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## OSSAA Football Playoffs Begin for WestOK Weekly Readers Nov. 14



Alexander Shook

The regular football season has come to an

end for western Oklahoma's high school athletes. However, the State Championships are just around the corner. For all divisions, the first rounds will be held on Friday, November 14 at 7pm. Here is an overview of the seasons for your local teams to qualify for playoffs, as well as where to watch their first post-season game live or on-demand:

## Weatherford Eagles wright.media/one

The Weatherford Eagles currently sit at Rank 11 among all 4A teams in the state, with an 8-2 overall (5-2 District) record.

Of their two losses, one came from Clinton in the annual Custer County Conflict; the other loss was to the Elgin Owls, Rank 2 overall in the state's 4A District.

Weatherford will host the Blanchard Lions in the first round. Blanchard is currently Rank 13 in the Class 4A bracket with a 5-5 win-loss record.

## Clinton Red Tornadoes wright.media/two

Clinton currently holds a 5-5 overall (5-2 District) win-loss record and stands at Rank 15 overall in Class 4A.During the 2025-26 season, the Red Tornadoes has previously defeated Weatherford and Elk City, both of which also qualified for the 4A bracket.

For their first round in the championship, Clinton will travel to face off against the Tuttle Tigers. Tuttle currently sits at the top of the 4A division, with a perfect season in both class (6-0) and overall (10-0) games.

## Thomas-Fay-Custer Terriers wright.media/three

The Thomas Terriers aren't just Rank 2 for their Division branch; they're also Rank 2 for the statewide A-II Division. Their only superior on the rankings board, the Mangum Tigers, was their only loss this year (8-1 Overall) in a game decided by one touchdown scored in the game's final seconds.

The Terriers will start their post-season against the Ringling Blue Devils, Rank 17 for District A-II with a 6-4 win-loss record.

#### Sayre Eagles wright.media/four

For this season, Sayre currently sits at Rank 13 in the A-1 Division Rankings, holding a 6-4 overall win-loss record.

This year, the Eagles have lost to the Thomas Terriers, Hooker Bulldogs, Cashion Wildcats, and Fairview Yellowjackets; all four teams will be competing in the A-I state championships

The Sayre Eagles will play against the Wynnewood Savages, District A-I's Rank 4 team with a perfect 10-0 win-loss record.

You can watch these games, either live or ondemand, online at wright.media. More information about the 2025-26 football post-season, including up-to-date brackets for all schools, can be found online by visiting ossaaillustrated.com/football.



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#### **Darwettia Thompson**

Darwettia Jeraldine Priddy Thompson was far from a typical farm girl. Born September 10, 1936 in Mannsville (Greasy Bend) OK, she was one of 6 children born to Calvin and Annie aka "Choc" (Ingle) Priddy.



By the age of 6, she had marked two significant milestones in life: accepting Jesus as her savior, and learning to play the mandolin. Dar wrote "I would play and sing at church with my brother Kenneth and sister Delma and later formed a band in high school. Gospel is what I loved to play the most." Darwettia was a lifelong church goer and most recently a member of Binger Baptist Church.

After high school, Darwettia met and married "the farmer," Don Thompson and as the song would later tell, she became "the queen." Don and Darwettia had two sons, Verlon (born 1954) and Rex (born 1957) Together they farmed the land Don's grandfather homesteaded near Binger in Caddo County, OK.

In 1971, to bring in a second income, Darwettia went to work at 3M corporation in Weatherford, at times weathering long commutes in some wicked weather. She often worked entire shifts in the dark, creating the photographic film we all used to take pictures that last forever. Dar was a valuable and memorable employee, retiring after 26 years.

Despite a busy life, she never paused her music, becoming a headline performer for a decade at the weekly Jamboree at Clinton Oklahoma. With the help of son Verlon, she released her own album Darwettia's mandolin, occasionally played with him for large and adoring crowds, and later enjoyed tutoring interested young people in old time picking, hymns and harmony singing.

Darwettia was a devoted wife, passionate mother, meticulous quilter, painter, craft artist, game player and known for copious candy making at Christmas. She put fashion and glamor into her country life, never leaving home without a perfect coiff, impeccable nails, sparkling jewelry and always, a personality to match. There was no wife more patient, no mother cheering louder for her boys on sports fields or musical stages, no neighbor more helpful, no grandmother, great-grandmother or great-great grandmother more nurturing and faith filled.

She was also the rare combination of an understanding and truly fun mother-in-law. Darwettia outlived her entire family, losing siblings Mahota, Kenneth, Delma, Bonnie and Arbie years before her passing. She lost her husband Don Vernon Thompson, March 19, 2019.

A few years into widowhood, Dar made the courageous and monumental decision to leave Caddo county and establish a new life at St. Ann Retirement Center in Oklahoma City. She quickly made her mark, playing music, endless games and volleyball matches, some lovely friends and marking a second chapter of independence, fellowship and self-discovery that added richly to her life.

In advance of her death, after a brief hospitalization, she wrote her own obituary, noting "I went to be with my Lord and Savior November 4, 2025. Now I'm playing in that heavenly band on streets of pure gold."

Survivors include her two sons, Verlon and wife Demetria of Nashville Tennessee. Rex and wife Laura of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Two grandchildren Jas, of Lookeba, Oklahoma and Candace Thompson of Colony, Oklahoma. Darwettia had 5 great grandchildren, Sydney Thompson Neese (husband Walker) Haylee Thompson of Lookeba, Riley Payne, Paizley Payne and Trigger Payne of Colony. Great- great- grandchildren Ava Ray Neese and Weston Neese.

In lieu of flowers, if desired, the family would appreciate donations to the activities fund at St. Ann Retirement Center in the name of Darwettia J Thompson. 7501 W. Britton Rd, Oklahoma City 73132. Laugh, smile, remember to pray and give thanks for knowing and loving her.



#### **Larry Lane**

Larry Wayne Lane, 65 of Canute, Oklahoma was born on August 24, 1960, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to William Floyd and Rosa Ella (Johnson) Lane. Larry looked upon the face of his Lord and Savior on Sunday, November



2, 2025, at his residence in Canute, Oklahoma, surrounded by his loving family.

Larry married the love of his life, Cheri Lynn Morgan on June 18, 1981, at Wheeler, Texas. Together they spent forty-three wonderful years of marriage together and raised two wonderful sons, Michael and David.

Larry received the Presidential Physical Fitness Award for two years, under President Richard Nixon and President Gerald Ford. He pitched and played first base in the Baseball All Star Game two times, winning both, across the mountains in Red Oak, Oklahoma.

Larry worked in the oilfield industry at Byrd in Abilene, Texas and Residential Roofing for over thirty years.

He appreciated living in Western Oklahoma an took great pride in hunting and killing a six-point deer in 1975. In his spare time, Larry could be found fishing at farm ponds and lakes in Oklahoma. Larry excelled at running a bucket and hook laydown machine, working on motorized bicycles, and woodworking.

Larry had a deep personal relationship with God, he was an honest man and would lend a helpful hand to anyone in need. Larry treasured spending time with his family and friends, he will be deeply missed and greatly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Cherishing his memory, Larry is survived by his loving wife, Cheri Lynn Lane of Canute, Oklahoma; two sons, Michael W. Lane and wife, Cynthia of El Reno, Oklahoma, David W. Lane of Canute, Oklahoma; two grandchildren, Andrew Lane of El Reno, Oklahoma, Issac Lane of El Reno, Oklahoma; two brothers, James H. Lane and wife, Pat of Joplin, Missouri, Stanley T. Lane and wife, Pauline of McCurtain, Oklahoma; two sisters, Glenda Jean McCullar of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Rose Mary Burkett and her husband Mitch of Stigler, Oklahoma; and special friends, Norma Warnke, Juan Cortez and wife, Tessa and family, Robert Rioux and wife, Andrea, Dale Harrell and wife, Patty, Wayne Walters and wife, Shaun, Victor Wantabe and Vicky Lunsford all of Canute, Oklahoma; and many other relatives and friends.

Larry is preceded in death by his parents, William Floyd and Rosa Ella Lane; paternal grandparents; maternal grandparents; one newborn nephew, Dustin Lane; numerous loving aunts, uncles, cousins and many other relatives and friends.

#### **Betty Leach**

Betty Gene (Register) Leach, 82 of Asher, Oklahoma was born on March 25, 1943, in Hamilton, Texas, to Joe Loranze and Ruby Mae (Murry) Register. Betty looked upon the face of her Lord and Savior on Sunday, October 26,



2025, at St. Anthony Hospital, Shawnee, Oklahoma surrounded by her loving family.

Betty grew up in Hamilton, Texas where she attended school and graduated from Sweetwater High School, Sweetwater, Texas with the class of 1961.

Betty married the love of her life, Fred S. Leach on July 22, 1970, at Las Vegas, Nevada. Together they spent many wonderful years of marriage together and raised two children, Johnny and Rhonda. Fred preceded her in death on March 19, 2000.

Betty established a career as a waitress at several restaurants in Texas and Oklahoma. She was a kindhearted individual who enjoyed providing excellent customer service and would lend a helping hand to those in need.

Betty found joy in doing word searches, shopping, and reading her Bible, which she had read multiple times, and found inspiration in every word. She was a lifetime member of the Eastern Star and the Rebekahs. Betty had a deep personal relationship with God and was a member of the Church of Christ, Hamilton, Texas. Betty treasured spending time with her family and friends, she will be deeply missed and greatly remembered by all who knew and loved her.

Cherishing her memory is one daughter, Rhonda Stevens and husband, Randy of Asher, Oklahoma; five grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; one great great-grandchild; four brothers, Joe Donnie Register and wife, Pat of Brownwood, Texas, Robert Lee Register of Hamilton, Texas, Harold Register of Hamilton, Texas, Sam Register of Hamilton, Texas; two sisters, Ruby Jo Register of New York, New York, Sussie Morgan of Ft. Worth, Texas; one brother-in-law, Bob Leach of Bristow, Oklahoma; one sister-in-law, Jymay Davis of Wellston, Oklahoma; and close friends, Dr. Ping Tan of Hamilton, Texas, Johnny Chavirra and wife, Jackie of Hamilton, Texas, Lily Hudson of Hamilton, Texas; and many other relatives and friends.

Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Fred S. Leach, one son, Johnny Lee Leach; her parents, Joe Loranze and Ruby Mae Register; three brothers, Joe Ruben Register, J.L. Register, Jr., Eugene Register; one sister, Jackie Beverly Ada; two brothers-in-law, Marlin Morgan, Bill Davis; and one sister-in-law, Carol "Rusty" Leach.

Memorials can be made to the Strong City Cemetery, Strong City, Oklahoma in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.

## Leon Hall



Clayton Leon Hall, 89, of Lake Kiowa, Texas, passed away peacefully in his home on the morning of October 14, 2025. As his aging body began to fail, the Lord wrapped His loving arms around him, calling him to his eternal home.

Leon, his preferred name, was born in Foss, Oklahoma, on December 27, 1935, to Clayton and Enid Hall. He graduated from Elk City High School in 1954, where he met his future wife, Wanda Lucille Moorhead.

He loved to tell the story of their engagement: during a movie in downtown Elk City, he quietly slipped out to the adjacent jewelry store to buy a ring, proposing to Wanda right there in the theater. He never remembered the movie—more important thoughts, he supposed, were on his mind. They were married on June 13, 1954. He began his career working with his father-in-law for the City of Elk City, where he performed extensive work in the Fairlawn Cemetery, his final resting place.

In 1955, Leon and Wanda moved to Hayward, California, in the Bay Area, for Leon to begin his remarkable 47-year career with J.I. Case Company, joining his father who was already employed there. Rising through the ranks to management positions, he relocated to San Leandro, California, as warehouse manager when Case Company opened a Parts Depot there. All three of his sons—Phillip, Mark, and John—were born while the family resided in California.

In early 1971, he moved the family to Bristol, Wisconsin, where they purchased a retired dairy farm. He became the regional parts manager for Case Company in Racine. After five years of forming lifelong friendships and memories, the family relocated to Canyon, TX, in March 1976.

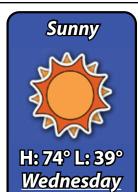
It was a dramatic change from the snowy weather of Wisconsin to the hot, dry summers of the Texas Panhandle. There, Leon managed the Case Tractor Store in Happy, Texas (an actual town, just down the road from Canyon). He later took a final position as parts manager at the Amarillo Case Tractor store, concluding his dedicated 47 years with Case

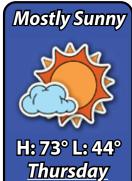
Anyone who met Leon knew he was a natural storyteller, and most could recall a memory he shared. His favorite stories ranged from his high school football and track days to the years he spent raising and showing Belgian horses. Most importantly, he cherished his time with family. One recurring story was how he and his three work buddies at the San Leandro Parts Depot managed to play three full games of cribbage during their thirtyminute lunch break, moving those pegs around the board at a rapid pace.

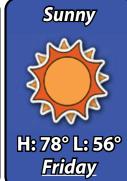
Leon is survived by his three sons: Phillip Hall and wife Stacie of Lake Kiowa, TX; Mark K. Hall of Dallas, TX; and John Hall and wife Que of Arlington, TX. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Elizabeth Johnston and husband Matthew Johnston, Christy Town and husband Charles, Jacob Hall and wife Ashleigh, and Savanna Hall. His great-grandchildren are Adelaide Johnston, Oliver Johnston, Archer Johnston, and Ryleigh Hall.

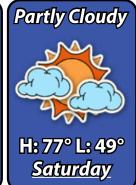
If you were ever leaving his home, you could expect one of his favorite sayings: "Like Granny used to say, 'I knew when you came you would have to leave." This is the way of life; when we begin our walk on this earth, we know someday we will have to leave. Leon is now in the heavenly, loving arms of our Lord, where he will never have to say goodbye again.

Memorials can be made to the Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief fund in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 707 Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.















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## Western Oklahoma Christian Schools Names Students of the Month



**WOCS Clinton Campus Students of the Month for September are** Riley Beadle (left) of Cordell, representing grades 3rd through 6th, and Brianna Ruyle (right) of Clinton, representing grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd.

WOCS Hinton Campus Student of the Month for September is Ainsley Eminger of Hinton. These students were recognized for character, effort, and leadership qualities. Lucille's Roadhouse sponsors the award.



**WOCS Elk City Campus Students of the Month for September are** Sara Whinery (left), representing grades 3rd through 6th, and Lola Alvarez (right), representing grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd, both of Elk City.



WOCS Weatherford Campus Students of the Month for September are Parker Pugh (left), representing grades Pre-Kindergarten through 2nd, and Everett Lindamood (right), representing grades 3rd through 6th, both of Weatherford.



Hinton Middle School has named its September Students of the Month. Pictured (from left) Front Row: Blaiklee Coberly-Smith, Jake Steiner, Audrey McCain, Zoey Lindsey; Back Row: Alexia Porras, Allie Stiner, Haddie Taylor, Blakelea Boling-Seyler; Not Pictured: Ryder Walker.



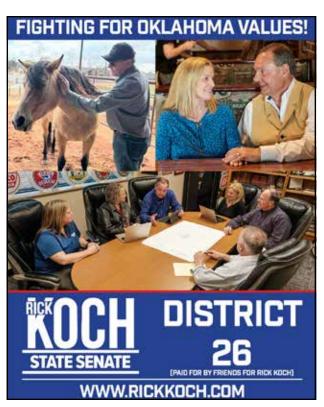
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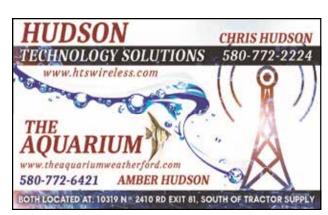


The Weatherford High School Rotary Students of the Month for November, were Jackson Smith and Macy Clark. Pictured, from left: Jackson Smith, Assistant Principal Kelly Wilson, Macy Clark, and Rotarian Heston Wright.



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Weatherford Area Economic Development Foundation (WAEDF) delivers a \$600 novelty check to the SWOSU Golf Team. Pictured, from left: Andy McPherson, Heston Wrigtht, Coach Brad Fleetwood, Yolanda Creswell, Karen Magill, Mike Hixon, Derek Roper.

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Members with Weatherford's Infinite Grace Ministry recently volunteered to help out with general maintenance tasks for the Connections Food & Resource Center. Pictured (from left): Kendra Slagell, Rick Spain, and Heather Spain.

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Oklahoma starting next year. "Legislation passed that there will only be 5 elections per year," said Custer County Election Board Secretary Ann Brown. "And I know they're doing that for 2026, but I'd look to that [being the norm] from here on out." Brown added that she plans to seek security cameras in the future for safety purposes.

**WEATHERFORD PD / POISONING - Officials** with Weatherford Police Department say Animal Control officers were dispatched to 101 Northwest Main Street in Weatherford Friday in reference to a report of animal cruelty. Officials found two sick feral felines. After being examined by a veterinarian, it was determined that one of the felines may have drunk anti-freeze. Since the incident, animal control officers have located several other deceased felines in the area, which may have also drank anti-freeze. Anyone with information is urged to call Weatherford police.

WEATHERFORD / BOO BASH - The city of Weatherford's annual Boo Bash returned on Thursday, October 30. Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell says an economic impact study shows how the event impacted the city: "2,000 people attended that event. [This data extended to] retail attractions, the stores and restaurants [attendees] went to," explained Creswell. The biggest turnouts were at Frida's, Braum's, Wal-Mart, and El Patio. Creswell added that Retail Attractions, an economic development consulting firm in Owasso, OK, performed several different studies, including traffic count, to provide data to the city of Weatherford.

WEST OK / ELECTION CHANGES - Look THOMAS / FIRE - Area fire crews worked to put forward to changes in the number of elections in out a fire just off County Road 930 and Highway 54. Thomas Fire Chief Kenny McGuire revealed it's unknown what caused the fire. "It started on the road somehow, not quite sure just yet, but it got probably 30 acres of grass and we're working on about 200 hay bales," explained McGuire.

> CK ENERGY / SCAM - Officials from CK Energy said they have been made aware of a company falsely claiming to represent CK Energy Electric Cooperative and promoting solar products and services under the CK Energy name. Officials say CK Energy Electric Cooperative is not affiliated with any solar sales or solar panel promotions.

> WEATHERFORD / ROTARY - Brian Hill, a Republican State Representative who is currently running for Lt. Governor, was the guest speaker at Weatherford's most recent Rotary Club meeting. Hill's speech was primarily focused on moving Oklahoma forward. "The way we save rural Oklahoma is by investing in places like Weatherford," expressed Hill. "What happens is, when we invest in you, other small towns start to grow. Why? Because they become suburban outlets of the work that is happening here."

> WEATHERFORD / YMCA - Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown says the cost continues to rise on a new community center that is planned for construction in Rader Park. "We haven't got the actual bids yet, but it looks like [the price] is closer to \$40 million," Brown revealed. "I don't know if we'll break ground in 2026. Hopefully...[the building] will still be completed in 2027." The new community center will be operated by the YMCA.



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Happy Birthday Wishes! Nov. 12th - Carmen Arriaga Jr., Clint Bridgeman, Jamie Carrizales, Alex Gomez, Clinton Horn, Nathan Hunn, Keith Miller, Mike Parrish, Jeff Schneberger, Stephen Short, Cody Thiessen, Harold Wright; Nov. 13th - Kimberly Banuelos, Larry Cagle, McKinsey Cloninger, Kobe Malone, Brittany Nix, Patty Radka, Blake Sappington, Dale Schomp, Claudia Wright, Chase Wright, Tami Young; Nov. 14th - Krystal Blackwell, Nelda Bonner, Pat Gatchel, Adam Hopper, Cindy Jackson, David MaCarthy, Mike Ringler, Diana Scott, Donna Smith, Maria Thorpe, Dalton Ward; Nov. 15th - Jessica Bandy, June Black, E.M. Bray, Nick Brennfoerder, Rodney Brooks, Gabriella Butler, David Hiler, Tessa Ingram, Addison Lyon, Mason Palmer, Cindy Ritchison, Heather Silcott, Mike Torres, Kyle Yoder; Nov. 16th - Madeline Baughner, Chris Cloninger, Davon Izaguirre, Cannen Johnson, Sean Lime, Jazon Ray, Steve Young; Nov. 17th - Vickie Adams, Hunter Gauntt, Mason Hart, Elly Kaut, Betty Mahan, Linda Myers, Clay Pope, Candy Taylor, Mary Beth Thomas; Nov. 18th - Donna Barnett, Patsy Girard, Steven Hardebeck, Lloyd Horn, Michelle Lee, Betty McCray, Layne Mitchell, Wanda Murray, Roy Pope, Kim Quintero, Jeff Ross, Kathy Sadler, Deirdrah Smith, Larry Snider, Braden Terrell, Dennis Williams;

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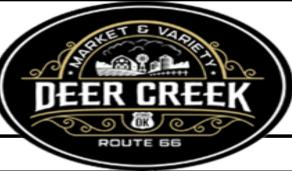
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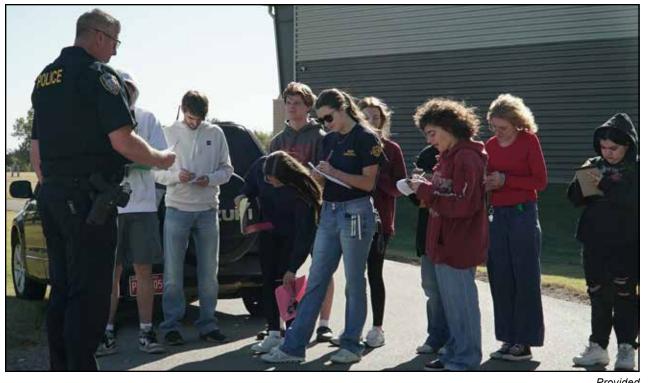
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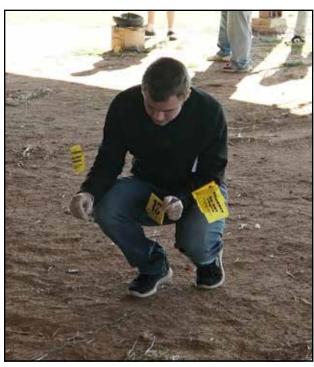
## Weatherford Forensics Class Walks Students Through Mock Crime Scene



Weatherford High School forensics students take notes from Sgt. Justin Bushong. For students to create an autopsy report, Bushong provides them with some baseline information about what they should be looking for at the crime scene.



A student uses chalk to outline the location of key evidence found at or near the crime scene in Rader Park.



A student uses flags to mark sensitive pieces of evidence located in places where reflective chalk would be ineffective.



Dennis Seifried, the forensics teacher, observes students as they analyze two of the six victims present at the scene. All victims in this exercise were portrayed by fellow WHS classmates.

Examining crime scenes and finding clues, Weatherford High School's Criminal Forensics Class was on the hunt for a serial killer (an imagined one, of course) this past Wednesday. Under the direction of longtime Weatherford teacher Dennis Seifreid, who crafted the murderous plot, members of the Criminal Forensics Class canvassed Rader Park near the Doug Villines Pavillion where six students lay waiting, playing murder victims for the class to investigate.

"They're gonna have to get me a profile of who the suspect might be," said Seifried. "I've done this for 12 years, but I've never had a class solve the case."

Despite the class' losing record on solving murder mysteries, Seifried has guided many future law enforcement officers through similar faux murder

Assisting Seifried was also Weatherford High School's Student Resource Officer, Justin Bushong, who helped brief the students about the fake crime scene upon their arrival to Rader Park.

"It's good to see their eyes open up to the kind of work we do in law enforcement. It's more than what you just see on the TV shows like CSI," said Officer Bushong.

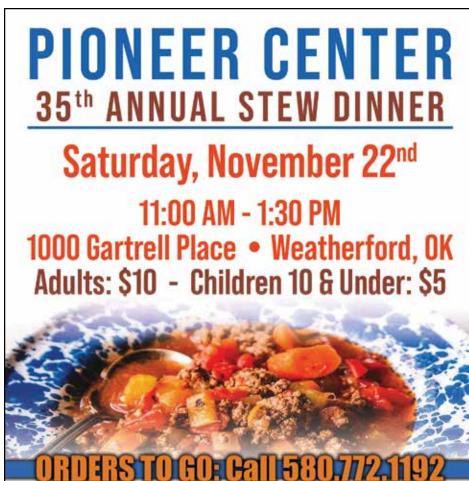
"The body we're at now...we think he got stabbed really fun class."

way over there, near the AG barn. That's why there's a blood trail...and then the killer put him down," said WHS senior Levi Vassar while describing part of the gruesome mock crime scene constructed by Seifried.

Vassar and his classmates seemed to really enjoy the investigation. "It's Coach Seifried, you know? He's probably one of the best teachers we could have had to teach that class," said Vassar. "He's watching from afar, making sure we're doing everything right. He told us if we mess up, he's going to let us have it, but he's a really good teacher and this is a

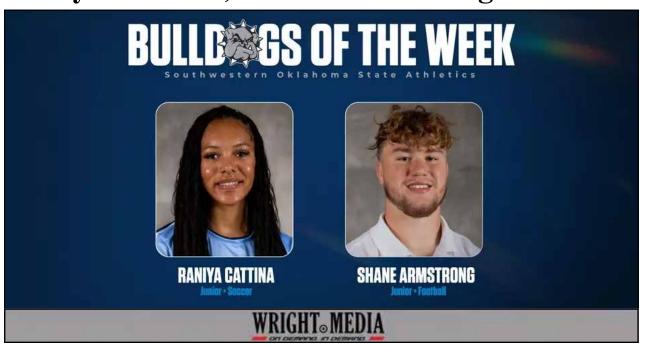








## Raniya Cattina, Shane Armstrong Tabbed as Bulldogs of the Week



Jon Chidester

Raniya Cattina and

Shane Armstrong 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.

Cattina (Lawton, Okla.) delivered the match winner in the 68th minute against Northwestern, sealing the Dawgs' spot in the GAC Tournament. The goal marked her third of the season and officially sends SWOSU to the postseason for the first time since 2023.

Armstrong (Eagle Pass, Texas) put together a breakout performance with a season-high 14 tackles, doubling his previous best of seven. He registered nine solo stops, added three tackles for loss, and recorded two sacks.

Armstrong also forced a fumble that was recovered by the Bulldogs, anchoring the defensive

## Pharmacy Student Rena Cole Represents SWOSU as 2026's "Brad Henry International Scholar"



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) student Rena Cole has been selected as a 2026 Brad Henry International Scholar, earning the opportunity to study abroad at Swansea University in Wales.

The scholarship, administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, provides Oklahoma regional university students with funding for tuition, fees, housing, and travel for a semester-long international study experience. Each participating university selects one student, who demonstrates academic excellence, outstanding communication skills, leadership, and exemplary character. Academic credit earned through the program is awarded by the student's home institution.

Cole, from Edmond, is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Sciences and a Doctor of Pharmacy, with a minor in Chemistry. She chose SWOSU for its strong pharmacy program and supportive community, noting that the faculty and students "encourage each other to reach their full potential."

While at SWOSU, Cole has been an Orientation Leader, an anatomy tutor for Dr. Mark Garcia, and an undergraduate chemistry researcher under Dr. Tim Hubin. She has also been involved in the Pre-Pharmacy Club and worked as a Teaching Assistant and Residential Mentor for the Summer Science Program International. Her career goal is to become a Nuclear Pharmacist, building on a family legacy in medicine, particularly in cancer treatment and disease research.

She hopes to contribute her skills to improving patient care and making a meaningful impact in

Through the Brad Henry International Scholars Program, Cole will study at Swansea University, where she plans to visit historical sites and museums and connect with students from around the world.

Cole said, "I am humbled and honored to have received the support of my mentors and the chance to represent SWOSU through this program." She expressed particular thanks to Dr. Tim Hubin, Dr. Taler Alexander, and Dr. Adam Johnson for their guidance throughout the application process.

"Rena has excelled in both research and leadership roles in my lab. Her intelligence, work ethic, and ability to process and synthesize complex concepts make her exceptionally well-prepared for this opportunity," said Hubin. "I have no doubt she will approach her semester abroad with the same dedication and excellence she has shown at SWOSU."

Swansea University has a long history of collaboration with global industries and emphasizes innovative teaching, research, and a supportive student experience. Cole's semester abroad will include academic study and opportunities to connect with Swansea University's international community.

The Brad Henry International Scholars Program is a competitive and prestigious award that allows students like Cole to gain firsthand experience in an international setting while representing Oklahoma's higher education system.





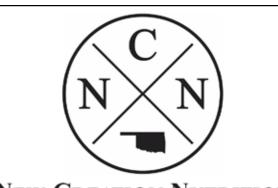
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# Late Strike Lifts Ouachita Over SWOSU Bulldogs on Senior Day



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A dramatic fourth-and-19 touchdown with just 1:14

remaining decided Saturday's Paul Sharp Cup, as Ouachita Baptist stunned SWOSU Football 42-38 on SWOSU Saturday inside Milam Stadium.

The Bulldogs (5-5) saw a three-game win streak and their hopes of reclaiming the Paul Sharp Cup both slip away in the final moments. The Tigers (7-3) notched their sixth straight victory and ninth consecutive win in the series.

SWOSU appeared poised to seal the win late after rallying for a go-ahead touchdown with under three minutes to play. Quarterback MJ Rivers capped a sixplay, 54-yard drive with a diving two-yard rush to give the Bulldogs a 38-35 lead.

But on the ensuing possession, Ouachita faced fourthand-19 near midfield when its quarterback stepped up in a collapsing pocket and delivered a 51-yard strike down the middle of the field for the game-winning score. SWOSU's final drive after the heartbreak stalled with a pair of sacks and nearly a third as time expired.

The fourth quarter was a dramatic finish to a wild, high-scoring afternoon. Tied 28-28 entering the final 15 minutes, Ouachita briefly took control after a runninginto-the-kicker penalty erased a field goal and extended the drive. The Tigers capitalized on the next play to go ahead 35-28.

SWOSU answered with a 42-yard field goal from Ethan McBee, then forced a punt on the next Tiger possession thanks to Aza'in Brown's third-down sack.

That set up Rivers' go-ahead score before Ouachita's late-game heroics swung the outcome back once more. The first half set an early tone for the shootout. The two teams combined for 563 yards and 49 points in the opening 30 minutes alone.

After trailing 14-0 early, the Bulldogs exploded for 28 points before halftime. Braxton Etheridge started the rally with a short touchdown run, followed by Red Martel's 56-yard score to tie the game at 14-14. Bodie Boydstun hauled in a 51-yard touchdown from Rivers to make it 21-21 after one quarter.

SWOSU's defense forced two key turnovers before halftime to preserve a 28-21 lead. Shane Armstrong forced a fumble recovered by Kelton Moore, and Malcolm Murphy added an interception in the red zone to halt another Tiger drive.

SWOSU's offense cooled off after the break, managing just 34 yards in the third quarter as Ouachita pulled even. The fourth quarter then featured three lead changes and the dramatic finish.

The Bulldogs narrowly outgained Ouachita 449–426, surpassing the 440-yard mark for the third consecutive week. SWOSU's defense also posted a season-high six sacks, but nine penalties and a fourth-quarter interception proved costly.

Rivers finished with 173 passing yards, 114 rushing yards, and three total touchdowns. Martel added 108 yards on 16 carries — his third 100-yard outing of the year. Armstrong anchored the defense with a seasonhigh 13 tackles, two sacks, and three tackles for loss.

SWOSU (5-5, 5-5 GAC) closes out the regular season next Saturday at rival Northwestern. A win would clinch the program's first winning season since 2015.





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