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Hydro's Christmas on Main scheduled

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Santa Claus is coming to town during Hydro's Christmas on Main event on December 19th, and he's bringing a bag full of goodies. Beginning at 10 AM, families can line up outside their homes and businesses along his route to see the jolly old man and get a bagful of treats. After Santa finishes his jaunt around town, there will be a virtual prize drawing done through the Hydro Chamber's Facebook page. Prizes will feature \$1100 in chamber bucks and donated gifts from participating businesses.

There will be multiple winners and entry tickets can be received for every \$5 spent at an affiliated chamber business. Tickets are not capped. So, If you spend \$50 at one store, you'll receive 10 entry tickets! Winners will be announced through the live drawing on the Hydro Chamber Facebook page. When shopping, be sure to ask if the business is participating.

Out of town visitors are welcomed and highly encouraged! Anyone can participate in the festivities when Santa comes through this Christmas season!



Provided

Sydnee and Becca Sullivan of Hydro build a COVID-ready snowman after the snowfall Sunday.



Courtesy of Tony Cannon

Caring and Sharing 2020, recently held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, was a huge success. Christmas gifts were provided for over 600 kids and families.

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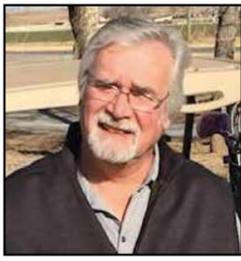


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Kurt Franklin Geswender

Family met at the funeral home Tuesday, December 8, 2020, from 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Kurt Franklin Geswender, 68, of Clinton, Oklahoma, passed away peacefully with his wife Hoi Le Geswender of 42 years and his two daughters Colby Le Geswender Wright and Stacy Le Geswender by his side on December 3, 2020.

He was born on June 3, 1952, to Harvey Eugene Geswender and Verla Elloween Kluver Geswender in Clinton, Oklahoma.

Kurt graduated from Clinton High School in 1971, then joined the Army from 1972 to 1976. After the service, Kurt joined the family business Kluver's Furniture and Appliances store and attended SWOSU with a bachelor degree in marketing and finance in 1980. In 1976, Kurt met the love of his life Hoi Thi Le at Kluver's. Her family was refugees from Vietnam and moved to Clinton by Ordell and Mary Kluver as the family's sponsors.

Kurt was so full of life and joy. He was always teasing, laughing, being a smartass, and having a great time. He always felt so blessed and content with his life. He loved his family, and his friends.

One of the biggest joys in his life was being a father and grandfather. Colby and Stacy, his daughters were what he was the most proud of. He was an amazing father, who loved and supported the girls unconditionally. Kurt loved to spend time with his grandkids Max and Harvey, who gave him the nickname "Mo."

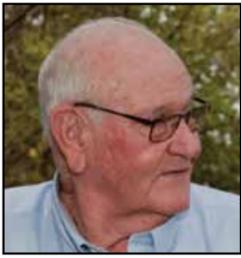
Kurt loved to play golf and travel with his golf gang friends! He valued his friendship and loved being around them.

He looked forward to coming to work every day with Traci Heerwald and Luke Jenkins. His longtime best friend at Kluver's was Simon Kreizenbeck.

Survivors include his wife Hoi Geswender of Clinton, Oklahoma. His daughters: Stacy Geswender of Oklahoma City, OK, and Colby Wright, and her husband Marcus Wright of Weatherford, OK. His two grandchildren Max and Harvey Wright of Weatherford, OK. His brother Chris Geswender and wife Carolyn Geswender of Denton, TX., niece Katrina Geswender and nephew Eric Geswender and wife Ann, his aunts Ducky Donelson and Mona Myers, cousins Paul Kluver, Randy Kluver, Lance Donelson, Cheryal Myers, Valerie Myers Stephenson, and his beloved Golf Gang Friends.

Eddie Royalty

Funeral Service for Eddie Allen Royalty, 77 year-old Fay resident was held on Friday, December 11, 2020, at 2:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Larry Harlan officiating. Burial will follow in the Mound Valley Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Thomas.



Eddie was born to Carl and Bertha (Sinclair) Royalty on October 24, 1943, on the family farm near Fay, Oklahoma. He attended school at Eagle City from first grade to third grade and attended fourth grade through the first half of eighth grade at Fay. The family then moved from the

farm to Thomas, and Eddie graduated from Thomas High School in 1961. Eddie loved sports. He played on the 1957 state championship football team. Eddie's senior year, he was one of the captains of the football team. He was All District and All Area in 1960. Eddie also played basketball and ran track for the Thomas Terriers and was active in the FFA Program.

Eddie met Dorothy Roberts at the Thomas Skating Rink in 1961. Eddie and Dorothy were married on August 21, 1962 and were married 58 years. To this union were born three children: Robbie, Kevin and Juli. Eddie graduated from SWOSU in 1967 with a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education and completed his Masters in Physical Education and an Administrative Degree. His first teaching and coaching job was in Kimball, Nebraska. Two years, later he took his first head football coaching job in Johnson, Kansas. Eddie turned that football program into a High Plains League football power. He was also a volunteer certified EMT for the Johnson community. From there, Eddie moved his family to Seiling, Oklahoma, where he was the head football coach and the elementary principal. Three years later, he accepted the head football coaching job at Beaver, Oklahoma. Throughout his coaching career, Eddie brought the Fellowship of Christian Athletes program into the schools. Over his career, he taught Science, Literature, Psychology and Reading.

He retired from coaching in 1982 and continued in administration for 16 more years as the elementary principal at Hydro Public Schools. He also was an adjunct professor at SWOSU, teaching administrative courses. After he and Dorothy retired from teaching at Hydro, they moved back to the family farm near Fay. Eddie left a positive impact on the lives of his students and anyone that came in contact with him.

Eddie was a 50-year member of the Thomas Masonic Lodge and, most recently, served as the Worshipful Master of Thomas Lodge 265. Eddie and Dorothy were members of the First United Methodist Church of Thomas where Eddie served on many committees. He was President of the Methodist Men and taught Sunday School.

He was the proud Grandpa of Kaila, Keefer and Nathan. He enjoyed fishing and hunting with his grandchildren and enjoyed attending all of their activities.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his son Kevin, his brothers: Virgil and Floyd and sisters: Betty and Stella. He is survived by his wife Dorothy of Fay, son Robbie and wife Stacy of Thomas, Oklahoma; daughter Juli and husband Steve Balman of Tulsa, Oklahoma, his three grandchildren: Kaila Kinder and her husband Jake of Carnegie, Oklahoma, Keefer Royalty and his wife Whitney of Weatherford, Oklahoma, Nathan Duvall of Tulsa, Oklahoma; sisters-in-law Linda Hiatt of Rush Springs, Oklahoma; Letha Moore and her husband Warren of Enid, Oklahoma; as well as many other nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Peggy Ann Waller

Graveside services for Peggy Ann Waller, 90 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Thursday, December 10, 2020, 2:00 P.M. at Custer Masonic Cemetery with Doyal Warren officiating. Services are under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Peggy was born November 29, 1930, in Clovis, New Mexico to Walter and Eva Opal (White) Bourlier and passed away at home in Weatherford. Peggy's family moved to Custer City in 1932 where she was raised and attended school, graduating from Custer High School in 1948. On December 26, 1947, she married Charles Lash in Wheeler, Texas, and made their home northeast of Custer City where they raised their family. Peggy worked alongside Charles on the farm before moving to Clinton and later to Dallas. In 1984, she married John Waller in Plano, Texas. Peggy owned Peggy Ann's Miniature's and Originals and later worked in real estate. She moved to Weatherford to be near family

in 2010. Peggy enjoyed painting oil and pastels, Bible study, church activities, writing, traveling and spending time with family and friends. Memorials may be made to the Weatherford Fire Department.

Peggy is survived by two daughters: Charleen Jantz and Sheila Miller both of Weatherford; one brother Tommy Dale Bourlier of Petersburg, Virginia; three grandchildren: Chad Friesen and wife Kellie of Oklahoma City; Chris Clark and fiancée Lisa Garcia of Arlington, Texas; and Matt Miller and wife Aleesha of Custer City; and three great-grandchildren: Jacob Miller, Connor Miller, and Mason Miller all of Custer City. She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; two sisters Norma Jean and Dorothy Vivian; and two daughters Judy and Debby.

Julia May Means

Funeral services for Julia May Means, 102 year-old Rocky, Oklahoma, resident, were held in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, on December 12, 2020, 2:00 P.M. with Father Kelley Edwards officiating, under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. Burial was held on a later date at Lyford Evergreen Cemetery in Lyford, Texas.



Julia was born May 9, 1918, in Lyford, Texas to Charles and Mary Elizabeth (True) Palmer and passed away Monday, December 7, 2020, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro, Oklahoma.

Julia is survived by four sons: Allan Brem and wife Susan of Houston, Texas; James Neece of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Steve Neece and wife Diana of Weatherford, Oklahoma; and Brian Neece and wife Debby of Lowell, Arkansas; three daughters: Sharon Morris of Rocky, Oklahoma; Sandra Miller of Rocky, Oklahoma; and Cenia Masterson and husband Michael of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; three husbands: Allan Brem, Ernest Neece and Charles Means; one brother Herman; five sisters: Ruth, Lila, Mary, Leona and Connie; two sons: David and Donnie; and one granddaughter, Summer.

Rebecca Suzanne Higgins

Rebecca Suzanne Higgins was born December 25, 1937, in Chelsea, OK to Roy L. Hicks and Lola Mae James. She passed away December 8, 2020, in Weatherford, OK at the age of 82. Sue graduated from Capitol Hill High School in 1956. She met Raymond Cook while they were both working for C.R. Anthony Co. They were married March 6, 1958, in Oklahoma City. They moved to Davenport, Iowa, where Sue worked for Singer Sewing Machine Co. while Raymond attended Chiropractic School. They moved to St. Louis, MO where he finished school and then the couple relocated to OKC in 1961. Their first son Bryan, was born in 1962, then came Doug in 1964 and lastly Kay Lynn in 1966. Sue was dedicated to her life's work, raising her children. In 1969 she moved her family to Cedar Lake. They attended Cedar Lake Chapel. Sue was active in the Home Demonstration Club and was Caddo County Homemaker of the Year. She was very active with all her kids' activities. Sue was present at all of their sporting events. Sue enjoyed gardening and raised a full acre garden. She entered produce in The Hinton Fair where she won many blue ribbons. In 1983 Sue moved to El Reno, OK and then to Eufaula where she married Bob Tucker. Bob preceded her in death in 1993. She later married Joe Higgins in 1998, and he preceded her in death in 2008. Sue moved to Weatherford in 2010 to be close to her children. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Weatherford, OK where she was active in her Sunday School class. She enjoyed bowling and playing Bunco. She loved OU Football and knew all of the statistics involving her team. Sue loved fishing, cooking, quilting, sewing and all things crafty. She could



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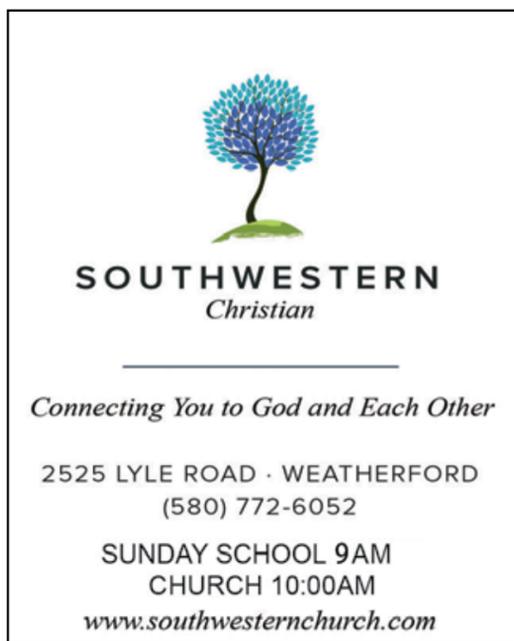
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do anything she set her mind to. A neighbor recently said about Sue, "She had the constitution of a cast iron skillet." She was an exceptional mother and grandmother.

Survivors include 3 children: Bryan Cook and wife Kim of Weatherford, OK, Doug Cook and wife Kim of Weatherford, OK and Kay Richards and husband Mark of Hobart, OK; 3 step-children: Linda Stocker of OKC, OK, Patti Townsend of OKC, OK, and Mark Spencer of Newberry Springs, CA; 7 grandchildren: Blake Cook of Weatherford, OK, Blair MakesCry and husband Derek of Weatherford, OK, Chandler Cook and wife Samantha of Atlanta, GA, Preston Cook and wife Brittany of Beacon, NY, Andrae' Cook of Norman, OK, Aaron Richards of Cresent, OK and Blaine Richards and wife Lindsey of Hobart, OK, 11 great grandchildren, 2 siblings: Leon Hicks and wife Cindy of Grove, OK and Sandy Merriman and husband Andy of Lake Murray, OK; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives and a host of friends. Sue was preceded in death by her parents Roy Hicks and Lola Mae Hibdon and husbands Bob Tucker and Joe Higgins, and granddaughter Kandace Suzanne Richards. Services: 2PM, Friday, December 11, 2020, First Baptist Church, Weatherford, OK. Officiating: Rev. Earl Stephenson. Burial: Niles Cemetery, Hinton, 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).

SWOSU Chief Academic Officer Dr. James South announces retirement

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. James South has announced his retirement effective June 30, 2021.

South has served as the chief academic officer at SWOSU since 2013.

South came to SWOSU in July 1995 from Emporia State (KS) University as the new director of bands. Through the years, he taught music education classes and trumpet and conducted the university's Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Symphonic Band and Community Band.

He served as chair of the Music Department and then dean of the SWOSU College of Arts & Sciences before being named provost.

When he retires next summer, South will have spent 26 years on the Weatherford campus.



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WEATHERFORD EXIT 82 PHASE 3-Weatherford economic development director Yolonda Creswell said progress is being made on Phase 3 of the Exit 82 Project. Creswell said the project should be complete in the spring of 2021. Additionally, Creswell said bids will go out for work on the Lyle Road Project once utility relocation is complete.

SWOSU SEARCH DELAY- Due to the tremendous response of applications received on the last two days of the application period that ended December 6th, the meeting of the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Presidential search screening committee will be delayed until January. The meeting was originally set for December 10th in Weatherford. There are seventy-one applications for SWOSU president. Current president Randy Beutler announced his retirement effective June 30th, 2021.

ODOT 8-YEAR PLAN- The Oklahoma Transportation Commission approved the 8-year plan for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation that will include more than 1300 critically-needed highway construction and safety projects. ODOT Division 5 Engineer Brent Almquist said that includes many projects in Custer County, including the Exit 65 and 65A interchange project

in Clinton and a five lane project on Airport Road in Weatherford over I-40.

SHERIFF AWARDED PURPLE HEART- A Custer County Sheriff's Sgt. was awarded the law enforcement purple heart by Sheriff Kenneth Tidwell. Sheriff Tidwell said Sgt. Dan Brownfield was injured in the performance of his duties last May while assisting the Weatherford Police Department in the pursuit of a vehicle that continued on eastbound Interstate 40 into Caddo and Canadian Counties.

WASHITA RIVER BRIDGE BID- The state transportation commission approved a bid of \$7.5 million for a bridge project over the Washita River on the east side of Clinton. ODOT Division 5 Engineer Brent Almquist said work on the bridge is expected to begin in the spring of 2021.

SENATE COMMITTEES CHOSEN- Senate President Pro Tem Greg Treat has announced appointments of chairs and vice chairs of senate committees. Senator Darcy Jech of Kingfisher has been chosen as chair of the senate rules committee and appropriations subcommittee on natural resources and regulatory services. Jech will also serve as vice chair of the senate judiciary

committee. Meanwhile, Senator Brent Howard of Altus will chair the appropriations subcommittee on public safety and judiciary and will be vice chair of the senate finance committee.

SWOSU SPRING ENROLLMENT- Enrollment continues for students who want to begin or continue their educational careers at Southwestern Oklahoma State University during the upcoming 2021 spring semester that starts January 11th on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. Students can enroll at the registrar's office on either campus. Online enrollment is also available through the SWOSU website for students that have completed at least 60 hours and the prior semester at SWOSU. There will not be a traditional spring break in 2021, but the semester will end one week earlier than normal. The last day of the spring semester is April 30th.

CUSTER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FILINGS- One race has developed in Custer County for school board of education. In Weatherford, Dawn Keller and Roger Watson will seek the board position number 1 seat. David Mosburg in Clinton, Adam McClain for Thomas-Fay-Custer and Steve Kelly at Arapaho-Butler all filed for board position number 1 seats without opposition. Jo Lynn Elder filed for board seat 3 in Arapaho Butler also without opposition.

PUBLIC RECORDS

- Arrested**
- Kyra Rutledge, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Custer County Warrant
 - Cory Tuter, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for parole warrant, possession of paraphernalia, possession of a controlled dangerous substance, and obstruction.
 - Kristie Holmes, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for high centered mounted brake lamp, possession of controlled dangerous substance, and possession of paraphernalia.
 - Ernest Mitchell, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Custer County Warrant.
 - Lexi Hamilton, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Canadian County Warrant.
 - Lonnie Copeland, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for Custer County Warrant.
 - Candena Thompson, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for Custer County Rule 8 Bench Warrant.
 - Juan Arceo, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for Custer County Warrant for application to accelerate.
 - William Pedro, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for Custer County Felony Warrant for assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.
 - Leonard Bell, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for driving under the influence, driving under suspension, failure to carry security verification, and defective vehicle.
 - Ramiro Caloca, arrested by Blaine CO, for driving while intoxicated, improper use of aux lamps, operating a motor vehicle without a valid drivers license, and failure to appear.
 - Ervin Colvin, arrested by Garvin CO, for bogus check.
 - David Vela, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with Beckham County warrant.
 - Bond
 - Vanessa Dewilde, arrested
 - by Elk City Police Department, for possession of paraphernalia.
 - Victor Diaz, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for driving while intoxicated, possession of paraphernalia, and speeding.
 - Kristie Holmes, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for high centered mounted brake lamp, possession of controlled dangerous substance, and possession of paraphernalia.
 - Brandon Fisher, arrested by TPD, for barger, and no seatbelt.
 - Derrick Styles, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for transporting loaded firearm in motor vehicle.



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HIGHER GROUND
Negative things in Heaven

Happy Covin 19 year. I am recovering from a light case of the virus with only some lingering fatigue, which might be age related. Mary is getting stronger after getting hit pretty hard. She did not serve a hospital sentence but she was in bed most of the time for a couple of weeks. She now can get out and into bed on her own which is a relief to my back. The good side of this is that we are now immune for a period of time. Our heart hurts for the loss of friends who didn't make it and others who are still struggling. Only God knows what will come of this as we reflect on it in years to come.

Speaking of years to come this reminds me of a sermon I heard last week from a Catholic priest. He spoke of the negative things we will not experience in heaven. Heaven becomes nearer with each passing year so this caught my attention.



Many are suffering pain of various sorts. Sometimes emotional pain can be worse than physical pain. In heaven there will be no pain from broken relationships. No broken marriages or prodigal children or prodigal parents in heaven. No politics in heaven. Aren't you glad! No group will be trying their hardest to make the other group look bad. We will all serve the King of Kings in a benevolent theocracy.

No hateful speech or name calling in heaven. We will only experience the love of God so fully that there will be no desire to put someone else down are seek a higher place. There will be no joblessness or homelessness in heaven. Don't you hurt when you hear about someone, perhaps your child, has lost his job? That won't happen in heaven. There will always be something to do that has meaning and purpose.

There will be no guilt in heaven. That was taken care of on the cross but far too often it affects believers who can't shake deeds of the past. There will be no tears in heaven—no sad goodbyes. One thing I'm not sure about but I hope it is true. I hope there will be instant recall of names of friends from the past. That would be

wonderful. All this makes me want to go there soon.

The Apostle Paul faced this dilemma. In his letter to the church at Philippi he stated, "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain." (Phil. 1:21) His joy in Christ in this life was great, yet part of him wanted to be done with this world, so to die would be gain. It was a win/win situation. He knew that to remain in the flesh would allow him to have fruitful labor among the new Christians, but it sure would be good to put an end to the suffering he experienced. Obviously, neither he, nor do we, have a choice in the matter. While we await that glorious homecoming, we are to serve—or have fruitful labor among God's people and advance the Kingdom in ways unique to our giftedness.

The most important thing is to be ready when your time comes. Be assured it won't be because of the good life you have lived. It will depend on what you did with Jesus Christ. Did you surrender your life to him as Lord or did you do some good things, hoping God would grade on the curve. You better find out before it is too late. To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or call 580-772-2311

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Happy Anniversary Wishes for Dec 19th - Joyce & Ron Norris.

SPORTS *Presented by:*

Thomas advances to State Championship; Clinton falls short

Danny Henderson
Wright Wradio Sports Director

Once again and for the second week in a row, the Thomas Terriers came from behind to beat its playoff opponent – this time against the defending Class A champion Ringling Blue Devil – in a semifinal game by one point, 28-27, to catapult into Class A's championship football game this coming Saturday night at UCO.

Similar to quarterfinal game against Pawnee, the Terriers fell behind early in the third quarter, 20-7. However, the Terriers' offense caught fire and scored on all three of their second half possessions. Jaxon Ward led the way with a 1-yard quarterback keeper on fourth and one at the one yard line and a 2-yard run with 32 seconds remaining in the game. In between, the tossed a perfect 9-yard pass to senior wide receiver Noah Rainwater on a fade route in the northwest corner of the end zone for the second score. Ryden Luper connected on all four extra point kicks; Ringling's place kicker Logan Duhon missed an extra point kick after the Blue Devils' first touchdown of the game with 6:38 to go in the first quarter.

Thomas will now play for the Class A championship against a team they met earlier in the season – the Cashion Wildcats. Cashion had a close defensive battle in the other semi-final game in Class A against the Pawhuska Huskies – one of the most prolific offenses in the state – and held on to win, 7-6. Cashion beat Thomas on the Wildcats' home field on September 18. It was Cashion's fourth game and the Terriers' second game of the season.

The game will be played at Wantland Stadium on the campus of UCO in Edmond. Kickoff will be at 7:00 and it is the last official football game in the state of Oklahoma for the 2020 season.

The Clinton Red Tornadoes played the undefeated Wagoner Bulldogs in the Class 4A state championship game last Saturday at UCO. The Bulldogs were too much



for Clinton and won the 4A crown, 42-13.

The Bulldogs took advantage of two Clinton turnovers that turned into touchdowns while racking up 405 yards in total offense.

Clinton scored twice in the fourth quarter on a pass from Zade Cisneros to Caden Powell which covered 37 yards. The extra point attempt was missed and the lead

was cut 35-6. After Wagoner scored its last touchdown, Arel Bryson went 59 yards for one of his patented runs for the Red Tornadoes' last score of the game and the season. Bryson finished the game with 126 rushing yards on 16 carries and the one TD.

The Red Tornadoes finished the season with a record of 8-4.



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Thomas Terriers advance to the State Championship against Cashion Wildcats to be played on Saturday December 19th at 7pm at Wantland Stadium on the campus of UCO. Thomas is 13-1 for the season.

THOMAS VS. CASHION

The Thomas Terriers will play for the CLASS A CHAMPIONSHIP THIS SATURDAY NIGHT against Cashion! The game is at Wantland Stadium on the UCO campus in Edmond, OK.

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	Wagoner	13-42 L
	Ringling	28-27 W

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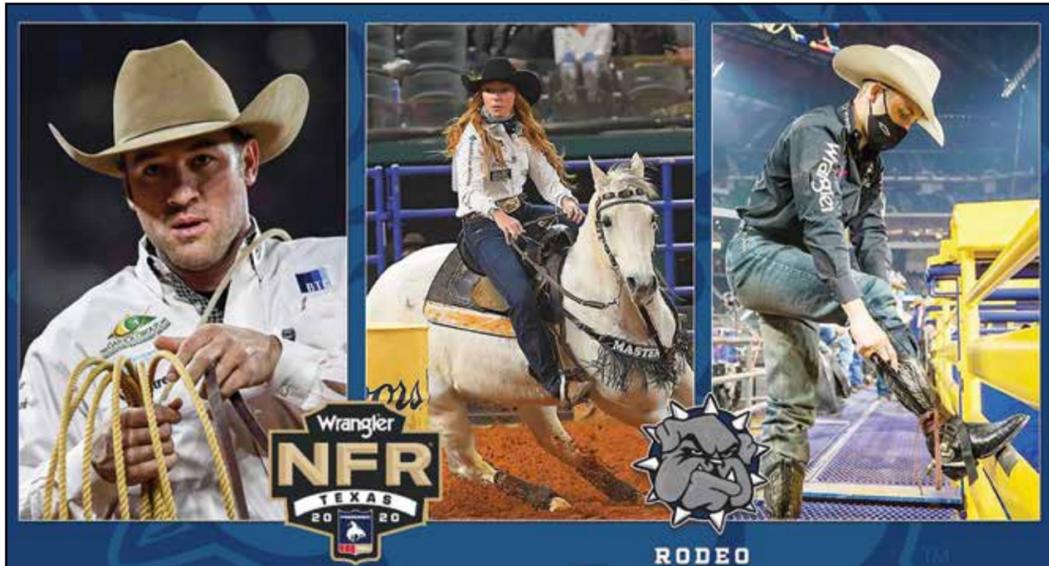
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SWOSU Rodeo Alumni Place Top Five at 2020 Wrangler NFR



A trio of Southwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo alumni competed at the 2020 Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR), which concluded on Saturday night at Globe Life Field in Arlington.

Hunter Herrin (Tie-Down Roping), Emily Miller-Beisel (Barrel Racing) and Sage Kimzey (Bull Riding) all left the 10-day event in Arlington with top-five finishes in the World Rankings. Herrin competed at SWOSU during the 2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons while Miller-Beisel and Kimzey were teammates at SWOSU during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons.

Originally from Apache, Okla., Herrin made his 10th Wrangler NFR appearance in Tie-Down Roping and finished strong, placing either first or second in five of the final six rounds to climb up to fourth in the World Standings. A no-time in round four dropped Herrin to ninth in the average, where he totaled 78.70 seconds on nine scoring runs at the NFR.

A native of Ingalls, Kan., and currently residing in Weatherford, Miller-Beisel put forth a strong effort in her second straight Wrangler NFR appearance. In rounds 6-8, she had three of the fastest times of the week in Barrel Racing, winning two go-rounds as she moved up to also finish fourth in the World Standings. For the event, Miller-Beisel had a total time of 177.72 seconds on 10 rides, which placed her fifth in the average.

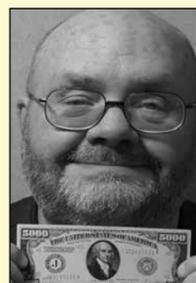
The Strong City, Okla., cowboy, Kimzey saw his streak of six consecutive World Championships in Bull Riding snapped in 2020 after securing a fifth-place finish in the world. Despite getting bucked off in four of the first six rounds, Kimzey rebounded to cover three of his final four bulls, including a tie for first in the final go-round on Saturday night with a score of 92.00

points. He finished sixth in the average with 423.0 points on five rides and he will continue his pursuit of the PRCA World Championship record in 2021.

The Wrangler NFR is the season-ending championship event for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and is widely acknowledged to be the world's premier rodeo. Held annually since 1959, the Wrangler NFR is ProRodeo's richest and most prestigious rodeo, and it showcases the very best cowboys, barrel racers and livestock in the world.

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Auction Record



Trent Boesen

On November 19, 2020, a coin auction was held in Dallas, Texas which were Part 2 of the Bob Simpson collection. This entailed a 279 lot of rare coins which sold for \$8,264,198. Part 1 and Part 2 have sold for \$23 million.

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Delaware Resource Group Contributes Major Gift to SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has received a generous philanthropic investment from Oklahoma City-based Delaware Resources Group (DRG) and the Busey Family—Phil G. and Cathy Busey, Brian Busey (SWOSU Class of 2005), and Philip and Heather Busey (both SWOSU Class of 2004).

DRG and the Buseys are longtime SWOSU benefactors. This major gift of \$65,000 will provide much-needed support for both the General Thomas P. Stafford Scholars Program and the Busey Brothers Scholarship Program.

DRG is a Native American-owned leading global aerospace defense contractor based in Oklahoma City. The company is a total training systems integrator providing services and support all over the world. Thousands of service men and women around the world count on DRG to provide critical training and logistics services for many of today's modern military programs and

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“It is our privilege to support SWOSU and the Stafford Scholars,” said DRG Founder, Chairman, & CEO Phil G. Busey, Sr. “General Thomas Stafford has provided great vision in developing opportunities through SWOSU and his museum for students interested in future aerospace, defense and space careers. This contribution is significant for Oklahoma but the nation. We are pleased to be able to play a small part in supporting the SWOSU-Stafford Museum partnership. Both Philip and Brian obtained an excellent education at SWOSU to launch their careers. We are grateful to give back.”

The SWOSU Stafford Scholars Program was established in 1992 as an experiential learning initiative. The Stafford Scholars Program was endowed by General Thomas P. Stafford in what was, at that time, SWOSU's largest-ever

single charitable gift and has evolved and grown to become an unparalleled collaborative partnership between SWOSU and the General Thomas P. Stafford Air & Space Museum.

Stafford Scholars receive firsthand instruction from museum personnel and stakeholders in the history of aerospace and aviation while also providing the bulk of the museum's workforce. Scholars represent a wide variety of academic disciplines and diverse personal backgrounds. Their experience at the museum provides them with exposure to institutional organization and operation, engagement with historic figures and artifacts, and a solid foundation in professional comportment and customer service.

“The Stafford Scholars are at the heart of the Stafford Air & Space Museum's mission delivery capability and capacity,” said General Stafford. “This very generous gift from DRG and Phil and Cathy Busey will permit the museum to enhance its deployment of Scholars amidst our



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ongoing expansion and expand our aerospace artifact displays and collections.”

The Busey Brothers Scholarship Fund was established in 2012 by Brian Busey and Philip Busey. It has provided over \$29,000 in scholarship assistance to SWOSU students studying across majors in multiple SWOSU colleges and departments. Philip serves as a trustee of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. where he chairs the Development Committee.

“This latest gift from Brian Busey and Philip Busey will help SWOSU better retain and recruit students,” said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. “We are excited about the opportunity to put this investment to work for SWOSU's future!”

The SWOSU Stafford Program and the Busey Brothers Scholarship Fund are administered by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was

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