part of Texas.

He was married to Debbie Sheward on March 1, 1986, in Mangum, OK and they made Weatherford, OK their home.

He was a member of the Southwest Christan Church in Weatherford. He enjoyed the outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, and cooking. He enjoyed cooking out for others and often cooked for the college kids and the Oklahoma Highway Patrolman.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife, Debbie, of the home, daughter, Shannon Shepherd, Norman, OK, sisters, Rhonda Cischke and husband, Tony, Richardson, TX, and Ramona Shepherd, Clinton, OK and brother, Darwin Shepherd, and wife, Carolyn, Elk City, OK.

He is also survived by two grandchildren, Dezrea D'alessandro and Carlie D'alessandro, mother-inlaw, Jo Sheward, Mangum. OK, brother-in-law, Rick Sheward and wife, Shirleen, Weatherford, OK and special friends, Jordan, Kelsey and Creek Williams and their family, Weatherford, OK.

Robert Duree

Robert Anthony Duree was born July 9, 1965, in Oklahoma City, OK, to Buster and Patricia Kathleen (Miller) Duree and passed away Sunday, March 31, 2024, at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the



age of 58 years, 8 months and 22 days.

Robert was raised and attended school in Colony and later graduated from Washita Heights High School. After graduation, he enlisted in the National Guard. Robert worked at 3-M from 1985 to 1999. On October 25, 2000, he married Courtney Friesen in Arapaho. Robert worked for Unit Drilling as a roughneck from 1999 to 2020. He was currently working for Custer County District 3. Robert enjoyed hunting, fishing, spending time with family and friends; and showing pigs with his daughter.

Robert is survived by his wife of 23 years, Courtney Duree of their home in Weatherford; mother, Kathy Miller of Oklahoma City; father, Buster Charles Duree of Oklahoma City; three daughters, Ashley Kessinger, Emily Friesen and Grace Duree all of Weatherford; four sons, Matthew Duree of Oklahoma City, Travis Duree of Weatherford, Dakota Duree of Stroud and Josh Duree of Weatherford; one sister, Sherry Kendall of McLoud; and six grandchildren.

Dona Selsor

Dona Ruth Selsor was born September 18, 1942, in Enid, OK, to Walter "Bud" Maginnes and Idris Mary (Ives) Wood and passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024, at Corn Heritage Village of Weatherford,



at the age of 81 years, 6 months and 13 days.

Dona was raised and attended school in Enid, OK graduating in 1960. On June 12, 1960, Dona married the love of her life, Leonard Selsor. They made their home in Ponca City and soon started their family of three boys.

Dona worked alongside Leonard at the Toot-n-Tell convenience store, as a secretary in the Art Department at SWOSU and later as a closing agent for a title company in Florida.

Dona surrendered her life to Jesus at a young age and her faith and service never wavered. Dona was an active member of Emmanuel Baptist Church and North Naples Baptist Church. She taught Sunday School from pre-school to youth, was a great prayer warrior and a Christian mentor to several young women. Dona also served in many community organizations.

Dona cherished her family and friends, loved to tend to her beautiful flower gardens, had an amazing gift of hospitality, was a meticulous seamstress, cake decorator and was a tremendous cook. One of her greatest joys was being a grandma and greatgrandma.

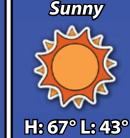
Dona is survived by her three sons, Jeff Selsor and wife, Lisa of Gadsden, Alabama, Scott Selsor and wife, Stacy of Weatherford, and Kevin Selsor and wife, Shannan of Dallas, Georgia; one brother, David Wood and wife, Roxanne of Naples, Florida; sister-in-law, Sandy Selsor of Mt. Vernon, Missouri; six grandchildren, Kendra Selsor and wife, Kennedy, Taylor Diggs and husband, Matt, Bud Selsor and wife, Allison, Becca Key and husband, Killian, Haley Selsor and Makenzie Selsor; four great-grandchildren, Bentley Diggs, Adeline Diggs, Atticus Selsor and Ellen Key; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother, Larry; brother-in law, Don Selsor; half-brother, Jimmy Hanks and a great-granddaughter, Annie.













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Cherrie Nutley

year, the Walmart and Sam's Club Fight Hunger. Spark Change campaign returns to central and western Oklahoma to support the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma.

For the 11th straight

The campaign, which runs through April 29, partners Walmart and Sam's Club suppliers, customers and members all in an effort to help provide food assistance to Oklahomans living with hunger.

"Walmart and Sam's Club stores are two of the Regional Food Bank's most important partners," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive of the Regional Food Bank. "Not only do they consistently provide enough donations for thousands of meals each year through the Fight Hunger. Spark Change. campaign, they also consistently rank as one of the Regional Food Bank's top retail recovery partners that helps keep the shelves and freezers stocked at our partners across our 53-county service area."

To support the Regional Food Bank, customers and members shopping at Walmart and Sam's Clubs can look for specially marked products from these participating suppliers:

Walmart: Bush Brothers & Company; CELSIUS® Essential Energy Drink; The Coca-Cola Company; Conagra Brands; Dole Packaged Foods; Ferrara; Ferrero; General Mills; Hain Celestial; Hershey Salty Snacks; Hidden Valley Ranch; Kellanova; W.K. Kellogg Company; Keurig Dr Pepper; Kodiak; Kraft Heinz; Monster Energy; Pepsi-Cola Advertising & Marketing, Inc.; Unilever.

Sam's Club: General Mills; W.K. Kellogg Company; Kraft Heinz; Nestlé; Nissin; Nongshim; Palmetto Gourmet Foods, A Borealis Foods Company; Unilever. hunger, visit rfbo.org.

Last year, the campaign raised \$258,314 for the Regional Food Bank. For more information, visit rfbo.org.

Customers can participate in three ways:

1. By donating at check-out in stores or clubs or round up at Walmart.com and the Walmart app.

- 2. By purchasing participating products in-store or online at Walmart.com or SamsClub.com. For every purchase of a participating product, the supplier will donate the monetary equivalent of at least one meal (\$0.10) on behalf of a Feeding America partner food bank at Walmart and five meals (\$0.50) at Sam's Club.
- 3. By donating at Feeding America's Fight Hunger. Spark Change. campaign donation site at either FeedingAmerica.org/Walmart or FeedingAmerica. org/SamsClub.

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is leading the fight against hunger in 53 counties in central and western Oklahoma and envisions a state where no one goes hungry. Founded in 1980, the Regional Food Bank is the state's largest domestic hunger-relief 501(c)(3) nonprofit that distributes food through a network of community- based partner agencies and schools.

The majority of people served by the Regional Food Bank are chronically hungry children, seniors living on fixed incomes and hardworking families struggling to make ends meet. The Regional Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks. To join the fight to end







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...Thy Will Be Done.



In a previous article we shared about the meaning of the "Kingdom of God." After we have established the rule and reign of God in our lives it is only natural that Jesus would continue the prayer with the phrase "Thy will be done."

Millions have quoted those words Jim Morrison without the faintest idea of what

God's will is or without any intention whatever of seeing to it that our Father's will is done; even if they did know it. We do not intend to have God's will be done. It just becomes a pious phrase.

Yet the truth is that doing the will of God is the most important activity in all the world. Jesus himself said that it was this reason that he had come to earth. (John 6:38) "For I came down from heaven

not to do my will but the will of Him who sent me." WHAT IS THE WILL OF GOD? Simply put it is God's intentions, desires, and plans which He would like to see fulfilled. God's will permeates every area of our life; not only in the affairs of man but also in the orderly, physical laws and forces of the universe. If we are to recognize and acknowledge His will we will recognize and acknowledge Him. To ignore and repudiate His will is to ignore and repudiate Him.

The character of God is of such superb quality that we feel comfortable giving Him our total trust and wholehearted cooperation. If our confidence is in the person and character of God, it must be likewise in His will. There should be no doubt in our mind that if God is good, if he is reasonable, if he is compassionate, then his will is of the same quality as His character.

But many of us will say we love Him and then fear His will. We claim to trust Him yet react against His will. Because of the beauty of His behavior, and the quality of his character, His will is bound to be good and acceptable. In Eph. 1:9-10 in the Phillips translation it reads "For God has allowed us to know the secret of his plan, and it is this: He purposes in His sovereign will that all human history shall be consummated in Christ, that everything that exists in Heaven or earth shall find its perfection and fulfillment in Him."

How do we know the will of God? What are his

instructions for us to live out our live? Largely they are found in His word, the Scriptures. How often we neglect the very thing that would most clearly tell us how to conduct our relationships with or mates, our business matters, and our neighbors. He has our best interests at heart. He is not trying to keep something from us. Psalms 119 presents a beautiful picture of the beauty of learning the will of God from His word. Vs. 32-37, 47, 66-68,71-72, 133.

It is not enough to know the will of God; we must comply with it. "Not everyone who says unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of Heaven but he who does the will of my Father which is in heaven." (Matt 7:21) The Holy Spirit who dwells within us energizes us to do God's will. But this is only on the condition that we cooperate with Him. (Phil.2:13) "For it is God who works in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

I found the preceding material in my file. It sounds too good for it to be original with me but I don't know who to give credit. I just felt that the truths too good to be kept in the files where no one would read them. Hopefully some of you will benefit from it. To God and from his mind it came be the glory.

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Weatherford Sees Travellers Across the Nation Attend Stafford Funeral



After lying in state at the Stafford Air and Space Museum on Wednesday, April 3, and Thursday, April 4, Stafford was eventually brought to the Old Greenwood Cemetary on Friday, April 5, to be buried with his family.



Senator Darcy Jech and State Representative Anthony Moore at the Oklahoma State Capitol with Special Recognition of General Thomas P. Stafford. There, they unveiled a painting commissioned by State Representative Harold Wright.





Allison Garrett / WW

Students at Stafford Elementary paid their respects to the late Lieutenant General as he is taken to the Greenwood Cemetery.



Court on July 25th for a preliminary hearing on a charge of first-degree manslaughter. 37-year-old Clayton Samson Hays is charged in connection with the shooting death of 42-year-old Colter Jake Vaught of Sayre outside an oilfield business on South Merritt Road. Authorities say the two men knew each other and reportedly had an ongoing dispute.

WEATHERFORD / DOWNTOWN FIRE Weatherford Fire Chief Mike Karlin says investigators believe a fire at a downtown office building in the 200 block of Main Street early in the morning of Saturday, April 6, is suspicious. Karlin outlines the damage that was sustained to the structure, saying the fire was mostly contained to the building's lower-east side. Karlin says fire officials continue to investigate the cause of the blaze.

CUSTER CO / AGREEMENT - Custer County Commissioners recently approved an opioid abatement grant application through the Oklahoma Opioid Abatement Board. District 3 Commissioner Lyle Miller provides details of the grant; Several years ago, Oklahoma found itself in possession of \$27 million after winning a lawsuit against a drug manufacturing company filed by the state. At the behest of the District Attorney's office, a portion of that money will be used to achieve more substance abuse treatment beds through potential partnerships.

BECKHAM CO / HAYS - A Carter man is SWOSU/SWIM - The Southwestern Interscholastic scheduled to be back in Beckham County District Meet (SWIM) results have been released. The event promotes academic excellence for high school and junior high students statewide. Sweepstakes winners included Southmoore High School in Class I, Weatherford in Class II, and Burns Flat-Dill City High School in Class III. Over 50 schools competed this year.

> CLINTON / BRIDGES HOSPITAL BOARD Clinton Schools Superintendent Tyler Bridges was chosen to be appointed to the Clinton Hospital Board at a recent board meeting. The change comes after an alteration to the trust's indenture removing a physician member from the board after being unable to find a physician who could fill the spot

on a consistent basis.

WEATHERFORD / MEET & GREET - A Meet & Greet was recently held in Weatherford for incoming School Superintendent Mark Harmon. Harmon says he looks forward to being in Weatherford fulltime. Harmon will assume the duties of District Superintendent on July 1st.

SWOSU / HALL OF FAME - SWOSU has announced its 2024 Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame honorees. Inductees include: Katrina Avers (Class of 2003); Mike Brown (Class of 1978); Bryan Evans (Class of 1998); and Basil Weatherly (Class of 1975).



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Happy Birthday Wishes for April 10 - Jessica Allisen, Mike Brown, Lacey Burdick, Chad Chaplin, Patsy Chisum, Elmer Croaker, Shannon Duncan, Beau Ferrell, Jeffrey Maynard, Scott Moore, Brant Purdum, Sam Smith, Mark Stapleton; April 11 - Chuck Ackley, Ari Albrightson, Ian Brennfoerder, Charlene Cantrell, Darla Davenport, Patty Doran, Bill Mucker, Shelby Nance; April 12 - Billy Birkenfeld, Teri Boyd, Cindi Bruce, Rhownw Grossman, Rob Grogan, Leslie Harrison, Kelis Hart, Amy Hoffman, Sonny Makescry, Bobby Richardson, Lisa Stephens, Julie Weichel; April 13 - Emily Garrison, Donis Hardaway, Kim Heger, Molli Reeves, Troy Shirey, Tristan Shirey; April 14 - Tisha Campbell, Bobbie Edwards, Harold Goldmann, Clayton Johnson, Rickey Mackin, Pam Martin, Kim Pickett, Debra Purdum, Alfredo Reyes, Michella Sims, Tinaya Sisler, Allan Weil; April 15 - Amy Albert, Courtney Albrightson, David Henderson, Doris Johnson, Bud Lamke, Terry Lofland, Kathryn Lowry, Taybor Moss, Lonnie Penner, Kim Potter, Jerry Ritchison, Lexy Roys, Wessyn James Short, Joyce Stewart, Brady Taff; April 16 - Hadley Graybill, Deb Hanson, McHayla Howry, Randy Switzer, Ashley VanDeBurgh, Johnny Wall.

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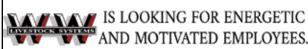
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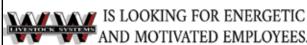
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Tottress and Berger Have Been Named Newest Bulldogs of the Week

Torri Tottress (track and Sports Information Graduate Asst. field) and Libby Berger (rodeo) have been named the newest Bulldogs of the Week. The weekly student-athlete recognition is brought to you by Wright Media, the home of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Tottress (Wagoner, Okla.) set a new personal record at the Friends Spring Invite last week. Her 12.35-meter throw in shot put was a new collegiate best for the freshman. The throw was good enough to place her fourth in the event, which was tied for the highest event finish by a SWOSU competitor at the meet

Berger (Udall, Kan.) claimed the lone win for SWOSU rodeo at the Garden City Rodeo over the weekend. She competed in barrel racing, where she took home first place. Berger had times of 13.57 (1st) and 13.61 (6th) in the two rounds and those times won her the average for the event.







The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony for Red's Remedies (pictured above), an herbalist and apothecary shop. The Weatherford Chamber also held ribbon cuttings for 1HundredX Roofing, The Strappy Cat, Igo Inc., and Brayve Bead Co.







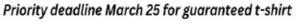
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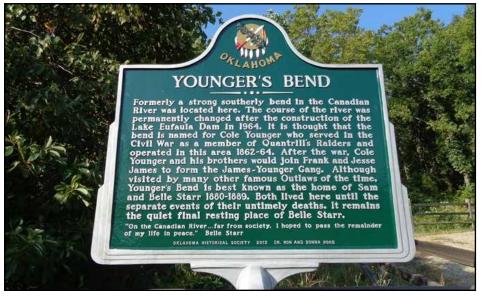








Oklahoma History: Sam and Belle Starr and the "Younger's Bend"



Nestled amidst the rugged

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The historic marker for Younger's Bend.

Chase Wright

expanse of the Oklahoma landscape, Younger's Bend stands as a testament to the untamed spirit of the American frontier. Here, along the meandering banks of the Canadian River, echoes of outlawry and legend resonate through the ages as history converges with myth to weave a tale as captivating as the Wild West itself. It's in this fabled setting that the enigmatic Belle Starr, renowned as the "Bandit Queen," etched her name into the annals of Western lore.

We've covered Belle Starr's early life and story in the past as it unfolded against the backdrop of a tumultuous era, where lawlessness and adventure were the currency of the land. Now, we'll take a look into the final stages of her life, specifically at the beautiful area they found 100 miles east of Oklahoma City. In an aim to find refuge she and her first husband, Jim Reed, a Confederate guerrilla and outlaw, traversed the border states through Oklahoma Territory and settled upon a place in Eufaula, OK.

Younger's Bend, situated along the Canadian River served as more than just a hideout for Belle and her cohorts. It was a haven amidst the rolling hills and dense foliage.

Other legendary bandits spent time with the couple as they hid out from the law, including their friends from the James-Younger Gang. Among their ranks were Cole Younger, that solidified her reputation as the "Bandit Queen," the famous Jesse James, and his brother Frank.

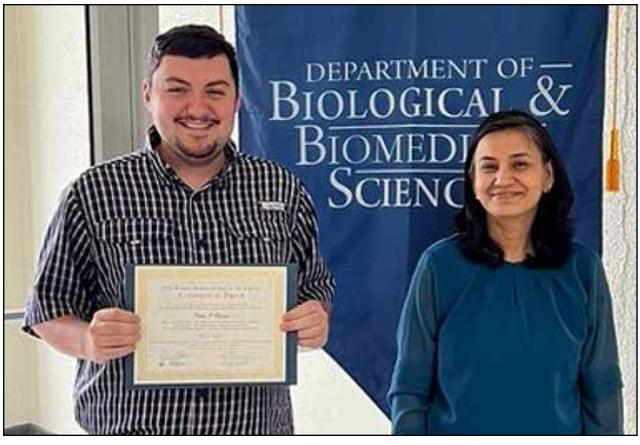
Belle's headstone and encasing.

Together, they sought refuge in the remote sanctuary where the untamed wilderness offered shelter from the relentless pursuit of justice. As Belle's legend grew, so too did the allure of Younger's Bend. Visitors to the area can still trace the remnants of her farmstead, where the echoes of frontier life linger in the breeze. It's a place where history and myth converge. Amidst the intrigue of Younger's Bend, Belle Starr's final resting place serves as a poignant reminder of her enduring legacy. Here her gravesite stands as a testament to the indomitable spirit of the "Bandit Queen" and the timeless allure of the American frontier. Nearby is a recreation of the cabin that was once her home. She was buried here after her unsolved murder in 1889, her grave is located under a shaded grove.

The death of Starr is one of the enduring mysteries of the American frontier. With various theories abounding, one theory has testimonies that at her funeral her then husband Jim July Starr accused the man Edgar J. Watson by brandishing a revolver at him. Watson was arrested and tried, but ultimately dismissed as there were issues with the disconnected evidence. Members close to Starr and Watson continued to believe he was guilty, but her murder remains an unsolved mystery.

At her funeral, hundreds attended, and she was buried in her deep black riding outfit and pistol. Not a month had gone by before her grave was robbed. To preserve her mother's resting place, her daughter Pearl had sandstone slabs placed over her site. An engraver visited the home Pearl was staying in and offered to engrave her headstone. J. Daly engraved an inscription of Belle's name, dates of birth and death, and a poem penned underneath that is attributed to Pearl.

Above the inscription, he adorned her headstone with several symbolic images: a stylized image of a horse in a prominent position on the slab, flanked by the etchings of a pistol and a rose giving visual symbolism to her association with outlawry and her legacy of beauty and remembrance. Today, visitors to Younger's Bend can step into a history in the quiet recluse. To see a glimpse into the final calm Belle sought as she expressed a desire to withdraw from society into the rugged wilderness.





Colter Esparza, a student from Willow, Okla., studying in the Department of Biological and Biomedical Sciences at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), received 2nd place in the Regional, Community, and Tribal College category at the 29th Research Day at the Capitol. Held on March 19 in the Oklahoma State Capitol Rotunda, this annual event was created to showcase the high-quality research conducted at Oklahoma colleges and universities.

Outstanding undergraduate students from Oklahoma's academic institutions are selected by their schools to participate in the program. Esparza's presentation titled "Beyond Sugar: The Nutrient Needs of Pancreatic Cancer Cells" earned him the 2nd-place recognition.

Esparza presented research he is conducting under the guidance of Dr. Pragya Sharma, Assistant Professor of Biology at SWOSU.

Esparza's presentation stood out among the 25 undergraduate participants from various universities and colleges statewide. His achievement was honored with a \$250 prize and a certificate of achievement.

Research Day at the Capitol serves as a platform for Oklahoma institutions to gain recognition for their research, showcased to legislators, the media, and the general public at the State Capitol. Additionally, it provides government policymakers insights into the research being conducted by students on Oklahoma campuses.

Dr. Raman P. Singh, OK EPSCoR State Director, and Dr. Allison D. Garrett, Chancellor of Higher Education, presented Esparza with his well-deserved award, recognizing his dedication and contributions to science.











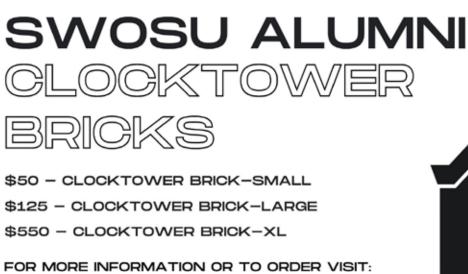
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After Friday's defeat, The Bulldogs forced the

rubber match against OBU on Saturday, but fell in a deciding game three 10-2 to conclude the series.

<u>Game One – Oklahoma Baptist 10, SWOSU 4</u>

After one third of the game, the Dawgs found themselves trailing by double digits. The tough two frames came after a first inning by Rece Parker that required just eight pitches to retire the side.

SWOSU answered with two runs in the top of the fourth. Ty Eastwood homered to lead it off, and Jackson Syring eventually came around to score after doubling right after. In the eighth, Marco Barrera doubled and scored from a wild pitch before Geoff Marlow belted a home run down the left field line.

Five Bulldog arms saw action on the night. Parker lasted 2.1 innings inning giving way to the bullpen. Josh Rains, Jackson Blue, and Sawyer Rolland combined to throw a scoreless back half of the game in relief. The bats had six hits in the game. Marlow had a two-hit night. 12 of OBU's 14 came in their two scoring innings.

Game Two – SWOSU 14, Oklahoma Baptist 11

The Dawgs used a five-run first inning and scored another eight through the final three frames to beat the Bison in a slugfest. SWOSU hit five home runs in the game, headed by Reece Burke who had two of them. Eight of SWOSU's 14 runs came courtesy of the longball. OBU had four home runs themselves, all solo shots.

Tied 6-6 in the fifth, Geoff Marlow and Campbell Sullivan homered, highlighting a five-run seventh that allowed the Dawgs to regain control. Runs from Marco Barrera and Burke kept SWOSU on top.

Josh Fluet got the start on the mound and pitched into the fourth. Four arms made appearances from there. Grant Ewy replaced Fluet and provided the longest outing of any arm by getting into the seventh. Tyler Fortin was given the win with his appearance in the seventh. Burke finished 3-5 on the day to lead a lineup that finished with 12 collectively. OBU, 14.

<u>Game Three – Oklahoma Baptist 10, SWOSU 2</u>

Jackson Syring's RBI double in the first inning and solo home run in the third had the Dawgs tied with Oklahoma Baptist 2-2 through three. A 5-run fifth by the Bison shifted momentum that never changed. A weather delay paused action in the bottom of the fifth for nearly two hours. OBU went on to plate three more runs afterwards to seal the result.

Jackson Phillips was handed his second loss of the season. He went four innings before getting relieved by Tyler Leachner who pitched the final six outs. Ty Eastwood and Reece Burke matched Syring with two hits. Both also doubled in the contest.

SWOSU returns to the field to host Southern Arkansas in continued conference play. Friday will feature the doubleheader portion of the series before Saturday concludes with the third and final game.





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OBU Bison Hurt Lady Dawgs in 3-0 Series Loss



Jon Chidester

SWOSU Softball fell thrice this weekend to Oklahoma Baptist, final scores 0-8, 14-4, and 13-1.

The Bulldogs (12-26, 8-15 GAC) will go on the road Tuesday for a matchup with Northwestern before traveling across state lines next weekend to face Southern Arkansas. SWOSU's first game against the Rangers Tuesday will be a conference game.

Game One - Oklahoma Baptist 8, SWOSU 0

The Bison, who entered the day atop the conference standings and receiving votes in the D2 NFCA Poll, used three long balls and another two doubles to provide plenty of offense for their starting pitcher. Five of OBU's nine hits went for extra bases in the

The visitors jumped on the scoreboard in the first inning with a two-out RBI double, plated four more in the third off four hits, and finished their scoring in the fifth with three runs including back-to-back solo home runs.

SWOSU had runners on base in four of the five innings but could not find the timely hit needed to scratch runs across. The Bulldogs ended the day with eight left on base, though OBU stranded 11 themselves.

Jadyn Hook had two hits from the lead off spot. She walked in her third at-bat to finish off a successful day at the plate.

Blaire Gentry (L, 8-11) exited the circle in the third inning after allowing five runs. Lauren Bratcher relieved her for the next two innings before Cierah Jones came on in the fifth to get the final out.

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Game Two – Oklahoma Baptist 14, SWOSU 4

SWOSU's bats produced 12 hits in the game but it was outdone by the Bison who had 16. After falling behind early, SWOSU used a three-run fifth to get within two runs trailing just 6-4 before the visitors eventually pushed their lead back out to double digits.

Three doubles accounted for all four runs for the Bulldogs in the game. Jadyn Hook doubled in Chesnie Hewitt in the fourth for the first run of the game. Hewitt had tripled two batters prior. After SWOSU's surge, OBUanswered with a five-spot the next half inning and added three more in the seventh. The Bison hit three home runs in the game accounting for seven of their runs.

Dani Carmo led the lineup with a 3-4 day at the plate. She was one of five Bulldogs to have an extra-base hit in the contest. In the fifth, Riley Lusk and Skyla McPhillips had back-to-back doubles to plate three more runs. Courtney Hill started in the circle and pitched six full innings. Serra Stoliby finished the game with an inning in the seventh.

<u>Game Three – Oklahoma Baptist 13, SWOSU 1</u>

Another big Bison first inning plagued SWOSU in the finale. OBU opened up an early 5-0 lead after sending 11 to the plate and racking up five hits in the first frame. They used another four runs in the fourth and fifth to break the game open.

SWOSU's lone run came in the bottom of the first inning. Maddie Rahon singled and was brought in by an RBI double from Katie Boline. The Dawgs finished with four hits in the game.

Kaylee Barkley pitched four innings to start the game. Blaire Gentry relieved her in the fifth.



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