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Western Oklahoma Christian School hosts 5K

Chase Wright
Staff Writer



The Runnin' on a Prayer 5K, hosted by Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS), is set for Saturday, March 27th at P Bar Farms in Hydro. A 1-mile fun run will begin at 8:30 AM with the 5K following at 9 AM. Runners must register online: \$25 for the 1-Mile Fun Run and \$30 for the 5K. "Proceeds from the "Runnin' on a Prayer" 5K will help offset the tuition costs for families while also offering a fun event for both local and outlying communities," Dora Miller, WOCS Administrator.

The certified race's route will include historic Route 66 and sports a 1980s Retro Theme. Runners are encouraged to come dressed in leg warmers, headbands, and neon colors. Register at <https://okc.enmotive.com>.

On the day before, Friday, March 26th, a Family Fun Night will be held at P Bar Farms from 5 PM - 9 PM. The family fun night is come and go. There will be food trucks and bouncy houses available, and runners can pickup their race packets for the big day. Family Fun Night is open for everyone.

WOCS would like to thank their generous sponsor Great Plains Analytical Services (GAS) in Elk City.

A virtual race option is available.



Kevin Fischer Photography

The Weatherford Lady Eagles basketball season came to an end with a 62-48 loss to Fort Gibson in the 4A State Semifinals held at the Jim Norick arena. The Lady Eagles ended with a 23-5 record.

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Cook-off and Downhill Derby Competitions part of Crowder Lake opening day

A full day of free activities—including a playground groundbreaking, Dutch Oven Cook-off, Downhill Derby competition and Volkswagen Club of Oklahoma cruise—are planned Saturday, March 27, as part of Crowder Lake Opening Day for the 2021 summer season.

The Crowder Lake University Park, located seven miles south of Weatherford, is operated by Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

Meals and snacks will be available for purchase from a variety of different food trucks. COVID precautions such as responsible distancing and wearing facial coverings when distancing is not possible will be in place to keep this a safe, fun outdoor event for all.

The Dutch Oven Cook-off consists of two categories: dessert and entree. Each team can have up to six members. One team member must always stay in the cooking area, and all members must practice safe cooking and handling procedures. Teams are expected to provide their own food products, cooking utensils and Dutch ovens. All food

should be cooked onsite, and teams are only allowed one entry per category. The cooks meeting will take place at 10 a.m., and judging will begin at 3 p.m. Food may be served to the public at 3:30 p.m. if the teams want to serve their food.

The Downhill Derby will consist of a junior division for ages 7-18 years old and a senior division for ages 18 and up. Each team competing in the derby can have up to three members. A starting push will be allowed, but the person pushing must be the same age as the driver. The driver must wear a helmet, adequate footwear and protective clothing. The car must be able to steer and stop, and it must be able to pass an inspection. The car cannot have a motor or pedals. The inspection time for cars will be at 1 p.m., and racing will begin at 2 p.m. It will be a double elimination tournament.

For competition registration and rules for both contests, please email crowder@swosu.edu.

At 11 a.m., a groundbreaking ceremony will be held

for the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playground. Rose was an instrumental SWOSU leader who helped oversee the transition of Crowder Lake from the Oklahoma State Parks system to an outdoor classroom overseen by SWOSU. The playground is a joint effort of the Weatherford Rotary Club and the SWOSU Foundation, Inc.

The Volkswagen Club of Oklahoma will be cruising in the park during the day as well.

Schedule of events:

- 10 a.m.- Dutch Oven Cook-off Participants meeting
- 11 a.m.- Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playground groundbreaking
- 1 p.m.- Downhill Derby Race check-in and inspection
- 2 p.m.- Downhill Derby Race
- 3 p.m.- Dutch Oven Judging

For more information on opening day, please contact the Crowder Lake University Park Office at 580-774-6015 or email Paul Hummel at paul.hummel@swosu.edu.

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Evadna Louise Humbargar

Evadna Louise Humbargar was born July 27, 1926, south of Eakly, to William "Bill" and Thelma (Hale) Yearwood and passed away Friday, March 5, 2021, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro at the age of 94 years, 7 months and 8 days.



Louise was raised alongside her older brother Glenn on the farm, this is where her country roots or legacy all began. Louise was raised during the great depression in which we believe instilled some of her greatest qualities, a deeply rooted faith, a love bigger than the ocean, her value for life and a work ethic that was unbeatable. Richard Humbargar couldn't help but notice these qualities himself and did his best at sweeping her off her feet, accomplishing his goal by marrying the love of his life on November 5th 1949. Richard and Louise immediately began growing their family raising their 3 children Ann, Vaughn and Terry on the farm just as they had both been raised. Louise and her husband worked side by side whether it be in the peanut field, moving irrigation, working cattle, or raising piglets. Over the years, Louise had perfected many skills like making the best chocolate cream pie, some might even say the best in Washita County. She could sew just about anything but her favorite little sewing hobby was making baby blankets for her grandchildren. Louise had a green thumb, she could grow a garden that was vibrant and delicious, just ask anyone who has ever eaten her friend okra but, her most valuable asset to us all was her servant's heart. Loise loved serving the Lord which just poured out into this world by serving so many family and friends in her lifetime. Louise, Weezie, Aunt, Granny, Granny Loupy, Mom or Momma. She had so many names because she was loved by so many, her welcoming spirit, eagerness to serve and her ginormous heart made it so easy. These characteristics are exactly why she was entrusted by the parents of the Colony Baptist Church where she was an active member teaching the youth. Louise had a special place in her heart for children and that's how she slipped into the role of serving the youth of CBC teaching nearly every summer at VBS and Sunday school every Sunday clear up into her early 80s when her health no longer allowed. Louise's rarely missed a Sunday and was willing to help the church whenever and wherever she was needed. This also lead to working alongside the pastor's wife, Bell in the local cafe for many years. Louise has left this earth but her legacy of love and faith will live on forever.

Louise is survived by her two sons: Vaughn Humbargar and his wife Pam of Kilgore, TX and Terry Humbargar of Colony, OK; one daughter Ann Frazier and her husband Jackie of Fairview, OK; three grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; four great-great grandchildren, and a whole host of family and friends.

Billy Joe Lee

Billy Joe Lee was born November 16, 1930, in Cold Springs, OK to Virgil and Velma (Williams) Lee and passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at his home in Eakly, at the age of 90 years, 3 months and 23 days.



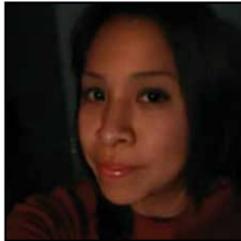
Billy was raised on a farm in Eakly where he attended school. He was enlisted in the U.S. Army from 1952 to 1956. In 1959, Billy married Gladys Christine Gunter in Hydro. In 1968, they opened Lee's Roofing Companys which they operated for 40 years. They farmed near Deer Creek from 1964 to 1980. Billy and Gladys owned a fish and tackle shop from

1980 to 1990 at Overholser Lake. He moved to Alfalfa in 1998 and in 2004 they moved to Eakly. Billy was an avid fisherman and hunter.

Billy is survived by his son Timmy J. Lee of Oklahoma City; daughter Brenda Christine Lee of Broken Arrow; brother John Lee of Eakly; four grandchildren: Nathan Lee, Chance Lee Tarpenning, Nicholas Russel and Chelsey Tarpenning; and six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Gladys; two sons Thomas and Dale; three brothers: Paul, Teddy and Gerald; and three his sisters: Pauline, Francis and Joyce.

Amber Lynn Young Bull

Graveside Services for Amber Lynn Young Bull, 30, Elk City resident were held 1:00 P.M., Monday March 15, 2021, in the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery, officiated by Rev. Delfred "Bunny" Whitecrow, Jr., Eleanor Whitecrow and Johnny Youngbull.



A traditional all night wake service was held Sunday in the Elk City Indian Baptist Church.

Amber Lynn Young Bull was born August 14, 1990, to Edmond Wayne Youngbull and Deanna Rae (Standingwater) Youngbull in Elk City, OK, and passed away Tuesday, March 9, 2021, in the Norman Regional Hospital in Norman, OK.

Amber Lynn was raised in Elk City and attended school in Hammon. While in school she was active in basketball. She worked for the Dollar Tree Store in Oklahoma City.

She was a member of the Indian Baptist Church and just liked hanging out with friends.

She is preceded in death by her dad and brother Corey Youngbull.

She is survived by a daughter Aaliyah Jim; mother Deanna Davis; two brothers: Cody Youngbull, and Brandon Standingwater, of Burns Flat, OK. She is also survived by adopted grandmother Ruby Big Horse, of Washington.

Donna Nickel

Funeral Services for Donna Nickel, 86, Corn resident were held 10:00 A.M., Monday, March 15, 2021 in the Herold Mennonite Church, officiated by Kevin Credd. A private burial will be held prior in the Herold Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Donna Raw (Lohrenz) Nickel was born September 12, 1934 along with her twin sister, Wanda Jo in Orienta, OK and passed away Wednesday, March 10, 2021 near Corn, OK.

She was raised on the family farm where she milked cows, tended pigs, turkeys, chickens, and the family horse. The family attended the Saron Mennonite Church where she gave her life to Christ at an early age and was baptized into the church. She walked to school each day to the Oreita one room school. During her high school years she attended the nearby Oklahoma Bible Academy in Meno, OK where she met her future husband LaVern Nickel. After high school she went to grace College of the Bible ion Omaha, NE where she attended for two years.

On June 28, 1955 she married her school sweetheart in a double wedding with her twin sister. She and LaVern made their home one mile west and one and a half miles north of Corn. OK where she lived for the rest of her life. They had three children, Jeff, Sonya and Tim. She faithfully performed the duties of a farm wife; making meals and taking them to the field and helping moved equipment

from one field to the next. They raised chickens, cattle, and pigs and even ran a dairy for a short time. Later in life she attended nursing school at SWOPSU then went through the LPN School in Burns Flat, OK where she graduated in 1988. In 1996 she attained her RN License by correspondence. She worked at the Corn Heritage Village, Clinton Regional Hospital and Jim Thorpe Rehabilitation. She was still serving as a nurse until February 2021 when she officially retired from nursing.

She and LaVern faithfully u served at the Herold Mennonite Church where they were members and attended all of their married years. They served on the church food committee and were youth sponsors. She sang in the choir and ladies chorus (she know every song in the hymnal and didn't need to turn to the page to sing along.) She was a part of the women in Mission organization, assisted with Vacation Bible School and young mission workers programs. She was always willing to help anyone in any way she could.

Her hobbies included reading books and doing puzzles. She also loved a good game of dominoes with her family or her group of friends she met with often. She also enjoyed meeting with a group of ladies for breakfast at the Corn Café. Donna loved spending time with her family and friends, especially her grandchildren and later great grandchildren.

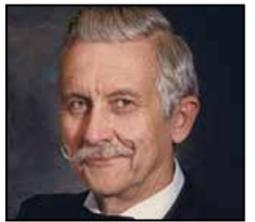
She was preceded in death by her husband LaVern, daughter Sonya (Nickel) Flaming, and granddaughter Breawna Nickel; her three brothers Norman "Bud", Gene, and Dickey; and her five sisters Anita, Betty, Marlena, Lorraine, and her twin sister Wanda.

She is survived by her son Jeff and wife Lisa of Corn, son Tim and wife Arleta of Corn, son-in-law Jim Fleming of Hobart; her brother-in-law Rocky Decker of Enid, OK; and her grandchildren Bethanie (Nickel) Slagell and husband Joseph of Hydro, OK, and Bryce Nickel and wife Anna of Corn, OK. She also has four great-grandchildren Elim, Tabitha, Caleb, and Haviilah Slagell, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

In Liu of flowers, contributions may be made to Global Disciples Organization 315 W. James St Ste 202, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Carl Ray Tripp

Carl was born January 1, 1936, in Tipton to Ted Reed and Lillie Mae (Patton) Tripp and passed away Sunday, February 28, 2021, at his home in Weatherford having reached the age of 85 years, 1 month and 27 days.



Carl was raised in Bakersfield, California until the age of 13 and then moved to Gillette, Wyoming until 1953. He graduated from Craig County High School in 1954. Carl attended Colorado University for 3 years. He enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for 3 years. On March 27, 1966, Carl married Hazel Donlin in Clear Lake, California and made their home in Pacific Grove, California where he worked for Sprinkles Sugar Company for 28 years. They moved to Weatherford in 2001. Carl enjoyed reading, collecting things with his wife, and woodworking. Memorials may be made to the Shriner's Hospital.

Carl is survived by his son Raymond Tripp and wife Allegra of Everett, Washington and his brother Wayne Tripp and wife Julie of Escondido, California. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; and sister, Pat.

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AAUW Invites SWOSU Undergraduate Women to Apply for Scholarship

The Weatherford chapter of the American Association of University Women is soliciting nominations of qualified undergraduate women who will graduate in 2021 (spring, summer, or fall) to be considered for the AAUW Scholarship.

Each applicant will be considered based on certain criteria including being a current student at SWOSU who has completed at least 30 hours of course work; will graduate in the spring, summer or fall of 2021 with either an Associate, Bachelor or Graduate degree; and has participated in extracurricular activities and has shown evidence of leadership qualities.

The completed scholarship application form and all references must be submitted by March 31 at noon. The application forms and criteria can be downloaded from the AAUW website: <http://weatherford-ok.aauw.net/scholarship/>

The AAUW Scholarship Committee will select a recipient, and the student will be notified in mid-April. The scholarship recipient will be recognized at the AAUW virtual luncheon in April.

Questions about the scholarship can be directed to Patsy Parker (patsy.parker@swosu.edu); Sarah King (sarah.king@swosu.edu) or Lisa Friesen (lisa.friesen@swosu.edu).

AAUW membership is open to all individuals who have completed a college/university degree (associate, bachelor's, master's or doctorate). Current college students are eligible for a free student e-affiliate membership. The AAUW Weatherford branch meets once each month, September through April, to conduct educational, community service and social activities. For more information about AAUW membership, contact Regina McGrane (regina.mcgrane@swosu.edu) or check out the group's website: <http://weatherford-ok.aauw.net/>.

Senior Salute Planned for SWOSU Graduates

With SWOSU graduation ceremonies approaching, the Alma Mater Merc will issue caps and gowns, at no cost, beginning March 15.

Various sizes will be available, so no preordering is necessary, according to Alma Mater Merc Director Ashley Hancock. Diploma frames, stoles, announcements and class rings will be available for purchase.

The traditional Senior Salute will be held at the newly remodeled Alma Mater Merc store on:

- March 15, 10 a.m. until 6 p.m.
- March 16 and 17, 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

If graduates cannot make it to the Senior Salute event, they can pick up their cap and gown during regular business hours at the "Merc."

The "Merc" is now located on Davis Street between the Fine Arts Center and Henrietta Mann Hall (103 East Davis). Any questions should be directed to Hancock at ashley.hancock@swosu.edu.

SWOSU Names New Endowed History Scholarship in Honor of Brenda (Smith) Lumpkin

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced that it will name the university's newest history scholarship endowment in honor of the late Brenda Lu (Smith) Lumpkin.

Lumpkin was raised in Weatherford and graduated from Weatherford High School in 1971. On December 22, 1973, she married Mark Lumpkin and they became the proud parents of Luke Smith Lumpkin and Shelby Caroline (Lumpkin) Rogers. Brenda attended SWOSU and earned degrees in both 1974 and 1978. She taught at Weatherford Public Schools from 1975 to 1985. She then worked at SWOSU for two years, teaching counseling and assisting student teachers. Brenda continued to work as a counselor in the Clinton Public Schools system.

Lumpkin was a member of the First Baptist Church of Weatherford, where she was the university director for Sunday School. On May 30, 1965, she was baptized at



the First Baptist Church in Butler. She died on October 16, 1996.

"SWOSU students will benefit for decades to come, thanks to this endowment. I was privileged to experience my student teaching period under Brenda (Smith) Lumpkin. She instilled in me a passionate commitment to education and lifelong learning," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "We are deeply grateful that Brenda's family and friends have thoughtfully chosen to honor her memory by investing in our SWOSU's mission."

The Brenda Lumpkin Memorial Scholarship Fund provides ongoing financial assistance to SWOSU's students who choose to study history.

The Brenda Lumpkin Memorial Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$28 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

For more information on the Foundation or to donate to the Brenda Lumpkin Memorial Fund, please visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-3267.

SWOSU@Yukon Launches Luncheon Series

Three upcoming luncheon series gatherings are planned in Yukon by Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

The Let's Do Lunch Yukon series is open to all members of the community. Future luncheons include:

- March 26 – Developing YOUR Brand
- March 29 – Leadership in Real-Life: 5 Practices for Success

April 8 – Developing the Next Generation of Leadership

Two SWOSU faculty members—Holly McKee, chair of SWOSU's Everett Dobson School of Business, and Sarah King, instructor of accounting—recently facilitated the first of the Spring series of luncheons. The pair shared practical tools and strategies for maximizing personality differences in the workplace.

The luncheon series is part of a partnership between SWOSU and Yukon Public Schools (YPS), which launched in Fall 2020.

"SWOSU's presence in Yukon offers students and community members incredible access to knowledge and resources," said SWOSU Graduate Director and Yukon resident Jonna Myers.

"This luncheon series is designed to enhance Yukon's business community with the expertise of SWOSU's business faculty."

"Let's Do Lunch Yukon is yet another example of the SWOSU@Yukon partnership coming together to provide access to current and relative topics centered on leadership and maximizing the workplace environment for our community members in Yukon," said YPS Executive Director of Elementary Education Lance Haggard.

Each luncheon is bring-your-own-lunch and runs from



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Two SWOSU faculty members (from left)—Sarah King, instructor of accounting, and Holly McKee, chair of SWOSU's Everett Dobson School of Business—recently facilitated the first of the Let's Do Lunch Yukon luncheon series.

12:15 p.m.-1 p.m. at the YPS Administration Building. Additional information is available by contacting Myers at jonna.myers@swosu.edu.

SWOSU's Megan Brown Selected as GAC Golfer of the Week

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The Great American Conference announced the fourth Golfers of the Week honors for the spring 2021 season. Southwestern Oklahoma State's Megan Brown claimed the women's award and Arkansas Tech's Santiago De La Fuente earned the Men's accolade.

Brown led the Lady Bulldogs to third-place result at the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invite at Kickingbird Golf Club. She tied for second in the 89-player field with a two-round total of 8-over par 148. Her opening round 3-over 73 finished as the second-best round of the tournament.



SWOSU Bulldog Blitz Talent Show is Thursday

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's annual Bulldog Blitz talent show is this Thursday, March 18, at 7 p.m. and for the first time ever, the show will be livestreamed on YouTube at <http://share.swosu.edu/BulldogBlitz2021>

Students will be showcasing their talents and competing for a \$1,000 first place prize and \$500 runner-up prize.

The public is invited to watch the show. There will also be one faculty/staff person this year as the featured secret "masked talent" and everyone will be invited to guess the person.

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LOCAL & AREA NEWS



Mike Smith
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SWOSU GROUNDBREAKING- A groundbreaking ceremony for the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playground at Crowder Lake University Park has been scheduled for March 27th at 11am. The ceremony will occur in conjunction with the 2021 Crowder Lake opening day festivities as the park begins its summer season. Rose was an instrumental SWOSU leader who helped oversee the transition of Crowder Lake from the Oklahoma State parks system to an outdoor classroom overseen by SWOSU.

SCHOOLS PANDEMIC RELIEF- State Schools Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister said the Oklahoma State Department of Education is allocating \$49 million in federal relief dollars to 88 Oklahoma school districts that had received limited funds under elementary and secondary school emergency relief. Locally, Weatherford public schools received just over \$248,000 and Leedey public schools received just over \$43,000.

CLINTON/FRIENDS ON FRISCO- Friends on Frisco returns beginning next month in the city of Clinton. Chamber of Commerce president Julie Caldwell said the event will be held the 4th Friday of each month from April through August from 6-9pm. Caldwell said Friends on Frisco returns beginning April 23rd.

WEATHERFORD HIRES NEW SUPERINTENDENT - The Weatherford school board of education approved the hiring of Jill Henderson as the next superintendent of the district. Henderson will

assume the leadership position July 1st, after completing her duties as superintendent at Canute Public Schools.

WEATHERFORD GRANT APPLICATION- A reminder the City of Weatherford is needing improvements to the wastewater treatment facility. The city is seeking to apply for a \$450,000 grant from the Oklahoma Department of Commerce to help offset the cost of the project. In order to qualify for grant funds, the city must conduct an income survey. The City of Weatherford has mailed out these surveys to random people in Weatherford. They are asking for the surveys to be filled out and returned to city hall by March 15th. The City of Weatherford will have a public hearing March 31st at city hall beginning at 8am. Any questions can be directed to the Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell.

ELK CITY SCHOOL SPARKS- Elk City Schools have also named a new superintendent. Mike Sparks will take over beginning July 1st. Sparks succeeds Rick Garrison who is retiring at the end of the current school year.

WEATHERFORD SCHOOLS DAMAGE- Interim Superintendent Steve Callen updated the school board of education on damage from broken water pipes during the cold weather at the middle school gym, performing arts center and Burcham Elementary. Callen said he hopes to hear soon just how much of the middle school gym floor needs replaced.

WASHITA COUNTY FATALITY- A woman is dead following a two vehicle accident in Washita county. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said 86-year old Donna Nickel died at the scene of the mishap on State Highway 54, 3 miles east of Com. Troopers said Nickel was driving east on State Highway 54 and turned right onto State Highway 54. However, in an attempt to avoid contact with Nickel's vehicle, the driver of a semi, 56-year old Randy Ashley of Weatherford proceeded to go around the vehicle. Nickel made an abrupt left turn into a private parking lot. The semi made contact with the Nickel vehicle and both departed the roadway.

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SWOSU Baseball Wins Second Straight Series

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Bulldogs baseball team won their three-game Great American Conference series against Southern Nazarene this weekend, including a run-rule win in the series finale on Sunday.

After splitting a double header with SNU Saturday, SWOSU won the rubber match and the series 2-1 against SNU. The Bulldogs now are 6-4 and are 5-4 in GAC play. They return to the diamond, 2 p.m. Friday at home against Ouachita Baptist for a three-game series.

Game 1: SWOSU 14, SNU 3

SWOSU scored five runs in the second and ninth innings. They scored six runs in the first two innings and controlled the game from there on out. In the top of the second inning, SWOSU scored five runs as Drew White hammered a home run over the left field fence and on this play, Zach Baxley and Miguel Soto scored.

SNU scored three runs in the bottom of the fifth, but trailed 8-3. SWOSU put the game out of reach in the top of the ninth as Zach Baxley hit a home run over the center field fence and Alex Bedard scored.

Baxley had himself a game, going 4-for-6 at the plate, had four RBIs and scored two runs. Taylan Mullins-Ohm went 4-for-6 and he scored two runs. Griffin Larsen was 3-of-5 from the plate, had three RBIs and scored three runs.

Nate Postlethwait was on the mound for the Bulldogs and he pitched a great game. He recorded seven strikeouts. Ryan Hildner came into relief in the bottom of the eighth inning, and he got two strikeouts for the Bulldogs and gave up no hits. In the bottom of the ninth inning, Matt Milner came into close for the Bulldogs. He gave up a hit, but the defense behind him got the three outs to win the first game of the series.

Game 2: SNU 8, SWOSU 2

The game was polar opposite and SNU snagged its first win of the season. SNU scored all of their runs in the first two innings, scoring six in the bottom of the first and two in the bottom of the second. Pitching wild pitches was a problem and the first run was scored off a wild pitch thrown while four of the six runs scored by SNU were unearned.

The Bulldogs got the sticks going in the top of the fifth inning and scored their first run of the ballgame when



Bedard was hit by a pitch with the bases loaded. Mullins-Ohm scored from third base.

Needing a big rally in the top of the seventh inning to win, SWOSU scored just one run as Baxley hit a single down the left field line and Bedard scored from second base. SWOSU only had two RBIs, but had nine hits in this game. Soto and White each went 2-for-4 at the plate. Keyshaun Smith went 2-for-3 at the plate.

On the mound for SWOSU in this one was Noah Chapin and he only pitched for an inning. He got two strikeouts, but gave up six runs. In the second inning, Chris Goldston pitched for two innings, recording three strikeouts. Pitching the rest of the way for SWOSU was Grant Ewy and he did not give up a single run, had two strikeouts and gave up zero hits.

Game 3: SWOSU 21, SNU 5 (7 inn.)

SWOSU was in control from the get go. They had a strong start with 11 runs in the first three innings. They scored six runs in the top of the second and four runs in the top of the third. SWOSU recorded 13 hits in the first

three innings, two triples and Smith scored on a solo home run shot over the left field fence.

SWOSU continued to prove who the better baseball squad was, scoring three runs in the top of the fourth and top of the sixth. The Bulldogs were not finished as they tallied four more runs on the board in the top of the seventh with four base hits in this inning, giving SWOSU a 21-3 advantage.

SNU attempted to prolong the game and scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh, but it was not enough and SWOSU won 21-5. SWOSU recorded 25 hits.

Bedard scored five runs and three RBI. He also went 5-for-6 at the plate. White had six RBIs and scored four runs. He went 4-for-5 at the plate. Soto had four hits, scored three runs and had three RBIs. He went 4-for-4 at the plate.

On the mound for the Bulldogs was Matt Hopkins and he pitched for 4.1 innings. He recorded two strikeouts, but gave up seven hits. Chase Hamilton came to relieve Hopkins. He threw two strikeouts, but gave up five hits.

Lady Bulldogs Down Texas A&M-Commerce to Return to Regional Finals

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team turned 26 Texas A&M-Commerce turnovers into 30 points on their way to a 97-79 victory over the Lions on Saturday night in the Semifinals of the South Central Regional at the First United Bank Center in Canyon.

SWOSU came out firing from the jump, hitting 12-of-19 field goal attempts, including a trio of three-pointers, as they built a 29-18 lead at the end of the first quarter. With Lady Bulldog senior Bethany Franks in foul trouble in the second quarter, however, Commerce would mount a comeback using a 9-0 run to take a 45-43 lead in the closing seconds of the first half. The Lady Dawgs would finish the quarter strong, however, and seize the lead – and momentum – with a 4-0 run courtesy of a basket by Makyra Tramble followed by a steal and lay-in from Lauren Ramey. The Lady Bulldogs would pick up right where they left

off in the second half, scoring the first four points of the third quarter and pushing the lead back to nine less than halfway through the period. A three-pointer by Ramey in the closing minute of the third put SWOSU up 70-58 heading into the fourth. SWOSU maintained a lead of at least six points the entire fourth quarter and pulled away in the final minutes, holding the Lions scoreless for the final 2:06 of the game.

SWOSU scored 30 points off turnovers, helping to offset the Lions advantage in the paint (40-36) and on second-chance points (24-20). The Lady Bulldogs battled a much taller Commerce team to the point where they were only outrebounded by four (49-45) and SWOSU got 12 points off the bench while leading for 37:37 minutes of game time.

Leading the charge for SWOSU was Tramble and Carly Gore, who scored 21 points apiece, with Tramble

recording a double-double in her first NCAA Division II postseason game with 11 rebounds. Macy Gore added 17 points, eight rebounds, seven assists and two steals and Lauren Ramey had 11 points as SWOSU got 85 points out of their starting five on Saturday night.

It was SWOSU's fifth starter and most experienced player who had the biggest impact on the semifinal. Bethany Franks had a double-double with 15 points and 12 rebounds in addition to two steals – which gives her 299 for her career. While her stats may seem modest, the biggest indicator of her effect on the game was her plus/minus rating, which accounts for the difference in scoring while she was on the court. Each of SWOSU's starters had a plus/minus rating of +16 or better, but it was Franks who led the way as the Lady Bulldogs outscored Commerce by 27 points in her 28:10 of action.

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Megan Brown and Drew White Named Bulldogs of the Week



Doug Self
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Brown (Cordell, Okla.) led the SWOSU Women's Golf team to a third-place finish at the Diffie Ford Lincoln Invite last week by finishing in a tie for second place at the event. She was tied for first place after the

opening round, in which she shot the second-best round of the tournament with a three-over 73 and she finished eight over for the tournament to place second out of 89 players in the field.

White (Moore, Okla.) was one of several Bulldog Baseball hitters to have a big weekend at the plate against Southern Nazarene. In the three-game series, he had seven hits, with two doubles and two home runs, and he finished with a slugging percentage of 1.000%. White hit .467 for the week and scored three runs while recording at least one hit in each game, finishing out the series with four hits and six RBI on Sunday.

"The Coin Guy" Colorful Circulated Half Dime



Trent Boesen

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Color Fun Walk & Run Planned by SWOSU-Sayre

A color fun walk/run is being planned in conjunction with the Sayre Alumni Parade by the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Sayre.

The free walk/run is planned Saturday, April 3, at 11:30 a.m., immediately following the parade.

Nancy Sanders said there is no registration and interested individuals should just show up at the Beckham County Courthouse. The SWOSU Code Blue spirit vehicle will kick off the walk/run. Masks

are required.

A color party will be held at the finish line. Individuals should wear white and will be covered in color. Sunglasses are recommended, according to Sanders. The walk/run will continue west on Main Street to Mondo's Fit Life Gym where a bottled water and "wash-off" station will be available.

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Oklahoma History: Wild West Shows

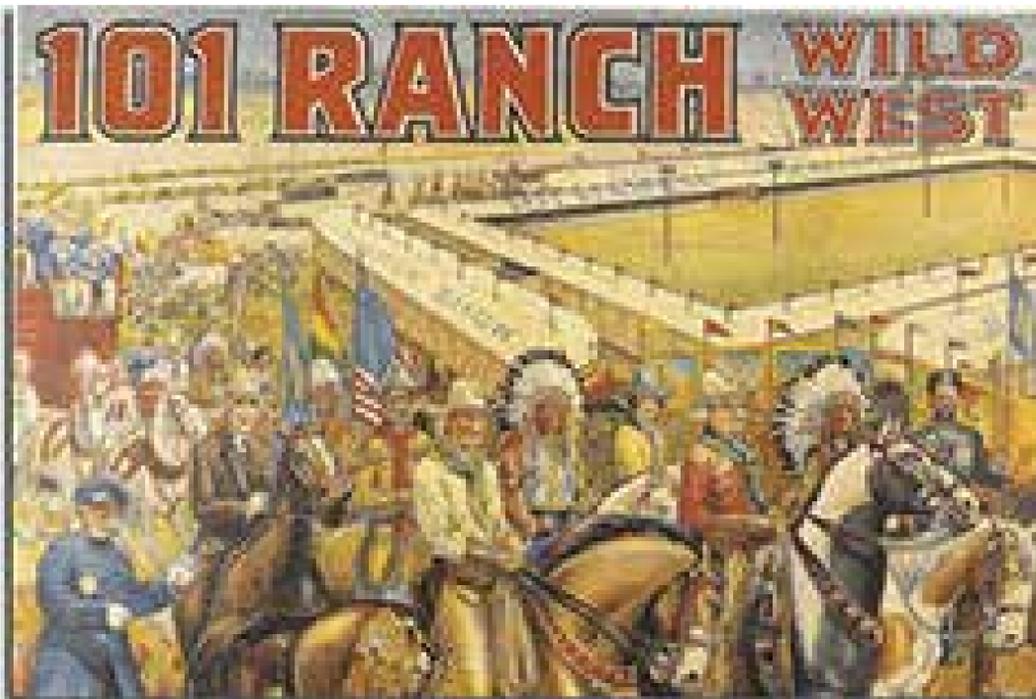
In May of 1883, "Buffalo Bill" performed his first Wild West Show. These "Wild West" shows brought together outsiders to the Plains while also informing them about some of the wildlife. The unclaimed, lawless land became exciting to "civilized" folk.

Buffalo Bill's success led to many other shows popping up around the country, but only three groups dominated the industry: Buffalo Bill's, Tom Mix, and the Miller Brothers of the 101 Ranch in Oklahoma.

The 101 Ranch began when George Washington Miller used a 101 brand on his cattle. The 101 name became one of the most recognizable names in ranching and the west, and became a self sufficient showplace with a school, show grounds, cafe, hotel, blacksmith, general store, dairy, oil refinery, and its own currency. There were around 3,000 people living on the ranch throughout the year; it was even classified as a city.

After growing the ranch to cover over 100 thousand acres, his sons held an event in 1905 called "Oklahoma's Gala Day" that featured trick roping, riding, Indian Dancers, and shooting, even the famous Apache Geronimo dazzled spectators with his deftness. The show's popularity attracted the best of the best and included performances by the great Will Rogers, Tom Mix, and Bill Pickett.

Bill Pickett's adrenaline pumping "bulldogging" show was one of the main events that led to the show's major growth. He was the first person to slide off a horse onto a steer to wrestle it down. Pickett was described by Colonel Zack Miller as, "the greatest sweat-and-dirt cowhand that ever lived - bar none." Pickett was later



featured in a silent film in 1923 titled "The Bull-dogger".

The 101 Show built on the success of that first show went on the road across the country lasting for 35 years. They even took shows worldwide to Canada, Mexico, South America, and Europe. They

also performed for King George V and Queen Mary of England in 1914.

These Wild West shows brought people flocking to the region and Oklahoma's population and notoriety skyrocketed.

HIGHER GROUND

Letter from Custer County Jail



Jim Morrison

When inmates leave the county jail they are often forced to leave behind some of their stuff. A couple of years ago I picked up a journal that an unidentified individual had left. In excellent penmanship, grammar and sentence structure, he shared his thoughts for eight days. It was both inspiring and heartbreaking. No names were given so I can't give credit or recognition but I share it to give you a picture of the struggles that some go through and to bring attention to their need for our prayers.

March 27, 2019 (An unknown inmate)

I have recently had an epiphany of what it truly means to give one's life over to God and become a follower of Jesus. I am setting in my cell in Custer County jail in Arapaho, Ok. I am in here on charges for trafficking methamphetamines. My wife is also in here for the

same charge. This is not my first time to be arrested by no means. I have already been sent to prison 4 times. Throughout all my times being in jail or prison, I have read the Bible countless times; I would say probably 7 times, front to back, not to mention times I've read just the New Testament or this book or that book. I would "poor" myself into it. I even took college Bible courses while incarcerated.

But regardless of all that I still got out and eventually went right back to doing the things that I shouldn't do, the things that got me into trouble. It was very discouraging. Don't get me wrong. I tried to do right and was somewhat successful at first. The thing I have figured out is that all those times I hadn't done what God really wanted me to do. God wants me to turn my entire life over to Him, to control, not just part of my life, all of It; not just partial control, He wants full control. He wants a relationship with me and wants me to trust Him.

Well since I have gotten here this realization hit me and so I prayed and turned my life over to God. I gave Him control. The peace that I was filled with after that was incredible. This all happened approximately 2 1/2

months ago. Well, I was fairly happy and content after that. I was at peace. Then without realizing why, I started losing my peace and becoming depressed, worried, and discouraged. Then I realized that something wasn't right. Without realizing I was doing it, I was slowly piece by piece trying to take my "control" back. It was causing all these negative emotions to come back.

Satan was gradually taking the peace of God from me. I had a great friend and Christian brother who helped me come to this realization. So now I realize that I have to continually be on guard and continually take inventory of myself to make sure I'm not trying to withdraw control back from God; to truly do as Jesus said and "follow Him." I have to relinquish all control of everything in my life over to God and continue daily even hourly to give Him control. I just need to ask Him to allow the Holy Spirit to guide me each day into God's will for me and let God take it from there. I love the peace that God has given me and I want to maintain that peace, therefore, in the words of Carrie Underwood, "Jesus Take the Wheel." To comment jhm82@outlook.com or 580-772-2311

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