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WOCS-Hinton Students Receive Flag Care Lesson From Post 230 Veterans



Shelly Newton / Western Oklahoma Christian School

The fourth and newest location of Western Oklahoma Christian School, located in Hinton, had the honor of having two Veterans with the American Legion Hinton Post 230 visit to talk a bit about their time in the military and show our students how to care for the American Flag each day. The fourth and fifth grade class is responsible for raising the flag at the beginning of each day and bringing it down and folding it each afternoon.

Clinton Fire Department Attends WOCS Fire Safety/Prevention Program



Jena Skarda / Western Oklahoma Christian School

CFD firefighter Bobby Winans (right) helps WOCS student Coit Collins (left) of Clinton put on protective gear.



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Kyler Crawford (left) of Hydro and Grace Thomas (right) of Rocky enjoy playing with Tilly the CFD dalmatian



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New “Red Rock Coffee” Now Open Near Hinton



(From left) Briley, Christina and Kara are ready on the drive-through window to serve your favorite brew and fresh pastry at the newly opened Red Rock Canyon Coffee, located at the entrance to Red Rock Canyon Campground on Hwy 281 south of Hinton.



Bud Patterson, Christina Roberge, Jesse Roberge, owners of Red Rock Canyon Coffee, take a break in front of the mural wall. The Red Rock Canyon coffee shop can be reached at 405-542-6344.



Red Rock Canyon Coffee offers a relaxing shop where customers can enjoy all types of coffee along with pastries provided by Fort Cobb’s Cottage Creations by Betty: fresh cinnamon rolls, mini cakes, cookies and other sweet treats.

“Fill your cup! Fill it up!” says Christina Roberge, co-owner of Hinton’s new coffee shop, Red Rock Canyon Coffee, located in the up-top office of Red Rock Canyon Campground & Adventure Park, just south of Hinton on Hwy 281.

Serving steaming or iced coffee with multiple flavors and toppings, Roberge said lines have been long, “but service has been very fast for both the drive-through and walk-ins.” She and her husband, Jesse, are business partners with Bud Patterson, all of whom purchased Red Rock Canyon Adventure Park in late 2023.

The group has invested heavily in park renovations, camping additions, and extensive clean-up in the past two years, and recently opened the coffee shop in the upper building.

“Our goal has always been to service the local community with a coffee and sweet shop here on the highway,” Roberge said. “We have been very busy since our Grand Opening last week”. In addition to coffee, the shop also offers baked goods from Fort Cobb’s Cottage Creations by Betty: fresh cinnamon rolls, mini cakes, cookies and other sweet treats.

Roberge continued: “The setting is perfect for our convenient drive-by window - customers can pull in right off the street, and watch the sun rise over the eastern canyon wall as they drive through.

They can come inside, sit down, and enjoy some downtime with their drink and pastry in our relaxing customer area.”

Red Rock Canyon Coffee is open seven days a week providing drive-through or walk-in service starting 6:30am Monday-Friday, 7:00am Saturday, 8:00am Sunday, closing about 6pm each day.

For customers willing to take a photo of their treats, post and tag Cottage Creations and Red Rock Coffee, using #RollWithRedRock...the coffee company will award a free baked surprise for the best “drool-worthy” photo.

The Roberges and Patterson said Red Rock Canyon Coffee has been a great addition to the offerings provided by the park. “The park had experienced years of neglect before we took over, and we’ve spent the last few years bringing it back to life,” Patterson said. “It’s great our community can now grab a coffee here before work or on the weekend, and our park customers can snag a brew before hiking our trails, or during their camping stay.”

Red Rock Canyon Coffee posts specials on the park’s social media pages: Red Rock Canyon Campground & Adventure Park. The coffee shop can be reached at 405-542-6344, their address is 116 Red Rock Canyon Road, Hinton, OK.

HIGHER GROUND
Psalms for Prayer & Meditation
(Follow along with your Bible)



After more than a decade of writing the “Higher Ground” article for this paper and many others, Jim Morrison has passed away and his column will be retired. We encourage you to read his obituary on page 2. Thank you, minister, for your many decades of contributions to the faith.

- Psalms 28:7** Holy Father, I claim your promise that you are my strength and shield. I will trust in you, knowing that your help is always just a prayer away. I will sing for joy because of your love.
- Psalms 29:2** Lord, often I am thoughtless in failing to praise and give glory to you. I confess that as sin. Help me to recognize that to truly worship you I must be awestruck by your holiness.
- Psalms 30:5, 30:11** Father, I praise you that your anger with me is only temporary while your favor lasts a lifetime. You allow me to suffer pain and hurt but you are always there to turn my wailing into dancing and clothe me with joy.
- Psalms 31:14-16** Indeed, You are my God! Today and all my tomorrows are in your hands. I do commit those days to you. Protect and deliver me from the evil one. Honor me with your good favor, save me from myself, and surround me with your love.
- Psalms 32:8-9** Lord, thank you for your promised instruction. Give me a heart of understanding. May I willingly come to you and allow you to instruct me and guide me. Free me from stubbornness of pride and hardness of heart.
- Psalms 33:18, 33:22** Lord, what greater promise could we claim then that you constantly have us in your eye. My only hope is in your love that does not fail.
- Psalms 34:11-13** Lord, I pray that I will have such an awesome respect of your glory that I would watch the words that come from my mouth. May I edify and not slander, may I speak the truth and not deceive. Lord, I do love you and desire that my days will be long and fruitful.
- Psalms 35:1** Lord, I commit to you those who are against me. May I not have a contentious or resentful spirit. Help me to be willing to learn even from those with whom I disagree.
- Psalms 36:5-6** O Lord, your love and faithfulness is beyond my understanding. May my walk measure up to my belief.
- Psalms 37:3, 37:7** Lord, I have committed my life to trusting in you. Show me where the good is that I am to do. May my greatest delight be in serving you. I commit my way and my days to you. I trust you to make my righteousness shine like the sun and my cause just.
- Psalms 37:23-25** Lord, I pray that you will find delight in me...that you will set my feet on solid ground. I thank you for the promise, that even though I stumble you are there to pick me up, hold me with your right hand, and meet my needs.
- Psalms 39:4-5** Lord, help me to remember that my time here is short. Let me be fruitful to the end. May I find joy in living and never be bound by duty but compelled by love.
- Psalms 40:1-4** O thank you Lord for grace that rescued me from a life lived for self. May many put their trust in you because of my witness. May my focus ever be on you and not to those who follow the wisdom of the world.
- Psalms 40:8, 40:13** The purpose of my heart is to do your will. May I keep your word in my heart. Be quick to show me the error of my ways and set my feet alright.

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Summit Utilities Oklahoma Awards \$25,000 to 24 Community Non-Profits Across the State





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Summit Utilities Oklahoma (Summit) is proud to announce it is awarding \$25,000 in grant funds to support 24 non-profit organizations across Oklahoma. This initiative reflects Summit’s continued commitment to building stronger, healthier, and more vibrant communities in the areas it serves.

The non-profits selected this year provide vital services ranging from basic human needs to STEAM education, community enrichment, and environmental stewardship.

“Our communities are at the heart of everything we do,” said Todd Jacobs, Summit’s Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer. “Through Summit Cares, we are able to partner with nonprofits that are making a real difference, whether it’s providing basic necessities, supporting STEAM programs, enhancing community enrichment, or protecting our environment.”

The 2025 Summit Utilities Oklahoma grant recipients are 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations located within Summit’s service area.

As part of its Summit Cares Charitable Giving Program, Summit accepts applications each summer from eligible non-profit organizations in its service area.

A review panel made up of Summit team members evaluates the applications and selects recipients based on alignment with giving priorities, which include basic human needs, STEAM education, community enrichment, and environmental stewardship.

In addition to charitable giving, Summit also encourages employees to give back by offering up to 20 hours of paid volunteer time annually to support causes in their local communities. Visit www.summitutilities.com/community to learn more about Summit’s community giving program,

Awarded Non-Profits

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- Chickasha Soup Kitchen
- Chisholm Trail Heritage Center Association
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- Quest of Oklahoma, Inc.
- Rivers Edge Arts Society
- Southwest OK Community Action Group
- Step Up Transitional Living
- The Salvation Army of Altus
- Twin Cities Christian Outreach

LEWIS / WARRANT - A man charged in connection with the death of a SWOSU student claimed the 18-year-old freshman died following an accident, according to a federal search warrant. 18-year-old Logan Musil had just started his first semester at SWOSU. A federal search warrant reveals that investigators began questioning Cameron Lewis after Logan Musil's gaming chair and keyboard were found inside the dorm of Lewis. Investigators say Lewis later admitted that he and Musil were engaged in a physical fight while high on mushrooms. Lewis claimed Musil fell on a rock and was knocked unconscious. Lewis says he panicked and dumped Musil’s body in a wooded area near Sulphur after hearing Musil take his last breath. Documents show that investigators seized an SUV believed to have been used to transport Musil’s body. Lewis also told investigators that after he dragged Musil into the woods, he tossed his cell phone in the lake.

CLINTON / NEW JR. HIGH - Clinton Public Schools Superintendent Nathan Meget provided an update on the construction of the new Jr. High during an interview with Wright Wradio. “We haven’t hammered down a final floor plan yet; we’ve just got several different ideas. We’re still in the very [early] beginning stages of this process,” explained Meget. “When we get to the point where that square footage is nailed down and we feel comfortable with what we need it to be, then we can send that over to the construction management team, Joe Hall, and they can give us some final numbers.” Meget says plans are to begin moving equipment and supplies into the new building in December, with classes expected to start the second semester of the next school year.

BURNS FLAT / HANGAR 234 - State Representative Nick Archer recently attended the ribbon cutting ceremony in Burns Flat for Premium Aerospace Hangar 234. “This is the first hangar to be constructed out there since the mid-50s and the largest infrastructure investment in five decades,” Archer said of the project. The most exciting part is that the hanger itself is entirely privately funded, outside of some of the concrete repairs so that the planes can get in and out of the hangar.” Archer added that the project is part of a larger \$125 million plan, aimed at expanding aviation and aerospace operations in the area.

CADDO CO / ELECTION RESULTS - Hinton and Carnegie school districts in Caddo County each got school bond issues passed at the ballot box by more than 70% support. Voters in Hinton approved a \$5.975 million bond for three new middle school classrooms with safe rooms, and roofing projects at the multipurpose building and old cafeteria. Carnegie school district patrons approved a bond issue for a Wildcat Wellness Center that will serve as a fieldhouse for student athletes, as well as a sales tax for street and sidewalk improvements.

CLINTON / FLU CLINIC - A drive thru flu vaccine clinic will be held at the Clinton High School parking lot on October 23rd, 3-6pm. The clinic is for ages 6 months and up. Please bring your insurance card, if applicable. There is no out-of-pocket cost.

WEATHERFORD / YMCA POOL - The Great Plains YMCA pool will be closed for repairs beginning November 5th. Aquatic group exercises will also be cancelled. The pool will be closed until November 11th.

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Happy Birthday! October 22nd - Felicia Alcelfo, Skyler Barnhill, Chad Clark, Ryan Coleman, Roger Duncan II, Norma Hinojosa, Wes Hixon, Racquel Javorsky, Kari Nichols McCoy, Kim Mullins, Ben Sanders, Esther Switzer, Michelle Walls, Carlee Young; **October 23th** - Morgan Clothier, Jett Entz, Alvin Epp, Janis Koch, Andy Koch, Harold Miller, Kierston Rodriguez, Brian Seeman, Larry Don Terrel, Ramona Tharp, Jerri Ynguanzo; **October 24th** - Michael Blagg, Dusty Brodrick, Bob Crum, Kenneth Garling Jr., Amy Palmer, Delaney Smith, Mariah Ynguanzo; **October 25th** - Jeannie Adam, Adeline Bieberich, Ann Brown, Maurice Gabriel, Kelsey Hampton, Danielle Harrington, Linda Hertzler-Crum, Jennifer Johnson, Rowan Roy McNair, Teresa Seagress, Catrina Womack; **October 26th** - Abigail Agan, Ollie Brooks, Orpa Epp, Shanda Izaguirr, Cathy Miller, Addison Moore, Jesse Quintero; **October 27th** - James Adams, Mandy Amaya, Brantley Atchley, Barry Auken, Jayme Crosby, Steve Flamming, Jayme Hixon, Tommy Martin, Susan Miller, Kevin Naranjo, Clayton Shaw, Linda Stewart, Linda Hoffman, Helen Vowell, Trevor Weatherly, Louise Williams; **October 28th** - Eula Farmer, Christa Martinez, Jason Michael, Lloyd Ratke, Layman Slagell, Shyla Willite.

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Lexi Johnson and Matthew Myles have been selected as the latest Bulldogs of the Week. This weekly student athlete recognition is presented by Wright Media, the official partner for SWOSU athletic livestreams and radio broadcasts.

Johnson (Weatherford, OK) recorded back-to-back clean sheets in her first two collegiate starts for SWOSU Soccer.

She tallied eight saves in a 0-0 draw with Northwestern and added four more in a 1-0 win at Southern Nazarene.

Matthew Myles (Tampa, Florida) anchored a dominant SWOSU Football defense that held Southern Nazarene University (SNU) to just six points and under 300 yards of total offense in a 31-6 road victory.

He finished with seven tackles, two tackles for loss, and was in on a sack.

Oklahoma History - The Success Story of Oil Magnate Sarah Rector

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The historical house of Sarah Rector, where she lived for much of her adult life while not in Indian Territory / Oklahoma. It's located at 2000 E 12th Street in Kansas City, MO.

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Portrait of a young Sarah Rector, who was the “Richest Colored Girl in the World.”

Born on March 3, 1902 near the all-Black town of Taft in Indian Territory, Sarah Rector grew up in poverty. Her parents, Joseph and Rose Rector, were Creek Freedmen—descendants of enslaved Africans owned by Muscogee (Creek) families. After the Civil War, the U.S. government recognized the Freedmen as tribal citizens and, under the 1887 Dawes Act and the 1898 Curtis Act, allotted them parcels of tribal land. Sarah and her siblings each received roughly 160 acres, part of a massive distribution that gave more than four thousand Black children nearly a million acres in eastern Oklahoma. The government intentionally set aside the most barren and rocky plots for Freedmen; Sarah’s father reportedly described their parcel near Glenpool as “sandy and rocky” and impossible to farm. To make matters worse, the family had to pay about \$30 in annual taxes (close to \$1,000 today), a crushing burden for an impoverished farming family. In desperation, Joseph Rector leased his daughter’s allotment to Standard Oil in 1911.

In February 1913, the Rectors’ fortunes reversed when independent driller B.B. Jones sank a well on Sarah’s land. The result was a gusher, producing more than 2,000 barrels of oil a day—possibly 2,500 barrels by some accounts. Sarah, then eleven, earned about \$300 every day (over \$7,600 in today’s dollars) from this well. When her allotment later became part of the Cushing–Drumright field, her royalties swelled to more than \$11,000 a month. Reports suggested that by 1915 her share of production reached 20,000 barrels a month and her monthly income approached \$18,000. Newspapers across the country labeled her “the richest colored girl in America,” and by her 18th birthday her net worth exceeded \$1 million.

Sarah’s sudden wealth made her a target. Oklahoma law mandated that wealthy Black or Native minors be assigned white guardians; a probate judge appointed cattleman T.J. Porter as Sarah’s guardian despite both parents being alive. While Porter’s 2 percent commission seemed modest, Black newspapers alleged that he mismanaged her estate. The Chicago Defender and The Crisis magazine published stories claiming Sarah lived in a shack with no shoes and received little education while her guardian enjoyed the profits. The New York Age argued that white guardians controlled oil royalties for hundreds of Black children and funneled wealth into white banks. Other papers compared the treatment of Black wards to that accorded to yard dogs.

Activists responded. W.E.B. Du Bois and the NAACP investigated, pressuring local judges to ensure Sarah’s safety and inspiring a broader push for a children’s division to protect exploited minors. Under scrutiny, Judge Leahy visited the Rector home and authorized a five-bedroom house for the family; he also insisted that Sarah attend school in Taft. To assuage claims of neglect, Sarah was later enrolled at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. Authorities went so far as to introduce a bill declaring the dark-skinned girl “honorary white,” a cynical attempt to allow her to ride first-class train cars and enjoy privileges otherwise denied to Black people.

The danger was real. In nearby Taft, siblings Herbert and Stella Sells were murdered for their allotments—a tragedy Sarah likely knew about. Her guardians had to fend off marriage proposals and extortion schemes; newspapers reported that white men sought to marry the adolescent to gain control of her fortune.

One rumor even involved a group trying to abduct her from Tuskegee; students reportedly prevented the attempt. The combination of greed, racism, and lax guardianship laws created a perilous environment for Black and Indigenous children during Oklahoma’s oil boom.

Despite turmoil, Sarah received an education rare for Black girls of her era. After attending schools in Taft and Tuskegee, she and her older sister studied at Fisk University in Nashville. She relocated with her family to Kansas City, Missouri, by 1919. At age twenty she married Kenneth Campbell, a Kansas City businessman; they had three sons. The marriage ended around 1935, and she later married owner William Crawford in 1936. Throughout the 1920s she continued to invest in oil properties, businesses, and real estate, even owning 2,000 acres. Her lavish tastes became legendary: she bought a stone mansion at 2000 East 12th Street (later known as the Rector Mansion), owned several luxury cars (a Cadillac, a Rolls-Royce, and a silver-plated Lincoln), and hosted jazz luminaries like Duke Ellington and Count Basie. Family stories recall shops closing early so she could browse privately and her penchant for buying new cars after wrecking the old ones.

The 1929 stock-market crash and ensuing Great Depression eroded Sarah’s fortune. Oil prices collapsed, and she lost much of her wealth. Nonetheless, she remained financially comfortable thanks to diversified investments and continued to own properties in Kansas City and Oklahoma. She sold the Rector Mansion and moved to Brooklyn Avenue; relatives recall her maintaining a farm where the extended family gardened together. Her nieces remember her as generous yet private—she showered them with gifts but seldom spoke about her wealth. Fears of violence lingered; family members warned the younger generation to avoid discussing the Oklahoma oil past, citing the Sells murders and potential danger for those with inherited allotments.

When Sarah reached legal majority in 1922, challenges persisted. Her uncle and others attempted to regain control of her estate by exploiting a Missouri law raising the age of majority for women. Courts rejected these efforts, affirming her competence and legal autonomy. By then she had lawyers on retainer and managed her finances herself. Over time she withdrew from public view, focusing on family and business rather than philanthropy.

Sarah Rector died from a stroke on July 22 1967 in Kansas City at age 65. She was buried in Taft, near her birthplace. Most of her wealth had been spent or lost, yet she remained solvent; her children inherited her remaining property.

Her life continues to inspire new generations. Author Tonya Bolden’s book Searching for Sarah Rector: The Richest Black Girl in America brought renewed attention to her story, and the upcoming film Sarah’s Oil is set to dramatize her rise from poverty to national fame. The movie was shot primarily in Okmulgee. The film will premiere in U.S. theaters on November 7, 2025, distributed by Amazon MGM Studios. (Streaming release details have not yet been announced.)

Today, the Rector Mansion still stands in Kansas City. Local organizations hope to restore it and convert it into a cultural center or museum preserving Sarah’s legacy. Her extraordinary life—from impoverished Freedmen child to oil heiress and back to modest prosperity—remains a testament to resilience amid racial oppression.

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Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Football imposed its will on the ground Thursday night, running for over 300 yards and holding Southern Nazarene to a single score in a dominant 31-6 road win.

The Bulldogs (3-4) rushed 56 times — tying their season high — for 322 yards and two touchdowns, marking their second 300-yard rushing effort of the year. The total trails only their 388-yard performance against Oklahoma Baptist earlier this season.

The ground game again paved the way for efficiency through the air. SWOSU needed just 10 pass attempts to add two more touchdowns — both hauled in by Elijah Reed, who caught his second and third scores of the season.

Reed provided both first-half touchdowns, helping SWOSU to a 17-0 halftime lead that also featured an Ethan McBee field goal.

While Reed finished the drives, it was the run game that moved the offense.

Red Martel set the tone early with 95 yards in the opening quarter and crossed the century mark before halftime. He ended the night with 147 yards on 18 carries — his second 140-plus-yard game of the year — as the Bulldogs racked up 189 rushing yards before the break.

After halftime, quarterback Braxton Etheridge joined the scoring action with a pair of short rushing touchdowns — the first (and second) of his season. He found the end zone from five yards out in the third quarter, then added another late in the fourth to seal the 31-6 win.

Southern Nazarene's lone touchdown came midway through the fourth quarter but was followed by a failed two-point attempt.

SWOSU's defense turned in another complete performance, forcing six punts and limiting the Storm to 3.5 yards per carry without relying on turnovers. SNU's two best drives, both in the first half, ended with missed field goals from 55 and 37 yards.

The Bulldogs outgained the Storm 381-290 — the second-fewest yards allowed by SWOSU this season, coming just a week after their season-best defensive effort against Southern Arkansas.

MJ Rivers finished 4-of-9 passing for 52 yards and two touchdowns, shaking off an interception on the opening drive. Reed was his top target, catching all four completions for 52 yards and both scores.

Defensively, Justus Conway led with eight tackles, including two for loss. Hudson Haas and Malcolm Murphy each tallied five tackles and a sack.

SWOSU will be returning home next Saturday for Homecoming. They'll be facing off against East Central. Kickoff is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on Flex-Chem Field.

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