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31st Annual Foss Lake Christmas in July Festival

Neva Pyatt
Foss Lake Association

The 31st Annual Foss Lake Christmas in July Festival is July 9th and 10th. This event is one of the largest outdoor events in western Oklahoma and is fun for the entire family! Friday, July 9th, all the vendors will be in place by 1:00. The opening ceremony, honoring our Veterans and current Military, will begin at 6pm at the Main Stage, north of the Marina on Cedar Point. First responders are encouraged to come to the opening ceremony. The Altus AFB Honor Guard will present the colors.

Friday evening will continue with a free concert on the main stage from 8-11 pm. The Tyler Wilhelm Band and Jordan Cain with the Atlantis Aquarius band will both be performing. Bring a lawn chair or a blanket and enjoy the music and the evening. Friday will also be a good time to go through the vendors who will have jewelry, t-shirts, crafts, and, of course, great food. And, the kids always love the pony rides. These vendors set up on Friday and will stay until late Saturday night, so go and see all the fun things they have to offer, and check out the food court.

Saturday, the 10th, is loaded with special events and activities, beginning with the 6th Annual 5K Fun Run across the Dam, starting at 7am. Check-in begins at 6:15 am at the Foss State Park Office. The run is open to runners and walkers of all ages. The proceeds from the run benefit the Veterans center at Clinton, Foss State Park and local non-profit charities. Participants will receive a drawstring backpack, a race T-shirt, and other goodies. Call Dwight Shephard, 580-515-4319, who is the coordinator or email fossfunrun@gmail.com to receive the link to register on line.

Continuing Saturday activities, The Down Bikers Association is sponsoring a Poker Run with registration, beginning at 9:00 at the Foss State Park Office.

The Kayak "Trail Ride" at Chinaberry will start at 10:00. Meet at 9:30 and bring your own kayak or paddle board.

The Foss Lake Little King and Queen Pageant begins at 10:30. Check in at 10:00 in the main stage area. Get an entry at the Foss State Park office, B & K Bait House,

or **The Elk City News Paper** office at 109 W. Broadway in Elk City. Call Neva Pyatt, 580-497-6217 for additional information.

Washita Woodwork will have a Cornhole Tournament north of the marina at Cedar Point with registration at 12pm and Bags Fly at 2pm. There will be 2 categories, Upper (competitive) - \$50 entry and Lower (backyard players) - \$30. For more information contact Clint at 580-497-6178 or Lance at 405-638-1778.

The festival will have a lighted Boat Parade, beginning at Dusk. Contact Cyndy Kreger at 580-799-7220 for more information. The festival will close with a spectacular fireworks display, wrapping up the 31st annual Christmas in July Festival. This event is sponsored by many area companies and businesses each year and organized by dedicated volunteers.

The Foss Lake Christmas in July Festival was started 31 years ago when some of the residents at Foss Lake got together and decided they wanted to honor the men and women who had been involved in Desert Storm. They felt like these Veterans, who served, had never had the kind of recognition that they deserved.

Three of the men who began the festival were L. C. Murphy, Carman Mikles and Bill Farmer. In the beginning there was a lighted boat parade, followed by a huge fireworks show. The festival was only 1 day, which was Saturday. In just a few years, the festival began to grow. Vendors were added, several special events were incorporate, beginning with a special program on Friday evening where the Veterans and current military people are honored.

As the festival grew, The Foss Lake Association began to take on projects around the lake with money made from the festival. Some of the projects the Association has provided include storm sirens around the lake, habitats for the fish, repair some of the docks, purchase feed for the buffalo, while they were there, help purchase a side -scan sonar for Foss Lake, which helped solve two 40 year-old cases of missing people, and annually the Association gives a sizable donation to the Veterans Center at Clinton. There are numerous other areas that Foss Lake Association has been able to help with



Krystal Blackwell/WW

Randall Yarberry is the first winner drawn at Doug Gray Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram in Elk City for a chance to win the Dodge Nitro for the Zoo's 10th Birthday. Pictured with Randall is "The Zoo's" Val the Gal.



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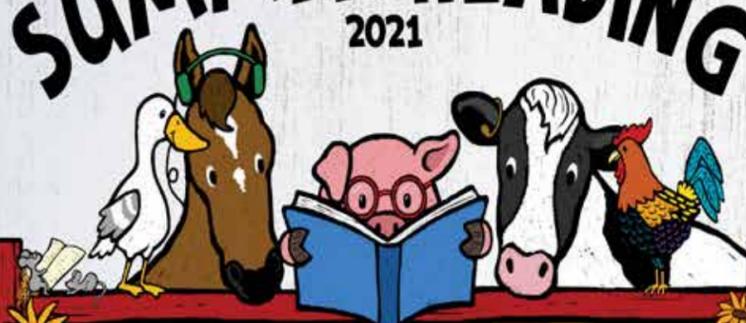
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Sabra Raines

A Memorial Service for Sabra Raines, 66, Clinton resident were held 10:00 A.M., Monday July 5, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by family and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Sabra Diane Raines was born February 3, 1955, to William Eston Williams and Rena Mae (Ladd) Williams in Lafayette, AR and passed away Monday, June 28, 2021, in the Mercy Hospital in OKC, OK.

Sabra started her young life in Lafayette, Arkansas, and move to Shattuck, Oklahoma, as a young child. Her family later moved to Clinton in 1971, and she graduated from Clinton High school in 1973. She married Charles Raines in 1975, and she had worked for the Kellwood Factory, Collins and Aikman and then was a stay-at-home mom. Later years she worked and managed the Love's Country Store and the North Side Grocery.

She had a passion for reading and was known to have a green thumb and could grow about anything. She loved spending time with her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Thomas Williams.

She is survived by her son Aaron Raines and wife Anna Bach-Raines, Clinton; two daughters: Nicole Raines, Choctaw, OK; and Anna Raines, Clinton; sister Debra Hickman, Elk City, OK; and brother Bill Williams and wife Robin, Clinton.

She is also survived by six grandchildren: Trey Latschar, Chloe Bailey, Cole Bailey, Charleigh Raines, Charlotte Raines, and Arthur Raines.

Imogene McComas

Imogene McComas, 95, was born on February 14, 1926, in Sayre, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Dewey and Nora Cruze. She passed into the loving arms of her Lord and Savior on June 23, 2021, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.



She married Melvin McComas on July 4, 1948, in Elk City, Oklahoma, where she was a nurse at Community Hospital. Melvin and Imogene moved to Bethany, Oklahoma, in 1954. Then moved to Dallas in 1956, and then to Enid, Oklahoma, in 1969.

Imogene was an active member of her church and worked in the church nursery with special needs children. She also worked in the school cafeteria at Hoover Elementary in Enid Oklahoma for sixteen years.

Some of her greatest joys in life were spending time in her flower garden, listening to music, and playing the piano. She was a loving mother of four children and grandmother of seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m., Monday, June 28, 2021, at Martin-Dugger Funeral Home Chapel, Elk City, Oklahoma. Rev. Danny Ringer will officiate. Interment will be at Fairlawn Cemetery, Elk City, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Cherishing her memory are her two daughters: Sharon Wood and her husband Keith of Enid, Oklahoma; Celia Creswell of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one son Danny McComas of Shokan, New York; grandchildren: Cody McComas, Valerie Tapley, Andrea Tappan, Remington Wood, Tyler Creswell; one sister Robbie Nichols and husband Raymond of Wichita, Kansas; six great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews

Preceded in death by her husband Melvin; sister Lovena Moseley; oldest son Charles; two granddaughters Kimberly and Kari McComas

Memorials can be made to the Charity of your choice in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.

We invite you to leave a message of condolence, expression of sympathy or perhaps share a memory of Imogene at www.martin-duggerfuneralhome.com.

Club; he also served on the Elk City Rodeo Association Board for seventeen years. His greatest passion was for the Elk City Golf and Country Club where his favorite "job" was greens chairman.

In August of 1983, he married the love of his life, Lana Campbell. They have three children: Bradley, Lana and Tyler.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at First Christian Church, Elk City, Oklahoma. Rev. James Dean will officiate; Rev. Danny Ringer will assist. Interment will be at Fairlawn Cemetery, Elk City, Oklahoma. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Cherishing his memory is his loving wife, Lana of the home; children, Bradley Stuart and his wife, Susan of Pottsville, Texas, Lana Graham of Elk City, Oklahoma and son, Tyler Windsor and his wife Tori of Elk City, Oklahoma; one brother Kenneth Morrison of Woodward, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren: James Stuart, D.J. Stuart, Paige Graham, Morgan Graham, Grant Graham, Tynslee Windsor, Tripp Windsor, Tye Windsor, Trell Windsor; one great grandson Hudson Graham; a host of other loving family members and friends.

Preceded in death by his parents Raymond Stuart and Lucille Harris; two sisters: Marilyn Helton and Ann Perryman.

Memorials can be made to the Tunnel to Towers in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, Oklahoma 73648.

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Shane Lee Thompson

Shane Lee Thompson, 37 of Elk City, Oklahoma was born on April 4, 1984, in Elk City, Oklahoma. He is the son of Ellen Kay Thompson, delivered by his grandfather Buddy Thompson. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 20, 2021.



Shane Lee Thompson, if you knew him, you loved him automatically. He had a sweet soul, gentle spirit, and a big heart, which he inherited from his beautiful mother, Shane moved to Enid in April of 2020, to get a fresh start on life, which is exactly what he did. He loved fishing, drawing and landscaping. Shane completed several programs and worked in the oilfield and was a hard worker, Shane was so proud of his brothers talking about them often. He was working at a grain elevator, long hours and hot days during harvest. If you ever worked around him, you knew he didn't have time to take breaks. He passed away, working toward his goals and living a life that made so many proud. While we are heartbroken, we can know God's plan is perfect. Our peace can be knowing Shane is reunited with his mother Ellen and other family members. Shane was an organ donor, he was a giver by nature, and will leave his legacy by helping others live.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday, June 24, 2021, at Martin-Dugger Funeral Home Chapel in Elk City, Oklahoma. Interment will take place at Butler Cemetery, in Butler, Oklahoma. Pastor Kyle Evans will officiate. Services have been entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, Oklahoma.

Cherishing his memory is his two brothers: Tylor Griffin, of Elk City, Oklahoma; Cole McClellan and wife Judith, of Elk City, Oklahoma, aunts: Mona Snyder, of Elk City, Oklahoma, Susie Demoss, of Longdale, Oklahoma, Betty Harris and husband Dave, of Enid, Oklahoma, Bee Thompson, of Enid, Oklahoma, one uncle Larry Thompson; of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, numerous other relatives and friends.

Preceded in death by his mother Ellen Thompson, one aunt Patty Dixon, grandparents Buddy and Lillie Thompson.

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Donna Carol Youngbull

Funeral Services for Donna Carol Youngbull, 58, were held 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, July 6, 2021, in the Hammon Indian Mennonite Cemetery, officiated by John Youngbull and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

A Traditional All Night Wake Service was held starting 7:00 P.M., Monday, July 5, 2021, in the Concho Community Center.

Donna Carol Youngbull was born April 18, 1963, to John Tyler Youngbull and Lucille Iris (Hamilton) Youngbull in Clinton, Oklahoma, and passed away June 28, 2021, at the Oklahoma University Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK. She later made her home back in Oklahoma City until recently she moved to El Reno, OK to be close to family.

Donna is a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She was considered to be a good dancer in her younger years, and as she became older, a great cook, and she had a green thumb and love to work with plants. She loved to grow her own medicinal plants. Her passion was helping others. She was considered to be the favorite Aunt to all and was fun to be around.

She is preceded in death by her parents, a son David Keith Adachi and a brother, Edmond Wayne Youngbull.

She is survived by her spouse Russell Adachi, Wichita, KS; four daughters: Stephanie Curley, El Reno, OK, Melissa Curley, El Reno, OK, Alisa Adachi, Wichita, KS and Andrea Adachi, Wichita, KS; two sons, Donald Adachi, OKC, OK and Micah Adachi, Wichita, KS; four sisters: Katherine Youngbull, of Asheville, NC; Mary Lou Youngbull, El Reno, OK; Jonnie Sue Youngbull, OKC, OK; and Laura Lee Youngbull, Ft. Sumner, NM; two brothers: John Youngbull, Jr. and wife Terry Lynn, El Reno, OK and Randolph James Youngbull, Mustang, OK.

She is also survived by 11 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Earl Leon Stuart

Earl Leon Stuart, 81, of Elk City, Oklahoma, was born on January 21, 1940, in Woodward, Oklahoma. He is the son of Raymond Louis Stuart and Lucille Pauline (Grice) Harris. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on June 27, 2021, at Elkwood Senior Living, surrounded by his loving family.



Leon serviced his country honorably in the National Guard, and while in service had the privilege of guarding President Eisenhower while he was in Woodward, Oklahoma.

Upon graduating from Woodward High School, Class of 1957, he moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he attended Wichita Technical Institute. In 1962 Leon moved to Elk City where he started S&S Electric as an Electrical Contractor and also Western Communications as a Motorola Representative where he provided Western Oklahoma and Texas panhandle with communications, such as SCAT radios and pagers. He loved building towers and leasing space to farmers, ranchers, and later to cellular companies.

Leon was very active in earlier days with the Lions

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SWOSU debuts eSports arena

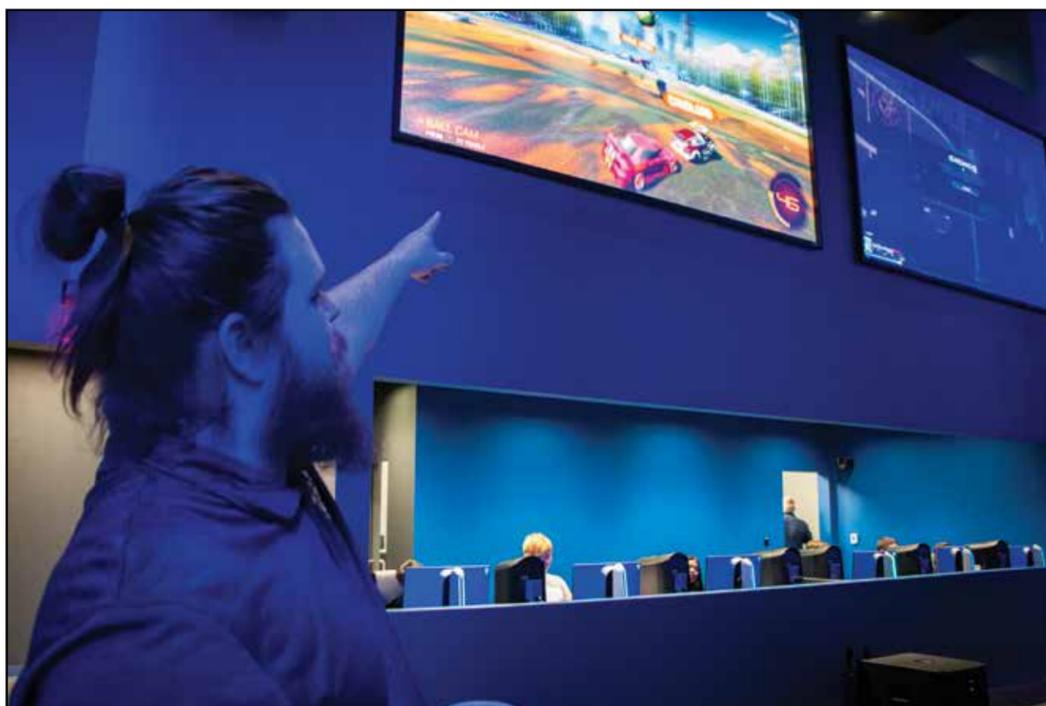
Dani Ingram
Staff Writer

On Thursday, June 24, Southwestern hosted an open house to show off its new state-of-the-art eSports arena, located in the SWOSU wellness center. E-Sports is competitive video gaming and is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country that is going to continue to rapidly evolve. The arena can host up to 160 people, but the games will also be streamed on twitch, so you can cheer on SWOSU's eSports team from home. Head team Coach, Hayden Harrington, alongside administrators and facility saw the potential for Southwestern to become the hub for electronic gaming. In fact, they believe eSports will do more than benefit just SWOSU students. Hayden Harrington, SWOSU's eSports head coach stated, "I believe it is going to bring a lot of technology to Western Oklahoma, and it is also going to show that eSports is not just for larger, metropolitan areas." When asked what makes SWOSU's eSports program different from other collegiate teams in the state, Coach Harrington responded, "We are just getting started, but what separates us from other eSports programs is our



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Around 75 campers across Oklahoma recently graduated from the SAGE STEAM Camp held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. The Southwest Alliance for Girls' Enrichment (SAGE) in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts/Humanities, and Mathematics (STEAM) Camp was a weeklong, residential summer camp hosted on SWOSU's campus for girls who are entering the eighth and ninth grades this fall. Campers were chosen after being nominated by their teachers and undergoing a phone interview, which evaluated STEAM interest and the need for this opportunity. Among those attending were Kate Brooks, Delilah Johns, Piper Staggs and Alyssa Foust all of Weatherford.



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SWOSU E-Sports Head Coach Hayden Harrington hosts a community open house for the E-Sports Arena located in the Wellness Center at SWOSU.

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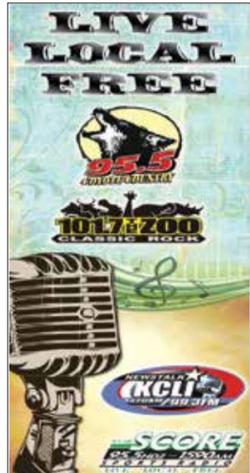
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BECKHAM CO DIST COURT- Two people charged in Beckham county district court with the murder of a North Fork Correctional inmate in May of 2020, are scheduled for preliminary hearings September 14th. Court records show Jerrad Pointer and Tre Lane are charged in the murder of Vincent Worley. Pointer allegedly used a makeshift sharpened instrument to attack Worley, resulting in his death. Lane told investigators he helped inmate Pointer attack Worley, but that he stayed in the cell after the initial attack while inmate Pointer chased Worley out into the pod.

last week. Officials at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford say they did not seek a raise in tuition and fees this year, saying students have been through a stressful and trying time during the last year. SWOSU is returning to normal operations in the fall.

CORDELL SCHOOLS/OPEN BOARD SEATS- Cordell schools superintendent Brad Overton says the district has two open seats on the board of education. Overton says board appointment applications are due July 8th. He says in the meantime, the district has three board members and can continue to conduct business. Overton says anyone who resides in the school district and is a registered voter for the past six months can apply to serve on the board of education.

RUSS/STATE TREASURER CANDIDATE- Term limited state lawmaker Todd Russ of Cordell has announced he will seek the seat of state treasurer. Russ is in his 6th two-year term in the Oklahoma house and will term limit out of office next year. Russ made the announcement yesterday. Current treasurer Randy Mcdaniel previously announced he would not seek re-election in 2022. Russ is the second candidate to announce his intention of seeking the seat. Oklahoma county clerk David Hooten announced plans to run for treasurer earlier this month.

ELK CITY TEACHER ARRESTED- A Merritt middle school teacher was jailed last week after being charged with selling steroids out of her house. Authorities raided the Elk City home of Heather Porter last week and discovered more than 1000 bottles of steroids. Porter faces 10 felony charges. Porter's husband Travis is facing three felony charges. Meanwhile, charges are pending against 20 year old Klaudia Porter. All three were arrested by authorities last week.

WEATHERFORD/MEAL SITES- The community action development corporation is making recommendations surrounding its meal programs for the next year. Judy Smith with C-A-D-C says unless the city of Weatherford can provide extra funding it would impact the number of days meals would be served at the Pioneer Center in Weatherford and Meals on Wheels. The other 13 nutrition sites in the state, run by community action development corporation, have already decided to go to a four day week. The Weatherford City Commission will likely discuss the extra funding request at its July meeting to remain serving meals at the Weatherford site five days a week.

OKLAHOMA COLLEGES/TUITION- Students at the University of Oklahoma and Oklahoma State will feel the affects of tuition and fee increases when they return to college in the fall. The University of Oklahoma Board of Regents have voted to implement a 2.75% increase in tuition and fees for undergraduate and graduate rates. The Oklahoma A&M board of regents, which governs Oklahoma State University, voted to raise tuition and fees by 2.5%. The Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education approved the increases

WRH/RETENTION BONUSES- After much discussion, the board of trustees of the Weatherford Hospital Authority approved retention bonuses last night to be paid from COVID funding. The board approved the bonuses by a 4-2 vote. Eligible full time employees will receive \$2500, part time employees will receive half that amount and P-R-N employees, who are as needed personnel, will receive a pro-rated amount with a minimum of \$100. The total cost of the bonuses is between \$330,000 to \$350,000.

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Lady Bulldog Standout Bethany Franks to Return for Fifth Season

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU Women's Basketball standout Bethany Franks has announced her intention to return to the Lady Bulldogs in 2021-22 for a fifth season, taking advantage of an NCAA waiver to extend eligibility following the COVID-19 pandemic.

Franks is a three-time All-Great American Conference selection and she's appeared in 114 games for the Lady Bulldogs over the past four seasons. She is ranked second in school history with 969 career rebounds and 12th on the school's all-time scoring list with 1,165 points to her credit. In addition, Franks is the active leader in NCAA Division II with 299 career steals, which far exceeds the school record she broke at the beginning of her junior season.

"There are a lot of reasons why I chose to come back, but the biggest is because one of the last conversations I got to have with my Dad before he passed was about school and the opportunity to play a fifth year," Franks said. "During that talk, I told him that I wanted to end my career a little differently because this past season didn't feel like a good note to end on. He agreed and couldn't wait to watch me play one last season. So I'm coming back for my Dad."

By returning for an extra season, Franks will extend her decorated career that includes four regular season Great American Conference Championships and one GAC Tournament Championship. The Lady Bulldogs are a combined 100-19 during that time and they've qualified for four NCAA Division II National



Tournaments, highlighted by a winning the Central Regional Championship on the way to a National Runner-up finish in 2019. During the 2019 postseason run, Franks was named the Most Valuable Player of the GAC Tournament and earned a spot on the All-Tournament Team at the Elite Eight.

"Bethany has been a vital part of our team and growth over the past four years," SWOSU Head Coach

Kelsi Musick said. "We are so excited to have her return to finish her goals for our team. She will be able to help teach our young players as well, which is great for the future of Lady Bulldog Basketball!"

With the return of Franks, SWOSU will bring back all five starters from their 2021 team which finished 18-4 and won the regular season championship for the GAC's Western Division.

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SWOSU and OSU-CHS Sign MOU to Explore Expansion of Rural Healthcare Education

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's (SWOSU) College of Pharmacy in Weatherford and Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences (OSU-CHS) in Tulsa have signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to cooperate to serve students and the citizens of Oklahoma through expansion of rural healthcare education.

The MOU was signed by SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler and OSU-CHS President Dr. Kayse Shrum, who will take over as president of Oklahoma State University in Stillwater on July 1.

SWOSU and OSU-CHS will explore options for a dual-degree partnership involving SWOSU's Doctor of Pharmacy (Pharm.D.) program and the OSU-CHS Physician Assistant (P.A.) program.

"We greatly appreciate the opportunity to begin a closer relationship with Oklahoma State University Center for Health Sciences that will lead to future enhancement of health-related programs at both institutions," Beutler said. "This is a partnership with great potential."

SWOSU recently received the largest single donation in the history of the university (\$5 million) from longtime SWOSU benefactors Jerry and Margaret Hodge of Amarillo (TX). That gift is enabling SWOSU to take the next steps toward construction of a state-of-the-art

facility dedicated to healthcare education and pharmacy.

SWOSU and OSU-CHS will cooperate on intra-professional education opportunities through electronic or physical means at the earliest possible opportunity. The two higher education institutions will be looking at possibilities and planning methods to utilize selected clinical rotations from one institution's program to meet requirements for clinical rotations of the other institution's program.

In addition, discussion will take place about the guaranteed admission slots into the OSU-CHS P.A. program for SWOSU Pharm.D. graduates, once the probationary accreditation class size cap on the OSU-CHS P.A. program is lifted, provided pre-requisites are met. And discussion will take place on the logistics of guaranteed admission slots into the SWOSU Pharm.D. program for OSU-CHS P.A. graduates, provided pre-requisites are met.

Beutler said the two entities will explore other methods in which SWOSU can collaborate with OSU-CHS to expand rural healthcare opportunities for students and citizens, including the physical expansion of the OSU-CHS P.A. program into western Oklahoma at a site on SWOSU's Weatherford campus, when OSU-CHS' P.A. accreditation and funding levels allow consideration of such an expansion.

"The Coin Guy" Rare Cent Found in Pocket Change



Trent Boesen

When people gather one may hear someone complaining about the lack of collectible coins in circulation. You will never know unless you look at your change.

The mother of an 8-year-old boy let him go through her change from her purse. In short time, he came to her excitedly holding a cent in his hand. He was very adamant about his find claiming it was valuable.

The mother took him and the penny to a coin dealer. He had found a 1969-S Lincoln cent in extra fine condition. (The above picture is the cent). This 8-year-old could be a budding numismatist (the science of studying coinage and currency).

In extra fine condition the above coin could bring \$10,000 to \$12,000. Not bad for finding it in change.

Do you have questions about coin collecting but do not know who to ask? Call "The Coin Guy" at 580-890-8076. We can meet at Jerry's and talk about them. Thanks for reading.



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University's annual Middle School Band Camp attracted nearly 300 students. The camp for students who have completed grades five through seven was held June 27-30 on the Weatherford campus. SWOSU's annual Band Camp for 7th-12th grade students is coming up July 11-16 with approximately 450 students planning to attend. Among those attending the Middle School Band Camp from Weatherford were (front from left): Jaxton Kelley, Michael Davis, Ava Saume and Delilah Johns. (Second row from left): Alyssa Foust, Cassie Pebley, James Ashcroft and Korbyn Smith. (Back row from left): Lexi Johnson, Paylor Shields, Hayley Bunce, Olivia Childress and Katie Kreizenbeck.



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Oklahoma History: Boise City Bombing

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

With numerous text, film, and news coverages, ranging from romanticized stories to professional documentaries, most of the major events of WWII have been told from all sides. However, there is one WWII story that textbooks and film crews forget to mention; the bombing of Boise City, OK, the only United States city to be bombed during WWII. At the time of Honolulu's Pearl Harbor bombing by Japan in 1941, Hawaii was a territory not a state.

On July 5th, 1943, while the Allies and Axis Powers were clashing on the other side of the world, pilots at Dalhart Army Air Base in Texas were preparing B-17 "Flying Fortress" bombers for a midnight raid. Their target: a small square area lit up in each corner. The raid would begin after dark.

As the last rays of sunlight dipped past the horizon, the four B-17's took off with the young navigator's directions. Expectations of the bombing run were high. But instead of heading towards their target: a nearby practice range in Conlen, Texas, the crew were flying to Boise City, which sat 30 miles to the north.

Much of the bustling small town were in bed with most of the city's lights turned off, except for the city courthouse square. The only activity in the city was centered around a little cafe and movie theater with truckers and young couples chatting and enjoying the night.

At almost 12:30 AM, the first bomb dropped. It crashed through the roof of a garage, leaving a four-

foot deep hole in the ground. While the bomb was just a practice bomb, the sound of its explosion and impact was still loud enough to wake the whole town. The next bomb exploded beside the Baptist church, blowing out its windows. People were scrambling for cover.

The third bomb landed near a gasoline tanker as the driver attempted to flee the city. The fourth bomb struck outside the McGowan Boarding House almost striking a fuel truck.

Frank Garrett, Boise City's light man, rushed for the Public Service building and pulled on the master switch sending the town into complete darkness. The only light came from the next two bombs' explosions.

After the first bomb hit, John Adkins with the town's air warning office wired Oklahoma's FBI with "Boise City bombed one A.M. Baptist Church, garage hit."

Finally, after a radio message or the sudden blackout, the navigator realized their near fatal mistake and the 30 minute air raid ended. Luckily, no one was injured. The hundred pound practice bombs, full of sand and a couple of pounds of dynamite, left a grand total of \$25 in property damage.

A year later, the same bombing crew responsible for the embarrassing mishap went on to lead an 800-plane raid on Berlin and became one of the most decorated crews of WWII. On the 50th year anniversary of the surprise raid, Boise City threw a party commemorating one of the craziest nights in its history. The bombing crew declined the invite, but the navigator for the crew sent an audio tape for the event.



Photo: B-17 "Flying Fortress"



Photo: Landmark in Boise City

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Jim Morrison

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In 1977 Becky Pippert wrote, *Out of the Saltshaker into the World*. She was amazed that it received such wide readership that she was asked to lead conferences across the world in Protestant as well as Catholic churches. Twenty years later she was asked to do an update, adding new experiences since the first book and revising the language to speak to the present culture. I read the first edition twenty years ago and have found the revision even more helpful.

In conferences she found that about 98 percent of the problems that people face dealt with communication problems—how to bring up the subject of God without seeming awkward or being offensive. One chapter was very helpful in dealing with that concern. The most logical suggestion was as much as possible be yourself;

as natural as possible. Learn to listen to people and ask questions about common interests, and attempt to discern how knowing Christ would meet some of their deepest needs.

She related one conversation that she had with a woman she met in a doctor's office. They had both read an article about a woman who seemed to have spiritual insight that allowed her to diagnose diseases that even baffled doctors. Becky felt it bore occulted similarities, which led to a discussion about truth. Becky said, "Let's just suppose for a minute that the Christian story is true, that God created us in love, that God created us in love. But we rebelled and chose to do it our way. And the effect, or results of that rebellion produced a state of separation from God, from each other, even within ourselves. In our brokenness we couldn't come to God, so God came to us. God didn't stand apart. He didn't abandon us. He sent his Son, Jesus, who became a man and entered fully into the human crisis and died on the cross for our sins in order to solve it, and to seek and save us."

In a few sentences she brought out the essence of the Christian story: God's creation in love, the fall of man, his condition of separation, and God's rescue plan in

Jesus. You don't have to know a lot of theology, have all the answers to their questions, or have your points in perfect order. After all, conversion is the business of the Holy Spirit, not a result of our great presentation.

Another point she made is that when we come to realize the depth of God's love for us, our sin becomes more real to us. When I pray for a truck driver, I try to make sure to ask God to reveal the depth of his love for the person. As Rick Warren says; we were created for God's pleasure and we find our greatest pleasure or fulfillment in loving him back. Too often we think of love only in an affectionate way like we love a dear friend or our spouse. In God's language we spell love by obedience. "If you love me keep my commandments." Love is not an emotional feeling we might experience in singing a praise song. It is an action word.

Every act of meeting the physical needs of a person ought to have as its basis, putting God's on display, which should serve as a platform for a conversation about the source of your love. "The love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." Romans 5:5.

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