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SWOSU President Randy Beutler Announces Retirement



SWOSU President
Randy Beutler

Southwestern Oklahoma State University President Randy Beutler has announced he will close out a 35-year career in education and public service with his upcoming retirement effective June 30, 2021.

Beutler was named the 17th president of SWOSU in February 2010. He will be completing nearly 12 years leading the institution, becoming the fourth longest-serving president in institutional history.

"SWOSU is a very special place, and I have been blessed to be part of the incredible Bulldog community," Beutler said. "The work being done at this institution through teaching, learning, research, community engagement and academic partnerships is unprecedented in our 120-year history."

Beutler said that he would continue to help guide the school through the challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic. He said he has been contemplating a retirement date for some time.

"President Beutler has led SWOSU in providing an extraordinary education to students while increasing both degree and nationally-accredited programs, ensuring financial stability, and producing graduates ready to enter Oklahoma's workforce," said Susan Winchester, chair of the Regional University System of Oklahoma. "He has positioned SWOSU as a valuable educational asset for our entire state, and we appreciate his masterful leadership in higher education."

Under his leadership, SWOSU has seen many projects and milestones accomplished. The largest building project in the history of the university was completed under his watch. The 93,000 square foot Pioneer Cellular Event Center was opened in January 2014. In addition, the ground-breaking partnership with Yukon Public Schools was conceived and implemented during Beutler's tenure. He has also

worked closely with the President's Leadership Class, which he developed while working under former SWOSU President John Hays.

"I am very appreciative of the support that the Weatherford community gives to SWOSU," Beutler said. "That is very unique among university towns, and it has been great to be able to work with city leaders in making this a successful institution."

As to his plans in retirement, Beutler said he looks forward to being able to spend more time at his ranch and also working on his historical research and writing.

Prior to being named president of SWOSU, Beutler taught history and government for several years at Weatherford High School. In 1992, he was elected to the Oklahoma House of Representatives for District 60. During his tenure there, Beutler rose to the position of Majority Whip. He currently is a partner in Beutler-Redd Ranches, Limited, a cow-calf ranch that operates north of Elk City.

Beutler says that he plans to remain at his residence in Weatherford.

CBA secures financing to complete new school building



Corn Bible Academy is excited and pleased to announce that it has secured financing that will allow it to complete its 50,000 square foot school building in Clinton in 2021. CBA, which

is currently located in Corn, has been in existence since 1902, but believes that the time is right to complete the move to Clinton where it will be better positioned to serve families along the I-40 corridor.

Corn Bible Academy's relocation process unofficially started in August 2007 with a few people meeting weekly to pray about the school's need to move to a central location. The school received its first donations for the project in 2011.

The "Grow CBA" fundraising campaign officially began in 2013. Groundbreaking took place in April 2015, and the school board has built using cash up to this point. The campaign has steadily grown over the years with over \$5.9 million raised to date. Oklahoma Bank and Trust of Clinton will be CBA's financial partner and Sawatzky Construction of Weatherford is the general contractor as they move forward to complete the nearly \$10 million project. The building construction is currently about 65% complete.

Keith Ventris, president and CEO of Oklahoma Bank and Trust, states "Oklahoma Bank and Trust is happy to support Corn Bible Academy and is glad to welcome them to the community. We are honored to help with financing for this project." Corn Bible Academy serves students in grades 7-12, providing a quality faith-based education to students from all across western Oklahoma. CBA desires to be an asset to the region for many years to come.



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Irene Howard

Graveside services for Irene Howard were held on Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the Sentinel Cemetery in Sentinel, Oklahoma. Visitation was from 9am to 8pm on Thursday, August 27, 2020, and 9am to 8pm on Friday, August 28, 2020. Family welcomed guests from 6pm to 8pm under the direction of Ray & Martha's Funeral Home in Sentinel, OK.



Michelle Lerma, and in April 2012 they were joined in holy matrimony. They raised 12 kids. Jr. was employed by Tanko Company where he became everybody's favorite plumber for several years. He then decided he would further his career with the Cheyenne & Arapaho Tribes, where he worked for economic development and later moved to the water department. Jr. also participated in his Northern Arapaho ceremonies where he completed his vows. Jr. was the Richey BBQ Pit Master. He enjoyed his job, watching WWE, and his favorite thing to do was spending time with his family.

Jr. is survived by his mother Carol Richey of Geary, OK, his wife Michelle Richey of the home, Geary, OK, 11 children: Kristian, Linda, Carmelita, Adrian, KJ, Uriah, Mallory, Shanelle, Lilliana, Liani, and Clifford; 8 sisters: Freda Henderson, Jewel Clark, RaDonda Kay Richey, Rachel Williams, Virginia Richey, Deana Richey, Charleta Richey, and Robazena Richey; one brother Jesse Thunderbull, 10 grandkids, as well as numerous nieces and nephews, with a host of family and relatives.

Jr. was preceded in death by his father Ural Lee Richey, Sr., Aunt Zella Addison-Pekah, sister Eugenia "Janelle" Gibson, son Damon Lee Richey, and granddaughter Reileigh Shouek.

Services were held at 1pm on Friday, August 28, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Geary, OK. Rev. Waylon Upchego and Rev. Dwight Richey officiated.

Burial was at Sunset Cemetery in Geary, OK. Services entrusted to the Turner Funeral Home in Hinton, OK. Condolences may be sent to the family at turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com, or you can find us on facebook.com (Turner Funeral Homes).

Don Cannon

A funeral service for Don Cannon was held at 2pm on Thursday, August 27, 2020, at the First Baptist Church in Cordell, Oklahoma. Interment was at Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, Oklahoma. Visitation was from 9am to 8pm on Tuesday, August 25, 2020 and 9am to 8pm on Wednesday, August 26, 2020. Family welcomed guests from 5pm to 7pm under the direction of Ray and Martha's Funeral Home in Cordell, OK.



Lenora "Kay" Phillips

Lenora "Kay" Phillips was born March 6, 1946, to Noah Kuykendall and Margaret Armitage in Carnegie, OK. She passed away at her home in Weatherford, OK, Monday, August 24, 2020, at the age of 74. Kay attended and graduated from Carnegie Schools. She lived in the Carnegie area until her dad passed away in 1978. From there she moved to Colorado for a short time where she met Jack Phillips while working for Modco. The couple was married on January 2, 1980, in Norman, OK. She lived in Hinton for some years and managed the Hinton Apartments. They moved to Weatherford in 1981. Kay enjoyed watching murder mysteries and HGTV. She loved sewing and quilting. She spent most of her time raising her kids and helping take care of her grandkids.



Kay was preceded in death by her parents Noah Kuykendall and Margaret Armitage and sister Wanda Rogers.

Survivors include husband Jack Phillips of the home in Weatherford, OK; 3 children: Samantha Simmons of Idabel, OK, Bryan Phillips and wife Billie Ann of South Carolina, and Kathryn Dominguez and husband Steven of Weatherford, OK; 7 grandchildren: Jennifer and Aaron Simmons, Emily Vasquez, Ethan and Houston Phillips and Trinity and Lexiss Dominguez, as well as numerous other family and friends.

Services were held at Hinton Turner Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, August 27, 2020, in Hinton, OK. Rev. Dennis King officiated. Kay was buried in Ft. Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, OK.

Services entrusted to Turner Funeral Home, Hinton, Oklahoma. Condolences may be sent to the family at turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com, turnerfh.net, or you can find us on facebook.com (Turner Funeral Homes).

Carrol Dene "Gill" Gilliland

Carrol Dene "Gill" Gilliland was born September 2, 1934, to Jack and Bessie Mae (Floyd) Gilliland in Muleshoe, TX. He passed away Sunday August 23, 2020, at the Corn Heritage Nursing Home in Weatherford, OK at the age of 85. Gill served 8 years in the Naval Reserves. He was united in marriage to Mary Ann Stanford November 8, 1953, in Oklahoma City. In 1956 he surrendered to the ministry. While attending college, Gill worked as a printer for a printing company. His first pastorate was in 1964 in Canadian, TX, in May of 1966. They moved to Witcher Baptist Church and pastored there for 15 years, pastored at Deer Creek Baptist Church in Edmond, Abel Community Baptist Church in Guthrie, Greenfield Baptist Church in Greenfield, and at Trinity Baptist Church in Watonga, retiring in June of 2019. He and Mary Ann owned and operated a window and siding company. He enjoyed making jewelry, woodworking, and metal detecting. He was RA Director for Capital Baptist Association for five years, had served on a mission trip to Trinidad, and his favorite part of ministry was teenagers and children.



He was preceded in death by his parents Jack and Bessie Gilliland and one brother Travis Gilliland.

Gill is survived by his wife Mary Ann Gilliland of the home, one son Danny Gilliland and his wife Karen, granddaughter and great granddaughter Katy Gilliland and Khaleesi Cypert all of Watonga.

Memorial Services were held at Trinity Baptist Church on Wednesday, August 26, 2020, in Watonga, OK.

Darlene "Deanie" Hovakah Wolf

Darlene "Deanie" Hovakah Wolf, 84, of Hobart, Oklahoma, made her heavenly journey home on August 19, 2020. Darlene was a full blood member of the Kiowa Tribe and a direct descendent of Red Teepee, Tanedoah, Hobay Hol-ah/ or Hovakah (Anxious to Kill/Wagon Trail Killer leaves dead enemies), Tsoodle, and Audle-Ko-Ate-Thay (Tall with Long Black Hair). Darlene's Kiowa name was: Gkoon-ee-day-ahn-mah - ("Woman that came a long ways") which was given to her by her great grandmother Tsah-Mah. She was born on August 16th, 1936, to Rev. William Hovakah Wolf and Mamie Sophia (Tsoodle) Wolf in her Grandmother's (Kah-Tone-Pah-Hoodle) home in Zodletone, Oklahoma. Darlene grew up, attended and graduated from Bacone High School and then attended Bacone College in Muskogee, Oklahoma, where she was the reigning Football Queen from 1956 to 2002. Darlene traveled extensively with the Bacone Choir where she interpreted each song, including the Lord's Prayer, through Traditional Indian Sign Language. She received her degree in Radiology and Lab and established her career as a Radiology Technician working both for the Clinton Indian Hospital and the Lawton Indian Hospital where she retired. Darlene was an avid Thunder fan and OU Sooner Fan. She enjoyed attending Traditional Ceremonial Kiowa dances and powwows. Darlene was a member of the First American Indian Baptist Church in Hobart, Oklahoma, and enjoyed attending Prayer meetings. She was a Kiowa Tribal Director for the American Indian Exposition and was just selected as a 2020 AARP Native American Elder of the Year Award. Darlene was a faithful and devout believing Christian and left a legacy of a strong Christian Faith of which she deeply instilled within her children. Her favorite Bible Scripture was true of her to her last breath: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. One of Darlene's other favorite Bible verse, Matthew 25:23, she heard first hand as she stepped over into Glory Land was: "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord." Through many sacrifices and her love for life, she demonstrated her love for her family and will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.



Darlene is survived by her children: Jose Joe (Hobay) Lucero of Hobart, OK, Ben Lucero Hovakah Wolf of Hobart, OK, Darin Zotigh & wife Lahoma Horse-Zotigh of Carnegie, OK, Yvette Zotigh and Nick Hutchins of Medicine Park, OK, Sophia & Husband James Cordova of Lawton, OK; Grandchildren: Leah Gouge & husband David of Anadarko, OK, Heather Wagner of Marshall, WI, Roderick Zotigh of Carnegie, OK, Kevin Zotigh of Colorado Springs, CO, Travis Zotigh of

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nephews and other extended family members. Preceded in death by her Parents: Rev. William Hovakah Wolf and Mamie Sophia (Tsoodle) Wolf; Children: Walter Zotigh and DeeRenee Zotigh; Grandchildren: Shane Dean Zotigh, Benjamin Keith Zotigh, Sean Anthony Zotigh and Thomas Bolig Zotigh.

24 Works on Paper Traveling Exhibition Starts at SWOSU



The Oklahoma Visual Arts Coalition's "24 Works on Paper," a traveling exhibition of work by living Oklahoma artists, will be on display through September 18 at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The exhibition is open to the public and admission is free.

Gallery hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday, and SWOSU Art Gallery visitors are required to wear masks and observe social distancing guidelines due to the coronavirus pandemic.

The "24 Works on Paper" exhibition features 24

works of art created on paper, including media such as printmaking, drawing, painting and photography.

The 2020-2022 guest curator is Heather Ahtone, senior curator at the First Americans Museum in Oklahoma City. She is responsible for selecting all the works for this touring exhibition.

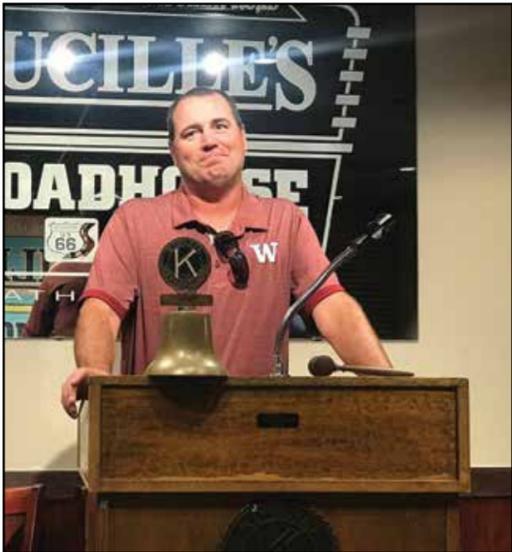
"24 Works on Paper" will be on view at nine other locations throughout the state but the SWOSU stop is the first one for this show. Hosting the show is the SWOSU Department of Art, Communication & Theatre, chaired by Dr. Robin Jones.

A Bird That Don't Fly



Kelly R. Kilhoffer
Oklahoma History
Enthusiast

A Bird that Don't Fly
You'll never love me without being bold.
Gonna love you back, won't need to be told.
You never know real warmth 'til you been cold,
I'm never gonna grow up, just plan to grow old.
You'll never know the answer 'til you ask the right question,
Never change your bad ways unless you learn your lesson.
Time to grow up, be that man,
Ain't no playbook, no game plan,
Just every day do the best you can.
I'm just skippin' stones,
Waitin' to see what that tide will bring.
Life is full of mystery – don't know why,
You know I don't wanna be a bird that don't fly.
You'll never know it's me 'less you look me in the eye,
Never know it's blue 'less you look at the sky.
You'll never leave the ground if you're afraid to fly.
Don't take your time, in the end, we all die.
Never go to war unless you're fightin' for peace
If your cause is for the greater,
Don't forget about the least.
Never give your word unless you know it'll be kept.
You'll never know how far you can go 'til you take that first step.
You're never gonna know love 'less you give someone your heart.
Best step it up – yea, you best start.
Never see the light 'less you step outta the dark.
I'm just skippin' stones,
Waitin' to see what the tide will bring.
Bitter old Winter brings a beautiful Spring.
Sometimes life's about the little things.
It's just a mystery and I don't know why,
Just know I don't wanna be a bird that don't fly.
When you spread your wings, best know where you're gonna land.
If you see me down, won't you lend a hand?
We need to all stand up for our fellow man.
Can't fix what's wrong unless you take a stand.
Yea, I'm just skippin' stones,
Waitin' to see what that tide will bring.
You can't be afraid to try,
Don't let yourself be that bird that don't fly.



Kiwanis program recently had Coach Reagan Roof the Weatherford High School Athletic Director and Head Football Coach speak. Coach Roof is in his 19th season coaching football. He's spent 4 years coaching in Weatherford. This year, in the football team, they have 19 freshman and 35 in 10th-12th grade. They are currently carrying about 55 total, a little down from last year. It's usually closer to 65. The Summer Eagle Pride this past summer was the most successful so far. He's surprised by the commitment of this team, knowing they may be hit by the emotional toll of losing this football season due to the pandemic. Coach Roof feels this is the most deserving team he's ever coached for reasons beyond talent. There's no doubt that this team holds a special place in his heart no matter the outcome.

Vanessa Valli/WW



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CUSTER COUNTY MUNICIPAL FILINGS – Two city commission races have developed in the City of Weatherford after the three day filing period. In Ward 1 incumbent Rick Miller is challenged by Terri Lockhart. Ward 3 Commissioner Warren Goldmann is challenged by Lezley Bell. In Clinton there is a three-way race for Mayor as Mustafa Sami and Paul Brown are challenging current Mayor David Berrong. In Ward 4, Arthur Lloyd, Jr. filed unopposed as did current Councilman Ernie Dowdell in Ward 2.

elementary and middle school families, all other Clinton Public Schools will continue with their regular five-day-a-week schedule.

WEATHERFORD BLOOD DRIVE – The Weatherford “Boots & Badges Blood Drive” will be held September 8th at the SWOSU Wellness Center from noon to 6pm. Call the Oklahoma Blood Institute to make an appointment or visit them online at www.obi.org. All donations will be tested for Covid-19 antibodies to identify potential convalescent plasma donors.

CUSTER & WASHITA COUNTY ELECTIONS – Custer County has a new commissioner for District 2. Bruce Walker trailed most of the night but squeaked out a 21-vote win over Carl Bailey. Walker will take over the District 2 in January. Meanwhile, two propositions in the Canute School District failed to get a super majority of

60% for passage. Proposition 1 got 54% support and Proposition 2 got 55% support.

ELK CITY'S NEW FIRE CHIEF – Officials with the City of Elk City say that Fire Chief Billy Word has been reassigned and will no longer serve in a leadership position. Interim City Manager Tom Ivester says Billy Sizemore will serve as acting Fire Chief until a new chief is chosen.

CLINTON SCHOOLS A-B SCHEDULE – After experiencing positive Covid-19 cases since school began, the Custer County Health Department has asked 107 Clinton students and/or staff members to quarantine due to exposure. Superintendent Tyler Bridgers says Clinton High School will transition to an A-B schedule effective Monday, August 31st. Bridges says that based on lower Covid-19 numbers, as well as factors that impact

CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS & THE RAILROAD PROJECT – Custer County Commissioners approved a project agreement for a federal-aid railroad project for a double track railroad, crossing over Custer City Road. Commissioner Wade Anders says federal, state and local governments are working together on the \$230,000 project.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Arrested

Zakkary Romannose, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with public intoxication.

Eric Johnston, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with burglary in the 2nd degree and a county warrant for probation violation.

Vidal Sambrano, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute, possession of marijuana, and possession of a fire arm on the commission of a felony.

Lesly Cerros De Avila, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with driving under the influence of drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no drivers license, and no insurance.

Mandi Ashley, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with failure to appear, possession of controlled dangerous substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Megab Grim, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with public intoxication by drugs.

Logan Stelzig, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with warrant for probation violation and assault and battery on a police officer.

Skyler Davidson, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Custer County rule 8 bench warrant.

Robert Boldt, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with DUI.

Jesus Martinez, arrested by Custer County Sherrifs office,

charged with Custer County rule 8.

Stephen Frack, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with breaking and entering.

Eric Johnston, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Burglary.

Amy Addison, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Raven Bird, arrested by Custer County Sherrifs Office, charged with larceny of merch from retailer, possession of cds, and possession of paraphernalia.

Javier Mendoza, arrested by Kay CO, charged with DUI, and Rule 8.

Tyler Sirmons, arrested by OK CO, charged with Rule 8, KCSP, embezzlement.

Jon Jon Wilson, arrested by Custer County Sherrifs Office, charged with eluding.

Out on Bond

Michelle Holmes, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, charged with DUI 3rd/DUS.

Leroy Lundy, arrested by Custer County Sherrifs Office, charged with DUI.

Lesley Cerros De Avila, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with DUI by drugs, possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia, no drivers license, and no insurance.

Kenneth Wright, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, possession of marijuana.

Justice for All

As I looked at the picture of my cute and cuddly three month old great-grandbaby, I pondered, in view of the current social situation, what kind of world would she grow up in. For one thing, she would enjoy “white privilege.” Now I have already made some of you upset. “I worked hard to get where I am.” That may be true. But you didn’t have to deal with some of the obstacles African Americans do. For hundreds of years they were declared to be slightly less than human, or at least white humans. Even the writers of our constitution first decided that they would be counted as ¾ of a person for taxation purposes and for fear that their numbers would bring added representation in congress from Southern states.



Jim Morrison

Just after the Civil War, nine states enacted vagrancy laws-making it a crime to not have a job. These laws were used in the post-Civil War South primarily to detain freed slaves and funnel them back into the economy as “leased convicts.” They were often hired out to plantation owners with little or no pay.

Even Abraham Lincoln felt that the best solution was to send them all back to Africa. President Woodrow Wilson, one of our most racist presidents, had the film, “Birth of the Nation” shown in the White House, applauding it even though the KKK was portrayed as heroic. If space permitted, we could spend pages on the brutality of lynchings. In one case, a lady, eight-month pregnant, pleading for her husband’s life, was hanged upside down, doused with gasoline and set afire, while the baby was ripped from her womb and the head crushed. Few were brought to conviction, giving rise to the mistrust of law enforcement officers by the black community.

But many say, “that was hundreds of years ago. Why don’t they just get over it? Look at today, we have black mayors, governors, even a black president.” That is true. Thank God we have come a long way. But the matter of equal justice for all and the brutality of some police officers cannot be ignored.

Bryan Loftiss, a popular African/American pastor, author and conference speaker tells about having “The Talk” with his teen aged children. It was not a talk about sex. It was about how to respond when they were pulled over by a policeman. It was not, if, but when. The advice given was things like, make no sudden movements, keep both hands on the wheel- clearly visible, suppress any anger, always use “yes sir, no sir.” Matt Chandler a partner in the dialogue, shared about a friend in Atlanta who had married a white woman. A number of times when stopped by the police, one of the officers would go to her side of the car, asking, “Are you hear of your own will?” Let me be quick to say that I am not down on law enforcement officers. They have an impossible job and the great majority are men and women of great courage and are worthy of our respect. But, as the Chief of the Tulsa Police Department said in a conference I attended, there are those who like the power that comes with the badge and the gun.

We here in rural Western Oklahoma have little understanding or awareness of Black History and quite frankly, we don’t really care. In recent months I have read three books and heard several dialogues on racial issues. We must learn to care and learn from each other if my great-granddaughter and others like her will grow up in a new world of justice. White evangelical Christians have been complicit in matters of racism. We have not acted courageously. We have been silent because we didn’t think it affected us, although it surely does.

One day gathered around the throne of God will be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, people and language standing before the throne and in front of the lamb. Rev. 7:9. Let us learn to love each other while on the earth. To comment email jhm82@outlook.com

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coverage online at "wright.media." Schedules will be posted through our Facebook page. Any changes will be announced to keep everyone up-to-date.



Clinton Red Tornados are scheduled to begin their season Friday, September 4th at home against Woodward Bombers. Catch all the action on TornadoTV at wright.media or tune in to 97.3FM. *Provided*

SWOSU Foundation, Inc., Hosting First-Ever Charitable Hunt

The Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Foundation, Inc., is hosting its first-ever charitable hunt.

The hunt will take place on September 18-19 in Devol (OK).

The event will provide philanthropic support to SWOSU's Department of Parks & Recreation Management (PRM), which seeks to facilitate the development of professionals in the fields of conservation management, parks and recreation management, sport management, parks law enforcement and wildland fire management.

Ryan Haggard, chair of the SWOSU PRM Department, said the program offers exceptional, specialized coursework and experiences to SWOSU students. Unique and expanding rapidly, SWOSU PRM is the only program of its kind in the region. The

proceeds from the hunt will make history at SWOSU as the institution's first endowment benefitting PRM and will help SWOSU to produce the next generation of conservationists, sportsmen and sportswomen, wildlife law enforcement officials, park rangers and many others.

This unique fundraising activity will be facilitated by BlackOak Farms, a full-service hunting operation that is integrated with traditional agriculture practices of farming and ranching.

The event will involve a late afternoon/early evening dove hunt on September 18 followed by a cocktail hour, dinner and auction with an early morning dove hunt to follow on September 19.

Host and co-host opportunities offering substantial sponsor benefits remain but will close soon, and only a few individual hunter slots remain. Cocktail hour

and dinner-only registration is also available for non-hunters who want to fellowship with SWOSU alumni and friends. For information on sponsorships, to register to hunt, and to see the entire event schedule, please visit www.HuntWithSWOSU.com and contact SWOSU Associate Director for Institutional Advancement Clarke Hale at Clarke.hale@swosu.edu or 817-707-6795.

The SWOSU Charitable Hunt is being organized by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy 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. For more information on the Foundation, please call 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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Rockin' it at the rodeo; Elk City Rodeo features

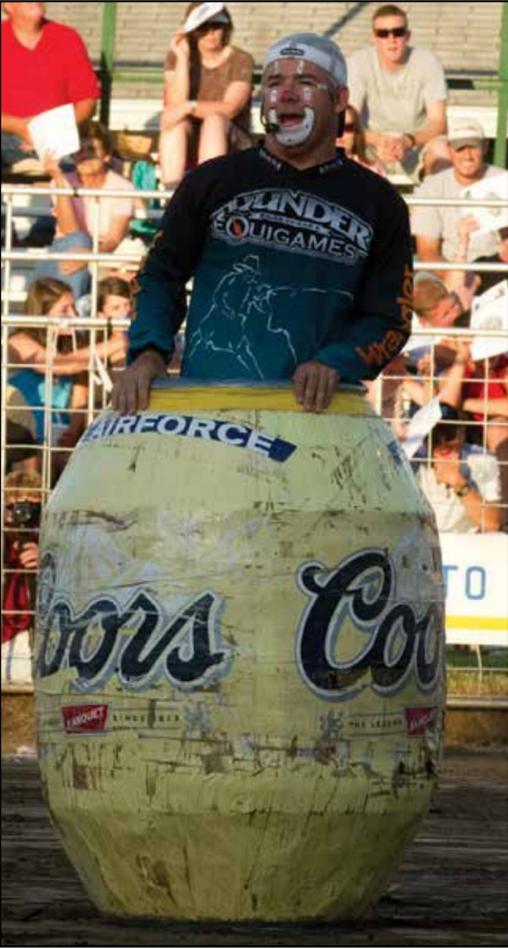


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 "Rockin'" Robbie Hodges will work as barrelman and rodeo clown at the Elk City Rodeo of Champions September 4-6 at Beutler Bros. Arena, Ackley Park. The Georgia man has been selected to work the premier championship event of pro rodeo, the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo. Photo courtesy Laura Stelene.

Elk City, Okla. (August 24, 2020) – Rockin' Robbie Hodges has a good time wherever he goes.

And when he comes to town for the Elk City Rodeo of Champions, everybody else is bound to have a good time, too.

The Cave Springs, Georgia cowboy will work as the barrelman and rodeo clown for the rodeo, which takes place September 4-6, 2020.

It's the second trip to Elk City for the 52-year-old clown, who has worked rodeos across the nation, including the pinnacle of the sport, the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo.

Hodges grew up in Atlanta and Cave Springs and didn't know anything about a horse. When his mom and dad divorced, he moved to northern Georgia with his mother. His cousins team roped, but there was no money for a horse for him. So he became a bareback rider, and did well at high school rodeo, winning the Georgia High School state bareback riding title twice, in 1985 and again the next year.

After high school, he rodeoed in the regional associations and became an International Pro Rodeo Association member, qualifying for their finals, the IFR, four times. He became a PRCA member and made a living as a bareback rider.

But in 1999, with a couple of kids at home, it was

time to quit. "I was tired of getting the hell beat out of me," he said. "I was winning a good bit of money but I wasn't having fun."

So he got a job on a fiber optic crew. Then a call came from a friend. Would he be willing to be a rodeo clown? He was always the goofy guy, the one cracking jokes. At rodeos, for laughs, he'd goof off. "I'd hit myself with the hot shot," he said. "Everything in life is a joke." So he tried it, and was hired by five rodeos. It was 2000, and he was back to rodeo, but this time as personnel instead of as a contestant.

Just as in his bareback riding, he excelled and rose to the top of the IPRA, working the International Finals Rodeo (IFR), in 2003.

Then, in 2004, he got his PRCA card and began working PRCA rodeos.

Two years later, he was nominated for PRCA Clown of the Year, an award he's been nominated for numerous times. And four years after that, he was selected to work as barrelman at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo, and alternate the next year (2011).

Along the way, he worked for NASCAR for two years, driving the truck for former NASCAR driver Mike Wallace in the winters when the rodeo season was slow.

He loves working rodeos where Bennie and Rhett Beutler provide the livestock. His job at a Beutler rodeo "is different than at any other rodeo, because the bulls are so dadgum mean," he said. "You have to work the barrel a lot, and that's why Bennie and I get along. I like to get run over (by his bull) and he likes to run me over." Hodges says his job is easier at a Beutler rodeo, because, as a clown, he doesn't have to fill dead-time due to the rodeo not running smoothly or because of inferior bucking horses and bulls. "You never have to worry about carrying his rodeos for lack of good stock or a lack of production."

Hodges' biggest accomplishment, outside the arena, is his three kids. The oldest, Reed, is a college student at Coastal Alabama College in Bay Minette, Alabama; his second child is daughter Carli, a new graduate of East Mississippi Community College (Scooba, Miss.), and son Blake, who is a junior in high school this fall. Carli, a barrel racer, was the 2019 National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Ozark Region champion.

He's humble about his own accomplishments, but he knows he's come a long way. "From that little bullied kid out of Georgia, to be able to" work the WNFR is big, and that's one of the reasons he spends time with kids who could use a little more attention. "That's my soft spot. That's why you'll always see me with some little kid who sticks out. It means so much more to me to come up and talk to a kid. I'd have given anything in the world if somebody had come up and talked to me" as a kid.

This is the second time Hodges has entertained in Elk City; he was last year's clown and barrelman.

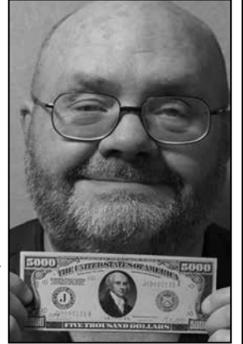
The rodeo runs September 4-6 with performances each night at 8 pm. Tickets range in price from \$9-\$18 and can be purchased at the rodeo ticket office at the Beutler Bros. Arena, at Circle A Western Wear, and at the gate. For more information, visit the rodeo's website (www.ElkCityRodeo.com) or its Facebook page, or call 405.317.7161.

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Trent Boesen

The above pictured \$100,000 gold certificate is the only one to be certified by the Paper Money Guaranty (PMG). It was given the grade of Choice Uncirculated 63 Specimen. It would be considered the "Holy Grail" for paper money collectors. The back of the note is blank with "SPECIMEN NOT NEGOTIABLE" printed in a silver-color.

1934 \$100,000 Gold Certificates were never released for circulation among the general public. A total of 42,000 notes were printed by the Federal Government but, the majority of them were destroyed.

It is one of three known notes in the hands of collectors. During the February 2005 auction in Dallas this note sold for \$74,750.

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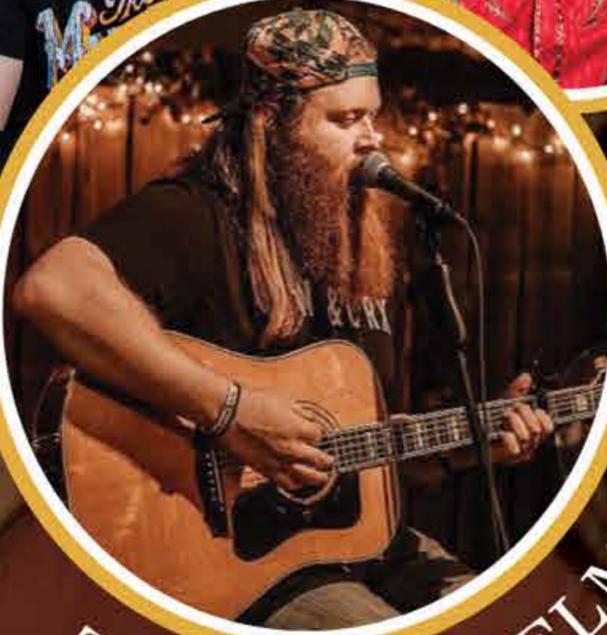
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