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Recap: Strong Defense Sends Weatherford Eagle Boys Back to State



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Alexander Shook

The Weatherford Eagles high school boys' basketball

team has successfully made their way back to State after a dominant area championship performance against the Fort Gibson Tigers.

Weatherford (28-1 for the season) will now move on to the state playoffs for their fourth year in a row. They'll face off against Mount St. Mary at the OKC Fairgrounds on Wednesday, March 12, at 1:30 pm. Audio commentary by Chuck Ramsey will be available live at 100.3 FM and online at wright.media/one.

The first five minutes saw an uninterrupted backand-forth between both teams. The Eagles used a lot of timely passing and shooting to build up their points, but any missed shot rebounded by the Tigers was immediately followed by either a layup or three-point shot within seconds.

With three minutes left in the first quarter, the Eagles had a slight edge over their opponents as the Tigers called a time-out, with the score sitting at 10-8. However, the Eagles came out of this regrouping with a hit to their shot accuracy, missing all five attempted shots. This allowed the Tigers to snag two layups and two free throws following a foul from Jackson Smith.

Going into the second quarter with the score sitting at 10-14, the Eagles needed to contend with a four-point deficit. As Chuck Ramsey described it live, this marked the boys' worst first quarter performance since their Tournament of Champions game against Owasso—the only game they've lost this season.

As the second quarter opened with the Tigers scoring yet another layup only 15 seconds in, it seemed the distance between the two teams would only continue to grow. Weatherford could have returned to the back-and-forth of the first quarter following a rebounded layup by CJ Nixon. Fortunately for Eagles fans, neither of those "worst case scenarios" happened. Instead, Weatherford would score an astonishing twelve points, including 3 two-pointers, 3 free throws, and a lone three point shot by Walker Kennedy.

Meanwhile, Fort Gibson found themselves dealing with a terrible scoring drought, one that another time-out could not correct for. It wasn't until the 2:35 mark that the Tigers would sink their second basket of the quarter, preceded by 4 fouls, 6 turnovers, and 8 missed shots. The score going into halftime was 26-21, with Weatherford leading by five points.

The third quarter quickly turned into a stalemate. After an early three-pointer from Tate Sage, neither team was able to sink another shot for nearly three minutes. However, Weatherford soon got their groove back with two three-point shots from Walker Kennedy and Jackson Smith, as well as two free throws from Tate Sage. These were the only points scored in the quarter as the Tigers continued to be boxed out by the Eagles' defense. The tide was now soundly in the Eagle's favor, with the score sitting at 37-21 heading into the final quarter.

The Tigers managed to break their third quarter dry streak, with one from the field and one from three-point range, but it wasn't enough to bridge the gap. CJ Nixon had a dominant fourth quarter, scoring seven points. Dylan Epp was the only other Eagle to score after banking a late-game layup, bringing the final score to 46-26.

CJ Nixon was crowned the McDonald's "Player of the Game," scoring 14 points during the match. Walker Kennedy was not far behind, banking 12 points. The other scoring Weatherford players were Tate Sage (9), Jackson Smith (6), Ethan Sage (3), and Dylan Epp (1).



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Patricio Bustillos

Patricio Ochoa Bustillos was born March 17, 1974, in Agostadero Chihuahua, Mexico, to Oscar Ochoa Moreno and Balbina (Bustillos) Ochoa and passed away Monday, February 24, 2025, in



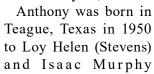
Austin, Texas, at the age of 50 years old.

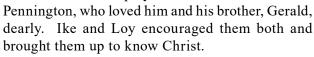
Patricio was raised in Mexico and when he was 4, the family moved to Hutchison, Missouri. They returned to Aldama, Mexico and in 1995 they moved to Oklahoma City. Eventually Patricio settled near Colony in 2000 where he worked for a local farmer. He enjoyed working with horses and cattle, being outdoors, camping, hiking, traveling, dancing, playing basketball and baseball. Patricio loved spending time with family and friends. Many knew him as quite the jokester.

Patricio is survived by three daughters: Balvina Ochoa and husband, Skyler Romo, Perla White and husband, Brendon White, and Isabella Ochoa; three sons: Alonzo Ochoa and wife, Carmen Ochoa and their children: Alonzo Jr "AJ", Alvaro, Alejandro and Alan; Aaron Ochoa and Julian Ochoa; four brothers; one sister; aunts, uncles and other relatives. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Chayo Ochoa Bustillos.

Anthony Pennington

Anthony Allen Pennington, 74, of Albuquerque, NM, was called home by the Lord on February 27, 2025.





Anthony spent his school years in Buffalo, Texas where he was very close to his classmates and remained in contact with many of them throughout his life. He had very fond memories of playing football and running track during his school years in Buffalo.

Anthony met the love of his life, Mary Latham, in the fall of 1970 in Kirvin, Texas on a blind date. Mary didn't know it, but for Anthony it was love at first sight. The two were married in 1971, and their love for each other never faded.

Anthony and Mary couldn't wait to start a family. His children, David and Amy, meant the world to him. Pa enjoyed spending time playing games, going to the mountains and just being with his grandchildren, Ryan, Grace, Julie, Joey, Chloe, Haley, and his grandchildren in love, Joseph and Cameron.

Anthony loved people and had more friends than could be counted. He treated every person with the love of God and regarded them as his family.

Anthony loved Jesus and served Him in the ministry as a pastor, church planter, missionary and chaplain from 1975 until he graduated to heaven. There were enumerable places that the Lord led him to, and countless lives that were touched by his service through Christ.

Everyone that Anthony knew could attest to his love for motorcycles, the Dallas Cowboys, nature, and friendships. If possible, he would have ridden his motorcycle to heaven and maybe stop a few places to fish with friends along the way.

We will always miss hearing his words of encouragement and couldn't have asked for a better husband, father and grandfather. We will miss him every day, but he will live on in the hearts of all of us who loved him. Anthony was preceded in death by his mother and father, Loy and Ike Pennington, and is survived by his wife, Mary Pennington, son, David Pennington and wife Ann Marie, daughter, Amy Vincent and husband Bryon, and his grandchildren Ryan Pennington, Grace and Joseph Garibay, Juliana and Cameron Chavez-Kerr, Joey Pennington, Chloe Vincent, Haley Vincent and his first best friend and brother, Gerald Pennington and wife Anita

Anthony will always be remembered for his love for Jesus, his joyous countenance, boisterous laugh, and his kindness to others. He always had a joke or funny story to share and wanted to bring life and hope to all that he encountered. Most of all, his greatest joy was leading people to accept Christ as their savior. This is what Anthony would have urged you to do if you met him today. If you haven't accepted Christ, know that God loves you and is calling you to be His son or daughter.

Jesse Mendoza

Jesse "Jewci" Manuel Mendoza, 32, of Thomas, OK, was a proud member of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribe. His sunset was March 4, 2025, at the Clinton Regional Hospital.



Jesse's sunrise was June 30, 1992, in Clinton,

OK, to Ramon and Charlene (Lime) Mendoza.

Jesse was known for his warmth and kindness, often bringing joy to those around him with his infectious smile and vibrant laughter.

Jesse greatly valued the time spent with his family and friends, particularly enjoying meals shared at restaurants. His passion for perfection was evident in his care for vehicles and audio systems.

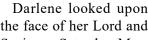
Jesse also cherished his role as a loving uncle, creating lasting memories with his nieces and nephews. He also loved cooking and preparing meals for them.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, LaVerne and Robert Lime, and his paternal grandparents, Petra Alvarado and Gonzalo Mendoza, along with many cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends.

Jesse is survived by his parents, Ramon and Charlene Mendoza of Thomas, as well as his sons, Tristen Plummer-Mendoza of Weatherford and Jordan Mendoza of Woodward. He leaves behind his brothers, Robert Lime and wife, Vivian of Clinton, Victor Mendoza of Thomas, and Travis Mendoza and wife, Kiyla of Thomas, along with his sister, Mary Burns and husband, William of Clinton; goddaughter, Azlynn Salinas; and girlfriend, Heidi Hill. He will also be remembered fondly by his nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Darlene Trent

Dolly Darlene Trent, 89, of Hammon, OK, was born on December 5, 1935 in Oklahoma City, OK, to Boyd Hubert and Bonnie Omega (Fears) Hawkins.



Savior on Saturday, March 1, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK, surrounded by those she loved most.

She married the love of her life and her best friend, Gale Trent on January 7, 1955 in Hammon, Oklahoma. Gale preceded her in death on September 1, 1978.

Darlene enjoyed spending her time reading and studying the bible, sharing Jesus with others, and teaching bible verses. She loved Jesus and it showed in all that she did each and every day. Darlene taught Sunday School at the First Baptist Church from elementary to college age, she loved them all. Darlene would even host the Sunday School parties at her house.

Her children and grandchildren were what she loved most about her life, she loved cooking and caring for them and their friends. She was known as the "Hospitality Queen" because their friends would rather come and stay at "Mama Hammons" house because it was a place they could all relax. She encouraged her children to "Be anything you want to be." Darlene was always there for them cheering them on and helping them do all the things they wanted to do.

Darlene had such a big heart that she opened her home to foster children for over six years, whom she loved and cared for.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, playing games, reading, puzzles, canning, and quilting. Darlene loved watching the Hammon Warriors play basketball was she was always there to support them. She also loved sweets.

Cherishing her memory, Darlene is survived by her son, Michael Lynn Trent of Elk City, OK,; two daughters, Darla Trent Mancini of Yukon, OK, Stacey Risinger and her husband, Matt of Yukon, OK; two grandchildren, Preston Risinger and Madelynn Risinger both of Yukon, OK; two sisters, Imogene Creach of Spokane, Washington, Frances Malson of Elk City, OK

Darlene is also survived by countless friends as well as many other loving nephews, nieces, and family members.

Darlene was preceded in death by her husband, Gale Trent; daughter, Kimberly Trent; and her parents, Boyd and Bonnie Hawkins.

Memorials can be made to the Gideons Organization and or the Oklahoma Baptist Children Home in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, OK 73648.

Donna Willis

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Donna Willis, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, and friend who entered eternal rest on Tuesday, February 25, 2025, at Corn Heritage Village in Weatherford.



She was 79 years old, 8 months and 6 days.

Born on June 19, 1945, in Wichita Falls, Texas, Donna spent her early years there before her family moved to Velma, where she graduated from Velma-Alma High School in 1963.

With a natural gift for making others feel beautiful inside and out, she attended cosmetology school before embarking on a successful career as a hairdresser

Donna's passion for helping others find a place to call home also led her to become a Realtor/Broker and, in 1985, she founded LTD Sooner Real Estate, a business she ran with dedication until her well-earned retirement in 2023.

Above all, Donna's greatest joy in life was her family. She cherished every moment spent with her children and grandchildren, never missing a sporting event or an opportunity to support them in their endeavors. She delighted in gathering her loved ones together, creating a home filled with warmth and love.

A woman of boundless energy and kindness, Donna found joy in simple pleasures—walking, exercising, working in her yard, styling hair, and sharing coffee and conversation with dear friends. Her faith was the cornerstone of her life, and she remained deeply involved in her church, devoting time to Bible studies and her love for Jesus.

Donna's legacy of love, faith, and unwavering support lives on in the hearts of those she leaves behind.

She is preceded in death by her parents, H.O. and Ilena Pierce; her son, Alton Teryl Lawrence; her granddaughter, Adysen Willis; her nephew, Derrell Davis Bryant; her brother-in-law, Ray Bryant; and her grand-nephew, Jarid Letterman.

She is lovingly remembered by her children, Tonya Kilburn and husband, Shaun; Lacy Miller and husband, Clay; and Dyrek Willis and wife, Jennifer; her six grandchildren, Chloe Horton and husband, Brandon; Rily Miller; Brody Willis; Caly Miller; Sam Miller; and Cash Willis; her greatgranddaughter, Lottie Jo Horton. Along with her siblings, Gayla Ware and husband, Orville; Pat Bryant; and Temple Grundy and wife, Johnnie; along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cherished friends.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Donna's memory to the Church of the Nazarene.

Donna's life was a testament to faith, family, and love. Though she will be deeply missed, her light will continue to shine in the lives she touched.

Her family is comforted by Donna's words during this time, "God keeps his most precious treasures in heaven."



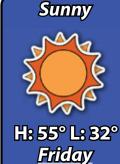




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Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is Doubling **Donations in the Fight Against Senior Hunger**



Oklahoma ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for food insecurity among seniors. Donations to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Senior Match are now doubled throughout March, up to \$30,000, thanks to presenting sponsor the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma.

"It is so important that we support and care for one of Oklahoma's most vulnerable populations," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "We know that hunger takes a severe toll on seniors' health and overall well-being, putting them at risk for chronic health conditions. We are so grateful to the Masonic Charity Foundation for making this match possible."

For every \$1 donated to the match, the Regional Food Bank is able to help provide six meals for seniors. Once the match is met, every donation provides three meals.

"Food support donations play a crucial role in the lives of Oklahoma seniors living with hunger," said John Logan, executive director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. "By providing seniors access to more nutritious food, health can improve, stress due to food insecurity can be reduced and their overall quality of life enhanced."

Food for Oklahoma seniors is provided through food pantries, emergency shelters and senior nutrition programs as well as provided through the following Regional Food Bank's Food for Seniors Programs:

The Senior Home Delivery Program - Through a partnership with EMBARK, the Oklahoma City metro area transit system, the Regional Food Bank delivers food boxes each month to homebound residents who are 60 years of age or older and identified as being food insecure and unable to get to a food pantry. In addition, the Regional Food Bank uses volunteers to make weekly home deliveries to metro area households who meet the USDA requirements (200% of poverty level) and are unable to visit a food pantry.

The Senior Pantry Program - Offers an on-site shopper-choice pantry where the residents are able to visit and shop for fresh prepared food from the Senior Servings Program, shelf-stable food and fresh produce.

The Senior Servings Program - Provides healthy, frozen meals prepared in Hope's Kitchen to seniors shopping at food pantries who have limitations in physical functioning, cognition and physical mobility.

Make a donation by visiting rfbo.org/seniors, calling 405-600-3161 or texting "SeniorsOK" to 53-555. Donations may also be mailed to:

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John 3:16 is probably the most quoted verse in the Bible. But there are a number of 3:16s in the Bible that are also very important. We will look at several of them in the next two weeks. John 3:16 has been called the gospel in a nutshell.

Jim Morrison It begins with God as the origin and source of life itself and the source of eternal life. It speaks of the nature and character of God. God so loved.

It was this great truth that motivated the early disciples to give their lives to share the good news of the gospel.It was love without discrimination, without regard to race, social standing, background, or worthiness.

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God. Sin had to be dealt with. The Old Testament sacrificial system was only a picture of God's ultimate sacrifice of his own Son who would take upon himself all the sins of the world.

The doorway to God was opened; the cross became the bridge across the chasm that would allow man to come into the presence of God. Jesus said it was for this cause that He came into the world.

The prophet Isaiah told us that "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."

John 3:16 tells us that whosever (you can put your name in the blank) believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. Whosoever believes! That is the simple truth. But the truth is that so many people misunderstand what it means to believe. James says that the "devil believes and trembles." But I don't expect to meet the devil

in heaven.

The New Testament was written in Greek and it is difficult to translate word-for-word the intended Greek work for belief into one word in the English language.

So, when we say, "All you have to do is believe," that is true if you understand what the word means in the language in which it was written. There are three elements we need to look at in our understanding of the word belief.

- 1. "Belief that God is a loving Father.
- 2. Believe that Jesus is who he claimed to be-the Son of God and therefore he can tell us the truth about God and life, and that he was resurrected from the dead and lives today.
- 3. Willingness to commit to live in obedience to Jesus as the Son of God—that is to say you put your total trust in him alone to take away your sins. That is the same as surrendering your life to Him.

Next week we will do a further study in some of the 3:16s of the Bible. So, stay tuned.

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Weatherford Softball Team Visits OK Capitol



Courtesy State Representative Anthony Moore

The Weatherford Softball Team toured the OKC Capitol Building under the supervision of Representative Anthony Moore (center-back) and Coach Rick Morris (back-right).

The Weatherford State Championship softball team was honored for their achievements with a special visit to the State Capitol. Representative Anthony Moore (R-Clinton) hosted the team, calling it a privilege to recognize the historic accomplishment.

"Any day that I get to celebrate our student athletes is a good day," Moore expressed.

Representative Moore highlighted that this was the first ever softball team from Weatherford to win a state championship, making their visit to the capitol especially meaningful.

"It was great to work with Mr. Null and Coach Morris and coach Hamburg to find a day to get them here and really get to celebrate their accomplishments," said Moore.



Congratulations to WHS March Rotary Students of the Month, Nathan DeVaughan (left) and Aubrey Manning (right).

A Letter to the Editor (from Harold Wright)

I lived in Anadarko for 16 years. I owned and operated the town's local radio, KRPT. I also served one term as Mayor and Chamber of Commerce President.

I found that some people in Anadarko worked harder at tearing the town down than building it up. Those people are dead now and the town is on life support: fewer local businesses, a declining population, and diminishing sales tax revenue.

Weatherford has always been a positive town with people working hard to make it better. Increased sales tax, growing population, and great local businesses.

Which of those rolls have you chosen? A builder counting your deeds by the rule and square or a wrecker who stalks the town content with lies and the job of tearing it down. Let's work together to make Weatherford a great place to visit and raise a family.

By the way, Anadarko no longer has a locally owned ome town radio station.

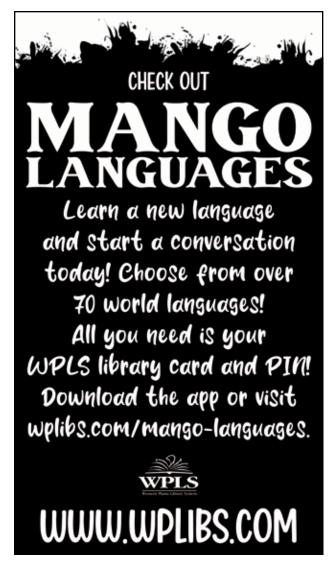
CLINTON / OSBI HOMICIDE - Authorities with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation have provided an update on an early morning homicide in Clinton. Officers responded to a report of shots fired at an apartment complex near 28th Street and Hayes Avenue. The victim, 32-year-old Jesse Mendoza, had been transported to a local hospital and died from his injuries. During the investigation, OSBI Special Agents identified the suspect as 28-year-old Joseph Tyler Layton. Troopers located Layton in Clinton and initiated a traffic stop. The encounter culminated in an officer-involved shooting. An investigation at the scene revealed Layton was in possession of a handgun. Layton was pronounced dead at the scene. The OSBI will continue to investigate the homicide of Mendoza and the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety will investigate the officer-involved shooting.

WEATHERFORD / TIF DISTRICT - Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown says city officials continue to mull over the possibility of forming a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district to bring more retail to Weatherford. Brown says a developer has shown interest in developing 21 acres just west of Tractor Supply Co. Internal speculation around what businesses might come to Weatherford include Chick-fil-a, Academy Sports, and Target. Brown says city officials are considering forming a committee to decide the pros and cons of establishing a TIF district.

BECKHAM CO / ACEVEDO - The preliminary hearing for an Elk City man charged with murder in Beckham County District Court has been moved from next month to June 3rd. 38-year-old Jose Antonio Acevedo is accused of selling the deadly drugs that resulted in the death of another person. During an investigation, officers uncovered evidence linking Acevedo to the distribution of fentanyl-laced pills. Authorities say Acevedo allegedly sold the victim five pills for \$50 days before his death.

CLINTON / EXIT 65 - Progress continues on a large road project in the city of Clinton that will help traffic flow at Exit 65 on the western side of Clinton. "We are completed with the acquisition stage [...] and we are relocating utilities on the project here in Clinton," says Oklahoma Department of Transportation Division 5 Engineer Brent Almquist. "We're still trying for a July 2025 starting date." Almquist says the work will take about 3 years to complete all six bridge replacements and installations. The estimated cost of the work is \$59 million.

WEATHERFORD / SHOOTING STAR PARK Stafford Air & Space Museum Executive Director Colton Parkinson says playground equipment will arrive over three phases for the Shooting Star Park in Weatherford. The park gets its name from the recently restored Lockheed T-33 shooting star jet training aircraft. There will be three separate shipments, expected to arrive over the next three months.



WEEKLY

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Happy Birthday Wishes for March 12 - Donna Arganbright, Julian Borjas, Randy Devine, Tony Graham, Genisis Rose, Ronnie Schmitz, Bill Stamper, Kyle Wager; March 13 - Richard Baugher, Matthew Cannon, Kim Cisco, Kevin Evans, Debbie Garrison, Betty Klaassen, Terrel Leonard, Eileen Mullins, Brandi Nabors, John Shaddon, Eva Zitterkob; March 14 - Rudy Ahdokobo, David Altland, Summer Bass, Brandy Carlson, Elise Cornell, Erica Creswell, Brandi Gateley, Mary Katherine Nail, Eddie Perkins, Steve Thomason, Sara Townley; March 15 - Brenna Butler, Mike Goossen, Casey Murray, Jennifer Scruggs; March 16 - Calvin Browning, Tucker Goodall, Jara Griffin, Morgan Hanson, Richie Hull, Floyd King, Julie Maddox, Craig Nabors, Virgal Slagell, Darren Toczko; March 17 - Keith Ansted, Steven Bagby, Andrew Basgall, Ron Henderson, Patrick Janning, Mike Kidd, Robert Middleton, Sheresha Moody, Clifford Prichard, Katie Roach, Jennifer Schultz; March 18 - Michelle Agan, Stephanie Buckner, Riley Grogan, Elizabeth Gwinn, Margaret Hamlin, Jack Melton, Frank Sewell IV, Pat Scholar.

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Riley Lusk and Campbell Sullivan Grab the Latest Bulldogs of the Week



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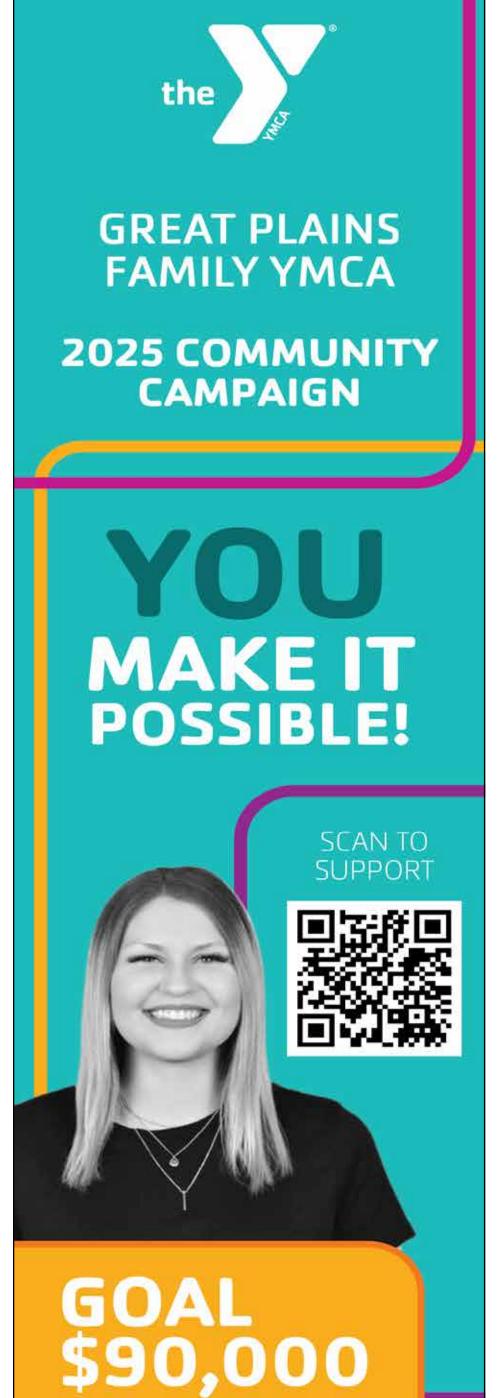
Lusk (Hutchinson, Kan.) led softball's lineup with eight hits last week including a 4-for-4 performance against Newman in the midweek – her first four-hit game of the season. She batted .533 on the week with three doubles, three RBI, and two runs scored. In the circle, she threw 7.0 innings across two games and did not surrender an earned run or an extra-base hit. Against Newman, Lusk threw 4.0 innings to earn her first win of the season.

Sullivan (Waxahachie, Texas) went 6-for-11 at the plate in SWOSU's sweep of Southern Nazarene. He finished 6-for-11 with six runs scored, four RBI, and two doubles. In game one against SNU, he too had his first four-hit game of the season.









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Air Conditioner Maintenance: Tips to Keeping Your Home Cool

As temperatures begin to rise, homeowners should prepare their air conditioning systems for the warm months ahead. Regular maintenance ensures that an air conditioner runs efficiently, reduces energy costs, and prevents costly repairs.

One of the most important steps in spring maintenance is replacing or cleaning the air filter. A clogged filter can restrict airflow, leading to decreased efficiency and poor indoor air quality. Experts recommend changing disposable filters or washing reusable ones every one to three months.

The outdoor condenser unit also requires attention. Leaves, dirt, and debris that have accumulated over the winter should be removed to allow proper airflow. Cleaning the condenser coils with a gentle spray of water can improve efficiency, and trimming vegetation around the unit ensures unobstructed air circulation.

Inside the home, the evaporator coils should be inspected and cleaned to prevent dust buildup that can hinder performance.

The condensate drain line, responsible for removing excess moisture, should also be checked for clogs. A simple mixture of vinegar and water can help keep the line clear and prevent water damage.

Checking the refrigerant levels is another crucial task. Low refrigerant can indicate a leak and reduce cooling performance. If the system is not cooling effectively, homeowners may need to consult a professional technician for inspection and recharging. The thermostat should also be tested to ensure it is functioning correctly. Sometimes upgrading to a programmable or smart thermostat can improve efficiency and help maintain a comfortable indoor temperature.

Electrical components play a vital role in the air conditioner's operation.

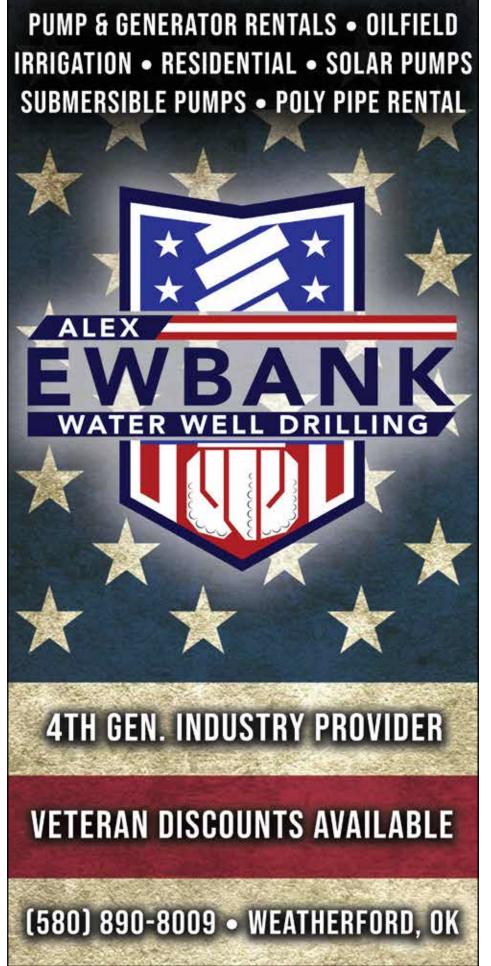
Loose connections or worn-out wires can lead to system failures. Homeowners should inspect electrical connections and tighten any loose components or seek professional assistance if needed.

Ductwork should also be examined for leaks, as air escaping through gaps can lead to wasted energy and higher utility bills. Sealing any visible openings with duct tape or hiring a professional for more extensive repairs can help maintain efficient cooling. For older air conditioning models, lubricating moving parts such as motors and bearings may be necessary. Some units have oil ports that require periodic maintenance to prevent wear and tear.

Running a test cycle is a good way to ensure the system is operating correctly. Turning on the air conditioner and listening for unusual noises can help identify potential issues before the peak summer heat arrives.











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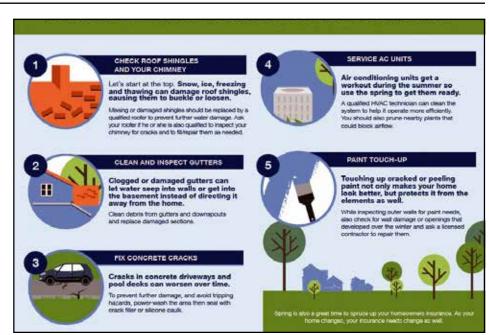


Beginner Gardening Tips: A Guide to Growing Your Green Thumb

Gardening is a rewarding and therapeutic hobby that allows you to connect with nature while beautifying your surroundings. If you're new to gardening, the process can seem overwhelming, but with the right tips and approach, you can cultivate a thriving garden. Here are some essential gardening tips for beginners:

- 1. Start Small If you're a beginner, it's best to start with a small garden. Choose a manageable space, such as a few pots on a balcony or a small raised bed in your backyard. This allows you to gain experience without feeling overwhelmed.
- 2. Choose the Right Plants Select plants that are suited for your climate and soil type. Native plants, herbs, and easy-to-grow vegetables like tomatoes, lettuce, and basil are great choices for beginners. Check plant labels or consult local gardening resources for guidance.
- 3. Prepare the Soil Healthy soil is the foundation of a successful garden. Test your soil to determine its pH and nutrient levels. Enrich the soil with compost or organic matter to promote plant growth and improve drainage.
- 4. Provide Adequate Water Understanding your plants' water needs is crucial. Overwatering and underwatering can both be harmful. Generally, most plants need about an inch of water per week. Water early in the morning or late in the evening to reduce evaporation.
- 5. Ensure Proper Sunlight Different plants have different requirements for sunlight. Some need full sun (6-8 hours of direct light), while others thrive in partial shade. Be sure to plant accordingly to maximize their growth potential.
- 6. Use Quality Gardening Tools Invest in essential gardening tools like gloves, a trowel, pruners, and a watering can. Quality tools make gardening easier and more enjoyable.
- 7. Practice Regular Maintenance Keep up with weeding, pruning, and checking for pests to maintain a healthy garden. Mulching can help suppress weeds and retain moisture in the soil.
- 8. Be Patient and Learn from Mistakes Gardening is a learning process, and not every plant will thrive. Observe, experiment, and adjust your methods as needed. Over time, you'll develop a better understanding of what works best in your garden.
- 9. Join a Gardening Community Connect with local gardening groups or online communities to exchange tips and seek advice. Experienced gardeners can provide valuable insights that help you succeed.

By following these simple gardening tips, you'll be well on your way to creating a beautiful and productive garden. Enjoy the journey and happy gardening!





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Interior Design Trends: Embracing Nature and Functional Spaces

As spring 2025 approaches, interior design trends are shifting towards a balance of nature-inspired aesthetics, warm neutrals, and functional yet stylish spaces. This season's trends highlight sustainability, personalization, and a fresh approach to color and texture.

- 1. Earthy Tones and Warm Neutrals Gone are the days of stark white interiors—this spring, warm neutrals like terracotta, beige, and taupe take center stage. These tones bring a cozy, inviting feel to any space while complementing natural elements like wood and stone.
- 2. Natural Materials / Rustic Textures Oklahoma's rural lifestyle naturally lends itself to rustic design elements. This spring, expect to see more natural wood finishes.

Reclaimed wood furniture, shiplap walls, and vintage-inspired decor pieces bring character while staying true to country aesthetics.

- 3. Multifunctional Furniture and Smart Spaces Look for durable furniture that serves multiple functions, like storage ottomans, farmhouse-style kitchen islands, and cozy reading nooks. Comfort is a priority—think plush sofas, soft throws, and inviting porches that encourage relaxation after a long day.
- 4. Bold Statement Pieces and Textures While minimalism remains popular maximalism is beginning to take some of its thunder, spring 2025 introduces bolder statement pieces—such as sculptural furniture, oversized artwork, and textured walls.

Plaster, limewash, and patterned wallpaper add depth and personality to spaces without overwhelming them.

- 5. Vintage and Handcrafted Touches There's a growing appreciation for craftsmanship and unique, one-of-a-kind pieces. Antique furniture, handmade quilts, and locally crafted pottery can add a personal touch to any room. Flea markets and small-town antique shops are great places to find decor that blends history with modern style.
- 6. Soft Pastels and Vibrant Accents Soft pastel shades like sage green, dusty blue, and blush pink are making a comeback, providing a fresh and airy feel. These hues are often paired with vibrant accent colors like deep emerald, burnt orange, or mustard yellow to create a dynamic yet balanced look.



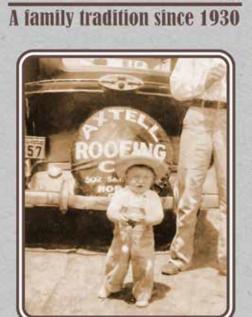




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SWOSU: Lady Bulldog & Bulldog Seasons End in GAC Quarterfinals





Jared Steward

SWOSU's basketball season came to an abrupt end for both

the men and women team in their first game of the quarter finals, hosted in Fort Smith, AK.

Lady Bulldogs vs. Southeastern: 56-69

SWOSU Women's Basketball had the 2024-25 season end in the quarterfinal round of the Great American Conference Tournament following a 69-59 loss to (4) Southeastern Oklahoma State on Friday.

The Lady Bulldogs shot 32% from the field and managed to force just 14 turnovers on the defensive end, a steal number well below their season average. Southeastern notched their fourth game this year shooting a 50% field goal percentage, spoiling SWOSU's minor upset bid.

After a nine-point early second quarter deficit, SWOSU closed the quarter strong and entered the halftime locker room trailing just 31-30. The Savage Storm extended that lead back to double digits by the end of the third quarter, before SWOSU dug in and made one final push.

Trailing 51-41 entering the final frame, the Lady Bulldogs used a 7-0 run to get within three within the first two minutes of game time in the fourth quarter. Now 51-48, broken help defense on the other end allowed an easy Storm layup to go through and snap them out of the momentum push from SWOSU.

The margin grew and then hovered around a 6-8 point lead in favor of the Storm the rest of the way.

SWOSU finally shot above the 40% mark in a quarter in the fourth when they needed it most, but every short scoring burst that might have snowballed into a comeback was inevitably answered by Southeastern to keep SWOSU at bay. Both teams played to a scoring stalemate in the final quarter.

Mason Jones led SWOSU's scoring efforts with 17 points and four three balls in her final game. Layni Zinn added 12 points, but on 3-of-13 shooting. Libbi Zinn chipped in 11 off the bench on a more efficient 4-of-8 shooting in 19 minutes of floor time. Averi Zinn dished out six assists with six points.

SWOSU ends the year 16-13 overall.

Bulldogs vs. Harding: 65-68

SWOSU Men's Basketball had their season come to an end, 68-65, at the hands of Harding after a lastsecond shot to tie the game by Eli Al-Debaran was halfway down before it rimmed out with no time left on the clock.

SWOSU had to fight through a slow first half offensively; they shot 28.6% from the field and 2-11 from beyond the three-point line. Harding built a 10-point lead going into the half at 31-21, with the main difference being the free throw disparity. SWOSU shot just 3-5 from the line, while the Bisons went 9-12.

Opening the second half, the Dawgs made a push, going on a 16-4 run over the opening six minutes and taking a 37-35 lead before a Bisons run would quickly flip the score to a ten-point lead again for Harding within four minutes. SWOSU would slowly break that deficit down over the next eight minutes before they finally broke through the Bisons to take another lead at 64-63 after an Elijah Williams deep three-pointer. Harding would respond with a three of their own before free throws would begin for both teams.

A turnover by MJ Warrior with eight seconds to go, down by only one, would turn costly, as an intentional foul had to be committed, setting the Dawgs down by three with no timeouts left and the season on the line. Warrior dribbled down the court, drawing three defenders on him, before kicking it out to Al-Debaran for three, who had a clean look to tie the game at the buzzer, but it was not meant to be as the shot rimmed out as time expired to end the Dawgs' season.

Williams led with 19 points and 12 rebounds for his second double-double of his career. Warrior finishes with 15 points, five rebounds, and four assists; he finishes his career just 11 assists shy of the SWOSU Division II record. Al-Debaran added 15 points of his own.

SWOSU's season comes to a close with a 15-13 record and a 12-10 record inside the GAC.













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SWOSU Baseball/Softball Standings for 2025



While the WestOK Weekly has been covering the SWOSU Basketball season, the Baseball and Softball seasons have been in full swing since Feb. 14 and Feb. 22, respectively.

SWOSU Softball currently sits at 10 wins to 11 losses (3-6 regarding GAC games only). SWOSU Baseball is holding a 12-7 win-loss ratio (5-6 for GAC games).

Both teams will face Arkansas-Montecello for their next series on Friday and Saturday.









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