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Clinton advances to the State Championship; Thomas to play in semifinals



Danny Henderson
Wright Wradio Sports Director

The Clinton Red Tornadoes punched their ticket to the Class 4A

Championship football game last Friday night holding the Blanchard Lions to one touchdown to win a defensive battle,

10-7. Clinton put together more offense than Blanchard, 280 to 253. Attrell Bryson scored the Red Tornadoes'

only touchdown off a double-reverse pass from Zade Ciseneros while Jordan Brown nailed a 24-yard field goal for all of Clinton's scoring. The defense picked off three Blanchard passes in the first half and recovered one fumble by the Lions.

Clinton is making its first appearance in the championship game since 2012 and will play the undefeated Wagoner Bulldogs. The game will be played Saturday, Dec. 12th, on Wantland Field on the campus of the University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond. Kickoff is slated for 1:00pm and face masks are required of everyone

attending.

The Thomas Terriers fell behind quickly in the first half of their game to the visiting Pawnee Black Bears and trailed at halftime, 20-7. However, the Terriers came alive in the second half spurred by Senior running back Ethan Hamberlin's 55-yard touchdown – his first of three in the third quarter – on the first play from scrimmage to start the third quarter. The teams traded scores but eventually Thomas took the lead for the first time, 28-26 with 8:48 left in the quarter.

With the Terriers holding on to a one-point lead, 35-34, Pawnee started a

drive on the Thomas 49-yard line and got down to the one-yard line with first and goal. However, Head Coach Russell Cook of Pawnee had already used all of his timeouts when the ball was snapped, just as time expired and the running back Trevor Mitchell was tackled for a loss as the game ended.

The Terriers will host one of two semi-final games Friday night when the undefeated and defending Class A Champion Ringling Blue Devils come to Ross Field. The two teams have played each other seven times and Ringling has a 4-3 lead. Kickoff will be at 7:00pm.

Weatherford Senior Kennadi Price signs letter of intent to OSU



Weatherford cross country runner Kennadi Price signed her letter of intent last Tuesday at Weatherford high school to run cross country at Oklahoma State University in the fall of next year. Pictured, front row from left is her dad Scott Price, Kennadi and her mom Elizabeth. Back row is Weatherford cross country coach Kaleb Fischer and Kennadi's brother Ascher Price.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Oklahoma State University's Cowgirls Cross Country team is adding a familiar western Oklahoma face to their roster. Weatherford's Kennadi Price signed her letter of intent to OSU last week which makes her one of the seven new athletes signing to OSU this fall.

In a news release by OSU, the new additions are highly accomplished competitors that will "add some necessary depth to [the] Cowgirls' distance unit." The Cowgirls, who ended the 2020 season in 4th at the Big 12 Cross Country Championship, already have a lot of firepower which makes the future look bright for the squad.

The coaches and recruitment staff said Price "made a great impression on the OSU coaching staff during her time at Weatherford." Price is an accomplished runner, ranking 10th statewide in the 1600-meter race and 7th in the 3200-meter race. She's also set personal bests in the two mile at 11:31.00 and in the 5000-meter race at 19:15.10. Her impressive career at Weatherford is sure

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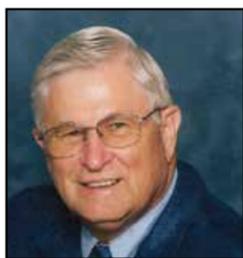


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Marion Davidson

Funeral service for Marion Davidson, 92 year-old Weatherford resident, were held on Saturday, December 5, 2020, at 2:00 PM at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Margo Vestal and Harold Wright officiating. Burial will follow at Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Son of Mr. & Mrs. E.M. Davidson, Marion Davidson, Jr. was born in Elk City, Oklahoma, April 16, 1928, and in the early 1930's moved to Roger Mills County with his parents and two sisters: Lila Muriel (Beaty) and Dorsie Mae (Hansen), where his parents bought and farmed near Roll. Marion attended school at Crawford and graduated from CHS in 1945 in a class of 10. In 1945, the Davidsons moved to Carter, Oklahoma, where Marion helped his dad farm for a couple years and worked in a local grocery and market part time.

In 1948, Marion moved to Cheyenne where he was employed by Eddie Lee McDaniels Grocery and Market; and prior to being inducted in the Army in January 1951, he was working for Jarvis Grocery and Market.

Davidson served in South Korea from 1951-1953 with the 8th Army 2nd Group Engr. 526th Panel Bridge Company. Davidson served as shop foreman and later maintenance Sergeant. Upon his release from active duty, he returned to Cheyenne to work in the Grocery and Market; and he and Capt G.B. Purcell, USMC, helped the 1st and only Army reserve Unit with the 95th division in Cheyenne.

Davidson continued living in Cheyenne and working for G.B. Purcell Chevrolet and Logan Military Sales and attending Sayre Jr. College night classes. In 1955, Marion married Dolores Dooty, daughter of Fern and Jess Dooty. The Davidsons moved to Weatherford where he was managing partner in the Logan Military Sales Office with Wes Logan. In 1958, Davidson started selling cars for the Ford Dealer and in 1960 became a 25% partner with Art Shotts and later full owner of the dealership in 1966. He also operated Enid Lincoln-Mercury and Shawnee Lincoln-Mercury. In retirement, Davidson formed Route 66 Thunderbirds, continuing his interest in collectible cars.

Davidson also participated in thoroughbred horse racing as an owner and breeder. He and Dolores enjoyed watching their horses race at Remington Park and other tracks. He served on the board of the Horsemen's Benevolent and Protective Association and was a member of the Oklahoma Thoroughbred Association.

Marion was active in many organizations throughout his career and was a member of the Ford Dealers Advertising Fund, Lincoln-Mercury Dealers Advertising Fund, Oklahoma New Car Commission, Oklahoma Auto Dealers Association and its Executive Board, served as chair of Oklahoma Used Car Commission, and earned the Oklahoma Time Magazine Quality Dealer Award in 1991. Around Weatherford, he was active on the Board of Directors of the Heartland of America Museum; served as president of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce, of which he was also a member of the Weatherford Hall of Fame and Kiwanis Club. He was given the Route 66 Hall of Fame Award in 2010. He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Weatherford and enjoy being a part of Methodist Men and picking up and giving a ride to the non-drivers and serving as an usher.

Marion is survived by his wife of 65 years, Dolores

Davidson of the home in Weatherford; one daughter Dorothy Erban and husband Steve of Stillwater, Minnesota; and one granddaughter Mason Erban of Bozeman, Montana. He is preceded in death by his parents, one son Robert; and two sisters, Lila Muriel and Dorsie Mae.

LaVeta Mae Heger

Mass of Christian Burial for LaVeta Mae Heger, 81 year-old Hydro resident, were held Saturday, December 5, 2020, 10:00 in St. Eugene Catholic Church with Father Kelly Edwards officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



LaVeta was born December 19, 1938, to Earl and Vera Mae (McGoffin) Friesen and passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro. LaVeta was raised south of Weatherford and attended Weatherford school. On July 13, 1954, she married James Bernard "Jim" Heger in Wellington, Texas, and they made their home south of Hydro where they raised their family. LaVeta worked alongside of her husband on the family farm. They also owned and managed rental property in Weatherford. LaVeta had an active life, raising her four boys on the family farm. She taught herself how to cook and sew at a young age and enjoyed cooking for her big family and taking meals down to the field during harvest. She enjoyed bowling, traveling, dancing, spending time with family and friends, especially her grandchildren.

LaVeta is survived by her three sons: Larry Heger and Vicky of Weatherford, Randy Heger and Kristy of El Reno, and Jamey Heger of Hydro; twelve grandchildren; twenty-two great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one son Kevin Heger; daughter-in-law; Barbara Heger; and one brother E.L. Friesen.

Noble Amen

Graveside service for Noble Grand Amen was Thursday, December 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. in the Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford, OK under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Noble Grand was born on August 25, 1921, in Weatherford to Casper and Emma (Norman) Amen and rejoined his only bride Rachel in heaven Monday, November 30, 2020, in Weatherford.

Noble was a farmer from birth, happy to be by his father's side working the land his parents owned. He valued working and cultivating the soil and watching wheat come up. He scarcely had time to do more than his chores and go to school at the Rural Normal School south of Weatherford. Switching to town for school, Noble jumped on the bus and saw Miss Rachel Folks, sitting in the seat and that was it, he found his bride. They courted as Noble received his call to service in World War II on August 13, 1942, with the promise upon his return they would marry. He married his "Sweetheart" on January 22, 1946, on the half-section of the home of Rachel's parents. They made their home on the farm, loving the land and Noble working construction in the winters. With their three boys, they moved to town in the early 60's, continuing to farm the land while living in Weatherford and making many memories with his "Honey" of 58 years.

Noble was a man of character who made many friends. He was a very hardworking farmer and a hardworking businessman; his handshake was his promise as his orneriness surpassed him. He loved Jesus, adored his Rachel, and gave of himself to his children and grandchildren. He loved Weatherford as he sat on many boards: a Deacon at the First Baptist Church of

Weatherford and his love of service above self being a Rotarian of fifty years, serving as Rotary President and receiving the Paul Harris Fellow.

Noble is survived by three sons, Rodney Amen and his wife Linda of Edmond, OK, Kelly Amen of Houston, TX, and Gary Amen and his wife Elizabeth of Weatherford, OK; four grandchildren, Brad Amen and his wife Aimee, Angie Watson and her husband Travis; Isabella and Lucia Amen, six great-grandchildren and one great-great-granddaughter.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Rachel (Folks) Amen; two brothers, Audry and Ona; three sisters: Bertha, Pebble and Madge; and one grandson Kevin.

Marsha Sue Wills

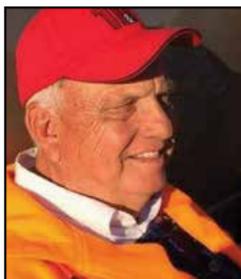
Marsha Sue Wills was born August 20, 1967, in Okeene to Delbert and Estherline (Lee) Wills and passed away Thursday, November 26, 2020 at Corn Heritage Village in Weatherford, at the age of 53 years, 3 months, and 6 days.

Marsha was raised in Canton and graduated from Waynoka High School in 1985. She raised her family in Weatherford. Marsha enjoyed listening to music, driving around, and spending time with family and friends.

Marsha is survived by three daughters: Shaina Marie Wills of Oklahoma City, Ruthie Ann Wills of Weatherford, and Deanna Beth Wills of Weatherford; one brother Jesse Flyingout of Weatherford; two sisters: Euline (Lee) Sharp of Weatherford and Debra Wills of El Reno; and six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Harold Smallin; two brothers: Hollis Lee and DeWayne Wills; and one daughter Heather Gayle.

Mack Barnes

Mack Barnes was born on April 29, 1942, in Colony to Stewart and Olive (Gyles) Barnes and with his family by his side, went to be with our Lord on Monday, November 23, 2020, at 8:25 p.m. in Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City at the age of 78 years, 6 months, and 24 days.



Mack was raised on the family farm, 4 miles north of Colony. He was the ninth child of ten. Mack loved working on the farm and worked with several farmers around the surrounding area. He graduated from Colony High School in 1960 where he fell in love with the love of his life of 60 years Sharon Kidd. Mack and Sharon married December 11, 1959, in Wheeler, TX by the Justice of the Peace. Sixty years later, December 14, 2019, they renewed their marriage vows, before family and friends at Grace Assembly of God, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

Before leaving Colony, Mack and Sharon had their first son Curtis. Following family advice, they packed their belongings and moved to Lancaster, TX. There he added two more sons: Jeffery and Aaron. With their family of five, he and Sharon decided to surrender to the Lord and in the very early morning hours, phoned a neighbor Malcom Sanderson to come pray with them. There in their home, Mack and Sharon gave their hearts to the Lord.

They moved to Duncanville, TX and put down deep roots of 35 plus years. Mack and Sharon attended Memorial Assembly of God. He served on the Board and was a Royal Ranger Commander for several years. Mack served on the Board at Abundant Life Assembly of God, in Grand Prairie, TX and Grace Assembly in Weatherford, OK. He loved serving the elderly. Mack loved working in his garden with his kids and especially loved for others to stop and visit, so he could visit, while watching his sons continue working. He never passed up an opportunity to stop and visit with friends.

Mack worked for Affiliated Food Store for several years until the company closed. He continued in the printing business at Minyards, until retiring and moving to Colony.

Mack and Sharon moved back home to Colony to be near family and friends. He loved fishing, flowers, working outside, serving others, cooking meals, and having the entire family over to eat. He loved entertaining his grandkids and finding dumpster treasures with his two nieces Elwinna and Lana.

Mack is survived by his three sons: Curtis and his

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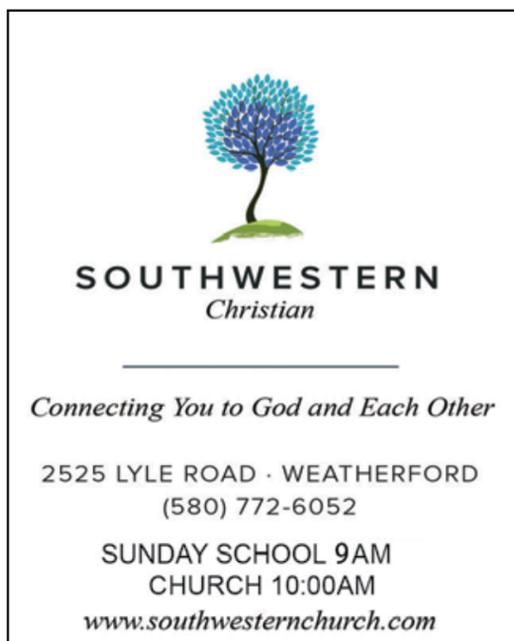
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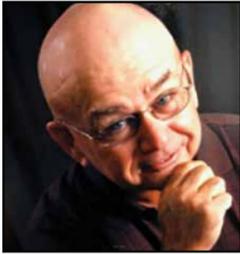
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wife Naomi, Jeffery and his wife Chaun and Aaron and his wife DeeDee; his sister Dixie and husband George; grandchildren: Kristen and Blake Branscum, Emily Barnes, Austin Otts, Ashley and Bill Conway, Stephanie and Jose Maldonado, Lacey and Jay Young; and several great-grandchildren.

Mack was preceded in death by his parents Stewart and Olive Barnes; his wife Sharon; and siblings: Goldie, Melvin, JD, Thelma, Cinda, Norma, Melissa, and Rex.

Albert Wright Jr.

Graveside Services for Jr. Wright, 69, Arapaho resident will be held Saturday, December 5, 2020, at the Vicksburg Cemetery at 11:00 A.M. near Custer City, officiated by Jeff Johnson and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Albert Wright, Jr., was born November 25, 1951, to Albert Wright, Sr. and Nellie (Long) Wright in Clinton, OK and passed away Tuesday, December 1, 2020, in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Jr. was raised on the family farm near Custer City, OK. He graduated from Custer City High School in 1970. He soon joined the Army Reserves and was active duty for about seven months and spent a total of six years of service. He married Rita Jo Lathrum on January 7, 1972, in Custer City. He has farmed most of his life and had a 26 year career with Custer County as Road Foreman. In 1998 he owned and operated Wright Trucking Company until the present time.

He attended Vicksburg Church most of his life until its closing; and most recently, he has been an active and faithful member of the Clinton First Christian Church; He loved to grow a big garden.

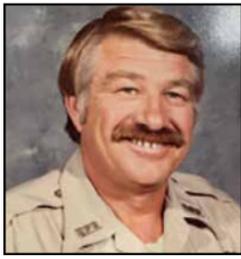
He is preceded in death by his parents and an infant brother Robert Wright.

He is survived by his wife Rita of the home, two daughters: Jaymie Deese and husband Michael, Custer City, OK and Kellie Hoffman, Clinton.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Caitlin Deese, Peyton Deese, Cooper Hoffman and Riley Hoffman.

Odell Ferrell

Private Funeral Services for Odell Ferrell, 82, Butler resident will be held at the Butler Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor Terry Beals and nephew, Danny Benefield. Burial will follow in the New Hermon Cemetery near Leedey, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Eddie Odell Ferrell was born September 10, 1938, to Floyd N. Ferrell and Jewel I. (Cairl) Ferrell in Elk City, OK and passed away Wednesday, December 2, 2020, in the Clinton Veterans Center in Clinton, OK.

Odell was raised in Leedey, OK and graduated from Leedey High School in 1956. He continued his education at Murray State College in Tishomingo, OK. He married Judy (Smithers) Johnson on October 31, 1980, in Ardmore, OK.

He enlisted in the U.S. Army December 7, 1960, and was honorably discharged with honors on February 20, 1967.

His working career consisted of owning a grocery store, barbering, owning a dairy farm, and rancher. He also served on the Ardmore Police Department, was a State Park Ranger at Lake Murray and Foss State Parks. He was an Emergency Medical Technician, Ambulance Driver, and served as an instructor at the Love County Medical Center in Marietta, OK; he was a ranch foreman for Aubrey Long at Ardmore, OK.

He is a member of the Butler First Baptist Church; a member of the F.O.P. Lodge 177, National Rifle Association and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; he was an avid hunter and going to rodeos.

He is preceded in death by his parents, brother Duane Ferrell; two sisters: Imogene Benefield and Ila Mae Williamson; son Tony O. Ferrell; grandson Jacob K. Allen, granddaughter Tiffani Baker; four brothers-in-law and two sisters in law.

He is survived by his wife Judy Ferrell of the home; daughters: Tamra R. Kersey and husband Anthony, Noble, OK, B'Anna J. Allen, Henderson, TX, Leslie J. Shimic, Bandera, TX, Mitzi L. Elliott of Ardmore, OK and Kristi D. Wedge and husband Steven, Ft. Worth, TX.

He is also survived by 11 grandchildren: Jeremy Hendricks, Heather Die, Amanda Dorough, Jeremy Stout,

Chelsey Simmons, Caleb Westmoreland, Jesi Burnett, Nathan Allen, and Brianna Nelson, Clayton Allen and Liam Wedge and 18 great-grandchildren.

Daryl Lee Heger

Graveside service for Daryl Lee Heger, 70 year-old Hydro resident, will be held Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. at Greenwood Cemetery, with Father Kelly officiating, under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Daryl was born on November 9, 1950, to Robert "Bob" Carl and Joyce Maxine (Stover) Heger in Weatherford and passed away Saturday, December 5, 2020 at Weatherford Regional Hospital. He was the grandson of the late Lawrence and Bertha Heger and Joel and Paulina Stover. Daryl graduated from Hydro High school in 1969 where he enjoyed playing baseball and basketball, he was also a very active FFA member. After high school he attended

diesel mechanic school at Muskogee Career Tech for two years. In 1970, he married the love of his life, Becky Foster. Together they made their home in Hydro for 26 years and then moved to the family farm in 1996 remaining until the day he went to be with the Lord.

Daryl worked with his father farming and ranching until Bob was killed in a farming accident. At a very young age, Daryl was asked to keep the farming operation going and he continued this venture for the rest of his life, helping his mother along the way.

Daryl and Becky were blessed with 50 years of marriage, where they raised two daughters; Mindy Morton and husband Jeff of Hammon and Raquel Mings of Norman, five grandchildren; Abbey and Meghan Morton and Ryan, Kelsey, and Kyle Mings. The grandchildren were the apple of his eye and he enjoyed watching them play sports. He also enjoyed going on vacations with the family and making special memories that will last a lifetime. Daryl was also survived by a nephew; Jacob and wife Rita and their children; Jayson, Aiden, and Avery of Houston, Texas, and many cousins and friends.

Daryl was preceded in death by his parents, Bob and Joyce Heger, his brother; Jerry Heger, and one nephew; Eric Heger.

Memorials may be made to the Hydro 1st Responders or the Hydro Fire Department.

SWOSU Rodeo Alums to Compete at 2020 Wrangler NFR



Two former SWOSU Rodeo team members have qualified to compete for the PRCA World Championship at the upcoming Wrangler National Finals Rodeo (NFR).

Sage Kimzey competed in Bull Riding at SWOSU during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons before quickly rising up the professional ranks in the sport. Kimzey is now the six-time defending PRCA Bull Riding World Champion and he has a slight lead on the field heading into his seventh Wrangler NFR with earnings of better than \$92,000 for the year. Emily Miller is making her second consecutive appearance at the NFR in Barrel Racing, an event she starred in at SWOSU during the 2012-13 and 2013-14 seasons, which included two College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) appearances as a Bulldog. She heads to Arlington ranked 12th in the world in Barrel Racing with better than \$42,300 of earnings this year.

Additionally, SWOSU Head Rodeo Coach Mike Visnieski was pleased to report that another former Bulldog competitor, Kelsie Chace, won her third All-Around World Title from the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRO) in November. She had previously won the All-Around title in 2012 and 2017.

"It's really special to see our alumni do so well at the professional level," Visnieski said. "Congratulations to Kelsie for winning another WPRO World Title and to Emily and Sage for their NFR qualifications. The SWOSU Rodeo team is very proud of you all and wishing the best of luck to Emily and Sage in Arlington!"

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. For the first time since 1984, the event will be held outside of the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas after an announcement was made in September to relocate the event to Texas due to COVID-19. The Top 15 contestants in the standard rodeo events – bareback riding, steer wrestling, team roping (headers and heelers), saddle bronc riding, tie-down roping, WPRO barrel racing and bull riding – qualify to compete at the Wrangler NFR based on money won during the regular season. At the conclusion of the Wrangler NFR, the sport's world champions are determined based on total season earnings – what they win during the Wrangler NFR added to what they won during the regular season.

The Wrangler NFR consists of 10 rounds – one round on each of 10 consecutive days with each contestant competing once each day. Contestants earn money by placing first through sixth in any round, and pick up more money by placing first through eighth in the average (cumulative times or points earned during the 10 rounds). At the conclusion of the NFR on December 14th, there will be two champions in each event: the average winner, who won the Wrangler NFR by having the best cumulative time or score for that event over the 10 rounds, and the world champion, who finished the year with the most money.

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WEATHERFORD CITY COMMISSION FUNDING REQUEST DENIED - The Weatherford City Commission decided to decline a request from The Weatherford Chamber Of Commerce to put \$12,000 back into the 2021 budget. Incoming Chamber President Justin O'Connor says the funds are for support and continued economic development activities, information services and community events. O'Connor says the Chamber wanted to use part of the funds to re-do billboards on each side of Weatherford.

WEATHERFORD REGIONAL HOSPITAL - Weatherford Regional Hospital Chief Executive Officer Brian Denton told the hospital board the daily COVID testing remains high and will likely continue to increase, due to the recent Thanksgiving holiday and the upcoming Christmas holiday. Denton did tell the Board that the COVID vaccine will soon be available for health care providers but it's unknown when it will be available for the general public.

CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT - A Weatherford man pleaded not guilty during formal arraignment of a first degree murder charge in Custer County District Court. Twenty-two year-old Cole Isaac Phillips is charged in the April 4th shooting death of 20 year-old Joshua Price. A Custer County District Court Judge de-

nied a motion to reduce bond for Phillips, which is currently at \$500,000. A pre-trial for Phillips is planned for February 26th.

CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS - Custer County Commissioners have decided to remain part of the Circuit Engineering District 7 Energy District Authority. Commissioners say they did not find it advantageous to opt out of the authority. Commissioners voted unanimously to not opt out of the authority.

WASHITA COUNTY TAX PAYMENTS - Due to the rise in COVID cases, Washita County Treasurer Sherry Nightengale is asking everyone in Washita County to pay their 2020 taxes either by mail, online at okcountytreasurers.com or at the dropbox in the breezeway on the west side of the courthouse. Nightengale says the options are for both the safety of the public and staff.

ELK CITY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT GARRISON RESIGNATION - Elk City Schools Superintendent Rick Garrison has announced he will close out a 32-year career in education with his upcoming retirement effective June 30th, 2021. Garrison accepted the superintendent's position at Burns Flat-Dill City Public Schools in 2002 and then at Cheyenne Public

Schools in 2008. He returned to his alma mater and was named Superintendent At Elk City Public Schools In 2016. Elk City School Board President Brandon Storm says the Board Of Education will start the superintendent search and transition process immediately.

CLINTON EXIT 65 OPEN HOUSE - The Oklahoma Department Of Transportation is inviting the public to view informational materials and submit feedback for the interchange project at Interstate 40 and I-40 Business/Gary Boulevard, and I-40 and Neptune Drive in Clinton. ODOT Division 5 Engineer Brent Almquist says a virtual open house is live on the ODOT website and the public may submit comments via the website, email or mail through December 16th.

SWOSU DISINFECTANT - Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford is now home to a machine that makes hypochlorous acid that is used to help disinfect rooms and buildings during the current COVID pandemic. SWOSU was made aware of the machine by the Custer County Office of Emergency Management. The equipment was supplied by the Federal Emergency Management Agency through the Oklahoma Office Of Emergency Management.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Arrested

Kelli Lynn Sharp, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle.

Bryan Lee Pfeil, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia, receiving, holding or concealing mislaid cards, affixing license plate on a motor vehicle with the intent to conceal ID.

William Bain Helzer, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with Custer County warrants.

Jennifer Lynn Bearshied, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with Custer County warrant.

Jesse Roberto Herrera, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with Custer County warrant.

Juan Isreal Arceo-Carrizalez, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with application to accelerate.

Cook, Joshua Allen arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with eluding a police officer assault on an officer, DUS, speeding.

Taya Ann Hanson, arrested by Clinton Police Department,

charged with actual physical control of a vehicle.

Kermit Lafontaine arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with public intoxication by drugs.

Amanda White, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with Custer County Rule 8 Bench warrant, Canadian County warrants for assault and battery on a police officer, and parole violation.

Ladonna Alba, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with improper or altered license plate, no insurance, driving under suspension.

Victor Cruz, arrested by Clinton Police Department,

charged with city warrants for driving under suspension and no insurance.

Michelle Warledo, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with false impersonation.

Humberto Gutierrez, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with unauthorized use of a motor vehicle, driving under revocation, possession of controlled dangerous substance, possession of paraphernalia.

Ryan Gillispie, arrested by Clinton Police Department, charged with public intoxication.

William Bain Helzer, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged

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with failed to appear on original charges of possession of controlled dangerous substance.

Bond

Shane Michael Coleman, arrested by Canadian County Sheriff's Department, charged with failure to appear for original charges of burglary in the second degree.

Curtis James Reeb, arrested by Canadian County Sher-

iff's Department, charged with failure to appear for original charges of burglary in the second degree and conspiracy to burglary.

Michael Gene Russ, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, charged with forgery in the second degree.

Rodrigo Velasquez Lucas, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, charged with DUI and defective equipment.

HIGHER GROUND

One Life to Live



Jim Morrison

She was only 4'3" but every inch spoke volumes. She was so unselfish that she gave away the little food she had so that Chinese children could be fed. This led to her death while on board ship in the harbor of Kobe, Japan. This is the season of giving and many churches also give special offerings to mission causes around the world. This is the story of how one woman changed the course of history. After forty years of mission work in China, Lottie was sent home to rest. But she went to her eternal rest while on board ship in the harbor of Kobe, Japan. One testified that she weighed fifty pounds at death.

Lottie D Moon was born into a well-to-do Southern home in 1843. She had unique educational opportunities for the times. At an early age she was tutored in French, music and the Classics. But as a youngster she had little interest in spiritual matters. During one year at Hollins Institute, she skipped required chapel 26 times in the last two quarters. Once she climbed up the bell tower

to silence the bell that called students to church. When asked what the middle initial "D" stood for, she replied, "Devil." She gained the reputation as a brain and a heretic. No one would imagine that she would selflessly give forty years of her life serving the poor in China.

The dramatic change came during a revival meeting led by James Broadus. She came to the meeting to scoff but came away changed forever. Not knowing what God was calling her to do, but willing to obey, she poured herself into her studies. She was proficient in Greek, Spanish, Italian, and French. Lottie became the first Southern woman to receive the Master of Arts degree. She was labeled as the "most educated woman in the South."

On July 17, 1873 she sailed to China to be obedient to God's call on her life. She was determined to give her life away to share the good news of Christ to those who had never heard. She soon saw that the fields were white unto harvest but there were far too few laborers. She wrote strong letters to mission boards and churches urging them to give sacrificially.

She challenged the Chinese culture by attacking the practice of binding the feet of children, which caused the little feet to be deformed. She was called a "foreign devil" at first but the smell of cookies baking soon

drew children to her kitchen. She began schools and rescued many young girls from a lifetime of slavery and prostitution. She would go from house-to-house to tell about a Savior to those who never heard. She was a controversial figure for her time, challenging other missionaries and her own denomination. But she never backed down, knowing that her cause was just. She noted that the Methodists called for a time of prayer and giving for Foreign Missions during the week before Christmas. She thought this was a great idea and urged her own Southern Baptist churches to do the same. So to this day almost every Southern Baptist Church has a Lottie Moon Christmas offering for International missions.

She suffered terribly during the Boxer rebellion. In seeing Chinese Christians eating bark off trees and sweet potato vines, she reduced her own salary to buy food for them. Finally, facing malnutrition she was placed aboard the ship, Manchurian, to return home to rest. Her frail body gave out and she was cremated and the ashes sent to the headquarters of the Southern Baptist Mission Board. The Chinese wept, "How she loved us!" To comment Jhm82@outlook or 580-772-2311.

Alcohol causing problems? Alcoholics Anonymous meets daily at 928 W. Main, Weatherford. Call (580) 819-0727 for more information. **Christian Free Store** - Donations of school supplies, clothes, shoes, etc. are needed or if you are in need. Please call (580) 637-2345 or (580) 291-3875. **Alfalfa, OK Community Center "Bible Study,"** Every Monday Night from 7:00-8:00 Hwy 58. (5 miles) South of Hwy 152. For Information contact 405-643-9211 **Free and Open to the Public.**

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SPORTS *Presented by:*



Lady Bulldogs Selected as Co-Favorite in GAC's



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team is joined by Southeastern Oklahoma State as the co-favorites to claim

the Great American Conference's Western Division crown during the 2020-21 season. The GAC announced the

preseason poll on Tuesday morning.

Divisional play will be implemented for the first time during the upcoming season as SWOSU will play a 20-game schedule against East Central, Northwestern Oklahoma State, Oklahoma Baptist, Southeastern Oklahoma State and Southern Nazarene.

SWOSU and Southeastern are two of the three teams who shared the GAC crown during the 2019-20 season, which was the third consecutive regular season championship for the Lady Bulldogs. SWOSU finished the season with a 21-8 overall record and they had qualified for their third straight NCAA Division II National Tournament before play was halted due to COVID-19.

The Lady Bulldogs must replace All-Region guard Tyra Aska, but they will do so with three returning All-GAC selections in reigning GAC Freshman of the Year Makyra Tramble and seniors Taber Beer and Bethany Franks, who both earned All-GAC Honorable Mention last season. SWOSU returns five of their top six scorers from last season, paced by Tramble, who led the team in scoring (15.8 ppg) and rebounding (7.9 rpg) during her freshman season.

SWOSU is set to tip off the season on January 7th in Ada against East Central before hosting Southeastern on January 9th in their first game of the year inside the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.

SWOSU Men's Basketball Picked Fourth in Preseason Poll

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Bulldog Men's Basketball has been tabbed for a fourth-place finish in the Great American Conference's Western Division during the 2020-21 season. The GAC announced the preseason poll on Tuesday morning.

Divisional play will be implemented for the first time during the upcoming season as SWOSU will play a 20-game schedule against East Central, Northwestern Oklahoma State, Oklahoma Baptist, Southeastern

Oklahoma State and Southern Nazarene.

Southeastern Oklahoma State is picked to win the western division ahead of Oklahoma Baptist and Southern Nazarene, with SWOSU and Northwestern Oklahoma State deadlocked in fourth ahead of East Central.

SWOSU returns four starters from last season, led by reigning GAC Newcomer of the Year Damion Thornton, who led the team with 19.8 points and 8.3 rebounds per

game as a sophomore. The Bulldogs finished the 2019-20 season with a record of 13-15 and tied for eighth place in the final GAC standings, but missed out on advancing to the conference tournament due to tiebreakers.

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OSU

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to continue on at OSU where she'll compete with and against some of the best runners in the nation.

The Cowgirls upcoming squad has a lot of talent that includes: a fellow Oklahoman whose 800-meter and mile times rank in the top 5 of the state; an Arizona nationally-ranked runner who has the fastest times for her state in the mile, 1600-meter, and 3200-meter race; two Top-10 finishers in the pentathlon at the 2020 Big 12 Indoor Championships; and a 10th place finisher at the 2019 European Youth Summer Olympic Festival in Baku, Azerbaijan.

OSU is lucky to have such talented girls in their ranks, and we're excited to see these powerhouse runners

grow in their careers. Good luck to Kennadi Price and the Cowgirls. Go Pokes!



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Kelly Kilhoffer: The man behind the West OK Weekly stories



Kelly R. Kilhoffer
Oklahoma History
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It has been six months since I began "Underneath This Hat." It has been something I have enjoyed doing. I have never considered myself a teacher, but I do like tellin' stories. This week, I wanted to share a little about myself and my family. I hope you find it reflects on your own childhood and stirs fond memories.

Looking back at my childhood, I recall memories of plastic green soldiers, cowboys and Indians, and digging in the dirt with one of Mama's borrowed spoons. Big brother always gave it a touch of realism with some red watercolors for the dead and dying. Morbid yes, but we didn't live life with blinders on.

We loaded up our Johnny West figures and G. I. Joes when it rained enough for us to let them shoot the rapids in the creeks which were as dry as a cotton ball the day before. There were litters of puppies biting and scampering about as I lay in the middle of them, soaking up sun and laughing as they licked my ears.

My brothers & I weren't much on sports, still aren't. We did play some, but it was different. We used our imaginations to create ball fields and baseball diamonds. Dry cow pies served as first, second, third, and home plate. Sometimes running bases ya' stepped in a fresh one. Old wooden slats became broad swords. I still promise I didn't tell Mama y'all hit a little too hard. The barn loft with its square bales of hay were quickly converted to forts and tunnels. I wonder how many times Daddy stepped through them. Our Dad never wasted a board. To our delight, he built a small building we could use as a saloon, a headquarters or whatever our minds thought up. Old combines and farm implements became tanks or submarines. I shot down many a Zero and 109's off those plows.

I can't recall anytime we sat around being bored. Boredom got you a hoe in your hands or a dust cloth and a broom. We helped out when needed but never sat on our knuckles. As time passed, five children in the house soon became four, and four became three. We built onto the house just as my siblings began to "take flight." As the numbers dwindled, my chores grew.

One of my first chores was tending those nasty

chickens. I had to gather their eggs, feed and water them, and then put them up at night. The day after we got out of school for the summer was the day that Daddy said, "clean out the chicken house." Oh, the smell of ammonia reeking from top to bottom, including dead chickens that had died above the ceiling! Fortunate for me, my brother Kerry usually came to my rescue.

We had sheep, pigs, geese and rabbits, as well as cattle and horses. Living on a farm was a valuable learning-fest every day of my life. Sex and birth were no mystery to me or any farm kid. I pulled many a baby pig and calf from its mother. My town friends, on the other hand, were grossed out and in shock by some of the things they saw while staying over. Life and death were inseparable on the farm. Farm life is a treasure that can never be taken from you. It requires no books or classroom, just hard work and grit, and it is highly rewarding.

Then there were the times we had to help at our Grandparents house in Canute. Riding on the tractor fender while my father whistled the same tune over and over for hours. The smell of fresh tilled dirt mingled with his cigarette smoke. I'd complain, all the while he told me it helped "keep the skeeters away." Finally, he would finish his cigarette and fling it earthward, where the plow would devour it. Those familiar sensations of the farm never leave me: the scent of his match as he struck it, the tractor's exhaust covering us in a wave of heat, the screech of the hawks, circling above waiting for a meal to run from the plow.

In my fifties, I realize the values and life lessons we learned from all of that time on the farm. Don't waste what you have, whether it is plentiful or sparse. Harsh words can sometimes taste bitter but may well be full of knowledge if you're willing to listen. Hard work got us rewards of "sodas" as Grandma always had Coke in bottles and ice cream in bowls. Hard work also helped us mature.

"Leo John, come to supper," my Mama would yell from the back porch. Our Dad would work way past dark if she let him. You can't understand how such a common everyday occurrence, like her calling him to eat can be missed. It is a treasure chest of memories that I carry the key to. Where did the time go?

By the time my high school years arrived, I spent more and more of my time helping my Dad. Everyone else was grown and on their own. There was always farming and his construction work. I dreaded it. I was filled with the belief that I was smarter and had a greater purpose in life. I was cursing underneath my breath while welling up inside. It just seemed too much time together. After high school, I took a job working for other people. My father was left to do the work himself. Looking back, I think he must have been miserable, my Dad needed people. He could captivate anyone with his "BS" Leo John Kilhoffer was a people-person.

It wasn't until our Dad got sick that the fog began to clear for me. The boy sees a man in the mirror too early, and sons become men in their father's eyes a bit too late. Anger had clouded my eyes for years up to that day. I had plans to serve my country, but life had other plans for me. All that resentment and anger melted away. I remembered that man who had let me ride upon his back endlessly. The big hands that wrapped about me. The times my "ugly faces" and goofy voices made him laugh until his eyes watered. Now, I found myself giving him the love he had always given us in his way. We mended a lot of fences in a short time. He truly was the greatest.

Our Dad passed away within six months of his diagnosis. I felt it was my place to stay with Mama. I will always regret not serving this great nation, but I think I made the right choice.

Service is where you find it, whether it is to family or country. I open that treasure chest from time to time. I dwell in the moments and come away better, stronger and, yes, richer. Daddy was the strength, but Mama was the glue that bonded us. I never said it enough then but "Thank You, Mama & Daddy. You did an amazing job."

Now, here I am tellin' you stories, thinking of all that life has brought my way. Life has a funny way of turning hard times into good memories. We all hold the key to our treasure chest. I hope this story will make you think of the moments that you hold dear, give you the courage to mend those fences, and fill you with a bit more pride in the good service you have provided to those you love. I hope you come away from this story just a bit richer than you were before. That is what's underneath this hat.

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An 1884-S Morgan dollar certified by PCGS as a Mint State 68 sold for \$750,000.

An 1896-S Morgan dollar certified by PCGS as a Mint State 69 sold for \$720,000.

An 1893-S Morgan dollar, pictured above, was certified by PCGS

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SWOSU Creates New Academic Support Center

Southwestern Oklahoma State University has created an innovative program for academic assistance for SWOSU students on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses.

The Academic Support Center (ASC) brings together services from Retention Management, Student Success Center and Career Services into one office. With these services in one place, students can receive pre-advising assistance, career exploration services, academic tutoring, peer mentoring and academic coaching from a professionally trained staff



Dr. Wendy Yoder

in each of these areas.

“The program will increase SWOSU’s efforts in supporting students through a variety of academic services in one centralized location,” said SWOSU Associate Provost Dr Joel Kendall. “By combining efforts of three crucial programs, we can meet SWOSU’s strategic goal of increasing student retention and completion.”

The ASC offices are in Stafford Center Room 250. Future plans include a nearby computer center for students to access. Staff from the Student Success



Heather Hummel

Center will move to STF 250 from its previous location in Parker Hall.

Dr. Wendy Yoder will be the director of the ASC. Yoder is an alumnus of SWOSU. She completed her M.Ed. in Secondary Education in 2008 and earned her Doctorate in Education in 2019. While at SWOSU, she has worked in the Dean of Students Office, served as the violence prevention project coordinator and is the current academic advising and retention coordinator.

Heather Hummel will serve in the ASC as the career exploration coordinator, moving from her position as career services coordinator in the Office of Enrollment Management.

For more information concerning the ASC, call or email Yoder at 580-774-6037 or wendy.yoder@swosu.edu.




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