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## SWOSU Libraries Enable Research for Students and Faculty



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SWOSU Libraries on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses have many great resources to support research. Assisting a recent SWOSU class project led by Dr. Jeremy Evert (middle) were Phillip Fitzsimmons (left) and Jason Dupree. Fitzsimmons is head of reference and digitization, and Dupree is director of the Al Harris Library.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Al Harris Library (Weatherford) and McMahan Library (Sayre) have a great history with research, especially research by students.

Dr. Jeremy Evert, assistant professor in computer at SWOSU, said people often think about libraries as the great spaces for deep thoughts and, of course, so many books full of information, but SWOSU Libraries provide technology and digital services that are key to communicating in a digital age. SWOSU Libraries provide vital support for research publications.

SWOSU has invested in BePress, a publishing service that provides hosting for projects. Through the Digital Commons platform, the library can accept a

variety of publications from researchers across campus and provide permanent links in return. SWOSU Digital Commons has been used to host a number of research activities, including on-campus journals, podcasts, student research posters and technical papers. The Digital Commons site keeps track of how many times the material has been viewed, as well as where the material is being downloaded. Such information aids researchers in documenting the broad impact of their research.

Through the Digital Commons service, SWOSU Libraries have been a part of some very exciting projects. One example is SWOSU computer science student Aditi Shrestha, who landed an internship after

an Oklahoma City business owner discovered her research through Digital Commons.

Shrestha enrolled in Software Engineering in the spring of 2018. The class requirements called for regular podcast recordings to communicate the progress of class projects. Evert, professor of the course, encouraged Shrestha to apply for an internship with the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder (CO) and then asked Shrestha to talk about being selected for the internship during one of the project updates.

Hector Lucas, a SWOSU communications major, recorded and edited all project update interviews and then posted them online. An OKC business was searching for students with programming experience and came across the recordings. The business worked with Evert to contact Shrestha, and she spent the summer of 2019 completing an internship in Oklahoma City.

"It was a great honor to have one of our students selected for an internship at a national center," Evert said. "Working with Hector on the podcasts was a treat. Aditi getting a job in OKC was icing on the cake. SWOSU Libraries digital services played a vital role in connecting us to the rest of the world."

Evert said a key ingredient for the success of the SWOSU Libraries' publishing service is Phillip Fitzsimmons. Fitzsimmons regularly works with students and faculty across campus to help archive their work. He has been invited to present at conferences about supporting research and was invited by BePress to do a webinar instructing other librarians from around the world about how to help campuses engage researchers.

SWOSU Libraries have many other great resources to support research. Doug Reichmann manages the Media Studio, which is where Shrestha and Lucas recorded their podcasts. The digital media studio has video and audio recording equipment, software and tools required to edit recordings, and a green screen studio. Students can check-out media equipment at the front desk of the Al Harris Library for class projects or personal use.

SWOSU Libraries play a vital role in research on the campus. The digital services enable researchers to share their work to the world.



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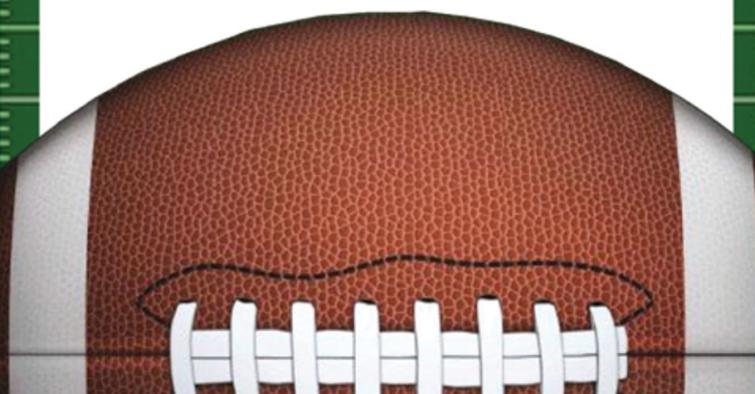
**REMAINING SIGN-UP DATES:**  
Monday, July 20<sup>th</sup>- 6pm-8pm @ Hibbett Sports  
Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>- 6pm-8pm @ Hibbett Sports  
After that, sign-ups will be at practice. Last day for sign-up is at end of practice on August 17<sup>th</sup>.

**PRACTICE STARTS:** August 3rd and every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday following.

**EQUIPMENT CHECKOUT DATE:** August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

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**Randy Linton Smith**

Randy Linton Smith Sr., aka Big Poppa, Bad Habit and Big Randy to many who loved him dearly, was given the gift of life on Tuesday April 12, 1955, in Anadarko, Oklahoma to the late Harriet Dimples (Linton) Darling and had to unexpectedly give the precious gift of life back on Tuesday July 14, 2020, in St. Lyons, Georgia, while doing what he loved.



Randy was raised in Anadarko by his late grandparents T.W. (Bud) and Velma Linton. His grandparents loved him dearly and helped mold him into the strong, courageous, stubborn, loving, empowering, one of a kind, God-fearing person that he was. He was a graduate of the Anadarko graduating class of 1974. During his high school days, he participated in football and various other activities. He always continued to be an avid and faithful Anadarko Warrior fan after high school and wore his purple and gold proudly. After high school Randy tried his luck at college in Colorado and attempted the military, but his football injuries to his knee, women and partying disqualified him.

Randy finally found his passion in 1977 when the late Fred Opitz from Binger, OK gave him his lifetime opportunity of being a truck driver. He continued being a cross country truck driver, chasing the next load for the next 43 years. He drove for many prominent trucking companies with his last load being with Roadrunner Trucking out of Woodward, OK. He drove millions of miles throughout his career with every single one of them being accident free. This spoke volumes to the legacy that Bad Habit left behind in the trucking world. Two of his son's Ricky and Jason are carrying on the Habit Legacy. Ricky, following in his Dad/Best Friends footsteps, drives cross country for Stout Trucking out of Oklahoma City, OK.

Although his life was taken too soon, he lived a good life. He loved people, family, food, church, trucking, riding his Harley and, most of all, being Big Poppa to not only his grandkids but to every kid that crossed his path. Although we will miss his charisma, the way the room lit up when he walked in, how he loved to talk, how he never met a stranger, his daily update on Facebook as he traveled the world and all of the delicious food pictures he posted.

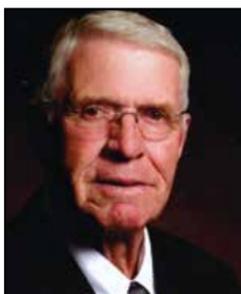
Randy is survived by a world of people who loved and cherished him, including his baby brother Ricky Darling, niece's Emma Darling and Paige and Jordan Garner. Beloved children: Jason Nelson, wife Larissa; Christopher Holder, wife Lindy; Ricky Linton Smith; Susan (Smith) McMillan, husband Larry; Randy Linton Smith Jr, and Jeff Smith, wife Kimberly. Big Poppa's grandchildren: Kristen Hooper; Rachael Slagell; Raylen Nelson and fiancé Justin Wilson; Jason Nelson; Luke Nelson; Tranquil "TJ" Holder; Hayden Holder; Cadence "Cady" Holder; Paige Couch and husband Josiah; Dustin Smith; Makinzi Smith; Trever Smith; Blayke Smith; Justin "Buster" McNamar; Bailei McNamar; Kristen "KP" McNamar; Anthony "AJ" Reyes Jr; Connor McMillan; Trenton Smith; Kailyn Smith; and Blake Smith. His only great grand baby Alizaye Wilson daughter of Raylen Nelson and fiancé Justin Wilson. There are numerous other friends, loved ones, and a world full of people that Randy made an impact on their lives that he is survived by.

A celebration of life service was held at The Lost Cowboy Church, located 3 miles north of Gracemont, OK on Highway 281 on Saturday July 25th 2020, at 11:00

am with Pastor Billy Harmon officiating and under the direction of Ray and Martha's Funeral Home (Anadarko, OK). In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be sent to The Lost Cowboy Church, 21067 CR 1230, Gracemont, Oklahoma 73042.

**Joe Dan May**

A Celebration of Life for Joe Dan May, 86 year old Hydro, OK resident, was held in The Chapel of Lockstone Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at 2pm.



Joe was born at his family's home near Barnitz Creek in Custer County on March 27, 1934. He passed away on July 18, 2020, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro, Oklahoma, at the age of 86. Joe was the son of John William May Sr. and Lanora "Bill" (Giesken) May.

Joe graduated from Arapaho High School in 1952. As a senior, he was awarded Junior Master Farmer Award and was president of the Arapaho FFA Chapter. Joe was quite competitive in sports with basketball and baseball being his favorites.

Joe made a profession of faith and was baptized in 1953 at the First Baptist Church in Clinton, Oklahoma. Joe, a country boy, married Sharon Lucas, a city girl from nearby Clinton, on October 11, 1953. He fixed up a shack in the middle of a pasture, 21 miles northwest of Clinton, establishing their first home. In 1954, Joe and Sharon moved to their farm near Hydro, farming along the banks of Deer Creek for nearly 40 years. He then moved to his current home in Hydro. Joe was known throughout the community for his beautiful yard, willingness to help others, and the maintenance of the streets of Hydro. Joe was a great dad to Jamie Lynn and Julie Beth. He was later blessed with four granddaughters, one grandson and two great grandsons.

Joe farmed and custom baled hay for many years. His final place of employment was for the Town of Hydro. Joe was a volunteer member of the Oklahoma Baptist Disaster Relief working with both the feeding unit and as a Blue Cap on the chainsaw crew. Locations where Joe volunteered were Florida, New York City, Virginia Beach, Alabama and many Oklahoma locations.

Joe is survived by his daughters Jamie Brehm and her husband Jackie of Piedmont, OK and Julie North and her husband Joe of Golden, CO; grandchildren Kylie North and Laura Keeler of Boise, ID; Kayci North and Sean Cornillie of Millcreek, UT; Alison North and Chris Stuber of Taylorsville, UT; Megan Hall and Jason Hall of Piedmont, OK; Jared Brehm of Oklahoma City, OK and two great grandsons Cooper Don Hall and Parker Dan Hall. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Martha May; nine nieces and nephews: Marsha Miller, Mike May, Gary Suter, Pat Regier, Jack Holbrook, Lee Kemp, Paula Potter, Chris Lucas and Darla Akin. He was preceded in death by his wife of 66 years Sharon Gayle (Lucas) May; his parents John and Lanora (Bill) May; his father-in-law Everett Lucas; his Mother-in-law Gladys Alice Lucas; brother J.W. (Dub) May Jr., sister Grace Lee Suter and husband Donald; sister Lera Ann Holbrook and husband Jack and brother-in-law Phil Lucas and wife Phyllis Lucas.

Please consider a donation in Joe's name to either The Hydro Fire Department or the Oklahoma Baptist Relief

In lieu of flowers or plants. Hydro Fire Department PO Box 248 Hydro, OK 73048 or Oklahoma Baptist Relief BGCO Attn: Disaster Relief 3800 N. May Oklahoma City, OK 73112.

**Vesta Lorene Lawter**

Funeral services for Vesta Lorene Lawter, 81 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Saturday, July 25, 2020, at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Clint Carter officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Lorene was born December 25, 1938, in Weatherford to Leman and Luella (Kidd) Banner and went to be with her heavenly Father on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, in Weatherford. Lorene was raised south of Weatherford on the family farm and attended school in Weatherford, graduating with the Class of 1957. On June 1, 1957, Lorene married Edgar Glen Lawter in Weatherford and made their home in Oklahoma City. They returned to Weatherford in 1962 where she ran a daycare business for 20 years. Lorene enjoyed her grandchildren, church activities and trips to Branson, Thunder basketball and Texas Rangers baseball.

Lorene is survived by two daughters Barbara Adams of Weatherford and Carolyn Barron and husband Sammy of Weatherford; one sister Wanda Lamborn of Clinton; six grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and one brother Melvin Banner.

**Burgess Tapedo**

Graveside Services for Burgess Tapedo, 88, were held at 10am on July 27, 2020, at Tanedoah Family Cemetery in Carnegie, OK. Burgess passed away Wednesday, July 22, 2020, at LMH Health.



Kiowa was born June 17, 1932, and raised in Carnegie, OK. He is the son of the late John Jerome Tapedo and the late Minnie (Topaum) Tapedo. His maternal grandparents were John Topaum and Aseqatteh. He comes from the Tanedoah family. He received his Kiowa name Eagleheart (Kutho'he En'tain) from his grandfather Henry Tanedoah when he was twelve years old. Tapedo attended Chilocco Indian School and began his military career shortly after finishing high school.

Tapedo enlisted with the United States Air Force and served from 1952 to 1956. His rank was A/3C, training in Big Wing, Texas. During his time in the Air Force, he served in Omasaw, Japan. Tapedo received the National Defense Service Medal and Character of Service (Honorable).

Tapedo joined the United States Army after working in Dallas for several years. Tapedo served in the Army from 1961 until 1964. His rank was PVT E2, and he was a member of the 82nd AIRBORNE Division, 504 Regiment ("Devils in Baggy Pants") from Fort Bragg in North Carolina and he was also part of the 173rd Airborne Brigade while serving in Camp Kue, Okinawa. Tapedo received Advanced Individual Training at Ft. Still as a Field Artillery Radar Operator. Tapedo also earned a Parachutist Badge and a badge for Expert Rifle M-1 and M-14, as well as Character of Service (Honorable).

Burgess recalls his most memorable military experience being the time he served in the United States Marine Corps. Tapedo began his career with the Marines in 1967 and served through 1970. He was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California and while in Vietnam served with the Fleet Marine Force. Tapedo received Advanced Individual Training for the following: MCB Campen Field Artillery Battalion, 1967 and MCI 105 MM

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Howitzer Cannoneer, 1969. The badges and medals he received during this time included National Defense Service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, W/2\*, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. Tapedo also received the Character of Service (Honorable).

After the Marine Corps, Tapedo received his bachelor's degree in psychology (1974) and a master's degree in education (1976) from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He worked at the University

of Science and Arts of Oklahoma as a counselor and also worked for the Kiowa Tribe for several years as the Self-Determination specialist. During his tenure with the Kiowa Tribe, his program was responsible for the planning and establishment of the Kiowa Cultural Museum.

Tapedo's next professional endeavor was serving students as a guidance counselor at Haskell Indian Junior College from September of 1989 to 2015, over

30 years of Federal service. He enjoyed his time at Haskell and developed many meaningful friendships. He was an avid sports fan, and you would always see him at the basketball games cheering on the student-athletes.

He married Millicent Maynahonah on October 13, 1969, in Jacksonville, North Carolina. They celebrated their 48th wedding anniversary in 2017. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife and son Lance Cully.

He is survived by his daughters Freda (Tapedo) Gipp and Darryl (Tapedo) Monteau, sons Rex Cully, Drake Cully, Brady Tapedo and Dean Tapedo all of Lawrence, Kansas and Mike Lewis of Anchorage, Alaska. He has 17 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. His adopted children are Sidney Toppah, Jeremy and Robin Shield and adopted grandson Alex Pelkey.

**"The Coin Guy"  
Counter-Stamped 1824  
Half Dollar**



On June 18, 2020 a meeting of the Numismatic Americana and Early American Coins was held in California. The coins sold at auction were seldom seen and commanded the highest prices.



Trent Boesen

The star of the auction was an uncirculated 1824 half dollar. What makes this half dollar special is it has been counter-stamped with the portraits of George Washington on one side and Marquis de Lafayette on the other side.

Counter-stamping was done by a private individual to commemorate both Washington and Lafayette. Counter-stamps were found mostly on large cents dated 1816 to 1823. Approximately five half dollars were counter-stamped as well. Whoever stamped the above coin is not known and research continues.

The above 1824 half dollar sold at auction for \$26,400.

Do you have concerns about your coin collection but don't know who to ask? Call the Coin Guy at 580-890-8076 and we can discuss them at Jerry's in Weatherford, OK. Thanks for reading.



Kelly R. Kilhoffer  
Oklahoma History Enthusiast

Oklahoma was part of the Louisiana Purchase way back in 1803. Little old Erick, Oklahoma, was part of that history. Sitting in the far western part of Oklahoma and bordered west by the 100th Meridian (the line of longitude that extends vertically from the North Pole to the South Pole) Erick was part of Greer County, Texas, up until April of 1896. In 1873, Greer County had been surveyed and sectioned into townships where some homesteads were being established already. After 1896, homesteading was sponsored by the Federal Government, first established by President Abraham Lincoln under the Homestead Act.

John H. Brooks filed a claim in Greer County, Oklahoma Territory and later sold this land to

**The great Oklahoma town of Erick**

*"Land of the mistletoe, smiling in splendor;  
Out from the borderland, mystic & old."*

The Choctaw Township and Improvement Co., with Beeks Erick as its President. & H. E. Bonebrake as its Secretary. Erick had 120 acres of homestead plotted for the original town that would become Erick.

On September 30th, 1901, the survey was filed in Mangum, Greer County, Oklahoma Territory. In that same year, the Choctaw Railway came to Erick. The depot and water tank tower were built on the railroad right-of-way, just east of Main Street. In May of 1901, Mattie Hughes passed away, and with her death it was decided to establish a cemetery. J.I. Permenter sold 2 acres to the town of Erick and its first cemetery was created. Mattie Hughes was the first person buried there.

Big Bob Hand and John McGowan built the first mercantile. R.V. Hand was the president of The Erick State Bank and Claude Hood served as Vice-President. The Postal Service was run by carriers "Dock" and

"Dennis" on the Galley Homestead, starting in January 1900. Another Post Office was created east of town one month later, in February 1900, by Eusebius Burton. In November 1901, these two offices were combined to become The Erick Post Office with George W. McGray, serving as Postmaster. The first elected city Marshall was Frank Chilton, elected in 1902.

The first saloon was run by W.A. Thompson, located south of the Railroad Depot on Main Street, where Curtis Deal tended bar. Erick had several two-story buildings, and by 1902, a two-story schoolhouse was built as well.

In 1902, the application for township was made with Erick that now comprised of 37 one-hundred acre plots and 276 souls. J. Wiley Smith and F. W. Chilton represented the town at the Greer County Commissioners meeting in April 1903. After due consideration the commission declared

the incorporated town would be called Erick.

Not much is left of the old town, now. There are still businesses and some pretty neat old buildings. Time has passed by Erick. I doubt the good folks living there miss being looked over. There's something to be said for being 'unnoticed.' Personally, I like my anonymity. Yes it's the hometown of Roger Miller, but he isn't the only game in town. A certain family by the last name of Wright has some ties to Erick, but I can't tell you their story as good as they can. Sheb Woolley, of the T.V. series **Rawhide**, was born there, too. If you're traveling down I-40 West, stop in and see Erick. It's a slice of early Oklahoma history, and the people there are still alive and well.

That's what's underneath this hat.

*A big thanks goes out to Katherine Lillard for helping put this story together.*

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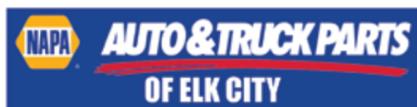
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**Mike Smith**  
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**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND COVID-19** - Custer County commissioners say they support a protocol establishment for employees, surrounding Covid-19. The protocol establishes guidelines for employees who have had direct contact with someone who has Covid-19 and for employees who in the office, have tested positive for the virus.

**HAMMON BANK ROBBERY** - The FBI says authorities are seeking the person responsible for a bank robbery in Hammon last week. Authorities say the suspect entered the Security State Bank and made a verbal demand for money from the Bank employees while brandishing a firearm. The suspect received an undisclosed amount of money and fled the bank heading south. No injuries were reported. Anyone with information is asked to call the FBI in Oklahoma City.

**WEATHERFORD SCHOOL BOARD SPECIAL MEETING** - The Weatherford School Board of Education modified the school calendar during a special meeting recently, which will delay the start of school by

one week. The district had planned to begin the school year on August 13th, but instead, the teachers will have in-service days of training August 5th - 19th. Students will report for the first day of school August 20th.

**OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION / BINGER MURDER REWARD** - The Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation is offering a \$10,000 reward for information that can help agents solve the 2019 death of 57 year old Randy Gathers. Gathers was found deceased in his home in the 400 block of West Johnny Bench in Binger in 2019. Authorities say there was trauma to Gathers that indicated his death was a result of foul play.

**CLINTON CITY COUNCIL FILING PERIOD** - Clinton City Council approved a resolution establishing the filing period and election dates for municipal seats in the city of Clinton. The seats held by Earnie Dowdell, Bobby Stewart and Mayor David Berrong are up for election. The filing period will be August 24th – 26th.

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## Higher Ground Show Me Your Ways

I find it helpful to read the prayers recorded in the Bible. The book of Psalms is largely made up of prayers of David and other authors. One that I have memorized and often quote in my day-to-day struggles, is found in verses 4 and 5 of Psalm 25. *“Show me your ways O Lord, teach me your paths; guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.”*



**Jim Morrison**

Let me break this down a little to see the beauty of this prayer. The first phrase is “Show me your ways.” David recognizes that the ways of man are often self-seeking. Proverbs 14:12 warns us that “There is a way that seems right to a man but in the end it leads to death.” I visited today with three men in the county jail who chose the way of alcohol and drugs and are now paying the price. All of us could testify of times when we followed a way that appealed to the flesh in some way, but it turned out to be self-destructive or distracting. David is appealing to the ultimate authority. The best of friends can lead us astray, but the Lord of all truth is our primary resource.

Then David calls on God to “teach me your paths.” Most of us have a difficulty at this point. Winston Churchill is quoted as saying, “Most of us want to learn, but few want to be taught.” We don’t want to make the effort required to gain the knowledge that would make us better parents. We would like our marriages to be richer, with fewer conflicts. But we seldom make the effort to get help from counselors, or the great resources available from those who have spent a lifetime studying and working through marriage conflicts with their clients. So we settle for a marriage that survives instead of one that thrives, modeling a healthy relationship for our children. A good prayer would be, “Lord, give me humility, take away my pride, and give me a teachable heart.”

The next phrase is “guide me in your truth and teach me.” In John 16, Jesus says the Holy Spirit, whom the disciples will soon receive, will “guide you into all truth.” So, the Christ-follower has a guide who has taken up residence in their heart, or their inner being, whose function is to give guidance as they search for truth. We can override the Spirit by our own willful behavior, but the power of heaven is available as we open our hearts and surrender to His leading.

The last phrase of the prayer is David’s recognition that God his Savior is his only hope. One of the greatest ways we can experience God is when we come to the point of realizing our helplessness. When God is all we have left, we are most teachable. Nik Ripken, in his book, *The Insanity of God*, shares that during the persecution of Chinese believers, only those who had spent three years in prison were acceptable to be pastors. It was when everything was taken from them except their faith in God, that in their helplessness, God could draw them into His presence and show Himself to them. Our only real hope is in the God who created us and longs to do all things well in our behalf. This is echoed in Psalm 37:5-6. *“Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”* To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or call 580-772-2311.

# PUBLIC RECORDS

### Arrested

Brian Whiteshirt, arrested by Clinton Police Department for new city charge of public intoxication.

James Roys, arrested by Clinton Police Department for new Custer County charges of aggravated and driving under the influence.

David Raya, arrested by Clinton Police Department for failure to appear on original charge possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Ramon Barron, arrested by Clinton Police Department for Custer County bench warrant for one count of burglary in the second degree and second count of resisting an officer.

Rachel Bryer, arrested by Clinton Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substance and a city warrant for operating a structure without proper utilities.

Cory Greeley, arrested by Clinton Police Department for public intoxication and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Elizabeth Rochelle Moss, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for operating a motorized vehicle in unsafe conditions, possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of medical marijuana with out a license, UUMV, and DUS.

Rickey Charles Smith, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for false impersonation, possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, and UUMV.

Jeanice Hays, arrested by Clinton Police Department for petite larceny.

Zakkary Romannose, arrested by Clinton Police Department for public intoxication.

Brant Wassana, arrested by Clinton Police Department for bogus check.

Erica Guevara, arrested by Clinton Police Department for driving under suspension x3, no insurance, expired tag, and a new city charge of driving under suspension.

Lisa Pedro, arrested by Clinton Police Department

for driving under revocation.

Homero Rivera Carrillo, arrested by FTA for Obstructing officer and resisting officer.

Ramon Clifford Barron, arrested by Clinton Police Department for Burglary in the second degree and resisting officer.

Rachel Elizabeth Bryer, arrested by Clinton Police Department for occupying a structure without proper utilities.

Jessica Marie key, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for DUI-2nd.

Alfred C. Rocket IV, arrested by Garvin County for tampering with utilities.

Euebio Rivera Ramos, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for 3rd subsequent felony.

Jennifer Nachole Riley, arrested by OHP for DUI.

James Rodney Roys, arrested by Clinton Police Department for 2nd degree aggravated DUI.

Trey Allen Lee, arrested by Weatherford Police

Department for rule 8.

Brant Coda Wassana, arrested by Clinton police Department for obtaining cash or merchandise by bogus check, false pretenses.

### Out On Bond

Robbye Dean Brown, arrested by CCSO for P.I. Benjamin Willis Patterson Robinson, arrested by Weatherford Police Department for unauthorized credit card.

Scott Anthony Mitchell, arrested by OHP for DUI and unsafe lane change.

Erin Ray Steele, arrested by Thomas Police Department for possession of controlled dangerous substance, and possession of paraphernalia.

Jacob Isaac Sublett, arrested by OHP for aggravated DUI, violating rules on roadway, and following to closely.

Jacob Michael Terry, arrested by OHP for aggravated DUI, and no valid drivers license.

Amy Kay Harris, arrested by TSI for uttering forged instruments.

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**Happy Birthday wishes for July 29th** - Rene Bickle, Ryan Folks, Cammie Hodges, Dana Matlock, Lindey Smith, Aimee Stobbe, Stacy Twins; **July 30th** - Tommy Holt, Ruth Mejia, Don Mullennix, Chester Walker; **July 31st** - Carol Sue Almon, Billy Gentry, Robbie Gilbert, Jerry Hardin, Dane Kauk, Loyd Lasley, Russell Lee, Sherri Matrin, Kassidi Rice, Rosa Sinclair, Eric Stoney, Ray Sutton, Daniel Tallbear, Barbie Trebay, Bryce Waldrop; **August 1st** - Todd Brunner, Heston & Claudia Wright, Jennifer Degarmo, Ally Dobbs, Mckenna Gentry, Jimmy Schwartz, Larry Joe Scott, Christian Sharp, Randy Sloan; **August 2nd** - Dena Bass, Chance Hanson, Launa Kimble, Winona Madison, Bobby Ringler, Darrel Stehr, Woody Sylvester; **August 3rd** - Judy Armstrong, Sammy Dudgeon, Mercedes Estes, Nicole Horn, Lorrie Howry, Koby King, Allen Lackey, David Lasley, Debrah Musick, Doris Payne, Deirick Riley; **August 4th** - Dustin Devine, Ivonna & Erin, Shanda O’Neile, Kim Renison, Jacoby Smith.

# SPORTS *Presented by:*

## SWOSU Senior Spotlight with Mike Smith

**Mike Smith**  
Wright Wradio News and Sports Director



Justin Bailey, a 5th year senior at SWOSU, has been preparing to go back to the football field for the Bulldogs. Bailey is a wide receiver who was 2nd on the team last season with 29 receptions. Gearing up for the 2020 season has been a little different in the midst of social distancing, but recently, a sense of normalcy has returned as some players have begun preseason training. Bailey remarks, "I'm thankful that we've got to go back to the weight room, finally, and we've got to work out with some of our teammates".

Last year, Bailey also acted as a quarterback with 2 completions out of 3 attempts, both results in a touchdown. When asked about any changes to preparations due to potential cancellations, Bailey responded "it's always going to be in the back of your mind, especially for me because it's my Senior season...You take it day by day. We're going to prepare like we're going to play. We're going to be ready; we have to be ready. I'm not, personally, thinking about that."

Bailey is originally from Texas and has played at 3 different schools during his collegiate time but he remarks that the experience at SWOSU and with the team has been the best. "I had heard of SWOSU and the day before my last JUCO game I had my son. So, I had a lot of decisions to make. [The coaches and recruiters] kept it really real with me and wanted to do everything they could to help

me." Bailey and his girlfriend came to visit SWOSU and he was convinced after the visit. "I wanted to come here... and we've loved it here ever since."

When asked what made SWOSU stand out to him compared to the other places he's played, Bailey explained that the coaches at SWOSU truly care about you. "It's more than just a football team. The coaches have a personality that a lot of football coaches don't have. They can get you hyped up when you need to get going. If they need to [discipline] you they [discipline] you. On the other hand, they'll talk to you like a person, and they'll listen to you."

Justin Bailey is looking forward to making his last year as a Bulldog memorable and tells fans that they'll see a hungry team in 2020. The Bulldogs are scheduled to host the season opener on October 3rd against Southeastern Oklahoma State.

## SWOSU Baseball to be Represented in Sunflower League All-Star Game

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The Sunflower Collegiate League (SCL) announced the teams for the 2020 SCL All-Star game, which were played on Saturday, July 25th in Wichita.

SWOSU Baseball had three representatives earn a spot in the game in returners Jackson Dietel and Zach Baxley, who are on the East Team while incoming signee Nate Postlethwait was selected to the West Team.

"We are proud of all our guys playing this summer, but a special shout out to Jackson, Zach and Nate for their performance up in Kansas," SWOSU Baseball Coach Zack Saunders said. "These three have continued to excel and now they are getting a chance to showcase all

the hard work that they have put into the game. We wish them luck in the All-Star Game on Saturday night and we are excited to get them back on campus!"

Dietel was selected to the All-Star team as a pitcher, where he is 3-0 for the Rose Hill Sluggers with a 2.77 ERA in 22.2 innings of action. He's also batting .259 with four doubles and two home runs in 17 games at the plate. Dietel was dual threat for the Bulldogs this past spring, with a 3-1 record on the mound while hitting .348 with five home runs and 21 RBI in just 16 games of action.

Baxley is hitting .440 for the Sluggers with 12 doubles, two home runs and 31 RBI in 21 games over the summer. In the spring, he started all 18 games for SWOSU and ranked third on the team with a .362 batting average to

go along with five doubles and nine RBI.

Postlethwait is 4-0 for the Cheney Diamond Dogs with a 1.90 ERA and 21 strikeouts in 23.2 innings pitched this summer. He joins the Bulldogs as a junior in 2021 after previously playing for Allen Community College and Pittsburg State.

The Sunflower Collegiate League is a summer league for college baseball players featuring 10 independently owned teams in South Central Kansas and competing as a Premiere League Affiliate of the National Baseball Congress. The SCL All-Star Game will be played on Saturday night at Eck Stadium on the campus of Wichita State University, with a homerun derby at 6:00 pm preceding first pitch of the game at 7:00 pm.

## Great American Conference Delays Start of Fall 2020 Athletic Season

The Great American Conference Council of Presidents unanimously approved a plan to delay the start of all intercollegiate athletic practices until the week of August 31, with the launch of competition postponed until the week of September 28.

Teams will play current GAC schedule grids when play resumes in late September. The GAC will formulate a plan to reschedule those games not played on the existing schedule - as well as the format for fall conference postseason events - following NCAA Division II action on the status of fall championships.

"This plan creates additional time to craft a safe and meaningful championship season for our student-athletes," GAC Commissioner Will Prewitt said. "It affords our members the ability to open their campuses for in-person learning and allows additional time for student-athletes to acclimate back to full

athletic activity."

"Our leadership has worked hard to find a path forward and join other NCAA Division II conferences that intend to compete this fall," Prewitt continued. "I'm cautiously optimistic about the return of GAC competition, but work remains to ensure the health and safety of our student-athletes, their families, coaches, and administrators."

The conference will continue to consult with campus medical professionals, outside consultants, and local public health officials to monitor the viability of playing conditions during the reopening of campuses.

"This action taken by the Great American Conference provides flexibility to deal with the fluid health and competitive landscape we are currently faced with," SWOSU Interim Athletic Director Todd Helton said. "SWOSU is committed to returning our student-

athletes to competition, but only when it is reasonable to do so in a healthy environment."

The Council has the ability to adjust its recommendation as necessary to protect the health and safety of all involved in GAC athletics. Conference administrators and the Council of Presidents will both meet weekly to address developments as they arise.

"The GAC Council of Presidents share a united voice in the decision we made today as we continue to search for ways to allow our student athletes to compete safely during this most challenging year," said Harding President and GAC Council of Presidents Chairman Dr. Bruce McLarty. "This decision keeps hope alive that we will be able to compete this year. The safety of our students, our campuses, and the communities in which we live remains our top priority."

## Practices begin in August for Weatherford Youth Football

Sign-ups for Youth Football will continue in Weatherford for age groups 8U, 10U & 12U. Sign-up dates are announced through the Weatherford Eagle Youth Football Facebook page; cost per child is \$125 and \$100 for siblings. The fee covers equipment and

uniforms. Parents will be responsible for cleats, mouthpieces, and a white practice jersey. Sign-ups end on September 1st. Parents will need to bring a copy of their child's birth certificate when signing up.

Starting Monday August 3rd, the first practice will be held at 6 PM followed by practices on August 4th and 6th. All practices will be held at the middle school practice field to the east of the high school football field.



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# Oklahoma History: Red River Bridge War

The Red River Bridge War was a conflict between Oklahoma and Texas over boundary lines that arose over two bridges on U.S. Route 69 and U.S. Route 75 between Colbert, Oklahoma and Denison, Texas. The conflict was a bloodless dispute that began when Oklahoma and Texas jointly built a free bridge to the northwest of the existing toll bridge.

The toll bridge was owned and operated by the Red River Bridge Company, a private firm owned by Benjamin Colbert. After the construction of the free bridge, the Red River Bridge Company set an injunction against the Texas Highway Commission on July 10, 1931 to keep it from opening. The injunction stated that the highway commission had promised the previous year to buy the toll bridge for \$60,000. Governor Ross S. Sterling of Texas ordered the free bridge to be barricaded

at Texas's end.

On July 16th, Oklahoma Governor "Alfalfa Bill" Murray ordered they open the new bridge by executive order claiming both sides of the river belonged to Oklahoma outlined in the Louisiana Purchase. Murray sent crews across the bridge to destroy the barricades.

Governor Sterling sent Texas Rangers to defend the highway commission workers and rebuilt the barricade that night. The following day, Oklahoma crews demolished the Oklahoma approach to the toll bridge making it impassable.

On July 23rd Texas State Legislature passed a bill allowing the Red River Bridge Company to sue Oklahoma over the issue. The next day Governor Murray declared martial law and enforced the site with Oklahoma National Guardsmen, and even, personally

appeared at the site. Hours later, a Muskogee, Oklahoma court prohibited him from blocking the bridge approach. Murray then directed his men to allow anyone across either bridge.

On July 27th, Murray heard that the free bridge could be closed permanently. So, he sent men across the river, expanding his martial law on both free bridge approaches.

On August 6th, the injunction against the bridge opening had been dissolved and the martial law order was rescinded.

The free bridge was opened on September 7th, 1931. News of the dispute made national and international headlines and in 1995 the bridge was replaced. A portion of the original bridge was flagged as a historical attraction and sent to a park in Colbert, Oklahoma.

## Pro Tem Treat announces approved 2020 interim studies

The leader of the Oklahoma Senate released the list of approved studies for the 2020 interim. Senators submitted 64 requests and Senate President Pro Tempore Greg Treat said that 39 study requests were approved.

Treat said the study requests were assigned to the standing Senate policy committee with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the request. Now that the studies have been assigned to Senate committees, committee chairs will determine when to conduct the studies, Treat said.

This legislative interim presents logistical challenges

which led to fewer interim studies being approved, Treat said. Due to the ongoing renovation of the Capitol, the Senate only has one available committee room for use this interim. Treat also said the Senate intends to implement social distancing due to COVID-19 which further limits the ability to hold more studies.

"In a typical year, we can accommodate most interim study requests. But this is not a typical year. With only one Senate committee room available for use and the need to implement social distancing due to COVID, we

limited each senator to no more than two approved study requests. There are some great topics to cover this year and I look forward to what ideas develop during interim studies," Treat said.

The list of approved studies is available on the Senate website. When interim studies are scheduled, Senate committees will send hearing notices, which also will be published on the Senate website.

Treat said interim studies must be completed by Friday, October 30.



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OK Kids 10U Baseball State Championship was recently played at the Kiwanis Ballpark in Weatherford. Coming home with the championship trophy are the Stigler Spartans, pictured on the right, and runner-up McAlester Buffaloes pictured on the left.

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## Pioneer Cellular to Serve as Underwriting Sponsor of 2020 SWOSU Athletic Auction



“The continued growth of the Athletic Association would not be possible without the faithful support and collaboration of partners like Pioneer Cellular,” SWOSU Interim Athletic Director Todd Helton said. “We are so very grateful to have Pioneer Cellular serving as Underwriting Sponsor for the Auction this year. This sponsorship is crucial as it helps to ensure that every penny raised as part of the Auction goes to supporting scholarships for our student-athletes and recruitment resources to enhance our athletic programs.”

All proceeds from the auction benefit SWOSU’s athletic scholarships and recruitment efforts. For more information about the auction, visit the website for the fundraiser – SWOSUAthleticAuction.com – as it will be updated with a full list of items regularly.

“Pioneer Cellular is proud to continue investing in SWOSU. Pioneer is an amazing place to work and takes great pride in our communities throughout our service area. We ask all of our friends and neighbors to stay safe and healthy while going online to bid on some great items and support the SWOSU Athletic Department,” said Ms. Kim Grellner, Vice President of Marketing, Sales & Service at Pioneer.

Anyone interested in donating items to the auction or needing further information about the fundraiser is encouraged to contact Clarke Hale by email at [clarke.hale@swosu.edu](mailto:clarke.hale@swosu.edu) or by phone at 817-707-6795.

The SWOSU Athletic Association is a subsidiary of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Athletic Association is pleased to announce that longtime SWOSU benefactor Pioneer Cellular will be serving as Underwriting Sponsor of the 14th Annual Athletic Auction.

In this capacity Pioneer Cellular will generously provide key financial support for this major SWOSU fundraising activity.

This year’s Auction will be conducted entirely online, with bidding open from August 8-29 at [www.SWOSUAthleticAuction.com](http://www.SWOSUAthleticAuction.com).

The SWOSU Athletic Association Directors and SWOSU Athletic Department recognize the unprecedented economic difficulties facing many of the Auction’s generous traditional sponsors and

have moved the event to an online format in an effort to reduce event production costs and maximize the fundraising revenues that go directly to SWOSU’s student-athletes.

Additionally, the Association and Department leaders recognize continued concerns related to large social gatherings in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. This is a temporary adjustment that reduces event costs in an environment when many Auction sponsors are facing significant economic challenges and that recognizes the continued complications associated with hosting large gatherings amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is the preference and intent of the Association and Department to return the Auction to its customary in-person format and itinerary in 2021.

## Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma Kicks Off Stamp Out Hunger Virtual Food Drive



The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma has kicked off the Stamp Out Hunger Virtual Food Drive, presented by Marathon Oil. The drive, which runs through July 31, is held in recognition of the hard work of letter carriers, volunteers and sponsors who have made the National Association of Letter Carriers' (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive a success in the past.

Since 1992, the Regional Food Bank has partnered with NALC and the U.S. Postal Service for the annual Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive held every second Saturday in May. This is the nation's largest one-day food drive, where letter carriers collect non-perishable food donations along their mail routes. Last year, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in central and western Oklahoma collected almost 600,000 pounds of food and raised more than \$175,000, which provided nearly

1.2 million meals to Oklahomans living with hunger. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive was postponed.

"Food insecurity has increased in Oklahoma as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and economic downturn," said Deb Bunting, interim CEO of the Regional Food Bank. "Though we are sad the typical drive was cancelled, the virtual drive comes at an important time as we work to keep food flowing to our partners."

In honor of the 28 years of commitment from the NALC, the Regional Food Bank hopes to raise \$28,000 during the virtual event. A \$50 donation can help provide 200 meals to Oklahomans living with hunger in central and western Oklahoma.

Donations can be made by visiting [FeedingHope.org](http://FeedingHope.org).




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