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Recycling event scheduled on Earth Day

A special Weatherford Environment Group Earth Day recycling event will be held at the Materials Processing & Education Center in Weatherford on Saturday, April 24th located on the corner of Illinois and Clark St. (2 blocks south of Main Street).

Here is a list of specialty items that will be accepted: large metal items/appliances, non-working electronic items, fluorescent light bulbs (4-foot, 8-foot, and spiral), LED light bulbs, lead acid batteries (like those found in cars/equipment), and household batteries. When donating certain electronics, please note that a \$5 donation is requested for each TV or computer monitor. Working electronics should be donated to the Et Cetera Shop on E Main St.

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Earth Day is an annual event held on April 22nd that strives to boost awareness and action for environmental protection. Earth day's first event was held in 1970 and has grown to over 1 billion people across the world. The Earth Day organization currently has over 75,000 partners and is active in more than 190 countries.

Let's continue to do our part. If you have any unused or out-of-commission items, be sure to check with your local recycling plants or city hall for approved locations.

SWOSU Physics and Engineering Club Rocketry Team Wins Second at National Competition



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The SWOSU Physics and Engineering Club Rocketry Team in Weatherford recently earned second place in a field of 18 universities at a national competition in high-power rocketry held each year in Argonia (KS). Members of the team and competition officials are (from left): Daniel Gassen, senior, El Reno; Brock Mason, senior, Tuttle; Bob Brown, competition prefect; David Duerksen, safety officer; Cameron Cinnamon, graduate, Garber; Tayler Valdez, junior, Adams; Emma Bollinger, sophomore, Stillwater; Ryan Horn, sophomore, Buffalo; Kaitlyn Schrick, junior, Frederick; Riley Smith, junior, Arnett; and Wayne Trail, club sponsor, Not pictured are Grayson Butcher, freshman, Elk City, Raistlin Hiner, junior, Anadarko; and Tabitha Taylor, freshman, Canute.

The SWOSU Physics and Engineering Club Rocketry Team in Weatherford recently earned second place in a field of 18 universities at the Argonia Cup, a national competition in high-power rocketry held each year in Argonia (KS).

In the Argonia Cup, teams of university students have about a year to build a rocket that reaches an altitude of at least 8,000 feet and then delivers its payload—a golf ball—to a predetermined location on the ground. The teams then meet on the last weekend in March in Argonia to compete. During the two-day event, each team gets three attempts to deliver their golf ball as close as possible to the target.

The SWOSU team prepared for the competition by first developing rocketry skills with the help of the Tripoli Oklahoma Rocketry Club, which hosts monthly launches at the Sayre airport. During this preparation, five team members achieved one or more levels of certification from the Tripoli Rocketry Association, a national association of amateur rocketry.

By the fall of 2020, captain Brock Mason and his team were consistently producing successful GPS-tracked launches up to 11,000 feet. The rockets reach speeds of over 700 miles per hour within a few seconds after launch, during which they accelerate at 20 to 30 times the acceleration of gravity. On-board electronics monitor the altitude and speed to determine when to detonate black-powder charges that release the parachutes and the drone at the appropriate times.

After experimenting with a range of possibilities, the team settled on a 4-inch quad-copter (drone) as the delivery vehicle. Daniel Gassen led the task of designing, building, programming and flying a drone that can carry a golf ball

a distance of at least one mile after being dropped from the rocket. The drone must fit inside the 4.5-inch diameter rocket and tolerate the large launch forces. The drone pilot steers the drone by looking through the on-board camera and seeing what the drone "sees" with the aid of virtual reality goggles.

The SWOSU team quickly caught the attention of the judges and the other schools by landing their drone right on the 'X' on a low-altitude practice launch. According to the judges, no one had done that in practice or competition in the five-year history of the event.

SWOSU's final competition attempt landed 568 feet from the 'X' and put them in first place and, at the time, was the closest in the history of the event until Oklahoma State University got closer with about 30 minutes left in the event.

The prize for finishing second was \$1,200 cash and \$700 worth of rockets and electronics from the event sponsors: Altus Metrum, Chris' Rockets and Honeywell. The event was won by the Oklahoma State University team, which used an autonomous folding-wing airplane as their delivery vehicle. Among those competing were the University of Oklahoma, University of Kansas, Kansas State University, University of Tennessee (3rd place), West Virginia University, University of Missouri and about a dozen other schools.

The SWOSU Physics and Engineering Club Rocketry Team was funded primarily by the Oklahoma NASA Space Grant Consortium through Professor Madeline Baugher as well as by SWOSU Allocations through SWOSU Dean of Students Joshua Engle and the SWOSU Department of Chemistry & Physics.

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Donna Maria Newman

Donna Marie Newman was born October 14, 1957, in San Diego, CA to Marty and Lilly Mae (Foster) Eckert and passed away Sunday, April 4, 2021, at home in Weatherford, at the age of 63 years, 5 months and 20 days.



Donna grew up in a military family, living in New York, Pennsylvania, California, and settling in Weatherford where she graduated with the Class of 1975. She married and made their home in Okeene where she raised her family. On February 5, 1999, she married Terry Newman in Arapaho and made their home in Weatherford. Donna worked at the Weatherford Animal Hospital as a Veterinary technician for over 23 years. Donna enjoyed sewing, fishing, camping, taking pictures and spending time with grandchildren, family and friends. She had a love for animals and had a green-thumb for gardening.

Donna is survived by her husband Terry Newman of their home in Weatherford; one son Cory Hill of Oklahoma City; one daughter Audrey Wilson of Weatherford; two step-children Jeremy Dentler and Amanda Villareal both of Holdenville; one sister Deborah Schroeder of Hitchcock; eleven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother Michael.

John Edward Royal

John Edward Royal was born January 9, 1939, in Ardmore to John and Lula (Lee) Royal and passed away Wednesday, April 7, 2021, at Mercy Hospital South in Oklahoma City, at the age of 82 years, 2 months and 28 days.



John was raised and attended school in Hinton and Hydro and graduated from Hydro High School in 1958. On May 29, 1958, he married Murita Goodpasture in Wheeler, Texas, and made their home in El Reno where he worked for the Rock Island Railroad. John and Murita moved to Wichita, Kansas, in 1960 where he worked for Boeing Aircraft. They moved to Seattle where he continued to work with Boeing between Seattle and Wichita locations. In 1970, they moved to Hydro where he ran The Bobcat Grill with his sister and then ran the Texaco Gas Station. He worked for Big W Dozer and later was a car salesman in Oklahoma City and Weatherford, finishing his career at Zoeller-Davidson/York Ford dealerships for 16 years. John enjoyed bowling, playing Rook and spending time with family and friends. Memorials may be made to the Hydro First Responders or to First Baptist Church in Hydro.

John is survived by his wife of 62 years Murita Royal of their home in Weatherford; one son Rick Royal and wife Michele of Oklahoma City; two daughters: Brenda Williams and husband Kenny of Altus and Kandie King and husband Danny of Weatherford; one brother Duane Royal and wife Margie of Atlanta, Georgia; two daughters-in-law: Janet Royal of Weatherford and Tara Royal of Miami, Texas; nineteen grandchildren; and forty great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: James and Herbert; one sister Mattie Lea; and two sons: Steve and Richard.

Violet Linda Easter

Violet Linda Easter was born May 24, 1940, in Elk City to Howard Glen and Mae (Martin) Morey and passed away, Thursday, April 8, 2021, at home in Weatherford, at the age of 80 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Linda was raised and attended school in Merritt, graduating from Merritt High School in 1958. On June 8, 1958, she married Max Easter, living in Elk City and Enid before settling in Weatherford in 1971. Linda worked with Avon Cosmetics which she loved selling makeup and visiting her ladies. She was a nurse's aide at the hospital in labor and delivery and also volunteered as a Pink Lady. Linda was quite the seamstress and enjoyed quilting. She had made 25 quilts in the last two years for her siblings, children and grandchildren. She was a woman of faith and had been a member of the Church of Christ for 50 years. Linda loved her family profusely and was happiest with all of her family around and was excited for new grandbabies.

Linda is survived by four sons, Ken Easter of Hollister, Mike Easter and wife, Jana of Gainesville, Georgia, Tim Easter and wife, Pat of Weatherford, and Mark Easter of Petal, Mississippi; one daughter, Cindy Zimmerman and husband, Todd of Mountain View; fifteen grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one sister, Norma Jean; one brother, Harvey; one son, Alan; and two grandchildren, Adalyn and Hunter.

James "Jimmy" Richard Andazola

Services are pending for: James "Jimmy" Richard Andazola was born April 21, 1970, to Paul Gonzales and Jo Ann Campbell in Tracy, CA and passed away early Saturday in the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK.



Jimmy was raised and attended school in Waterford, CA. He moved to Oklahoma in 1992. He attended Western Oklahoma Vo-Technical School and achieved in Electronics. He married Geri Rena Walker on March 18, 1995, in Guthrie, OK and to this marriage he gained a daughter Brandy Deason. He then continued his education and attended O.C.C.C., taking auto-mechanic classes. He worked for Firestone Tires, Kimray Factory, and the Hobby Lobby.

He was a member of the Life Church in Edmond; He was an avid Raiders Fan; the Mustang Club, and he loved to fish, and he was in a fishing club; he was a gamer and loved to watch movies, and he loved his four-legged friend, Buster. He loved holidays and especially Christmas and the Fourth of July.

He was preceded in death by his dad Paul; Aunt Cindy Campbell, grandmother Iona Campbell, granddad Cloyd Campbell and brother-in-law Rocky Walker.

He is survived by his wife Renae Andazola, OKC, OK his mother Jo Ann Andazola, of Butler, stepdaughter, Brandy Deason, Houston, TX; stepmother Twilla Gonzales, of PA; sister Stacey Eppler and husband Dan, of Wyoming; half-sister Mary Sotello and Sheila Gonzales both of California and Angie Streeter Origen; sister-in-law, Jana Brown, Edmond, OK and brother-in-law Jeff Smith, Tulsa, OK; his father and mother-in-law Charles and Marla Walker, Edmond, OK.

He is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews and cousins.

The family has requested that memorial contributions may be made to National Alliance for Mental Health, 364 North Sam Houston Pkwy, Houston, TX 77074.

Randle (D'Wells) George Jenkins

Funeral Services for D'Wells Jenkins were held 1:00 P.M., Tuesday in the Community Fellowship Church in Hammon, OK officiated by Pastor Dolan Ivey and Gerald Panana. Burial will follow in the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



There will be a traditional all night wake service starting at 7:00 P.M., in the Hammon Indian Community Building, in Hammon, OK

Randall "D'Wells" George Jenkins was born August 26, 1985, to Ruby Standingwater and George Jenkins in Clinton, OK and passed away Monday April 1, 2021, in the Elk City, Ok. He was given the Indian name of Ho'oneseo'o and means Earth Between Two Worlds.

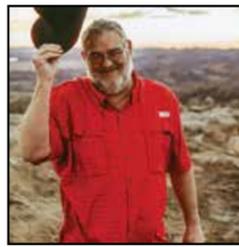
D'Wells was raised in Hammon and graduated from Hammon High School in 2005. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing; he enjoyed collecting cans; playing bingo and he loved going to Pow-Wows to gourd dance; going to the Casino and playing word-find books.

He was a member of the Indian Baptist Church and attended the Community Fellowship Church. He was one of a kind, he put a smile on everyone he talked to; he had a heart of gold and will be missed by all.

He is survived by his mother Ruby Standingwater of the home, his father George Jenkins, Lubbock, TX; brother Wilson Standingwater, Hammon, OK, Aunt Margie Pewo, Hammon, OK, three uncles Nathan Standingwater, Leland Standingwater, of Hammon OK and Denny Standingwater and wife Dana of Canton, OK. He is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, and grandkids.

Terral Lee Perry

Funeral service for Terral Lee Perry, 57 year-old Hydro resident, will be held on Wednesday, April 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM in the First Baptist Church of Hydro with Pastor Joe Sanders officiating. Burial will follow in Hydro Masonic Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Terral Perry was born on February 1, 1964 in Weatherford, Oklahoma to Elton and Gaylene (Bloom) Perry and passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 10, 2021 at his home in Hydro, Oklahoma at the age of 57 years, 2 months, and 9 days.

Terral grew up and went to school in Weatherford, Oklahoma graduating in 1982. While in high school he was a standout athlete in football, basketball, and baseball. He loved telling stories about all the fun he and the gang had during summer baseball. After graduating from Weatherford High School, he attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University on a football scholarship, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. While attending SWOSU and working at Goodman's gas station, he met the love of his life and best friend Charlotte Pitt. They were married on December 13, 1986 and to this union they had 2 children, daughter Karessa and son Lyndon.

After graduating from SWOSU, he owned and operated Perry 66 for 3 years. Upon leaving the gas station business, he began his career in law enforcement at Hinton Prison. Then to Custer County Sherriff Department starting as a jailer in May of 1995 and retiring as the Undersheriff in July of 2007.

He then began working in the oil and gas industry until his passing.

Terral was a volunteer firefighter for the city of Weatherford from the time he was 19 until he retired in 2003.

He loved the fire department. He grew up in the fire station while his grandfather and father were both volunteers for the Weatherford Fire Department.

Terral loved his family and children. He enjoyed watching and coaching his kids in all their activities. His most proud moment came when he became Papa. His granddaughters would always make him smile. He loved watching them in all their activities and sharing wild stories with them.

Terral is survived by his wife, Charlotte, of the home; daughter, Karessa Perry-Wallace and husband Johnny of Jones, Oklahoma; son, Lyndon Perry and wife Jessica of Weatherford, Oklahoma; his beautiful granddaughters Kacidie, Kaylie and Charleigh all of Jones, Oklahoma; mother, Gaylene Perry of Weatherford, Oklahoma; brother Todd Perry and wife Laura of Carmel, Indiana; mother-in-law, Judy Pitt and brother-in-law, Terry Pitt of Hydro, Oklahoma; brother-in-law H.D. Pitt, Jr and wife Holly of Owasso, Oklahoma; sister-in-law Becky and husband, Chad Hart of Kingfisher; three nephews, Chris Perry, Dakota Hart and Kale Hart; one niece, Lizzie Perry and many other relatives and friends.

He is preceded in death by his father, Elton Perry; grandparents, Earl and Ruby Perry and Roy and Christeen Bloom; and father-in-law H.D. Pitt.



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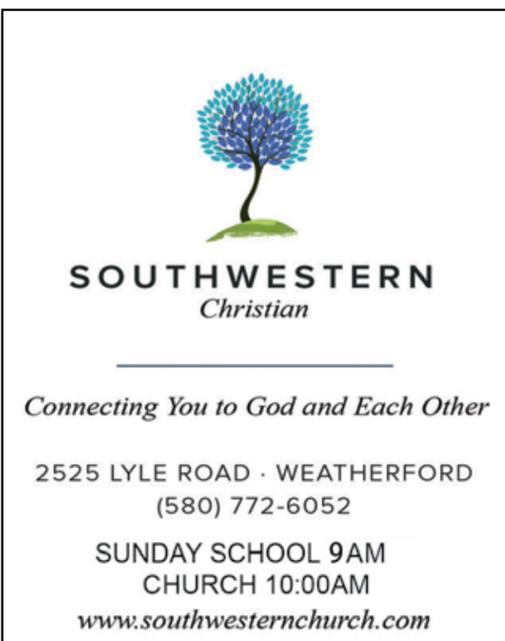


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Fireworks Coming to SWOSU

One of the events that Southwestern Oklahoma State University students missed this "COVID-19" year was the fireworks show during Homecoming activities on the Weatherford campus.

So, the SWOSU Student Government Association (SGA) is bringing a fireworks show back to campus on Sunday evening, April

25, and area residents will also be able to enjoy the show.

SGA President Natalie Kinder said the always-spectacular fireworks display will take place at 8:45 p.m. at Milam Stadium. The pyrotechnics will be ignited from the west parking lot of the Wellness Center.

In conjunction with

the show, the SWOSU President's Breakfast will be held for SWOSU students at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center. The breakfast kicks off the week of final exams.

Kinder said breakfast burritos will be served take-out style beginning at 7:45 p.m. Students can enjoy the food picnic-style in the west bleachers of the stadium.



SWOSU Plans to Return to Normal Operations This Fall Semester

Southwestern Oklahoma State University looks forward to a dynamic and engaging return to more normal operations this 2021 fall semester. The university community's commitment to follow COVID-19 safety protocols and the availability of vaccines are the leading indicators that full, in-person instruction and activities will be possible.

"We are proud of our faculty and staff in using innovative methods to ensure that our students receive quality education," SWOSU President Randy Beutler said. "While virtual learning has its advantages, we want to

offer a traditional, in-person environment for our students."

SWOSU's main concern is the safety and well-being of the SWOSU community and will continue to abide by federal and state COVID-19 regulations as it plans upcoming semesters.

"We will follow the recommendations of health officials and state authorities when it comes to safety protocols for Fall 2021," Beutler said. "We will adjust those protocols as the semester draws closer if needed."

Regarding incoming freshmen at SWOSU, virtual New Student Orientation (NSO) sessions

are continuing this spring and summer with special face-to-face events planned this summer on June 15, June 29, July 20 and August 11.

The NSO Office is also planning to hold Camp Duke July 20-23 on the Weatherford campus. This event is a highlight of the freshman experience at SWOSU. At camp, students will meet new friends, get out of their comfort zone, and learn all about the history and traditions of SWOSU.

For more information on NSO events or enrollment, please visit: <http://share.swosu.edu/NewStudentOrientation>

Dr. John Hays Scholarship Endowment Established at SWOSU



Dr. John Hays and wife Linda Hays

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced the establishment of the Dr. John Hays Scholarship Endowment.

The endowment will provide financial assistance in perpetuity to SWOSU students with demonstrated financial need. Recipients of assistance from the endowment shall be styled "Dr. John Hays Scholars."

"John Hays was a passionate advocate for SWOSU students and for the value of higher education. I know my mentor and friend would be pleased to know that this endowment is dedicated to supporting students who, like John, faced challenges in paying for the costs of college," SWOSU President Randy L. Beutler said. "We are grateful to John's family and friends whose memorial giving has made this newest SWOSU endowment possible."

Hays, president of SWOSU from 2001-

2010 and a 1969 SWOSU accounting graduate, died on October 9, 2020.

The Weatherford resident worked 30 years at SWOSU, having served as assistant business manager, comptroller, assistant to the president, vice president for administration and executive vice president for administration before being named president.

During his years as president, Hays completed the Wellness Center, started/developed the university's athletic complex and had several major buildings renovated on the Weatherford and Sayre campuses. He also was instrumental in the development of a comprehensive marketing campaign for the university and started the President's Leadership Class.

Hays was very active in community and economic development activities in western Oklahoma. Hays was on the ground floor of many projects such as the Business Development Center at SWOSU, Weatherford Business

Incubator program and Weatherford's hiring of a full-time economic developer.

His involvement in civic activities was many, including Leadership Weatherford, YMCA, Vision 20/20, Weatherford Arts Council, Weatherford's assisted senior citizen living center and many other projects through the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce. He was a past president of the chamber of commerce and did much to unite the chamber of commerce, City of Weatherford and SWOSU.

Hays was a member of the inaugural class of the Higher Education Leadership Academy and was a member of Leadership Oklahoma.

The Dr. John Hays Scholarship Endowment 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 Dr. John Hays Scholarship Fund, please visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com or call 580-774-3267.

Dawson and Albrightson Plan Senior Graphic Art Exhibition at SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University graphic design students David Dawson of Custer City and Connor Albrightson of Weatherford will have their senior art exhibition April 12-23 on the

Weatherford campus.

The exhibition is entitled "An Unconventional Coalition of Creative Curiosities."

A "Meet and Greet" with the two students is planned for Thursday, April 15, from 4 - 6

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Bulldogs Put on a Show at 48th Annual SWOSU Rodeo

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The home fans in Weatherford were treated to an outstanding weekend of competition during the 48th Annual SWOSU Rodeo, which took place on Thursday-Saturday, April 8-10 at Don Mitchell Arena.

Both SWOSU Rodeo teams performed admirably with top-three finishes while two individuals finished at the top of the crowd in their events. The Women's Team followed up their win at Oklahoma State with a runner-up performance at home – their fourth straight top-two finish – while the Men's Team shared third place with Southeastern for their fourth consecutive top-three team placing.

Leading the Women's Team was Abby Hepper, who won the average in Barrel Racing and was one of three Bulldogs to place in the top four of the event, followed by Sadie Wolaver in third and Hadley Tate in fourth. Emma Watts was second in the short go and average of Breakaway while Taylor Bothwell placed seventh in Goat Tying and Sierra Smith placed in both events, finishing tied for eighth in Breakaway and 10th in Goat Tying.

Timothy Troyer scored 82 points in his Saddle Bronc ride on Saturday evening, winning the short go and vaulting himself to first in the average as he led the Bulldog Men's Team at the rodeo. He had two teammates close behind with Wyatt Lohman taking fifth place in the average while Tanner Edwards split sixth and seventh. SWOSU also got top-five average



finishes from Trey Thomas (4th, Bareback) Layton Little (5th, Tie Down Roping) and Brayden Tanner (5th, Steer Wrestling).

"A lot of hard work goes into the presentation of our home rodeo and I'm very pleased with all the members of our team for putting in the work to compete while also helping to make the rodeo a success," SWOSU

Rodeo Coach Mike Visnieski said. "With another strong performance, both our teams are currently sitting second in the region and we've got three more opportunities to compete and I know our athletes will make the most of them."

SWOSU Rodeo returns to action this weekend, April 16-18, at Fort Hays State.

Volleyball Falls to #6 Harding in GAC Semifinals

The SWOSU Volleyball team saw their 2021 spring season ended on Saturday at the hands of undefeated and No. 6-ranked Harding, who claimed a 3-0 victory in the Great American Conference Semifinals.

SWOSU came out slow and dropped the first set 25-17, but they were in great position to claim the second as they built a two-point advantage at 23-21, which forced Harding to call timeout. After the timeout, however, the Lady Bisons seized the momentum and scored four straight points to close out the set 25-23 and take the 2-0 lead. Momentum remained with the home team the rest of the match as Harding closed it out 25-13 in the third.

The Bulldogs finished with 35 kills in the match and hit .128, led by Samantha Kuzma, who had nine kills without an attack error and hit .692 for the match. Emma Cohalla added eight kills while Maicee Morgan and Lacy Mott had five kills apiece. First Team All-GAC setter Allie Hoang closed out the season with a double-double of 27 assists and 13 digs, both team highs.

SWOSU Volleyball closes out their 2021 spring season with a record of 7-6, giving the Bulldogs a winning record for the third straight season.



Brown Wins at Newman as Lady Dawgs Finish Fifth

Megan Brown won her first tournament at SWOSU, shooting three-over par, including an even-par round of 72 in her final round in the Newman Spring Invitational, played Tuesday-Wednesday at Sand Creek Station Golf Course in Newton, Kansas.

Brown won the tournament by three strokes over Jessica Green of Rogers State and Claire Solovic of Central Missouri. SWOSU finished in fifth place,

shooting a 631 as a team. Mikaela Rindermann also had a top-10 finish, shooting 12-over par and fired a round of 75 in her final round as she tied for ninth place with four other golfers. Rebecca Lau finished tied for 30th, shooting 19-over par and Briana Venegas shot 22-over par for the Lady Bulldogs and finished in 38th place. Zoe Morton shot 26-over and tied for 46th place.

Rogers State won the tournament by two strokes over

Northeastern State in second place. Central Oklahoma finished in third place with Central Missouri in fourth, five shots ahead of SWOSU while the Dawgs finished 10 shots ahead of Augustana, who finished in sixth place.

SWOSU has one more tournament remaining before the Great American Conference Tournament. The Lady Bulldogs return to the golf course, April 12-13 at the Central Region Spring Preview in Springfield, Missouri.

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SWOSU Rodeo Standouts Sweep Bulldog of the Week Awards



Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Following the 48th Annual SWOSU Rodeo, a pair of Dawgs who claimed first place at the event have been chosen as Bulldogs of the Week with Timothy Troyer and Abby Hepper earning the awards on Monday.

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.'

Troyer (Columbia, Ky.) came in ranked fourth in the Central Plains Region in Saddle Bronc Riding and he continued his strong season by winning the average in

Weatherford. He was 73 points in the long round, which was good for fourth place, then he upped his game for the home fans on Saturday night with a ride of 82 points, which won the short go and boosted him into first place in the average.

Hepper (Keene, N.D.) entered the home rodeo ranked fifth in the region in Barrel Racing and only helped her standing as she won the average crown over the weekend. In the long round, she was second with a time of 16.63 and she improved upon that time with a 16.60 on Saturday night, which was good for third in the round but raised her to the top spot in the average.

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Oklahoma History: Snippets

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Here are a couple interesting Oklahoma history snippets that couldn't quite fill a segment themselves, but are, nonetheless, fun to know.

#1 - Almost every Oklahoman is familiar with the song "Oklahoma" written in 1943 by Richard Rogers and Oscar Hammerstein II and featured in the Broadway musical Oklahoma! Well, on May 11th, 1953, the Oklahoma legislature officially dubbed it as the state song, replacing "Oklahoma - A Toast" which was chosen in 1935. The latter song was written by Harriet Parker Camden in Kingfisher, OK.

"Oklahoma" is the only state song from a musical and its catchy nature earned the song a spot as one of the Top 100 western songs of all time by the Western Writers of America.

The play, itself, was the first of its kind and dubbed a "musical play," where the songs served the plot. By showcasing elements that make Oklahoma great, the song and musical have impacted the image of Oklahoma for many.

#2 - In May of 1890, President Benjamin Harrison appointed George W. Steele as the new governor of the Oklahoma Territory. The territory, which covered the western part of modern-day Oklahoma, was created on May 2nd and lasted until 1907 when it joined the Indian Territory to become the State of Oklahoma.

Governor Steele worked for seventeen months. During his time, he advocated for public school systems and universities for higher education. With his urging, the legislature set up two major universities in the city of Norman and another in Stillwater. The two universities dubbed The Norman Territorial University and the Stillwater A&M College would go on to become the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State University, respectively.

#3 - According to the Oklahoma Historical Society, the U.S. Postal Service established a free delivery system for rural areas in 1896. Oklahoma's first rural route began on August 15th, 1900, in Hennessey. Albert Darrow became the first Oklahoma rural carrier. His route covered a 31-square-mile area and was believed to be 24-miles long. The population of the area was around 700, and he had to use his own horse and wagon for transportation. He delivered mail six days a week and was paid \$500 annually

for the work. In modern day Hennessey's post office, there is a map from 1908 that shows two rural routes that carriers used. However, it doesn't delineate which route came first and where it went exactly. When the map was produced, a postcard only cost a penny to send.

#4 - On June 2nd, 1975, a special ceremony took place in Erick, OK for the completion of the last 17 miles of I-40. At this time, these last few miles marked the 616-mile interstate highway in Oklahoma, a highway system that has, quite literally, paved the way for many of the cities it passes through. I-40 was one of the many Interstates set up by the National System of Interstate and Defense Highways. The route connects the East and West side of the US and travels across the southern side of the nation. It runs through eight states: North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California; and it acts as one of the major routes of the Interstate System. The Interstate Highway System was proclaimed complete in 1992, and construction was figured around \$114 billion. According to the Office of Highway Policy Information in 2016, just shy of one-quarter of all vehicle miles are driven on the Interstate Highway System.

#5 - Oklahoma City's Capitol has a one-of-a-kind landmark - Capitol Site #1. The famous oil well, nicknamed "Petunia #1," due to being drilled through the middle of a flower bed, is the only well located underneath a state capitol.

Work on the well began in 1941 and was completed by the beginning of the next year's summer. Petunia #1 was one of many wells drilled throughout the Oklahoma City area. The well was part of a huge field of oil that grew to be one of the world's greatest oil producing locations with as many as two dozen wells at one time. Petunia was slant-drilled to avoid damaging the building and its lowest point reached over a mile under the surface.

Miss Petunia was plugged in 1986 and modified to resemble an active well. She was then turned over to the Oklahoma Historical Society as a state monument. Over her lifetime, the well produced 1.5 million barrels of oil and 1.6 billion cubic feet of gas and provided the state with over a million dollars in royalties.



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John Piper has stated that "missions exist because worship doesn't." I needed a little time to digest this but I believe he was saying that we basically live as Christians to bring glory to the one true God. If everyone was living to bring glory to God then there would be no longer any need to send missionaries across our land or to other countries.

Piper also uses the phrase, "making much of God," to describe glorifying God. We usually call it worship, or praise and worship. In the mind of most worship means singing praise songs with a group of people who share a common faith, either in a church building or in a small group setting.

However, I believe the biblical act of worship is broader than that. One of my favorite passages of scripture is found in Romans 12:1-2. In the previous eleven chapters Paul had been discussing theological questions about righteousness, justification, judgment and salvation. Now he turns to practical matters of living out the Christian life. The passage reads as follows: "Therefore, I urge you brothers, in view of God's mercy to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."

According to this passage, worship is basically

offering our bodies (our lives) to God as a living sacrifice. Eugene Peterson in the Message paraphrase puts it this way. "Take your everyday life—sleeping, eating, going- to- work, and walking-around-life and place it before God as an offering." Barclay in his commentary says, "...the really spiritual worship is the offering of one's body, and all that one does every day with it, to God." Someone has said, "If worship doesn't lead to obedience or action then we have not truly worshiped". Isaiah, when he "saw the Lord, high and lifted up," concluded the experience by saying, "Here am I Lord, send me."

My concern with many of today's praise songs is that they are almost all one-dimensional. Certainly we should acknowledge the attributes of God and praise him for who he is. But worship also includes confession, seeking to know God and being challenged to obey, which might lead you to visit a lonely soul in a nursing home, develop a relationship with your neighbor, and love the unlovely. Some of the older choruses addressed these issues. I remember, "Search My Heart Oh God." Holy Spirit Breathe on Me," "I Say Yes, Lord, Yes to Your Will and to Your Way." Of course the old hymns, "Send me, O Lord, Send Me," and "I Surrender All," challenge us to a life of abandonment to the will of God.

The present generation responds to that which moves them emotionally without a lot of thought to crossing the ocean or sometimes crossing the street to live radically for Christ. Pray that we all will be challenged to develop a passion for the Kingdom and be willing to pay the price of a life well lived for Jesus.

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