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SWOSU Hosts Essay Competition for First Generation Students

An essay contest is part of a 1st Generation celebration that will be taking place at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in November.

SWOSU Academic Support Center Coach Dillon Martone said essay submissions will be accepted through October 25 with first place winning a \$500 scholarship, second place a \$100 gift card to The Merc and third place a SWOSU gift basket.

1st Generation is an event celebrating students and faculty whose parents never completed a four-year degree. The actual event will take place on November 8 from 3-5 p.m. in the East Ballroom of the Memorial Student Center.

The essay prompt is "Why Did You Choose to Be 1st (Generation)." Essays should be between 400 and 700 words. To participate, students must be part of the 39% of SWOSU students that are 1st Generation, meaning their parents never completed a 4-year degree. The essays will be evaluated anonymously by a panel of interdisciplinary judges. The finalists and their placements will be announced at the end of the event on November 8.

SWOSU students can submit their essays either by navigating to the Academic Support Center page of the SWOSU website and clicking the Essay Contest tab (<https://bulldog.swosu.edu/student-services/academic-support-center/essay-contest.php>) and following this link to the Form Stack submission page (https://swosu.formstack.com/forms/1st_generation_celebration_essay_contest) or by scanning the QR code below that leads to the Form Stack submission page. Additional rules and criteria for the contest can be found at the links above.

As for 1st Generation faculty that would like to participate, they can follow the same guidelines as listed for students in their writing; but instead of submitting to the Form Stack, they should email Martone directly at dillon.martone@swosu.edu to express interest in reading as a guest speaker at the event.



Cody Roper/OKC Dodgers

SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell recently threw out the first pitch at an Oklahoma City Dodgers baseball game at Chickasaw Bricktown Ballpark. The Dodgers are a Minor League baseball team and affiliated with the Los Angeles Dodgers. With Dr. Lovell are Dodger mascots (left) Brooklyn and Brix.

Oklahoma Schools Encouraged to Join Students Against Hunger

(OKLAHOMA CITY) – Sept. 21, 2021 - The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Students Against Hunger Program hopes to raise 150,000 pounds of food during the 2021- 2022 school year. The program encourages students, ranging from elementary schools to colleges and universities, to get involved in the fight against hunger by organizing food & fund drives in their schools and communities.

To participate in Students Against Hunger, students can commit to hosting a food & fund drive, host a virtual fundraiser or volunteer their time at the Regional Food Bank. At the end of the school year, the Regional Food Bank will recognize schools who have excelled in this year's program.

"Over the past 16 years, Students Against Hunger has made a huge impact by raising enough food and funds to provide over 5.9 million meals to Oklahomans, living with hunger," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "We love to see young people become advocates in the fight against hunger."

Students can participate in the program as a group or individually. All schools, within the Regional Food Bank's 53-county service area in central and western Oklahoma, are encouraged to participate and will work together to help hit the 150,000-pound cumulative goal.

Student groups and individuals can sign up to participate in Students Against Hunger by visiting rfbo.org/students-against-hunger. The Regional Food Bank offers a variety of marketing resources to help make each food & fund drive a success.



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"The food and funds raised during Students Against Hunger help stock the shelves of Regional Food Bank partners in the communities it was raised," Dykstra said.

Oklahoma is the fifth hungriest state in the nation. The majority of people served by the Regional Food Bank are chronically hungry children; seniors living on limited incomes and hardworking families, struggling to make ends meet.

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Public Notice and Agenda

Annual Tribal Council Meeting

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In accordance with the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes' Constitution, pursuant to Article V. §. 3 (a) An Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held on the first Saturday in October. No other meetings of the Tribes shall be held on the first Saturday in October including a Special Tribal Council Meeting or a meeting of the Legislature. The Annual Meeting of the Tribal Council shall be held in Concho.

Pursuant to Article V, § 3 (a) reads in part, The Tribes shall provide bus transportation for members of the Tribes to attend the Annual meeting (SEE ATTACHMENT, BUS SCHEDULE).

Pursuant to Article V, § 2 (d); Resolution No. 100408ATC-002 and § 4 (c) requires all RESOLUTION(S) SUBMITTED at least thirty days before each Annual Meeting and Special Meeting of the Tribal Council.

Deadline Posted of August 31, 2021 @ 4:00 P.M. are as follows on the 2021 Annual Agenda:

1. Selection of Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council-
 - o K. Michelle BigFoot, Watonga, Oklahoma
 - o Jennifer Bailey, Yukon, Oklahoma
 - o Monica Allen, Canton, Oklahoma
 - o Leslie Wanderie Harjo
2. FY 2022 Tribal Annual Budget.
3. A Resolution to ensure that all tribal members, regardless of location, will receive tribal benefits equally.
4. REMOVE the General Custer Equestrian Statue
5. Tribal Council to Decrease the Governor's salary from 180,003.20 to 150,000.00 in accordance with Article VII Section 5. of the Constitution.
6. A Tribal Council Resolution Establishing an Out of Area Office in Concho.
7. Policy for Confirmation of Executive Director Nominations.
8. Terms and Conditions for Coordinator, Office of Tribal Council.
9. A Resolution to Increase the 2022 Tribal Council Budget.

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Geraldine Veal

Geraldine was born May 30, 1936, in Weatherford to Gordon Thacker, Sr. and Clarice (Clayton) Thacker and passed away Friday, September 17, 2021, in Corn Heritage Village of Weatherford, at the age of 85 years, 3 months and 17 days.



Geraldine was raised and attended school in Weatherford. She married the love of her life Donald Veal on March 24, 1954, and they made their home in Enid. To this union they were blessed with two sons Eddie and Donnie. Geraldine and Donald moved to Corn in 1957 where they owned and operated Veal's Locker Plant for 16 years. They moved to Fort Cobb Lake in 1975 where they owned and operated Crows Roost for 7 years. Many good memories were made at Fort Cobb Lake. After Donald's death, Geraldine eventually moved back to Weatherford.

Geraldine enjoyed baking, collecting dolls, puzzles, stitchwork and most of all being with her family. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother and grandmother who loved her family endlessly. She never failed to send a yearly birthday card to her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. These birthday cards were full of handwritten messages and expressions of love. She was an excellent cook and always made sure everyone had their favorite dessert at family gatherings. Her memory will live on through the baby blankets she stitched for every one of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, the hundreds of handwritten recipes that she gifted to her granddaughters, and the nicknames she lovingly gave her grandchildren.

Geraldine is survived by two sons: Eddie Veal and wife Sheryl of Clinton and Donnie Veal of Weatherford; one brother Gordon Thacker, Jr of Weatherford; three grandchildren: Jeannie, Josh and Jenae; and six great-grandchildren: Taylor, Peyton, Braden, Jessica, Cambria and Laney Jo. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers Tommie Joe and Don; and two sisters Donna and Beulah Mae.

Geraldine had a huge heart and was very special to her family and friends. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

farming, especially checking cattle and crops, staying active with this even in his retirement years. He and his brother Don ran a dairy operation until 1974, when Vernon began a custom harvesting business. He worked hard to involve his entire family on the harvest run as they grew up and built many special friendships and customers from Texas to North Dakota and Idaho in his 22 years of custom harvesting. In his early years, Vernon drove a school bus for Custer City schools and later served on the School Board at Corn Bible Academy where all four children attended. He had a great interest in antique tractors and farm equipment and enjoyed restoring them and traveling to tractor shows in his later years.

Vernon accepted Christ at an early age and was an active member of Bethany Brethren In Christ Church all his life. He was involved in moving the country church to town and will be laid to rest in the country church cemetery. Vernon had a servant's heart and looked for ways he could help or be of service. He taught Sunday School, Boys Brigade Clubs, served as Deacon and on the Church Board for many years. He attended several mission trips with Mennonite work groups to Haiti and Honduras and was a member of The Gideons International, helping to distribute bibles. Some of his most special time was spent as a prison ministry volunteer, where he led bible study with inmates for many years. Vernon shared a love of gospel music with his wife Grace, and they enjoyed attending many Gaither Band concerts with friends and family. Music was almost always being played in their home.

Vernon is survived by two sons: Tim Frymire and wife Johnette of Thomas, Robert Frymire and wife Annie of Thomas, one daughter Kristi Spaeth and husband Calley of Thomas; eleven grandchildren: Jay Frymire and wife Brooke, Ashley Walker and husband Brent, Elliott Maldonado, Zac Frymire and wife Jen, Stephanie Perkins and husband Aaron, Jonathan Marlow and wife Megan, Jordan Marlow and wife Nicole, Carley LeMoine and husband Ryan, Cooper Frymire, Cason Frymire, and Carter Frymire; eleven great-grandchildren; also Evelyn Frymire Hightower and husband Dennis and two sons: Kyle and Blake; six sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, and a host of nieces and nephews.

Vernon was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, his parents, son Nevin Wayne Frymire, sister Nina Faye Frymire Brandt and husband Harvey, brother Donald Frymire and wife Margaret, and daughter-in-law Brenda Frymire.

Memorials can be made to: Bethany Brethren in Christ Church, 723 W. Broadway St., Thomas, OK 73669.

as "Mom," He graduated from Clinton High School in 1988. He married Elizabeth Wright on October 15, 1988, in Hobart. He first worked as a welder, and he and his wife Elizabeth became youth ministers and served their Hobart Church from 1994 to 1998. In 1999 they moved to Clinton and started pastoring at the Pentecostal Church of God which later changed to New Hope Fellowship. While pastoring in Clinton for 23 years, he held Sunday School classes every Sunday morning & a monthly afternoon service at the Methodist/ Clinton Therapy & Living Center for 16 years, Gary and Elizabeth ran the Concession Stand at church camp for 9 years and helped in other capacities for the last several years. Gary loved going and taking people on Mission Trips to Belize where they not only preached in many churches and helped lead people to Christ, but laid tile in one church, dug a septic well on the side of a mountain for another, laid cinderblock walls for a yet another church, acted in skits for VBS and he fell in love with the people of Belize. Along with his ministry duties he owned and operated Great Planes Interiors, at Clinton Municipal Airport, where he did Aircraft Interiors and was a Master Trimmer and worked on airplanes from all over the United States and two other countries.

Oreta Cammell Ellis

Memorial Services Oreta Cammell Ellis, 81, Houston Texas resident, will be held at 1:00 P.M., Sunday October 10, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel and under the direction of Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Oreta Cammell Ellis passed on to her heavenly reward September 14, 2021, in Webster, Texas. She was 81.

Oreta was the daughter of Walter Widener and Cammell Beulah (Bowman) Widener. She was the sister of Walter Widener Jr., who passed away at birth; Nick Widener, who lives with his wife Marilyn in Pocasset, Oklahoma; and Donna Stehr Coon, who lives in Clinton, Oklahoma.

Oreta grew up in Clinton, Oklahoma, and graduated from Clinton High School. She was a student at Southwestern State College in Weatherford when she met a handsome fellow student named Earl Kent Ellis of Dill City, Oklahoma. They married on January 1, 1960, and shared a lifetime of happiness before Kent passed away on July 2, 2017.

Kent was a Church of Christ preacher, and the couple moved frequently from place to place and from congregation to congregation. They began their married life in Oklahoma, but soon relocated to Texas where they remained for good, residing in Seminole, Lufkin, Bryan-College Station, Austin, and Houston and its environs, before finally retiring to Fredericksburg, in the Texas Hill Country.

Along the way, Oreta worked for many years as an executive in the banking industry and later as a professional event planner and caterer. She was an excellent cook and particularly enjoyed preparing elaborate holiday feasts for her family.

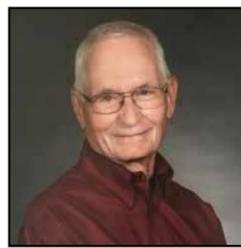
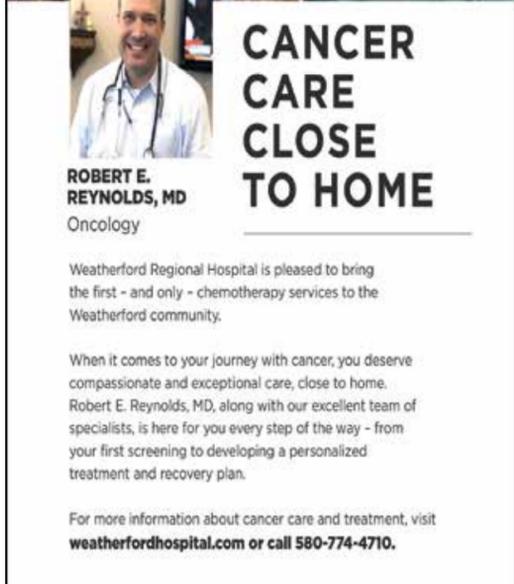
Oreta and Kent had three children: Mark lives with his wife Tami in Houston, Texas; Angela lives with her husband Greg in Houston; and James lives with his wife Joy in Hong Kong. Oreta had eight grandchildren: Mark's children Bethany, Kent, and Hannah; Angela's children Geoffrey, Reagan, and Elisabeth; and James' children, James Jr. and Annie. Oreta adored her great-grandchildren: Danielle, Marshall, Oliver, Lily, Graham, and Avonlea. At the time of Oreta's passing, two new great-grandchildren were on their way.

Oreta enjoyed telling stories about her childhood, various adventures, and the memorable people she had known. She had a unique way of expressing herself, with an entertaining mixture of sincerity, warmth, and wit. It was always a special treat when Oreta and Kent told stories in tandem; they were a perfect team.

Oreta Ellis shined a bright light into this world and warmed the hearts of many people. Those she left behind will remember her with great love. She will be buried beside her beloved husband in a private cemetery near Putnam, Oklahoma.

Vernon Henry Frymire

Vernon Henry Frymire, Jr. was born June 13, 1931, to Vernon Sr and Maime (Eyster) Frymire on the family farm near Thomas, Oklahoma. As a boy he attended Union Ridge country school, then graduated Jabbock Bible School in Thomas. On April 21, 1953, Vernon married Gracie (Bontrager) in Pueblo, Colorado. The couple worked in Colorado until 1954 when they returned to the Thomas area to begin farming. They raised a family of 3 sons and 1 daughter. Faith, family, and farming were Vernon's top priorities, and he made that evident in his daily life. Vernon enjoyed all aspects of

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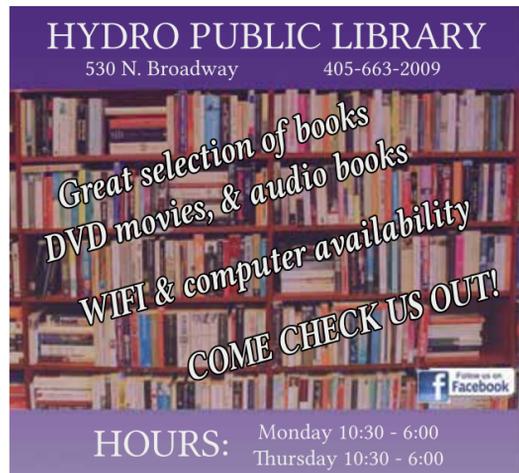


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Gary Jones

Celebration of Life Service for Gary Jones, Jr., 51, minister of New Hope Fellowship Church, was held at 2:00 P.M., Thursday, September 23, 2021, in the New Hope Fellowship Church, 1805 Custer Ave. Clinton, OK, officiated by Rev. Wayne Morrow with remarks to be made by Rev. Jerry Kuhn, Rev. Billy Houck, Rev. David Morrow, Rev. Jeff Nance, Mike Jones and David Ledbetter. Private burial service for family will be held prior to funeral services under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home. By a prior request of Gary, his casket will not be open; however, those wanting to come by the funeral home and sign his register, it will be available. Gary Gene Jones, Jr., was born November 25, 1969, the son of Gary Gene Jones, Sr. and Linda (Allen) in Altus, OK and passed away Friday, September 17, 2021, in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. Gary lived 6 years in Altus, then moved to Clinton, OK and lived with his dad. Gary Sr. married Anna Knoy and she joined the family and was affectionately known

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Kiwanis & Rotary Clubs Donate AEDs to Weatherford Public Schools



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 Weatherford Public Schools' head Athletic Trainer Grant Schamburg holds a newly purchased AED. Schamburg was the speaker of a recent meeting of the Weatherford Kiwanis Club regarding these purchases.

Weatherford Kiwanis Club will donate 1 AED to WPS, and they will buy one to be used at the Kiwanis ballpark. The Weatherford Rotary Club also voted to donate 2 additional AED's to use at Woody Roof Field as well as Weatherford's soccer complex. These will be useful to student athletes as well as spectators. .

Grant Schamburg is the head athletic trainer of Weatherford Public Schools. He's the first medical responder for any athlete at the schools. He is at every practice and event he can be. He's asking for a donation of an AED to bring someone back to life that has sudden cardiac arrest. Right now they only have 2 portable AEDs. He needs the AEDs at every sporting event and they are currently down to 1 portable AED since the other one needs a new battery. They ideally need a permanent AED at other stadiums and practice fields or gyms. Currently they only have one in the WHS gym. The Cardiac Science brand is compatible with their other devices and resources. They cost around \$1200-\$1500 each and last around 12 years. This would help the Weatherford athletic department, including fans in the stands, and beyond. AED would likely be in the concession stand at the Radar Park complex. His goal is to have an AED in every sporting location they use.

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SWOSU Jazz Ensembles to Perform on September 30

The SWOSU Music Department will start its concert season with an outdoor jazz concert at Rader Park in Weatherford on Thursday, September 30. Jazz Ensembles A, B and Jazz Combo will be featured at the 7 p.m. concert. Admission is free, and the public is invited. Music by well-known composers Sammy Nestico, Herbie Hancock, Quincy Jones, Jeff Jarvis, as well as some newer fare, will be featured at the concert. The ensembles are under the direction of Dr. Richard Tirk, Anthony Valentine and Todd Bowles. In case of inclement weather, the concert will be moved to the Fine Arts Center Auditorium on the SWOSU campus. For additional information, please contact the SWOSU Music Department at (580) 774 3708.

CLINTON CITY COUNCIL/ARPA- Clinton City Manager Robert Johnston said that the city has an opportunity to spend some of its American Rescue Plan Act money. Johnston says that the city could spend some of the ARPA money to improve the city's water systems. The council will discuss funding a preliminary engineering plan at a future meeting.

OSDH/VIRTUAL CAREER FAIR- The Oklahoma State Department of Health will host a virtual career fair to hire approximately 70 nurses statewide. The event will be held Wednesday, September 29th, from 9-4. Currently, full-time registered nurses are needed to provide health-care support throughout the state, including the southwest region of Oklahoma. Online registration is open at app.careerfairplus.com

ELK CITY/SPEED HUMPS- The City of Elk City is determining the need for less speed. City manager Tom Ivester said the city is evaluating the effectiveness of speed humps at slowing the speed of motorists. Popular in suburban areas such as Norman and Edmond, speed humps are at least 8 feet wide and 2.5 to 3 inches tall. They allow motorists to travel over them at speeds up to 20 to 25 miles per hour without damaging vehicles. The first speed hump was recently placed in a residential area on north Lusk Avenue. Ivester says the city is considering placing more around town, and he is seeking input from the public. However, the city will not place speed humps on emergency routes or snow routes.

CUSTER COUNTY SHERIFF/GRANT- The Custer County Sheriff's Department has been awarded a grant from the United States Deputy Sheriff's Association for

the replacement of outdated and unsupported models of tasers. The department received a \$5000 cash grant to purchase eight new tasers.

WEATHERFORD/ASBESTOS REMOVAL UPDATE- Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown said asbestos removal is complete at the former Weatherford Regional Hospital site on Kansas. Brown said Midwest Wrecking will need about a week to tear down the building. He said bids for construction of the new police station/911 center could go out in October.

SWOSU/WRIGHT SCHOLAR- Southwestern Oklahoma State University student Sarah Stoffels of Anadarko has been named the 2021-22 academic year Glenn Wright memorial scholar. Stoffels is studying music education on the Weatherford campus. This marks her second consecutive year to be awarded the Glenn Wright Memorial scholarship. The scholarship is granted to a SWOSU student who intends to pursue a career in band direction and is named for the late Glenn Wright who had a distinguished career leading band programs in Erick and Anadarko.

WEATHERFORD CC/LYLE ROAD- Weatherford City commissioners decided to not do a change order for the Lawter Road sewer and water improvements on the Lyle road project. Brown said it would be only a temporary fix. He said even if the city decided to move forward with the change order there is no guarantee the work would be effective if a heavy rain occurs.

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Benoit Wins GAC Award for Second Straight Week

William Soule
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Bulldog Volleyball's Markenzie Benoit has been named the Great American Conference's Co-Defensive Player of the Week, after she won the GAC's Offensive Player of the Week award last week.

Benoit is the first player in SWOSU history to win both the offensive and defensive award in the same season, and she managed to do it in back to back weeks! She is having an incredible season so far, and has been a huge part in the Bulldogs turning a slow start into a six game win streak. She leads the team in kills (94), blocks (39), and points (121).

GAC CO-DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK – Markenzie Benoit, Southwestern Oklahoma State, MH, Sr., Bedford, Texas

One week after garnering the GAC's Offensive Player of the Week award, Benoit earned the Defensive accolade as she led the Bulldogs in their five-set win against No. 13 Oklahoma Baptist, the Bulldogs' first-ever win against a ranked opponent. She recorded 10.0 total blocks, including four solo blocks against the Bison.



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Breakthrough Doesn't Come for Bulldogs

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SWOSU Football was unable to find a winning breakthrough score late, and it proved to be costly as the Bulldogs fall at home in a close one to Oklahoma Baptist 31-27.

It was the third straight week that the Dawgs found themselves in a knock down drag out affair late in the

fourth quarter. In their last three games, SWOSU has been within one possession of taking the lead late in the game and has been unable to engineer that winning drive.

This team had to overcome adversity before they even took the field on Saturday night, as starting quarterback Tanner Griffin was ruled out with an injury. In steps the next man up Jalil Kilpatrick, and boy did he step up.

A Senior transfer from Detroit, Mich., Kilpatrick was forced into his SWOSU debut with the sudden absence of Griffin and he would go on to go toe to toe with the number one offense in the Great American Conference. He finished with 229 yards and three touchdowns through the air and always seemed poised for a big momentum grabbing play. All three of his touchdown passes came from over 25 yards out, throwing strikes of 26, 61, and 54 yards that ended in six. He also added another 46 yards and a touchdown with his legs. His threat to run opened up another dynamic for an already potent Bulldog offense.

Wide receiver Torin Justice had another big night and was clearly Kilpatrick's favorite target throughout the night. He hauled in three catches for 98 yards and two touchdowns while also accruing a season high eight targets.

While Kilpatrick was the best passer on the field tonight, the best pass of the day and arguably the best moment of the game came from Freshman punter David Vargas. The Bulldogs lined up to punt on a 4th and 13 deep into the fourth quarter, but Vargas had no intention of kicking the ball away. He instead found Senior defensive back Justin Mason wide open down the middle for a first down that kept SWOSU hopes alive. It was an incredibly gutsy call from Head Coach Chet Pobolish and it worked like a charm.

Jalil Kilpatrick stepped up in a big way when his team needed him too, but the defensive unit for the Bulldogs stepped up their game as well on Saturday night. Facing one of the best if not the best passing offense they'll face all year, SWOSU put in their best defensive performance of

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Kilpatrick and Tate Named Bulldogs of the Week

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WEATHERFORD, Okla. - Jalil Kilpatrick of SWOSU Football and Hadley Tate of SWOSU Rodeo have been named this week's Bulldogs of the Week.

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.'

A Senior quarterback from Detroit, Mich., Kilpatrick was called upon to step up for his team when starting quarterback Tanner Griffin was unavailable with an injury. Kilpatrick answered the call in a big

way. He accounted for all of SWOSU's touchdowns on Saturday and finished with 229 passing yards and three touchdowns while also gaining 46 yards on the ground with a 25 yard touchdown rush.

Tate, a Sophomore from Apache, Okla., won the Women's All-Around award at the Colby County Community College Rodeo in Colby, Kan. last weekend. She took fifth place in average in Breakaway and sixth in average in Barre Racing to take the title and help her team to a fourth place finish on 170.00 points. She will be back in competition this weekend in Durant at the Southeastern Oklahoma State Rodeo.

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Hydro-Eakly Softball (pictured above) and Hydro-Eakly Baseball (pictured below) both won their district tournaments held in Hydro this past week.



Bulldogs

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the season to date. They held Oklahoma Baptist's second in the nation passing attack that had been averaging 348 passing yards per game to just 167 on the night.

Linebacker Davotrick Dotrey returned a first quarter interception 35 yards to set up SWOSU's first touchdown of the game. The Bulldog defense has forced an interception in every game this year.

Sophomore defensive lineman RJ Powell had a huge impact up front, coming up with four tackles including a half tackle for loss and two QB hurries. His big moment in the game came in the fourth quarter when he showed off his hops to swat away a Bison attempted pass on fourth and four to turn Oklahoma Baptist over on downs.

Costly penalties and special teams miscues kept another feisty effort from this football team from turning into a notch in the win column. Still, there continues to be a lot of positives to be taken from a team that refuses to go down without a fight.

They'll have another fight on their hands next week when the Bulldogs make the trek to take on Arkansas-Monticello on Saturday at 2:00 pm.

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Honoring Oklahoma's Civil War Legacy

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Cabin Creek Battlefield was the site of two major engagements between the Union and the Confederate forces during the Civil War. The battlefield is located where the Texas Road crosses Cabin Creek, near the town Big Cabin, Oklahoma. The crossing lay along the Texas Road, an historic trail, used by explorers, pioneers, herders, and traders. The trails popularity for transport of goods, led many armies and Forts to utilize it for transportation of military supplies, like those from Fort Scott, Kansas to Fort Gibson, Indian Territory. Cabin Creek saw its fair share of skirmishes, but it's two engagements were exciting moments that could tip the scales during the Civil War.

The first major engagement between the Union and the Confederacy at Cabin Creek Battlefield took place on July 1st & 2nd, 1863. The first battle was an attempt by Confederate forces to capture a Federal supply wagon train. The Confederate troops failed to stop the Union's supply train, which played a pivotal role in the Battle of Honey Springs later that month. We discussed the impact that battle had on the war as a whole. The Oklahoma Historical Society noted that, "The Battle of Honey Springs was in both size and importance the Gettysburg of the Civil War in Indian Territory." Honey Springs solidified the Union's hold on Arkansas and marked the top of Confederate forces power west of the Mississippi River.

The second major engagement at Cabin Creek Battlefield took place on September 18th & 19th, 1864. This time, the Confederate raid on another Union supply train was successful – majorly successful. A Confederate force of 2,000, led by Gen. Stand Watie's Indian Brigade, were able to secure the convoy of 130 wagons full of supplies after a grueling fight. The supply train's mules and wagons were a great asset for any army, and the supplies they carried were listed at over \$1.5 million dollars. However, the victory was short-lived because Confederate forces in other parts of the nation were being pushed back, and the snowball effect from the Battle of Honey Springs left the



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Civil war re-enactors fire a cannon at a re-enactment of the Battle of Cabin Creek which is held every three years.

Confederate foothold in Indian Territory shaky at best. The capture of the supply train came too late, and it failed to have a major strategic impact on the outcome of the war.

A portion of the land where the two battles were fought was purchased from Joseph Martin, who built up a ranch of over 100,000 acres named Pensacola over the period of 1940 – 1960. In 1958, 10 acres at the heart of Cabin Creek Battlefield were purchased and finalized by 1961 after raising funds. That same year, the land was donated to the Oklahoma Historical Society. The Vinita Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) were responsible for purchasing the land. In 1964,

the Chapter donated a monument for the 100th anniversary, and the Oklahoma Historical Society created a circle drive with small monuments to commemorate the battle positions of the forces.

During 1992, the OHS and Grand Lake Chamber of Commerce held a re-enactment of the battles and had around 15,000 visitors participate. Its success led the event to be scheduled every three years and the park to be cleaned up from vandalization during waning years. In 2011, the Civil War Trust bought more land around the battlefield, and today, the park covers most of the original battlefield of the Cabin Creek. The Park is open 365 days a year and continues to host re-enactments every three years.



HIGHER GROUND A Cause to Rejoice

The ten inmates burst into applause as the video came to a close. Each pod houses 15-16 men, so having ten come to the worship service was great. But it was not just the number that was important-- the spirit with which they came was what impressed me. They came with high energy, smiles, friendly banter and an excitement about being there. Several in the group have come to know Christ and I have baptized a number of them.

The video portrayed Lee Strobel's story of his coming to Christ from an atheistic lifestyle. I was a little unsure about their response because the video was somewhat academic with little humor or action. Strobel's wife had become a Christian but he was still skeptical. Being an investigative reporter for the Chicago Tribune, he set out on a two-year journey,

checking out the evidence for the reliability of the Scripture, the nature of Jesus' claims about himself, and the biggest hurdle, "Did Jesus really rise from the dead?"

These are the foundation truths upon which Christianity is based and I felt they needed to come to grips with these truths. They were very attentive during the showing and the good response at the end was most gratifying.

They vocalized their appreciation and I felt good about the choice of the evening. My next thought was, if only the believers in most churches had that degree of desire to be grounded in the truths of the faith so that they could "give an answer for the hope they have within them." I Peter 3:15

My prayer for these guys is that their faith will stand the test of the real world. There they will face the old temptations of the flesh and the problems of getting a job, finding a place to live; all with a heavy fine over their head. It will seem that the world is against them, and many fold under the pressure.

Those who make it usually have a support group of some kind, a church, family, or a small group to hold them accountable. If their faith is grounded in truth rather than emotion, they will recognize that although the going is tough, God is in love with them and will lead them if they obey step by step and don't give up.

One pod is made of Native Americans from Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming. My prayer and desire is that they take the love of God back to their reservations and put it on display in their lives. Most have limited biblical background but have been respectful and consistent in attendance, for the most part.

Pray that God will reveal Himself to them and break down the barriers of tradition and culture. "God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." 2nd Peter 3:9b

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