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Weatherford Hosting 34th Annual Western Oklahoma Wellness Expo

The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce presents the 2022 western Oklahoma Wellness Expo at SWOSU's Wellness Center on August 12th from 5 pm to 8 pm. The Wellness Expo is a yearly event that seeks to commemorate all of the benefits that come from being healthy. The health fair is instrumental in educating, reinforcing, and promoting a healthy lifestyle. With vendors, speakers, and activities, the Wellness Expo in Weatherford, OK is full of great information and support for all areas of our lives, such as financial, spiritual, physical, and medical. In

a fast-moving world with a constant stream of new "cure-all" products and treatments, it's tough to find the products, lifestyle, and actions that are best for you. The Wellness Expo is a community sponsored event that aims to give tips and insight into easy-to-adopt changes that don't disbar you from living the way you want. Much of the information at the Expo is given by vendors and experts that want to aid you, not hinder you. The event is focused on all qualities of life with information like: proper hygiene techniques for kids, advanced directives, and legal

healthcare actions. This year's Expo leads off with a performance from the Karate Academy at 5:45pm. At 6:30pm, Nikki Morgan will be presenting "Your Legal Healthcare Rights" over actions in healthcare including education over Power of Attorney. To close the evening, Olympic Gold will perform at 7pm! Admission to the Wellness Expo is free and all are welcome! The expo will feature booths from small and large businesses that want to connect with their local customers!



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- Thursday, Aug. 18th**
- 7:30am - Livestock Judging Books Open @ Livestock Barn
 - 8:00am - Livestock Judging Contest Begins @ Livestock Barn
 - 8:00am - Entries Open for Exhibits @ Community Building
 - 12:00pm - All Baked Goods Entries Close @ Community Building
 - 4:15pm - Horse Show Books Open @ Rodeo Arena
 - 4:30pm - Flower Entries Close @ Community Building
 - 5:00pm - Exhibit Building Books Close @ Community Building
 - 5:30pm - Horse Show Starts @ Rodeo Arena
 - 6:00pm - All Livestock Entries Due @ Livestock Barn
 - 6:30pm - Opening Ceremony @ Main Stage
 - 7:00pm - All Rides and Concessions Open @ Midway
 - 7:30pm - Free Entertainment Program @ Main Stage
- Friday, Aug. 19th**
- 7:30am - Swine, Goat, Sheep and Cattle Show @ Livestock Barn
 - 9:00am - Kids Races and Stunts @ Centennial Field
 - 7:00pm - All Rides and Concessions Open @ Midway
 - 7:30pm - Free Entertainment Program @ Main Stage
 - 8:00pm - 3-in-1 Ranch Rodeo @ Rodeo Arena
- Saturday, Aug. 20th**
- 8:00am - Premium Money paid until 10am @ Community Building
 - 10:00am - Parade @ Main Street
 - 11:00am - Kid Tractor Pull @ Community Building
 - 1:00pm - Mud Volleyball @ Rodeo Arena
 - 4:00pm - Washers and Watermelons @ Community Building
 - 5:00pm - Cake Auction Entry Deadline @ Community Building
 - 7:00pm - All Rides and Concessions Open @ Midway
 - 7:30pm - Cake Auction @ Community Building
 - 8:00pm - 3-in-1 Ranch Rodeo @ Rodeo Arena
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Nova Dean Brown

Nova Dean “Mickey” Brown was born on January 17, 1929 in Hinton, Oklahoma to “Sleepy” and Reba (Sledge) Cart and passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2022 at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro, Oklahoma having reached the age of 93 years, 6 months and 14 days.



Mickey was raised south of Hinton, and attended Hinton Public Schools. On May 29, 1946, she married Frank Pitzer. They made their home north of Weatherford on the family farm, where they raised their sons, Jimmy and Jack. Mickey worked alongside her husband on the farm. She later operated a restaurant and was a cook at Southwestern State College. She later married Jack Brown on December 17, 1976 and they lived together in Weatherford. She worked on the film production line at 3M. Mickey enjoyed spending her time with family, cooking and canning vegetables, sewing, and gardening in her flower beds. Memorials may be made to the First Christian Church Youth Program.

Mickey was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands, Frank Pitzer and Jack Brown; two sisters, Juanita and Jo; one brother, Bobby; one grandson, Dale; and one great-great granddaughter, Peyton Goossen.

Mickey is survived by two sons, Jimmy Pitzer and his wife Katherine of Weatherford, OK, and Jack Pitzer and his wife Becky of Hydro, OK; one brother, Jerry Cart and his wife Flo of Baton Rouge, LA; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and two great-great grandchildren.

Brady Neil Penner

Brady Neil Penner was born September 10, 1976, in Weatherford to Ronald Penner and Laquita Ann (Jones) Penner and passed away, Saturday, July 30, 2022, in Iowa having reached the age of 45 years, 10 months and 20 days.



Brady was raised and attended school in Weatherford, graduating from Weatherford High School in 1995. From a young age Brady knew he wanted to be a pilot. He loved anything and everything to do with flying. His passion started with building model airplanes with his dad and grew to learning to fly R.C. airplanes with Bob Chatigny. He earned his pilots license in Weatherford taking lessons from Phil Schmidt. He had his pilot's license before he had his driver's license. Brady attended several colleges and universities after high school and earned his Ag Pilots certification from Sam Riggs Flying Service and crop-dusting school in the late 90's. Brady flew all over the country in many states including California, Arizona, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Texas, Michigan and Oklahoma. During the off season he would attend Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he graduated with his Bachelor's Degree in Parks and Recreation and a Master's Degree in Education on the same day!

In August of 2002, he met the love of his life, Mikki. He was crop dusting in Texas at the time and was home visiting friends. He flew down to Texas and told everyone he had met the girl he was going to marry. It took a little more convincing to get her to agree to go out with him but by November she agreed and by March they were engaged. They were married on January 4, 2003, in Oklahoma City and made their home in Weatherford. During their marriage they lived all over Oklahoma including Yukon, Oklahoma City, Guthrie, Waynoka and Wyandotte before settling back down in Weatherford. Brady enjoyed collecting Hot Wheels, anything Smoky Bear, building hand carved models out of balsa wood, and giving gifts to anyone and everyone! He was obsessed with his 3 cars, a 2014 Smart for two, 2011 BMW 328i and his baby a 2009, a BMW 128i.

Above all his hobbies and toys his biggest passion was his family. He was the proudest husband and father, and would have done anything to protect and provide for them, including the job that took him states away at times. He was determined to give his children a Christian education and he loved to donate what he could to Corn Bible Academy and Western Oklahoma Christian School. In lieu of flowers, Brady would like memorials to be made to the Brady Penner Memorial Fund through Bank of Hydro to help support his children.

Brady is survived by his wife of 19 years, Mikki Penner of their home in Weatherford; one son, Lachlan Penner of the home; one daughter, Isla Penner of the home; his mother, Laquita Littlebird of Weatherford; his father, Ron Penner and wife, Nancy of Weatherford; his mother-in-law, Vickie Haney of Edmond; father-in-law, Chuck

Williams of Magnolia, Texas; and his enormously proud big sister, Allison O'Donnel and husband, Devin and their children, Emersen, Erileigh, London and Caed of Washington; sister-in-law, Candice Williams of Edmond; and bonus brother, Stephen Buddy and wife, Kari of Foss and their son, Wyatt.

Cheryl Fay Justice

Cheryl Fay Justice was born to Richard Burl Key and Fay Ellen (Mills) Key on October 06, 1947, in Thomas, OK and passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at her home in Thomas, at the age of 74 years, 9 months and 21 days.



Cheryl was raised in Thomas. She attended school in Thomas, graduating with the class of 1965. Cheryl married William Andrew (Andy) Justice on October 6, 1966, in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Cheryl attended Votech in Ft Cobb where she earned her License Practical Nurse degree in 1978. They moved around in early years settling in Thomas in 1982. Cheryl worked in Thomas and Weatherford Hospitals and as a traveling nurse. She was the Ambulance Director in Thomas from 1983 to 1993. She enjoyed sewing, reading, doing crafts, cooking, shopping, watching true crime, and detective shows and her grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Thomas EMS Board, P.O. Box 45, Thomas, OK 73669.

Cheryl is survived by one daughter, Jodi Biddy of Thomas; one son, Richard Justice of Thomas; six grandchildren, Kaitlyn and husband, Jake, Erica, Heath and wife, Zoe, Kassie, Dalton and wife, Kalli, and Macy; four great-grandchildren, Kaylee, Chaysen, Renai and Luke; and a great-granddaughter on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Andy.

Randy James Setzer

Randall “Randy” James Setzer was born October 19, 1963, in Carnegie to Darell James Setzer and Ruby Alene (Thornton) Setzer and passed away Wednesday, July 27, 2022 in Weatherford due to a sudden heart attack, at the age of 58 years, 9 months and 8 days.



Randy was raised and attended school in Del City and graduated with the class of 1982. He then attended OSU Tech in Okmulgee. Randy worked in several truck shops, ending his OKC career with over 20 years at DeShield's Truck Service. He then worked in Weatherford at Albert's Wrecker Service, and finally at Fleet Pride. Randy married Tammy Montgomery in 1988 and they raised two sons in Moore.

In 2002, Randy married Linda Hendrix and settled in Weatherford where they raised three sons together.

Randy was an Eagle Scout, enjoyed playing the trumpet, and was a highly sought-after front-end alignment man. He also tested those keen mechanic skills by driving fast and being rough on his cars. Randy never met a stranger, was rarely seen without a smile on his face, and talked to everyone like they were his best friend. He was a kind, generous soul and loved the Lord.

Randy is survived by his father, Darell Setzer and wife Judy of Harrah; his wife of 20 years, Linda Setzer of Hydro; five sons, Andrew Setzer of Moore, Dalton Setzer of Moore, Kalon Hendricks of Hydro, Cody Hendricks and wife Tristan of Weatherford, and Chad Hendricks of Hydro; one brother, Darell Setzer Jr. and wife Monta of Shawnee; one sister, Markita Ebersole and husband Ed of Summerville, South Carolina; nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother and stepfather, Doyal Holland.

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Donations to Fight Childhood Hunger in Oklahoma Doubled During Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's \$205,000 Match Campaign

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"The Regional Food Bank's Food for Kids programs supports children and their communities," said John Logan, executive director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. "Food is the essential school supply. Let's make sure there is enough."

Last school year, the Regional Food Bank provided nearly 2.4 million meals through its Food for Kids

Programs. The Food for Kids Programs are the Backpack Program, the School Pantry Program, the Summer Feeding Program and Kids Cafés.

"The Regional Food Bank is so grateful to our Food for Kids match sponsors who have stepped up to help provide much-needed, nutritious meals to one of Oklahoma's most vulnerable populations - children," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "We encourage everyone to double the impact of their donations by making a gift today."

The School Pantry Program provides chronically hungry middle and high school students with food to sustain them after school and over weekends. The Summer Feeding Program provides free meals and snacks to children up to the age of 18 throughout the summer months when school is not in session.

Through Kids Cafés, meals and snacks are provided

at afterschool and school break programs that offer tutoring and mentoring services to children. The Backpack Program provides kid-friendly, nutritious food to elementary school children who have been identified by school staff as being food insecure. A Backpack Program coordinator at a school in Stephens County recently shared a story of the impact of the program in the life of one her students.

"A student told me that he would be starving if he didn't get that bag of food to take home on Friday," the coordinator said. "Many thanks to all of you for making this possible. It is difficult to imagine not having enough food for the weekend, but it is a reality for some."

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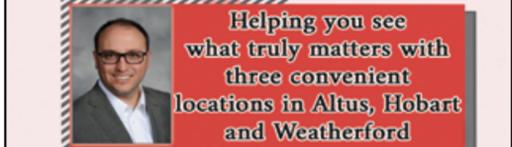
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After winning the State House District 55 seat, Elk City Mayor Nick Archer plans to remain as mayor until he can no longer hold the seat. Archer will take his seat as District 55 State Representative in November.

OHP/NEIDY RETIREMENT - The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has recognized the retirement of Captain Brad Neidy after 44 years of service. Captain Neidy started his career with the department as a Communications Officer in July 1978. After attending the 40th Patrol Academy in 1984, his first assignment was in Vici for one year and then transferred to Clinton. In 1998, he was promoted to Lieutenant in Troop H and in 2007 was promoted to Captain. Captain Neidy received the Chief's Award in 2016 for his role as one of the incident commanders in the Michael Vance Shooting.

CLINTON/SCAMMER - The Clinton Chamber Of Commerce has put out a merchant alert. The Chamber says that Clinton Police has advised that a scammer is sending emails in employee names requesting to change their direct deposit information. The scammer provides new bank account information. In one case, the employer called and asked the employee about the request and found that they had not requested a change in the payroll deposit. Businesses are being asked to verify any payroll changes in person with the individual employee before making any changes.

ELECTION/COMPLAINT - Kristen Kelley Poisson (POY-SOHN), a candidate in the June elections for State House Seat 57, has filed a complaint with the Custer County Election Board claiming harassment and intimidation at her polling place by an election board precinct supervisor. Poisson alleges that when she went to her polling location at Pine Acres Church in Weatherford, a supervisor stated to her in a hostile and threatening manner: "So you came to vote for yourself." Poisson says she filed a complaint with the Custer County Election Board and was told to file a written complaint for the District Attorney's office.

RHEA FIRE/CUSTER COUNTY GRANT - At yesterday's County Commissioners meeting, Custer County Emergency Management Director Mike Galloway says the Fire Departments, who assisted in the 2018 rhea (ray) fire in Dewey county, will have their costs reimbursed by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The amount of funds being reimbursed to the six fire departments in Custer county totals just over \$87,000.

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Softball Players Earn Easton/NFCA Team Academic Award

SWOSU Softball was named an Easton/NFCA Team Academic Award winner by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, announced Monday. Additionally, 12 softball student-athletes earned All-America Scholar-Athlete distinction by the association for their qualifying GPAs.

Kaylee Barkley, Aleah Bozarth, Dani Carmo, Jordan Collins, Brianna Cryer, Hannah Franklin, Alisa Friesen, Jewell Lee, Ashley McKellips, Maddie Rahon, Breanna Simmons, and Jordyn Wadley all qualified as NFCA All-America Scholar-Athletes.

In order to earn the team honor, a group needed a collective GPA of 3.0 or higher for the 2021-22 academic year. SWOSU smashed that by posting a 3.572 team GPA – ranking 34th in all of NCAA Division II.

To be eligible to become a scholar-athlete, a student-athlete must have achieved a 3.5 GPA or better for the 2021-22 academic year. An impressive 75 percent of the roster qualified.



Football Conducts Virtual GAC Media Day in Tandem with Preseason Poll Release

SWOSU Football conducted its virtual Great American Conference Media Day interview last Wednesday, one day after being picked 11th in the GAC preseason coaches poll.

The poll results saw Harding edge out Ouachita as the preseason favorite, with Harding earning six first-place votes compared to Ouachita's five.

Southeastern received the only other available first-place vote in the poll and was picked third.

For media day, the Bulldogs were represented by head coach Josh Kirkland, and returning players Jacob Karsak (TE) and RJ Powell (DL).

Kirkland started the speaking off by voicing excitement for the season and the opportunity to

compete in the Great American Conference. He also spoke highly of the town of Weatherford's support and the transition of culture between the previous coaching staff and the new one. "This team and the returners have bought into what the new staff is doing and has gotten after it this spring."

Karsak and Powell both fielded multiple questions. Karsak spoke on the new up-tempo style offense he has experienced this spring. "I love the fast-paced tempo. When everyone is on the same page, it is something that can be deadly as an offense."

When goals were asked for the season, he didn't hesitate. "I look forward to striving to be the best team in Oklahoma as well as the best team in the conference and I know the rest of the team would agree with that."

Powell projected confidence in his defense, referencing experience as a difference maker. "On defense we're coming back more aged and with more experience. We're going to be a problem to say the least."

He also couldn't have wrapped up SWOSU's interview portion better. "We are ready to get the monkey off our back and eager to play every team."

The season is set to get underway Thursday, September 1 on the road against Henderson State. The Reddies were picked fourth in the preseason poll and are 8-2 against SWOSU all-time.

Fall practice began Monday, August 8.

The entire video from SWOSU Media Day will be posted on applicable SWOSU social media pages when available. Be sure to follow @SWOSUAthletics and @SWOSUFootball to keep up with all of the latest action.



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Bulldogs Tie for Second in Great American Conference Preseason Poll

The Great American Conference released its Pre-season Volleyball Coaches Poll for the 2022 season, with the Bulldogs being voted in the number two spot for the league.

The poll had reigning regular season champion Oklahoma Baptist in the top spot with six first-place votes followed by SWOSU and Harding who both earned 104 total voting points and tied for second. However, Harding (4) edged SWOSU (1) in first-place votes. Right behind the aforementioned three, was Arkansas Tech who snagged the final first-place vote. The Golden Suns won the GAC Tournament last season.

SWOSU is coming off a successful 2021 campaign that saw a second-place finish in the regular season and 20-8 overall record. The Dawgs advanced to the semifinals of the GAC Tournament before falling to eventual tournament champion Arkansas Tech.

The 2022 season starts up August 25-27 at the Missouri Southern Lion Classic in Joplin, Missouri. Conference play opens on Tuesday, September 6 at home against East Central. Head Coach Josh Collins will begin his 11th season at the helm of the program.

TEAM	TOT	1ST
Oklahoma Baptist	112	6
Harding	104	4
SWOSU	104	1
Arkansas Tech	101	1
Henderson State	75	
East Central	72	
Southern Nazarene	59	
Southeastern	51	
Northwestern	47	
Ouachita	32	
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Jim Morrison

Everybody prays. Even atheists in fox holes pray. But most would agree that prayer can become so trite and perfunctory that it could not be said to be “the effective fervent prayer of a righteous man,” as James describes the kind of prayer that is powerful in its effect. Yet the Bible calls us to “devote (ourselves) to prayer,” to “pray without ceasing” and Paul describes Epaphras as “wrestling in prayer” for the folks back home in Colossae. (Col: 4:12) Jesus prayed all night before calling out the Apostles, as well as on many other occasions.

Great men of God in the past were fervent in their prayer efforts as well as calling others to

do likewise. Great men of God in the present do the same. Yet as Wesley Duwel has said, “The power of prayer is still largely undiscovered and little understood by many of his dear children.”

Prayer is coming into the presence of Holy God, acknowledging his authority and power. “Our Father in Heaven...” gives voice to that understanding. We recognize his holiness... “hallowed be your name.”

Whatever our request, the chief desire is that “... Thy will be done.”

So, when we pray, the first question must be “what is God’s purpose in this?” Or, “What would God like to see happen?” We can only know this as our study of the Scripture enlightens the eyes of our heart revealing His heart. So, Bible study and prayer must go hand-in-hand to be effective.

When Jesus gave his final earthly message to the disciples, he said, “You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you.” So when we pray we are primarily asking God to unleash His power in and through us or other people to accomplish his will in our lives or in the lives of others. So the basic question should be, “God, what do you want to see happen in this situation, event, or person’s life?” If we limit our prayers to simply praying, “God bless

so-and-so, or to be with someone,” we limit God’s power to be poured out in specific ways.

What is paramount in the heart of God? Some would say that it is that we all be healthy and wealthy. If you listened in to most prayer requests in any small group or observed a list on Wednesday evening, that would seem to be so. Everyone knows somebody who is sick.

But we all know that Jesus did not die on the cross so that we would all be healthy. He died, taking our sins upon himself, so that we might have a relationship with him that would lead us to worship and obey. So why don’t we have as our prayer priorities the things that involve the spiritual life—things that will last for eternity—our character/heart needs. I am convinced that we grieve the heart of God when we pray without a repentant heart, with no concern for the salvation of people, or mention of revival or spiritual awakening among his people. We want revival without repentance. We want his blessings without brokenness.

It is not wrong to pray for physical needs. But it should have as its ultimate purpose the refinement of our character, that we would become more like Jesus. To comment: jhm82@outlook.com.



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