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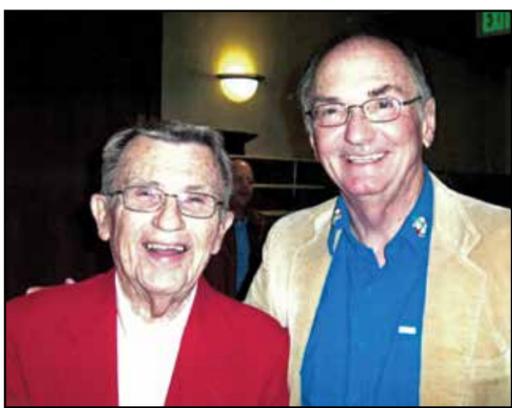
Todd Earp (right) presents Chad Kinder (left) with a plaque for his service to the Weatherford Rotary Club as 2019-2020 President. Todd Earp will serve as the 2020-2021 Rotary President.



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Weatherford Police Chief Louis Flowers thanks the Rotary Club, he was recently named the Rotarian of the Year.

## Chuck Edwards (Ashcraft) – the Man, the Myth, the Legend



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Chuck Edwards (right) pictured with the late Dick Johnson (left)

Legendary, long-time Sports Director for KWEY and the Wright Wradio family, Chuck Edwards carved out his niche at the station early in his career. He became an "institution" long before anyone really realized. After 34 years of distinguished service for the station, Chuck was known far and wide for his love of sports and sports reporting. One of the many promos about sports that Chuck made reminded everyone that he would even report on tiddlywinks if there were a contest.

Chuck grew up in Oklahoma and wanted to return so three years before he was hired on at the station, Paul Buening and Dick Johnson flew him in from New Mexico, where he was working, to interview for the News Director position. After the interview, he realized he didn't really want to do the news so he decided to turn down the offer but told them if there were ever a Sports job available to call him because he wanted a chance to do some college ball. And, three years later, that is exactly what happened. When he moved to Weatherford, he immediately started SWOSU and Weatherford High School sports on KWEY FM. It was 1977 and the year SWOSU football played in The Apple Bowl for the National NAIA Championship in Seattle, Washington.

Chuck was the only employee at KWEY, besides current co-owner Harold Wright, who worked for Paul Buening. Chuck's first recollection of Paul was that he was a nice, older gentleman who was always kind and very fair. Dick Johnson was the "mad man" who ran the station and kept it going. You always need a drill sergeant and Dick was remembered by Chuck as that. I remember "Paul sitting back and telling Dick that he needed to 'put the hammer down on someone' to keep them in line." The early days of KWEY were a stark difference from today. There were very few people at the time and Chuck remembers and knew them all. Today, there are so many, he's not sure he could name them all.

Heston says, "not only was Chuck the professional, he always dressed the part with a tie. He had great relationships with people, even the opposing team's head coach. He would talk with the coaches on the field before the game, finding out if he had all the first-hand information about players, rosters, etc. His dedication to getting the game on the air was the most important aspect of his job. His knowledge base was well-earned and genuine. One funny story Heston remembers is when Chuck and he were calling a football game between Southwest and WHS, playing at a neutral site with a brand-new press box. When they arrived, they found out they were broadcasting on the opposing side in the old press box which was made of all old wood – the windows were the flip-up type. Chuck would tape rosters and game info' on the wall to make it easy for them to look at for correct names and numbers. A big wind blew the roster out the window. Chuck rushed out of the press box, grabbed the roster and was back in the press box without even missing a beat."

Chuck is best known as the voice of the Southwestern Bulldogs and the Weatherford Eagles. Chuck remembers having nightmares about equipment not working because that actually happened quite often. His dream was about getting to a game and not having a place to broadcast or the right equipment at the game. Once he wound up doing

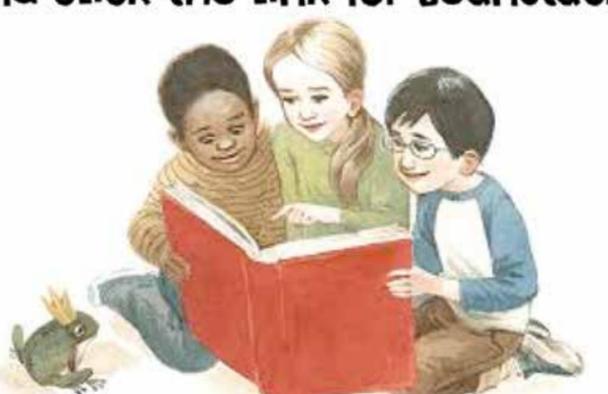
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### James Joseph Dorgan

Funeral service for James Joseph Dorgan, Jr., 86-year-old Weatherford resident, was held Saturday, June 27, 2020, at 2:00 PM in The Chapel of Lockstone Funeral Home with Pastor Earl Stephenson officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



James was born May 5, 1934 to James Joseph Dorgan, Sr. and Norma (Delmaso) Dorgan in Pittsfield, Massachusetts, and passed away on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at his home in Weatherford, Oklahoma. James was raised and attended school in Pittsfield, graduating with the Class of 1954 from Pittsfield High School. While still in high school, he enlisted in the US Air Force and served 21 years in the military. While stationed at Tinker Air Force Base, he met Genary Janet Spear on November 24, 1956, they were married in Midwest City.

During his time in the military, he was stationed in Midwest City, Vietnam, Alaska, Thailand, Guam and many other places. James served one tour during Korea and two tours in Vietnam and received a Purple Heart during his time of service. Upon retirement from military service, James and Genary made their home in Elk City where he worked as a delivery driver for Dr. Pepper and at the Clinton-Sherman Air Force Base as crash rescue. In 1984 James retired and they moved to Weatherford, OK.

James enjoyed spending time outdoors—hunting, fishing, camping, and spending time with his family. James enjoyed cooking and gardening and would often bake homemade pizzas and using fresh vegetables from his own garden. He also enjoyed making homemade wine and root beer. He loved team bowling with his wife and watching sports, especially baseball.

James was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years earlier this year. He is also preceded in death by his parents; and one sister Loretta Stracuzzi.

James is survived by one son James Joseph Dorgan, III of Burns Flat, OK; three daughters: Dianne Baldwin and husband Ken of Mustang, OK, Linda Heins and husband Mark of Choctaw, OK, and Kathy King and husband Steve of Weatherford, OK; one sister Elaine Goodrich and husband Arthur of Hancock, MA; thirteen grandchildren; and ten great grandchildren.

### Beverly Jeanne Cotner

Funeral service for Beverly Jeanne Cotner, 87 year-old Weatherford resident, was held on Wednesday, June 24, 10am at First United Methodist Church of Hydro with Pastor Taylor Anderson officiating. Burial followed at Rose Hill Burial Park in Oklahoma City under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Beverly Jeanne Cotner was born on November 21, 1932, to Alfred and Thelma (Huiatt) Kidd in Hydro, Oklahoma, and passed away Friday, June 19, 2020, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Beverly was raised and attended school in Hydro, graduating from Hydro High School with the Class of 1950. She attended Mercy School of Nursing in Oklahoma City. On August 21, 1953, she married Warren Gene Cotner in Hydro, Oklahoma. Her husband served

in the US Navy from 1956 until 1968; and during this time period, they lived in Colorado, California, Arizona, and Oklahoma. In 1998, Beverly and Warren moved to Weatherford. Beverly enjoyed reading, traveling and genealogy.

Beverly is survived by three daughters: Pamela Richardson of Prairie Grove, AR, Lisa Oakes of Edmond, OK, and Diane Wermey of Edmond, OK; one son Steven Cotner and wife Christine of Littleton, CO; eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Warren Gene Cotner, and one sister Shirley.

### Helen Marie Sheik

Funeral service for Helen Marie Sheik, 84 year-old Weatherford resident, was held Monday, June 22, at Calvary Baptist Church in Corn with Pastor Ron Henderson officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Helen Marie Best was born July 8, 1935, on the family farm southeast of Cordell to John Leo and Viola Brubaker Best. Helen graduated from Cordell High School in 1953. She married Kenneth Lee Fleming on December 18, 1954. They had three children: Roger, Rhonda & Dean. She and Kenneth celebrated 25 years of marriage in 1979 before Kenneth passed away.

Helen married Bob Sheik on April 20, 1985. Together, they shared thirty three years of their lives on the family farm south of Weatherford before Bob passed away in 2018. She enjoyed being part of Bob's family and stepmom to his four sons.

Helen was preceded in death by her husband Bob Sheik; parents John and Viola Best; sisters and brother: Pauline Edmunds, Carolyn Heath and John Best. She is survived by her son Roger Lee Fleming and wife Leslie of Weatherford, OK; daughter Rhonda Kay O'Meara and husband Mike of Yukon OK; son William Dean Fleming and wife Denise of Weatherford, OK; grandchildren: Amber Clear of Weatherford, OK; Matthew Fleming and wife Kodi of Weatherford, OK; Jenny Lawlis and husband Roger of Oklahoma City, OK; Susan Cleburn and husband Gerrod of Carrollton, TX; David Hinds of Dallas, TX; DaLynn Brinkley and husband Brent of Arapaho, OK; Brooke Fleming of Weatherford, OK; Chance Fleming and wife Chaillie of Yukon, OK; great-grandchildren: Jackson and Stone Clear; Tayte and Josey Fleming; Abigail and Tyson Cleburn; Kylee, Preslee and Kynlee Brinkley; Ellis Fleming. She is also survived by one brother-in-law Larry Heath of Cordell.

Donations on Helen's behalf to the Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter would be appreciated.

### LaDonna Mae Dobbs

LaDonna Mae (Sorge) Dobbs was born August 9, 1944, to Herman and Lucille (McKay) Sorge, in Chester, Nebraska, and departed this life to be present with the Lord on June 21, 2020.



Donna was raised in Lincoln, Nebraska, and on April 3, 1961, she was united in marriage to Roy Dobbs of Newport, Arkansas. Their

beautiful life story is truly amazing how the Lord brought them together, living so far apart from each other. She received Jesus Christ as her Personal Savior in August of 1961 at the First Church of God in Newport, Arkansas. They had lived in Nebraska, Arkansas, Kansas, Texas, and moved to Clinton, July 17, 1973, and made their home here.

She was employed with Washington Elementary School, Collins and Aikman Corporation, Department of Human Services, and Vocational Rehabilitation Services all of Clinton, Oklahoma. She also served as Church Secretary working with her husband.

Donna was very supportive of her husband's ministry and always involved in the work and ministry of the Church. She enjoyed reading, walking, keeping journals and playing with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She loved cooking and spending time with her family of whom she loved dearly. Another joy in her life was going with Roy on revivals when time permitted.

She was preceded in death by her parents; an infant son Ricky Dobbs; a sister Betty Avery; and a brother Larry Sorge. She leaves to mourn her passing her husband of the home; daughter Teresa Klein and husband Ronnie of Butler, Okla; son Troy Dobbs and wife Tina of Clinton, Okla; four grandchildren: Alicia Carpenter and husband Brandon of Butler, Okla, Merlanda Dorman and husband Donnie of Arapaho, Okla, Chelsie Lewis and husband Kody of Stillwater, Okla, Ashley Summers and husband Jacob of Biloxi, MS. Five Great Grandchildren: MaKinlee and Gage Carpenter, Everett Dorman, and Alex and Addilynn Lewis.

Donna was a beautiful, generous, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and a precious friend to many. She will be missed more than words can say.

In lieu of flowers please make a memorial donation to: Children of Promise, PO Box 2316 Anderson, IN 46018 [www.echildrenofpromise.org](http://www.echildrenofpromise.org)

### Eugene David Lowery

A Viewing for Eugene David Lowery, 54, Clinton resident, was held at 10am till 2pm, Wednesday, June 24, 2020 in the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home. By his request the body will then be cremated.

Eugene David Lowery was born August 7, 1965, to Anthony and Jo Ann (Clark) Lowery in Washington, DC. and passed away Monday, June 15, 2020, in the Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

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**Chuck**

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## Early Silver Dollars to Be Sold at Auction

On June 15, 2020 Legend Rare Coins featured an auction for some of the finest Mint State silver dollars from the early days of the Republic. Laura Sperber is co-owner of Legend Rare Coins.



Two main and important silver dollars were the 1794 Flowing Hair dollar certified by the Professional Coin Grading Company (PCGS) as a Specimen 66. The second coin was the 1804 Draped Bust dollar certified by PCGS as a Proof 65 with a total known population of 8 coins.

One of these 1804 silver dollars sold at auction for \$3,290,000.

In January 2019 the 1794 silver dollar sold for \$10,016,875. This particular dollar is considered to be the first one minted in 1794 at the Philadelphia mint. It has a silver plug in the center and was struck with obvious care.

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the entire game on his phone, holding it up to his mouth. He had to get creative quite a few times. When SWOSU Football was playing in the Aztec Bowl in Mexico City, Harold gave Chuck the choice of going to Mexico City for Southwestern or to Stillwater to broadcast Weatherford HS in the State Class 3A Football Championship game. Chuck wasn't going to miss a state championship football game, so the station sent Steve Holderby to Mexico City. The people in Mexico kept telling Chuck and the radio station that "there would be no problems, no problems, no problems at all." When Steve arrived in Mexico, he found out they didn't have a telephone line, so he had to string phone line 300 yards to another building to get the game on the air. There were issues like this that came up all the time.

Chuck's first on-air job was in Duncan, Oklahoma, after he took a journalism class in high school his senior year. He had always been a radio listener, calling in to win 45 records when they'd have a contest. He liked radio and went to Dallas to the Elkins School of Broadcasting to learn more about radio, and that got his foot in the door when he went back to Duncan to work at KRHD. He read in a trade magazine about a Sports Director job at a small market station in northwestern New Mexico. After communicating with them, he moved and started "flying by the seat of my pants" to learn the trade. He learned many of his tips and lessons by just doing the job. Back in those days, "the schools didn't offer line-ups or numbers or players' names" for a roster so he had to do his homework prior to going to the game. He would go into the locker rooms to get the coach to dictate his roster and numbers.

Harold remembers working with Chuck the first few years after he bought the station and was always impressed with the amount of work Chuck put into preparation for a game, but Chuck was impressed with John Little's pre-game preparation with color-coded names and legends, and poster boards. Some of the sports' boxes he had to get into for broadcasting games were about the size of a shower stall. Harold remembers Chuck's tenure at the station as "a team player and doing his part to help sell sports and special events sponsorships. We never had to worry about Chuck not taking care of his advertisers. He was a consummate professional in everything he did." John Little says that Chuck was a wealth of information. "He kept volumes and volumes of typewritten notes on seasons past for not only SWOSU, Weatherford, and Clinton but also many other schools around the area. Before we had websites like MaxPreps for that stuff,

Chuck was the source. And his information goes back 25 years before those sites came online. I can see why he typed everything. His handwriting is pretty bad, and sometimes he couldn't even read it. There wasn't a coach or administrator I ever spoke to that ever had anything bad to say about Chuck. They would always ask how he was doing and give me their favorite memory. And, despite all his knowledge and experience, Chuck never spoke down to me after I got the sport's director job. Everything offered was couched as 'I don't know if you need this, but if you want...'. He was always unassuming and helpful and just a legend. I'm so glad I know him and got to work with him." Now, that's the legend.

The memories Chuck has of his broadcasting years are numerous. For example, he called the old Milam Stadium Press Box a mobile home on stilts. One of the last games of the year was really cold, and he had loaded up on coffee all day. With no bathroom in the Press Box about 4th quarter, he "couldn't hold it anymore, but he was able to relieve himself using a Hershey's chocolate can. Thankfully, no one was around to witness. You've got to be creative and fly by the seat of your pants," says Chuck about this business. Chuck IS the myth.

Steve Sauer, one of Chuck's advertising clients, tells a great story about a package Chuck was selling Steve. He told Chuck that if he would stand on his head, he'd buy the package. Chuck started pulling keys, change, and money out of his pockets, bent down and stood on his head. Steve bought the package.

Chuck was the second Oklahoma Hall of Fame awardee from KWEY and the Wright Wradio Broadcast team. The judges who decided on the hall of fame awards couldn't believe the hours he worked, the number of games he'd broadcast, and the number of places he went to put the game on the air. Chuck's yearly vacations were spent in Montana at the College Rodeo Championships with the SWOSU Rodeo Team. He would send updates every day and do his sportscast from his hotel room. Now, that's the man.

During the end of his broadcast career, he was given a big chair and TV to enjoy during retirement. He said he's still enjoying the TV, but he's gone through a couple of chairs since then. He was also given a trip to Eureka Springs that he and his wife Charlene enjoyed. He was expecting, maybe, a plaque but received wonderfully memorable gifts. If you listened to any of Chuck's sports casts or ballgames, you heard the voice of a "consummate professional." The Man, the Myth, the Legend.

## May WFRC Volunteer of the Month

Ellen Arnold was named the Volunteer of the Month for May at the Weatherford Food and Resource Center!

Ellen began volunteering in December 2018 and has put in 49 hours. Ellen serves as a shopping assistant and warehouse assistant. Her home is in Weatherford, OK. Ellen enjoys crocheting and spending time with her family. Her favorite food is Chinese food and Jerry's Restaurant nachos. Ellen's favorite thing at Weatherford Food and Resource Center are the staff and volunteers. Ellen says, "We are all like family." Her most memorable moment is when she took groceries to a vehicle and the client was crying and asked for prayer because the client had lost her job and had no money for food. Ellen volunteers because she wants to help her community.

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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS



**Mike Smith**  
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**BECKHAM COUNTY SHERIFF TRAINING** - Beckham County Sheriff Derek Manning said about 20 detention and field deputies attended an 8 hour Use-of-Force and Taser Training Class. Sheriff Manning said that staff members spent time in the classroom then did practical training and finished up with scenario-based training. Manning said he is grateful to Western Technology Center for partnering with his office to provide a high quality training space.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT** - A misdemeanor charge of motor vehicle negligent homicide has been filed in Custer County District court against an Arapaho resident. 18 year old Teagan Williams faces the allegation in connection with a February accident that killed 20 year old Bailey Thomason of Weatherford. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said that Thomason was driving south on US Highway 183 when he allegedly crossed the center line and struck the driver's side of the Thomason vehicle. Thomason swerved to avoid the crash.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT - SINISCALCHI** - A California man has been sentenced to one year in the Custer County jail with credit for about 10 months served after being convicted of second degree manslaughter during a bench trial this week. Sixty-eight year old Theodore Anthony Siniscalchi was convicted of culpable negligence in connection with the death of 64 year old Brian Charles Fredson, who fell from the back of a U-haul truck as Siniscalchi drove a high rate of speed through the Weatherford Walmart parking lot. Siniscalchi claims he did not know that Fredson was in the back of the U-haul and was leaving after he got into an argument with a female who had been traveling with Siniscalchi and Fredson.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT - RIGSBY** - A competency evaluation has been ordered for a Custer County murder suspect. Criminal proceedings are stayed pending a review of the July 22nd evaluation of 37 year old Dennis Ray Rigsby, Jr. Rigsby is charged with the murder of his mother, 66 year old Judy Mullins who was found deceased on the floor of a camper that the pair had been traveling in. Court records show Rigsby and his mother were en-

route back to the state of California when Rigsby says he punched her, choked her with some clothes and hit her with an unknown object after she would not give him her cell phone.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT** - A Clinton woman is charged in Custer County District Court with 2nd degree arson. Court records show that 25 year old Ellie Dodge allegedly got into an argument with the tenant of a home in the 400 block of Prairie Chief earlier this month. Authorities say that Dodge told them she later lit clothes on fire in the living room on the southwest side of the residence and lit the house on fire.

**CORDELL'S NEW SCHOOL YEAR** - As districts around the area prepare for the upcoming school year, and the Corona virus pandemic still present, Cordell Superintendent Brad Overton say the district is making preparations. Those preparations involve multiple scenarios including distance learning. Each individual school district continues to work on plans surrounding the upcoming school year.

## Lady Bulldog Trio Named WGCA All-American Scholars

The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-American Scholars were announced on Monday with three Lady Bulldogs among a group of 1,401 women's collegiate golfers recognized with this prestigious honor.

All three of SWOSU's selections are underclassmen as freshmen Rebecca Lau and Georgia Miller joined sophomore Mikaela Rindermann in earning a spot on the team. This is the first time each individual has earned a spot on the All-American Scholar Team, which features some of the most stringent criteria in all of college athletics, requiring a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.

"I'm extremely proud of Rebecca, Georgia and Mikaela for earning this

All-American Scholar honor," SWOSU Head Golf Coach Brad Fleetwood said. "Their dedication to excelling in the classroom and on the golf course is a great representation of our university and of our golf program."

SWOSU Women's Golf has now had 11 individuals claim 16 selections to the WGCA All-American Scholar Teams, with at least one student-athlete earning the honor in eight of the past nine seasons. Previous selections include: Jessica Heard (2012-14), Ashlynn Hall (2014), Victoria Dobbie (2014), Courtney Gourdin (2016), Emily Folsom (2017-18), Elin Wahlin (2017-19), Tracy McGill (2018) and Gloria Choi (2019).

About the Women's Golf



Coaches Association

The Women's Golf Coaches Association, founded in 1983, is a non-profit organization representing women's

collegiate golf coaches. The WGCA was formed to encourage the playing of college golf for women in correlation with a general objective of education

and in accordance with the highest tradition of intercollegiate competition. Today, the WGCA represents over 650 coaches throughout

the U.S. and is dedicated to educating, promoting and recognizing both its members and the student-athletes they represent.

## PUBLIC RECORDS

### Arrested

Rebecca Sue Burnett, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for child neglect, possession of controlled dangerous substance, and no seat belt.

Phyllis Marie Radley, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for Public Intoxication.

Amanda Arnold, arrested by Weatherford Police Department on a Custer County Warrant for obstruction.

Charles Wagner, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for a Canadian County Warrant.

Bobby Davis, 40 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a warrant for driving under suspension.

Neviez Arriaga, 48 years

old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on city warrants for speeding, driving under suspension, no security verification and fail to pay taxes due to state and a city charge of driving under suspension.

Curtis Reeb, 22 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on an obstruction and Custer County warrants for Rule 8 and second degree burglary.

Michael Urbina, 52 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a Custer County Rule 8 bench warrant.

Allen Young, 33 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department for driving under suspension, a Custer County warrant for Rule 8 and 3 Washita County warrants for possession of a controlled dangerous substance, possession of

drug paraphernalia and speeding.

Jeffrey Baggett, 26 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a Custer County Rule 8 bench warrant and a Roger Mills County warrant.

Stephanie Scaramella, 57 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on charges of public intoxication and resisting arrest.

Laura Hindlitter, 50 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a Custer County Rule 8 bench warrant.

Cody Don McDaniel, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Department and charged with second degree burglary.

Feleisha Deon Hill, arrested by Clinton Police

Department and charged with protective order violation.

Martha Betty Thomas, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with knowingly concealing stolen property.

Steven Ray Strong, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Department and charged with petty larceny and obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check.

Martha Betty Thomas, arrested by Clinton Police Department and charged with knowingly concealing stolen property.

Scott Allan Buttrum, arrested by Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department on charges of knowingly concealing stolen property.

Aaron Gregory Lemay, arrested by Oklahoma

County Sheriff's Department on charges of second degree burglary.

Dayenereirah Renee Sampson, arrested by Custer County Sheriff's Department on charges of DUI.

Juan Hernandez, 29 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a Custer County Rule 8 warrant for 2 counts of driving under suspension.

Johnny Jones, 52 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on charges of public intoxication.

Blanca Huddlen, 27 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department for failure to compel minor to attend school.

Billy Yeager, 43 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a warrant for

petty larceny.

Candena Thompson, 39 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on charges of trespassing and prowling.

### Out on Bond

Toby Gilmer, 40 years old, arrested by Clinton Police Department on a Custer County warrant for obstructing an officer.

Kandi Pool, arrested by Clinton Police Department for falsely impersonating another to create liability.

Phyllis Radley, arrested by Weatherford Police Department on charges of public intoxication.

Candice D. Dilbeck, arrested by TSI on charges of contempt.

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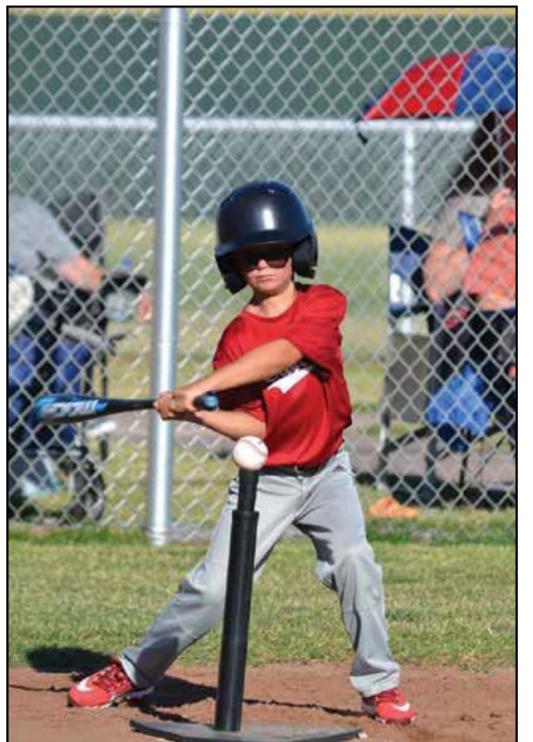


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# The making of a good cattle drive



**Kelly R. Kilhoffer**  
Oklahoma History Enthusiast

(continued from last week's article *The making of a good cattle drive*)

Pulling up the rear was the Drag. Riding drag was a miserable task but it was vital. Most of those who rode drag were 'green' to cowboying. Lack of experience meant eating the dust stirred up by all the hooves. Drag had to keep their eye out for strays, trying to wander off and stragglers from lagging behind. I, personally, like Drag. Yeah, it's not a great view of the cattle, but there is something mighty rewarding about it. "There is nothing better for the insides of a man than the outside of a horse." - Teddy Roosevelt.

Most big drives needed a good remuda, or horse herd, to swap out weary

*"He (the Cowboy) lives in the lonely land, where might rivers twist in long reaches between the barren bluffs, where the prairies stretch out into billowy plains of waving grass, grit only by the blue horizon - plains across whose endless breadth he can steer his course for days and weeks, to see neither man to speak nor hill to break the level; where the glory and the burning splendor of sunsets kindle the blue vault of heaven, and the level brown earth till they merge together in an ocean of flaming fire." - "From Hunting Trips of a Ranchman" by Teddy Roosevelt.*

horses. This required Wranglers. A horse being way smarter than a cow sounds good, but it posed unique challenges to the Wrangler, handling them. If one horse wasn't as fast as the fastest horse in the bunch, that lead horse would work the Wranglers to death.

Cattle drives weren't the job of 5 or 6 cowboys, everyone had to work in pairs, and they all had to work together. There might be 4 or 6 Swingmen, 4 or 6 Flanks; typically, one Point Man and one Trail Boss. While all of these men were tough 'hold-my-own' kind of men, there was one who could handle them all - the man who held the wooden spoon. Every good cattle drive had a chuck wagon. A rolling, rattling, clanking box store on wheels. The god-



like being in charge of the chuck wagon was the cook, also known as the 'cookie.' His main job was to provide grub for the cowboys. Poorly fed cowhands are grumpy and work poorly. Well-fed men work wonders on a full belly. The cook was the first one up in the morning, building a camp fire and making breakfast (provided the weather worked with him). He

often had to play the role of doctor, too. A good cook kept his hired hands well-fed, spoiled them with a treat from time to time, and, in general, kept spirits up.

There would be no good cow hands without good pay. Pay ranged from \$100-\$120 for a Trail Boss, about \$40 for cowhands and \$60-\$80 for good cooks. Pay was always at the end of the drive. Now,

Hollywood has painted the cowboy as a rowdy, rough-housing bum who shoots up the town and drinks himself blind at the end of a drive. While, this did occur from time-to-time, it didn't happen the way Hollywood would have us believe. The true cowboy was a believer in hard work and wasn't scared to live what he believed.

Many a cowtown came to be from the existence of these cattle drives. For those of us in Western Oklahoma, the most prevalent trails were the Chisholm Trail (1807-1882) and The Great Western Trail (1876-1884). The Great Western went slightly east of Canute and moved northward toward Leedy and Carmargo and on to Dodge City, KS and Ogallala, NE. The Chisholm ended at Topeka, KS, Ellsworth, TX, and Abilene, TX.

Most of the rail services that shipped cattle were either the Union Pacific, the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railway or the Kansas Pacific.

As time passed, the

once open prairie began to be quartered off by the Devil's Rope, also known as Barbed Wire. Cattle drives had to change routes, barbed-wire fences were occasionally cut with permission or with conflict, and more rail line was being laid. By the early 1900's, there was enough track laid that the cattle didn't have to make such long treks to railheads. Herds were held back, often with a double-barreled shotgun, due to fear of Texas Tick Fever. The end was near for the big drives.

We still have cowboys, cowhands and cattlemen because we still have to drive cattle, just not in vast numbers over hundreds of miles. If you drive through cattle country, you'll know it. You may drive over cattle guards; and if you're lucky, you'll see Cowboys and Cowgirls, pushing those head to pasture. If you have to wait on them, be patient and be thankful - you're seeing a vision of America's past.

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## July Celebrations around western Oklahoma

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

The Foss Lake Christmas in July celebration will take place on July 11th. This year, a lighted boat parade will begin at dusk at the Sandy Beach boat ramp and will end at the Marina. Afterward, a firework display will begin. Prizes for the boat parade will be awarded for the top three decorated boats.

The Clinton Rodeo, hosted by the Clinton Round-Up Club, will be held on July 17th and 18th. Jeweled buckles will be awarded, along with prize money, and slots are being filled with competitors. This year, some of the events like mutton busting or calf riding are being canceled. Even with a reduced schedule, the Clinton Rodeo will still be one of the blasts of the Summer. The event kicks off at 9pm and will be full of old-fashioned food and fun.

The 57th annual Carnegie Rodeo will be held at Carnegie Park on Saturday, July 11th, beginning at 8 pm. The rodeo is put on by the Carnegie Round-Up Club and will once again feature some of the great cowboys/cowgirls in the business.

Lucky Star Casino in Clinton will be hosting their 4th of July celebration on July 3rd at 10 pm outside their location in Clinton. The yearly firework spectacular is always a treat and the folks at Lucky Star are doing their best to ensure all attendees can enjoy the show while remaining safe.

The Weatherford Rotary Club's 4th of July event at Rader Park is set to continue as scheduled this year. The celebration has a one-of-a-kind firework display to cap off the night. This year, people are encouraged to come out, bring their blankets/chairs/picnic, listen to some music over the speaker system, and enjoy the nice summer air. The fireworks always light up the night sky; so, those that would like to enjoy the festivities from their home can do so by listening to 95.5 The Coyote from 7:00pm to 10:00pm and watching from the comfort of their porch.



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## History: Oklahoma Post Offices

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

One interesting, but often overlooked, service that has existed in almost every civilized area throughout history deals with the transporting and delivery of documents or goods: i.e. Mail. From local personable work to global commercial deliveries, postal work is both necessary and profound. How is a post office established, and how do the postmarks remain accurate when the territory it represents undergoes dramatic change? This snippet of history explores the beginning of some of the first post offices in Oklahoma.

These post offices went through a variety of change, similarly to the wonderfully amusing (and often confusing) history of Oklahoma's statehood.

For example, Oklahoma has had many names and symbols for the mail over the years. According to an article by The Oklahoman the postmarks have included "Arkansas," "Arkansas Territory," "Indian Territory," "Texas," and "Oklahoma Territory."

Historians have gone to great lengths to discover the reasoning behind these postmarks and have narrowed the beginnings down to a few possibilities. However, records during those times are hard to accurately place. Luckily, one of the things these historians agree on is that the state's first post office was established in Fort Gibson around 190 years ago.

Stamps for letters mailed in Oklahoma at that time were not part of a system so postmasters would use a variety of rubber stamps. During the early years, many of the postmarked letters have "Arkansas Territory"

listed because almost all of Oklahoma was included in the Arkansas Territory at one point.

In the town of Mangum in southwestern Oklahoma, the post office opened on April 15th, 1886. During that time, the territory was labeled as Greer County, Texas. The region didn't become a part of Oklahoma Territory for another 10 years by Supreme Court ruling. With statehood in the near future and territory changes, the post office in Mangum apparently had four different postmarks: "Mangum, Indian Territory," "Mangum, Oklahoma Territory," " then, "Mangum, Texas," and finally, "Mangum, Oklahoma."

The Mangum post office wasn't the only one that got incorrectly labeled as "Indian Territory". Other parts of the Oklahoma panhandle were labeled the same because folks were unsure whether it was a part of Texas or not. So, they just called it "Indian Territory."

Oklahoma City's post office was opened July 1st, 1923. It was originally established as Oklahoma Station in December of 1887 in Unassigned Lands before the Land Run of 1889.

It is believed that Oklahoma's mail couriers traveled on horse-back or by wagon on well-established roads between Kansas and Texas. During the 1880s, the roads were so heavily traveled by stagecoaches, military, cattle trails, and freighters that it might resemble an early interstate.

Lining up the exact moments of Oklahoma's postal history on a timeline may be impossible but piecing together bits of the state's colorful history is an experience all its own.

### Higher Ground

#### A Prodigal comes Home

Billy and Ruth Graham's middle daughter, also named Ruth, shares her story of a broken heart in her book by that title. After going through two divorces her mother urges her to come home. Following is an excerpt from that book:



**Jim Morrison**

"I wound my way up my parents' steep mountain driveway in Western North Carolina, unsure if I would be welcomed or rejected. I was broken by the choices I had made. Stubborn and willful, I had followed my own path, and now I would have to face the consequences. I had caused pain for my children and loved ones. I feared I had embarrassed my parents. It seemed I had wrecked my world. The shame was almost unbearable.

I had driven sixteen hours from South Florida, stopping to pick up my youngest daughter at boarding school, and now I was tired and anxious.

What would my life be like now? I had gone against everyone's advice. My family had warned me. They had tried to stop me. But I had not listened. I needed to do what was best for me, I had told them. And now my life was a shambles. I was a failure in my own eyes and certainly would be in the eyes of others when they learned what "Billy Graham's daughter" had done. I feared I had humiliated those I held dearest. How would I be able to face them? Driving up the mountain, my fears multiplied. Adrenaline kept my foot on the gas. I felt my hands grip the steering wheel. My mind was spinning. I tried to remember my mother's insistent tone from our phone conversation a few days earlier: "Come home," she had urged. I was desperate when I called her. I told her of my mistake and was trying to piece together a plan when she interjected with the voice of a loving, protective parent. But how would she and my father respond when they saw me? What would they say to me? Would they say, "You've made your bed; now lie in it"? Would they condemn me? Would they reject me? Despire me? They had every right.

As I rounded the last bend in the driveway, Daddy came into view. He was standing in the paved area where visitors usually park. Rolling the car to a stop, I took a deep breath and prepared to greet my father. I turned off the ignition, opened the door, and stepped onto the driveway. Then I looked up—Daddy was already at my side. Before I could say a word, he took me in his arm and said, "Welcome home."

In some sense this is a remake of the story in Luke 15 of a prodigal coming home. She had not sinned flagrantly as the Biblical son had. Her first husband had been unfaithful and the second was abusive and she felt threatened. But she had been vulnerable and insecure, making rash decisions out of selfish motives. The full title of her book is, "In Every Pew There Sits a Broken Heart." With great transparency and honesty she shares her private story hoping that it will help people who are going through traumatic times in their own lives. No matter where you are there is a Heavenly Father waiting to say, "Welcome Home." To comment email Jhm82@outlook.com or phone 580-772-2311

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