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## Tailgate celebration scheduled Friday at Eagle Field

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

A baseball tailgate party in honor of Weatherford Coach Todd Gaunt's induction into the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame will be held on Friday, April 23rd at the WHS Eagle Field. Coach Gaunt has had an extremely colorful career with accomplishments including OBCCA Coach of the Year (2000), WOBCCA Coach of the Year (2000 & 2010), ABCA Region 5 National Coach of the Year (2000), "Daily Oklahoman" Coach of the Year (2000), Miller Net Coach of the Year (2003), NFHS Coach of the Year - Oklahoma (2010), OSSAA West All-State Head Coach (2015), OCA Coach of the Year (2017) and Oklahoma Coaches Association Region 1 Coach of the Year. He was inducted into the Weatherford Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017 and has 3 State Championship wins as the Head Coach (2000, 2003,

& 2010). The 2000 season for Coach Gaunt not only capped off with a State Championship win but also ended with the Eagles going undefeated at 41-0. A hugely impressive accomplishment for the team and adding to Coach Gaunt's staggering game ratio which was last reported at 525 W - 142 L. Coach Gaunt has and continues to be a solid and reliable part of the Weatherford school system and city.

The Tailgate party will be held from 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM for the Weatherford vs Elgin game with an all-you-can-eat spread from a huge variety of booths from various sponsors. Food tickets are \$10 and admission to the game is free, thanks to Legacy Bank and Sawatzky Construction, LLC. Everyone is invited to come out and participate - with a special welcome to any WHS Baseball Alumni. So, grab a friend, grab a plate, and get ready to enjoy a great game with the Eagles taking on the Owls.



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## Friends on Frisco Scheduled

Make sure to swing by Englemen Park in Clinton on Friday, April 23rd for "Friends on Frisco." From 6 PM - 9 PM. Come grab a bite and enjoy some live entertainment performances by Guadalupe Dancers and CPS Music. Food options include the food trucks: DubTown Dawgs, Santiago Tacos and Udderly Delish. Everyone is invited and the Clinton Chamber of Commerce is excited to see you there!

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Sen. Brent Howard, R-Altus, joins Navajo High School senior Brayden Smith, who served as a page for the Senate during the 11th week of the legislative session from April 12-15.

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## Tailgate PARTY

Friday, April 23rd  
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Game Time 5:00pm

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**Susan Diane Scroggins Eubanks**

Susan Diane Scroggins Eubanks passed at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Oklahoma, on Sunday, April 11, 2021, after a short illness.

Susan was born May 1960, to Ray and Nancy Huntman Scroggins in the old downtown Edmond Hospital. The family lived in several



Oklahoma communities: Oklahoma City, Weatherford, Elk City, and Enid before settling in Wilburton for 11 years. At the beginning of Susan's senior year in high school, the family moved back to Weatherford, Oklahoma.

In high school, Susan enjoyed being a member of the Wilburton Digger Band and the Weatherford Eagle Band where she played the saxophone, was a twirler, and part of the rifle team.

After high school, Susan continued her education in Office Administration, earning a Bachelor of Science in 1983 from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. During her college years, Susan enjoyed her time being a member of Alpha Gamma Delta where she lived in "the house" making many life-long friends.

During and after college, Susan worked at the 3M Company as well as the City of Weatherford. She even did a short stint, working the door at the legendary J.C. Cowboys.

In May 1986, Susan presented the family with a son Hunter Murdock. Hunter brought much joy and love to Susan's life. She loved him with every ounce of her being. During Hunter's high school days, Susan was able to relive many of her joys of participating in a high school band by serving as the Band Parent Association President. Susan was able to bond with Hunter and many of his buddies through this experience.

The family moved to El Reno, Oklahoma, in 1996. At that time, Susan earned her insurance license and began commuting to Oklahoma City to work for Tall Paul Mead Insurance. In 1999, she began working for Oklahoma State Insurance Commission. She served there until 2002 at that time she transferred to the Oklahoma State Treasurer Office.

In 2008, Susan met the love of her life, Ken Eubanks. They married in December 2009 in Key West, Florida. Ken and Susan maintained homes in El Reno and Lake Eufaula, Oklahoma, until 2015. At that time the couple made Lake Eufaula their permanent home.

In 2015, Susan began working for the McIntosh Health Department. Susan loved working for the Health Department; she leaves behind many special friends through this experience. Her willingness to give all has been essential during the Year of COVID.

Ken and Susan shared many hobbies: traveling, cruising, casino-ing, and laughing. They enjoyed having friends and family spend time with them at the lake. They love the community of friends who they have embraced while living at the lake.

Susan loved cooking (a great cook at that), known for her peanut clusters state-wide! She loved reading, doing crossword puzzles, and playing computer games.

Susan always put others first. She had a great sense of humor, sometimes a bit off the wall; it was one of the things that made her special. One of her sayings was "I am a book of useless knowledge," and another would be if she saw a loose dog, she would comment the dog "broke jail."

Susan was preceded in death by her parents Ray and Nancy Scroggins, her grandmothers Doris Shipman Huntman and Ellen Wingo Blakely, as well as several aunts, uncles, cousins, a very special aunt-Dorothy Huntman, and her beloved basset hounds, Charlie and Taby.

Susan is survived by her husband Ken, her son Hunter of El Reno, as well as Hunter's girlfriend Linda Keller and her daughter Lexi; loving and caring, sister Sandy Scroggins of Hydro, Oklahoma, and in-laws Loyd and Sue

Eubanks of Eufaula. Susan leaves behind dear friends and brother/sister-in-law, Cliff and Mandy Eubanks of Keller, Texas, and special friend Garnett Rogers of Eufaula.

She is survived by a dear friend who she considered a daughter Stephanie Sewell. A special "thank you" to Derek Tarwater and Stephanie for sharing their daughters Emily and Riley, allowing Susan to be their "Granna."

Susan touched countless lives, leaving them with many loving memories: the Sandy Bass Bay Group, the McIntosh County Health Department, and the Oklahoma State Treasurer's Office.

Memorial contributions may be made to Pets & People Human Society, P.O. Box 850587, Yukon, OK 73085 (405) 350-7387.

To view obituary, sign guestbook, and/or leave a tribute, please, log into the Cremation Society of Oklahoma at <https://www.tulsacremation.com>

**Brian Robert Cunningham**

Funeral Services for Brian Cunningham, 54, lifetime resident of the Elk City and Cheyenne area, were held Thursday, April 15, 2021, in the Gateway Church in Elk City, OK, officiated by Pastor Greg Newton and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Brian Robert Cunningham was born December 23, 1966, to Basil Napoleon Cunningham and Ola Mae (Reed) Cunningham and passed away Sunday, April 11, 2021, in the Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Brian was raised in Cheyenne, OK and graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1985. He married Lois Keith on October 15, 2005, in Las Vegas, NV. He began working in the oil field at a young age, and it became his passion. For the next 38 years, he has worked flow back and hot shot.

He was a handy man and enjoyed in his spare time piddling in the garage; he also enjoyed making homemade knives for his grandkids.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his wife Lois Cunningham of the Elk City home; daughters: Tiffany Cunningham of Clinton and Christina Allen of Elk City; brother Brent Cunningham and wife Lucy of Cheyenne.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Chaydon Fite, Zachary Fite, Christian Fite and Brilyn LeGrand and a host of many friends and relatives.

**Iola Fae (Screck) Miller**

Iola Fae (Shreck) Miller was born Christmas Eve, December 24, 1927, in a small farm house six miles north of Thomas, OK to Rev. Eugene and Lucy (McBurney) Shreck and passed away Tuesday, April 13, 2021 in Thomas, having reached the age of 93 years 3 months and 20 days.



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Iola attended a county school called Valley View. At the age of six, her first year of school, she came down with scarlet fever and went into a coma for four days, missing three months of school. Her teacher would come in the evenings to keep her caught up on her lessons. In the sixth grade her family moved to Thomas where she graduated in 1946.

After graduation, Iola went to Southwestern in Weatherford, studying to become a beautician. She started working for Ruby Mosburg and Hattie McClure in their shop in Thomas.

On October 25, 1952, just three days after Sam returned to the states from serving two years fighting in the Korean War, they got married in Custer City. Five daughters were born to this union: Doris, Sheryl Ann, Lois, Carol and Karen.

Iola worked alongside of her husband Sam several decades, owning and operating a Refrigeration and Appliance Repair Shop, beginning in 1961. In 1972, they also started raising parakeets in the back of the shop. At one time they had over 300 pair. Iola and Sam would load up their station wagon every three weeks with forty some baby birds and head to Oklahoma City to sell them.

Spending time together as a family was Iola's highest importance. Every summer a huge garden was planted and put up for winter months. Iola enjoyed crocheting, reading, traveling around the country side, the six of them, in their small Scotty camper, as well as going to Zapata, Texas, in the winter months after retirement.

Iola is survived by four daughters: Doris (Arthur) Giabai, Lois (Johnny) Windberry, Carol McFeeters, and Karen Hart; one sister Violet Burris; seven grandchildren: Jerod Windberry, Ashley (Luis) Marroquin, Allyson McFeeters, Collin (Chelsea) McFeeters, Matt (Laci) Hart, Samantha (Connley) Jezek and Abbie Hart; ten great-grandchildren: Jaxon Windberry, Jaden Windberry, Christian Marroquin, Victoria Marroquin, Berkley McFeeters, Hynlee Hart, Maylee Hart, Ryker Hart, Grey Jezek, William Jezek and Baby Boy Jezek on the way.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband Sam; daughter Sheryl Ann; two sons-in-law: Mike McFeeters and Robert Hart; two brothers: Elmer and Leo; and one sister Leta Jones.

**Malie Dawn Simmons**

Malie Dawn Simmons (Tatanka Oyate Wicincila "Buffalo Nation Girl"), known by family and friends as Bidy was called home April 9th, 2021.



Malie was born May 26 2005, in Natchitoches, LA to Keith and Kelli Simmons. Malie has three older sisters: Kristine, Darian, and Jade.

Malie had a smile that could light up a room and a laugh that brought so much happiness to everyone around. She loved spending time with family and friends and giving out candy to anyone she could. Anyone that came across her, knew her strength. At the age of 6, Malie was diagnosed with a brain tumor that resulted in a lifetime of hardships but she never let that get in the way of her positive outlook on life.

If you knew Malie, then you know the love she had for Spongebob. She spent her free time drawing and painting pictures for her family. She loved listening to music and dancing. Malie danced right up to her last day. She was the life of the party, and she loved to make others feel included in anything she could. She earned the nickname "Candy queen" from her friends because they knew she always had candy to share with them.

Malie is survived by parents Keith and Kelli Simmons; sisters Kristine and Darian Simmons. Jade Perrodin of Opelousas, Louisiana; niece Paisley Sue and nephews Bentley Keith and Beckham Michael; maternal grandmother Joan LaPointe; Uncle/Godfather Michael Olson Jr.; Aunt/Godmother Katherine "Pat the Cat" "Paffy" and Uncle Derek Holder; Angeline and Uncle Louie McCarthy; Elizabeth and Uncle Kevin Toppah, Michele Olson of Meeker, CO. Special Aunt Sherri Olson of Somerset WI. Paternal Aunt Lee and Uncle Dalton Broadway of Robeline, LA. Uncle Darrell Simmons of Natchitoches, LA. Maternal cousins Nathan and wife Lela, John Thomas, Julia Ann Louise, Mikele Grace, Wicapi Otawin Ruby, Regina Leone, Jayna Denae, Sadie Alain, Aayla Lee, Alexandra Arlene, Ava Amara, Vincent Antonio, Joseph Anthony, Lakenzie Annebeth, Adeline Kelly, William Antone Jr, Cameron Michael, Isaiah Stephen, Bethany Ann, Antonio Cristian, Dakotah Amari Rose, Lukas Alexander, and special fur cousin Dolly.

Paternal cousins Michael "Skip" Lee, Shannon Dwayne, Maggen Nicole, Brookayla Lynn, Brenner Klayton, Chad Wayne, Jason Simmons, Mandi Lou, Lacie Nicole, Shelby Marie, and Zachary Rex.

Malie is Preceded in death by Maternal Grandfather Michael Olson Sr; Paternal Grandfather Bon K. Simmons Grandmother Audrey Leinaala Simmons; Uncles Barry "Butch" Simmons, Stephen "Bubba" Simmons; Aunt Bonnie Kay "Punkin" Simmons.

A prayer service was held: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Thursday April 15, 2021

Ray and Martha's Funeral Home, Anadarko, OK Memorial services will be held: 10 am, Friday, April 16, 2021, Grace Church, Anadarko, OK.

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# SWOSU Pair Benefits from Reach Higher Program

Southwestern Oklahoma State University students Rachel Koszczewski of Altus and Rhiannon Calfy of Temple each have received a \$1,000 "Reach Higher" scholarship from the SWOSU Foundation, Inc, on the Weatherford campus.

Reach Higher is a program for adults who have successfully completed some college coursework but have not yet finished a college degree.

"The Reach Higher program means the world to me," Calfy said. "I started the Reach Higher program two years ago after I had my son. I was enrolled at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and was trying to find my purpose when I stumbled upon information about the Reach Higher program. The program has been my saving grace and inspiration on my darkest days by reminding me that, one day soon, I will be a college graduate with a good job."

Calfy said that she has a long-term goal of working in the non-profit sector, specifically helping families that have children diagnosed with serious illness.

"Reach Higher gives adults an opportunity to go back to school at a lower cost to complete their college education," Koszczewski said. "It encourages them all to reach their goals in building their careers in business and acts as a guide for balancing out their studies and daily schedules."

She said this degree will help her get a head start on making plans for her future career, leading to an adult life full of happiness and stability. She wants a positive voyage full of opportunities that will allow her to help care for her family.

Dr. Todd Wiggen, coordinator of SWOSU's Organizational Leadership Program (Reach Higher Flex Finish) said the Reach Higher adult-friendly



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degree completion options available through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education encourage adults who have earned some college credit to successfully complete their degrees.

Reach Higher provides two distinct degree completion program strands for adult learners. Reach Higher: FlexFinish offers flexible enrollment and online options to working adults who wish to pursue

an associate degree in enterprise development or a bachelor's degree in organizational leadership. Reach Higher: DirectComplete offers adult students the opportunity to complete a degree program connected with workforce development needs that align with Oklahoma's 100 Critical Occupations list.

Additional information is available by contacting Wiggen at [todd.wiggen@swosu.edu](mailto:todd.wiggen@swosu.edu).

## Rep. Anthony Moore recognizes Clinton Senior Litzy Silos

Rep. Anthony Moore, R-Clinton would like to recognize his page for the week of April 5 – April 8, Litzy Silos, for a job well done.

"Litzy was excellent during her time serving as my page," said Moore. "It did not take her long to acclimate herself to the fast paced nature of the capitol, and her help was invaluable. The page program gives young people in our districts a unique opportunity to be a part of the legislative process, and it is my hope that Litzy found her time here both beneficial and educational."

Silos is a senior at

Clinton High School in Clinton, OK and intends to major in journalism with minors in Spanish and entrepreneurship at The University of Oklahoma upon graduation. She is President of Key Club, senior editor for the school newspaper, Vice-President of the Student Council and has been named valedictorian of her graduating class. In addition to her academic achievements, Silos is a drumline/section leader in the band and has participated in various community service projects. Her parents are Brenda Grana and Federico Silos.



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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS



**CLINTON STRUCTURE FIRE-** A home in the city of Clinton is a total loss after fire crews were called to the scene last week at 205 South 3rd Street. Fire Chief Brett Russell said the roof caved in during the fire, causing fire crews to drop water from above the structure. Red Cross is assisting the family.

Washita County vehicle crash last June that killed a passenger in his vehicle.

**CUSTER COUNTY DISTRICT COURT-** An Arapaho teen has pleaded guilty in Custer County District Court to a misdemeanor charge of motor vehicle negligent homicide. Nineteen-year old Teagan Williams pleaded guilty to the allegation in connection with a February 2020 accident that killed 20-year old Bailey Thomason of Weatherford. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Williams was driving on U.S. Highway 183 when he crossed the center line and struck the Thomason vehicle. Judgement and sentencing has been deferred until April of 2024. In the meantime, Williams is ordered to comply with the rules and conditions of unsupervised probation.

**WEATHERFORD SCHOOL BOARD KELLER-** There is now officially a new member of the Weatherford School Board of Education. Dawn Keller was administered the oath of office recently. She will assume her seat as the newest member of the board of education when the board meets for their regular monthly meeting next month.

**CUSTER COUNTY INVENERGY PROJECT-** Invenergy officials told Custer County Commissioners that work is ramping up on the traverse wind energy project. The traverse project will include more than 350 turbines in the area. The project encompasses Custer, Blaine and Kingfisher counties.

**WEATHERFORD SCHOOLS INJUNCTIVE RELIEF DENIED-** A Custer County district court judge has denied a motion by a contractor seeking temporary injunction over a track and turf project at Weatherford High School. The contractor had believed they should have been awarded the bid, but instead, the district awarded the bid to a different contractor based on product, cost and length of time for completion of the work. School officials say Hellas Construction had the lowest bid, based on the safety pad for the turf project and upgraded track surface.

**SWOSU BEUTLER TRANSITION-** The transition is underway for new SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell to take over as the next president of the university this summer. Current president Randy Beutler said he has been having communication with Dr. Lovell in getting ready for the transition. Dr. Lovell will assume her new duties as SWOSU President beginning July 1st.

**CHAD PUGH RESIGNS-** Earlier last week Clinton boys basketball head coach Chad Pugh resigned. Pugh was able to turn the Clinton program around going 73-54, four-straight winning seasons, three district titles and three area tourney appearances in his five years as the head coach. Pugh said he's proud of the success Clinton was able to have while he was head coach and knows that the program is in good hands. Pugh is currently serving as the interim Clinton high school principal.

**WASHITA COUNTY DISTRICT COURT-** A plea is planned next month in a Washita County manslaughter case. Court records show 26-year old Jaime Eleazar Borunda Jr., of Sunray, Texas, is scheduled to make a plea in the case May 11th. Borunda allegedly had a suspended drivers license from the state of Texas and tested positive for various substances, including fentanyl, at the time of a

**CORDELL BASKETBALL-** Brandon Gallagher the Cordell men's basketball coach for the last six years will take over as the new Watonga boys coach. In his six years as head coach Gallagher saw success on the hardwood as well as out on the golf course. Gallagher said he is excited to be able to carry on the tradition of success at Watonga. Cordell will begin its search for a new boys head coach.

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*

## Lady Bulldogs Claim Another Top-Three Finish

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

For the fourth time in six spring tournaments, the SWOSU Women's Golf team placed in the top three at an event after tying for third place at the Central Region Preview, held last week in Springfield, Missouri.

Mikaela Rindermann led the way for SWOSU at 10-over par as each of the Lady Bulldogs top four scorers finished within three shots of one another. Rebecca Lau tied for 13th place at 11-over while Megan Brown was one shot behind her in 20th and Georgia Miller was one shot behind her in 24th. Briana Venegas held down the fifth spot for SWOSU and finished 54th.

SWOSU finished behind Arkansas Tech and Henderson State, but they finished in a tie with Central Oklahoma and Northeastern State, two teams currently ahead of the Lady Bulldogs in the Central Region rankings. ATU won the tournament by 13 shots over Henderson State while Jacqueline Klemm of ATU was the individual medalist by six strokes.

The Lady Bulldogs now enter the postseason portion of their schedule with the 2021 Great American Conference Championships, which begin next Monday, April 19, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.



## Bulldogs Finish Sixth at NSU Classic

**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU Men's Golf faced a field of 20 teams from around the Central Region and finished in the upper third with a sixth-place at the NSU Golf Classic, which was played recently at Muskogee Golf Club.

The Bulldogs, who entered the tournament ranked sixth in the Central Region, finished behind three teams who are currently ranked ahead of them, including Central Missouri, who leads the region and won the event by four strokes over Henderson State. Luke Palmowski of Rogers State won the event on the second playoff hole over Kade Johnson of Southern Arkansas.

SWOSU was led by Gregor Weck, who shot par or below in two of three rounds and finished tied for 17th place at one-over par for the tournament. Two shots behind Weck was Anders Strand, who tied for 24th, and Gustavo Tineo was two shots behind him and tied for 34th place. Heston Brown had two scoring rounds for the Dawgs and tied for 44th place while SWOSU counted Kason Cook's 73 in round two as he went on to place 58th.

Next up for the Bulldogs is a trip to Hot Springs, Ark., for the 2021 Great American Conference Golf Championships beginning April 19th.



## Pitching Pushes SWOSU Past Cameron in Midweek Outing

Five pitchers combined for 13 strikeouts and allowed one run on five hits as the SWOSU Baseball team picked up a 2-1 victory in a non-conference game at Cameron.

The performance comes at the perfect time for SWOSU's pitching staff, which had struggled to find their footing of late, allowing five or more runs in nine consecutive games coming into Tuesday.

Noah Chapin got things started and allowed Cameron their lone run of the game on an RBI double in the second

inning, one of three hits the Aggies got against him. Chapin struck out three in three innings before handing off to Dakota Jones (2-0), who was masterful in his three innings, striking out six and allowing one hit to earn the victory.

Matt Milner, Chase Hamilton and Haden Branch each pitched an inning to close things out, with Milner allowing the only hit before immediately erasing the baserunner with a double play. Branch struck out two in the ninth to

earn his second save of the year.

Offensively, SWOSU was held to five hits, but that is all they needed for two runs as a fielder's choice off the bat of Alex Bedard scored Taylan Mullins-Ohm in the third before a sac fly from Griffin Larsen allowed Zach Baxley to score and take the lead in the fourth.

SWOSU (15-10) is back at home this weekend, taking on Arkansas Tech for a three-game conference series in Weatherford.

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# Newest Bulldogs of the Week are Dakota Jones and Alexis Chao



**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

On Monday morning, SWOSU Baseball pitcher Dakota Jones and Track & Field Pole Vault Alexis Chao were selected as the newest Bulldogs of the Week.

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Jones (Joshua, Texas) was strong on the mound in both of his appearances last week as he helped the SWOSU Baseball team to a perfect 4-0 record for the week, including a three-game sweep of Arkansas Tech, who came into the series atop the GAC standings. In his first outing, Jones went 3.0 innings and allowed just one hit while striking out six batters against Cameron to earn the win, his second of the year. He followed that up on Saturday with 2.2 scoreless innings while allowing just one hit in the Game 1 win over Arkansas Tech. For the week, Jones was 2-0 with an ERA of 0.00 after allowing just two hits and no runs in 5.2 innings of work.

Chao (Lawton, Okla.) was SWOSU Track & Field's highest finisher at the GAC Championships as the Bulldogs finished in ninth place at the event, held in

Magnolia, Arkansas, over the weekend. Chao, who finished up the regular season with a victory at the Friends Spring Open last week, finished fifth in Pole Vault at the Championships by clearing a height of 3.17 meters, which equates to 10 feet, 4 3/4 inches. Chao is SWOSU's school-record holder in Pole Vault with a personal best of 3.43 meters and she remains SWOSU's lone conference champion in Women's Track & Field.

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Trent Boesen



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# Oklahoma History: Dust bowl and black Sunday

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

The Dust Bowl (1934-1940), one of the many crushing economic moments that impacted The Great Depression, was one of Oklahoma's and the nation's worst catastrophes. The Dust Bowl refers to the period of severe dust storms that damaged the ecology and livelihood of its residents. These storms were so tremendous that an estimated 100 million acres were affected, and the billows of dust reached as far as New York City and Washington, D.C (National Weather Service, Oklahoma; 2012). The Dust Bowl caused a mass exodus of Americans, looking for work and relief. Oxford's University Press reports that "approximately 3.5 million people migrated to California" which became the largest migration in American history in a short amount of time. Many of the migrating families came from Oklahoma and were referred to as "Okies" – a term alongside "Arkies" - which referred to those who had lost everything and were struggling the most in The Great Depression. Not all of the families who left were farmers either; almost half of the migrants were professional or white-collar workers. The Census Bureau has reported that almost one-eighth of California's population has "Okie" heritage.

The dust storms that coined the term "Dust Bowl" were caused by a misunderstanding of the Great Plains' topsoil. Prior to the first wave of storms, farmers had been switching to more mechanized farm equipment so they could deep plow their land to turn the arid grassland into cultivated cropland. Centered around the Oklahoma and Texas panhandles, these farming techniques ended up removing the deep-rooted containment layer of grass that kept the fine soil trapped and protected during droughts and high winds. Then, in the 1930's, the region suffered some of their biggest droughts since 1895 which led to the top layer of soil

to become dry and powdery. The frequent high winds in the area swept through gathering all the topsoil and creating massive columns of clouds that billowed over the land. These clouds buried homes, equipment, and anyone who happened to get caught in the storm (which happened often). On May 9, 1934, one of the first and strongest storms ripped topsoil from the plains and dumped almost 12 million pounds of dust in Chicago. Two days later, that same storm reached the East Coast. By winter, New England states reported "red snow."

Not only were these storms causing crops to fail and leaving fields open to erosion when enough dust gathered, it created heavy black clouds that reduced visibility to 3 feet or less. Dubbed "black blizzards," these choking clouds meant anyone trapped outside could be dead within minutes. One of the worst black blizzards came on April 14, 1935, "Black Sunday," when a storm blew down from Canada through Texas and blocked out the sun. Nightfall fell upon the Great Plains as an estimated 300 million tons of topsoil was displaced by this storm. Black Sunday hit the Oklahoma panhandle and northwestern Oklahoma the hardest with its most severe conditions racing across the state. An unknown number of families were killed or displaced, but it's believed to be in the hundreds of thousands.

The Dust Bowl was officially over in 1941, but the lasting impact would remain forever. As the Department of Agriculture established new farming techniques and relief packages, banks, that failed the heaviest during The Great Depression in the Dust Bowl region redesigned assistance programs, and farmland and revenue increased. During WWII, land and population in affected locations increased consistently and have continued their upward trend. Today, the growth has had a few slight dips, and the rise is very gradual, but the Great Plains American Spirit is alive and well.



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Jim Morrison

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He was a Christian. One of the quotes most attributed to him was: "A life is not important except in the impact it has on others." While this is not a Biblical quote, it certainly is in line with the teachings of Christ.

It bears some similarity to the Apostle Paul's life verse in Acts 20:24. "However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the gospel of God's grace."

It is important to remember that we are a link in the chain of human history. It is up to us to choose to be a weak link or a strong length. Most mornings, Mary and

I pray for our children and their spouses, grandchildren and now one precious great-grandchild. That makes 17 souls that we are in some respect responsible for.

My Dad was far from perfect, but I am grateful that I didn't have to unlearn some vocabulary when I became a Christian. I never heard Dad use God's name or use other obscenities in the home. I saw his leadership in the little country Sunday School when he would sometimes be the only man present.

He was leading the music in a country church revival the night I gave my heart to Christ. I learned how to work and do hard things from his example. When they needed men to help dig a grave in preparation for a funeral, he was there. That was before the days of backhoes. My only regret is that I never remember expressing my gratitude for those lessons of life.

So many children, these days, are growing up in fatherless homes. Society is reaping the harvest of this problem. There is a great need for foster homes. It seems too great a sacrifice for many but such a service rendered could change the direction of many youth.

Are you praying for the youth of your circle of influence? It is always easy to criticize and forget the mistakes of our youth. Many of these will surprise you and grow up to make great contributions. You may play a vital part in their lives by using your influence and prayers to guide their destiny.

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