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Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) will be hosting this year's West Central Basketball Tournament (WCBT) at the Pioneer Event Center (PEC). They've hosted every WCBT since 2014.

- Roster - WCBT 2025**
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 - Canute*
 - Corn Bible Academy (CBA)
 - Hydro-Eakly
 - Sentinel
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 - Burns Flat-Dill City (BFDC)

The Canute Trojanettes and the Calumet Chieftains are the two-year reigning champions of the girls' and boys' brackets, respectively.

Everyone is invited to come out and support the teams as they compete for the championship. These 16 teams include high school students from all over West Central Oklahoma, with eight teams on the boys' bracket and eight on the girls' bracket. A digital bracket for the tournament can be found on page 8.

There will be four games each day, Monday-Friday, and six games on Saturday. The tournament will begin on Monday with a game between the Hydro-Eakly Bobcats and the Burns Flat-Dill City Eagles at 4:30 p.m.

"We are proud to continue the tradition of hosting the West Central Tournament for our surrounding communities," said SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton. "We look forward to another exciting week of high school basketball inside the Pioneer Cellular Event Center."

If you can't attend the games in-person, a livestream for all games will be available to watch online at wright.media/eight.

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Phyllis Stevenson

Phyllis Janet Stevenson was born December 22, 1937, in Winterhaven, CA, to A.L. and Nova Kathleen (Philly) Lee and passed away in the early morning hours on Friday, December 20, 2024, in Oklahoma City, OK having reached the age of 86 years, 11 months, and 28 days.



Phyllis moved to Oklahoma at the age of 6. She graduated from Weatherford High School with the class of 1956 and graduated from Southwestern State College mid-term for the 1959-1960 year with a Bachelor's degree in Education. Following her graduation, she spent 1 ½ years teaching on a Navajo Reservation in Arizona. She continued taking college courses throughout her life, eventually earning her Master's degree in Education as well. On June 22, 1963, she married the love of her life John Stevenson at the First Baptist Church in Weatherford. Their family began growing in 1965 with the birth of their first daughter Janet. Their second daughter, Carol, completed their family in 1967. They moved all around Oklahoma and Kansas eventually settling in Canton, OK where she was a kindergarten – fifth grade teacher for 20 years until her retirement. She and John moved to Weatherford after Carol's high school graduation in 1985.

Phyllis had a strong faith and lifelong relationship with God. She always put God first and had a great love for volunteering in her church. She loved her family. She was overjoyed when her grandson, Andrew John, was born. He was the apple of her eye and she never missed anything he did. She was gifted in art and especially enjoyed calligraphy, oil painting, and watercolor. She also enjoyed genealogy and was a proud member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. One of her loves was traveling, both to see this country and around the world, but there was no place that she was more excited to see than where she is right now in her forever home at the feet of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Some of her favorite childhood memories were their frequent travels back and forth to Long Beach, CA to visit her family.

Phyllis is survived by her husband, John Stevenson of their home in Weatherford; daughter, Carol Stevenson of Weatherford; one grandson, Andrew John Stevenson and girlfriend, Isabel Newberry-Rivera of Maize, Kansas; sisters-in-law, Doris Eifert of Waukomis, OK, Jean Wilcox and husband, Garry of Plain City, OH, and Vinita Ware of Savannah, MO; family of the heart, Jesse Quintero and wife Kim, their children Jessica, Jayden, Kason, and Jessica's daughter Alayah who she considered grandchildren. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Phyllis was a cherished wife, mom, aunt, and "Nena" who will be missed immensely. She was preceded in death by her parents, A.L. and Nova Lee; daughter, Janet Stevenson, sister, Darlene Dabney, sister-in-law, Ruth Bird, brothers-in-law, Wayne, Leon, Merlyn Lee, Jimmie, and Duane Stevenson.

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, Missions Fund or Liberty Cemetery.

Linda Duckett

Linda Leana Lenora Sanders Duckett was born on August 1, 1949, in Cottonwood, AZ, and passed away on December 19, 2024, surrounded by so many who loved her.



Linda spent her early years in Arizona before moving to Texas.

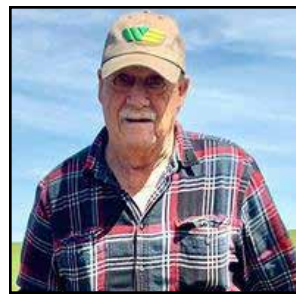
On June 26, 1982, Linda married David Duckett in Denison, Texas. Linda and David made their home in Arlington, Texas, where their daughter, Devon, was born in July 1986. Becoming a mother was Linda's greatest joy in life, and she dedicated herself fully to her family. While Linda held various jobs, her true focus was always her family. She worked in local schools to stay involved in Devon's life. Linda worked hard to make their home an inviting place for anyone and everyone. She was always ready to take the kids on a fun adventure and more times than not there were warm brownies coming out of the oven.

After David's retirement, Linda and David moved to western Oklahoma to be closer to their grandchildren. Becoming "Moomoo" to Kenda, Porter, Aspen, and Weston—and to many other children she loved as her own—brought Linda immense happiness.

Linda was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Vivian Sanders. She is survived by her husband, David Duckett of Elk City; her daughter, Devon Nevels, and husband Michael of Elk City; her four grandchildren, Kenda, Porter, Aspen, and Weston; her brother, Bobby Sanders, and his wife, Carolyn; sister and -in-law George and Marilyn Lay of Denison, Texas.

Norman Ridgeway

Norman Dean Ridgeway was born August 26, 1950, in Carnegie, OK, to Thurman Doyle and Wanda Louise (Bowerman) Ridgeway and passed away Tuesday, December 24, 2024, surrounded by his family, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK, at the age of 74 years, 3 months and 28 days.



Dean was raised by his parents on their farm northeast of Colony. He graduated from Colony High School in 1968. This is also where he met the love of his life, Rhonda Luekenga, who were sweethearts throughout school. They were married on November 28, 1970.

Dean was employed by 3M, later known as Imation and then Kodak, for 37 years. During this time, he also had a painting business and farmed. In 2011, Dean began working for Washita County District 1 and remained until retirement due to poor health in 2024.

Dean loved spending time with his family, especially his granddaughter, Serenity. Over the years he enjoyed many hobbies, including restoring classic cars, coyote hunting with greyhounds, team roping, hunting, fishing and bowling. His most important hobby was coffee at Cobb Creek Station each morning.

Faith was a valuable aspect of his life. In 1978, Dean accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. He was baptized at Colony Baptist Church, where he was a member until his passing. He and Rhonda were church youth co-sponsors for over 20 years with Janice and Wayne Smith.

Dean was preceded in death by his parents Doyle Ridgeway and Wanda Ridgeway-Smith and niece Bailey Layne McGlothlin.

Dean is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rhonda Ridgeway of their home in Colony; daughters, Deidra Flores and husband Chris of Hydro and Darci Dunn and husband Jerry of Elk City; one granddaughter, Serenity Flores; brother, Jim Ridgeway and wife Debbie of Eakly; sister-in-law, Beverly Axtell of Weatherford; nieces, Kesha Axtell, Kaci Reed and husband Kenny and their children Laurel and Avery, Kenzie Axtell and her son, Caleb, Summer House and husband Landon and their children Tristyn, Londyn, Langdon, Charlee, Jackson, and Brooks; nephews Travis Ridgeway and wife Aprill and their children Scout and Sedar, Trevor Ridgeway and wife Erin and son Eli; and numerous friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cedar Hills Baptist Youth Camp, PO Box 39, Binger, OK 73009.

Carolyn Zeigenfuss

Carolyn Sue Zeigenfuss, 73, of Canute, OK was born on July 2, 1951 in Stafford, OK, the daughter of Allen Eldon and Lena Louise (Nickel) Isaak. She went to walk the golden streets of heaven on Saturday, December 21, 2024 at her residence in Canute, OK.



Carolyn married the love of her life and best friend, Ambrose John Zeigenfuss, Sr. on October 18, 1969 at Holy Family Church, Canute, OK. Together they spent many wonderful years of marriage together. He preceded her in death on November 12, 2021.

Carolyn was very talented person and enjoyed sewing and quilting for her family and friends. She loved animals, reading, doing puzzles, collecting frogs, and McDonald's memorabilia. She was a longtime member of the St. Matthew Catholic Church, Elk City, OK, the Women's Guild, and the Canute Senior Citizens Club, Canute, OK. She treasured spending time with her family and friends and will be greatly missed by everyone who knew and loved her.

Cherishing Carolyn's memory is her three sons, Ambrose Zeigenfuss, Jr. and wife, Alicia of Middleburg, Florida, Henry Zeigenfuss and wife, Candi of Little Rock, Arkansas, Dominic Zeigenfuss and wife Cathy of Canute, OK; eight grandchildren; three great grandchildren; one sister-in-law, Johanna Lamar of Canute, OK; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Carolyn is preceded in death by her husband, Ambrose John Zeigenfuss, Sr.; her parents, Allen Eldon and Lena Louise Isaak; one grandson, John Zeigenfuss; one granddaughter, Jocyl'n Zeigenfuss; and two infant grandchildren, Leon and Sophia Zeigenfuss.

Elizabeth Martinez

In loving memory of Elizabeth Ann Martinez, who graced our lives with her warmth and laughter. At just 46 years young, Elizabeth departed this world on December 4, 2024, at the Southwest Medical Center in Oklahoma City, surrounded by the love of her family.



Born on November 23, 1978, to Angel and Regina (Vasquez) Martinez, Elizabeth blossomed in the heart of Clinton, Oklahoma, where she cultivated deep roots among her family and friends.

A proud graduate of Clinton High School, she carried the vibrant spirit of her hometown throughout her life.

Elizabeth had an undeniable passion for life's simple pleasures. Her heart swelled with joy in the presence of her beloved grandkids and her cherished dog, Grace.

An artist at heart, she delighted in creating beautiful crafts, baking delicious cakes and bread that filled her home with warmth.

Elizabeth loved exploring thrift stores in search of hidden treasures. Her playful humor and generous nature shone through in her thoughtful gifts to her grandchildren, as she delighted in bringing them joy.

A dedicated jokester among her family and friends, Elizabeth's laughter was infectious, a melody that will always echo in the hearts of those who knew her. Her unwavering faith in God underscored her every action, providing strength and grace.

Elizabeth leaves behind a circle of love that encompasses her son, Anthony Martin; her daughter, Abeny Rivera, and her father, Angel Martinez, all of Clinton.

She is also survived by three brothers: Gabriel and his wife Ines, Lucas and his wife Brenda, Josue and his wife Kelsey Hernandez, all of Clinton; grandchildren, Adeline Angel Martin, Kaiden Dwayne Martin, Anthony KLove Martin and Yaneli Paloma Salcido. Her family tree expands to a very big family that includes many aunts, uncles and cousins, as well as many lifelong friends, who cherished her deeply.

As we commemorate Elizabeth's life, let us celebrate the joy she brought to each of us, her enduring love for family, and the faith that guided her bright spirit.

Her legacy will forever remain in our hearts, reminding us to embrace life with the same passion and laughter she shared with us all.

Mike Misner

Mike was born on Tuesday, February 23, 1943, in Vintondale, Pennsylvania the son of Merton and Pauline (Bodzer) Misner.



Mike Misner was raised on the family farm in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania graduating from Beaver Falls High School in 1963.

After high school, Mike focused his interests on farming and remained active in agriculture until moving to Oklahoma in 1992.

He passed away on Monday, December 23, 2024, in the Bell Avenue Nursing Home in Elk City, OK.

Mike settled in the Foss, OK area owning and operating M & D Pizza and Burritos in Burns Flat, OK from 1993 to 1996.

Mike was a man of deep faith, centering his life around Jesus Christ. He was quick to share his faith and encourage others to place their trust and confidence in Christ. He attended the First Baptist Church of Clinton.

Mike also loved to garden. He could often be seen climbing trees and mowing yards, all adding to his passion for being outdoors and enjoying nature's beauty.

Mike was a simple man who loved and appreciated the value of hard work. In his later years, Mike enjoyed driving the Jamboree Bus for the Clinton AARP from 2010 to 2016. He enjoyed the many relationships and conversations he had with many of his friends on the bus.

Mike was preceded in death by his parents, brother, and sister.

Mike is survived by his wife, Pamela Misner of the home; three sons, Michael Misner and his wife, Jill; Tim Misner and his wife, Rachel; and Justin Misner and his wife, Morgan; two daughters, Carol Sue Brown and her husband, Ted and Margie Simmons and her husband, Josh; eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

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This line from Louise Fletcher's classic poem expresses the feelings of many of us. We all have our regrets from the past year or a period earlier in life.

While we cannot erase the past, and the hurt may still linger, the new year offers a new slate to make a new beginning.

We do not know what 2014 will bring. We all remember the past, when an unexpected phone call, or a bad medical report, turned our world upside down. This could happen again. But we cannot live in fear of what "might happen."

While none of us is immune to the storms of life, we can be assured of God's presence to take us through the storm.

As I approach the closure of this venture called life, I'm grateful that there is a time and place prepared for me, when the pain of broken relationships will be no more. God promises that every tear will be wiped away. There will be no "new beginnings" there because time will be no more. But in the meantime there is time, there are bills to pay and kids and grandkids to love and pray over. Life can be rich and rewarding even with the intermittent pain and disappointments.

We live in a society that wants to provide a pill for every pain, and the demands for comfort and pleasure are seen as an entitlement. But the greatest joy can be found in a life of simple obedience. Being faithful to God and his purposes does not exclude suffering, in fact it may bring an increase—just ask those around the world who are being persecuted for their faith. But even those in China who have been imprisoned in intolerable conditions and humiliation, have come out with joy for having been counted worthy of suffering for the sake of Christ. Many House Church pastors see their imprisonment as their "seminary" because their faith was strengthened and they experienced the presence of the Holy.

In several of Paul's letters to the new churches, he often rejoiced with them that their faith was growing and their love for one another was increasing.

So that might be a good place to start as we face this new beginning. "Lord, may my faith increase and my love for people grow." An increase in faith usually does not come through easy, trouble free times, but more often through adversity. We do not like that, but it may be why we are encouraged to "rejoice in all things." We need to see the end from the beginning and rejoice that God is using this time to mold our character to more closely resemble His.

Fanny Crosby, author of many of our favorite hymns, was blind. But she refused to let it make her bitter or unfulfilled. When she was eight years old she wrote the following little poem.

"O what a happy child I am, although I cannot see! I am resolved that in this world contented I will be. How many blessings I enjoy that other people don't! So weep or sigh because I'm blind, I cannot and I won't!"

May your new year be full of a spirit of grace and humility as you live a life of obedience to Him who loves you more than you can imagine.

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There are lots of events coming up in early 2025 for Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), says Vice President of Marketing and Public Relations Dr. Jonathan Boone Clemmons. These include the “Winter Welcome,” the 55th Annual Jazz Festival, the 3rd Annual Anatomage Tournament, and a visit from the Harlem Globetrotters as part of their 2025 World Tour.

The SWOSU Winter Welcome is set to take place on Tuesday, January 21, from 11 am to 2 pm in the Student Union Ballroom. The event advertises itself as a social event with “free goodies and cartoon sketches.”

There are limited spots left for the Winter Welcome, and since the event is only a few weeks away, they’re filling up fast. Visit SWOSU.CampusLabs.com to register as soon as possible.

The Anatomage Tournament offers teams of students a unique opportunity to test their knowledge of anatomy while engaging with some unique 3D technology, courtesy of U.S. medical equipment manufacturer Anatomage.


“This tournament brings in a ton of high schoolers from all over the state where they’re competing on our state-of-the-art tables,” said Dr. Boone Clemmons. “That’s coming up later this Spring.”

SWOSU is also excited to have the Harlem Globetrotters at the Pioneer Event Center this March. This is part of the Globetrotters’ 2025 World Tour, presented by Jersey Mike’s Subs. Tickets are being sold by Stubwire. They can be purchased online by scanning the QR code above or by clicking [here](#).

SWOSU is currently on winter break. Classwork will resume on January 13.

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ANTHONY MOORE / PHONE BILL - A new bill was filed at the Oklahoma State Capitol proposing removing students’ cell phones in the classrooms. Representative Antony Moore shared his thoughts on the bill, concluding that he believes there’s still a local control aspect that should be discussed, but that the need for education should be at the forefront for Oklahoma students, rather than the need for cellphones in the classroom.

CLINTON / HOSPITAL VOTE - We’re coming closer to what looks like a vote at the ballot box in the city of Clinton this month to decide if the public will allow for the sale of Clinton Regional Hospital to Rural Hospital Solutions. Mayor David Berrong says the proposal would benefit the access to healthcare in Clinton. The election is scheduled for January 14th.

ELK CITY / EXECUTIVE SESSION - There was significant gossip and speculation in the town of Elk City after the City Council recently held an executive session to address sensitive matters related to personnel decisions, including hiring and firing practices with the City Manager, Tom Ivester. Mayor Cory Speaker clarified the purpose and nature of the discussion, stating “This issue got blown completely out of [proportion]. [On] Facebook, there are people rampantly making their own conclusions instead of finding out the truth.” Mayor Speaker also discussed Elk City hiring an Economic Development Coordinator, an HR Division Head, and an Assistant City Manager. He also urged the public to remain engaged and assured them that the council is dedicated to ethical governance.

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CLINTON / TEACHER ARRESTED - Clinton Public Schools agriculture teacher Rick Dillinger is facing alleged felony embezzlement charges after being arrested. He previously was the AG teacher for the Elk City Public Schools and is accused of embezzlement of a trailer valued at \$10,000 allegedly belonging to the Elk City District during his time as an instructor there. Dillinger has posted his bond and is no longer in jail.

WEATHERFORD / TEXAS ROADHOUSE Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown is addressing recent speculation circulating on social media regarding a Texas Roadhouse Restaurant opening in the city. In a statement to Wright Media, Mayor Mike Brown clarified that the rumor is unfounded. “I’ve heard of several things that could be coming to town. That’s not one of them, even though I think Texas Roadhouse would be great out here in Western Oklahoma.” Mayor Brown went on to say that if Texas Roadhouse were ever to become part of Weatherford’s lineup, he would welcome the establishment with open arms. However, he emphasized that at this time, the rumor simply isn’t true.

WEATHERFORD / ROADS COMPLETED Weatherford is celebrating several key infrastructure road projects completed at the tail-end of 2024, marking significant progress in the city’s development. “We made significant strides in infrastructure with the completion of several road projects including Lyle Road and Airport Road,” expressed Weatherford Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell. “Meanwhile, Lawter Road and Hwy 54 are on-track to be completed soon.” As Weatherford continues to invest in its infrastructure, the city is poised for sustained growth and prosperity, ensuring a vibrant future for its community.

WEATHERFORD / COMMUNITY CENTER The construction of a new community center is on the horizon for Weatherford. “In early 2024, we passed a halfpenny sales tax to build a Community Center in partnership with the YMCA,” said Weatherford Economic Development Director, Yolanda Creswell. “It’s going to be an indoor-outdoor Aquatic Center.” A public meeting surrounding the building construction is planned in early 2025.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for Jan. 1st - Cody Barrera, Mandi Bozarth, Lyla Bridgeman, Doris Brittain, Gage Butcher, Jolena Eli-sondo, Megan Hanna, Jeanna Hines, Grant Lee, Karen Melton, Harold Miller, Rose Millsbaugh, Kenneth Teek, Barbara Walker; **Jan. 2nd** - Lynn Broadbent, Leon Evans, Rodney LaGrange, Steve Millsbaugh, Jimmy Ridgeway, Dustin Rose, Jordan Stark, Kim Suter, Jeffery Thomas, Nell Walker, Linda Young; **Jan. 4th** - Mandy Case, Carol Ann Janning, Beatriz Martinez, David Nickels, Bo Anna Popich, Yolanda Soto; **Jan. 5th** - Tony Cannon, Misty Carmin, Jackie Galloway, Ivonna Hinton, Carol Kiegha, Stacy King, Jennifer Pebley, Kendra Robison, Olivia Roper, Doug Sinclair, Luke Toho; **Jan. 6th** - Anita Anderson, Kaydenza Andes, Joyce Austin, Ashley Breeden, Brooklyn Christian, Jordan Crane, Korbin Hart, Evelyn Moncriff, Kimberly Rhoads, Kimberly Smith, Tonya West, Truman Whiteshield; **January 7th** - Michael Buckner, Jarrod Burton, Jennifer Daniel, Mark Frye, Winston Gates, Kynsee Hamar, Joe Harl, Bryce Miller, Niki Sawatzky, Zachary Smith.

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Representatives Talk Legislation Live, January 8



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Oklahoma state legislators on KCLI's "Wright Time" for Western Oklahoma, including Rep. Anthony Moore, Sen. Darcy Jech, and Rep. Cyndi Munson.

Harold Wright
KCLI "Wright Time" Host

Legislative leaders will present a special program at Weatherford's Rotary club meeting on Wednesday, January 8th.

Speaker Elect Pro-Tem Anthony Moore from Clinton and Minority Leader Cyndi Munson from Oklahoma City will be the featured speakers. The pair participates in a weekly radio show called "Crossfire" on KCLI, 99.3FM, from 7 - 7:30 a.m. each Friday.

Representative Munson says she's excited about being in Weatherford for the Rotary Club. She will co-host the "Wright Time" for Western Oklahoma from 6 - 8 a.m. that same day on KCLI. Representative Moore says they will discuss the upcoming legislative session.

The presentation will be moderated by retired State Representative Harold Wright, who now hosts the radio show daily on KCLI. Anthony Moore is also a member of the Weatherford Rotary club.

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Oklahoma History: How Oklahoma Celebrates the Vietnamese New Year



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The Oklahoma City Thunder's 2024 Lunar New Year celebration at the Paycom Center. They were playing against the Los Angeles Clippers.



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A Lunar New Year Lion Dance in Oklahoma City's Myriad Botanical Gardens in 2022 during the Year of the Tiger.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Tết, short for Tết Nguyên Đán, is the Vietnamese Lunar New Year and the most significant celebration in Vietnamese culture. It marks the arrival of spring and is a time for family reunions, honoring ancestors, and embracing a fresh start. In Oklahoma, home to a thriving Vietnamese-American community, Tết has become a prominent cultural event, reflecting the history and resilience of Vietnamese immigrants and the state's cultural diversity.

Oklahoma's Vietnamese population grew significantly after the Vietnam War. Following the fall of Saigon in 1975, thousands of Vietnamese refugees fled their homeland, seeking safety and a new life. Oklahoma became a welcoming destination due to its affordable living costs and robust resettlement programs. Many families settled in Oklahoma City, forming what is now one of the largest Vietnamese-American communities in the United States.

As of 2020, over 20,000 Oklahomans of Vietnamese descent lived in the state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. Most are concentrated in Oklahoma City and Tulsa, with the Asian District in Oklahoma City serving as the cultural and social hub. Tết has become a cornerstone of the community, preserving traditions and fostering unity.

Tết marks the first day of the Lunar New Year, typically falling between late January and mid-February. It is a time of renewal, reflection, and celebration. Families clean their homes to dispel bad luck, honor their ancestors with offerings, and

share special meals that symbolize good fortune and prosperity. 2025 is the Year of the Wood Snake, said to be a time of introspection and growth.

The holiday also emphasizes family and community. It is a time for reconnecting, sharing traditions, and setting intentions for the year ahead.

Its celebrations in Oklahoma blend traditional customs with local community vibrancy. The Asian District in Oklahoma City hosts many of the festivities, including events at Vietnamese Buddhist temples and community centers. These gatherings feature cultural performances, traditional ceremonies, and food, drawing thousands of attendees annually.

Lion dances, accompanied by the rhythmic sounds of drums and cymbals, are a key part of the celebration. These performances are believed to chase away evil spirits and bring good fortune. Traditional foods are another highlight, with dishes such as bánh chưng (square sticky rice cakes filled with pork and mung beans) and thịt kho (braised pork belly with eggs) served at family gatherings. Each dish carries symbolic meaning: bánh chưng represents the Earth, while thịt kho symbolizes unity and harmony.

In addition to food and dance, Tết fairs often include games, calligraphy demonstrations, and cultural exhibits. Younger generations contribute through modern performances, blending traditional and contemporary elements to showcase their heritage while adapting to life in Oklahoma.

Tết in Oklahoma serves as both a cultural

celebration and a bridge between communities. It welcomes individuals from all backgrounds, offering opportunities to learn about Vietnamese traditions and their significance. Events are designed to share the richness of the culture, fostering understanding and connection.

In 2023, the Oklahoma Legislature formally recognized Tết as a cultural celebration, highlighting its role in promoting diversity and inclusion. This recognition underscores the importance of the Vietnamese community's contributions to the state's identity.

The OKC Thunder NBA team observes and honors the state's cultural heritage and is a regular host of theme nights to promote inclusivity. In 2025, on February 12th, they'll have their annual Lunar New Year Celebration against the Miami Heat, partnering with the Greater OKC Asian Chamber of Commerce.

Other places to celebrate include the Myriad Botanical Gardens on January 25th, the Dove Event Center (TBA), The Riverwind Casino on January 26th, and the Asian District. Keep an eye on announcements on Explore OKC to see community events, many Lunar celebrations feature face painting, performances, and tremendous cultural food.

Whether through a plate of bánh chưng, a lion dance performance, or a Vietnamese calligraphy display, Tết in Oklahoma represents a rich blend of tradition, community, and hope for a prosperous year ahead.

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Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

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SWOSU recipients included:

- Keke Holloway** Major: Exercise Science
- Lacy Mott** Major: Biological Science
- Jada Permenter** Major: Health Sciences
- Cameron Turner** Major: Health Sciences

Mott is now a three-time recipient, Holloway and Turner are now two-time winners, and Permenter earns the distinction for the first time in her career.

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