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## Local Karaoke Competition Offering \$5,000 in Prizes

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Disco may be dead, but Karaoke is still alive at the Sugar Creek Event Center! We still believe it's a lot of fun to sing karaoke, and a chance to win cash doesn't hurt. This contest has over \$5,000.00 in cash prizes and will be performed in our event center with the full-size 2,000 sf stage, lights, and concert sound rather than some smoky bar room as some are held.

The contest will be held at Sugar Creek Casino Event Center with preliminary rounds, held every Friday in February (3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th) and the first 2 Fridays in March (3rd & 10th) for the semi-finals and the finals on March 11th.

In the preliminary rounds, a maximum of 40 singers and 15 singers each week will move on to the semi-finals. Semi-finalists will have their choice of March 3rd or March 10th to compete in the semi-finals on a first sign-up basis with 30 semi-finals maximum per night in the semi-finals. Ten singers per night in the semi-finals move on to the finals on March 11th. Those 20 finalists will sing one song, and then the Top 10 will be announced. The Top 10 contestants will sing a second song, and then the winners will be announced.

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To register, visit [sugarcreekcasinoc.com/karaoke](http://sugarcreekcasinoc.com/karaoke) to pick the week you want to sing. You must be register online to be guaranteed a spot.

## YMCA Annual Daddy-Daughter Dance Returns

The GPF YMCA's annual Daddy Daughter Dance is coming up on February 25th.

From 6pm - 9pm, come out and enjoy a beautiful evening. The Bar-B-Que Shed will be catering and registrations are now open.

Register at the front desk at the Y on Airport Road in Weatherford, OK. Attendance is \$55 per couple and \$10 for each additional daughter. Price includes photos to capture the night's memories. A \$20 late fee will be added if you wait to register at the event.

Check out the GPF YMCA's Facebook page or contact (580) 772 - 0202 for more information.

## Clinton's "The Edge" Church to Host Annual February "SISTERS 2023" Worship Event

The Edge Church in Clinton, OK, is hosting their annual SISTERS event on February 4th for women 13-years-old and up.

The SISTERS event is a time of worship, teaching, and connection. A time of bonding and sisterhood. Doors open at 5:30 pm with the event beginning at 6 pm.

Prior to the event, The Edge Church will also be hosting a special SISTERS luncheon for event attendees between 11 am - 12 pm on February 4th. Lunch is \$10 per person and space is limited so be sure to register quickly.

The event will give women an incredible opportunity to participate in worshipping the Lord, learning more about and further strengthening their faith, and making connections that could last a lifetime.

The catered lunch is an amazing opportunity to hear from some of the women that serve in the church and to start fellowship and conversation before the evening event.

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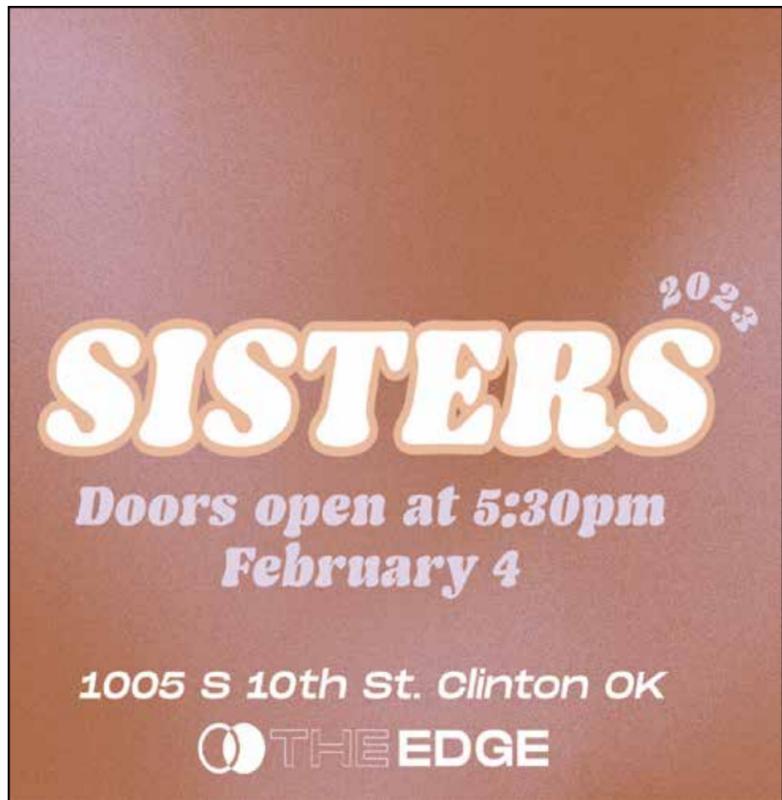
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### Michael Roulet

Michael Dale Roulet was born July 7, 1961, to Darrell E. Roulet and Carolyn Sue (Norvell) Roulet in Chickasha, OK and passed away Saturday, January 21, 2023, in the Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, OK.



Mike was raised in Custer City, OK and graduated with honors from Custer City High School in 1979. While in high school he was a member of the Honor society, FFA, 4-H Club, Honor Choir, and received the Outstanding Musician award. He enjoyed sports playing, basketball and baseball. During his high school years and early college, he was employed with the Custer City Co-op. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK where he graduated Cum Laude and received his degree in accounting in 1984. He had a long career with Clinton Hospital and was still employed as Director of Information Technology until its closing.

He married Janet DeVries on February 14, 2000, in Las Vegas, NV and they have made Clinton their home.

He was a member of the Clinton First Christian Church, he enjoyed riding motorcycles, playing golf occasionally, and his passion was spending time and doing things with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Darrell and a brother, Robert, sister-in-law, Gaylene Roulet, mother-in-law, Karen DeVries.

He is survived by the love of his life Janet of the home; daughters: Michaela Roulet-Rodriguez and Leshia Jackson and husband Jason; sons: Landon Littke and wife Julie, Logan Littke and wife Miranda, all of Clinton; mother Carolyn Roulet, Weatherford, OK; sisters: LaDonna Lucus and husband Scott, Weatherford and JaNelle Rand and husband Vince, Norman, OK; brother: Chris Roulet and wife Heather, Clinton, OK; father-in-law Russel Devries, Clinton; and nine grandchildren: Brek Rodriguez, Knox Rodriguez, Addyson Littke, Presley Littke and Hudson Littke, Jett Jackson, Jade Jackson, Kori Jackson, and Kai Jackson, and his four-legged companions, Baxter and Bella.

### Clarence Harris

Clarence Eugene Harris was born July 7, 1955, in Weatherford, OK to Virgil Clarence and Mary Matilda (Lowry) Harris and passed away Wednesday, January 18, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK at the age of 67 years, 6 months, and 11 days.



Eugene was raised in Weatherford where he attended school until the 9th grade. As a young man, Eugene began working for area farmers, helping out any way he could. On February 14, 1974, Eugene married Racinda Karlene Thomas in Weatherford, and they soon started their family. Eugene was a CDL truck driver and worked for construction companies and in the oil field. He retired from work in 2007. Eugene enjoyed spending his time outside, whether he was mowing the grass, building something out of wood, or simply spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, and watching Andy Griffith and Gunsmoke reruns when he wasn't busy. He will be remembered by his family as an awesome father, husband, grandfather, and friend.

Eugene is survived by his wife Racinda Harris of their home in Weatherford; four daughters: Cindy Rice and husband Michael of Weatherford, Kristy Lewis and husband Zach of Oklahoma City, Misty Harris and Anthony Sheets of Weatherford and Kelly Harris of Guthrie; five grandchildren: Kiernan Kinsman, and husband Devin, Abbigail Lingle, Annie Harris, Lacy Harris, and James Rice; two great-grandchildren: Douglas and Raven Sampson, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; one son Douglas; one granddaughter Lily; and six siblings.

### Annette Diamond

Annette Delise Diamond was born April 23, 1958, in Thomas, to Cecil Loyd and Maxine (Park) Inman and passed away Saturday, January 21, 2023, at her son's home in Custer City, at the age of 64 years, 8 months, and 29 days.



Annette was raised in Thomas where she graduated in 1976. She then attended college at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she graduated with a B.S. and Master's degree. She then married Steven Diamond, and they made their home in Thomas, and she taught in Taloga, OK, Nazareth, TX, and Apache, OK. Annette retired in 2004 and moved back to Thomas. Annette enjoyed going to church, being with family, reading, crossword puzzles and playing musical instruments, specializing in the bassoon.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. She is survived by her son Hugh and wife Jadelyn Diamond of Custer City; daughter Stefany Diamond, of Weatherford; brother Craig and wife Debbie Inman, of Granbury, TX; and 7 grandchildren.

### Roy New

Roy Don New was born with a disability on September 20, 1969, in Ponca City, OK and passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2023, in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. When he was three days old, he was placed in the arms of his adopted parents Richard and Carol (Ross) New.



Roy was raised in Sayre, OK where he attended school. His mother later married Richard Evans and he lived with them, making homes with them in Sayre, OK, Foss Lake Estates and Carnegie, OK. In the 1980's his parents purchased a home for him in Clinton, OK where he lived until his death.

In 2006, he met Alta McGinnis, and they soon became companions and lived together for 16 happy years.

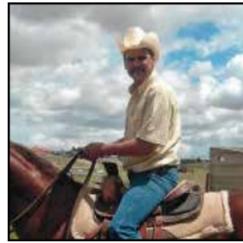
Roy enjoyed riding four wheelers and riding on the river: he liked working on cars, watching television and playing video games.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandmother Nola Ross and Uncle Glenn Ross.

He is survived by his companion Alta McGinnis, of the home, sister Nicole New, Sayre, OK, nieces: Myriah Davis and Aubree Hooper, nephew Bill Hooper, two uncles: Jerry New and Don New. He is also survived by many good friends, including, Marty Schenewolf and Melissa Bowen, of Butler, OK and many other bonus nieces and nephews.

### Rafael Marquez

Rafael Jaquez Marquez was born October 24, 1958, to Bartolo Palacios and Enedina Jaquez in Chihuahua, Mexico, and passed away Thursday, January 19, 2023, in the Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford.



Rafael was raised in Mexico and moved to the U.S.A. when he was 16 years old. He settled in Clinton, OK. He was introduced to the oilfields at an early age. He has been a roustabout most of his adult life.

He was a member of the Catholic Church. He loved sports and was an avid fan of the Miami Dolphins and the Lakers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son JR Marquez and daughter Rosie Marquez, sister Alicia Marquez, grandchildren: Lettie and Peyton Keith.

He is survived by his wife Silvia Venegas-Marquez, of the home, daughters: Enedina Vasquez and husband T.J., Clinton, OK, Valeria Acosta-Marquez, Edna Argon, and Myra Marquez, all of NM; Angelica Fuentes and Nickolas Hall, OKC, son Joe Gutierrez, OKC and Edgar O. Fuentes and Jessica Wilson, Wellston, OK, five sisters: Rosa Marquez, Velia Marquez, Maria de Jesus Marquez, Marcus, Irma Marquez and Carmen Marquez and brother Victor Marquez and 13 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

### Charles Calder

Charles Some Calder, Jr., was born March 28, 1943, to Charles, Sr., and Florence (Bean) Calder in Gloucester, Massachusetts, and passed away Friday, January 20, 2023, in the Cordell Memorial Hospital.



Charles was raised in Gloucester, Massachusetts and attended Gloucester High School. He enlisted in the U.S Air Force January 15, 1963, and was stationed at Burns Flat Air Force Base in Burns Flat, OK. He received his honorable discharge January 13, 1967.

He married Linda Ruth of Clinton June 12, 1966, in Clinton, OK, and they made Clinton their home. He was self employed and was a well-known handyman and was a "Jack of all trades".

He was a member of the New Hope Fellowship Church and served as the Chaplain of the American Legion. He enjoyed messing with C. B. radios, electronics, cooking and just wheeling and dealing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, grandson Tristen Wayne Livermore, son-in-law Gary Russell, and brothers Westley and Willis Calder.

He is survived by his two daughters: Sherrie Lynn Armstrong and husband David, Mustang, OK and Cindy Russell, Grapevine TX, brother Charles Some Calder, III, Lubbock, TX.

He is also survived by six grandchildren, Stefan Armstrong, Hope Grady, Valerie Livermore, Dezirae, C. Calder, Dakota Neal Calder, and Danielle Nashay Calder.

### Don Lee

Donald Dean Lee was born April 24, 1961, to Lyle Dean Lee and Mary Francis (Fry) Lee in Ponca City, OK and passed away Sunday, January 22, 2023, in his Weatherford home.



Don was raised in Custer City where he graduated high school in 1979. While in high school, he played baseball and was active in the choir. He attended SWOSU and graduated in 1983 with an Economics degree. He detailed cars for Davidson Auto Dealership while attending college.

He married Tamara Sue Hutchens on July 26, 1980, in Hobart, OK. He started his professional career as a purchaser for Nana Marriot Hotel Chain. He most recently worked for Alaska Supply Chain Integration.

Don was a member of the First Christian Church. He enjoyed Science Fiction, watching baseball, loved to cook, and he enjoyed music and even did some karaoke. His passion was spending time with his grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother and sister.

He is survived by his wife Tammy, two daughters: Lacey Singh and husband Jaggie, Yukon, OK, Miranda Lee, OKC, OK, two sons: Daniel Lee and wife Tiffany, Norman, OK and Douglas Lee, Lawton, OK his dad and stepmother Lyle and Donna Lee, Clinton and sister Donna Long, Custer City, OK, and three grandchildren: Joy, Ezra and Malachiah.

### Nazario Guzman

Nazario Bonilla Guzman was born August 1, 1930, to Secundino Bonilla-Galcia and Alejandra Guzman in Peña Blanca Valparaiso ZC, Mexico and passed away Monday January 23, 2023, in his Clinton home.



Nazario was raised in Mexico and came to the United States in 2009, first in Colorado and settled in Clinton in 2011. He was a farm worker until he retired.

He was married to Maria De La Robles in 1955 and later married Manuela Herrera on May 11, 1999, both marriages were in Mexico.

He is a member of the St. Mary's Catholic Church; he enjoyed going to the casino, gardening, and cooking.

He also loved playing cards, listening to music, and dancing.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife, four brothers, and three sisters, and infant daughter, and grandson Fernando Gomora.

He is survived by his wife Manuela of the home, five daughters: Herminia and husband Juan Manel, Valtierra, CA, Casimira Castillo and husband Manuel, of TX, Maria De La Luz and husband Ricardo Mendoza of Mexico, Patricia Herrera and Kasandra Bonilla, both of Clinton, OK, six sons: Pedro Bonilla and wife Blanca, Clinton, OK, Eliseo Bonilla and wife Margarita, Colorado, Gerardo Bonilla and wife MA Guadalupe, of TX and Nazario Bonilla and wife Fatima Clinton, OK., Ausencio Bonilla of Mexico and Ines Bonilla and wife Carolina of Texas, 45 grandchildren, 56 great-grandchildren and a great-great grandchild on the way.

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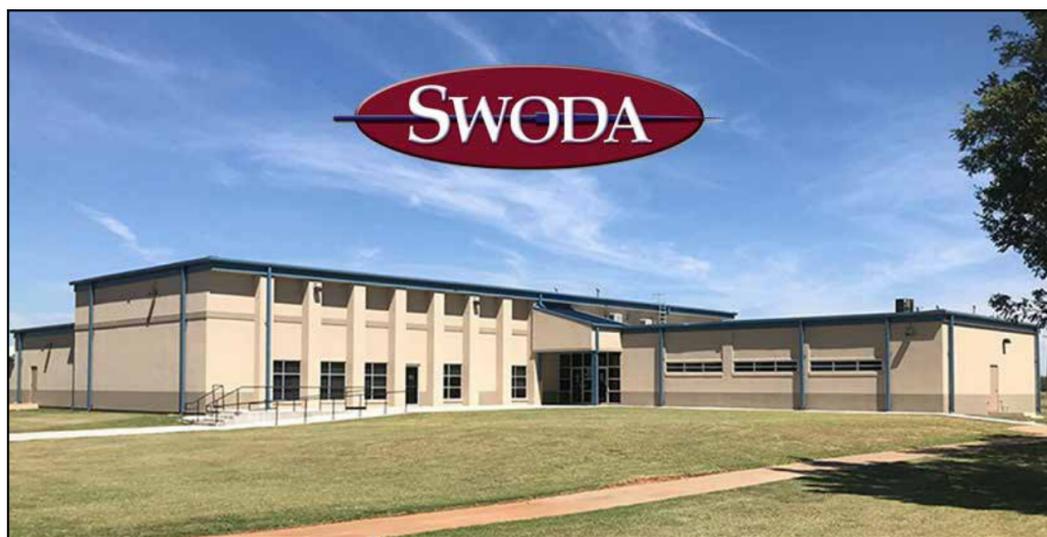
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## Ongoing COVID Crisis Changes Our Ever-Changing Routines

It seems that our new normal in all aspects of daily living continues to change because of the ongoing COVID crisis. A noticeable impact we are all very aware of has been for the residents in long-term care.

Changes have been made and new policies implemented to make sure residents are able to have visitors and can see and touch their loved ones when they do visit. All nursing homes are required to allow their residents to have visitors as often and for as long as they wish. Nursing homes are also tasked with protecting their residents, so screening is required before a visit and wearing a mask is also a requirement.

An unexpected consequence of this long-running pandemic is that long-term care facilities are struggling with staffing issues as their staff and the families of their staff also must deal with COVID outbreaks. Facilities are working hard to maintain the level of staffing required to not just adequately care for their residents but to provide good care.

Activities are a very integral part of this quality care, but it has taken a back seat to actual patient care because of the shuffling of services. If you have a good voice and like to entertain, facilities would love to have some assistance with calling bingo, sing-a-longs or reading of poetry or books.

If you love crafting or puzzles, there is a place for you to volunteer as well.

If you have some time and talents to share, please reach out to your local long-term-care facility and see if they are interested in having you come help with their activities.

If you cannot personally make that commitment but you have puzzles, books, crafting or coloring supplies that you could donate, please check to see if there is a need for those things in your area.

If you have questions or concerns regarding a long-term care facility or a loved one in a long-term care facility, please give Cherrie Nutley, ombudsman supervisor, a call at 580-562-5032.

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## HIGHER GROUND

### Prayers that Prevail

**Jim Morrison**

Paul's letter to the Ephesians contains two prayers: 1:15-20 and 3:14-19. If you want to sense the heart of Paul for those churches you would do well to meditate on those prayers—perhaps even memorizing them. He prays in their behalf that their knowledge of God would grow through wisdom and the revelation that comes through the Holy Spirit. He prays that the eyes of their heart will be enlightened to know the hope we have in Christ, how rich we are in the inheritance he has stored up for us, and the power we possess, which he describes as the same power that raised Christ from the dead.

Compare those requests with our prayers. I'm

afraid my prayers are often more self seeking; more often concerned with my well-being, or for physical things that concern comfort or convenience.

In his second prayer, found in 3:14 ff, he prays that they would be strengthened with power through the Holy Spirit in their inner being. We often think of power in a negative context; power to rule with an iron hand or power to destroy or coerce. But in no way should the Christian life be seen as a wimpy, weak, ineffective lifestyle. The early apostles were powerful enough to change the world. Their power had its source in their obedient submission to the Holy Spirit which Jesus promised would be unleashed on the Day of Pentecost. Their passion was not for comfort or convenience, it was for the advancement of the kingdom and of bringing men and women to repentance and deliverance from sins captivity.

In Paul's second prayer he also asked that they would be established in love, therefore, being able to grasp the depth of Christ' love for them. In fact, Paul says that having come to an understanding of the depth of God's love for us, (though he adds that we can never plumb its depths) we can be "filled

to the measure of all the fullness of God." We can only try to grasp what that completely involves. We have seen at least something of that power demonstrated in the great men and women of the past and to some degree in present godly men and women.

So my challenge for you and myself is to meditate on these prayers and others found in Colossians and Philippians. Our prayers will become more Biblical and powerful as we slow down and pray more thoughtfully. Some people pray so fast it is as if they have to get done with praying so as to get to what is more important. In this day of confusion and misguided information, we desperately need the wisdom that comes from above instead of the reasoning of secular, humanistic voices.

"God help us to be men and women, powerful in prayer, earnestly seeking to hear from You. Free us from being held captive to the mundane and fleshly concerns. Enlarge our hearts to seek you in the secret places of our hearts that we would be effective and powerful people of prayer. Amen.

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# "The Coin Guy"

## Anything Man-Made is Less Than Perfect



Trent Boesen

On December 21, 2022, Heritage Auctions in Dallas, Texas conducted an online sale of U.S. error coins. There were 253 lots which brought \$840,591.

The above pictured coin is a 1923 Peace dollar which seemed to be a showstopper. It was struck twice while in the coin press with the second strike off-center.

When a silver dollar planchet enters the collar which holds the planchet in place so it can be struck by the hammer die and the anvil die simultaneously. Normally, once struck, feeders eject the struck coin out of the press into a chute which falls into a bin. Sometimes a malfunction occurs when the feeders are unable to eject the struck coin and it receives multiple strikes from both dies.

The above 1923 Peace dollar was certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Company (NGC) as a Mint State 64. It sold for \$18,000.

Collecting error coins is a fascinating area which many enjoy. Should you need assistance call The Coin Guy 580-890-8076. We can meet at the Downtown diner. Coffee is on me. Thanks for reading.

# Photos from the 46<sup>th</sup> Ag Expo "Showstopper" Event



Alex Shook / WW

"C'mon, piggy!" Maylee repeatedly exclaimed in an attempt to grab her hog's attention.



Alex Shook / WW

From the moment she set foot in the show pen, Felicia was enamored with her assigned pig.



Alex Shook / WW

Andreas struggled during his presentation to lead his obnoxiously stubborn goat around.

**MUNICIPAL FILINGS** - Candidates for municipal office in Arapaho, Butler, Custer City and Thomas can begin filing declarations of candidacy, beginning at 8 am on Feb. 6, at the Custer County election board office in Clinton. Municipal races for three board of trustee seats, town clerk and town treasurer are up for election in Arapaho. A board of trustee seat and town clerk-treasurer in Butler. Three board of trustee seats and town clerk-treasurer in Custer City and council seats 1 and 3 and Mayor in the city of Thomas. The three-day filing period will end Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 5pm.

**WEATHERFORD / WHATABURGER** - Officials with the city of Weatherford said a building permit has been issued for the construction of Whataburger on Eagle Road. Construction could begin as early as next month on the more than 3700 square foot structure that will cost \$1.4 million.

**FED COURT / WILSON** - A Clinton man has been sentenced to serve one year in federal prison for knowingly engaging in sexual contact without her permission while onboard a flight. Fifty-three-year-old Antonio Maurice Wilson plead guilty last October to a one count information for knowingly engaging in sexual contact with a 13-year-old person without her permission. Wilson will be on five years of supervised release once he is released from prison. He was also ordered to pay a special assessment of \$5100. Wilson will be required to register as a sex offender upon his release from prison.

**WEATHERFORD / PRE-K** - Weatherford public schools will move its pre-k program to the former West Elementary site, beginning with the 2023-24 school year. Superintendent Jill Henderson said the campus enrollment for the pre-k center will be approximately 140-180 students with approximately 30 staff members.

**CLINTON / MISSING CHILD** - Authorities in Clinton say a 2-year-old child that went missing was found safe. Authorities said Clinton Police and Fire Departments got assistance from a thermal drone from Elk City Fire & EMS and were able to locate the child by thermal imaging within an hour after receiving the call of the child missing. The child was transported to an emergency room by Sinorr EMS for evaluation and is expected to be okay.

**WEATHERFORD FD / PERSONNEL** - Weatherford fire Chief Mike Karlin said with an increase of calls for service each year, the department has additional personnel on duty. Karlin said he does think the city will have a second fire station in the future. However, it's unknown as to when that station would be established. He said much of that depends on response times to calls and budgeting for a new station.

**CLINTON / HOSPITAL** - Officials provided an update to the Clinton regional hospital governing board regarding a licensure update. It was reported that the building needs inspected to make sure it's up to code. But that may not occur for 30 to 45 days. It was said the ICU does not meet code, currently. The timeline to receive a new license could be an estimated 3 to 4 months. In the meantime, urgent care is expected to open 12 hours a day, 7 days a week and could be up and running within two weeks.

**SWOSU / HODGE CENTER** - SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell said the University continues to make progress on building the new Hodge Center for pharmacy & rural health on the Weatherford campus. Jerry and Margaret Hodge donated \$5 million in private support for the center. An additional \$7 million in support of the center is being provided by the YES Weatherford Economic Development sales tax extension approved by voters in 2020. The center also received \$10 million in American Rescue plan act funding authorized by the Oklahoma legislature.

**CLINTON / LEVITT AMP** - The executive director of Scissortail Productions was in Clinton last week to discuss the upcoming Levitt concert series this summer. Susan Adams-Johnson said the concert series will begin June 2nd-August 4th 2023.

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	<b>87</b>	<b>Harding</b>	5-14,1-12	GAC	
	<b>96</b>	<b>Southwestern Okla.</b>	10-9,6-7	GAC	
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>F</b>
Harding			38	49	87
Southwestern Okla.			42	54	96

## Men's Hoops Handles Harding, Wins Third Straight

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Men's Basketball collected its third win of the week following a 96-87 victory over Harding. This marks their third consecutive win in the 2022-2023 GAC season, with this game representing the highest score the Bulldogs have achieved this season. Entering the week, the Bulldogs had yet to string together consecutive conference victories this season.

That changed quickly though, as SWOSU earned wins over Northwestern on Monday, Arkansas Tech on Thursday, and now Harding this afternoon to wrap up the busy week.

Ben Smith made it back-to-back games a Bulldog scored a career high in points. He poured in 28 this afternoon on an efficient 12-for-20 (60%) from the field, two days after Chris Braggs, Jr. had 30 against

Tech.

Braggs had himself another solid game against the Bisons. He added 21 points with 19 of those coming in the second half. He averaged 23.0 points this week – 10 points greater than his season average.

Kamden Gipson was right behind Braggs with 20 today. It's his fourth game this season getting to the 20-point mark, and the first time to do so in the new year.

SWOSU had control of the game for much of the duration. The Bulldogs opened up leads of 11 points in both halves, but credit to Harding for not going away.

The Bisons cut the first half deficit to four points by halftime, and were within five with under five to play in the game.

The Dawgs played too well on both sides of the floor to concede the lead though. 96 points represents the highest scoring total SWOSU has had while playing a conference opponent.

SWOSU shot nearly 45% from the field overall and nearly 50% in the second half. On defense, they forced Harding into 17 turnovers while committing just eight themselves.

At the foul line, after missing 19 free throws on Thursday, SWOSU finished a solid 24-for-31 (77%) to give them a boost.

The win moves SWOSU to 10-9 and 6-7 in the GAC heading into road games with Southern Arkansas and Arkansas-Monticello next week in the typical Thursday/Saturday slate.



	<b>69</b>	<b>Harding</b>	15-5,11-2	GAC			
	<b>47</b>	<b>Southwestern Okla.</b>	6-12,6-7	GAC			
			<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>F</b>
Harding			19	24	16	10	69
Southwestern Okla.			10	8	13	16	47

## Team Statistics

	<i>Hard</i>	<i>SWO</i>
FG%	.435	.226
3FG%	.333	.172
FT%	.786	.824
RB	48	36
TO	14	10
STL	3	9

## Lady Bulldogs Outscored by Harding in Three out of Four Quarters

**Grant Kopycinski**  
SWOSU Sports Assistant

In the final game of a four game homestand, the SWOSU Lady Bulldogs lost to Harding, 69-47. This is the lowest amount of points for the Lady Dawgs in a game this season.

SWOSU falls to 6-12 on the year and 6-7 in the GAC. They will hit the road next for another Arkansas road trip. On Thursday they will be at Southern Arkansas in Magnolia at 5:30 pm. Then, they will travel to

Monticello for a 1:00 pm game against Arkansas-Monticello.

Averi Zinn led the way with 14 points and five steals for SWOSU. Morgan Smith scored 11 points. Macy Gore had eight points, four rebounds, and three steals.

The Lady Bisons were the better team on both sides of the court today. SWOSU could not get anything consistent going offensively. They had as many made field goals in the first quarter as the Lady Bulldogs had

in the first three quarters.

In the second quarter, SWOSU was outscored 24-8, putting Harding up 25 points at halftime. The second half was more competitive, but Harding's early lead was insurmountable.

SWOSU shot 22.6% from the field (14-62) and 17.2% from three (5-29). Harding ended with a 43.5% field goal percentage (27-62) and 33.3% from three (4-12). Harding also outrebounded the Lady Dawgs 48-36.

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# Smith and Berry Named Newest Bulldogs of the Week

**Grant Kopycinski** (men's basketball) and **Shamica Smith** (women's basketball) and **Mark Berry** (men's basketball) have been chosen as the newest Bulldogs of the Week. This award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Smith (Norman, OK) has ramped up her production as of late. She had two career double-doubles entering this week. She notched two in last week's three games. Her first was against Northwestern where she totaled 16 points and 10 boards to help the Lady Bulldogs take down the Lady Rangers. The very next game, versus Arkansas Tech, she had 15 points, 10 rebounds, and shot 9-16 from the free throw line.

Berry (Lawton, OK) hit a new career milestone last week against Northwestern. He scored a career high 15 points and grabbed five rebounds in a winning effort. He also set a career high in free throws made with seven made in just eight attempts. His high motor and defensive tenacity helped the Bulldogs go 3-0 for a perfect week.

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