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## "Cars for the Community" Event Coming to Western OK

**Jesse Griffith**  
Elk City Business Owner

A small auto repair shop in Elk City wants to make a difference in these tough economic times.

The team at EC Auto Repair is asking people to nominate someone they know that deserves the opportunity to receive a 2009 Subaru Forester for FREE!

The past few years has brought a lot of turmoil to Western Oklahomans. Jesse Griffith of EC Auto Repair is "endeavoring to bring change, making a difference in any way we can."

EC Auto is giving a deserving person in Western Oklahoma the chance to receive a car for free. The ideal person to receive this gift is someone who thinks not of themselves, but instead, always looks out for others.

Cars for the Community was formed by a group of auto repair shop owners at a conference in Tennessee.

The owners got together and decided that they wanted to do something to give back to the communities that support their shops and families by giving away a free car to a deserving person or family in their community. These vehicles are meant for people that could use a hand up, not just a hand out—someone that would have their life changed for the better by winning a free car! Each shop is asking their communities and whomever for nominations of deserving people to win a free car.

The criteria for nominations are:

- What is the reason they need a free car?
- What is the reason they deserve a free car?
- How will a free car change their lives?

"This whole process is amazing! The real magic happens when you hand over the keys to the new owner – giving them something they could not afford and

giving them the ability to have new freedoms!" says TJ Crossman, who owns an EC Auto car shop in Vista, CA.

Download the "EC Auto" app and submit a nomination by clicking on the "Cars for the Community" button. Nominations need to be received by December 14th close of business. All the nominations will be reviewed by a committee and a deserving person will be selected as the new owner of the Subaru Forester. The nominee that is chosen will be announced, and the car awarded to that nominee on December 16, 2022 at noon at EC Auto Repair in Elk City, Oklahoma. The team at EC Auto believes that even a small business in small-town America can make a difference. "Cars for the Community" could be cruising into your neighborhood soon! Find us on Facebook and download our app "EC Auto" for exciting up to date announcements!

## Hydro Downtown Christmas

Join the Hydro Chamber of Commerce on December 17th for a Very Merry Christmas event, Hydro Downtown Christmas! Beginning at 9:45 AM, Main Street in Hydro, OK will be rocking with events, caroling, pictures with Santa, and tasty refreshments. Once the day winds down, carousel rides will be available by donation following the events on Main. All are invited to attend and celebrate Christmas as a community. It's the most wonderful time of the year!

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## Wayne Fontenot

Kenneth Wayne Fontenot was born October 30, 1950, to Durway Fontenot and Sewerina (Marcinkowska) Fontenot in Port Arthur, TX and passed away Friday, November 25, 2022, in the Deaconess Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.



Wayne started his young life in the Port Arthur, TX area where he attended grade school. He was left homeless at an early age and has traveled the world over. He has done numerous labor type jobs and loved going to the Oklahoma State Fair so he could find temporary work. He has been in Clinton, Oklahoma for the past several years working here and there at jobs such as washing windows, yard work, sweeping sidewalks, cleaning, and sweeping floors at local barber shops.

He was a member of the Church of Christ. He has no known surviving family members.

## Patricia Hatfield

Patricia Kay (Hart) Hatfield was born August 7, 1945, to Clyde Hart and Hazel (Johnson) Hart in Pueblo, CO and passed away Tuesday, November 29, 2022, in the Elk City family home.



Patricia was raised in Pueblo, CO where she graduated from Pueblo High School in 1963. She married Sol Hatfield on October 5, 1964, in Colorado. They moved to Elk City in 1990.

She is a member of the Elk City Baptist Church, she enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and taking care of family, gardening, she enjoyed watching television and watching game shows.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and a brother Joe Hart.

She is survived by her husband Sol of the home, two sons: Matthew Hatfield and wife Sherry; and Michael Hatfield, both of Elk City, OK.

She is also survived by three grandchildren: Kelby, Eli and Olivia.

## Terry Osborn

Terry Lee Osborn was born June 15, 1946, on the family farm to John and Joyce (Cofield) Osborn in Harper County, OK and passed away Friday, December 2, 2022, at his Clinton home.



Terry was raised in Rosston, OK where he graduated from high school in 1964. Soon after high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and proudly served his country for eight years.

He married Sue Tuxhorn in 1969 in Guymon, OK, and to this union, daughters Angela and Tara were born. Sue preceded him in death in 1998.

He later married Dana Peters-Kinder in 1999 in Piedmont, OK and added to his family stepdaughter Kasey and stepson Chad.

He worked a total of 51 years as an automotive parts manager and store owner. He started out at Wadley Chevrolet as parts manager in Guymon, OK and then moved to Clinton, OK in 1977, where he was employed with Buck Chevrolet. He later opened and operated his own business, Terry's Auto Parts, and after its closing, worked for Doug Gray Dodge, Chrysler and Plymouth Dealership in Elk City, OK. He retired but still was active helping Janice Harris in the NAPA Auto Parts Store.

He was a faithful and active member of the Cornerstone Church. He continued his education at Panhandle State.

He enjoyed collecting and restoring antiques; he also enjoyed a hobby with his wife, Dana, stocking and working antique booths.

He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Sue, and sister Sheryl McGuire.

He is survived by his wife Dana of the home, two daughters: Angela Tucker and husband Chris Gonzales; and Tara Brown and husband Damon; and three sisters: Carolyn Goldston, Patti Stevens, and Penny Merkerison; and brother, Scott Osborn and wife Julie.

He is also survived by four grandchildren, Cole Crider, Kori Setzer, Ryan Witherspoon and Taylor Witherspoon, stepdaughter, Kasey Barton and husband, Brandon and their children, Benjamin, Hannah and Morgan and stepson, Chad Kinder and wife, Gayla and their children, Natalie and Carson.

## Wes Peterman

Melvin Wesley (Wes) Peterman went to be with Jesus on December 8, 2022, at the Integris Hospice House.



He was born January 11, 1941, on his grandparents farm in Dewey County to Melvin Perry and Audrey Airlene (Young) Peterman.

He attended the Seiling schools. June 13, 1959, he was united in marriage to Lou Ann Roper at the Oakwood Assembly of God Church. They lived in Oakwood to stay with his grandmother due to her failing health.

For a short time, they moved to SE Kansas, then moved back to the farm to help his dad. At that time Wes started pastoring his home church, the Huck Mac Assembly of God. He also went back to high school and graduated. Feeling the call to ministry when he was nine years old, his Grandmother Pete helped him write his first sermon.

The first child born to this union was Audrey Mae, at Seiling on March 15, 1960. They moved to Weatherford and Wes started working for Willie Kilpest Control Service. After that they moved to Oakwood to pastor the Oakwood church and Wes received his License as an A/G minister. While there he worked for Minton's garage.

Their son, Leslie Loudon, was born at Thomas, January 15, 1964. Later that year they moved to Yukon where Wes worked at Aero Command in Bethany as a punch press operator and various other jobs. Attending the Yukon A/G he filled in for the pastor when needed and helped start a church in Sun Valley Acres just outside of Yukon.

In 1967 Wes felt the call to go to Laverne as pastor. While pastoring there for 45 years he worked at Sells Motor Company; Seeger Funeral Homes, The Ambulance service and many odd jobs there and in the surrounding communities. After a few years they got to be tour guides for groups to the Holy Land. One of those trips included a night bus ride to Egypt. They felt blessed and exited to walk where Jesus walked.

He officiated at the marriage of his daughter Audrey to James (Herb) Foutch. June 24, 1983. June of 1984 Wes and Lou Ann renewed their vows for their 25th Anniversary. He also officiated the marriage of his son Les to Lisa Jo Hughes, December 20, 1986, at the Buffalo First Baptist Church.

The fall of 1992 marked more than half their time at Laverne at the 25-year mark. Wes was diagnosed with an aneurism that summer, which the Lord healed him of. They were given a celebration including a Caribbean cruise that fall.

Bro. Wes was a people person. He enjoyed going to the local restaurants for coffee and visiting with folks. He felt like he ministered to more people there than at the church, sometimes. He enjoyed helping young people going into the ministry, because others helped him get started. He loved having missionaries, singing groups and evangelists come to minister at the church. He had a special place in his heart for the Sunrise Teen Challenge at Cache, OK. Their fellowship was wonderful and encouraging to him.

The church and community marked another milestone of 40 years, by honoring them with a weekend long celebration the fall of 2007 and Alaskan cruise July 2008.

Wes enjoyed the fellowship of the community and neighboring pastors. He worked closely with most of them at the funeral home and community functions.

He worked for many years taking youth and kids to camp at Turner Falls. He also was a sectional youth and missions rep for many years. Upon 50 years as an Assembly of God minister the Oklahoma District of the Assemblies of God honored Wes with a gold pin.

They retired from full time ministry in 2012. That brought him back to his hometown of Seiling, as he always loved working on the farm and all the equipment and animals.

This is where they lived until 2021. Dementia caused a traumatic fall on his 80th birthday requiring facility care until his passing this past Thursday.

Wes's main concern was for all he knew and came into contact with was for them to come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Melvin and Audrey Peterman; 2 unborn children; Sisters: Janice Rogers and Madlyn Wilkerson; Brother-in-laws: Bill Roper and Billy Dale and 2 unborn grandchildren.

Wes is survived by Lou Ann of Yukon, Audrey and Herb of Yukon, Les and Lisa of Weatherford, Grand-daughter, Dacia and husband, Timothy Perkins of Sand Springs, Grand-son Wyatt of Weatherford, Brother, Pete Peterman (Elsie) of Kingfisher, Brother-in-law, Lee See (Joy) of Jenks, Sister-in-law, Leota Roper of Watonga, Brother-in-law Everett Roper (Lydia) of Seiling, Sister-in-law Dianna Anderson (Jerry) of Nicoma Park, Sister-in-law Mary Dale of Oakwood, Nephews, Nieces, Cousins and a host of family, all of whom he loved dearly!

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## Lela Wilson

Lela Mae Allison-Wilson was born April 28, 1937, to Oral William Wilson and Paulin (Colter) Wilson in Adair, OK and passed away Saturday, November 26, 2022, in Macomb, OK.



Lela was raised in the Pryor, OK area where she attended school. She was married to William H. Allison in 1957 and later married Don Wilson in 1998.

She worked for the Mexican Brand Foods, rolling tamales.

She was a member of the Pentecostal Faith, she enjoyed playing the guitar and singing, being outdoors and going to the lake, camping, and loved going on vacation.

She was preceded in death by both husbands, son, Ricky Leon Allison, three sisters, Lena Ruth James, Roberta Pauline Wilson and Lebek Ann James and brother, Cletus Leon Wilson.

She is survived by a son, Randy Allison, and daughter in law Donna Reeves, both of Macomb, OK and a sister, Pauline Arlene Mason, Vinita, OK.

She is also survived by three grandchildren, Corey Allison, Crissy Allison and wife, Jordan and Katy Allison and wife, Sarah, six great grandchildren, Clayton Allison, Matthew Allison, Samantha Allison, Katelynn Allison, Lydia Allison and Scarlett Allison and a great-granddaughter, Stephanie Allison.

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## SWOSU Has Bestowed Outstanding Pharm.D Alumnus Award

Rick Allen of Dallas (TX) was recently presented the 2022 Southwestern Oklahoma State University College of Pharmacy Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award on the Weatherford campus.

The Outstanding Pharmacy Alumnus Award is presented to a SWOSU pharmacy graduate who has demonstrated support of the College of Pharmacy and outstanding personal achievements in the pharmacy profession.

“We are extremely proud of Rick and his outstanding endeavors and achievements,” College of Pharmacy Interim Dean Dr. Les Ramos said. “He is an inspiration for our student pharmacists.”

SWOSU’s pharmacy program was established in 1939 and has over 6,000 graduates. It has positioned itself as one of the best educational values for pharmacy in the nation. The program is fully accredited by the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education and is a member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy. SWOSU offers a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) degree as well as a PharmD/MBA dual degree. SWOSU College of Pharmacy graduates are reputable and successful leaders in all areas of pharmacy practice.

Rick has been an innovator in the pharmacy industry for more than forty years, and he began leaving his mark not long after graduating from SWOSU in 1970. At 22 years old, he opened North Star Pharmacy in Dallas. His career eventually led him to home infusion, where he has spent the last 30+ years building his legacy in specialty pharmacy. Among his leadership roles, Rick has served as co-founder and owner of Lake Pointe Pharmacy and

Chief Pharmacy Officer for Option Care. In 1996, Rick founded Dougherty’s Home Infusion, where he served as Clinical Infusion Director for six years before taking it public as Park Infusion Care.

In September 2002, Rick co-founded Paragon Healthcare, Inc. in Dallas, where he would spend the next two decades as President, CEO, and Chairman of the Board, growing the company from three employees to more than one thousand nationwide today. Paragon offers services in-home infusion therapy, infusion center site-of-care operations, specialty pharmaceuticals, rare disease care, bleeding disorder treatment and management, and in-office infusion suite solutions for physicians. In addition to its home office in Plano, TX, Paragon has more than 55 locations from coast to coast, including 17 home infusion pharmacies and 37 infusion centers, with more opening soon. In January 2022, Rick semi-retired and stepped down as CEO.

Rick has earned many accolades over the years. In 2015, he was the Southwest Region Winner and a National Finalist in Healthcare as part of Ernst & Young’s prestigious Entrepreneur of the Year program. In 2018, he was named “Most Admired CEO” (Dallas Business Journal). Under Rick’s leadership, Paragon Healthcare earned a spot on the Inc. 5000 list of fastest-growing companies for six consecutive years, the Dallas Business Journal’s Middle Market 50 list for seven consecutive years and was named one of the Top 100 Places to Work by the Dallas Morning News.

Rick has also made a profound impact on many philanthropic organizations in and around Dallas. Most notably, he has devoted countless hours and resources to the American Heart Association, serving on the Board of Directors and Executive Leadership Committee since 2008. Rick can be credited for millions of dollars raised for AHA as Cotes du Coeur co-chair, alongside his wife, Trisha, who is also a SWOSU graduate. He has also served as an Advisory Director for the National Home Infusion Association since 1998 and remains involved as a consultant to many professional groups and organizations.

His generosity also includes charitable giving to the SWOSU Pharmacy Foundation to support the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. Rick’s impact goes beyond the pharmacy profession and his community—it extends to his friends, including classmates that he met as a pharmacy student at SWOSU. In 2014, unbeknownst to Rick, a group of his classmates generously made donations to the SW Pharmacy Foundation to establish the Richard M. Allen Scholarship to honor Rick and to show their SWOSU Pharmacy pride. From this endeavor, a scholarship has been awarded each year to a SWOSU College of Pharmacy student, thus extending Rick’s impact.

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LOVE OUTLASTS POVERTY OF CHRISTMAS, 1934  
by J.J. PARSLEY, Dec. 25, 1986



Two people in love, barely 18 years old, not even dry behind the ears, married April 31, 1934

It was a year of the Great Depression, people living in poverty, dust bowl days, so bad you had to wet a rag to put over your face so you could breathe. The days would turn dark as night. People by the millions were out of work—wages were 50 cents to a dollar a day—some more and some less. By the thousands people were leaving Oklahoma for California and any place where they could find work. Since April, I had only odd jobs; barely enough to buy food, coal and Kerosene. Pretty Boy Floyd, Bonnie and Clyde and soup lines were in the news. There were people living on the banks of Cache Creek with few belongings, not enough food or clothing. In my mind, it will always be a pitiful sight.

Wilma and I awoke that day facing a bleak Christmas Eve—no job, no food, no heat. The water faucet was outside and it had frozen. We could see out the window and it was drizzling rain and spitting snow. Our little house had 1 by 12 sidewalls, wooden floors and inside was bare wood, no insulation and no sheetrock.

We could hear the wind whistling through the cracks and water dripping in pans we had put on the floor.

Our only belongings were a three quarter bed, a tin belly wood stove, a small sofa and a two-burner kerosene cook stove. On the walls, I had nailed wooden orange crates for her to use as cabinets. I turned two orange crates upright, with a board across so she could set her stove on it. She had made little curtains to hang from the front. We did not have much,

but there were others who had less.

I had not enjoyed a real gift Christmas like some others. Our childhood Christmas was always going to the church to receive a sack of candy and nuts. I’m not complaining—there were seven boys and two girls in our family and it took all the money Dad made to feed and clothe us and pay the bills.

I would not trade my childhood days at home for all the gifts in the world. It was a family of love, and as little as we had—we cared and shared with one another.

Lying there in bed, I looked at Wilma and something burned inside me to make this Christmas one that she would remember for a lifetime.

As bad as it was out, I asked her if she would help me gather pecans so that we might exchange gifts. With a big smile, she said, “Yes.”

Neither of us had warm clothes so we got up and put on all that we had. My shoes were worn out on the bottom, so I cut cardboard and put it inside them so my feet wouldn’t touch the ground. We had some gunny sacks and I wrapped them around our feet for warmth. We left our little house holding hands and started toward Squaw Creek. I knew she was hungry, so the first pecans we picked up, we cracked them and had some to eat, so we could make it through the day.

Most of the pecans had been gathered already. We walked five miles, climbing up and down trees, finding them wherever we could. She had worked so hard bending over all day and I knew she was tired. It was near 4 p.m. and I said, “Let’s go back to town and sell what we have.” We had to walk fast, and I must say, the sack seemed like it weighed a hundred pounds. Our feet were cold and we were shivering. We barely made it to Fuller Creamery on South 3rd Street. He was going to close early because of Christmas Eve.

I said, “Mr. Fuller, we have been out all day picking up pecans so we could have money to buy each other gifts.”

He smiled and said, “Put them on the scales.” There were all sizes and some had worm holes in them.

After sometime he said, “You have a \$1 worth.”

By this time it was 6 p.m. We hurried to S.H. Kress Co. at 328 C. Ave. She had 50 cents and I had the same.

In the store we went different directions, buying something for each other. I did not know what she had bought for me, but this is what I had bought for her. She had wanted a real coffee pot, so I found a four-cup percolator with a little glass on top so you could see when it started to perk. Our old coffee pot was a can we used to boil water in and then we added the coffee grounds. I paid 15 cents for it. Wilma had only one slip—by day she wore it with a dress and at night she wore it as a gown. I found a pretty pink flannel gown for 20 cents. Then I bought some gloves to cover her sweet little hands when she was cold. We met sometime later at the front door.

I asked her if she spent all of her money and she said she hadn’t. She had 15 cents left and I had a nickel, so between us we had 20 cents. I took her down to Sid’s Hamburger Stand at 308 C. Ave. and we had two hamburgers each, and two cokes

We started walking home toward our little house. I knew we had no wood, so on the way I picked up some orange crates at the Nash-Finch Co., at 3rd and F Ave. and carried them home. We lit the kerosene lamp and built a fire out of the pine wood from the crates.

The fire got so hot that the stove pipe from the heater to the ceiling was red hot. At least we were finally getting warm for the first time that day. We sat down near the stove and sang Christmas songs.

I could hardly wait for her to see what I bought for her. We would take turns pulling the presents out of each sack—no Christmas wrappings on anything. I think she squealed the loudest when she saw the coffee pot. I received from her a pair of socks, a scarf and a pair of gloves.

I don’t think she will ever be as beautiful as she was that night in her new gown—there was glow and radiance of love that I had not felt, but it will last a lifetime in my heart.

The lamp had burned itself out and the fire had died down, so we went to bed with such a joyous feeling. As she lay in my arms, we pondered the greatest gift of all. It was not what we have given each other, but rather what God had given us, a baby in a manger—our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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# LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



**Mike Smith**  
News Director

## "The Coin Guy"

### 1st Known Morgan Dollar Speciman




In 2018, the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) certified an 1878-S Morgan dollar as a Special Proof (SP) 65.

The Morgan dollar was purchased by an anonymous coin collector from the East Coast. He purchased it at an auction in 2006. It appeared to him it had been handled with great care since its minting.

The collector claimed the Morgan dollar appeared to be something very special. Its pedigree dates from the 1880's collection of Samuel Damon of Hawaii and resided there for 120 years.

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**ODOT / ST HWY 54** - A bid letting for the south side of the State Highway 54 shoulder expansion project will occur this month said Oklahoma Department of Transportation Division 5 Engineer Brent Almquist. Almquist said the middle portion of Hwy 54 shoulder expansion project, 6.8 miles north of I-40 will let for bid in 2024.

**UPDATE / CED 7** - A Custer County judge has granted a continuance of a preliminary hearing for four people, indicted by a multi-county grand jury in Oklahoma City, charged with embezzlement and conspiracy surrounding Circuit Engineering District 7. The preliminary hearings for Monte Goucher, Jerry Lynn Dean, Joe Don Dickey and Tim Bingham began with one witness and one exhibit. However, defense attorneys objected due to a lack of notice of exhibits. The court inquired and found that approximately 18 grand jury exhibits were not disclosed to the defendants. The request for a continuance of the preliminary hearings was granted based on a lack of discovery. A new date for a preliminary hearing has not been established.

**WRH / EQUIPMENT** - The Weatherford Hospital authority approved the purchase of equipment during an emergency meeting. Hospital Chief Executive Officer Brian Denton said a sterilizing unit in the operating room failed and needs replaced. Cost of the equipment is \$63,000.

**WPS / OPEN HOUSE** - An open house for East Intermediate School will be held December 20th. Superintendent Jill Henderson says the open house is planned from 4-6pm.

**WPD / RETIREMENT** - Weatherford Police Chief Louis Flowers has officially announced his retirement. Chief Flowers said he has been contemplating retirement for some time. Flowers has served as chief for the past 9 years. The last day on the job for Chief Flowers will be January 20th. A retirement party will be held that day at the Stafford Air and Space Museum from 2-4pm.

**CUSTER CO / SHELTER** - Custer County Emergency Management Director Mike Galloway gave Custer County commissioners an update on the latest safe room project. Galloway said 10 of 39 safe room projects are complete. Galloway said the maximum reimbursement per applicant was \$3,920.

**WFD / STATS** - Weatherford Fire Chief Mike Karlin said the department will finish 2022 with another increase for calls for service. Karlin said they will likely finish the year with 1500 or more calls for service, compared to 1400 calls for service in 2021.

**WRH / FLU** - A large number of cases of the flu has been reported in the state, and Weatherford Regional Hospital is no exception to seeing patients with flu-related illnesses. CEO Brian Denton said the emergency room and convenient care have been full of patients recently. The impacts of the flu are being felt in school districts as well with a high number of absences.

**WEATHERFORD / LYLE ROAD** - Weatherford mayor Mike Brown said crews won't be on site to begin actual construction until around mid-January. He said once construction begins, it will be a 300-day project.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes for December 14** - Audrey Christian, Elise Cox, Rodolfo Guyman, Amber Koch, Martha Martinez, Maddie Newman, Joella Poauty, Jackie Robinson, Tember Thomas, Michael Tippens, Mark Woods, Glenn Wynn; **December 15** - Lorna Kay Altland, Jo Crowdis, Maegan Fite, Kandy Harrall, Clint Holsted, Patricia Keezer, Keryl Lacy, Ray Lee, Scooter Leggit, Lynn Martin, Scott Sanders, Debbie Wager, Kelsey Wager, Sheree Wood, Margaret Wright; **December 16** - Amanda Arriaga, Renee Basgall, Todd Doyals, Betty Goldman, Steven Green, Christine Irish, Victor Izaguirre, Steve Josey, Ben Kuykendall, Melissa McCoy, Richard Palmer, Brandon Pounds, Peggy Reynolds, Ashley Ricks, Ronnie Skinner, Mike Smith, Sylvia Spain, Karey Stufflebeam, Steve Tomkins; **December 18th** - Jan Bowden, Matthew Davenport. Collin Dixon, Cayden Gossen, Adrian Huitaa, Jeff Lunday, Chad Miller, Jackie Nutry, Justin O'Connor, Phillip Payne, Tyler Shadid, Kit Stephenson, David Wedel; **December 19th** - Becky Barton, Ranea Bryan, Matt Cox, Kent Dewees, Jasi Froneberger, Devan Hewitt, Mark Hix, Darell McCray, Joyce Norris, John Page, Kim Richmond, Sharon Segress, Steve Spain, Tabitha Washa, Harold Washa; **December 20th** - Dr. Michael Aaron, Donna Durnell, Edward Engel, Norma Fisher, Melanie Gates, Phyllis Gibson, Larry Howes, Burl Kennedy, Ernie McCoy, Lela Ma McGill, Victoria Rodriguez, Jarde Sister, Laura Toezko, Ruby Wright.

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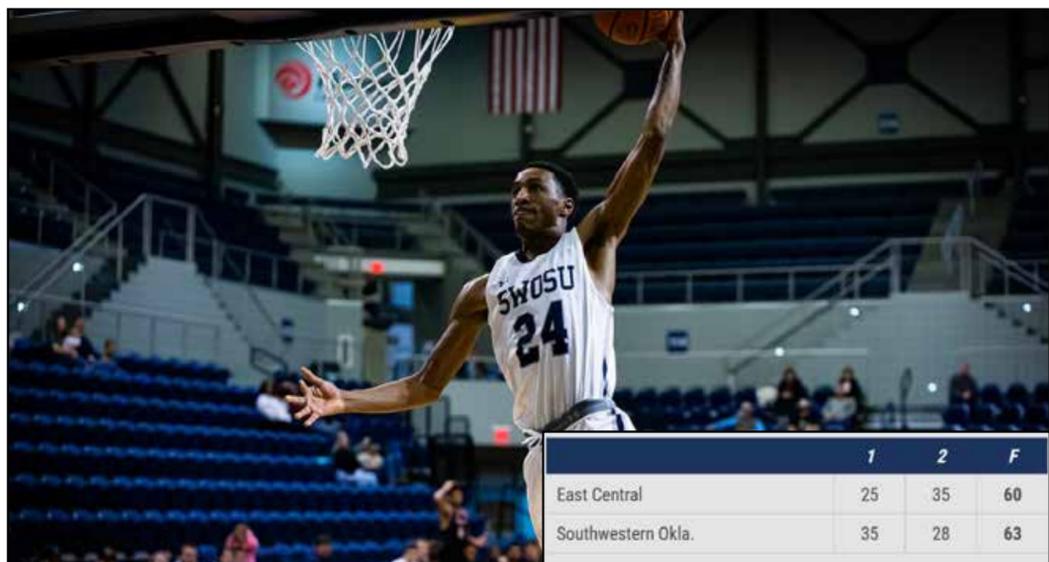
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	1	2	F
East Central	25	35	60
Southwestern Okla.	35	28	63

### Team Statistics

	ECU	SWO
FG%	.400	.328
3FG%	.261	.227
FT%	.720	.516
RB	35	47
TO	16	12
STL	7	5

## Bulldogs Grind Out Home Win Against ECU

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU grabbed 19 offensive rebounds, accounting for 21 second chance points and got a strong 20-point, 13 rebound double-double from Ben Smith that helped propel them to a 63-60 victory over East Central on Saturday.

The Dawgs used a 15-3 run to close out the first half which built a 35-25 lead at the break. Through the first 20 minutes, both sides struggled at times to score though physical defense played a factor.

East Central entered Saturday with the GAC's highest team field goal percentage. SWOSU held the Tigers to just 29% shooting in the first half which included 2-of-12 from beyond the arc.

The Dawgs ended up needing the cushion they got from the first half run after halftime. The Tigers began to become more efficient on the offensive side and almost immediately had the game back within a few possessions when the final 20 minutes got underway.

Leading 47-45 with a little over 10 minutes to play, the Bulldogs extended their lead back out to 10 and led 59-49 with just under three minutes to go.

ECU played the long game from there by fouling to extend things and managed to chip away at that margin. They had possession and a shot to tie with less than one second left on the game clock but could not get a full court heave off. Final: 63-60.

Final shooting numbers showed SWOSU at 32%,

compared to East Central at 40%. The Dawgs left many points on the table from the foul line, finishing 16-for-31. Meanwhile the Tigers were 18-25.

It was rebounding that gave SWOSU such an edge. They outrebounded ECU 47-35 which included those deadly 19 offensive boards. Four different Bulldogs grabbed at least three offensive rebounds. SWOSU also won the turnover battle 16-12.

Outside of Ben Smith, the Dawgs got points from Chris Braggs, Jr. and Mark Berry who combined for 24 points.

It was SWOSU's first conference win of the season. They move to 5-4 overall and 1-2 in the GAC. Their challenging start to conference play takes them to Bethany next Saturday where they'll play SNU to close out the 2022 portion of the schedule. The Crimson Storm were picked preseason favorites entering the year.

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East Central	13	21	18	19	71
Southwestern Okla.	18	28	17	23	86

## Lady Dawgs Gain First Win with Leading Victory

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU women's basketball captured their first win of the season over East Central on Saturday, 86-71.

This victory is the most complete game the Lady Bulldogs have put together this year. They came out of the gates hot, taking a 15-5 lead late in the first quarter. SWOSU extended this lead even further in the second quarter. Heading into halftime, they held a 46-34 advantage.

ECU fought in the second half and brought the game within five points multiple times, yet could not take the lead. In fact, the Lady Dawgs led from the first bucket to the final buzzer. With 6:26 left in the 4th quarter, ECU chipped the lead down to five points once again and looked primed to make it a close game till the end.

SWOSU would outscore ECU 18-8 over the final six minutes of the game to hold off the ECU comeback

attempt. The run was kickstarted by a Macy Gore pull-up three pointer at the end of the shot clock.

SWOSU shot 57% from the field and 48% from three, while holding ECU to 42% from the field and 33% from three. The Lady Bulldogs outrebounded the Tigers 35-26 as well. 86 points scored and both of the shooting percentages are season highs for SWOSU.

Averi Zinn led the way with a career high 28 points and seven assists on an efficient 10-16 from the field. Macy Gore had a season high 20 points on 7-11 from the field and 5-9 from behind the arc. Shamica Smith had a double double, with 10 points and 10 boards off of the bench.

SWOSU gets a tally in the win column, improving to 1-6 overall and 1-2 in GAC play. They will take a break from conference play for their next contest. Cameron comes to Weatherford for a midweek nonconference game on December 15 at 5:30 PM.

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## SWOSU's 53rd Annual Jazz Fest to Feature Tia Fuller Duo, Dianne Reeves, and Others

ratings during the festival. The entry deadline is Friday, Jan. 13, 2023.

The 2023 SWOSU Jazz Fest kicks off with the Tia Fuller Duo teaching a masterclass at 11 am, Feb. 9, at Yukon High School, where students will have an opportunity to receive hands-on instruction from two talented musicians. The first free concert will begin at 7 pm in the Berrong Recital Hall and will be open to anyone interested in enjoying the Jazz Festival.

On Friday, Feb. 10, the Big Band Festival will begin at 8:30 a.m. and will continue all day in the Fine Arts Center and the Berrong Music Hall. At 11 a.m., another masterclass led by the Tia Fuller Duo will begin at the Hilltop Theater. The Duo and Jazz Ensemble A will perform at 1 p.m. General admission is \$20, \$10 for seniors, and \$5 for students. The Tia Fuller Duo will provide one more masterclass at 3 p.m. at the Hilltop Theater. Afterward, the Drinks with the Duo event, hosted by Weatherford Arts Council at the Business Enterprise Center, will be in full swing from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Shuttles to the Fine Arts Center and back after the show will be provided. Lastly, the Tia Fuller Duo and Jazz Ensemble A will perform once more at 8 p.m., with admission remaining the same.

For more information on where to buy tickets or donate, contact Dr. Richard Tirk at richard.tirk@swosu.edu.

The 53rd Annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Jazz Festival is fast approaching, and SWOSU would like to welcome guests and players alike to come and enjoy the music. Held on Feb. 9-10, 2023 at the Fine Arts Center, the 53rd Annual Jazz Festival will include performances from featured guests, the Tia Fuller Duo, with Tia Fuller on the saxophone and Shamie Royston on the piano. Jazz ensembles from all over the state can perform before a panel of judges.

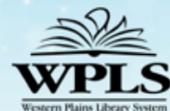
The 1st Annual SWOSU Jazz Festival was held on Jan. 8, 1971 featuring Clark Terry, a renowned trumpeter. Dr. Terry Segress started the festival and ran it for 36 years. Dr. Keith Talley took over the jazz festival in 2007, now under the direction of Dr. Richard Tirk.

Other past guest artists have featured Allen Vizzutti, Rich Matteson, Diane Reeves, Jamey Aebersold, Frank Mantooth, Pete Christlieb, Bobby Shew, Bill Watrous, Paquito D'Rivera, Eddie Daniels, Dan Haerle, Byron Stripling, Carl Fontana, Bobby Watson, John Clayton, Jeff Clayton, Matt Wilson, Donny McCaslin, Sean Jones, Terell Stafford, Wycliffe Gordon and Randy Brecker, among many others.

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Public Notice:  
Invitation to Bid Improvement Construction

Date: December 1, 2022  
This shall serve as official public notice per Public Competitive Bidding Act (PCBA) and Public Trust Act (PTA).  
This public notice is requesting bids for construction to improve the MRI suite at Weatherford Regional Hospital (WRH), located at 3701 E Main, Weatherford, OK 73096

The following criteria must be met on each bid received or the bid shall be considered invalid:

- All bids must be typed and submitted as originals
- No erasures or "white outs" are acceptable. Errors may be corrected by drawing a line through the error and reprinting the correct number or text next to it.
- All bids must be signed and dated by an authorized representative of your company.
- This is a sealed bid process. All bids must be sent directly to the party named to receive the bid
- Bid information must not be shared prior to the bid opening
- The bids must include complete space preparation for a GE Artist EVO 29.1 with Air Recon DL (copies of MRI room specifications can be obtained by contacting WRH as outlined above):
  - Construction Management
  - Architectural design
  - Electrical engineering
  - Mechanical engineering
  - Concrete work
  - General construction
  - Radio Frequency Shielding
  - Drywall
  - Ceiling tile
  - Flooring
  - Painting
  - Inspecting
  - Coordinating the project with equipment manufacturer
- For bids to be accepted and considered, the bid proposal must be received by mail or email, no later than 5pm on December 23rd, and sent to the address: below:  
 Brian Denton, CEO  
 Weatherford Regional Hospital  
 3701 E Main  
 Weatherford, OK 73096  
 Email: [bdenton@weatherfordhospital.com](mailto:bdenton@weatherfordhospital.com)
- Please include the following in your bid submission:
  - What you propose to do and for what amount
  - Number of calendar days required for completion
- Bids must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, bid bond or irrevocable letter of credit equal to five percent (5%) of bid which will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders. The check will also be returned to the successful bidder upon execution of the contract and delivery of bond, letter of credit and insurance.
- Sealed bids will be opened at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Weatherford Regional Hospital Board of Trustees December 29, 2022, at 6pm, held at the Timothy Day Business Center on the SWOSU campus.
- Pre-Qualification Criteria:
  - Bidder must have prior successful experience with RF Shielding construction for MRI in a hospital setting.
  - Bidder must provide reference(s) of successful RF Shielding construction for MRI in a hospital setting with bid.
- Contract, Terms, Bond, Insurance:
  - Contract will be awarded within 30 days of opening the bids.
  - Contract must be executed within 60 days.
  - Performance bond shall be equal to contract price.
  - Defective workmanship and material bond or insurance shall be effective for one (1) year from bidder's acceptance of project.
  - Selected bidder must carry fire and hazard insurance during the construction phase.
  - Public liability and workers compensation insurance is required.
  - The required insurance may be obtained by the bidder from their insurer of choice.

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# SWOSU Rodeo Alumni Claim Bulldogs of the Week

Grant Kopycinski  
SWOSU Sports Assistant

In a special alumni edition following the completion of

the 2022 Wrangler NFR this weekend, Hunter Herrin and Emily Beisel have been named the Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Herrin (Apache, OK) competed in the tie-down roping event at the NFR and won first place in round eight and finished second in rounds seven and ten. He ended the 10-day rodeo in seventh place in the average and inside the top-five in the world rankings.

Beisel (Weatherford, OK) competed in barrel racing and won rounds four and six of the event while also claiming second in rounds eight and nine. She did not place in the average but still holds a fifth-place overall world ranking!



## Brenda Ringler: Connections Food & Resource Center Volunteer of the Month



Dena Friesen  
Volunteer Coordinator

Brenda Ringler is the Volunteer of the Month for

November. She assists with Retail Recovery every week. This involves loading, unloading, weighing and sorting hundreds of pounds of food donations that we collect from our local retail partners. Connections Food and Resource Center offers a client choice food pantry that provides fresh produce, non-perishable, refrigerated, and frozen foods. We also help connect our clients to additional services as needed. Connections serves 15 zip codes—Arapahoe, Butler, Clinton, Colony, Corn, Custer City, Eakly, Fay, Geary, Hammon, Hinton, Hydro, Lookeba, Thomas and Weatherford.

An average of 90 volunteers put in 700 hours of work to distribute 26,000 pounds of food to 1,200 food-insecure Western Oklahomans per month. Please join the fight against hunger by signing up to volunteer.

Contact Volunteer Coordinator Dena Friesen at 580-774-5377 (office) or 469-443-6603 (cell) or email [Volunteer@connectionscenter.org](mailto:Volunteer@connectionscenter.org)

## WOCS delivering Christmas bags to Veteran's Affairs



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WOCS students Ellie Schmidt of Corn and Kendall Kliever of Clinton add a few fun items to the gift bags for the local veterans at the Clinton Veterans Center. Students will deliver their gifts on Wednesday.



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Graham Murray and Paige Sewell, both from Clinton, enjoy adding items to Christmas bags to distribute on Wednesday at the Veteran Center in Clinton. The WOCS fourth grade class chose this as their mission project.



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