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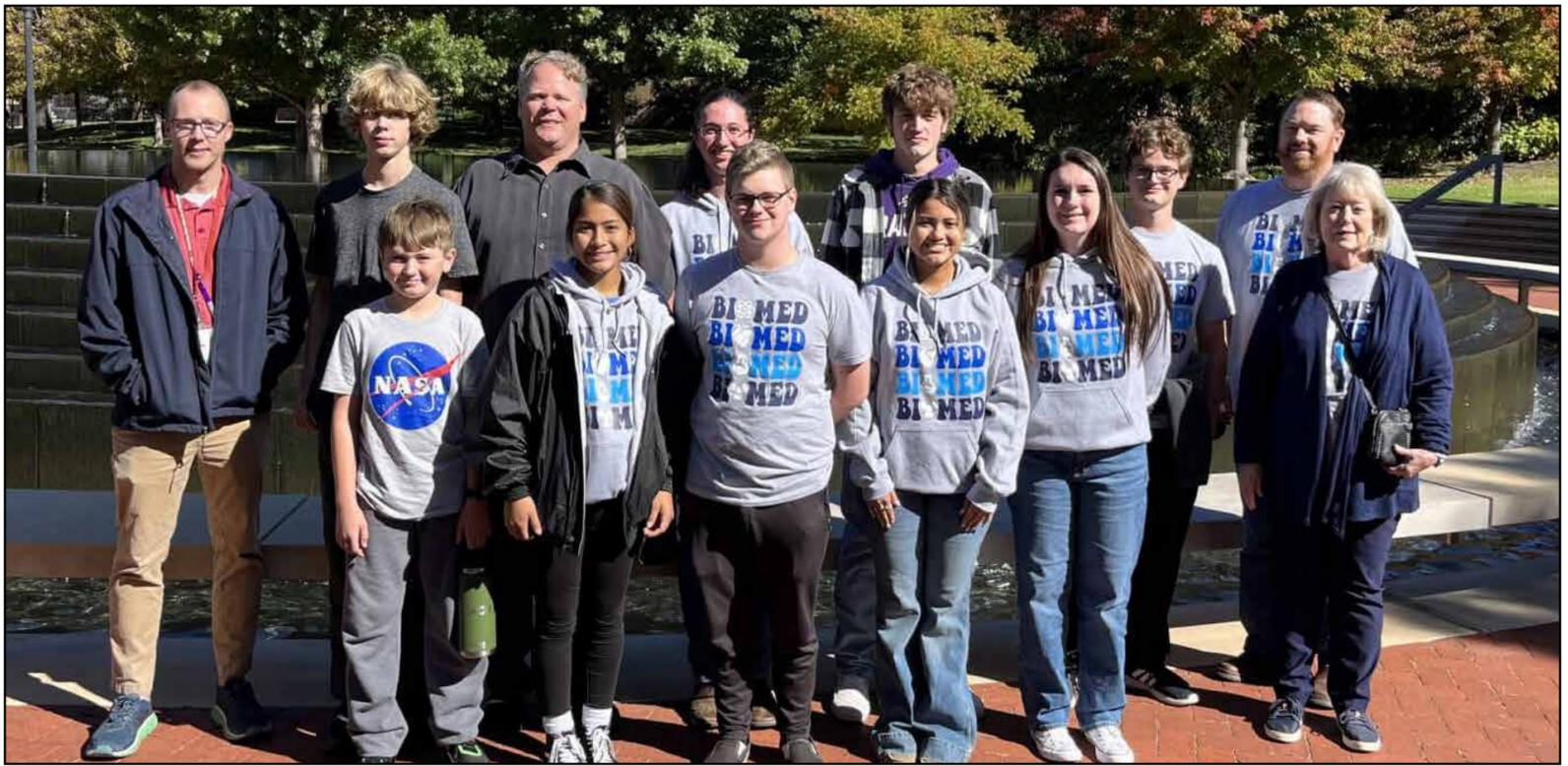
Tickets and tables are available now for the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce's Annual Chamber Banquet on January 12th, 2023. Celebrating "The Golden Year," the banquet will be held at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, beginning at 6PM with a Social Hour, sponsored by PSO.

The dinner begins at 7PM and is sponsored by SWOSU. Desserts will be served and are sponsored by Pioneer.

Tickets are \$75 per individual and tables are \$750. The yearly silent auction will be ongoing during the banquet.

All are welcome to attend to enjoy the evening, mingle, and welcome an exciting new year for Weatherford!

Western Technology Center Students Tour OU Health Sciences Center



Jena Skarda, WOCS Admissions Counselor

Back Row (from left): Dr. Horton (OUHSC), Ozlo Jones (Weatherford), Dr. Jones (SWOSU), Wade Showers (Hammon), Jack Edler (Merritt), Devon Brown (Weatherford), Mr. Brashears (WTC). Front Row (from left): Owyn Jones (Weatherford), Clariza Ramos (Clinton), Dustin Glasgow (Weatherford), Rosa Soto (Elk City), Staten Strickland (Sweetwater), Ms. Pool (WTC).

Zach Jones
SWOSU Associate Professor

In October, a collaborative effort began among Western Oklahoma students, educators, and scientists to conduct biomedical research with OU Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) and Southwestern Oklahoma State University's (SWOSU) research faculty during students' high school years as they consider and prepare for collegiate academic experiences.

Dr. Zach Jones is an Allied Health Sciences professor at SWOSU and serves on the Science Advisory Board with Western Technology Center at Burns Flat (WTC), where Mr. Shane Brashears and Ms. Pool are instructors of high school students

in the WTC Biomedical Academy. The Biomedical Academy is dedicated to offering students every advantage to succeed during their college years and beyond with on-the-job training, research, and professional partnerships. These connections among WTC, SWOSU, OUHSC, and regional biomedical professionals while offering concurrent WTC enrollment make a tremendous difference in future career avenues for our next-generation Oklahomans.

Joined by Dr. Chris Horton, Assistant Director of the Graduate Program in Biomedical Sciences and Summer Programs on the OUHSC campus, the group toured campus buildings and laboratories where cutting-edge medical research occurs in Oklahoma.

WTC students spoke with and asked questions of professional research scientists while considering projects that they will carry out during their spring 2023 semesters in the WTC Biomedical Academy.

Ideas that WTC students expressed the most interest in were research using CRISPR genetic techniques to study cancer treatments, comparing genomes of mammalian inflammatory stress responses to better understand aging and neurological decline, and bioinformatics computing analyses to understand gene expression in a wide range of metabolic pathways.

Please contact Dr. Zach Jones at zach.jones@swosu.edu with questions and interest.



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Tuffy Howell

Garland Ray Howell, better known as “Tuffy” was born May 7, 1929, to Emmett and Bessie (Conley) Howell in the home in Putnam, OK and passed away Thursday, December 8, 2022, in the Homestead Assisted Living Center in Clinton, OK.



“Tuffy” was given his nick name the day he was born by an uncle who had received word that he had been born and that he was one Tuff little guy. He has been known as Tuffy from that day on. He attended Putnam School through the 7th grade school. During World War II, the family moved to Jones, OK where his dad worked at Tinker Field as an airplane mechanic. Tuffy attended Jones School for the next four years and in 1946 the family moved back to Putnam where he graduated high school in 1947.

In the Fall of 1947, he enrolled in the Oklahoma A&M in Stillwater, OK in the School of Agriculture, majoring in Agriculture Education. In the Spring of 1951, he graduated from what is known now as Oklahoma State University, with a bachelor’s degree in Agriculture Education.

His first job after college was teaching World War II Veterans “on the farm training” in Burke, South Dakota. Living there for a short time, he returned home and married Helen Moore on August 3, 1951, in Clinton. The young couple moved back to South Dakota where he continued teaching World War II Veterans. In 1953 he moved back to Oklahoma and took a Vocational Agricultural teaching position in Vinson, OK. In 1954, he was offered the job teaching Vocational Agriculture in Arapaho where he taught for 29 years, retiring in 1983. He farmed and ranched with his two sons up until recent and over 90 years old.

During Tuffy’s tenure at Arapaho School he had approximately 25 students that achieved the State Farmer Degree and along with Tuffy 12 of his students received the American Farmer Degree. Tuffy was well respected by his students, and they all called him “Tuffy”.

After Tuffy’s retirement from teaching he served a five-year term on the Arapaho School Board. He was an avid fan of Arapaho sports, and he was the clock keeper at the Arapaho Basketball games for over 50 years.

He was a longtime and faithful member of the Arapaho United Methodist Church; he is a Charter member of the Arapaho Masonic Lodge and at its closing he became a member of the Clinton Masonic Lodge. He was a charter member of the Arapaho Volunteer Fire Department, where he also served as fire chief for two years.

Tuffy’s wife, Helen preceded him in death in 1998. In 2004 he became close friends with Helen Towner-Jones who had grown up with him in Putnam. They enjoyed going to senior citizens gatherings, going to dinner and playing dominoes.

He is also preceded in death by his parents, infant son, Stephen, two sisters, Velda Ruzicki and Marva Phillips.

He is survived by daughters, Karen Owen and husband, Gary, Clinton, OK, Sandra Orth and husband, Don, Elk City, OK; sons, Gary Howell and wife, RuthAnn, and Tony Howell and wife, Sandra, both of Arapaho and sister-in-law, Betty Deutschendorf, Clinton, OK.

He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Kelly Burnett and husband, Nate, Kevin Howell and wife, Jeralynn, Jaime Knott, James “Slip” Knott and wife, Liz, Jared Howell and wife Shelbie, Rachel Allen and husband, Nicholas, and Hollie Calhoun and husband, Garrett, 13 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Mark Reyes

Mark Evan Reyes passed on December 4, 2022, at his residence on Ramsey Road at the age of 50 years, 6 months and 21 days. Mark was born on May 13, 1972, to Alta Reyes (Blackowl) and Alfred Reyes in Laton, Oklahoma. He graduated from Thomas-Fay-Custer United School in Thomas, Oklahoma in 1990 and continued his education at Haskell Indian College, South Western Indian Polytechnic Institute and Idaho State University. Mark moved from Thomas, Oklahoma, to Pocatello, Idaho, and married Shelly Honena; from this marriage, they had his first daughter, Cerissa Ann Honena-Reyes, but they later divorced. In 1999, he married Carlee Osborne, and later divorced in 2002; from this marriage, they had three children: Tsaily Elise Reyes, Sinjin Alton Reyes and Kiari Lee Reyes. He has lived in the Pocatello/ Fort Hall area for the past 30 years to be closer to his children and grandchildren. Throughout his life, he was employed for Idaho Supreme, Fort Hall Potato Cellars, Merlins in Pocatello and Shoshone Bannock Hotel.



Mark was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, he would attend church with his parents and siblings in his youth and later on attended church with his children. He always had full faith in his teachings from the Church and would share with his grandchildren about his beliefs. Mark participated in sports such as basketball, football and baseball in high school. He also enjoyed playing in the league basketball games in Fort Hall, ID as an adult. He was a very big fan of the Oklahoma

Sooners, Minnesota Vikings and always loved watching the Olympic Games. He would always take every opportunity to spend time with any or all of his grandchildren and talk to them about their family in Oklahoma and spoiling them to the fullest.

Mark is survived by his father Alfred Reyes, his siblings: Mario, Nick, Danny, David and Valerie Reyes; his children: Cerissa Honena-Reyes, Tsaily Reyes, Sinjin Reyes and Kiari Reyes; and his grandchildren: Launa Winap, Kyrie Winap, Tsaily Johnson, Eva Matsaw, Ellie Matsaw, Misun Matsaw and Sinthia Reyes. He is preceded in death by his grandparents, his mother Alta Reyes, and his twin brother Matthew Reyes.

Frankie Stewart

Frankie Lea (Wallace) Stewart was born September 5, 1929, to Myrtle (Helms) and Allen Lee Wallace in Chickasha, OK and passed away Friday, December 9, 2022, in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.



Frankie started her young life in Kansas City, MO where she also attended school. In 1944 she moved with her family to Clinton, OK. She married Glen Stewart on June 2, 1947, in Clinton, OK. The young couple lived briefly in Elk City and Oklahoma City before returning to Clinton and farmed for many years southeast of Clinton.

Frankie was an employee for over 20 years for Marcy Distributing as a bookkeeper. She also had full-time chores and helped Glen around the house and farm.

She loved her family, church family and just about everyone she met. She counted her blessings daily and was eternally grateful for the kindness of her community. Frankie is greatly loved by her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family.

Frankie is survived by two sons: Larry Stewart and wife Paula, Russell Stewart and wife Charlotte, and daughter Kathy Stewart all of Clinton.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Wesley Stewart and wife Kristie; Shawn Driver and wife Whitney; and Zachary Stewart (all of Weatherford); Jacob Stewart and wife Amy of Clinton; Adrienne Clerici and husband Chris of Durango, CO; Jordan Stewart and wife Melissa of Clinton; Dillon Driver and wife, Alisha; two step-granddaughters Amber Big Horse and Erin Hanson of Cordell; and eleven great-grandchildren: Adrienne Stewart, Wesley Stewart, Grant Stewart, Kate Stewart, Audrey Stewart, Rocco Clerici, Carson Clerici, Sophie Stewart, Phoebe Stewart, Oaklyn Stewart, Ramona Hines and family, Mark Stewart and wife Camille and family, Shirley Sparke and husband Steve.

She is also survived by her niece Jeri-Lynn Bailey of Kansas City, KS; nephew Lloyd Stewart of Clinton; and sister-in-law Eva Lee Stewart also of Clinton.

Preceding Frankie in death were her husband, Glen Stewart; parents; sister Barbara Bailey; cousins Mary Jo and J.W. Stewart; son Terry Stewart, grandson Lucas Stewart, and granddaughter Enid Big Horse.

Bebe Friesen

Bebe Vivian Friesen was born October 21, 1928, on the family farm, 5 miles south of Canute, to Frank Jefferson and Rosa Leah (Galloway) McCollom and went to be with her Savior on Monday, December 5, 2022, at Corn Heritage Village of Weatherford at the age of 94 years, 1 month and 14 days.



Bebe was raised on the family farm and graduated from Canute High in 1945. She then went on to attend classes at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford where she took secretarial classes.

College is where she met Earl Lee “E.L.” Friesen. Bebe and E.L. were married on June 12, 1949, in Wheeler, Texas. They made their home in Weatherford, where they both worked for the Weatherford Daily News. They spent many years together there before leaving in 1974. She then went to work at Berrong Insurance where she worked many, many years until her retirement. In May of 1993, Bebe completed theology studies and earned her Certificate in Pastoral Ministry. She was devoted to her church and her family.

Bebe is known for her charity work, not only through her church, St. Eugene Catholic Church, but also in her community. She was a “pink lady” at the hospital, went on several mission trips, and delivered “Meals on Wheels”.

Bebe is survived by granddaughter, Sumer (Friesen) Shelton of Weatherford; grandsons, Daniel Hokanson of Enid and Cody Hokanson of Tulsa; seventeen great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Jean Leonard of Clinton and Barbara Mullins of Tulsa; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Leah McCollom; husband, E.L.; brother, Frank Donovan McCollom; sister, Marion Ferino; son, Rick Friesen; and grandson, Dusty Friesen.

Jermey Daley

Jermey D. Daley was born December 27, 1976, in Paducah, Kentucky, and passed away December 12, 2022, near Wagoner, Oklahoma. He was adopted and raised by Merrie Etta Skinner. He grew up and went to school in the Oklahoma City area, and married Elizabeth Chapman on December 8, 2012.



Jermey worked in the oilfield industry for Bison Oilfield Services, Canyon oilfield services, and was currently working as a Field Service Technician for Liquid Environmental Solutions. He also worked for Dolese and Budweiser. He was a member of the Clinton Church of Christ.

Jermey moved to Norman a little more than a year ago. He loved traveling, spending time with his kids and family, to cook, playing video games with Logan, and playing Dungeons and Dragons with Jaxen.

He was preceded in death by his adopted mother Merrie Etta Skinner, a brother Michael David Stone, and his best friend Alvin Moore.

He is survived by his wife Elizabeth of the home, three daughters: Emily Daley of Oklahoma City; Ciara Mathews, and Brynlee Mathews (both of the home), three sons: Jermey Michael Daley of Oklahoma City; Jaxen Mathews, and Logan Daley (both of the home); his biological mother Susan Skinner and her partner Mark Andrews of North Carolina; his mother- and father-in-law Gary and Karen Chapman of Clinton; two brothers: Steven Mantooth and Leroy (Robbie) Mantooth (both of North Carolina), sisters-in-law Mischele Scott and Latasha Goodman, and brothers in law Christopher Chapman and Jason Goodman (all of Clinton), Grandma Betty McCarther, special Cousin John Mendoza, his white boxer buddy Maximus Prime Rib, and a Host of nieces, nephews, cousins and other friends.

Shreta Horn

Shreta Jane Horn, 70, of Oklahoma City, died Monday, December 12, 2022.



Born July 12, 1952, in Cordell, OK, she was the daughter of Dortha Ann (Dahlke) and Maurice Alan Orrick. She was the beloved wife of Dr. Eddie Paul Horn.

Shreta married her high school sweetheart, Eddie Paul Horn, on June 5, 1971. Together, they moved to Stillwater, OK where Shreta baked cakes to support their family while Eddie completed his doctoral degree in veterinary medicine at Oklahoma State University.

Upon Eddie’s graduation from veterinary school and the day after the birth of their son Jason, they moved to El Dorado, AR where they opened Horn Animal Clinic. They became very involved in the community. They were long-time members of St. Paul United Methodist Church. Shreta was active in numerous roles in the church and was a member of the Service League of El Dorado.

Shreta moved to Oklahoma City, OK in 1999, to be closer to her family and her son who was attending college at Oklahoma State University.

Shreta was preceded in death by her husband of 26 years, Dr. Eddie Paul Horn.

Survivors include her son Jason Horn and wife Amy of Rogers, AR; grandchildren Andrew and Madelyn Horn of Rogers, AR; mother Dortha Ann Dahlke of Oklahoma City; brother Michael Orrick of Oklahoma City; and long-time companion Josue Morales of Oklahoma City.

Wayne Engle

Homer Wayne Engle was born to Homer Michael and Phoebe Delphine (Jantz) Engle on October 17, 1949, in Thomas, OK and passed away on Sunday, December 4, 2022, in Thomas, OK having reached the age of 73 years, 1 month and 17 days.



Wayne was raised in the Thomas area and attended school in Custer City, graduating in 1967. After high school he attended Southwestern State College for one year. Wayne worked in the oil field as a pumper and welder. In his free time, he enjoyed playing pool. In the world of pool players, Wayne was President of Black Gold Pool Association and 2 Rivers Association of Pool Players. Wayne was a caring and passionate person, helping others anonymously.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents Homer and Phoebe; sister Lois Engle; and brothers Merle and David. He is survived by sister Marilyn Tyson and nieces Shelley Lipscomb and Jenny Ludwig, all of Pennsylvania.

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Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Holiday Match Doubling Impact of Donations Through Jan. 15

Austin Prickett
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The holidays are the perfect time to double the impact of your donation to help fight hunger in Oklahoma. Through Jan. 15, all donations to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Holiday Match are doubled, up to \$350,000, thanks to presenting sponsor APMEX and the Cresap Family Foundation. KOCO 5 News, official television sponsor of the Holiday Match, will feature the impact of Holiday Match donations throughout the match.

The holiday season is typically a time of celebration and joy, but the holidays can also lead to stress, especially for Oklahomans living with hunger. On top of the supply chain issues and inflation, as the weather gets colder, some Oklahomans are forced to choose between purchasing food or paying their utility bills.

"Supporting the Regional Food Bank allows us to see the difference that one person, one program or one donation can make for positive change. The holiday season, especially, reminds us of all there is to be thankful for and we encourage everyone to participate and provide some hope for the holidays." Said John

Cresap, president of the Cresap Family Foundation.

The donations can act as a lifeline to Oklahomans living with hunger like Colleen. She has experienced homelessness on and off for the last several months after leaving a bad relationship. She now stays in an RV in Oklahoma City with no power or water. She uses SNAP benefits to purchase food, but also relies on Regional Food Bank partners when her food runs out each month.

"I'm not used to being in this position. It's hard," Colleen said. "Without the pantry, I wouldn't be here. I've depended solely on that pantry for food when I didn't have any."

Make an impact this holiday season by making a tax-deductible donation at rfbo.org/give or by call 405-600-3161.

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HIGHER GROUND

A Teacher's Prayer

Jim Morrison

We are nearing the end of the first semester of the school year. Students as well as teachers are eager for a break from each other as well as the work required. I read an illustration recently that may depict the life of a school teacher. It seems a first grader came home to share with her mom the news, "My teacher is a Christian." The mother replied, "How do you know?" The child explained, "She prays. 'O God, help me through the day, or sometimes she just says 'O God' and lays her head on the desk.'"

I'm sure many teachers can identify with this illustration. Having taught a couple of years in my former life and substituting several times, that could

have been me.

It is important that we pray for our school teachers. They have the potential to exert great influence n your children. Teachers, together with their parents, have the responsibility for setting in motion the desire to learn. Guy Dobb, former "Teacher of the Year" in speaking to a group of educators expressed this in poem entitled "A Molder of Dreams" It is a poetic way of expressing the great influence a teacher can have on the young learner. With gods in a little g he said:

"You are the molder of their dreams,
The gods who build their trust, their young beliefs of right and wrong,
the spark that sets aflame the poets of the young, the very young.
You are the guardian of a million dreams.
Your every smile or frown can heal or pierce a heart.
Yours' are a hundred lives, a thousand lives. Yours' is the pride of loving them and the sorrow too.
Your patient work, your touch, make you the gods of hope who fills their song with dreams and make those dreams come true."

Marsha Wright has written A Teachers Prayer that could be the expression of every teacher:
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*"Help me to be grateful
For the students who like to learn
And feel challenged by those who don't.
Help me to be thankful
For the students I love
And understand those I'm learning to love.
Help me to be motivated
By the students who learn to think
And be committed to those afraid to try.
Help me to be inspired
By the students who choose right over wrong
And be patient with those who lack the courage.
Help me to be gentle
With the student s who make mistakes,
And learn to forgive a difficult child.
Help me to be wise with the students building character,
And be unwavering with those without conscience.
Help me to be committed to students who are responsible
And be persistent with those who value nothing.
Help me to be calm in the midst of violence
And model self-control in the midst of anger
Help me to be faithful in the days of discouragement
And be dedicated to make one child smile."*

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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



Mike Smith
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"The Coin Guy"

**\$5 Gold Half Eagle
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Trent Boesen

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A typical laborer in 1821 earned \$5 per week. The above pictured coin is a \$5 Proof gold Half Eagle of which only 2 are known.

The above coin was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service (PCGS) as a Proof 65 Cameo. On September 29, 2022, it sold at auction for \$4,620,000.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas (remember: Jesus is the reason for the season).

January will be the 14th year of this coin column. Great news items are sure to come.

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BULLDOG FOOD PANTRY

SWOSU Bulldog Food Pantry Receives Generous Donation

Susan Ellis
SWOSU Wellness Director

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's (SWOSU)

Bulldog Food Pantry received a sizable donation of over 800 pounds of food from Caring and Sharing, a charitable program run by the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance (WMA). The Bulldog Food Pantry is open to all SWOSU students who have a Student ID. SWOSU's goal is for all students to have enough food throughout the semester, and with the help of donations like these, this dream can be made a reality.

Caring and Sharing is a charity established in Weatherford, Oklahoma to help families and single parents encountering financial struggles during the holidays. Each year, local churches and volunteers raise thousands of dollars to purchase gifts for struggling families.

This year's event was no different. From Friday, Dec. 11 to Saturday, Dec. 12, 18 local congregations within WMA raised thousands of dollars and purchased and distributed gifts to over 500 children from 160 families within the community. Additionally, hams and food baskets were given to each family. Afterward, any food that was not claimed or taken

home was donated to SWOSU's Bulldog Food Pantry, a large donation that will certainly help many students before the holiday.

Volunteers from all over the community come to Caring and Sharing to help organize, wrap gifts, and provide any services that may be needed to provide the necessary support to these families. On shopping day, parents who come to the event have three tiers of gifts to choose from to take to their family.

This way, they can be just as involved in the process as they normally are. Caring and Sharing has always been about providing for the children through the parents and is as much for the parents as it is for the children.

The Bulldog Food Pantry is located in the Wellness Center at SWOSU. Students can visit the pantry once per week and receive necessary food and hygiene products. Donations can be made at the Wellness Center, and cash donations can be made online. This resource has been used by hundreds of SWOSU students since it opened its doors in 2021. Interested students should be sure to visit the Wellness Center before leaving after finals.

FNB/MERGER - First National Bank and Trust of Weatherford President Herschel Brewster said the merger with Blue Sky Bank is complete. Brewster said with this move First National Bank will continue to grow and offer more services to the community.

SWOSU/FOOD PANTRY - The Bulldog food pantry of Southwestern Oklahoma State University has received a sizable donation of over 800 pounds of food from Caring and Sharing, a charitable program run by the Weatherford Ministerial Alliance. The Bulldog food pantry is open to all SWOSU students who have a student id. The goal is for all students to have enough food throughout the semester.

CUSTER CO DIST COURT/ANDERSON - A Weatherford Police Detective is scheduled to be back in Custer County district court February 3rd for a plea. Thirty-nine-year-old Jeremy Anderson allegedly took 99 tablets containing fentanyl from the Weatherford Police Department evidence room. Anderson is currently on administrative leave.

WEATHERFORD FD/AWARDS - During a Christmas party event, the Weatherford Fire Department presented awards. Tacoma Copeland was awarded the 2022 career firefighter of the year and Cody Gilchrist was named 2022 volunteer firefighter of the year.

WEATHERFORD/AVIATION STUDENT - A Weatherford aviation student has recently obtained his pilot's license. Director of curriculum Doug Gunselman told the board of education of the success story of Mark Wilson getting his pilot's license. Gunselman said a second student could also get his pilot's license by the end of the year.

ELK CITY PD/AWARDS - During the annual Christmas party for Elk City Police, two awards are given that are voted on by everyone in the department. Lt. Chris Counts was named officer of the year and Autumn Hufford as dispatcher of the year. Animal Control Supervisor Amber Stepp was awarded the 2022 leadership award by police department administration.

CUSTER CO DIST COURT/PROA - A Weatherford man charged with among other things, first degree murder, pleaded guilty yesterday in Custer County district court to 2nd degree manslaughter and two counts of distribution of a controlled dangerous substance. Twenty-one-year-old Tryston Richard Proa was ordered to serve three years prison for distributing fentanyl which caused the death of a Weatherford high school graduate. Court records show that Proa distributed fentanyl to the victim without legal authority. Additionally, jury selection did not start last Monday in Beckham county district court for a Sayre man charged with murder in the first degree-child abuse. Twenty-six-year-old Troy Justice Jones is charged in connection with the death of Benji Taylor, who authorities say suffered severe head trauma.

CLINTON SCHOOLS/DEMO - Demolition work is underway on Nance and Southwest Elementaries in the Clinton school district to make way for new buildings. Superintendent Tyler Bridges said the district is also working toward construction of a new middle school. The new middle school project will be complete over the next 2 years.

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	76	Southern Nazarene	7-3,4-0 GAC

	1	2	3	4	F
Southwestern Okla.	19	17	10	20	66
Southern Nazarene	17	16	24	19	76

Team Statistics		
	SWO	SN
FG%	.424	.473
3FG%	.296	.429
FT%	.667	.750
RB	22	49
TO	13	19
STL	14	10

Lady Dawgs - Women's Basketball Concludes 2022 at SNU

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

The Lady Dawgs finished play for the 2022 semester on the road at Southern Nazarene on Saturday afternoon, where they fell 76-66.

This loss takes SWOSU to 1-8 on the season, 1-3 in GAC play. Their next game will be in 2023, on January 5 at home against Arkansas-Monticello. SWOSU outscored SNU in three out of four quarters in the game. Unfortunately, the third quarter was the deciding factor in an otherwise tightly contested matchup.

Both teams shot a respectable percentage in the first half. SWOSU took the lead in the second quarter

and held it for the majority of the quarter. They ran into halftime leading 36-33.

The third quarter is where things went awry for the Lady Bulldogs. 3-14 shooting wise in the quarter and scoring only 10 points in the 10 minutes doomed SWOSU. SNU on the flip side shot 50% from the field and from three and scored the most points by either team in a quarter with 24.

SWOSU came back out in the fourth and went 9-16 from the field, but grabbed only two rebounds in the final period, which was the theme of the game. The Crimson Storm also answered SWOSU scores with their own, keeping the game just far enough out of

reach for a comeback.

SWOSU finished the game shooting 42% from the field and sub 30% from three. SNU shot 47% and 43% from three. The story of the game was rebounding. SNU dominated SWOSU on the glass, 49-22. SNU also grabbed 16 offensive rebounds. This led to 22 second chance points for Southern Nazarene, while SWOSU couldn't muster a single second chance point.

Macy Gore was the leading scorer in the losing effort, having 19 points with four rebounds and three assists. Morgan Smith totaled 14 points. Layni Zinn added 11 points and three steals.



	63	Southwestern Okla.	5-5,1-3 GAC
	71	Southern Nazarene	7-2,4-0 GAC

	1	2	OT 1	F
Southwestern Okla.	26	29	8	63
Southern Nazarene	30	25	16	71

Team Statistics		
	SWO	SN
FG%	.368	.358
3FG%	.238	.281
FT%	.593	.667
RB	45	44
TO	20	11
STL	6	12

Bulldogs Erase Early Deficit, Fall in OT to Crimson Storm

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Hoops was on the wrong side of a rematch of last year's GAC Championship game following a 71-63 defeat in overtime to a tough Southern Nazarene squad.

SNU entered Saturday atop the GAC standings at a perfect 3-0 in league play. The Bulldogs gave them everything they wanted to handle in regulation but came up just short in the overtime period when shots stopped falling.

SWOSU overcame a slow start to the game and found themselves in a hole early. They trailed 17-4 with 12:57 to play in the first half before finally kicking it into gear. From there, the Dawgs dug in and made their run.

They had things back knotted up at 22-22 with just under five minutes to play in the first half and trailed just

30-26 heading into the halftime locker room.

In the second half, things tightened up. SWOSU still played from behind, but with smaller margins. The pendulum swung back to SWOSU late in the half and with just over five minutes to play in the game, it was the Dawgs who led 51-48.

In the closing minute, they needed one stop on defense after a Kamden Gipson free throw had the visiting Dawgs ahead 55-54 with 46 seconds left. On the other end of the floor, SNU was fouled and given free throws due to the bonus. They knocked down 1-of-2 to tie things up, giving SWOSU one final shot at the buzzer which did not fall.

In overtime, SWOSU shot just 1-for-7 and watched the Crimson Storm close the game on a 7-0 run.

Both teams shot under 40% from the field and under 30% from three-point range. Rebounding numbers were nearly identical, but the Bulldogs lost the turnover battle 20-11 which proved to be a difference maker.

Ben Smith led the way with 14 points, followed by Chris Braggs, Jr. with 13 and Nate Goodlow's 10.

Goodlow also grabbed a team high 11 rebounds, notching his first double-double in a SWOSU uniform.

Nick Davis of SNU led their side with a 22-point, 11 rebound performance. A career high scoring day for him came at the wrong time for the Bulldogs.

SWOSU moves to 1-3 in GAC action and back to an even 5-5 on the year. They'll rest up with the holidays before returning to action January 5 at home against Arkansas Monticello.

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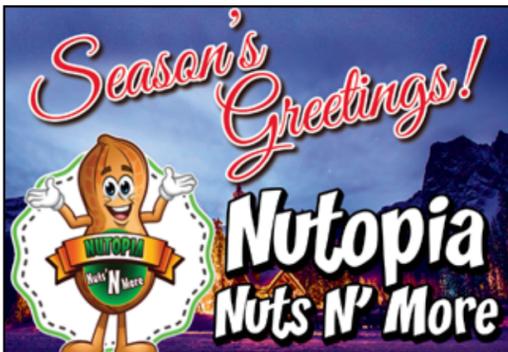
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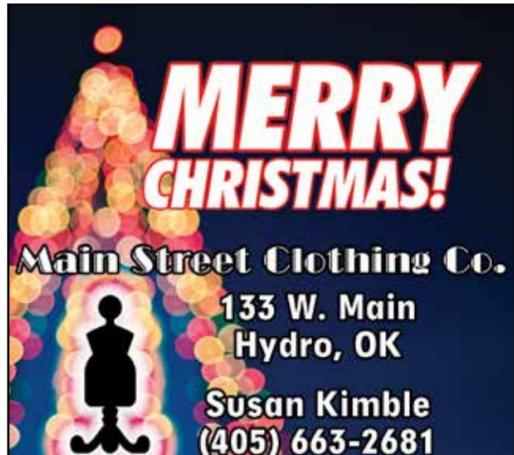
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Smith & Goodlow Snag Final Bulldogs of the Week of 2022

Grant Kopycinski
SWOSU Sports Assistant

In the final installment for 2022, Morgan Smith (women's basketball) and Nate Goodlow (men's basketball) have been named Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for livestream and radio.

Smith (Plano, Texas) led her team in scoring last week with a pair of 14-point games against Cameron and Southern Nazarene. The Lady Bulldogs most efficient scorer this season shot an even 50% for the week from the field including a 6-of-10 performance against SNU on Saturday. In two games she added six rebounds, three steals, and two assists. Smith currently sits second on the team in season scoring at 12.7 points per game and shoots a team best 43.5% from the field.

Goodlow (Del City, Okla.) notched the first double-double of his career against the Crimson Storm when he finished with 10 points and a season high 11 rebounds. The GAC's leading steals man also added one more against SNU and now has 25 total steals in 10 games for the Dawgs. Those 2.5 steals per game rank 13th nationally in all of Division II.



WOCS Students and Staff Dress Up for Last Week of School



Jena Skarda, WOCS Admissions Counselor

WOCS kindergarten teacher Cher Brown and student Ivie Francis, of Clinton, wear Christmas bows and lights for Wrap Me Up Day.



Jena Skarda, WOCS Admissions Counselor

WOCS Head of School Dora Miller greets kindergarten students Bexlee Lind of Weatherford and Clara Stark of Clinton. They all dressed up for Christmas Dress Up Days.



Jena Skarda, WOCS Admissions Counselor

On Candy Cane Day at WOCS, Abigail Funk, Rogue Hill, and Frankie Lowry, all of Clinton, wear red and white.



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Glen Mulready
OK Insurance Commissioner

The holiday season is by far the most popular time for porch pirates to strike. With many gifts bought online during Black Friday and Cyber Monday, all shapes and sizes of packages will arrive on doorsteps and porches in the next few weeks. According to a recent C+R Research survey, 67 percent of Americans reported having stolen packages this year.

With 84 percent of Americans planning to have at least one package delivered this holiday season, knowing how to prevent theft and what to do if you become a victim of porch piracy is essential. Even though most homeowners and renters insurance provide coverage for theft, it is best to take additional precautions to protect your packages from thieves. Filing a claim only makes sense for high-value items worth more than your policy's deductible.

Here are some tips to help keep those porch pirates from stealing your holiday packages and what to do when your package is stolen:

Ways to Protect Yourself

Consider Shipping Insurance Most postal services,

courier companies and shipping companies sell shipping insurance. Unfortunately, not all insurers will insure all goods. However, if you're ordering high-value items online, you may purchase shipping insurance to ensure delivery.

Give Specific Instructions Instead of having deliveries left unsecured at your front door, you can instruct drivers to leave a package at a back door, with a building superintendent, in a coded lockbox or with neighbors. You can also have deliveries on hold and request a specific delivery time. Most, but not all, of these services are free.

Install a Security Camera or Camera Doorbell Security cameras or video doorbells can also come in handy. The mere presence of these cameras or smart doorbells may be enough to ward off potential package thieves. Even if it doesn't, you'll at least have evidence for a police report. Bonus: installing these cameras may qualify you for a homeowners insurance discount.

Sign Up for Tracking Notifications Most carriers offer package tracking services and text or email

alerts to let you know when a delivery will be made so that you can adjust your schedule accordingly. Sign up for text or email notifications to check your delivery status.

What To Do If Your Package is Stolen

Contact the Seller — File a claim with the seller and ask for a replacement.

Contact the Shipping Company — File a claim with the postal service that shipped your package. FedEx, UPS, USPS, DHL and Amazon have a claim-filing system to help you track down your package.

Check Your Credit Card — Many credit cards have purchase protection that covers lost or stolen items. Make sure you use a credit card to purchase the item.

File an Insurance Claim — Your homeowners or renters insurance may cover mail theft. Keep in mind—this may only be helpful if the item is worth more than your deductible.

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