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## Stew lunch scheduled at WOCS Weatherford

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

Weatherford Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS) will be having their annual Stew Lunch at the Weatherford Campus on Saturday, February 20th. From 11 AM – 2 PM, come grab a bite to eat and browse the silent auction, featuring pieces like a Traeger grill and a Thomas Kinkade painting.

The stew lunch is one of the annual fundraisers the WOCS does to support their campuses and staff. For this year's lunch, each donation will go to an expansion fund for the Weatherford campus. Currently, the WOCS in Weatherford operates out of the gym building of Life Fellowship Church on Lyle Road. This is not a full grade campus like their main campus in Clinton or the one in Elk City. However, with the expansion fund, Weatherford's location will seek to purchase a building, or land to build on, that will allow them to increase the school's grade level all the way to the 6th grade.

A lot of people are not aware that Weatherford has a WOCS campus, and they are still running out of room. A new headquarters will allow them to support their students through the next stages of learning. It'll be a full-service school that'll give parents another option in their child's education. WOCS is not in competition with the public schools, and they are non-denomination which means that parents can enroll their kids without needing to attend Life Fellowship or any specific church.

The Stew Lunch fundraiser will have a drive thru available for anyone who wishes to remain in their vehicle. Drive thru orders can be placed by texting (580) 330-1036 with the number of orders, the name for the order, and what vehicle is picking them up. Donations for the lunch are welcome.

As the building campaign launches, a website with school announcements and updates on the building's progress will be available to anyone who wants to stay informed. The WOCS offers more fundraising options during the year also. These include the "Aimed to Serve" fundraiser, which is going on currently and helps support the general operating costs of all the campuses; and the annual gift-wrapping fundraiser in December, which will also benefit the Weatherford expansion project.

So, come by and grab some lunch with the WOCS on Saturday, February 20th!

## SWOSU Reminds High School Seniors About Enrollment and Orientation

Registration for Southwestern Oklahoma State University enrollment and orientation is underway for high school students who plan to attend SWOSU this fall.

New Student Orientation (NSO) will take place virtually in 2021 but the university plans to continue on-campus classes this fall.

All incoming freshmen students must go through NSO to enroll in Fall 2021 classes. Visit the NSO link on the SWOSU website for more info: <http://share.swosu.edu/NSOOverview>

Taler Alexander, assistant director of enrollment management, said new students are also encouraged to follow the NSO social media accounts: Facebook: SWOSU New Student Orientation; Instagram: @swosunso; and Twitter: @swosunso.

Students can tour the SWOSU campus by setting up an appointment with the Admissions & Recruitment Office at 580.774.3782. SWOSU is providing campus tour/info sessions by reservation only on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. and Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. Visits include an admissions

presentation and a walk around campus. The office can also arrange for a conversation with a department if the student has their major already selected.

High school seniors should plan to be admitted to SWOSU by March 1 if they want to be fully considered for academic scholarships.



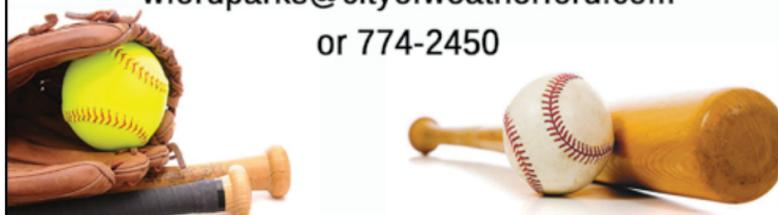
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## It's a Retirement Celebration for Robin Snider

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**Sammy "Kay" Dunbar**

Sammy "Kay" Dunbar was born February 6, 1936, in Lamesa, Texas to Edgar and Etta (Oneil) Dunbar and passed away at home in Weatherford on Thursday, January 28, 2021, at the age of 84 years, 11 months and 22 days.



Kay was raised and attended school in Lamesa, graduating with the Class of 1954. On January 29, 1955, he married Nelva Ferguson, and they made their home in Carlsbad, New Mexico, where he worked at Potash Mines. In 1958 they moved to Winters, Texas, and worked for Pool Well Services as a heavy equipment operator and later moved to Perryton, Texas, and Woodward while he continued to work for Pool Well Services. Kay went to work for Durango Services in the 1990's. He retired in 2017 at the age of 81 years. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, gardening, and spending time with family and friends.

Kay is survived by his wife of 66 years Nelva of their home in Weatherford; one daughter Leigha Helt and husband Richard of Weatherford; one son Kim Dunbar of Dallas, Texas; two grandchildren: Cadie and Thad; and two great-grandchildren: Crue and Audie. He was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers: Melvin, Raymond, and Guy; and five sisters: Lorene, Nona, Ava, Edna and Bobby.

Janice was raised in Weatherford and Hydro and graduated from Hydro High School in 1963. On June 4, 1962, she married Ronald Earl "Ron" Johnson and made their home in Hydro. Janice and Ron owned and operated Johnson Peanut Company until she retired in 2007. Janice enjoyed her grandchildren and spending time with friends and family.

Janice is survived by one son Shaun Johnson of Hydro; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three brothers: Harley McLaughlin and wife Alma of Moore, Darwin Max McLaughlin of Boston Mills, Kansas, and Richard McLaughlin and wife Julie of Weatherford; and one sister Karen Wallace and husband Don of Choctaw. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister Nancy; and one son Michael Johnson.

cleaning business that he was still active in. Rick enjoyed fishing, loved basketball especially the Thunders, cookouts, and spending time with family and friends.

Rick is survived by his wife Jolen Bell of their home in Calumet; three sons: Todd Bell of Calumet, Jeff Bell of Yukon and Tadd Bell of Calumet; one brother Paul Bell and wife Karla of Yukon; and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Bill; and one sister Sandra.

**Alvin Eugene "Gene" Hays**

Alvin Eugene "Gene" Hays was born October 31, 1934, in Apache to Alonzo and Cleo Belle (Clayton) Hays and passed away Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at Corn Heritage Village in Corn, at the age of 86 years, 3 months and 1 day.



Gene was raised and attended school in Friend and graduated from Friend High School in 1952. He attended Southwestern State College for 2 years. Gene married Dixie Glee Gastineau on May 26, 1956, in Lenora and made their home in Weatherford. He entered the National Guard and started teaching in 1954. In 1956, he opened Gene's Auto Clinic until the mid 80's. Gene hired on to the Weatherford Fire Department and worked for 28 years before retiring in 1994. Gene enjoyed going on fishing trips, being a fireman, working with his hands and spending time with family and friends. He was a loving Daddy, Grandad and friend to all and will be dearly missed.

Gene is survived by two daughters: Debbie Smith and husband James of Foss Lake and Susan Druba and husband Greg of Binger; a sister-in-law Ardith Gastineau of Weatherford; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and his brother A.C. "Lonnie".

**LaVelle Yvonna Nickels**

Graveside services for LaVelle Yvonne Nickels, 89 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Saturday, February 6, 2021, 2:00 P.M. at Greenwood Cemetery with Skylar Spradling and Toby Hawkins officiating. Services were under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



LaVelle was born November 11, 1931, south of Weatherford to Audry and Marie (Brehm) Amen and passed away Wednesday, February 3, 2021, at Weatherford Regional Hospital. LaVelle was raised south of Weatherford and attended school at Missouri Rural School and later Weatherford Public School. On May 27, 1949, she married Cornelius Elmer Nickels in Caddo County and made their home in Dalhart. They returned to south of Weatherford in 1952 where they farmed and raised their sons. LaVelle enjoyed gardening, flowers, church work, country and western and gospel music shows, and spending time with family and friends. In memory of LaVelle we ask that you plant a flower that comes back every year or a fruit or nut tree.

LaVelle is survived by four sons: Dale Nickels and wife Peggy, Darrel Nickels and wife Terre, Danny Nickels, and David Nickels and wife Dana all of Weatherford; two brothers: Don Amen and wife Raelene of Weatherford and Delbert Amen of Oklahoma City; one sister Shirley Williams of Sand Springs; twelve grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers: Richard and Larry.

**Edelia Heck**

Edelia Heck was born February 7, 1942, in Cameron County, Texas, to Julian and Santiago (Patlan) Rodriguez, the 8th of 15 children, and passed away Monday, February 1, 2021, at her home south of Weatherford, at the age of 78 years, 11 months and 16 days.



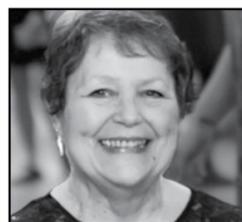
Edelia's parents were migratory workers, and her youth was spent moving wherever work was available and lived anywhere between South Texas and Minnesota. Edelia acted the cook and housekeeper of the family. When she was 16 years old, she caught the attention of a 13-year-old boy David Heck while working in Oklahoma, and they would later marry. Her family settled in Gilroy, California, in 1965. After completing high school and serving in the military, David moved to Gilroy, California, and on April 15, 1967, she married David Albin Heck.

David and Edelia lived for 29 years in Central California before returning to Oklahoma in 1996 and purchasing his parents farm in Northeast Washita County.

Edelia is survived by her husband of 53 years David Heck of their home in Weatherford; three sons: Lee (Deborah) Heck of Weatherford, Gabriel (Louis) Heck of Granite and Michael Heck of Weatherford; four brothers: Julian (Gerry) Rodriguez, John (Soledad) Rodriguez, Jose (Lourdes) Rodriguez, and Cecilic (Lupe) Rodriguez; three sisters: Mary (Everstio) Reyes, Alice (Albert) Razo and Nina (Ken) Ridenour; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents and seven siblings: Frances Garcia, Jesse Rodriguez, Lupe Contreras, Tony Rodriguez, Carmen Perez, Elena Brooks, and Daniel Rodriguez.

**Jeanna Yearwood**

Jeanne Yearwood was born February 19, 1947, in Muskogee to Joseph Stephen and Helen Mae (Bryce) McKinney. She was named Ida Jenita after her grandmothers but was always known as Jeanne. She passed away Monday, February 1, at home in Colony at the age of 73 years, 11 months and 12 days.



Jeanne grew up in Eufaula and graduated from high school there. After attending college briefly, she went to work at the state welfare department in Oklahoma City in 1967. Shortly thereafter, she transferred to the Oklahoma State Mental Health Department and worked as an accountant until her retirement in 1999. Her husband began working at the department in 1979, and on February 9, 1980, they were married in Oklahoma City where they made their home.

Their union was blessed with three children. Jeanne took great pride and joy in the children and seldom missed any of their scholastic and athletic events. She was an excellent cook and made outstanding desserts for family get-togethers for many years. She loved watching cooking shows, Jeopardy, Antiques Roadshow, and OSU and OU sporting events. Although she moved with her husband to Colony in 2009, she never forgot her Eufaula roots and maintained a lake house there close to her brothers until last year.

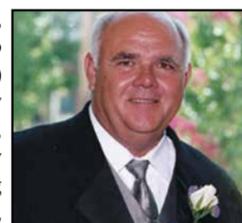
Jeanne is also survived by her husband of 40 years Lonnie of their home in Colony; one son Andrew and his wife Mandy of Collinsville; two daughters: Emily Morrow and her husband James of Guthrie and Connie Finley and her husband Ryan of Ocala, Florida; two brothers: Bryce McKinney of Eufaula and Bob McKinney and his wife Brenda of Eufaula; and seven grandchildren.

Jeanne is also survived by KoKo, her beloved dog who was on her lap or by her side for the past 11 years.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Colony Community in Action, Inc., P.O. Box 66, Colony, OK 73021.

**Richard Harvey Bell**

Rick was born July 26, 1947, in Weatherford to Harvey and Jane (Maytubby) Bell and passed away Thursday, January 28, 2021, in Integris Canadian Valley Hospital in Yukon having reached the age of 73 years, 6 months, 2 days.



Rick was raised and attended school in Hydro, graduating with the Class of 1966. On June 9, 1966, he married Jolen Hoerman, and they made their home in Weatherford. Rick played basketball while attending Southwestern State College. They moved to Yukon in 1976 where he farmed. In 1994, he started a carpet

**Janice Ellen Johnson**

Janice Ellen Johnson was born February 17, 1945, in Foss to Claude and Hazel (Hall) McLaughlin and passed away Monday, February 1, 2021, at home in Hydro, at the age of 75 years, 11 months and 14 days.



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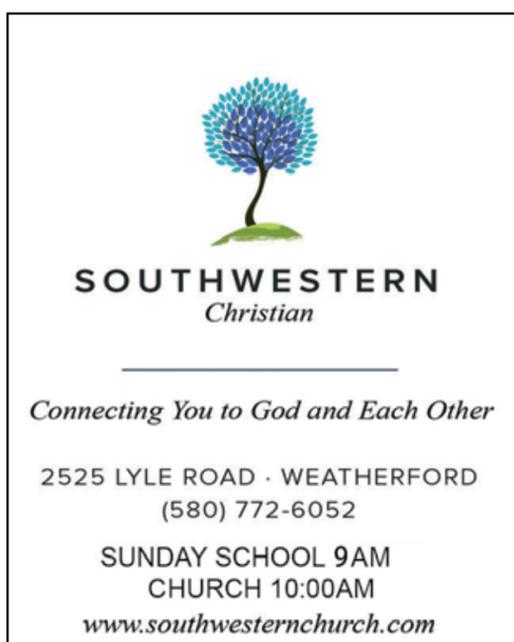
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**Mike Smith**  
News Director

**SWOSU PRESIDENT INTERVIEWS-** Regents of the Regional University System of Oklahoma have voted to conduct interviews with fifteen candidates for president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. RUSO Executive Director Sheridan McCaffree says zoom interviews will be done with the candidates during the first part of February. The list will be narrowed for in-person interviews to be conducted when the regents meet again in late February in Weatherford. The selection process started with 83 candidates that applied for the position, currently held by SWOSU President Randy Beutler, who is retiring June 30th.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT-** A Custer County murder suspect has been denied motion for immunity. Twenty-two year old Cole Isaac Phillips of Weatherford is charged with first degree murder in the April 2020 shooting death of 20-year old Joshua Price. Court records show that Phillips told police that Price came to his house angry and was trying to fight him and that Phillips defended himself. Additionally, Phillips said Price made threats against him and when Price shoved him, Phillips drew his weapon and shot Price twice. However, authorities said there did not appear to be any sign of a struggle inside the residence and the two men had been arguing via text, leading up to the incident. A pre-trial hearing is planned for February 26th.

**BECKHAM COUNTY DISTRICT COURT-** Two people are now charged with the murder of a North Fork Correctional inmate in May of 2020. Court records show Jerrad Pointer and Tre Lane

are charged in the murder of Vincent Worley. Pointer, allegedly, used a makeshift sharpened instrument to attack Worley, resulting in his death. Lane told investigators he helped inmate Pointer attack Worley, but that he stayed in the cell after the initial attack while inmate Pointer chased Worley out into the pod.

**WEATHERFORD SCOOTERS-** Weatherford City Commissioners recently held discussion over a partnership to develop a program for the City of Weatherford to maximize the impact of micromobility scooters. The commission took no action. However, the consensus appeared to favor moving forward toward a partnership.

**WEATHERFORD RAPE ARREST-** Weatherford police have made an arrest on a first degree rape case. Detective Matt Bartel said 20-year-old Tristan Bailey is charged in connection with the crime. Bartel says Bailey is charged with rape in the first degree.

**DOBSON NAME CHANGE-** Dobson Technologies, a leading provider of high-speed, fiber-optic networks, said it has changed its name to Dobson Fiber. The name change and branding initiative reflects the focus and growth of the organization in the coming years. Dobson Fiber owns and operates a 4000-plus mile regional fiber optic network and provides connectivity services, including high-speed internet, data and cloud connectivity, and voice over internet telephone solutions.

**WEATHERFORD OLD HOSPITAL-** Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown said the city will utilize the old hospital building for training purposes before it is demolished. Brown says the former hospital site will be the location of the new police station 911 center. He said officials have met with architects in an effort to put together a plan for the new building.

Weatherford police have made an arrest on a first degree rape case. Detective Matt Bartel said 20-year-old Tristan Bailey is charged in connection with the crime. Bartel says Bailey is charged with rape in the first degree.

**WEATHERFORD DOMESTIC ASSAULT AND BATTERY-** One person was injured in a domestic assault and battery in Weatherford in the 100 block of West University. Police Detective Matt Bartel said one person sustained a laceration to the neck from a broken bottle. Bartel said the case is under investigation and no arrests have been made.

**BECKHAM COUNTY DISTRICT COURT-** An Elk City man is charged with five counts of sexual offenses in Beckham County District court, including two counts of first degree rape. Fifty-five year old David Dean Leal, Sr. allegedly sexually molested a female youth on several separate occasions.

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**Arrested**  
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Austin Ault, 24, arrested by the Clinton Police Department for a city commitment for cruelty to animals and a city warrant for driving under suspension.

Chelsea Musick, 30, arrested by the Clinton Police Department and charged with public intoxication.

Justin Clements, 28, arrested by the Clinton Police Department for a bench warrant.

32 year old Christopher Jenkins, 32, arrested by the Clinton Police Department and charged with domestic assault and battery in the presence of a minor.

Michelle Holmes, 46, arrested by the Clinton Police Department and charged with public intoxication.

Zavre Rodriguez, 29, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on a Custer County bench warrant.

Adam diaz, 36, arrested by the Clinton Police Department for a Custer County bench warrant, Custer County warrant for motion to revoke on possession of controlled dangerous substance, and city warrants for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia.

James Miller, 54, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on a new Custer County charge of breaking and entering, and a Custer County bench warrant.

Esperansa Ramos, 36, arrested by the Clinton Police Department for a Custer County warrant and charged with obstructing an officer.

Neviez Arriage, 43, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on city warrants for speeding 10-15 miles per hour over limit, driving under suspension, no insurance, failure to pay taxes due state, a Custer County rule 8 bench warrant, and a new city charge of petit larceny.

Laura Ellis, 35, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on new Custer County charges of possession of controlled dangerous substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Humberto Gutierrez, 26, arrested by the Clinton Police

Department on new Custer County charges of possession of controlled dangerous substance and bringing contraband inside a jail.

Robert Rios, 31, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on new Custer County charges of possession of controlled dangerous substance and improper display of tag.

Jeanice Hays, 43, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on two Custer County failure to appear warrants.

Deidra Dyer, 32, arrested by the Clinton Police Department and charged with trespassing.

Lisa Hanger, 57, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on a city warrant for possession of marijuana.

Bobby Davis, 41, arrested by the Clinton Police Department on two Custer County bench warrants.

Byerly, Ricky Darrell Byerly, 64, arrested by the Weatherford Police Department for Weatherford Municipal Warrant.

Jeremy Washa, 30, arrested by the Weatherford Police Department for a Custer County Warrant.

Cody James Herrmann, 22, arrested by the Weatherford police Department and charged with failure to signal intention to turn left, operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, unlawful transportation of an open container of liquor, driving under combined influence.

Jonathan Lynn Mallow 33, arrested by the Weatherford Police Department and charged with obstructing an officer, Greer County Warrant, Jackson County Warrant, and Idaho Department of Correction Warrant.

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*

## SWOSU Falls 73-70 at East Central

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

A last-second three-pointer from Tauriawn Knight bounced off the back iron and left SWOSU with a 73-70 defeat at East Central on Saturday afternoon at the Kerr Activity Center.

East Central shot 51.7% from the field in the first half and knocked down three three-pointers as they built a 39-35 lead at the break. The Tigers build their largest lead of eight points early in the second half, but the Bulldogs came back and took the lead twice after halftime, the last at 64-62 on a layup from Damion Thornton with 4:30 to play.

ECU broke a 64-all tie on a three-pointer with 3:09 to play and pushed the lead to five with just under one minute to play. Showing their resolve, the Dawgs got

back within three on a pair of free throws by Thornton with less than eight seconds to play. A steal by Knight gave him a shot to tie at the buzzer, but his shot hit the rim and bounced off as time expired, allowing ECU to escape with the win.

Knight led the Bulldogs with 18 points and four rebounds while Kamden Gipson added 14 points, seven rebounds, five assists and three steals. Thornton chipped in 12 points and four rebounds and Bralyn James also reached double figures with 10 points on 3-8 shooting.

"That was a tough game today, just no focus on our part," Head Coach Terry Evans said. "We got down early, turned the ball over too many times and had to fight uphill all game. Teams in this league are all so evenly matched that the team that's more focused and ready to play is going to win the game and we weren't that team



today." The loss drops SWOSU to 6-5 on the year.

SWOSU basketball games vs. Northwestern were postponed

Due to winter weather conditions in western Oklahoma, Monday night's rivalry doubleheader between SWOSU and Northwestern Oklahoma State at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center was postponed.

The Bulldogs and Rangers have agreed to reschedule the games for next Monday, February 15, with tipoff of the women's game set for 5:30 pm.

Next up for the SWOSU Basketball teams is a trip to Bethany on Thursday to face Southern Nazarene.

## Lady Bulldogs Avenge Lone Loss with 30-Point Victory at East Central

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

In what was billed as a 'Can't Miss' game by NCAA.com on Friday, it was the #17-ranked SWOSU Women's Basketball team who seemingly couldn't miss as they avenged their lone defeat this season with a 93-63 victory over East Central on Saturday at the Kerr Activity Center.

Both teams struggled to get going offensively in the first quarter, hitting a combined nine field goals and going into the second quarter deadlocked at 11-all. SWOSU scored the first eight points of the second quarter and never looked back, knocking down seven threes in the period and hitting 11-of-16 field goals overall to build a 42-28 lead at the break.

SWOSU would not let up in the second half, building a lead of 22 points at one point in the third quarter before pushing their advantage as high as 37 in the fourth and cruising to the 30-point victory. The Lady Bulldogs

scored at least 25 points in each of the final three quarters and topped the 90-point mark for the seventh time in 12 games this season.

Three players reached double figures for the Lady Dawgs, who were led by Karly Gore with 20 points on 7-of-10 shooting, which included a pair of three-pointers. Makyra Tramble had 19 points and tied a career-high with 17 rebounds while knocking down her 100th career three-pointer during just her 40th career game. Tramble also had five assists and four steals in 33 minutes of action. Lauren Ramey also knocked down four three-pointers and finished with 16 points and four rebounds in the win.

"We saw the feature on NCAA.com that this was a top game to watch this

weekend and we wanted to put on a performance," SWOSU Head Coach Kelsi Musick said following the win. "That was our goal, to avenge a loss so we were definitely ready to play. We needed to shoot the ball well and our defense was much better overall. That's something we've been focusing on and I thought it showed today."

SWOSU is now 11-1 on the year and winners of five straight since their previous loss to East Central.

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- Seating will be spaced appropriately to achieve proper social distancing.

## Makyra Tramble Nets Fourth GAC Player of the Week Award

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Makyra Tramble was named the Great American Conference Player of the Week for the fourth time in five weeks on Monday. Tramble, a sophomore from Shawnee, shared the honor this week with Abby Niehues of Southern Nazarene.

Tramble was again stellar in all facets as she led the #17 Lady Bulldogs to conference victories over Southeastern Oklahoma State and East Central, the teams currently second and third in the GAC Western Division standings. She averaged 20.0 points, 14.5 rebounds, 5.5 assists, 3.0 steals and 2.0 blocks per game while shooting 37% (14-

37) from the field, 31% (5-16) from beyond the arc and 87% (7-8) from the free throw line.

On Thursday against Southeastern, Tramble recorded her seventh 20-point game of the season and her fourth double-double with 21 points and 12 rebounds. She followed that up with another double-double of 19 points and 17 rebounds – which ties a career-high – as the Lady Dawgs avenged their lone defeat this season with a 30-point victory at ECU.

Tramble now has four career GAC Weekly honors to her credit, with each coming during her sophomore season. She leads the #17-ranked Lady Bulldogs back into action on Thursday evening at Southern Nazarene.



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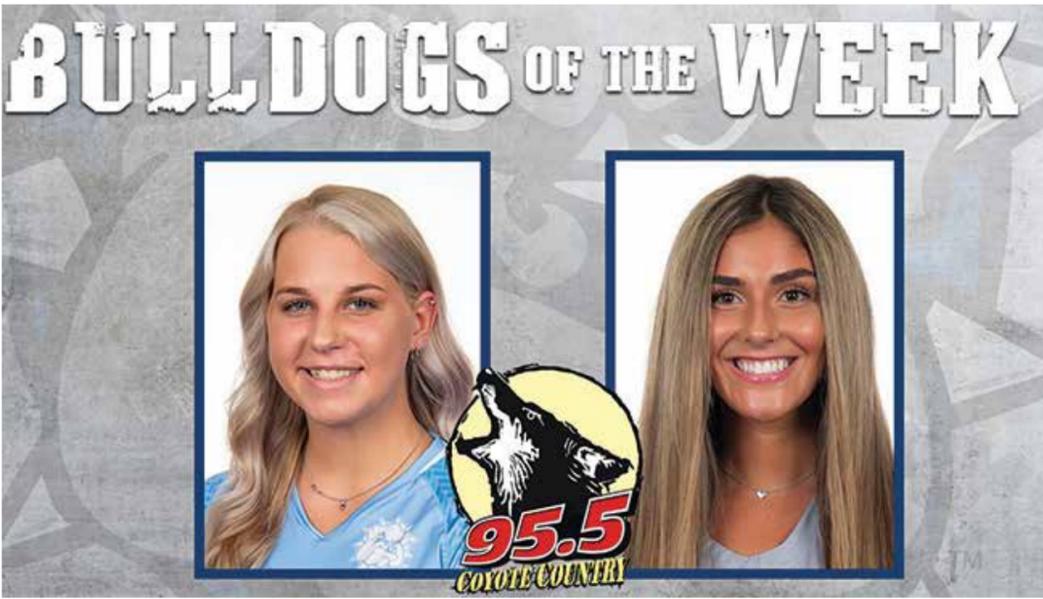
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# SWOSU Selects Lacy Mott & Lauren Ramey as Bulldogs of the Week



**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The newest Bulldogs of the Week have been chosen, with SWOSU Volleyball's Lacy Mott and Lady Bulldog Basketball guard Lauren Ramey earning the honors this week.

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.'

Mott (Waxahachie, Texas) had a team-high 15 kills on Wednesday and helped her team to their first victory of the season, a 3-0 sweep of East Central. She needed just 25

swings to accumulate her 15 kills and did so with an attack percentage of .480 and had eight digs as well. Through three matches, Mott leads the Bulldogs and ranks fourth in the conference with 52 kills, an average of 4.00 per set.

Ramey (Kiefer, Okla.) helped the Lady Bulldogs to a 2-0 record on the week by averaging 14.0 points and 4.5 rebounds per game in wins over Southeastern and East Central. She shot 47% from the field and knocked down 7-of-13 three-pointers, giving her 21 made threes for the year. Ramey is currently SWOSU's third-leading scorer, averaging 10.8 points per game.

## Bulldog Football Announces 2021 Signing Class

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU Head Football Coach Chet Pobolish and his coaching staff announced the addition of 36 student-athletes who have joined the Bulldog Football program on National Signing Day. They join four mid-year enrollees in making up the Bulldogs 40-member recruiting class of 2021.

"Recruiting changed quite a bit this year, due to the pandemic, but we felt like we were ahead of the ball and able to turn something that could've been a negative into an opportunity," Pobolish said. "I really feel like our staff did a great job of identify student-athletes who will fit into our program and be a great representation of Bulldog Football."

Of the newcomers signing to join the Bulldogs, three are transfers with two years of eligibility remaining while

37 will come to SWOSU as true freshmen. The Dawgs added 21 players who will start their career on offense, 17 who will play defense and two specialists, with wide receiver and offensive line the positions most addressed with eight signees apiece. Incoming Bulldogs hail from five different states, with SWOSU signing 19 Oklahoma high school graduates and 18 players from Texas with one signee each from California, Colorado and Kansas.

"It's extremely important for us to have success recruiting in Oklahoma and Texas," Pobolish said. "When we first create our recruiting board, we build a circle 250 miles around Weatherford because there's enough talent in that area for us to focus on. It's important to us to find kids who want to come here and can fit into our community and it's also important for their parents to be able to come visit and see them play."



Weatherford football player Abner Jurado recently signed a letter of intent to play football at Southern Nazarene University. Pictured, from left is his sister Jarety Jurado, his mom Araceli Madariaga, Abner Jurado, coach Taylor Sossamon, coach Rob Renshaw and coach Reagan Roof.

## "The Coin Guy" Del Monte \$20 Error Note Update



Trent Boesen

On January 22, 2021, the auction for the above pictured \$20 error note started. The pre-auction estimate was between \$25,000 to \$50,000. This error note is held in "high-regards" among error note collectors.

The day before the auction an opening bid of \$105,000 showed a clear signal of what was to come the following day.

When the sale commenced on January 22 the opening bid was announced at \$210,000. Bids followed quickly with \$10,000 and \$20,000 increments. These bidding amounts continued until \$300,000 was achieved.

A phone bid of \$320,000 was given. Then a bid of \$330,000 was made. The hammer fell at \$330,000. No one else made a bid. The error note sold for \$330,000 plus a buyer's fee of 20% which comes to \$396,000.

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# Oklahoma History: Belle Starr

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Many of the infamous Wild West outlaws are intimately familiar with Oklahoma. From Jesse James's gold, to Bonnie and Clyde's shootout, to the Wild Bunch's high profile bank & train robberies, Oklahoma was an attractive location for laying low and dastardly deeds. Another \*Starr\* of the South, who met their end in Oklahoma "Indian Territory," was one of the most notorious women of the period – the "Bandit Queen" Belle Starr.

Belle, born Myra Belle Shirley, grew up in Missouri in the early 1850's. According to sources who knew her family at the time, she was well educated and had already become adept as a pianist. Her family life was typical; her father was an innkeeper, and they were respected as a middle-class family. Life for Starr was organized, calm, and a little boring. However, tragedy struck when the Civil War outbreak took the life of her brother Edwin and forced her father to close his business. Her family gathered their things and headed to Texas, where they would hopefully be able to leave all those painful memories in Missouri.

While in Texas, she met Cole Younger, a member of the James-Younger gang. The gang centralized around Jesse James and his brother Frank. The History channel described Belle's attitude towards her new running mates as "untroubled" and even listed her as a "partner in crime by 1869." Some of her crimes involved stealing horses, cattle, and money around the Dallas area. Always atop her mare named "Venus," Belle was romanticized in the public's eye for her high-fashion outfits like velvet skirts and plumed hats. She gained the nickname "Bandit Queen."

In 1874, Belle found herself alone and betrayed when her recent partner Jim Reed was killed, presumably by his own gang. On the run from the law, Belle found shelter in Oklahoma Indian Territory. While in Oklahoma, Belle began leading her own band of thieves.

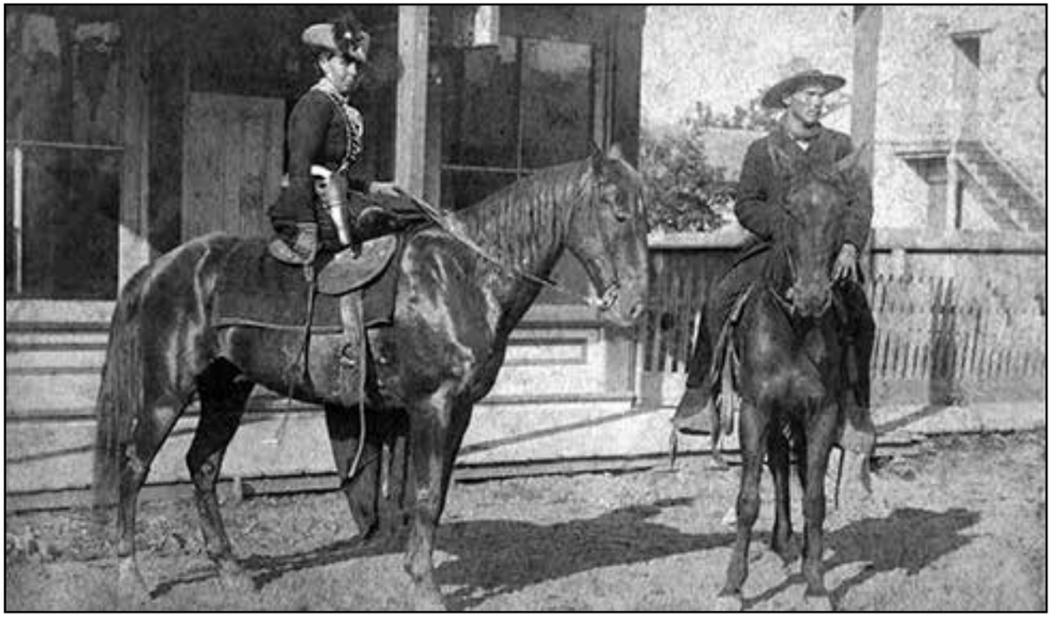


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Belle with Deputy U.S. Marshal Benjamin Tyner Hughes, Fort Smith, Arkansas, 1886.

Shortly thereafter, she met her future criminal partner and namesake Sam Starr. They became "married" under common-law and went on a successful crime run for almost a decade. In 1883, the couple was arrested and spent five months in a federal prison in Detroit.

Upon release, they dove straight back into their criminal activities, but Belle once again experienced loss when Sam was killed in a gunfight 3 years later. By this time, Belle's notoriety was at its peak, and she found another companion named Jim July. But a violent life leads to violent ends, and in 1889, July was arrested and set to appear in Fort Smith, Arkansas, for sentencing. Belle went with him until they reached

Fort Smith where she turned back home. While on the way back, she was ambushed and fatally wounded near Eufaula, Oklahoma, with two shotgun shots in her back. July believed the murder was done by a neighbor that they had been fighting. However, charges were never brought upon anyone for her death.

Following her death, Belle's story was published by Richard K. Fox in a novel entitled **Belle Starr**, the **Bandit Queen**, or the **Female Jesse James**. Belle became one of the most prominent figures of the Great Southwest and her death became one of the most high-profile, "unsolved murders" stories. A statue of Belle Starr can be visited at Woolaroc museum in Oklahoma.

## HIGHER GROUND

### I've been Rescued



Jim Morrison

I enjoy meditating on Paul's prayers to the churches. I can't imagine someone sitting in a dark cell, knowing that the next day his life might end, and being able to put together amazing doctrinal truths and Godly principles for life. Of course, the Holy Spirit was guiding him, but he had to respond in obedience. He had only some kind of parchment and a quill to work with. But more amazing is that we have it in hand to read and apply today. Human nature has not changed that much in 2000 years. There is still selfishness, pride, lust, and the desire for pleasure and power. One of my favorite prayers is Col. 1:9-12. It is a little hard to determine where the prayer ends and teaching begins. But let's look at these verses:

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill

you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light."

When placed alongside my puny efforts at prayer, I feel a little embarrassed. He had not started or visited that church, but he had learned from Epaphras of some false teaching that was threatening the infant church. In the prayer he does not deal with the heresy but simply sets forth some basic concerns for their spiritual growth, describing some essentials that would provide a defense from any false teaching.

His first concern is that they would have spiritual wisdom and understanding that would lead them to knowledge of the will of God—what should be a first priority in the church and in their lives. In our day of misinformation, half-truths, and quick judgments we would do well to first, earnestly seek

the will and ways of God. He has not left us in the dark. Too often we want someone to tell us what to believe instead of doing research, first of all in the Scriptures.

Then Paul's prayer leads to a result of that knowledge; they would walk worthy of the Lord. The output from that life would result in (1) pleasing God, (2) bearing fruit from the good works they would demonstrate, (3) growing in the knowledge of God---something that is sadly deficient in today's world, (4) strengthened with all power (remember, their understanding of the Holy Spirit was probably weak, much like today). All this would then equip them with patience and endurance in dealing with the false teaching they faced. Paul would not let them forget the matter of gratitude—they were now qualified to share in the inheritance that God had prepared for them. They had been rescued from darkness and brought into the kingdom of light. Their sins had been forgiven and they had been redeemed. That fact must ever be on our minds.

I challenge you to meditate on this prayer, personalize it, and pray it back to God; for those around you and for your own personal growth. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com) or 580-772-2311

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