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Elk City schedules Christmas in the park

Holiday festivities have begun in Elk City as the Elk City's Chamber of Commerce's Retail Christmas Promotion begins on November 27th with Christmas in the Park. Each night, between 6 PM – 11 PM until New Year's Eve, the park will be lit up with a wonderful light display courtesy of many gracious sponsors and donations.

There will also be free activities throughout the celebration on every Friday and Saturday until December 19th. These include a tour of the park on the Mistletoe Express, rides on the Centennial Carousel, visiting Santa at his Park Place, miniature train rides on the Candycane Express, and Holly Jolly Trolley rides. Hot chocolate will be served along with the fun by the Cub Scouts.

Additionally, for those looking for some extra yuletide entertainment, swing by the Museum Opera House nightly at 7:30 PM (2:30 PM on Sunday) on November 27th, 28th, and 29th to catch "A Christmas Carol" radio play performed by the Untitled Pop Up Theatre.

Elk City's Christmas gifts don't stop there, though. Slip on through the Elves of Elkwood S'mores Shop on December 4th and 5th from 11 AM – 12PM and 6 PM – 9 PM for some tasty treats. Then, swing by the park on December 18th at 8:30 PM for a community candle light service, hosted by The Way Church.

Finally, grand drawings will be given away on December 16th and 17th where participating businesses and the Chamber will give away thousands of dollars in prizes. To enter the drawing, just visit the participating Retail Christmas businesses and shop to get your name entered for a chance to win one of their \$100 gifts or the



Courtesy of Jena Skarda

On Friday Western Oklahoma Christian School students Eli Fuller, Luke Bailey, both of Clinton, August Dobrinski, of Weatherford, Katie Clayton and Erica King, both of Clinton, pray over Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes filled with Christmas gifts that will be sent to needy children in other countries. Students learn to show God's love in a tangible way. According to Samaritan Purse's website, Operation Christmas Child has collected and delivered more than 178 million shoe boxes to children in more than 160 countries and territories since 1993.

If you plan to participate in the Clinton Window Decorating Contest, your window will be judged by the public between November 28th and December 4th. We will be giving away one large basket filled with goodies to one of the lucky judges! Judging will

be open to the public and will help declare which window is the winner. A trophy and bragging rights will go to the contest winner. Let's bring as much Christmas cheer to Clinton as we can and decorate our windows!

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Jerri Leanne McConnell

Funeral services for Jerri Leanne McConnell, 58 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Friday, November 20, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at Emmanuel Baptist Church with Clint Carter officiating. Burial followed in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Jerri was born February 16, 1962, in Lakewood, California, to Jerry and Nathalie (Robinson) Miers and passed away Monday, November 16, 2020, at Alliance Health Woodward Hospital. Jerri was raised and attended school in Weatherford. On May 20, 1980, she married Ralph McConnell in Colony and made their home in Weatherford where they raised their five children. Jerri worked at Wal-Mart and later went on to get her accounting degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2003 and graduated Magna Cum Laude. She earned her CPA license and worked for the Oklahoma Tax Commission as an auditor. Jerri enjoyed spending time with her family. Her grandkids were the pride and joy of her life, coming only after her husband. She was selfless and dedicated her life to helping and taking care of others. She also enjoyed arts and crafts, sewing and crocheting.

Jerri is survived by her mother Nathalie Miers of Weatherford; her husband of 40 years Ralph McConnell of their home in Weatherford; one son Kenny McConnell of Weatherford; four daughters: Marsha (Jimmy) Moore of Tuttle, Lisa Jones and Clay Bruner of Weatherford, Mandi Bachlott of Weatherford; and Mindi Cornelsen of Weatherford; two sisters: Brenda Keeler of Oklahoma City and Deborah (Barry) Van Auken of Broken Arrow; and thirteen grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father Jerry Miers.

Brian Eugene Gayer

Brian Eugene Gayer was born November 27, 1962, in Altus, OK, to Jerry Eugene Gayer and Melba Gay (Heavener) Gayer and passed away Tuesday, November 17, 2020, in Weatherford, at the age of 57 years, 11 months and 20 days.



Brian was raised and attended school in Weatherford, graduating from Weatherford High School with the Class of 1981. He attended Oklahoma State University and later earned a bachelor degree in radiology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2000. Brian owned Pro Sportsman Boat Shop where he was a certified Mercury mechanic. He currently was owner/operator of Gayer Western Outfitters, alongside his daughter and grandson. Brian enjoyed loving on people; working in the store; making kids happy; and being Poppy to Braylon, his grandson and loved two-stepping with his fiancée every chance they got. He will be remembered as a selfless man; a most generous and giving person who never gave up and had an "open ear open arms" policy; and the best Dad that anyone could ever have. Brian was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Weatherford and a member of First Baptist Church.

Brian is survived by his parents Jerry and Gay Gayer of Weatherford; daughter Krystal Gayer of Weatherford; grandson Braylon Gayer; sister Sharon Gayer of Moore; nephew Cody Gayer and wife Whitney and their daughter, Tori of Moore. He was preceded in death by his fiancée Rhonda Walker; grandparents Wade and Elvina Heavener and Richard and Ruby Gayer; and many other friends.

Richard Lee Wood

Funeral service for Richard Lee Wood, 74, Weatherford resident were held on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. in the Emmanuel Baptist Church with Clint Carter officiating. Burial will follow in the Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Richard was born December 30, 1945, in Kingfisher, Oklahoma, to Henry and Ruth Wood and returned to his heavenly home on October 13th, 2020, in Weatherford. He was the youngest of their six children and nicknamed "Dickie." The family moved to Pharr, Texas, where he attended school. After school, he enlisted in the US Airforce and served seven years. Upon his return he worked for Western Oil Company as a mechanic.

On April 15th, 1980, in Edinburg, Texas, he married his "Babe" Evelyn Mary and her four children. Richard and Evelyn split a ten-dollar bill in half and shared a secret pact. He carried his half everywhere he went even until his last day.

In 1982, he and his family were transferred to Oklahoma where they made a home in Weatherford as he continued to work in Clinton for 30 years before his first retirement. He then worked for Alberts Truck as the Maintenance Mechanic Supervisor.

Richard played golf, did woodworking, played cards and grilled many meals for his family and friends.

Richard was a faithful member and servant at Emmanuel Baptist Church. You could find him most Sunday mornings, handing out donuts and candy to the children. He and a friend started a men's class at the church that grew into a large class of faithful men. He was quick to jump to help in any aspect of the church.

Richard spent most of his spare time with his family. He was a devoted and loving husband, father, brother, uncle, Papa and friend.

Richard is survived by his wife Evelyn of their home in Weatherford, Oklahoma; two sons: Michael (Tabetha) Wilsher of Stafford, Virginia and Kevin (Nikki) Wilsher of Claremore, Oklahoma; two daughters: Meishel (Terrell) Fry of Yukon, Oklahoma, and Cynthia Davis of Woodward, Oklahoma; one brother Jack Wood of Rio Dosa, New Mexico, one sister Jane Smith of Bandera, Texas; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers Jim and Don Wood; and one sister Arlene Wood.

Neva Corene Sharry Osborn

Neva Corene Sharry Osborn was born October 12, 1951, to Orby Lee and Lima Jean (Jackson) Sharry in Carnegie, OK. She passed away Wednesday November 11, 2020, at her home in Eakly, OK at the age of 69. Corene grew up and attended school in Colony.



She graduated in the Class of 1969 from Eakly High School. Corene enjoyed playing on the high school basketball team. After graduation she married Donnie Recker, and the couple had 2 sons: Keylin and Kyle Recker. She worked at Owl Photo, Bank of Hydro, First National Bank of Weatherford, Remington Park on the top floor and Gracemont Schools. Corene was employed with Rigid Oilfield Services at the time of her passing. She loved spending time outdoors and had quite the green thumb. She enjoyed working in her flower beds and loved designing outdoor planters. In her younger years, she loved to spend summer days at the lake, water skiing. Corene had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed traveling. She was a great cook. She was a master of her mother's apple pie recipe. Corene was not afraid of hard work and could turn nearly any trash to treasure. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Eakly, OK, Corene was a lover of life and always had a great

outlook.

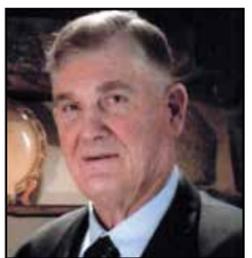
Survivors include 2 sons: Keylin Recker and Chanda Kolb of Eakly, OK and Kyle Recker & Michelle of Weatherford, OK, 4 grandchildren: Ky Recker and Britiny of Yukon, OK, Clayton Recker of Carnegie, OK, Marissa Flood of Weatherford, OK and Matt Flood of Weatherford, OK, 2 great grandsons: Karson Wayne Recker and Mayson Flood; 4 siblings: Danny Sharry and Linda of Eakly, OK, Larry Sharry of Ft. Cobb Lake, OK, Margie Hamilton and Butch of Anadarko, OK and twin sister Lorene Mills of Hinton, OK; special friend Marilyn Grein of Weatherford, OK; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends.

Corene was preceded in death by her parents Orby and Lima Sharry, husband Bob Osborn, brother Curtis Sharry, great niece McKyna Sharry Gracia and brother-in-law Larry Mills.

Corene's family requests donations made in lieu of flowers to the Eakly Cemetery, P.O. Box 322 Eakly, OK 73033 or to the Weatherford Food and Resource Center, 112 S 8th St., Weatherford, OK, 73096.

Herschel Lee House

Herschel Lee House was born on June 21, 1937, East of Hinton, OK on the family farm to Leslie Abner and Viola Irene (Davis) House. He passed away on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, in Oklahoma City, OK at the age of 83 to be with his Lord and Master Jesus



Christ, at that time being the oldest deacon and faithful member of the Lookeba Missionary Baptist Church, Lookeba, OK.

Herschel graduated from Lookeba High School and attended one year at SWOSU, Weatherford, OK. He married Rosella Novy on August 12, 1956. in the Lookeba Missionary Baptist Church in Lookeba, OK, having been married for 64 years. Rosella had fallen in love with Herschel during their junior year of high school, going to basketball games and sitting beside each other on the bus. The couple had a small wedding ceremony before church services. Side-by-side, they made their home on a farm east of Colony, OK, where they started their lives together and farming operation. He collected old tractors, getting them started, and going to farm sales.

He loved his family, being with his wife, kids, grandkids, and great grandkids, and always taking time to play with them and being a part of their activities.

He is survived by his wife Rosella of the home, his children; Jeff House and his wife Beverly of Eakly, Rosalie Paxton and her husband Phillip of Lookeba, Darin House of Ardmore, grandchildren; Colton T. House and his wife Chelsea; and their children: Tipton and Kensington of Oklahoma City, Dalton K. House and his wife Blanca and their children Hesston Herschel, Persaeus, McKyna and Yiannis of Hinton, Paden A. Paxton and wife Ashley and their son Thomas Allen of Lookeba, Ashton Setzer and husband Kade and their children Holden and Boden of Hydro, Sarah Paxton of Yukon, his sisters, Helen West of Hinton and Dorothy Dunn of Lookeba.

Herschel was preceded in death by his parents Leslie and Viola House.

Charles Van Huss

Charles was born on February 18, 1950, in Hydro, OK to Paul and Viola (Ditmore) Van Huss and passed away on Saturday, November 14, 2020, in Clinton, OK. Charles was raised south of Hydro on the family farm. He attended school in Hydro. After school, he joined the United States Army, serving a tour in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 in the Infantry, receiving a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He worked as a farm hand and in the oil field from 1973 to 1980. Charles was very mechanically inclined and enjoyed working on cars and going fishing. Charles moved to the Clinton Veterans Center since 2000, due to his health.

Charles is survived by his 2 brothers: Paul Van Huss of Yoder, CO and Todd Van Huss and his wife Debbie of Colony, OK; one sister Jolene Tripp and her husband Andrew of Tulsa.

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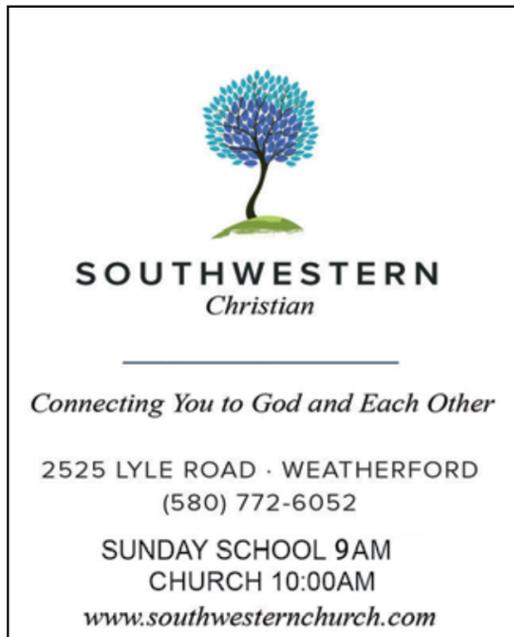
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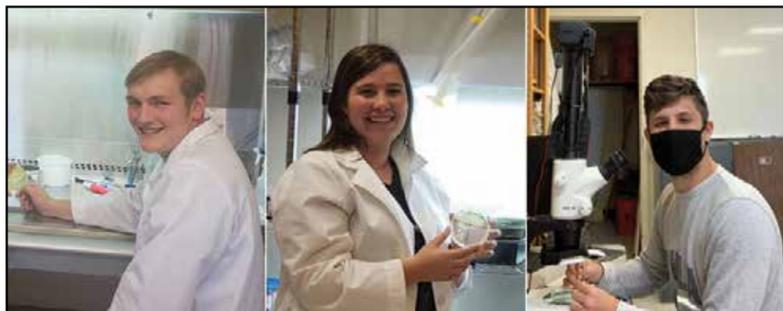
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SWOSU Biology Students Awarded Research Grants from Beta Beta Beta



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SWOSU biology students were recently awarded research grants to fund undergraduate research projects, which they are completing with faculty mentors. Recipients are (from left) Bryler Atchley of Clinton, Hannah Budde of Edmond (Santa Fe) and Denton Parsells of Oklahoma City (Bethany). Congratulations on a winning season!

Three Southwestern Oklahoma State University biology students at Weatherford recently received funding from the Beta Beta Beta (TriBeta) National Biological Sciences Honor Society to support their ongoing research projects.

Recipients were Bryler Atchley of Clinton, Hannah Budde of Edmond (Santa Fe High) and Denton Parsells of Oklahoma City (Bethany).

The students wrote research proposals based on projects they have been working on with faculty

mentors. Atchley and Budde are mentored by Dr. Regina McGrane, and Parsells is mentored by Dr. Rickey Cothran. Drs. McGrane and Cothran are both faculty in the SWOSU Department of Biological Sciences

Atchley's proposal was: "Evaluating the mechanism of syringafactin antimicrobial activity."

Budde's proposal was: "Investigating the effects of a bactericidal biosurfactant on human pathogen colonization of economically important plants."

Parsells' proposal was: "Sexual selection in response to varying levels of cultural eutrophication."

Proposals described the students' research questions, objectives and methods. Students can use the awarded funds to buy supplies, support a stipend, and/or travel to scientific meetings. As a requirement of their award, students will present their research findings at either the regional or national TriBeta convention.



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Addyson Hicks, pictured in the middle, signs her letter of intent to play soccer with Evangel University, a private Christian University in Springfield, Missouri. Pictured with Addyson are her father Nate Hicks, sister Brooklyn Hicks, mother Jolie Hicks and brother Dylan Hicks. Addyson is currently a senior at Weatherford High School.



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LOCAL & AREA NEWS



Mike Smith
News Director

ANTHONY MOORE NEXT SESSION - After a ceremonial swearing in last week as a House member, representing District 57, State Representative Anthony Moore says the legislature will have the challenge of putting together the next budget early next year. Moore took the oath of office at the State Capitol after winning the House District 57 race. He succeeds long-time State Representative Harold Wright, who could not seek re-election due to term limits.

ICE STORM DISASTER REQUEST - State leaders have requested a major disaster declaration from the Federal Government for 13 Oklahoma counties that were hit hard by last month's ice storm. Custer County was not in the initial request; however, Caddo, Dewey and Roger Mills counties were in the request. Other counties may be included at a later date.

SWOSU CHANGES - Southwestern Oklahoma State University is reminding students and area residents about several date changes on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. Classes meet as usual November 23rd and 24th, the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving Break. After Thanksgiving Break, all classes transition to virtual. There will be three days of virtual dead days, November 30th through December 2nd. Virtual finals will begin December 3rd and end December 9th. Spring semester classes start Jan-

uary 11th. However, there will not be a traditional Spring Break but the semester will end one week earlier on April 30th.

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL FACE COVERING MANDATE - Clinton City Council adopted a face covering mandate in certain public settings to help protect the health and safety of Clinton residents to keep businesses open and reduce the transmission of Covid-19 within the community. Individuals refusing to wear a face covering into a place of public accommodations, educational institution or public setting as defined and required, may be subject to prosecution. The ordinance is scheduled to sunset no later than January 31st, 2021.

U.S. DISTRICT COURT - A federal jury has convicted a Carnegie man in U.S. District Court of premeditated murder and assault causing serious bodily injury. Thirty-four year old Isaiah Whitefox Redbird was convicted in the death of Byron Tongkeamah, Jr., and assault of Tongkeamah's girlfriend Kayleigh Roughface. The two were homeless and had taken shelter in an enclosed porch of an abandoned house in September of 2018. Redbird was convicted of striking each of them in the head with a crowbar multiple times as they were in bed on a foam mattress.

WEATHERFORD SCHOOLS FUTURE PLANS - Weatherford Interim Superintendent Steve Callen says despite an increase in Covid-19 numbers recently, there is no truth that Weatherford Schools currently has any plans to stop in-person instruction. Although, Callen says the district has held discussions on both an A/B schedule and virtual instruction. Callen says he is merely trying to be proactive in the event that Weatherford would face needing to transition to something other than in-person instruction.

WEATHERFORD SALES TAX - The city of Weatherford had a 4th consecutive month of down sales tax receipts. Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell says sales tax for September sales were down 4.41%. Year to date, the city is down in sales tax receipts by just over 6.5%.

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Josiah Hassan Lee Cooks, arrested by Oklahoma County Sheriff's Department, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance and possession of paraphernalia.	Brett Kincannon, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, charged with DUI and unsafe lane use.	Leslie Jo Des Roches, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with distribution of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia and child neglect.	Kortney Rashell Thompson, arrested by TSI, charged with petit larceny.	Ashley Davis, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with petit larceny.	Jessie W. Troyer, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with aggravated DUI and improper turning at intersection.
Michael David Driver, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with possession of controlled dangerous substance and possession of paraphernalia.	Yuqi Zhao, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, sign waiver of extradition to San Juan County, New Mexico.	Matthew Jorge Simson, arrested by Logan County Sheriff's Department, charged with child abuse by injury and enabling child abuse.	Brianna Dawn Simson, arrested by Logan County Sheriff's Department, charged with child abuse by injury and enabling child abuse.	Kyle Grimes, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Custer County warrant for unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.	Out on Bond
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HIGHER GROUND

Be Ye Thankful

In this day of Covid 19, people we know have been mortally affected, and many of us have succumbed to fear. We question whether loved ones should travel to traditional family dinners. Is it worth the risk?

I wonder what it must have been like in 1621, when the remaining members of the Mayflower gathered for that first Thanksgiving. Most of the information we have about the event is found in a letter written by Edward Winslow in December of 1621. It was really more of a harvest festival, although I'm sure the pious Pilgrims were sure to make it a time of giving thanks as well.

Thanks to the Native Americans who supplied five deer, a great supply of fish, as well as many vegetables. No pumpkin pie, we are told because they lacked the spices and ovens to make that happen. I'm sure there were wild turkeys as well.

The Indians outnumbered the pilgrims almost 2-1.

There were only five women left of the original twenty who had arrived the year before. Many had died of sickness and the harsh winter. We are made to wonder how the food was prepared for such a group, numbering almost 150. Many had lost spouses, parents, and children, and I'm sure many questioned their future in this harsh land. But the harvest had been plentiful and they felt drawn to worship and celebrate their survival.

And celebrate they did with three days of sporting events which included foot races, wrestling, and a lot of good food. Although several Presidents called for a national day of thanksgiving through the years, it was not until 1863, in the midst of the horrible Civil War, that Abraham Lincoln made it official. The fourth Thursday of November would forever be a day of celebration and thanksgiving. Actually, a persistent lady named Sarah Joseph Hale had lobbied for several years for an official proclamation. It remained that way until 1933 when President Roosevelt tried to move it back a week to allow more time for Christmas shopping, hoping to boost the economy in the midst of the depression. The court of public opinion made him reverse his plan, and it has remained thus ever since.

And now almost 400 years after that first Thanksgiving, in the midst of death and disease, of riots, political rancor, hateful speech, and loss of hope by many, how shall we celebrate and give thanks? It all has to do with focus.

We can emphasize the dark side of things and look only at what might have been. But that will only deepen our despair. There are still many things for which to be thankful. We live in a country where we can express our opinion without fear of reprisal. We have people to love and there are those who love us. Generally speaking we have food for ourselves and enough to share with those who struggle. A visit to a developing country will bring home the truth that we are blessed indeed. Unfortunately, we have become a spoiled people, never quite satisfied. I grew up in the 50's when the houses were half the size they are today, with larger families. In my childhood the thought that each child had to have a separate bedroom was ridiculous. Physical things I am most thankful for are indoor plumbing and air conditioning.

Paul's prayer for the church in Rome says it best, "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13. To comment jhm82@outlook.com or 580-772-2311

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SPORTS *Presented by:*



Heston Brown Tianna Watkins Chosen as Bulldogs of the Week



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Athletic Department is proud to continue the selection for Bulldogs of the Week during the fall by choosing Heston Brown of SWOSU Men's Golf and

Tianna Watkins from Bulldog Soccer as the latest award winners.

The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the

home of the Bulldogs over the airwaves on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Brown (Cordell, Okla.) is a senior member of the Bulldog Men's Golf team and he decided to come to SWOSU because it's close to home and friends and he's able to go hunting more often since it's closer to home. He cites his favorite memory at SWOSU as destroying his teammate Gus at ping pong.

Quote: "The best part of this semester has been being able to attend class and not having to go all online."

Favorite Athlete: Kobe Bryant

Personal Goals for Season: To win golf tournaments.

Watkins (Arlington, Texas) is in her sophomore season at SWOSU and she choose to become a Bulldog because of the great nursing program that's available and because SWOSU seemed like a great campus with its facilities, sports and organizations. Her favorite memory during her college career is winning the Great American Conference last season and getting rings.

Quote: "I think the best part of this semester was being able to play and practice with my team even with all of the difficulties that have happened"

Favorite Athlete: Emery Hailey. She is always giving her all in everything she does and is such an outgoing and positive person. Emery works hard both on the field and in her classes and that's really inspiring to me.

Personal Goal for Season: To be the best I can be at every practice and game and also take care of work in the classroom.

High school football playoffs round two

Danny Henderson
Wright Wradio Sports Director

The Weatherford Eagles' football season ended abruptly last Friday night when the Cushing Tigers outscored the Eagles, 20-3, in the second half and advanced to the next round of the playoffs. Even after Cushing jumped out quickly on the first play of the game – an 80-yard TD pass to lead 7-0 after eleven seconds – Weatherford came back and led at halftime, 27-14. The Cushing offense was humming and their defense was stifling to hold the Eagles to only a field-goal. Cushing will play Hilldale in the quarterfinals Friday night. Weatherford finishes their season with an 8-1 record and as champions of District 4A-1.

The Clinton Red Tornadoes have advanced to the Class 4A quarterfinals, too, as a result of the Ada Cougars forfeiting the game last Friday night because of COVID-19 issues. Clinton will now play the Class 4A defending champion Poteau Pirates – in Poteau. The Pirates, 9-2 and District 4A-4 winners, had a bye in the first round and beat Skiatook in the second round, 52-27. Clinton goes into Friday night's game with an overall record of 6-3. The Red Tornadoes ranked #2 in District 4A-1 and are currently ninth in The Oklahoman's current poll.

The Thomas Terriers, one of four District A-1 teams

still in Class A's playoff tournament, won their second round game last Friday night over the Cordell Blue Devils, 49-22. Because of virus issues, Cordell brought 13 players and were also missing their head coach, Zane Trammell. In spite, the Blue Devils tested the Terriers during the game. Senior running back Ethan Hamberlin had three rushing touchdowns – giving him fourteen for the season – and senior quarterback Jaxon Ward threw two TD passes to Noah Rainwater, in addition to be on the receiving end of a TD pass himself from senior wideout

Jaxen Mannering. The Terrier offense finished with 498 total yards. This Friday night they will host the Tonkawa Buccaneers for third round playoff action. Tonkawa held off Dibble last Friday night, 28-23. They have an overall record of 9-2 and ranked #9 and finished second in District A-3. Here are the results from the other three teams in District A-1: Texhoma beat Hobart, 25-7 and play Ringling this Friday night; Mooreland beat Minco, 34-15 and will play Crescent next; Hooker had a bye in the second round and will face Cashion.

THE WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

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	Ada-Forfeit	WIN
	Cordell	49-22 W

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The Oak's Perspective



Kelly R. Kilhoffer
Oklahoma History
Enthusiast

Near a creek at the bottom of a red dirt hill grew a grand and majestic Oak Tree. Its trunk was massive in girth. Its limbs were long and strong, stretched out far and wide, forming a great canopy around itself. The Oak was home and a reprieve to many animals. Whole generations of birds had been laid as eggs, nurtured into fledglings and pushed out of the nest, only to return to start a brood of their own among the branches. Bushy-tailed squirrels raced to and fro, left and right, up and then down about it. Whitetail deer lounged in its shade during the heat of summer, and then hid behind its broad trunk when the cold northern wind blew in Winter.

The great Oak stood taller than all the other trees near the creek. Its silhouette was first to break the horizon. Just seeing it made one believe it to be the very heart of nature itself. It was content with its place in the world now, but it was not always so.

Time passes much differently for trees than it does for you or me. There was a time when the great Oak was a mere sapling, not much more than a twig. It grew close enough to the creek to hear the water rush by after the spring rain. It was often afraid of being washed into the stream and swept away. At one time, the "little" great Oak had such tender young leaves that it shuddered when deer came near, fearing they would devour the leaves and the very life of the tree itself. Then there was the unpleasant company of the coyote, who would hike a leg and "water" it from time to time.

One day, as a coyote approached, the little sapling cringed, and when it did so, it felt a strange sensation in its roots, a low rumble like distant thunder. Then it heard a voice speak, "Be humble." This was the first time the sapling had ever heard such a sound. It looked toward the red dirt hill where the large grove of grand old Oaks stood. "Could it be?" it wondered. The grand old Oaks towered over the land like giant sentinels over their domain. "Oh to be high on the red dirt hill," the sapling thought, "that is the place I belong." The sapling hated his place in the world – alone and afraid much too often. It felt forgotten.

Winter came and the sapling fell into a deep sleep. Soon enough, the sun warmed the earth again and the sapling stirred from his slumber. When he awoke, he found that he had grown a good deal taller and wider. He had not been awake long when, suddenly, the sky darkened with trouble. Great flashes of light streaked across the horizon. There was an unfamiliar smell in the air and the young oak trembled. A bright wall of flame swept past him but he was alright.

Weeks passed and the world turned green, the whitetail deer grazed in view, and the birds stopped by to perch atop the young oak. The squirrels, or bushy-tailed rats as the young Oak called them, scampered about. The coyotes still "watered" from time to time, but he had grown accustomed to it by now. Overall, life was better, but still the young Oak longed to live at the top of the

red dirt hill. Among the elders of the grove is where he belonged.

Time passes much differently for trees than it does for you or me. As years and years passed, the once "little" Oak grew bigger and stronger. He grew less afraid as time went by. The growing Oak grew his roots deep into the creek banks and drank fully of its fresh and life-giving waters. He also stretched his roots toward the red dirt hill in hopes that the other Oaks would speak with him. The young Oak was a mature tree now and it settled into a routine of providing shelter for all who ventured in its domain.

One Spring day, as the world warmed, the Oak felt a strange stirring throughout its limbs. At first, small pods popped out all over it. Every day they grew so big and round that they began to fall to the ground below. Deer grew fat on the fruit of the Oak. The bushy-tailed rats would gather them up and, dropping very few along the way, they would scamper to bury one... only to have another bushy-tailed rat dig it up and bury it somewhere else. Even the coyotes found the little rat's leftovers hard to resist.

The cold of Winter grew stronger every day, and the Oak felt proud to feed his friends. As he drifted off into his long winter nap, he realized for the first time, he felt no fear.

Deep into his nap, he felt a stirring down in his roots. It was a deep, low voice. A familiar voice spoke, "Awake Young One and heed my words."

"Grandfather, is that you? Have you come to invite me high atop the red dirt hill?" he asked.

"I am," the Grand Oak bellowed. "I am the eldest of all the Oaks in the grove, and I have important tidings to share."

The young Oak concentrated and said, "I'm listening, Grandfather."

"Look to the hill, Young One, and tell me what you see," the Grand Oak growled.

The young Oak strained to see. As the hill came into focus, he realized that the once lush grove was now hallow and sparse. He saw the once-proud trees now broken with limbs scattered and some completely toppled over.

"What has happened Grandfather? The grove.. it's shrinking," he said.

"As you say, child, the grove is dying. Our kingdom has grown old, our roots shrivel and dry up more each day," the Grand Oak said. "No longer do we drink the waters below us, for we have used it up."

The young Oak trembled and said, "Then I will never live among you? I will be alone forever? Grandfather, what shall I do?"

"Oh child, this did not happen overnight. We have been dying since before you were a sprout. Long ago, we sent a seed with the bushy-tailed rats and that seed grew to be you. Look what you have become!" exclaimed the old Oak.

"Are you dying, too, Grandfather?"

"Yes, Young One. Long ago I began to grow my last root in your direction so that we may speak. It is my last root and soon it, too, will wither, and I will, one day, fall," the Grand Oak's voice rattled.

"I will truly be alone," the young Oak spoke softly.

In a voice so loud that the young Oak shook from his smallest root to the top of his limbs, the Grand Oak thundered, "You have never been alone and you are never going to be. Why, look at all the beasts great and slight that depend on you. Just look below you, all around there is life. Next Spring your seeds will start to grow. Nurture them, teach them all you have learned. Questions, the saplings always have questions. Teach them to sink their roots deep into the creek and hold steadfast to the rock and soil below. Feed and shelter all who come to you until they are ready to wander onward. No, Little One, you have never been alone. We have watched you and nurtured you for generations. Heed my words and live well my child," and with that, the Grand Oak grew silent. Snow fell in thick clumps and the young Oak found himself worn out from all the talk. He fell into a long and much needed sleep.

Time passes much differently for trees. The young Oak grew much older and wiser, now. He no longer wished to live atop the red dirt hill, and he no longer felt alone. All around him, for as far as the eye could see, was a lush, green grove of young saplings and small trees. They stood tall and strong along both sides of the creek bank and would do so for generations to come.

The moral of the story: Be content with your place in the world. It is fine to wonder what lies around the next bend, but your place in life affects all those about you. Make your place worthwhile and grow your roots deep. That's what's under this hat.



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- Donate digitally with Apple Pay or Google pay at any Salvation Army red kettle across the country
 - Ask Amazon Alexa to donate by saying, "Alexa, donate to The Salvation Army," then specify the amount.
 - Give any amount by texting "KETTLE" to 91999
 - Visit RescueChristmas.org
 - And of course, if you see a kettle this season, drop some money in!
- Every donation provides help and hope to those in need.

Don't Let a Grinch Steal Your Holiday Spirit or Holiday Packages



The holidays are almost here. Like nearly everything else in 2020, holiday shopping this year will be quite different. The unofficial start of holiday shopping is usually Black Friday, but this year, more people are expected to shop earlier and spend more online. With thousands of packages scheduled to arrive on doorsteps throughout this season, many are left unattended and vulnerable. Package theft is at an all-time high, with 1.7 million packages stolen or lost every day in the U.S., according to researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

In response, Oklahoma implemented a new measure to combat package thieves. The Porch Piracy Act, which went into effect November 1, enforces stricter penalties against porch pirates with punishments of up to two years in prison or up to a \$5,000 fine. Despite the new law, it still largely falls on homeowners to protect their

packages from thieves. Yet, taking the proper precautions can prevent theft from occurring. Here are four tips to keep your holiday deliveries safe:

Consider Shipping Insurance — Shipping insurance is sold by postal services, courier companies and shipping-insurance companies. Not all insurers will insure all goods. However, if you're ordering high-value items online, you may purchase shipping insurance to ensure delivery.

Give Specific Instructions — Instead of having deliveries left unsecured at your front door, you can instruct drivers to leave a package at a back door, with a building superintendent, in a coded lockbox or with neighbors. You can also have deliveries placed on hold and request a specific delivery time. Most, but not all, of these services are free.

Install Security Camera or Doorbell Camera — Security cameras or video doorbells can also come in handy. The mere presence of these cameras or smart doorbells may be enough to ward off the potential package thieves. Even if it doesn't, you'll at least have evidence for a police report. Bonus: installing these

cameras may qualify you for a homeowners insurance discount.

Sign Up for Tracking Notifications — Most carriers offer package tracking services and text or email alerts to know when a delivery will be made so that you can adjust your schedule accordingly. Sign up for text or email notifications to check your delivery status.

Finally, if your package is stolen, here's what you can do.

Contact the Seller — File a claim with the seller and ask for a replacement.

Contact the Shipping Company — File a claim with the postal service that shipped your package. FedEx, UPS, USPS, DHL and Amazon have a claim-filing system to help you track down your package.

Check Your Credit Card — Many credit cards have purchase protection that covers lost or stolen items. Make sure you used a credit card to purchase the item.

File an Insurance Claim — Your homeowners or renters insurance may cover mail theft. Keep in mind that filing a claim only makes sense for high-value packages worth more than your policy's deductible.

"The Coin Guy" Poor 1 1921 Peace dollar brings \$480



Trent Boesen



One area of coin collecting involves finding coins in a very worn state. It is known as "low ball" collecting. This coin is a 1921 Peace dollar that was minted in high relief. This means each coin was struck twice while in the machine press.

For years no one wanted these particular coins because of their worn images. But this stigma is disappearing. The D. Brent Pogue collection was sold recently. It contained several examples of common coins selling for large sums of money.

This Peace silver dollar was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Company as a Poor 1, High Relief, Peace. It sold at auction for \$480.

Do you have concerns about coin collecting but did not know who to ask? Call "The Coin Guy" at 580-890-8076 so we can meet at Jerry's and discuss them. Thanks for reading.

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