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Parental Choice Tax Credit Program Prepares for 2025-26 School Year



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Pictured above are students from Western Oklahoma Christian Schools. Western Oklahoma Christian School students and their parents are eligible to apply for the Parental Choice Tax Credit Program for the 2025-26 school year. Applications for the program open to the public on Feburary 18th.

Beginning February 18th, parents with children planning to attend private schools within the State of Oklahoma during the 2025-26 school year will be able to apply for Oklahoma's Parental Choice Tax Credit Program. The program, which was passed into law in 2023 and became effective during the 2024-25 school year, provides applicable Oklahoma residents a \$5,000-\$7,500 refundable tax credit that they can use to pay for tuition and fees at accredited schools.

The Oklahoma Tax Commission, who administers the program, reported that for the 2024-25 school year 36,000 tax credit applications were submitted with the OTC approving 27,900 applications. With demand high, the Tax Credit Programs spending limit will increase from \$150 million for the 2024-25 school year to \$250 million dollars for the 2025-26 school year, insuring more interested applicants will have the chance to exploit the tax refunds.

Choice Tax Credit Program here are some easy steps you can take to guide you through your application process:

1.) Ensure that the school your student is attending for the 2025-26 school is accredited by the Oklahoma State Board of Education and is registered for the Tax Credit Program with the Oklahoma Tax Commission. You can confirm this information by contacting you student's school.

2.) Obtain your students Enrollment Verification Number or EVN. Only parents who's students are enrolled or planning on attending an accredited private school for the 2025-26 school year will be approved for the Tax Credit Program. Participating schools administrations will be able to provide this EVN to interested parents.

3.) Apply for the Tax Credit Program Online. Interested parents will be able to apply online through If you are interested in applying for the Parental the OTC's OkTAP online tax portal beginning

February 18th. To apply you can visit oktap.tax. ok.gov. The Tax Credit Program is based off the parents' income, so make sure to file your taxes for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

4.) Application status notifications will be sent to the applicants once their application has been completed and verified. Applicants can visit OkTap to check on the status of their application.

5.) Once approved, any tax credit checks will be mailed to the school your student is attending. Parents can either pick up the check from the school or they can sign the check over to the school to pay for any qualifying expenses such as tuition and fees collected by the school.

For more information about the Parental Choice Tax Credit Program you can visit the OTC's website for the program at oklahoma.gov/tax/individuals/ parental-choice-tax-credit.html or you can contact your student's school administrators.



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Sandra "Mimi" Musick

Sandra Marie Musick, "Mimi," was born January 31, 1974, in Clovis, New Mexico, and passed away Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at SSM Health – St. Anthony Hospital in Oklahoma City, at the age of 50 years, 11 months and 13 days.



Mimi was born with Down Syndrome... However, she was a tiny force to be reckoned with right from the beginning.

Mimi was adopted at the age of 2 by her mother Jeannie Musick and joined a family with three brothers: Kevin, Keith, and Josh, and later a sister Jessica. Mimi lived at home for 26 years where she was loved and adored by her family. She graduated high school and later joined an adult training program where she was popular with the teachers and students alike. After being told early on that she would never talk, walk, or show emotion, Mimi proved everyone wrong.

Mimi enjoyed the simplest of things—coloring and ripping books and magazines, playing with her dolls, blocks, brushing everyone's hair, and she loved to eat! She loved swimming, being involved with the Special Olympics, dancing, clowning around and even copying everyone else's habits to grab the center of attention. Mimi loved using her own version of sign language to communicate and managed to adapt to just about every roadblock that crossed her path. The highlights of her later days were going to the farm with "Yayee," riding in the pickup and the tractor, and listening to 60's music while eating cheetos.

Tiny but mighty, Mimi lived in her joy and taught us all unconditional LOVE in the purest of forms.

Mimi was preceded in death by her adoptive father Mike Musick and her nephew Keenan Musick.

Mimi is survived by her mother Jeannie Musick and partner Roger Prochaska; three brothers: Kevin Musick and wife Sheri, Keith Musick and wife Lacy and their children: Brodii, Eli, Noah and Ben, Josh Musick and wife Kelsi and their children: Amaria, Maddox and Titus, and Jessica Christensen and husband Shane and their children: Huyler, Given and Khyren.

Memorials in Mimi's name may be made to the National Down Syndrome Society at www.ndss.org.

Margaret Mae Hamlin

Margaret Mae Hamlin was born March 18, 1939, in Elk City, Oklahoma, to Edward Fritz "Bud" Evans and Mary Elizabeth (Tharp) Evans, and went to her heavenly home January 24, 2025, at the age of 85 years, 10 months, and 6 days.



on several leagues throughout the years. The Wranglers was one and then there was her band of Margarets. Those women tore up the highways, traveling in their golden years to their next bowling competition. They went as far as Las Vegas, Nevada, to Nashville, Tennessee, creating memories and wrecking havoc in the best possible ways. She won \$100 in nickels once and was tickled pink.

If she wasn't bowling or working, she was watching sports. Basketball and football were her favorite, but she would watch any sport. She loved the OKC Thunder and rarely missed a game. Now, when her Kansas City Chiefs were playing, she left Sunday night family dinner early, so she could go home and watch her beloved team play. She was an OSU Cowboys fan through and through. Win or lose, she stayed loyal to her cherished teams.

She loved her grandchildren but the love she had for her great grandchildren was amazing to witness. Her whole demeanor changed when she heard their sweet little voices yell "Gramma!" She started teaching each one patty cake as soon as she held them, and later when they were older she couldn't wait to tease and play little pranks on them. And of course, each one was always threatened with, "I'm gonna take you out back and whip you!" - though she never did.

Grandma, as her family called her, was always down for an adventure. Whether it was a Sunday ride through the countryside, a random lunch date, hitting the casino for dinner and a little slot machine fun, getting a milkshake in the next county over or a spontaneous trip to go antiquing, she was always ready and waiting on her porch for a pickup or an hour early to pick up her adventure buddy. She was fun, adventurous, onrey, witty, fiesty, but most of all loved by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one sister-inlaw Nelta Evans, and one brother-in -law Meryl Potter. She is survived by her daughter Candy Taylor and husband Mike of Custer City, sons Dennis Cooper and wife Sheri, of Tulsa, Jonathan Cooper and wife Belinda of Sulpher Springs. Grandchildren Melinda Davis and husband, Brandon, Darci Zamora and husband Bailey, Mikey Taylor and wife Shanna, Jacob Cooper and Avery Cooper and 6 great grandchildren.

The family would like to thank Shepherd Home Health and Hospice, Dr. Blake Badgett, and the wonderful and caring staff at Corn Heritage Village of Corn for taking such loving care of her.

Lynda Farmer

Lynda Sharon (Ringo) Farmer, age 80, a longtime resident and business owner of Clinton, Oklahoma, was born on April 24, 1944, in Stockton, California, to Herschel and Dorothy (Smalley) Ringo. She



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A memorial service for Lynda will be announced at a later date and will take place at the Broadway Heights Baptist Church with Rev. Robert White officiating. Under the direction of the Lee Hometown Funeral Home, her cremains will be buried next to her son Drew in the Clinton Cemetery.

Lynda's legacy of love, artistry, and dedication to her family and community will always be remembered and cherished by all who knew her.

Bob Davis

Bob Davis, 91, of Pine Bluff, AR, formerly of Clinton, OK, passed away Friday, January 24th, 2025, at Green House Cottages of Southern Hills in Rison, AR. He was born September 4th, 1933, to the late Samuel Ronald Davis Sr. and Lola Mae (Dutton)



Davis of Hobart, OK. He was reared and received his education in the Lake Valley community, located in Washita County, OK.

Visitation will be Wednesday, January 29, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home. Services will be held Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 10:00 AM, at the Randy Kiesau Chapel, located inside Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home, 2500 W. Modelle Ave., Clinton, OK 73601. Burial will take place at the Clinton Cemetery, immediately following the service.

On May 30th, 1954, while working for Atlantic Refining Co. on location in Anadarko, OK, he married the love of his life Ameta Fay Noblitt. During the next 6 years, they lived in various locations in Oklahoma, west Texas and New Mexico. Two daughters were also added to the family during this time. In 1960 the family moved to Clinton, OK where they lived for 53+ years before moving in 2013 due to health issues.

After moving to Clinton, Bob worked several jobs. He retired in 1980 from the Clinton Fire Department as a Captain. In addition to his duties as a firefighter, he also drove the bookmobile for Western Plains Library System which he enjoyed immensely. In addition, he also helped his mother-in-law with farm chores, following the death of her husband in 1971. In his later years, he drove trucks for Bob Smith and Ford Tractors as well as helping drive vehicles to/from Clinton for a local car dealership.

Bob enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, camping, woodworking, traveling and sightseeing. Drinking coffee with his buddies was also a highlight of his day.

Bob and Ameta were active members of Broadway Heights Missionary Baptist Church while living in Clinton. Bob had a keen interest in making sure the church yards were neatly mowed each week.

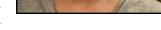
Margaret was raised in the church and had a love for Jesus and singing his praise. When she was a teenager, she was song leader for the church on Sundays. In 1958, Margaret graduated from Custer City High School and was a proud Panther. During her high school years, she was dubbed the 'Roller Skating Queen," winning many competitions with her talents.

In 1960, Margaret married Rex Payne. From this marriage she had her daughter Candy and one son Dennis. Later, she would remarry and have her youngest son Jonathan.

Margaret had an almost 20-year long career as a title 1 reading assistant at Washington Elementary for Clinton Public Schools. Some of her proudest moments were when a student had that breakthrough while in her classroom learning to read. She formed many long-lasting friendships with students while on playground duty and while she waited with them after school during bus duty. She cheered for many of those same students later when they played for the Clinton Red Tornadoes, many of which would hug her neck after a game. This career would bring her many friendships, both with students and with her colleagues and fellow members of Kappa Kappa Iota.

Bowling was one of her favorite past times. She was

passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January



29, 2025, at the Clare House in Tulsa, with her daughter Michelle by her side.

Lynda spent her early years in Stockton where she attended school before moving to Clinton, Oklahoma, during her senior year in 1962. It was there that she met the father of her children. Lynda was a proud and devoted member of the Broadway Heights Baptist Church in Clinton.

A successful businesswoman, Lynda owned a pawn shop in Tulsa with her son Drew and operated Shamburgs Sporting Goods in Clinton for many years. She also maintained a booth in the Mulberry Bush alongside her dear friend and partner in crime Susie Farmer. Occasionally, Lynda and Susie would manage the store for Cheryl McCullers during her absence. An ardent artist, Lynda loved painting and drawing, and she cherished celebrating holidays with her family. She also enjoyed assisting Susie at Chandler's flower shop during the festive seasons.

Lynda was preceded in death by her parents, her son Drew Farmer, and her stepfather Bethel Shamburg. She is survived by her daughter Michelle and her husband Bobby Chambers of Tulsa, her sister-in-law Susie Farmer of Clinton, her brother-in-law Rick Farmer and his wife Lela of Hydro, and her grandson Dillon Chambers of Sapulpa. Additionally, she leaves behind her aunt Pat Thompson of Georgia, as well as her nieces and her nephew Krystal,

HIGHER GROUND

Learning from Adversity



When most of us think of and prayer for our children in the different phases of life, we don't pray that adversity will come their way. We would like for them to have problem free lives. Yet we also would like them to be all they were meant to be by their creator. But when we look at the heroes of the faith, both biblically and in recent history

Jim Morrison

smooth sailing, free-from-problem

lives. David, Daniel, Moses, Job, and others achieved their places in the Hall of Faith by working though great adversities. Could it be that this is the way God intended it to be. We are shaped by our sorrows more often than we would like to admit. When I graduated from college, I had a teaching job that fall but the summer was open. A couple of businessmen rented a motel room and served notice of a summer job that sounded exciting. They were looking for a few young men who would travel to South Texas to sell fine China, Crystal and Cookware to single-working girls. When you are 21 and single that sounded like a good deal.

So, a few of us took the bait and gave proof to the study that the human brain is not fully developed until you are at least 25.

I had bought my first car, an older model that used oil like it was going out of style. We set out for exotic places like Beaumont, Port Artur, San Antonio, Lake Charles, Orange and New Iberia, Louisiana. I'm not sure why we thought we needed to go to all those places as if there were not enough single-working girls in one place to whom we could sell our wares.

We wound up back in San Antonio and it was nearing the time to go back home for my annual two-week summer training requirement, with the National Guard. I set down to calculate how much money I had left to pay my motel bill. I found that I had just enough! That is if I didn't eat for the next three days. So, I went on a three-day fast. As I went in to pay my bill the owner suggested that I order some breakfast. I said, "But I don't He is preceded in death by his parents, four brothers: Sam Ronald Jr., Dale D., Fred Lee and Will Rogers, and one sister Helen.

He is survived by two daughters Sharon (Carlin) Gray, Linda (Philip) Carroll; four grandchildren: Brad (Tara) Carroll, Chad (Lacie) Carroll, Krista Gray and Aaron (Jenny) Gray; two great-grandchildren Bryson and Allison; one brother Pat (Jackie); one sister-in-law Dorothy and numerous other relatives and friends.

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have any money." Out of the kindness of his heart the man said rather strongly, "You order some breakfast." I tell you no breakfast ever tasted so good!

Fast forward six years: I am now in my third year of Seminary preparing for college student ministry. I am in debt to family members and without money to buy an engagement ring for my future wife. A friend had an answer. He had a job that offered good financial profits if I was willing to work about 75 hours a week. It was another sales job, going door-to-door selling Bibles, and other Bible resources for the Southwestern Company. That turned out to be the most productive summer of my life. I made enough money to pay off debts, and buy the ring. But the greater profit was to establish a relationship, with a district manager who was influential in my serving as a campus minister for 37 years. I am convinced that I would never have had the positive outcome of the latter selling job if God had not allowed me to go through the adversities that came with the first attempt at selling.

So don't just pray for the absence of adversity in the life of your children. Those times will come. Rather, pray that as they go through those difficult days, that they will allow God to mold them into the vessels that He can use. To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or call 1-580-302-1142.

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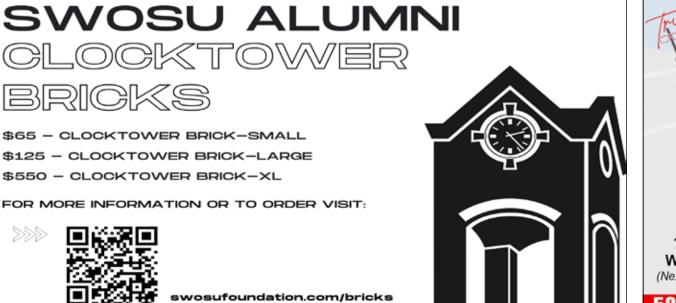




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State Farm Agent Aimee Golden celebrates the grand opening of her office with a ribbon-cutting ceremony alongside community members, colleagues, and local leaders. Golden's office is located at 221 N. State Street in Debbie Shephard's old building.

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Oklahoma History: Clara Luper

Chase Wright Staff Writer

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Ιn late 1950s,

Oklahoma City was a mixer of the segregated South, where racial barriers were deeply entrenched in public spaces. On August 19, 1958, Clara Luper, a high school history teacher and advisor to the Oklahoma City NAACP Youth Council, orchestrated a pivotal sit-in at the Katz Drug Store's segregated lunch counter. This act of nonviolent protest not only challenged local segregation laws but also ignited a series of sit-ins that would play a crucial role in the broader civil rights movement.

Luper, inspired by the principles of nonviolent resistance espoused by Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., had previously written a play titled Brother President, a story about Dr. King and his techniques to end segregation in Alabama. Herbert Wright, the National Youth Director of the NAACP invited her and her students to perform it in New York City in 1957 at the "Salute

t h e to Young Freedom Fighters Rally". Luper explains more of the experience and her aims to break down the walls she encountered in her book Beyond the Walls.

> The trip exposed the students to integrated facilities, a stark contrast to the segregation they experienced back home. Motivated by this experience, Luper and thirteen Black high school students, including her own children, Marilyn and Calvin, decided to take direct action against segregation in their city.

> Dressed in their best attire, the group entered Katz Drug Store on Robinson Avenue and sat at the whites-only lunch counter. They politely requested service but were denied. Undeterred, they remained seated, enduring jeers and threats from onlookers. Their peaceful persistence paid off; within days, Katz Drug Stores desegregated their lunch counters across three states.

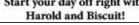
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CLINTON SCHOOLS/GRANT- Clinton Public Schools were recently presented grant funding from the Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs team, aimed at helping Red Tornado students and their families prepare for and succeed in college. The initiative is part of a \$34.7 million federal GEAR UP grant which will provide educational resources and direct student services to Clinton and 12 other Oklahoma school districts over the next 7 years.

CUSTER CO/SCAMS- Custer County Sheriff Dan Day said several scams are going on affecting county citizens. Sheriff Day said any suspicious emails should just be deleted.

HYDRO/GROUNDBREAKING- The Hydro Chamber of Commerce invites the public to the groundbreaking ceremony for a Route 66 revitalization project. Officials said as a result of a Route 66 revitalization grant, the Town of Hydro will be relocating and restoring a decommissioned Route 66 bridge. The bridge will serve as both a roadside attraction for travelers and a welcoming monument for those who are entering Hydro. The groundbreaking will be held Thursday, February 6th, at 11am, just south of Hydro, on route 66.

SWOSU/POOL INCIDENT-Officials at Southwestern Oklahoma State University said an on-duty lifeguard at the university pool sprang into action during a SWOSU

student national guard training incident. Officials said one of the students experienced a medical emergency, went under water and did not resurface. The lifeguard on duty pulled the student to the surface and then CPR was administered. The university said the student was resuscitated and responsive before being transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

Mike Smith News Director

WRH/FINANCIALS- The month of December was a good financial month for Weatherford Regional Hospital said chief financial officer Georgana Buss.

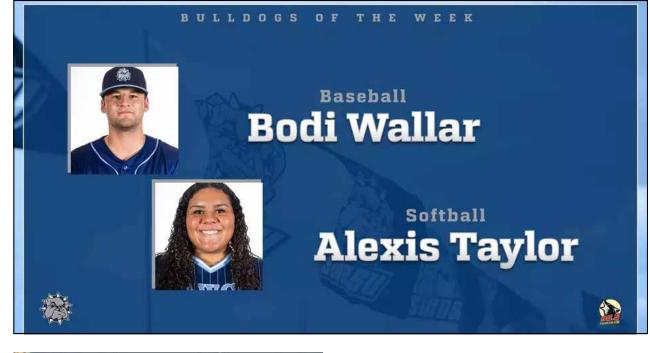
Chief executive officer Darin Farrell said the hospital is in the position to make some upgrades to public restrooms and updating some hvac units.

WEATHERFORD FD/STRUCTURE FIRE- A mobile home was destroyed by fire on county road 990 between state highway 54 and county road 2410 said Weatherford fire chief Kory Selman.

Selman said it's unclear how the fire started.

ELK CITY/PRICE- A principal from Elk City public schools has been selected to receive the Oklahoma literacy association's outstanding administrator award. Haley Price will be recognized February 28th at the association's conference for her leadership and commitment to fostering student success.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for Feb. 5 - Jimmy Alexandar, Michaela Davis Ann, Kelli Jo Finley, Joe Funkhouser, Matthew Harmon, Lucille Jones, Ed Klein, Gatlin Lokin, Jessica Reed, Christy Rhoads, Gary Severn, Destiney Smith, Misty Wise; Feb. 6 - Lin Farris, Donald Johnson, Randlett Klinekole, Elizabeth Malone, Lana Newman, Vergil Roper, Beverly Thomason; Feb. 7 - Ruth Boyd, Lawrence Farris, Denise Green, Jane Janzen, Cheri Laird, Betty Payne, James Rossiter, Pauline Schmidt, David Schmidt, Alex Tompkins, E.T. Woody. Feb. 8 - Axton Boone, Diane Byrd, Terry Colwell, Cale Duncan, Lexy Fariss, Amanda Green, Ben Hearn, Jacey Howard, Grant Kohout, Grant Kohout, Chris Maggard, Jerry McCoy, Jessica Ramirez, Sean Staggs, Samantha Steffes, Wanda Triplett, Kevin Wager, Chase Walker, Brandy Wilson; Feb. 9 - Sarah Barton, Julie Carr, Savannah Chervenka, July Hatter, Addison Sage Hinton, Matt Hollan, Andrea Maddox, Jerry McCoy, Hannah Nance, Michele Permenter, Rylie Rodriquez, Clay Roper, Rod Thompson, Larry West; Feb. 10 - Alexis Adams, Billy Joe Adams, Chris Albright, Mickey Allen, Billy Austin, Blake Brewer, Corissa Crosby, Rachelle Epp, Adam Esparza, Hudson Ingram, Misty Krewall, Ridley Matthews, Karen Miller, Courtney Milligan, Shirley Pendleton, Diviya Rolens, Anita Spradlin; Feb. 11 - Cody Chase, Brad Anderson, Tony Davenport, Yvonne Davis, Lynlea Hunter, Matthew Klassen, Revlynn Moore, Neva Taff, Joyselyn Stucky, Joseph Ray, Travis Watson.

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This successful protest was one of the first sit-ins of the civil rights movement, preceding the more widely known Greensboro sit-ins by over a year. The Oklahoma City sit-ins, led by Luper and the NAACP Youth Council, continued for several years, targeting various establishments and gradually dismantling segregation in public facilities throughout the city.

The success of the sit-ins can also be attributed to Bill Percer, a lieutenant in the Oklahoma City Police Department at the time. Luper and Percer silently agreed that he and his men would not harm students if they remained non-violent during the demonstration.

Beyond the sit-ins, Luper remained an active figure in the national civil rights movement. She participated in the 1963 March on Washington, where Dr. King delivered his iconic "I Have a



Clinton and Weatherford **February Specials** Monday - Chicken and Dumplings Tuesday - Homemade Lasagna Wednesday - Homemade Meatloaf Thursday - Fried Pork Chops Friday - Beer Battered Fish or Catfish Saturday - Steak and Ribs Sunday - Handcut Beef Tips **Holiday Specials** February 14 - Valentine's Day - Wagyu Steak Special

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Dream" speech. In 1965, during the Selma to Montgomery marches, Luper sustained a deep cut on her leg on "Bloody Sunday" when 600 civil rights marchers were attacked by state and local police with tear gas and billy clubs.

In 2018, the University of Oklahoma named its Department of African and African-American Studies after her, recognizing her contributions to civil rights and education.

Clara Luper's legacy continues to be honored through significant initiatives in Oklahoma City. The Freedom Center, located at 2609 N. Martin Luther King Avenue, served as the headquarters for the Oklahoma City NAACP Youth Council during the civil rights movement. Under Luper's guidance, it became a hub for organizing nonviolent protests and educational programs. Recognizing its historical importance, efforts were underway to restore the Freedom Center to its former prominence. The renovation aimed to preserve the building's rich history and transform it into a space for education and reflection. It was completed in 2022.

FROM ALL OF US

AT WRIGHT MEDIA

Adjacent to the Freedom Center, plans are in motion for the Clara Luper Civil Rights Center. This new facility will serve as a museum and community gathering place, dedicated to educating the public about Oklahoma City's pivotal role in the national civil rights movement. The center will feature exhibits highlighting Luper's contributions, the sit-in movement, and the broader struggle for racial equality. The project is part of the MAPS 4 initiative, with a total budget of \$17.1 million allocated for its development.

These endeavors ensure that Clara Luper's dedication to justice and equality will continue to inspire future generations. By preserving these landmarks and creating spaces for education, Oklahoma City honors her legacy and the countless individuals who fought for civil rights.



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Setback Suffer i n Searcy

Jon Chidester

A strong second half from SWOSU Assistant A.D. Harding proved too much for SWOSU Men's Basketball to handle, as the Bulldogs fell 78-61 for a fourth straight road loss.

Saturday's momentum shift occurred within the final minutes of the first half. SWOSU found themselves up 31-30 with just over a minute remaining before the Bisons closed the half on a quick 6-0 run capped off by a layup to beat the first-half buzzer.

The Bulldogs would never regain their lead as Harding achieved a 25-10 extended run over the first 10 minutes of the second half to take control of the game. SWOSU couldn't string together possessions to try and fight their way back into the game, never scoring more than four points without a Harding answer in the final 20 minutes.

SWOSU shot 22-50 (44%) in the game while going 7-17 (41.2%) from deep but went just 1-7 from the three-point line in the final half. Harding finished 27-58 (46.6%) from the field and 10-31 (32.3%) from deep.

The Dawgs committed 15 turnovers that translated into 22 points off turnovers for the home team. Harding committed only eight turnovers, resulting in just nine points for the Bulldogs.

Tobias Roland led the offensive production for the Dawgs with 18 points on 7-10 shooting and 2-2 from







the three-point line. Elijah Williams added 13 points while going 7-8 from the free throw line.

SWOSU (8-10, 5-8 GAC) will now return to Weatherford for their next four games, starting with Ouachita Baptist on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 5:30 pm,

The teams entered the fourth quarter tied at 41-41,

but it was the Lady Bisons who edged SWOSU in

the final 10 minutes to pull out the win. With 4:23 to

play, the Lady Bulldogs led 52-49 after Averi Zinn

completed a three-point play with an and-one layup

before Harding closed the game on a 10-4 run to pull it out. Zinn's foul shot to complete that three-

point play allowed her to become the 16th player

SWOSU had a chance to tie at the buzzer but

The tight finish came after the Lady Bulldogs erased a 10-point second quarter deficit. They trailed

20-14 after the first quarter and by double digits

midway through the second quarter before outscoring

a Layni Zinn three-point attempt as time expired

in program history to achieve 1,000 career points.

before Henderson State comes into town on Saturday (Feb. 8) to round out the week. With eight games remaining in the regular season, SWOSU now sits in ninth place in the GAC standings, one spot outside of postseason contention.

Harding Edges SWOSU Women Late

Jon Chidester WOSU Assistant A.D.

rimmed out.

just short in a 59-56 loss.

Basketball pushed (RV) Harding on Saturday, but fell

S W O S U W o m e n 's Harding in both the second and third quarters.

The Lady Dawgs shot 41% as a team from the field but were just 3-of-19 from the three-point line in the game. Defensively, they limited Harding to 37% shooting as a team and held them to just 1-of-4 from beyond the arc. The Lady Bisons did their damage at the foul line - shooting 18-of-19 (95%) in the contest.

SWOSU got outrebounded 38-30 and surrendered 11 offense rebounds that Harding converted into 21 second chance points.

Layni Zinn (11) and Hailey Grant (10) both also added double-digit scoring efforts. Lanie Gooch chipped in seven points with a season high 10 rebounds.

After four straight road games, SWOSU (10-10, 6-8 GAC) will return back home for a matching four-game homestand. The Lady Bulldogs will host Ouachita Baptist on Thursday (Feb. 6) and Henderson State (Feb. 8) on Saturday next week.





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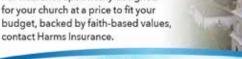
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