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Congratulations to the Thomas High School Class of 2020! Their graduation parade was held Friday, May 8th, in downtown Thomas.



As we move into storm season around western Oklahoma, we need to be weather aware. That's why KWEY Radio has partnered with News 9 to keep us up-to-date on all storm outbreaks. Tune in to their stations at 95.5 The Coyote and 101.7 The Zoo. The team at KWEY and the Wright Wradio Network is experienced and equipped with storm tracking software for our listening area. When storms come in, stick with us for all weather related news. Coverage brought to you by A+ Roofing.

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Underneath This Hat A Peek Into Oklahoma History

Kelly R. Kilhoffer

Recent times look pretty bleak for most folks right now. The News is a barrage of COVID-19 stories. Most are full of despair and loss of life. There are some stories of personal sacrifice and mankind's endearment to his/her fellow beings. While times can be emotionally stressful, we should all look to the good, for it is the kindness that will pull us through.



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Photo of a Saturday in Kampton, OK

I'd like you to step back in time with me, to days that also seemed dismal and full of despair. Some hundred plus years ago, our ancestors struggled with some of the most horrendous times mankind has seen. The Dust Bowl, the Depression and the outbreak of WW I and II.

One had no need for social distancing, your closest neighbor was more than a mile away. Depending on the season, you may not see anyone, outside of your own family, for months.

During the Dust Bowl many wore makeshift masks, usually soaked in water, to deter the ever present fire-red dust. It wasn't fancy or designer, a handkerchief or scarf would suffice. They were mostly worn by children, as they were the most susceptible. Many developed dust pneumonia, but because doctors and medical treatment were scarce, the often used remedy was Kerosene (mixed with sorghum molasses or honey if their caregiver was kindhearted). Most houses had a simple frame and clapboard siding. With luck you had some form of cover over the frame. My own mother recalled pasting newspaper to the walls to keep out dust and as a layer against heat and cold.

Nobody was hoarding toilet paper, because everyone got the necessary pages from Sears and Roebuck or Montgomery Ward, and they made due. **DON'T FORGET TO WASH YOUR HANDS!** If you absolutely needed something, you could go to town and order goods from a mercantile; and about one hundred and twenty days later, you had it.

Many landowners put in 18-hour days, depending on the season. You did everything yourself – you were the laborer, mechanic, veterinary, harvester, dishwasher, head cook, and doctor. You, also, were the therapist, schoolteacher, and preacher.

Once a man made it back to his abode, he found his wife, a faded version of the once beautiful young woman he wed, had once again managed to set a full table. As you watch your children, the ones who had survived, getting their bellies filled, you are grateful.

Before bedding down, you bend your weary knees to thank your Maker for all you have. You pray for rain, for the grasshoppers not to eat everything you've planted, you ask that your babies grow to adulthood and you try not to dwell on those buried "neath the cottonwood."

As you close your eyes and drift off to sleep, you hear that old red rooster crow, and once again you rise to meet the day – the sun will be up in 3 hours.

If nothing else, let's use this "down time" as a time to reflect. Take notice of those in our daily lives and be grateful. Watch the sun rise and set, marvel in its beauty and majesty. Give thanks for each day, and make each day count. Be good, be safe. That's what's underneath this hat.

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Editor's note: Kelly was born and raised in Elk City. His love for Oklahoma history began as a boy, and his love for writing soon followed. If you like what you read, let us know and we will keep his articles coming!

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Norma Jean Heldreth

Graveside services for Norma Jean Heldreth, 89 year-old Yukon resident, were held Friday, May 8, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at Yukon Cemetery with Perry Greene officiating. Services are under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Weatherford.



Norma Jean was born August 25, 1930, in Eakly to Thomas and Eva Lucille (Denham) Weathers and passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at Integris Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon. Norma Jean was raised and attended school in Eakly and Hydro. On March 30, 1947, she married Thomas Heldreth in Wilmington, Kansas, and made their home in Moore, Oklahoma. They moved to Yukon in 1963 where Norma Jean went to Cosmetology school and worked as a hair stylist for 35 years. She later worked for the Yukon Public Schools for 10 years. She retired in 1987 and remained living in Yukon. Norma Jean enjoyed traveling, watching western movies, and having her hair and nails done. Memorials may be made to the South Yukon Church of Christ or Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation (OMRF) – Cancer Research.

Norma Jean is survived by her son Terry Heldreth and wife Karen of El Reno; her daughter Teresa Harris and husband Bill of Yukon; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; brother Lynn; two sons Jeff and Steve; daughter Lesa; and grandson Bryan.

Daniel Slagell

Graveside services for Daniel Slagell, 91 year-old Hydro resident, were held Saturday, May 9, 2020, 10:00 A.M. at Pleasant View Mennonite Cemetery with Jeff Selzer officiating. Services are under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Daniel was born June 7, 1928, in Hydro to Daniel and Jane (Waters) Slagell and passed away Monday, May 4, 2020, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro. Daniel was raised north of Hydro on the family farm and attended Hopewell Rural and Jabbok schools. He was in the I.W. service in Pueblo, Colorado, and Reedley, California, where he met Josie. On March 18, 1955, Daniel married Josie Buller in Orienta, Oklahoma, and made their home north of Hydro where they raised their family. Daniel farmed and ranched for 40 years before retiring in 1994. He enjoyed traveling, camping, trains, photography, grandchildren and visiting with friends and family. Memorials may be made to Peasant View Mennonite Church – Building Fund.

Daniel is survived by his wife of 65 years, Josie Slagell of their home in Hydro; four sons; Eugene Slagell and wife Merri of Ayr, Ontario Canada, Dwight Slagell and wife Joanna of Hydro, Dwayne Slagell and wife Kerry of Hydro, and Byron Slagell and wife Catherine of Bridgewater, Virginia; one daughter Kathy Thomas and husband Devert of Hydro; one brother Layman Slagell and wife Dorothy of Hydro; one sister Beulah Switzer of Hydro; two sisters-in-

law; Roberta Slagell and Verdella Slagell both of Hydro; eleven grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Carl Dean Slagell and Maxton Slagell.

Alvin Arthur Breitling

Alvin Arthur Breitling, 92, was born on September 26, 1927, in Arapaho, Oklahoma, to Arthur Breitling and Martha (Weil) Breitling, and passed away Sunday, April 19, 2020, in the Weatherwood Assisted Living Center in Weatherford, Oklahoma.



Alvin joined the U.S. Marine Corp at the age of 17 and served a four year stint. Eighteen months of that service was spent in the Philippines.

Alvin married Neola J. Hicks on February 19, 1950. From that union came five children; Anita, Connie, Kim, Tina, and Scott.

He was a welder and worked for Graves Manufacturing Company until being hired by the United States Postal Service where he carried mail for 25 years.

He enjoyed fishing, boating, and swimming. He also enjoyed dancing, listening to country western music, and playing games with friends and family. He was an excellent Bridge player.

Mr. Breitling was preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Martha, his wife Neola, two brothers Reinhold Breitling and Melvin Breitling, daughter Connie Richardson, son Scott Breitling, and grandson Robert Richardson.

He is survived by daughter Anita Breitling and husband Larry Korfinan, Weatherford, Oklahoma; son Kim Breitling and wife Connie, Citrus Springs, Florida; daughter Tina Harder and husband Denny, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Alvin was blessed with many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and was lovingly known by his family as Ggpa.

Mildred Arlene Robson

Mildred Arlene Robson, 94, of Elk City, Oklahoma, was born on April 4, 1926, in Elk City, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Trumond Clark and Dovie Irene (Lennington) Burnam. Mildred left her earthly home on Saturday, May 2, 2020, at Meadows Lake Assisted Living Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



In 1944 she married Joseph H. Tosh in Elk City, Oklahoma. He preceded her in death in 1957. On January 13, 1961, she then married Lee Robson. He preceded her in death on January 13, 2001. She enjoyed cooking, singing, Facebooking, gardening, working in her flower beds, and especially having family gatherings. Mildred was a member of the Prairie View Baptist Church of Elk City, Oklahoma. Funeral services were held at 1:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 8, 2020, at the Martin-Dugger Funeral Home Chapel in Elk City, Oklahoma. Rev. Charles Henthorn will officiate.

Services will be live streamed on Martin-Dugger Facebook page for those that cannot attend due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Interment will be in Fairlawn Cemetery in Elk City, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma. Cherishing her memory are her daughters Connie Williams and husband Mark of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, Anita Skelton and husband Donnie of Norman, Oklahoma; brother Everett Burnam of Little Rock, Arkansas; sister Wanda Parker of Ohio; twelve grandchildren; Cassie Henson and Kerrie Swartz both of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Joe Micah Williams of Houston, Texas; Cory Street of Altus, Oklahoma; Chris Beebe of Jal, New Mexico; Joshua Mitschelen of Rhode Island, Jacie Mitschelen of Enid, Oklahoma; J. J. Peffer and Andy Peffer both of Elk City, Oklahoma; J.D. Skelton, Crystal Skelton, and Amy Skelton all of Davis, Oklahoma; twenty great-grandchildren; and one great-great granddaughter Charlie Hollingsworth of Odessa, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents Trumond and Dovie Burnam; husband Joseph H. Tosh, husband Lee Robson; one brother Wayne Burnam; four daughters; Donna Jean Tosh, Janet Marple, Barbie Mitschelen, Kathey Beebe; one grandson Mark Lee Williams. Memorials can be made to the Oklahoma Baptist Children Homes in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home; P.O. Box 707; Elk City, Oklahoma 73648. Online condolences can be sent to the family by using the online guest book at www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com.

Lorene Black

Lorene Black, 85, of Cordell, Oklahoma, passed away on May 5th, 2020, in Corn, Oklahoma. She was born on November 12th, 1934, to George Bentley and Retha Belle (Rutherford) in Van Buren, Arkansas. Lorene grew up and attended school in Cordell,



Oklahoma. She met Terry C. Black and they were united in marriage on June 30, 1951. He preceded her in death on May 24, 1997. Lorene loved being at home and taking care of her children. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist church in Cordell, Oklahoma. As a child she lived in the top of the Cordell Court House where her mother cleaned the Court House. Lorene worked with her husband at Terry's T.V. where he had purchased his own business. She loved working in her flower gardens. She and Terry purchased a place at Fort Cobb down by the Lake where she and her husband enjoyed relaxing and vegetable gardening to get away from the cares and stress of the world. Other types of jobs was cleaning homes, banks and any other odd jobs just to get out of the house. She loved the outdoors. She helped in the nursery at the Calvary Baptist Church because of the love she had for all the children. Lorene's best friends was Barbara and Coy Macbeth and Jim and Fay Franklin. She loved going to Colorado with her husband and best friends to go fishing and just enjoy the great outdoors. Her great accomplishments in life were Loving the Lord Jesus, Having a great marriage,

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raising children that were model citizens. Lorene will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her. Survivors include 2 Children: Terry Black and wife Leann, Dill City, OK., Tammy Daniel and husband Roger, Cordell, OK., 3 Grandchildren: Kimberly Sylvester and husband Jason, Amber Gipson and husband Scott, David Samuel Black. 8 Great Grandchildren: Reece Christian, Justin Sylvester, Kyler Sylvester, Paisley Gipson, Grayson Gipson, Amberly Gipson, Oakley Gipson, Willow Gipson. 1 Brother, J.C. Rutherford, Cordell, OK. Numerous nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Preceded in death by Parents, Husband, 1 Sister Colleen Gwaltney, and two twin baby sisters, 2 Brothers: Jim Rutherford and Calvin Rutherford.

Trudy Jan Rehder

Graveside services for Trudy Jan Rehder, 68, longtime Clinton resident were 1:00 P.M. Thursday, May 7, 2020, at the Clinton Cemetery with Doyle Kinney officiating, and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Trudy was born on June 6, 1951, to Jack and Sybil (Roper) Cross in Sentinel, and passed away Monday, May 4, 2020 in her Clinton home.

Trudy was raised in Sentinel and attended school at Port until it consolidated with Sentinel, where she graduated in 1969. She Married the love of her life Johnny Rehder on February 6, 1970, and together they made their home in Clinton. In 1987 she received her bachelor's in education, and taught school for Clinton Public Schools at Southwest until her retirement working a total of 25 years there.

Trudy was a member of the First Christian Church in Clinton, and loved reading, crocheting, bowling, and especially playing cards with her family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Johnny, her daughter Shannon Thomsen of Thomas, her son Cody Rehder and his wife Kylene of Shattuck, Ok., her twin sister Judy Askins of Clinton, and four grandchildren: Ace and Jett Thomsen of Thomas, and Kinley and Blakely Rehder of Shattuck, Ok.

Her wish was that anyone wishing to send contributions may do so to the St. Jude's Hospital.

Patricia Louise Miller

Patricia Louise Miller was born December 18, 1946, in Shattuck Oklahoma, to Chance Porter Shahan and Daisy Goldie (Gifford) Shahan. She passed away May 5, 2020, at the age of 73 years, 4 months, and 17 days, at Elk City, Oklahoma.



She was raised in Harmon, OK and attended school in Arnett, Oklahoma, graduating from Arnett High School in 1965. She began working in the nursing field while still in high school. Her love of people and helping anyone she could led her to attend Bethany Nazarene College and then graduate from the Baptist School of Nursing with her Registered Nursing degree in 1968. After graduation, she began her nursing career in Shattuck Oklahoma. She married Billy Ross Strickland in April 1969. In May 1970, the couple adopted their daughter Merlene. Louise continued to make a career in nursing, caring for people. She worked at many hospitals and home health agencies and was Director of Nursing at Roger Mills Memorial Hospital in Cheyenne, Oklahoma, for several years. Her nursing career was interrupted by illness in 1990, but she continued to care for family and friends. After the passing of her husband Bill in 1999, she later met and married James Miller on March 3, 2003 in Corsicana, Texas. They resided there until moving back to Cheyenne, Oklahoma, in 2005. They loved road trips, seeing the country, wildlife and being together. She was able to enjoy her dream of living in the country before her passing.

Louise is preceded in death by her father Chance Porter Shahan; mother Daisy Goldie Shahan; first husband Billy Ross Strickland.

She is survived by her husband James Miller of the home; daughter Merlene Shaw and husband Johnny of Durham, OK; brother Wayne Shahan and wife Paula, of Arnett, OK; many cousins, nieces, nephews and a host of other family and friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorials be made to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the directions of Chris Whinery and the staff of Affordable Cremation Service–West. Condolences can be made online at www.classicfunerals.com.

Jesse Stephen Locke, Jr.

Jesse Stephen Locke, Jr. Graveside was held at 11am on Saturday, May 9, 2020, at Lawnview Cemetery Cordell, Oklahoma.



Visitation was from 10am to 8pm on Friday, May 8, 2020, at Ray and Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, Oklahoma. Under the direction of Ray and Martha's Funeral Home.

John Randall Johnston

On Monday, May 4, 2020, John Randall Johnston, loving father of four children, passed away at the age of 57. He loved the red dirt, sunsets and getting to play on a state champion football team.



John worked as a drilling fluids consultant for over thirty years in Oklahoma, New Mexico, Texas, Wyoming, North Dakota, and Thailand. Following in his father's footsteps, he started his career in the oilfield at the age of nineteen.

John also had the opportunity to work with the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Chickasaw Nation where he helped create venture capital projects in Oklahoma and South Dakota.

John considered being a father to his four children his greatest accomplishment.

John was preceded in death by his father Bo. He is survived by his mother Janice, by his four children, Taylor, Jacob, Dillon, and Jonathan, his brother Ron, his sister-in-law Samantha, his Aunt Joyce, his Uncle Wayne, and many cousins and two nephews.

A funeral service was held Saturday, on May 9, 2020, at 11:00, at the Mount Olivet Cemetery in Pauls Valley, Under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home, and with Deacon Bill Hough officiating.

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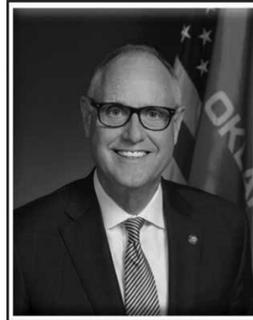
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WEATHERFORD SCHOOLS - SCHOOL PROJECTS - Weatherford Schools Superintendent Chad Wilson says despite the affects of the coronavirus, it has not stopped progress on construction of new elementary schools at East and West. Wilson says footing at West Elementary will be poured soon. Wilson says the City Commission vacated an area that ran through the middle of East that was never previously vacated, which is just another step toward actual construction at the East site.

CORONAVIRUS - FOOD & RESOURCES CENTER - The coronavirus has taken its toll on the economy. It is also impacting the Weatherford Food & Resource Center. Executive Director Lori Flansburg says there has been an increase in the number of new clients. Flansburg says volunteers, monetary and food donations are always welcome.

ELK CITY - REDUCTION IN WAGES - The affects of COVID-19, coupled with a difficult economy, is having an impact on the city of Elk City. City Manager Lee Litterell says city employees are being asked to take a 10% reduction in wages for the remainder of the fiscal year. Litterell says the city normally budgets 90% of projected sales tax revenues but will only budget 75% in the next spending plan that begins July 1st.

CUSTER COUNTY ACCIDENT - Three people are hospitalized, four others were treated and released following a one vehicle accident on eastbound interstate 40 at the 83-mile marker near Weatherford. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said 29-year-old Tetra Billie of Yukon and a 2-year-old child were last listed in serious condition at OU Medical Center. An 8-year-old boy was last listed in stable condition after the vehicle Billie was driving had unsafe tires on the driver's side. Troopers say the rear tire threw the tread surface layer off, the vehicle then departed the road and rolled, ejecting the driver and two passengers.

CUSTER COUNTY FATALITY - WEATHERFORD A Newalla man died at the scene of a one vehicle accident on Interstate 40 at the 80-mile marker near Weatherford. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says 69-year-old Steven Youngberg died after he drove his pickup truck off the road and struck a tree. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

CUSTER COUNTY - EXCISE BOARD - The Custer County Excise Board met to discuss the estimate of need for fiscal year 2020-2021. Board chairman Harold Gleeson says sales tax collections have dropped dramatically, which affects among other areas, the Sheriff's Department Budget. Gleeson says possible cuts could occur when putting together the next spending plan for the county. Gleeson says the excise board will likely meet again later this month to discuss the estimate of needs for the next fiscal year.

WEATHERFORD - SWOSU IN-PERSON TEACHING - Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre has announced that it intends to resume in-person teaching, learning and residential life for the fall 2020 semester. President Randy Beutler says it will be important to recognize that campus life will be different when the fall semester resumes August 17th.

STATE BUDGET AGREEMENT - WRIGHT - Legislative leaders in Oklahoma have announced a fiscal year 2021 state budget agreement designed to hold education funding harmless while limiting most budget reductions to 4% or less amid the COVID-19 pandemic. State Representative Harold Wright says the agreement is far better than expected early in the budget process.

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL - COVID 19 UPDATE After lengthy discussion Clinton City Council decided to leave the indoor facility of Acme Brick Park closed.

Members of council, including Ernie Dowdell, had concerns of opening the Acme Brick Park indoor facility but, yet, city hall remains closed.

CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURTS - SMITH PLEA - An Altus man has waived a preliminary hearing in Custer County District Court and has plead guilty to a charge of grand larceny. 28-year-old Landon Kelly Smith was sentenced to serve 120 days in the Custer County jail of a 2-year prison sentence for taking two Stihl saws from Ace Hardware in Weatherford and then selling the items.

ELK CITY COMMISSION - APPORTION SALES TAX - The Elk City Commission approved a resolution to re-apportion sales tax revenue from May 1st, 2020, until June 30, 2021. City Manager Lee Litterell says this will allow 2% instead of 1.375% to be earmarked for the general fund, adding about \$1.3 million to the general fund for the next year. Litterell says the city is still looking at possible cuts in its next budget with the anticipation of a 25% loss in sales tax over the next year. He says the commission will have a budget workshop meeting May 20th at 11 AM. He says the commission will meet later that afternoon to consider the spending plan for the next budget year.

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One of the few positive things about the corona virus is that it has allowed us to see children out playing: riding bikes, scooters, walking, running-- just enjoying this time in the warm spring sunshine. You cannot help but pray for them as they experience life. They are not particularly concerned about the economy, the virus, or the future.

It has been said that the greatest thing we can do for our nation is to pray for the children. You have to begin by praying for their parents. They are still the greatest influence in their lives. It is true but true that "as our families go, so goes our nation."

Jodie Berndt has written a guidebook for parents and grandparents entitled, "Praying the Scriptures for your Children." To whet your appetite I will list the chapter headings:

Part one: Praying for Your Child's Faith

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Part Three: Praying for your child's safety

- Praying for physical health and safety
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- Praying for your Child's emotional well-being
- Praying for kids in Crisis

Part four: Praying for Your Child's Relationships

- With friends
- With siblings
- With Teachers and Coaches
- With you

Part Five: Praying for Your Child's Future

- Praying for your Child's Purpose in Life
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- Praying for your Child's management of Time and Money
- Praying for your Child when He or She leaves Your Nest.

One person, in reviewing this book said; "As a working mother of a 5 and 1 year old I hardly have time to read. I couldn't put this down. This book isn't just for moms. . . dads, grandparents, teachers, etc can find use for this book in their library. You will not only read this once, but it will be a reference book forever."

Fern Nichols, founder of Moms in Touch said; "This is a wonderful book that you will want to refer to over and over."

This would be an excellent gift for baby showers, baby recognition Sundays, parents of children in Churches who have Children's Day Out ministries, etc. You can google and secure a good used copy for less than \$5.00. To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or phone 580-772-2311.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Arrested

Ernesto Hinojosa, 48, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charge Domestic Assault and Battery.

Cody McDaniel, 33, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charge of Burglary in 2nd Degree, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance, Possession of Meth, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Thomas Martinez, 50, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charge 3rd Degree burglary.

Jerry Horton, 45, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Warrant, Application to Accelerate Bogus Check.

Jeremy White, 41, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Possession of Methamphetamine, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Travis Miller, 39, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Charge Violation of Protection Order.

Brent Johnson, 34, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Washita County Warrant, Abuse by a Caretaker.

Lisa Taylor, 38, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Warrant, Harboring a Fugitive.

Hiram Howlingbuffalo, 35, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Warrant, Assault and Battery with a Dangerous Weapon.

James Matthew Beaird, 25, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Disturbing the Peace, Disorderly Conduct, Public Intoxication.

Zachary Wayne Paul Gillum, 22, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Convicted Felon in Possession of Firearm, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia.

Christina Marie Marshall, 33, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Domestic Abuse.

Hunter Dale Randolph, 22, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Burglary 2nd Degree.

Shannon Lee Brock, 54, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Public Intoxication, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

Kendrick Montrell Fair, 37, arrested by Elk City Police

Department and charged with Beckham County Warrant.

Johnathan J Lindsey, 27, arrested by Elk City Police Department and charged with Beckham County Warrant.

Jordan Ray Gauntt, 22, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Paraphernalia, Physical Control.

Jemerson Jay Gould, 41, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving with Revoked Drivers License.

Jennifer Payne, arrested by Thomas Police Department and charged with Failure to Signal within 100 feet of Turn.

Out on Bond

April Phares, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office and charged with Embezzlement.

David Brandon Griffin, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Eluding, Driving under Influence-Drugs, Driving under Suspension, Illegal Backing, Fail to Stop at Stopping Block.

Jordan Ray Gauntt, 22, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Possession of Controlled Substance,

Possession of Paraphernalia, Physical Control, Driving under Influence.

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Brenda Renee Stitt, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Office and charged with Driving under Influence, Transporting Open Container-Beer,

Jillian Kay Holden, Turned Self In charged with Application to Accelerate, Actual Physical Control of Vehicle.

Jerry Don Horton, 45, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with Custer County Warrant, Application to Accelerate Bogus Check.

Hayden William Barry, arrested by Weatherford Police Department and charged with Driving under Influence-Drugs, Possession of Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana, Operating Motor Vehicle Unsafe Condition.

Locadio Hadley, arrested by Oklahoma County Sheriff's Office and charged with Malicious Injury to Property, Motion to Revoke.

Chase Dalton Ford, Turned Self In charged with Application to Accelerate, Possession of Controlled Dangerous Substance.

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SWOSU Student-Athletes Honored by School of Business & Technology



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology (SBT) in Weatherford recently honored eight students as "outstanding students" in various disciplines offered by the school.

Among the recipients were SWOSU student-athletes Kason Cook of the Bulldog Men's Golf team and Kaitlyn Dillon of SWOSU Volleyball. The selections were made by SBT faculty members. Awards are based on academic achievement, leadership abilities and service activities.

Cook (Hydro, Okla.) was chosen as the Outstanding Student in Management. Although his senior season was cut short, he was selected as his Team's MVP and earned a spot on the NCAA Division II PING All-Central Region Team last month.

"We are so excited for Kason to receive this honor

from the School of Business and Technology," SWOSU Head Golf Coach Brad Fleetwood said. "This just further proves Kason's dedication both on the golf course and in the classroom. He truly embodies what it means to be a student-athlete."

Dillon (Edmond, Okla.) was selected as the Outstanding Student in Marketing. She is SWOSU Volleyball's career leader in digs and service aces and a two-time Great American Conference Defensive Player of the Year and last week she was selected as SWOSU's Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

"We couldn't be more proud of the career that Kaitlyn has had here at SWOSU, both as a player and a student," SWOSU Head Volleyball Coach Josh Collins said. "Not only was she one of the most dominant defenders the GAC has ever seen, but she is also an excellent student and a wonderful person. This award is one more testament to how dynamic this kid is. Congrats KD!"

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Trent Boesen



A total of 385 high school seniors has enrolled for the 2020 fall semester at Southwestern Oklahoma State University as part of a first-ever virtual New Student Orientation (NSO) program on the Weatherford campus.

The online sessions were necessitated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Students must apply and be accepted to SWOSU before they can start the enrollment process. Students are enrolled in classes through a virtual enrollment process that includes the following steps:

Students watch a video tutorial for planning courses on their schedule and complete a pre-advisement questionnaire.

After the questionnaire is submitted, NSO staff matches students with academic advisors within their area of interest.

Advisors contact students by email, phone or zoom to discuss course selections and complete the enrollment process.

New Student Orientation Coordinator Taler Alexander said that along with enrollment, students are also enrolled in an online orientation to be completed over the summer.

For more information on incoming freshman enrollment at SWOSU, visit <https://share.swosu.edu/Enroll2020>. Other questions can be directed to SWOSU New Student Orientation at (580) 774-3233 or orientation@swosu.edu



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Congratulations to Shelby Martinez! She is the winner of the West OK Weekly Mother's Day gift basket!

Wes Henry runs for Beckham County Sheriff

Wes Henry is running for the Beckham County Sheriff Position. He serves as a canine handler in the sheriff's office, where he's worked for six years. Deputy Henry has worked in law enforcement for 16 years and has dealt with many different aspects of the job. The Republican candidate has stated a couple points he would focus on if elected, including more patrol work for county roads, increased deputy involvement, and grant applications to fund the department and victim organizations in the county.

SWOSU Intends to Resume In-Person Teaching for the Fall 2020 Semester

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford and Sayre has announced that it intends to resume in-person teaching, learning and residential life for the Fall 2020 semester.

SWOSU President Randy Beutler said the university will use a measured approach to the fall semester and continue the tradition of an excellent education at an affordable price.

"The value of a SWOSU education is known far and wide," Beutler said. "However, in order to sustain the quality of many of our programs, we cannot continue to rely solely on remote learning. Digital and virtual learning technologies are an important part of our educational system and will continue to be so, but these tools cannot be a long-term substitute for the facilities and support that our campuses at Weatherford and Sayre provide."

Many of SWOSU's faculty and students need access to classrooms, library, rehearsal rooms and labs to fully engage with their learning, research and instruction.

Beutler said it will be important to recognize that campus life will be different when the fall semester resumes in August. SWOSU will continue to monitor developments in the western Oklahoma area and the state related to the virus.

Using this information, SWOSU will analyze and develop ways in which students, faculty and staff can safely return to campus, including:

Safety protocols such as social distancing will be of

utmost importance in the return to classrooms, labs and residence halls.

The dining facility serving lines are being changed to improve safety.

Future plans will also include recommendations regarding the use of protective masks, testing and other tools.

SWOSU will also consider ways to reduce the density of groups in campus housing, dining facilities and classrooms.

Until a vaccine is developed, many members of the SWOSU community may not be able to risk teaching or attending in-person classes.

"We recognize the needs of our faculty and staff, our non-traditional students, and the members of our community with underlying health concerns," Beutler said. "To these and others, SWOSU will develop strategies for fall instruction which will involve a blend of online and face-to-face classes."

Beutler said he knows there will be many questions about the logistics of how a return to campus will ensure a safe environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors to campus.

"As we continue to work through this process, we will keep everyone updated in a timely manner," Beutler said. "We look forward to seeing our community's eventual return to campus and the start of a great, new academic year."

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Kiger Questions DHS on \$50M CARES Act Use



The Oklahoma Department of Human Services (DHS) announced on May 6, 2020, that the state agency received \$50 million in additional funding from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act for a Child Care Development Block Grant.

State Rep. Lundy Kiger, R-Poteau, along with other members of the state Legislature and the U.S. Congress, have been working with their local daycares and talking with DHS on the needs of providing additional funding directly to daycares from the federal funding, as many of the state daycares are struggling with low attendance due to parents being out of work.

"This has led to approximately 850 daycares already closing their businesses with many other businesses not sure if they can survive," Kiger said. "This leaves many who are concerned about whether the state will have adequate daycare facilities when Oklahomans return to work.

"At this point, while many daycares have closed and many others struggle and are about to close, it's a very valid question that lawmakers and DHS must consider regarding the use of the infusion of \$50 million in CARES Act dollars that are available," Kiger said.

He points out CARES Act funding parameters awarded additional funding to DHS and tasked the agency with properly managing the \$50 million. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provided several relevant key uses for funds of the CARES Act for childcare that were outlined as the intent of the funds, he said.

The first point provided to the state was that funds may be used to provide continued payments and assistance to

childcare providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures related to the Coronavirus, and to assure they are able to remain open or to reopen. To date, DHS hasn't considered using funds in this manner as approximately 38 states have done by providing funds directly to daycare businesses in different forms and amounts, Kiger said.

He noted there are other options available for DHS in how they may use these funds. He said the decision DHS has made from the parameters provided through the guidance provided by the CARES Act is acceptable, but he questions whether the decision by DHS to not fund existing daycares that are struggling is what is best for childcare and this industry.

"But, with all Oklahoma daycares now experiencing difficult financial conditions due from the pandemic and children staying at home, and over 850 daycares closed this year in the state, is the money going to the right people to make sure we have daycares open when parents go back to work?" Kiger asked.

To help answer questions from the May 6 announcement that DHS issued stating that the majority of the \$50 million is going directly to parents for 60 days of childcare, Kiger asked DHS the following questions that he hopes will be answered in a meeting to be held with legislators and Congressman Mullin next week:

- * How much of the \$50 million goes directly to parents searching for a job?
- * How many parents or homes will receive this funding?
- * How is the money being distributed to parents, and will it be issued by debit card?
- * Will daycare use be the only use possible for parents in using these funds?
- * If a parent uses these funds for job searching and finds work, do they continue using the card until it runs

out of funds for childcare at daycares until they reach 60 days of use?

* What happens to any funds that parents don't use? Will it remain on the card or after a certain date does the card shut off and remaining funds go back to DHS?

Under CARES Act funding parameters, the first point provided to the state and possibly the intent of the Act says that funds may be used to provide continued payments and assistance to childcare providers in the case of decreased enrollment or closures related to the Coronavirus, and to assure that they are able to remain open or to reopen. With over approximately 850 daycares that have shut down in Oklahoma to date this year, did or will DHS consider using any of the funds going directly to daycares remaining open that are struggling with low attendance (as approximately 38 state are doing to some degree)? We as a state are seeing daycares closing every day.

Is DHS concerned that daycares closing each day may not provide adequate daycares in our state in being available when parents do find work and need childcare?

* What is the percentage of the \$50 million that DHS can use for administrative costs?

* How much does DHS pay on the average monthly for parents for daycare subsidy pay?

* How much monthly is DHS not having to fund for subsidy pay per the budget during the pandemic due to parents being home and not allowed under DHS rules to take their children to daycare and subsidy money not being used? Is this creating a surplus of money in the DHS budget?

* Would DHS be open to holding a meeting with the top three childcare association board members to discuss the current state of daycares in Oklahoma and work together to address the closings and financial issues our daycare providers are having to stay open for business?

Oklahoma Senate sends election integrity bill to Governor's desk



The Oklahoma Senate overwhelmingly approved a bill to protect election integrity in the absentee ballot process and now the bill heads to the governor's desk for consideration.

Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat, R-Oklahoma City, is the author of the bill, which protects the integrity of the absentee ballot process while granting exemptions during the course of the coronavirus health pandemic. The bill passed 38-9.

"Unfortunately, the Oklahoma Supreme Court legislated from the bench on Monday. Oklahomans need to have confidence that our election process is secure and

free from fraud. This measure upholds the integrity of our absentee ballot process while also making it easier to vote absentee during the ongoing coronavirus pandemic all in an attempt to protect the health and safety of voters and election workers," Treat said. "Through the ballot box and in our Constitution, Oklahomans have made it abundantly clear they want our elections free from fraud and interference. The Legislature has followed through and enacted measures to uphold and protect our election process. This is a good solution that addresses concerns raised about voting during a pandemic, while also maintaining the integrity of the absentee ballot process."

Senate Bill 210:

* Requires voters to have absentee ballots notarized, which has been the standard in Oklahoma for well over 50 years.

* Allows voters to submit absentee ballots with a copy of their identification or voter identification card, in lieu of having it notarized, if a public health emergency has been declared within 45 days of an election. That is expected to include the June 30 primary election.

* The bill also allows residents of long-term care facilities and veterans' centers to vote absentee under existing Election Board procedures for those facilities that would be enhanced by allowing a facility official to be deputized by an election official to enter the facility to collect required documentation.

* Those ill with COVID-19 who cannot leave their home, those suffering from symptoms of COVID-19 and those in high-risk categories can be considered "physically incapacitated" and can have an absentee ballot sent to their home.

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