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SWOSU Rodeo held the 49th Annual SWOSU Rodeo this past weekend at the Don Mitchell Arena in Weatherford. The Men's and Women's teams both took second place overall at the Rodeo. SWOSU senior Sadie Wolaver took first place in the Barrel Racing event bringing home a golden belt buckle. *Provided*

Beckham County and Custer County Schedule Relay for Life for April 22 at SWOSU Wellness Center

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Relay for Life is set for Friday, April 22nd at the SWOSU Wellness Center at 6pm. This relay for Beckham County and Custer County is a time of commemoration. To dedicate to the loved ones lost to cancer, support those currently battling and to celebrate with those who have overcome it.

Relay for Life is "the world's largest volunteer-based fundraising event." Nearing 40 years of communities coming together to support each other, Relay for Life events are full of love and emotion. The walking fundraiser has participants take turns walking laps around the track.

The first lap of the day begins with local survivors taking the track, followed by caregivers of patients who are, or were previously diagnosed. Then, anyone who wants to can begin taking laps in support.

The event will feature other opportunities from sponsor booths, energizing entertainment, refreshments, and a special Luminaria Ceremony where luminaria will be lit and placed around the track at dusk. The luminaria represents the loved ones we cherish, all those here or gone.

Relay for Life proceeds support the American Cancer Society. The Relay is a celebration of love and support. It's encouraged to "bring noise makers, Pom-Poms, anything...to cheer" both the survivors and the caregivers!

Sign-ups for survivors or supporters can be done a few ways - through Relay for Life's website: relayforlife.org/custerbeckhamok, through the ACS Fundraising app, or by contacting 1(800)-227-2345 and selecting Option 2. Signups include a free Relay for Life t-shirt. More details through the website or when signing up.



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Denton Lee Rhodes

Denton Lee Rhodes was born December 5, 2007, in Montrose, CO to Bradley Jacob Rhodes and Rachel Ann Rhodes (Frazier) at only 4 pounds and 1 ounce. He passed away suddenly Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Cordell Memorial Hospital having reached the age of 14 years, 3 months, 27 days.



Denton spent his first year in Montrose, Colorado and when he was one year old, the family moved to Weatherford and later Clinton. He began school in Clinton and was an 8th grader at Clinton Middle School. Denton was a special and amazing child and was loved by so many. He lived most of his life with his dad and his family. Denton will be remembered as being generous, sharing, loved people and loved with all of his heart. He was a great and loyal friend. He kept us all on our toes, he had a spunky attitude, and was ornery but was fun loving. Denton loved working on cars and hoped to be a mechanic someday.

Denton is survived by his father Bradley Rhodes of Clinton; his mother Rachel Frazier of Weatherford; paternal grandmother, Nancy M. Rhodes of Custer City; uncles: Loyal Rhodes, Jr. and Victor Rhodes; aunts; Nanese and Lorenzo Loza, LaKrisha Rhodes, Cordial Rhodes, Clauce Isom and fiancé Clayton Lowry, Laura and Taylor West, and Jackie Rhodes and fiancé, Jake Page; first cousins: Myranda, Meagan, Morgan, Mary, McKayla, Athena, Ares, Aubrey, Kyler, Dezirae, Mallory, Serenity and Maxton. Also survived by his maternal grandpa and memaw: Nick and Dawn Meneley; and two half-brothers Paxton and Keeton Frazier. Denton was preceded in death by his paternal grandfather Loyal Rhodes, Sr; paternal great-grandmother Lily Cron; uncle David Rhodes; and maternal great-grandpa Wendel Meneley. Denton was loved by many family and friends.

Dale Wayne Clear

Dale Wayne Clear was born on May 14, 1950, on Mother's Day, in Okmulgee to Joe Dale and Neva Mae (King) Clear and died suddenly at his home in Hydro on April, 1, 2022 having reached the age of 71 years, 10 months and 17 days.



Dale graduated high school at Bixby in 1968. He entered the US Army on February 11, 1971. He served in Ft. Leonard Wood, MO, Fitzsimmons General Hospital in Denver, CO, Ft. Bliss, TX, Herminie, PA, Hontheim, Germany, then to Ft. Still, OK to be honorably discharged on December 12, 1973.

He married the love of his life on May 2, 1972 in Eakly and again on May 2, 1995, in Las Vegas, NV. They raised three loving sons: Brent, Jason and Adam.

Dale started his career in law enforcement in 1974 at Weatherford, OK for the Weatherford Police Department. He served as dispatcher for 1 day and then patrolman. He worked as patrolman for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in Shattuck and Woodward, OK, then to Buffalo, OK as under Sheriff and retired as Safety officer in Caddo County.

Dale is survived by his wife Margaret of the home in Hydro; three sons: Brent of Hydro, Jason and his wife Samantha of Sayre and Adam of Hydro; grandchildren: Tyler, Rian, Zhaidyn, Breylan, Jackson, Stone, Draykin and Trystan; two brothers Owen Clear and his wife Lita and Gregg Clear and his wife Mikka; and sister Neva Jo (Clear) Taff and her husband Dale; brothers-in-law Glen Moore and his wife Jan, James Moore and his wife Shirley and Mike Moore and his wife Martha; a very special aunt Mary King of Tulsa, OK; step-mother Carleen Clear; step-brother Carl Stephenson; two step-sisters, Ann Vogt and Elizabeth Kleiwer.

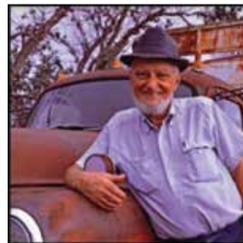
He was preceded in death by his parents Joe and Neva Clear; sister Sharon Clear Jewell; father-in-law and mother-in-law Vernie and Oleta Moore; and sister-in-law Frances Moore.

Dale was a loving and kind husband, father and grandpa. He was patriotic, tenderhearted, loved his Lord and all of his family. He loved to tease and loved the Dallas Cowboys and OSU football and any football games he could watch. We will all miss him so much.

In lieu of flowers please donate to St Jude's Children's Hospital.

Truman A. Schrock

Truman A. Schrock was born December 11, 1939, to Amos and Lydia (Yoder) Schrock in the Thomas area and passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022, in his home southeast of Thomas, at the age of 82 years, 3 months and 19 days.



Truman was raised and attended Mulberry School southeast of Thomas. He worked with his dad farming. On September 25, 1960, he married Alice Mae Yoder, and they made their home southeast of Thomas. They were married for 6 years when she passed away. He served in Selective Service for 2 years in an Oklahoma City hospital. He married Laura Stutzman on October 22, 1967, in the Zion Church. He continued farming and ranching until his death. Truman enjoyed collecting antiques and visiting with friends and family. He also enjoyed clearing the land of cedar trees, leveling dirt and building ponds and raising livestock.

Truman is survived by his wife Laura Schrock of their home southeast of Thomas; three sons Wayne Schrock and his wife, Joan, Freeman Schrock and his wife Margaret, and Larry Schrock and his wife Haley all of Thomas; two daughters: Loretta Wingard and her husband Paul of Thomas and Lisa Miller and her husband Melvin of Huntsville, AR; fifteen grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; one brother Joni Schrock of Huntsville, AR. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, and sister-in-law Edith Schrock

Aaron "Turtle" Jamall Miles

Aaron Jamall Miles was born November 11, 1992, to Eldridge "Black" Hunter and Velma Miles in Clinton, OK and passed away Monday March 28, 2022, from a seizure disorder.



Aaron or "Turtle," as he was known by his family and friends, was raised in Clinton. He graduated from Clinton High School in 2012; and while in high school, he was a member of the Clinton Red Tornadoes Football Team and has remained an avid fan. After his high school graduation, he attended the Burns Flat Vocational School and achieved his certificate in Auto Mechanics.

He has worked at several jobs, and his last position was with Ace Lumber Company.

He loved life and could have been considered a comedian, he captured the heart of those around him. He was always known to be helpful to others.

He was a member of the Hebrew Israelites; he loved music and being with his friends and family.

He spent much of his growing up years with his grandparents Lewis Long and Nettie Long as well as his Aunt Tammy and Uncle Deryk Long.

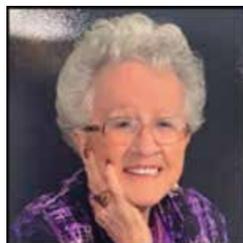
He is preceded in death by his grandparents.

He is survived by daughter Quincee Miles, his companion Christi; his parents Velma Miles, Clinton, dad Eldridge "Black" Hunter, St. Louis, MO; sisters Stephanie Long-Kakubo and husband, Edgar, Tulsa, OK, Edweana Long, Tulsa and Erica Miles, OKC, OK, brother Eldrige Miles, Jr., Weatherford, OK.

He is also survived by Aunt Lori Long, Uncles Lewis Long, Jr., and Jerry Long and Marcus Long; cousins that he was raised with Keisha Long, Lontisha Long-Taylor, Ray Long, Jemarcus Long, Andrew Long, Tameka Long, Tamara Long, Chaunce Bolden and numerous nieces and nephews who he dearly loved.

Nadine Elizabeth Frazier

Graveside Services for Nadine Frazier, 99, Cordell resident and local icon, were held 10:00 A.M., Friday, April 1, 2022, in the Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, OK officiated by Rev. Terrell Romberg and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Nadine Elizabeth Frazier was born December 22, 1922, to James and Maudie (Harper) Martin in Bristow, OK and passed away Monday, March 28, 2022, in the Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, OK.

Nadine was the first born of seven siblings (three brothers Paul, Joe, and John) and three sisters (Lavene, Genea and Sue). She was raised and attended school in Eastern Oklahoma.

She married Ray Earl Carley in 1941, and to that union she had two children: David and Janice. The Carley's marriage ended in divorce in 1948. Nadine then went to work for the John A. Brown Clothing Store in Oklahoma City. With the encouragement of others, she leased the vacated Dotson Restaurant on the West side of the Cordell Square in 1950. In 1954 she married John Frazier, and they had a daughter Tammie. She left the restaurant business temporarily and later reopened "Nadine's Restaurant" and eventually relocated to the north side of the square. During harvest season she would stay open for the harvest crews. Mr. Frazier passed away in 1984.

She retired from the restaurant business in 1986, having been in business over 35 years. In 2011 she made her home at the Baptist Retirement Village.

She was honored to have her name engraved on the memorial stone in front of the Cordell Museum, stating, "dedicated to the people who have made Washita County great."

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church and Sunday school class; she was well known to be very sociable and love to entertain; she was a member of the Business and Professional Women, the Alpha Nu Sorority, the Chamber of Commerce, she loved going on bus tours, traveling and spending time at the Country Jamboree. She had a great love for helping others and worked numerous hours and serving on the board with Salvation Army. While living in the Village Center, she still loved to socialize and be with others and enjoyed playing "Train."

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband John Frazier, sister Lavene Sharp, brothers Paul, Joe, John and two infant sons and grandson Brian Frazier.

She is survived by two daughters: Tammie Koch and husband Keith, Corn, OK and Janice Carley, OKC, OK and son David Carley, Cordell, OK; two sisters Genea Rahhal, Tulsa, OK and Sue Farris, Mustang, OK.

She is also survived by 7 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

The family has suggested those wanting to make a memorial contribution may do so to "Samaritan's Purse," 801 Bamboo Road, Boone, NC 28607.

Samaritan's Purse is an evangelical Christian humanitarian aid organization that provides aid to people in physical need as a key part of its Christian missionary work. The organization's president is Franklin Graham, son of Christian evangelist Billy Graham. The name of the organization is derived from the New Testament Parable of the Good Samaritan.



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"The Oklahoma Wine Trails app will be a valuable tool to wine tourists as they are navigating Oklahoma

wine country," said Micaela Halverson, Oklahoma agritourism coordinator. "We hope the app will incentivize consumers to explore more wineries and make purchases based on wines they are matching to."

Oklahoma Wine Trails allows wine enthusiasts to explore exciting routes and categories, like "Dog-Friendly Wineries", or "Weekly Top 10 Wines For You". App users can create their own custom routes and digital wine cellar inspired by their unique taste – all easily shareable to friends or social networks via the app.



Turning Up the Heat at 2022 Pork-a-Palooza



Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Pork-a-palooza is back for 2022! The fan favorite BBQ festival is turning up the HEAT with the "Big Meat Up," featuring big cash prizes and top chef bragging rights! Sanctioned with the Kansas City Barbecue Society (KCBS), this year's event on April 14th & 15th is the official State Championship. Held in the parking lot, located behind Jerry's, west of First National Bank, and in front of United Supermarket, Pork-a-palooza has cash prizes, ribbons, plaques, and trophies for 1st through 10th place. Two overall grand prizes place the total overall prize money at \$7,100.00! And there's still more to win!

Side Contests include the Sauce Jackpot, Bean Jackpot, and the Anything Butt contest. Each side

contest has a \$10 entry fee with a couple of additional rules applying. All three contests will pay out 60% of the pot to the winner!

The event begins on Friday at noon with arrival and setup, meeting rules to follow, and turn-ins for the side contests. On Saturday, main dish turn ins are spread out between 12p and 1:30p. Entry forms should be mailed to the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce.

This year features a special Double Header with an additional \$1,000 added. Sponsored by BancFirst, with locations in Weatherford in Sulphur, the Double Header will be awarded to the team who has the highest combined score at Pork-a-palooza in Weatherford, OK and at the City of Springs BBQ in Sulphur, OK - held on May 20th and 21st.

SWOSU Announces New Advancement Team Members

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced the expansion of the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement to better serve SWOSU's alumni, emeriti and friends.

Erin Adams will serve in the newly-created post of advancement coordinator for communications. Adams has extensive experience in the non-profit sector and will be coming to SWOSU from the Clinton Public School Foundation where she served for six years as

the executive director. She will use her experience to enhance alumni outreach and communicate philanthropic impact to SWOSU's generous donors.

Taylor Adler (SWOSU Class of 2016) will serve in the newly-created post of advancement coordinator for alumni, emeriti & friends. Adler will work to strengthen SWOSU's various charitable giving programs while also enhancing the efforts of the SWOSU Alumni Association to meaningfully connect with SWOSU graduates. Adler previously worked as assistant

program coordinator for the Oklahoma Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust (TSET) Healthy Living Program.

Allison "Allie" Hoang (SWOSU Class of 2021) will serve as advancement coordinator for athletics, succeeding Kayla McQuillan. Hoang was a member of the Bulldog volleyball team during her time as a SWOSU student. In her new position, Hoang will work to continue the growth of the SWOSU Athletic

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Canute and Hendrix Students Plan Senior Art Exhibit at SWOSU



Southwestern Oklahoma State University students Lauren Shields of Canute and Jocelyn Staton of Hendrix are having their senior art exhibit April 11-22 on the Weatherford campus.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the Art Building Gallery. The exhibition gallery hours are 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.

A reception is planned Thursday, April 14, from 5-7 p.m., also in the Art Building Gallery. The public is invited.

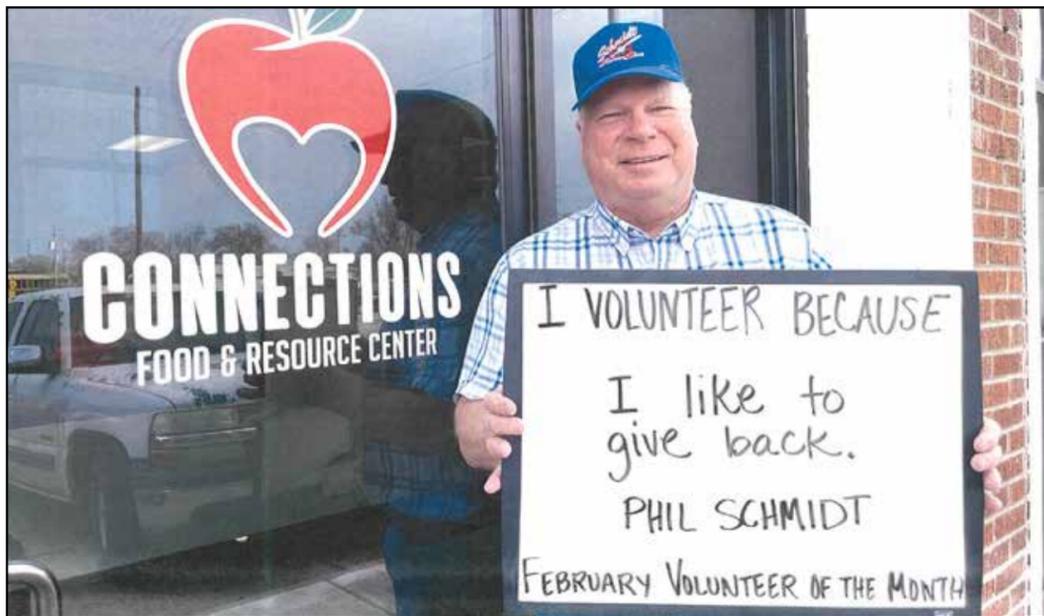


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WESTERN OKLAHOMA/ELECTIONS - Two of three Western Oklahoma school districts passed bond issues at the ballot box last week. Voters in the Clinton School District gave 76% support to a \$50 million bond for district upgrades. Meanwhile, voters in the Burns Flat-Dill City School District supported two bond propositions, each getting 89% support. Superintendent Larry Johnson says one is for \$1 million for building upgrades, the other is for \$500,000 for the replacement of the district's four route buses. Additionally, a \$36 million bond for Hinton Public Schools went down in defeat, getting just over 30% support. In the lone school board of education race in Custer County, Jared Baldwin defeated Matt Miller by 56 voters in the Thomas-Fay-Custer Office Number 2 seat.

CLINTON CC/TRAIN TRACK- Clinton City Council tabled action this week, surrounding repairs to the train track at Acme Brick Park. City Manager Robert Johnston says the city has made arrangements to get a bridge inspection complete and will hopefully have more information to present to the City Council at its next meeting.

WEATHERFORD/RECOGNITION- 26 business and higher education partnerships, throughout the state, were recently recognized as innovative collaborations that further the education of Oklahoma's workforce. Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Weatherford Regional Hospital were among those recognized with the Oklahoma State Regents for higher Education's Regent Business Partnership Excellence Award. The Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award is designed to highlight successful partnerships between higher education institutions and businesses to further cultivate the higher learning environment through state regents economic development grants.

CLINTON CC/HANGER PAYMENT- Clinton City Council, acting as the Airport Authority, approved a payment of just over \$57,000 to Diversified Construcion of Oklahoma for repairs to two hangers at Clinton Airport. City Manager Robert Johnston says the hangers were damaged by a tornado last October. The repairs are funded by insurance proceeds as authorized by a previously approved resolution.

WEATHERFORD PD/DRUG ARRESTS- Two New Mexico residents have been arrested by Weatherford Police, following a traffic stop earlier this week. Assistant Police Chief Josh Vandeburgh says officers found heroin, meth and fentanyl inside the vehicle. The two people arrested have been identified as 40 year old Theresa Marie Gauthier of Edge Wood, New Mexico and 55 year old Dwayne Henry Shaw also of Edge Wood, New Mexico.

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Bulldogs Battles Savage Storm in Windy Saturday Slugfest

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU Baseball played a pair of close and fun to watch games on Saturday against Southeastern but fell short in both games – dropping the day's slugfest opener 24-21 before also falling in the series finale 9-7. With winds howling out to center field, both offenses took advantage of the day and tormented the pitchers from nearly start to finish.

On Saturday, there was a span of eight consecutive top and bottom half innings where teams scored runs. Starting in the top of the fourth inning of game one, both sides plated runs in every inning through the conclusion of the game in the ninth and then continued the scoring into the series finale where the streak was finally halted in the bottom of the third inning when SWOSU was held scoreless.

SWOSU's 24-21 loss to Southeastern did break records. The two teams' 45 combined runs and 44 combined hits both set new GAC records for runs scored and hits in a contest.

The Bulldogs dropped the series 2-1 to the Savage Storm and remain tied for the No. 8 spot in the Great American Conference standings with three weekends left to go in the regular season. SWOSU will take a break from league play this Tuesday when they welcome USAO to Weatherford in a non-conference contest set to start at 3pm.

GAME ONE – SE 24, SWOSU 21

Errors haunted SWOSU in the slugfest that was game one. The defense committed five errors that resulted in 10 unearned runs.

Every pitcher that made an appearance, on both teams, allowed at least three runs.

Taylan Mullins-Ohm finished 3-5 with three home



runs, seven RBI, and four runs scored. JC Reed led the team with four hits, finishing 4-6. Every member of the starting lineup had at least one hit.

13 of SWOSU's 21 hits went for extra bases. Enzo Bonventre also hit a ball out of the park, while Alex Rice collected a rare inside the park home run.

The game lasted four hours and one minute.

GAME TWO – SE 9, SWOSU 7 (5 inn.)

Because of the long game one, game two was forced to end early due to darkness. After SWOSU answered a pair of Southeastern runs in the top of the first with four of their own in the home half, the Savage Storm pushed the margin back out with a six-run second

inning that had SWOSU playing from behind the rest of the way.

Trailing 8-4, SWOSU got a two-RBI single from Bonventre in the bottom of the second to cut into the deficit but went quietly in the third and fourth innings as the sun continued to set.

Back-to-back singles in the fifth to start the inning had SWOSU in good shape, but a double play ball killed the momentum and Southeastern claimed the victory after umpires called the game.

The first four names in the lineup all finished 2-3: Ramon Vingochea, Miguel Soto, Cade Hamilton, and Enzo Bonventre.

SWOSU Softball Closes Out Series with Shutout Victory

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

For the second consecutive week, pitcher Alisa Friesen threw a complete game shutout to wrap up a conference series – this time against Southeastern in a 5-0 game three victory.

The Bulldogs split the doubleheader with the Savage Storm on Saturday, falling in game one 8-0 before bouncing back in the finale behind Friesen's efforts and some timely offense.

SWOSU will return to Weatherford this Thursday and Friday for a conference series against Arkansas Tech. Thursday will feature the doubleheader and is set to begin at 2pm and the final game will be played on Friday

at noon.

GAME ONE – SE 8, SWOSU 0 (5 inn.)

The Bulldogs were held hitless in the day's first game and lost after the eight-run rule was applied in the fifth inning. Southeastern notched 11 hits in the game and hung three runs in the second and third innings and added single runs in the fourth and fifth.

Four of SE's 11 hits went for extra bases, including one home run. SWOSU's only base runner came in the third inning when Aleah Bozarth was hit by a pitch.

GAME TWO – SWOSU 5, SE 0

Alisa Friesen returned to the circle in the finale looking to bounce back from a rough game one start on Friday,

and she did just that. The senior tossed 7.0 innings and only allowed three hits, striking out two and walking three in the process.

While Friesen threw zeros on the scoreboard, the SWOSU offense used a pair of two out doubles in the third and sixth innings to plate runs. Dani Carmo delivered first to open the scoring, and Jewell Lee followed three innings later.

With SWOSU leading 2-0, Breanna Simmons added an abundance of insurance with a three-run home run in the seventh.

In the game, the Dawgs out hit Southeastern 11-3. Neither team committed an error.

SWOSU Spring Game Kicks Off Thursday April 14th

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

SWOSU Football kicks off their annual Spring game on Thursday, April 14th at 7pm.

Everyone is welcome to come out and support western Oklahoma's favorite Bulldogs as the players compete - White vs. Blue. Entry to the spring game is completely free, so if your football itch can't wait until Fall grab your sports apparel, dust off those bleacher seats, and make your way to SWOSU!



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Jon Chidester SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations JC Reed and Sadie Wolaver have been named the latest Bulldogs of the Week, brought to you by Wright Wradio – the voice of SWOSU Athletics heard on both 95.5 ‘The Coyote’ and 100.3 ‘Coyote Classic.’

Reed (Royersford, Pa.) led SWOSU Baseball in hitting all week, tallying seven hits including a pair of doubles and a triple. Reed finished 7-for-12 in his series against Southeastern, highlighted by his 4-for-6 performance in game two of the series. He also had a hit in every game this weekend.

Wolaver (Fayetteville, Tenn.) won the barrel racing average at the 49th Annual SWOSU Rodeo with consistent runs in both the long and short rounds of 16.97 and 16.88 seconds. She has now gotten first place in the last three college rodeos and currently ranks atop the Central Plains Rankings in barrel racing.

HIGHER GROUND

The Battle is On



Jim Morrison

The Bible tells us that things will wax worse and worse as we see the end approaching. For the observant believer it would seem that we are approaching that time, if not already in it. The evening news is mostly a crime report. The influence of the Christian faith seems to be dwindling. Indeed, we are in a battle for Biblical truth and clear thinking.

The Apostle Paul warned the church in Corinth about spiritual warfare and noted the power of our weapons. A passage in 2 Corinthians gives us the battle plan. “For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish

strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought in obedience to Christ.” 2 Corinth. 10:3-5.

Our natural tendency is to fight fire with fire. The world system feeds on human understanding and arguments from carnal experience. It deals purely with the natural without regard for the things of the Spirit, or Supernatural. As Christ followers, we seek the “enlightenment of the heart” of which Paul speaks in his prayer for the Ephesians. We are said to have the “mind of Christ” as the indwelling Holy Spirit leads us into truth. Our weapons do not despise human knowledge or the natural experience but it does not end there. We recognize a higher knowledge that takes into account the mind and heart of God as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. When Jesus prepared his disciples for his departure, he gave the promise of the Holy Spirit who would guide them into all truth.

For us to be effective in the battle for truth we must take advantage of our weapons. According to Eph.3:20, there is a “power at work within us” that enables us to do exceedingly, abundantly more than we can ask or imagine. The power of the Holy Spirit set free within us has changed the course of lives, and even

nations, and it still can. Sadly, in our self-sufficient, individualistic world we lack the will to submit to the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit by our feeble efforts of prayer and weakness of faith-risking adventures in our pilgrimage. We have divine power at our disposal--power to demolish strongholds and any argument raised up against the knowledge of God. We often fail to prepare our minds for action, choosing rather to play it safe behind the closed doors of the Church with our kind of folks. God has called us to a life of obedience, experiencing suffering along the way, doing battle with the forces of evil with a passionate heart, knowing that victory is ours in the end.

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