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Save A Lot to host food drive for WFRC

The Weatherford Food and Resource Center is having a "Fill The Truck" Food Drive at Save a Lot on Saturday, March 27th. from 9 AM – 5 PM. They will be accepting donations for the pantry. The WFRC serves local communities at Arapaho, Butler, Clinton, Colony, Corn, Custer City, Eakly, Fay, Hammon, Hydro, Thomas, & Weatherford. Their goal is to "increase the distribution of food and to improve access to healthy food choices for Oklahomans who struggle with hunger."

Additionally, the WFRC has partnered with 12 restaurants/food trucks for a "Dine Out Against Hunger" fundraiser on Thursday, April 8th. The participating restaurants/food trucks are donating a percentage of their sales from April 8th to the WFRC. These choices from Clinton, Thomas, and Weatherford include Clinton: The Branding Iron, TC's Country Kitchen, and White Dog Hill; Thomas: Oklahoma Street Grill, and Wetherford: Double 6 Diner, Downtown Diner, Dubtown Dawgs, Kilpatty's BBQ Co., Pecan Creek Catering, Pizza Hut, QDOBA, and Rx Brew.

So, if you're due for some groceries or are looking for a nice meal out on the town, consider swinging by Save A Lot on March 27th or grabbing a bite on April 8th. A little support can mean the world to another.



Fire Chief Mike Carlin

The Weatherford Fire Department recently held a water and gatorade drive. The community donated over 100 cases of water and gatorade as well as some monetary donations.

Relay for Life is Back and scheduled for April 9 at SWOSU



The Relay for Life movement is the world's largest fundraising event to save lives from cancer, and the Relay for Life of Beckham and Custer counties is scheduled this year on Friday, April 9, on the campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Teams of people are invited to sign up and participate in the American Cancer Society event that will be held outdoors from 6-9 p.m. at the SWOSU Clock Tower

and south lawn.

"Each year, we celebrate people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones, and take action for lifesaving change," said Veronica Aguiñaga, assistant professor in the SWOSU Department of Education. "We would be honored to have you join us at this year's event as a survivor, caregiver, volunteer, sponsor or guest."

The funds raised through Relay for Life will help honor survivors, remember loved ones, and support those who are currently receiving treatment along with their caregivers. There will be lots of fun activities for the entire family, according to Aguiñaga.

Individuals who would like to form teams, follow these easy steps:

Invite your organization members, department

colleagues, friends, or family to join your team and sign up for a team @ https://secure.acsevents.org/site/STR?pg=entry&fr_id=99251.

Download the American Cancer Society FUNdraising app to utilize the text and email function to seek out donations. Decide on a fundraiser and raise money.

For individuals that cannot make a commitment to participate but want to donate, Aguiñaga suggests consideration of purchasing a luminaria bag that will be featured at the event.

For more information, contact Aguiñaga at veronica.aguinaga@swosu.edu or Kyna Swanson at kyna.swanson@cancer.org or visit the group's Facebook page, Relay for Life of Beckham and Custer County, OK.

WESTERN PLAINS WEATHERFORD GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL SEMINAR MARCH 27, 2021



Location: Weatherford Pioneer Center
1000 Gartrell Place

Registration: 9:30am to 10am

Registration Fee: \$15 (Members) \$25 (non-members)

Includes lunch and handouts

AM SESSION

10am - 11:15am Reonna Gossen

"The Science of DNA"

Questions & Answers: 11:15am - Noon

LUNCH

Noon - 1pm

PM SESSION

1pm-2:15pm Kathey Williams

"Finding Unknown Relatives Using DNA"

Questions & Answers 2:15pm-3pm

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Cecil Loyd Inman

Cecil Loyd Inman was born on Deer Creek near Thomas, Oklahoma, to James (Jim) Inman and Beulah (Cooke) Inman, March 14, 1932. He passed away March 12, 2021, two days before his eighty-ninth birthday.

Cecil had a passion for raising, training, and racing thoroughbred horses. However, most of his career was spent in the pipeline industry, working all over the United States as a utility inspector. After years of overseeing pipe for oil and gas production, he learned new, skills and worked in downtown Los Angeles in the 1990s with fiber optic cable.

Cecil married Maxine (Park) Thomas in Thomas, Oklahoma, December twelfth, 1960. She predeceased him in 1989. Cecil was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers Orin Inman and J. H. Inman, Jr.

He is survived by his son Craig and daughter-in-law Debbie; daughter Annette Diamond; grandchildren: Hugh Diamond and Stefany Diamond; sisters Martha Eaton, Margaret Hinderliter; Illa Drohman; brother, Earl Inman; and numerous nieces and nephews.

members.

He is preceded in death by a son Micah Walker, his grandparents Willie and Lula Mae Walker and Lloyd and Hazel Lanning of Watonga, a niece Quinci Stewart and nephew Logan Stewart. He will be missed by many other family and friends.

Calvin Dwaine Schneider

Funeral services for Calvin Dwaine Schneider, 89 year-old Thomas resident, were held Saturday, March 20, 2021, 10:00 A.M. at the First United Methodist Church with Chapin Nease officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Hope Cemetery, southeast of Custer City, under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Thomas.



Dwaine was born November 7, 1931, in humble beginnings to Thomas Raymond Schneider and Emma Christina (Hamburger) Schneider and passed away Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at Corn Heritage Village of Weatherford. Thomas and Emma raised Dwaine and his sisters on the family's Oklahoma Centennial farm, which was the foundation of Dwaine's character and outlook on life. He grew up and graduated from Custer City High School. During his teenage years, he became an Eagle Scout.

Dwaine maintained his love of farming throughout his life. On the family farm, he implemented crop rotation and arranged an irrigation system—new and up and coming at the time. As much as Dwaine was an organizer and innovator, he was an excellent storyteller and leatherworker. His knack for giving advice, whether solicited or not, was unmatched. Most often, the advice started with, "Let me tell you something..." As a self-proclaimed expert in conversation, Dwaine could make friends with anyone. Many of his conversations included the previously mentioned advice or his opinion on a particular matter (he held plenty of opinions). No matter where he was or the time of the day, Dwaine really enjoyed his coffee, which required two packets of sweetener (this necessity didn't allow for pickiness) and a generous pour of half-and-half. He enjoyed sports of any kind, and he especially loved watching his children and grandchildren play competitively. Through and through, Dwaine was a fierce Thomas Terrier, OU Sooner, and an avid follower of his grandchildren's latest adventures and challenges.

Dwaine attended college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and earned his bachelor's degree in industrial arts and speech. Following graduation, he served in the United States Army. During his service with the Army, he successively graduated from leadership training. After his military service, Dwaine began his teaching and coaching career at Bradley, Oklahoma, taking his first high school girls' basketball team to state. While coaching in Bradley, he met the love of his life Wanda while coaching at Bradley. Dwaine and Wanda Schneider were married on August 18, 1956, in Chickasha, Oklahoma. Following their marriage, Dwaine and Wanda moved to Norman where he commenced his master's studies in education.

On completion of his master's degree, Dwaine moved his young family back home to Custer County where he and Wanda continued growing their family. Dwaine served Custer City Schools with his coaching, teaching, and administrative skills and experience. After nine years in Custer City, he moved the family to Thomas where he began a twenty-four year stint as superintendent of schools. During his time as the superintendent, Dwaine built a school system at Thomas that developed and graduated innumerable high-quality students who have moved forward to serve in their communities, states, and the nation. While superintendent, Dwaine also received a secondary schools administrative certificate from the University of Oklahoma, which he was especially proud of.

When he wasn't working on the farm or at work, Dwaine served his community and state by active membership in the Oklahoma Secondary School Activities Association, including a term as President; the local United Methodist Men's group; Gideons International; the Oklahoma Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, including service as a district lay leader; and Boy Scouts. He was a faithful servant of Jesus Christ, willing to serve others at any cost and loved participating in Gideons International and the United Methodist Men. Dwaine enjoyed several hobbies, including gardening, golfing, quail hunting, and fishing; his golf swing was best described as "unique." His gardening successes were sometimes overshadowed by his zealous use of weed killer. His strawberries never stood a chance.

He was preceded in death by his parents Emma and Thomas Raymond Schneider; his youngest sister Christine Ethel Greenwood; and his eldest daughter Vickie Ann (Schneider) Chapman. Dwaine is survived by his wife of sixty-four years Wanda Fay (Motley) Schneider; his son Thomas Dwaine and wife Donna of Tahlequah, OK; daughter Vinita (Schneider) Chapman and husband John of Woodbury, CT; daughter Valinda (Schneider) Fisher and husband Tim of Thomas, OK; grandson Kelby Jinkens and wife Christy, and their children Emery, Kaliber, and Swayde; grandson Kody Jinkens and wife Erin and their children Maguire and Ryder; grandson James Chapman and wife Hannah; granddaughter Lauren Chapman and wife Katie; grandson Thomas R. Schneider; grandson Andrew Chapman; grandson Michael Chapman; grandson David Chapman; granddaughter Katie Schneider; grandson Tate Schneider; step grandchildren Tabbitha (Fisher) Tannehill husband Jeremy and son Jackson, and Chance Fisher; sisters Carol Ann Schneider and Della Jean (Schneider) Littleton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Despite the best and earnest efforts of his family, Dwaine never answered lingering questions about who Sam Hill is and where he is from.

Betty Jeannine Wilmeth

Funeral Services for Betty Jeannine Wilmeth, 92, Poteau, Oklahoma, resident formerly of the Custer City-Independence community was held at 2:00 p.m., Friday, March 19, 2021, in the Chapel at Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, Oklahoma officiated by Richard Vermillion, burial will conclude in the Mound Valley Cemetery in Thomas, Oklahoma.



Jeannine was born on February 24, 1929, in Enid, Oklahoma, to Alice and John McEwen and passed away on March 15, 2021, at the McBride Hospital in Edmond, Oklahoma. Jeannine moved to Custer County when she was a pre-teen to live with her Aunt Helen and Uncle Melvin Osborne of Arapaho, Oklahoma, where she completed high school. She worked at the Custer County Clerk's Office where she met Jack Malcomb Wilmeth who had just returned from World War II. She and Jack were married on February 15, 1949, in Arapaho, Oklahoma, and made their home North of Custer City in the Independence community where they farmed until Jack passed away in 1974. Their children include Joe Brent Wilmeth (deceased), Janet Kay Sockey of Poteau, Oklahoma, Janie Stermer of Clinton, Oklahoma, and Jay Kent Wilmeth (deceased).

Jeannine was a devoted Christian mother and grandmother. She was a faithful member of the Independence United Methodist Church. She enjoyed reading, cooking, quilting, surfing on her i-pad and most of all spending time with family and friends. She had a very kind and loving disposition and was loved by all.

Surviving daughters are Janet Kay Sockey and husband RL Sockey and Janie Stermer and husband, Steve Stermer. Jeannine had eight beloved grandchildren-Traci Terrel, Zac Wilmeth, Ryan Adams, Steven Sockey, Kelli Helzer, Misty Halberg, Jennifer Thompson, and Jackie McDaniel; 19 great-grandchildren; brother Jerry Suits and wife Claudia; special sister-in-law Bobbye Chase; daughter-in-law Gailene Park; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her husband Jack Wilmeth; two son's Joe Brent Wilmeth and Jay Kent Wilmeth; mother Alice Pittser; father, John McEwen; sister Dolores Montgomery; and brother Bob Suits.

Michael Anthony Walker

Michael Anthony Walker was born on December 9, 1964, to Clyde and Barbara (Lanning) Walker in Thomas, OK. Michael left his earthly home on March 15, 2021, in Oklahoma City having reached the age of 56 years, 3months and 6 days.



Michael spent his early years on the farm in Eagle City. He attended Eagle City Christian Church. In 1967, his parents discovered that Michael was partially deaf so his mother loaded up her children and took him to Enid so he could start his education at the Speech and Hearing School. Michael then attended the Jane Brooks School for the Deaf until the 9th Grade. After that he attended Canton Public Schools. Michael was busy helping his parents over the summers, driving combines and trucks as custom wheat harvester, going from Texas all the way to Canada. Michael helped drive combines and trucks and whatever else needed done. Michael had a talent for fixing things, and if you know our family, that kind of skill came in very handy! He loved working on things and could fix almost anything he set his mind too. He worked over the years as a mechanic in Woodward, drove trucks for Jack Foster and worked on road construction. He loved fast cars and lived his life to the fullest. In 1995, Michael married Josephine Buffalomeat in Seiling, OK. He was blessed to be the father of twin boys Cody Brock and Brody Drake who he loved with all his heart. After his declining health, he spent this final years living at home with his mom in Thomas.

Michael is survived by his father Clyde Walker of Eagle City; his mother Barbara Lanning Walker of Thomas; two sons: Cody and fiancée Alissa Lee and granddaughter Micah Jo Walker of Canton, Brody Walker of Seiling; his sisters: Sheila Thomas and husband Jeff of Broken Arrow, Kelli Litsch of Eagle City, and Melody Hamilton and husband Shayne of Arnett, OK; a niece, many nephews, great nieces, a great nephew and a host of other family

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SWOSU Physics Club Named Distinguished Chapter



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The SWOSU Physics Club in Weatherford was recently named a "Distinguished Chapter" by the national office of the Society of Physics Students. Among those involved with the chapter are students and faculty (front from left): faculty sponsor Dr. Terry Goforth, Tabitha Taylor, Canute; Kaitlyn Schrick, Frederick; Ryan Horn, Buffalo; and Emma Bollinger, Stillwater. Back from left—Taylor Valdez, Adams; Riley Smith, Arnett; Jeffrey Lewis, Hollis; Raistlin Hiner, Anadarko; Brock Mason, Tuttle; and faculty sponsor Dr. Wayne Trail. Not pictured are Andres Arrieta, Weatherford; Roberto Soliz, Clinton; Josh Henson, Piedmont; and Grayson Butcher, Elk City.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's Physics Club in Weatherford has been named a "Distinguished Chapter" by the national office of the Society of Physics Students (SPS).

The SWOSU organization, a small but active group, was recently featured in the SPS Observer, a quarterly magazine of SPS.

In the fall of 2019, through support from the Oklahoma NASA Space Grant Consortium, the club started a rocketry project with the goal of competing in the 2020 Argonia Cup, a national collegiate rocketry competition held in Argonia (KS). To compete, each uses a high-powered rocket to fly a golf ball up to at least 8,000 feet and then deliver the ball as close as possible to a specified landmark near the launch site.

Sadly, the Argonia Cup was cancelled in 2020 but the club is preparing to compete in 2021.

Another ongoing project is the building of Dobsonian telescopes with parts collected from old, nonworking telescopes that have accumulated at the SWOSU Observatory. The club is using these parts to make simpler, more efficient telescopes that are more easily transported.

Their latest and largest project is a 16-inch Dobsonian telescope that uses a mirror donated some 15 years ago. When finished, it will be a large portable "Dob" that the club can take to remote public viewing sessions. Eventually, the club hopes to donate some of their student-built telescopes to area high schools.

The club has sponsored several viewing sessions at Roman Nose State Park and the SWOSU Observatory.

Other research projects include using microcontroller-operated seismometers to monitor the recent

increase in Oklahoma earthquakes and engaging in astrophotography and photometry, using the SWOSU Observatory to explore the universe from galaxies to supernovae.

"These research projects mean a lot to us as students," said Brock Mason, president of the SWOSU Physics Club. "While they are great ways to make memories and be a part of something bigger than ourselves, they also enable us to expand our knowledge and skill sets beyond the classroom."

In addition to the mentioned projects, the club helps each year with Physics Day when area high schools bring students to the SWOSU campus to see demonstrations and projects. At times, the students take Physics Day to area schools.

In the past, the SWOSU Physics Club has received both "Distinguished" and "Outstanding" chapter awards from the national office.



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Mikendell Reuter of Altus and Amy White of Tipton were the top two winners at Southwestern Oklahoma State University's annual Bulldog Blitz Student Talent Show held March 18 on the Weatherford campus. Reuter (left) won \$1,000 for her guitar/song performance of "Grow As We Go" by Ben Platt and White won \$500 for her singing performance of "A Change is Gonna Come" by Sam Cooke. Dr. James South (not pictured), representing the SWOSU employees, was the masked talent performer at the show.

SWOSU-Sayre Conducting Water Bottle Drive for Fire Fighters

A water bottle drive to benefit area fire fighters is underway through April 2 on the SWOSU-Sayre campus.

SWOSU students and others are encouraged to drop off new water bottles inside Bulldog Alley, the Alexander Building student

lounge on the Sayre campus.

Student Government Association members will distribute the donated water bottles to area fire departments.

The Student Government Association does this each spring, as the weather warms and fire

danger increases, as a way to thank the communities' fire departments that do so much to keep all of us safe this time of year," said SGA sponsor Nancy Sanders.

Sanders and SGA members can be contacted by emailing Sanders at nancy.sanders@swosu.edu.





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WEATHERFORD GRANT DENIED- A \$500,000 grant sought by the City of Weatherford for municipal pool improvements has been turned down. Mayor Mike Brown said he plans to reapply for the funds. Brown said he believes the pool can still be open this year.

CORDELL WATER IMPROVEMENTS- Cordell City Council, acting as the utilities authorities, has decided to move forward with a \$1.8 million loan for water improvements. City administrator J.C. Moser said engineer Matt Coe of Myers Engineering made a presentation surrounding the improvements before the council decided to move forward with the work.

CLINTON MASK MANDATE ROLLBACK- Clinton city council decided to sunset the mask mandate in the city effective March 19th. Councilman Patch McComas said businesses still need to be able to require masks from the public if they choose to do so. The mask mandate had previously been scheduled to sunset on April 30th.

CLINTON SMOKE DETECTORS- Area fire officials continue to urge having working smoke detectors in your home. That plea continues from Clinton Fire Chief Brett Russell after a structure fire last week. Area fire officials have said there have been several structure fires across the state this year alone where working smoke detectors were not in use.

CLINTON STRUCTURE FIRE- Clinton fire crews worked a structure fire outside Clinton that destroyed a home. Fire Chief Brett Russell said the fire started on the back patio on the north end of the house. A GoFund Me account has been set up for the homeowners Jaime and Juanita Carrizales, who are both employed by Clinton Public Schools.

CORDELL THEATRE- Cordell City Council, acting as the developmental redevelopment authority, heard a report about the city's movie theatre. City administrator J.C. Moser said the city is working to sanitize the theatre and get it ready to lease for reopening. Moser said the movie theatre has been closed since last spring.

Harold Wright to host new radio show

In the same tradition, Harold Wright is starting a new Radio Talk Show on KCLI 99.3 FM on Monday April 5th, 6AM to 8AM, Mon-Fri. "Wright Time for Western Oklahoma." WTWO.

Wright is a veteran radio broadcaster with over 50 years of experience as a DJ, Talk Show Host, Account Executive, and founder of Wright Broadcasting Systems, Inc. He was inducted into the Oklahoma Association of Broadcasting Hall of Fame in 2010.

He and his son Heston Wright own and operate 5 radio stations in Western Oklahoma, including KCLI, and publisher of the WestOk Weekly. Wright worked for KWOE in Clinton, now KCLI, while in college in 1967.

He also served as Speaker Pro Tem of the Oklahoma House of Representatives for the past 4 years, including a 12 year career in the Oklahoma Legislature.

Wright and wife Carol are 1971 graduates of Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He will be inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in May.

Guests the first week include Ric Freeman, Sen. James Lankford, DA Angela Marsee, Todd Lamb and



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SPORTS *Presented by:*

SWOSU Soccer back on track with shutout at SNU

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Four different players scored for the SWOSU Soccer team last Tuesday night while the Bulldogs posted a clean sheet in a 4-0 victory over Southern Nazarene at Wes Harmon Field.

SWOSU scored twice in each half, getting goals from Juliana Rocha and Brooke Scott in the first half before Claire Torry and Brenna McGuirk added to the goal flurry in the second half for the 4-0 margin. Brianna Benitez assisted on each goal.

While the Bulldogs posted 31 shot attempts and 16 shots on goal, SWOSU goalkeeper Ashley Hughes faced just eight shots and made saves on both of SNU's shots on goal.

The Bulldogs snap a two-game slide with the victory and improve to 3-2 on the year and 2-1 in conference play, with each of SWOSU's victories this year coming by shutout. SWOSU Soccer is back on the road this weekend, facing Harding on Saturday morning in Searcy, Ark.



Women's Golf Finishes Tied for Sixth at Midwestern State

Megan Brown tied for sixth place and fired a round of 73 in her second round of play at the Midwestern State Invitational, played last week at Wichita Falls Country Club in Wichita Falls, Texas.

She was the only SWOSU golfer who shot three rounds in the 70's and the only one to crack the top 10 as an individual as she led her team to a tie for sixth place with Cameron.

Brown was one shot away from tying for third and finished 12 over par total for the tournament. She tied with Rebecca Reed from St. Mary's and with Abigail Rigsby from Oklahoma Christian.

Rebecca Lau finished second on the team for SWOSU and she fired a 74 in her final 18 holes after having scores of 78 and 85 in her first two rounds of golf. Mikela Rindermann also shot a 78 in her first round, followed by rounds of 82 and 81 in her next two rounds.

The Lady Bulldogs finished two shots behind Central Oklahoma in fifth place and nine shots behind Midwestern State, who finished in third place.

SWOSU Women's Golf returns to action next week at the Central Regional Invitational, played March 29-30 at St. Joseph Country Club in St. Joseph Missouri.



Brianna Benitez Claims GAC offensive award

The Great American Conference announced the league's third Women's Soccer Player of the Week awards of the 2021 spring season. Southwestern Oklahoma State's Brianna Benitez won Offensive Player; Oklahoma Baptist's Kimmy McKinney earned Defender and Ouachita's Michele Snow repeated as Goalkeeper of the Week.

Benitez established a new school record and matched the GAC's single-game record for assists when she recorded one on all four of the Bulldogs' goals in a shutout victory against Southern Nazarene on Tuesday. Northwestern Oklahoma State's Jessica Lynch established the record in a contest against Ouachita on October 23, 2014.



SWOSU Rodeo Tickets Go On Sale March 20th

Tickets for the 48th Annual SWOSU Rodeo went on sale Saturday, March 20, at StubWire.com.

The SWOSU Rodeo takes place on Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10, at Don Mitchell Arena in Weatherford, with performances each night at 7:00 pm and slack taking place on Friday and Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 am. Tickets must be purchased in advance for each session, with costs of \$10 per performance and \$5 for slack each day.

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Bulldog of the Week Awards Go To Breanna Simmons and Matt Hopkins



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU Softball's Breanna Simmons and Bulldog Baseball's Matt Hopkins have been named the newest Bulldogs of the Week, which were announced on Monday morning.

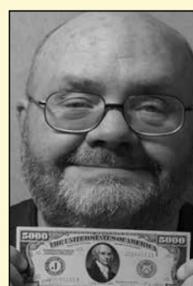
The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of the Bulldogs over the airwaves on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Simmons (Hendrix, Okla.) had a stellar week at the plate as she helped the Bulldogs finish off a sweep of Southern Nazarene before finishing 3-4 for the week. In seven games, she had four multi-hit games and batted .367 with 11 hits, five doubles, two home runs and 10

RBI. Simmons, who is currently on a 14-game hitting streak, is second on the team with a .377 batting average for the year and she leads the Dawgs in hits, doubles and RBI.

Hopkins (Kingfisher, Okla.) capped off the Bulldogs three-game sweep of Ouachita over the weekend with a masterful performance on the mound. He allowed four hits and struck out eight over the first 7.0 innings and tossed a shutout in allowing the Dawgs to run-rule the Tigers 10-0 in eight innings. Hopkins, who is now 2-0 on the year with a team-leading 1.84 ERA, did not walk any Ouachita batters and held the Tigers to a .167 batting average with zero extra-base hits.

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Trent Boesen

On July 30, 2002, a 1933 gold double eagle (\$20) was sold at auction for \$6.6 million dollars plus a (15% buyers fee). The final price was \$7.59 million. The buyer remained anonymous.

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Clinton High School alumni accepts sports director position



Logan Moser

Wright Wradio would like to introduce Logan Moser, one of the newest members of the sports reporting team. Logan graduated from Clinton High School in 2016 where his interest in the world of sports began. "I was very active in the student section, and I really fell in love with the atmosphere, created by the fans and the teams,"

says Moser. Following graduation, Moser went to Oklahoma State University where he transferred to

the school's sports media program at the suggestion of his college advisor. Immediately after his first experience with the media group, Moser "knew [he] wanted to be in sports."

The program gave him the opportunity to delve into all forms of sports coverage (from how sports shows were made, to sportscasting, to cohosting a show with one of his good friends). "I was very hands-on and heavily involved in the production field." Some of his fondest memories came from the relationships and times he spent with members of the production crew.

Moser describes his match with the radio station: "When I came to Wright Wradio, I was first here to do play-by-play for the radio. Then, I heard the position of Sports Director would need to be filled soon, and

so, I put my hat in the ring. The timing was perfect."

Currently, Moser enjoys sportscasting at the station and is slated to migrate into a broader role within the sports media team. When he receives the full title of Sports Director, Moser plans to focus on bringing more people together through sports. The aim is to continue the work on broadcasting software and to get better quality equipment to make remote listening/viewing an even more enjoyable experience. "Online and on-air coverage is sometimes the only way for family and fans to stay connected to their favorite teams and players," Moser explained. "Our goal is to create and record memories that anyone can watch, real-time and on-demand whenever they want." You can catch Logan on-the-air or online at Wright.media.



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Oklahoma History: First Tornado Forecast

Forecasting an act of God. On March 25th, 1948, a violent storm set down upon Tinker Air Force Base (AFB), OK, causing an estimated \$6 million in damages, and people celebrated – because history had just been made. Five days prior to the March 25th tornado, another severe weather storm swept across the base. Except, that tornado caused \$10 million in damages and some fatalities. The sheer volume of loss spurred leaders at AFB and the Air Weather Service to investigate the possibility of forecasting the likelihood of tornadoes from severe thunderstorms. The result: an unbelievably accurate forecast about the severity and time of the next tornado at AFB; which allowed the base ample time to prepare, and, ultimately, to ensure safety for personnel and minimize loss.

Before 1948, tornadoes had never been forecast and the consensus among the scientific community was that storms capable of producing tornadoes formed so quickly and with such force that it was statistically impossible to forecast in advance. According to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), members of a board sent to AFB to investigate the possibility of predicting tornadoes concluded that, “due to the nature of the storm it was not forecastable” and that “it was an act of God.” The board went on to urge commanders at the base to develop safety guidelines to prevent personnel and property loss.

Following the catastrophic tornado on March 20th, General Fred S. Borum assigned Major Ernest J. Fawbush and Air Force Captain Robert C. Miller to investigate the possibility of forecasting. Fawbush and Miller then spent the next three days studying upper-air charts, surface patterns and weather parameters from past tornadic outbreaks. They began noticing similarities in weather patterns preceding these storms. By combining the data they gathered with expert theories on tornado causes and behaviors, Fawbush and Miller were able to identify and list weather parameters they felt were significant in producing tornadoes if, “all were present in a geographical area at the same time,” Miller.

There was just one small problem – a forecaster would need to consider the likelihood for these parameters to either exist, or have the probability to develop, and then, within a reasonable degree, they would need to project these parameters over an area of time and space that

would create a “tornado threat area”. Not to mention the fact that this prediction would need to be accurate to a reasonable degree and be given with enough lead time to allow parties in the prediction’s path to brace themselves. The size of the threat area they would need to consider would cover 20-30,000 square miles.

Needless to say, Fawbush and Miller felt a little trepidation in making a forecast of this magnitude. However, their concerns were put to the test on the morning of March 25th, 1948. They noticed strikingly similar charts between that morning and the morning of March 20th. Then, after analyzing upper-air data, they prepared an announcement that set 6 P.M. local time to be the expected detonation time for a critical storm. When they plugged in the data, they came to the conclusion that central Oklahoma would possibly be in a severe tornado threat by that afternoon.

The pair notified General Borum and warned him that the most critical time would be between 5 and 6 P.M. Borum implored the men to release a forecast for heavy thunderstorms and explained that by doing so, they would allow the base time to put in motion its new base warning system. After some reservation, the warning was issued.

The day progressed. Reports confirming the weather patterns began pouring in, and at 1:52 P.M., thunderstorms appeared in the northwest and began extending to the southwest. Around 2:30 P.M., Fawbush and Miller determined the storm would be directly over Tinker Air Force Base at 6 P.M. General Borum asked the men if they were going to issue a tornado forecast. Miller responded, “no one has ever issued an operational tornado forecast” and pointed out that the possibility of a second tornado hitting an area within 20 years was rare, and the last one at AFB was 5 days ago. But at Borum’s insistence, Fawbush and Miller released their forecast at 2:50 P.M.

Tinker AFB began preparing their Tornado Safety Plan (hanging aircraft, tying down loose objects, diverting air traffic, and evacuating personnel to safety). Such a drastic shutdown of the base costs a substantial amount of time and money, and there was a fear that if the forecast was wrong, public trust in weather forecasting would be shattered.

By 5 P.M., the storm’s squall line went through Will



Rogers Municipal Airport with a light thunderstorm and pea sized hail. A little after 6 P.M., thunder rolled in and rain began. Within minutes, radio broadcasts were cut to an urgent news bulletin that a tornado had touched down at Tinker AFB.

Debris, powerlines, poles, runways, and buildings were in shambles. Emergency crews were working overtime to clear the streets and restore the base to operational status. But there were no casualties or significant losses. Borum’s Disaster Plan worked as well as their first tornado forecast. Fawbush and Miller had just become heroes.

To this day, the forecast techniques created by those two men are still in use. And the National Severe Storms Laboratory and the NOAA have been applying the knowledge they gained to improve the accuracy and lead times we enjoy around the nation today. The preparation and up-to-date information we have on upcoming severe weather wouldn’t be possible without the gutsy call and inspiration of Borum and the minds of Fawbush and Miller.

A memorial to these men and to the first tornado forecast was dedicated on March 25th, 1998 at the Tinker Air Force Base. So, the next time you hear a national severe weather forecast, just remember some of its roots stem from the work of some Oklahoma heroes.

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While recognizing the great value of these efforts, the writer declared that none of these good works dealt with the most profound social problem facing humankind. That social problem is alienation from God. The dictionary states that to alienate means “To make unfriendly, hostile, or indifferent, where attachment formerly existed, or the estrangement of a person or his

affection from another person.”

When asked what the greatest commandment was, Jesus replied, “You shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength. And the second is like it, love your neighbor as yourself.” Love is best demonstrated, not in a praise song, but in obedience. To quote the article mentioned, “The breakdown of society is rooted in the breakdown of our relationship with our Creator. And the biblical response is equally clear: The way out of social chaos begins with people being restored to God...transformed individuals go hand in hand with transforming social networks.”

I am a part of the Ministerial Alliance effort to assist families with their utility bills. It is a good ministry and I’m glad it gives me the opportunity to be in contact with people who I would otherwise not know. I go into many homes of single parents and others who have great needs. I recently visited a home that had a one month electric bill of \$794! But as helpful as this is, it is often a band-aid approach to a deeper problem of disobedience, or poor judgment. Sociologists tell us the two great needs

of human beings are security and significance. A deep relation with God meets both these needs. Knowing God’s grace, love and forgiveness gives us confidence that no matter what happens God loves us and He will see us through the storm. Significance comes from knowing that as a child of the King, I am valuable and I don’t have to seek security from things of the world.

Jonah 2:8 says “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.” If we hold on to our idols, whether they be pleasure, comfort, success, gold, etc., we lose out on what God has for us. A relationship with God gives meaning and purpose to life. We learn the joy of service and sacrifice. We have security and significance that the world cannot give.

In our age of “the quick read page, the mad dash and the quick hash..” we have lost sight of the lostness of man without God. We have a responsibility to our brother or sister who needs to know that God is there. He longs to come alongside, even to dwell within us; giving direction and guidance to those who believe and obey. To comment jhm82@outlook.com or 580-772-2311

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