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Recap: District Playoffs for Class A Went Well for West OK Weekly Readers



Alex Shook
Staff Contributor

The Thomas-Fay-Custer and Hydro-Eakley school districts competed in their Class A District Tournaments on Friday, February 10, and both schools have advanced to regionals.

Despite having strong qualifying games, both the Terrier boys and girls fumbled in the District Finals, placing them in the Regionals Consolation Bracket. The girls will face the Wayne Bulldogs at 6 p.m., and the boys will face the Southwest Covenant Patriots at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be hosted this Thursday, February 16 at Southwest Covenant.

A similar fate befell the Hydro-Eakley Bobcats. Their first opponent in the Regionals Consolation Bracket will be the Tushka Tigers, the 2023 State Champions for A Boys Basketball. The game will be held this Thursday, February 16 at 3 p.m. in Geronimo, OK.

Fortunately, the Hydro-Eakley Lady Bobcats have emerged as the champions of their District Playoffs. They are slated to face off against the Waurika Eagles on Thursday, February 16 at 6 p.m., also in Geronimo.

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Opinion: Relevant Topics in Audiology

Here at Western Oklahoma Hearing we have been helping people with hearing loss and tinnitus for over 25 years. We are excited to announce that we have expanded our offering to include services for balance disorders and we would be honored to use these tools to help you maintain your quality of life. We wanted to provide a few brief opinions that go along with current, relevant topics in audiology:

Balance Problems - No one wants to lose their independence as they age. Unfortunately, when people fall that is often the starting point when they begin losing their independence. Falls commonly lead to broken hips and/or broken wrists, which are very costly and require extensive rehabilitation. By mentioning balance trouble to your physician, the process can be started to determine the cause of your balance trouble and how to address it before it leads to a fall. A reasonable part of that consideration could be testing the vestibular system, which is the part of the ear that contributes to balance. Western Oklahoma Hearing is the only clinic in Western Oklahoma offering this valuable testing.

Tinnitus - Many people describe their tinnitus as ringing, buzzing, crickets, chirping, or swishing. There are many potential causes of tinnitus and at Western Oklahoma Hearing we have the diagnostic equipment and technology to help determine the cause of tinnitus and how to successfully manage it.

Untreated Hearing Loss - Untreated hearing loss is often found to be annoying to the friends and family members of those experiencing it, but what many don't know is that there are significant health concerns associated with untreated hearing loss. Johns Hopkins expert Frank Lin, MD, PhD, and colleagues found that untreated hearing loss is associated with dementia, walking problems, and falls. A pair of properly fit hearing aids could even help to avoid or delay the onset of dementia. Western Oklahoma Hearing offers quality hearing aids and more importantly we possess the expertise to properly fit and service them as well.

Over-the-Counter Hearing Devices - The FDA recently approved over-the-counter hearing aids to be offered to the public. To better make my following point, I want to provide a comparison with how we treat vision loss. Some people get help from reading glasses. However, as you know, most people need prescription glasses from a Doctor of Optometry to properly treat their vision loss. The same is true with hearing aids. Some people will benefit from OTC hearing aids, but a majority of those with hearing loss will require prescription hearing aids from a hearing professional to properly treat their hearing loss.

Thank you for taking the time to read this opinion piece and please do not forget to use ear plugs when you are in loud environments: concerts, power tools, firearms, etc.

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Jeri Wilson

Jeri Dumas was born on February 8, 1934, in Weatherford, OK to Minnie and Albert Dumas. She died peacefully on February 3rd, 2023, with her loving family at her side.



Jeri spent her early years in Weatherford, Oklahoma, studying and developing her love for painting. She graduated from Weatherford High School and attended SWOSU. Jeri began dating the love of her life Richard Gene Wilson in the Fall of 1951. They were married July 27, 1952, beginning their journey of deep abiding love and devotion for 67 years. Theirs was a love that was admired and set the standard for all relationships. They spent their lives in service to the Lord at First Baptist Church Clinton, Oklahoma. Jeri also enjoyed teaching art lessons to many students in her home art studio.

Jeri & R.G. enjoyed many adventures together which included traveling in their motorhome, boating, playing bridge and entertaining friends and family. Jeri enjoyed cooking and was always a gracious hostess and the life of every party. Jeri taught her children and grandchildren the beauty of family and the power of love.

It goes without saying that if the Oklahoma Sooners were playing football, Jeri would be watching and cheering on her beloved OU Sooners. Jeri was active in the Allied Arts Council in Clinton and in PEO Chapters FR (Clinton) and CH (Bartlesville). She was also honored to be a "Widow of Might" for her current pastor at FBC Bartlesville, Oklahoma where the couple moved when R.G.'s health declined. Although the couple moved in 2018 to be closer to family, they still considered Clinton, Oklahoma as their home. Towards the end of her life, Jeri claimed the promise to be absent from her body meant to be present with the Lord. She knew she would be reunited with those loved ones that preceded her in death.

Jeri is preceded in death by her parents, seven siblings, a son-in-law David Lorensen, and her beloved husband, R.G. Wilson.

She is survived by two daughters, Jeretta (Bill) Amburn of Bartlesville, OK and Suzy Lorensen of Tucson, Arizona. She also leaves behind four grandchildren: Julianne (Jason) Lillie of Claremore, OK; Tyler (Lauren) Wilson of Moore, OK; Ryan (Sarah) Rainbolt of India and Ashley (Matt) McMains of Moore, OK. Jeri is also survived by 10 great grandchildren: Jaycie & Jett Lillie of Claremore, OK; Kate & Madelyn Wilson of Moore, OK; Josiah, Daniel, and Abby Rainbolt of India; and John Paul, Elliana, and Tabitha McMains of Moore, OK. She is also survived by numerous nephews, nieces, and many friends who loved and admired her.

Barbara Holt

Barbara Lou Gambrell-Holt was born in Elmwood, TX, on June 21, 1942, to Grady and Pallie Marie Gambrell and passed away Sunday, February 5, 2023, in Oklahoma City, OK.



After graduating from Palestine High School in 1960, Barbara moved to Dallas, TX and began working as a keypunch operator in downtown Dallas for the Hagar Clothing Company. In 1968, Barbara met the love of her life Steve Holt and the two began dating. Three months later, on July 6, 1968, Barbara and Steve were married in Lexington Park, Maryland, where the couple relocated for Steve's job. In 1978, Barbara and Steve moved back to Dallas, TX. In 1979, the couple took a leap of faith and purchased the Del Rancho restaurant in Clinton, OK. Later, the couple became owners of the Del Rancho restaurant in Del City, OK and part owners of the one in Abilene, TX. They successfully ran their restaurant in Clinton, OK for 28 years before selling their franchise in 2007 and retiring.

Barbara was an active part of the Clinton-Arapaho community. In 1986, Steve and Barbara moved from Clinton, OK to Arapaho, OK where they lived at their country home for 38 years. Barbara served as a Pink Lady at the Clinton Regional Hospital, was an officer in the Clinton Round-up Club and acted as a trainer for the Dale Carnegie public speaking training program. Faith in the Lord was a huge part of Barbara's life. She was baptized at a young age at the Arber in Brushy Creek, TX. She was a faithful member of First Baptist Church of Clinton for 42 years and loved helping with Vacation Bible School. Barbara also thoroughly enjoyed fellowship at monthly game nights with the JOY senior citizens group.

Her favorite game was "Train" which is a domino board game. Since 2021, Barbara has enjoyed getting to know new friends at Southern Hills Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, OK where she and Steve moved to be closer to both of their daughters' families.

Barbara was devoted to her family and loved being a wife, mother, and "Gram" to her three grandchildren.

Barbara is preceded in death by her parents Grady and Pallie Marie Rhodes-Gambrell; brothers Milton and E.W. Southard; and sister Bonnie Benton.

She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Steve Holt; daughters, Kim Haynes and husband Chris, Niki Goodin and husband Michael; and three grandchildren: Sydney Haynes, Grace and Andrew Goodin.

Gordon Thacker

Gordon Thacker, Jr. was born on February 8, 1941, in Weatherford, to Gordon Sr. and Clarice Jane Clayton-Thacker and passed away Sunday, January 29, 2023, at the VA Hospital in Oklahoma City, at the age of 81 years, 11 months and 21 days.



Gordon was raised and graduated school in Weatherford. He worked at the Tech Theater during his younger years. Gordon earned his Bachelor of Science Degree from SWOSU in 1966. He served in the US Army during Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. Upon his return to Weatherford, he worked at Thacker Brick and Stone Construction and later Veal's Locker Plant. Gordon worked as a sound and lighting technician with the Trader Price Band and toured all over the world with Roy Orbison from 1977-1981. After he retired, he was caregiver to his parents and siblings for the remainder of his life. Gordon enjoyed coin collecting, working on genealogy, and spending time with family and friends.

Gordon was preceded in death by his brothers Don and Tom, and sisters Donna, Beulah, and Geraldine.

He is survived by nephews: Tom Dean Thacker of Weatherford; Eddie Veal of Clinton; and Donnie Veal of Weatherford; niece Judy Hargues of Elk City; sister-in-law Mary Alice Thacker of Weatherford; numerous great-nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Gus Wilson

Ferrell Lee Wilson, better known by his friends and family as "Gus" was born June 10, 1941 in Clinton, OK and passed away Saturday, February 4, 2023 in the Oklahoma University Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.



Gus was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1959. He has been an outdoors person most of his life. He worked several years for Cork Herralld doing farm labor.

He was a member of the Koinonia Indian Mennonite Church, he was a proud member of the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, he loved powwows, native dances, and fishing. He was also an avid Clinton Red Tornado fan.

Gus is preceded in death by his parents and siblings: Tulane Wilson, Marjorie Wilson, Wanda Wilson, Terry Wilson, Clifford Wilson, Cleo Sipes and Everett Wilson.

He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews, including Terysa Ray and "Cousin Sisters" Wilma Red Bird, Mary Stone Road, Helen Botone, and Irene Deer.

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The Switzers pride themselves on raising cattle that will work for most ranches. Once the calves are weighed and weaned, they are turned out on wheat and back on grass until early fall.

120 days before their annual bull and female sale in February, the cattle are shipped to a grow yard in Hereford, TX, and fed a grow ration. Thirty days prior to the sale, the bulls are shipped back to the ranch. There, they receive dry hay and cattle cubes until they are sold as two-year-old bulls ready to work.

Prior to their annual sale, Mike stated that he was always nervous and doubtful, wondering if the buyers would come. When the sale is over, he is always humbled by the number of repeats and new buyers that attend.

Mike said he once heard the quote, "the best fertilizer for any business is the owners' footsteps." This simple quote reminds him daily that, to be successful, he needs to continue to be hands-on and never stop working to improve his operation.

Mike and Annie take pride in their land, cattle, and roots. Because of these roots or where they came from, families with strong work ethics, integrity, honesty, and the love of the land, they feel they owe their success. Annie said her biggest joy is seeing the new babies hit the ground and all the previous year's hard work coming to life. Mike finds joy in seeing the two-year-old heifers calving, knowing that this process started three years back.

As with any operation, the Switzers face the day-to-day struggles all ranches face, weather conditions, income vs. input, lack of help, etc. However, at the end of the day, the couple feels blessed to be able to live the lifestyle they love.





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"The Coin Guy" — 1919 Lincoln Cent Brings Six Figures



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This first auction witnessed high prices being paid for exquisite uncirculated Lincoln cents, the collection being compiled by Stewart Blay.

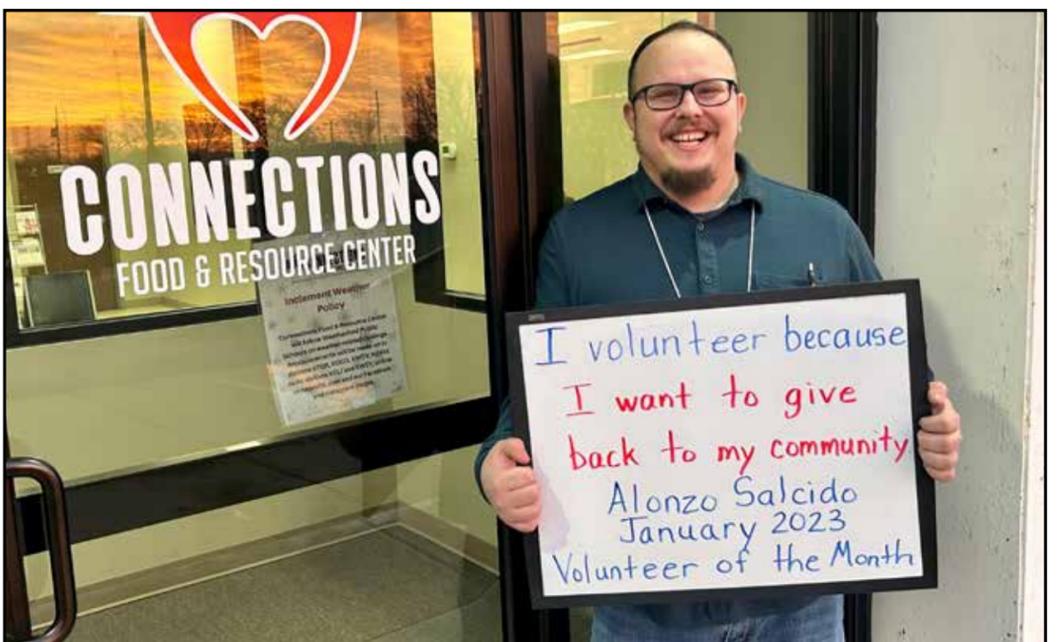
The star of the auction was a 1919 cent minted at Philadelphia. It was certified by the Professional Coin Grading Company (PCGS) as a Mint State (MS) 69 Red (a perfect grade is MS 70). This beautiful 1919 Lincoln cent sold for \$421,875.

Many people like to collect Lincoln cents as they are affordable and fun to assemble. Should you need help, call The Coin Guy at 580-890-8076. Let's meet at the Downtown diner in Weatherford, OK. Coffee is on me.



Krystal Blackwell / WW

Weatherford Community Habitat for Humanity welcomes the new family. Habitat for Humanity started this project in 2019 and the family is scheduled to move in at the end of February.



Dena Friesen / Volunteer Coordinator

Alonzo Salcido is our Volunteer of the Month for Connections Food and Resource Center. Alonzo is a resident of Weatherford and graduated from Weatherford Public Schools. He has volunteered for six months at our warehouse. He loves the opportunity to serve our community and he would like to challenge other young adults to serve others in some capacity.

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DEWEY CO / ACCIDENT - A Weatherford man is hospitalized in critical condition at OU Medical Center in OKC, following a two-vehicle accident on US 183, 2.5 miles south of Taloga in Dewey County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says 64-year-old Henry Deaton is hospitalized after the pickup truck he was driving crossed the center line and struck an oncoming semi. Troopers say Deaton was ejected from his truck during the accident.

CADDO CO / OSDH - The Oklahoma State Department of Health has provided an update regarding an illness outbreak investigation affecting Custer and Caddo Counties. State health officials say cases have decreased since the start of the outbreak and the risk of contracting illness is reduced. To date, there have been 53 confirmed cases with over a quarter of those requiring hospitalization. Additionally, according to the CDC results, their analysis of the epidemiologic data and environmental testing did not implicate a single food, water or event that could serve as a source of infection for the outbreak.

ELK CITY / GOLF CONSTRUCTION - The golf course and public safety plans were presented to the Elk City Commission. The commission voted to hire the Elk City Golf and Country Club to manage the local golf course. Two architects also presented concepts for police department and fire station upgrades. Meanwhile, an April municipal vote will call for repurposing the existing half-cent sales tax adopted by voters for the new elementary school. That revenue would fund the fire and police department upgrades. The commission chose Reese Construction to go forward with concept planning if the sales tax continuation is approved in April. The repurposed sales tax would not increase taxes.

CUSTER CO / GARDENING - Gardening classes will be held soon, beginning next month by the OSU Extension Agency. Spokesperson Larry Brien says the classes will be held from 6-8pm on March 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th. Contact the Custer County OSU Extension Office for more information.

CUSTER CO / ANDERSON - A former Weatherford Police Detective has pleaded guilty in the Custer County District Court to a charge of larceny of a controlled dangerous substance. 39-year-old Jeremy Anderson was given a 7-year suspended prison sentence for taking 99 tablets containing fentanyl from the WPD evidence room. Anderson has surrendered his CLEET certificate and resigned from the WPD last week.

WEEKLY SHOUTOUTS!

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Happy Birthday Wishes for February 15 - Edna Digby, Queta Douglas, Shawn Graves, Paisley Henley, Chester Moss, Richie Oaks, Jack Phelps, Carol Rumsey, Kimmy Sawatsky, Debbie Shepherd, Alveta Taylor, Doug Terry, Paul Thiessen, Steve Tinsley, Bobbie Kay Tompkins; **February 16** - Merle Bonner, Larry Brown, Tommy Eastman, Sam Frans, Abby Goodall, Chris Kirk, Josh Kirkland, Rocky Powell, Margaret Rhodes, Andy Speck, David Taufest, Creek Williams; **February 17** - Lu Vern Chastain, Cyle Cresnoe, Shayla Davis, Larry Jones, Patt Linstead, Bob Maddox, Jake Matthes, Sydney Purinton, Amy Snider, Paula Stafford, Jaylen Williams; **February 18** - Tanea Caldwell, Keith Cox, Glenn Edmondson, Sue Hajny, Beck Johnson, Rance Lax, Connie McClemore, Randi Moynihan, Tara Pope, John Reach, Dylan Renna, Alisha Shafer, Becky Uraneck, Marty Wilhoit, Judy Wood, Glen Wyatt; **February 19** - Denise Barber, David Bergman, Shane Cannon, Derek Creswell, James Cupp, Jennifer Davidson, Angela Flaming, Curtis Garrison, Janet Helt, Mike Hixon, Butch Marshall, Jonathon Pebley, Richard Phelps, Julie Pickett, Bart Royal, Prezley Wright; **February 20** - Jerry Atteberry, Jacob Bass, Elane Cain, Kristi Chauncey, Catherine Crawley, Alanna Gay, Tristan Green, Luke Hobbs, Steven Land, Alicia Patterson, Marie Perigo, Lacey Scheffler, Linda Stoffe, Melanie Torres; **February 21** - Jackie Aaron, Cindy Groth, Ryan Houck, Phillip Lanier, Terry McClemore, Jackie Price, Mark Shadid, Kay Villines.

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Kaylee Barkley and Caleb Clines Named the Bulldogs of the Week



Grant Kopycinski
 SWOSU Sports Assistant

Kaylee Barkley (softball) and Caleb Clines (baseball) have been awarded the newest Bulldogs of the Week. This award is brought to you by Wright Radio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

in relief of the starter. This improves her record to 2-0 on the year. She went a combined 7.1 innings in the two wins, only giving up six hits and two earned runs across both games.

Barkley (Anaheim, California) gave the Bulldogs a good performance in the circle at the Midwestern State Invitational. She was the winning pitcher in both of the SWOSU wins over the weekend, with both wins coming

Clines (Magnolia, Texas) was a crucial part of SWOSU getting a series win in their home opener. He compiled nine hits in 12 at bats including one home run and two doubles and collected six RBIs. He scored four runs while drawing six walks during the three days. Even in the lone loss, he batted 4-for-4, with an RBI.

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| | 68 | Ouachita Baptist | 10-11, 8-9 GAC |
| | 69 | Southwestern Okla. | 11-12, 7-10 GAC |

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| Ouachita Baptist | 30 | 38 | 68 |
| Southwestern Okla. | 32 | 37 | 69 |

Lady Dawgs Snap Skid, Finish Strong

Grant Kopycinski
 SWOSU Sports Assistant

SWOSU Women's Basketball snapped a five-game losing streak following a 70-65 victory over Ouachita Baptist on Saturday afternoon. The Lady Bulldogs weathered a slow third quarter and responded with a strong fourth to earn the win.

outscored 16-7 in the third quarter, things tightened up entering the fourth and it was anyone's game.

SWOSU had not shot 40% or better as a team since their losing streak began. They finished right at 40% against Ouachita which included two quarters above 50%. The offense got lifts from four who finished in double figures, led by Averi Zinn who had 19 points.

When they needed it most, the offense clicked late. The Lady Bulldogs shot 50% in the fourth quarter, knocked down a pair of three pointers, and went 7-for-8 at the free throw line to ice things in the final minute.

Morgan Smith did a little bit of everything for SWOSU on Saturday. She finished with eight points, but also grabbed six rebounds and produced a career high six assists.

Though it was a one-point game entering the final quarter, SWOSU never trailed the rest of the way and opened up a lead to as many as nine points with under four minutes left to play.

Both sides struggled to maintain possession with a combined 41 turnovers in the game. (21-OUA, 20-SWOSU)

The win moves the Lady Dawgs to 7-10 in the GAC. They'll be on the road with three games next week, beginning with Northwestern on rivalry Monday, February 13. From there, they'll travel to Harding and Arkansas Tech for the typical Thursday/Saturday slate.

SWOSU led 38-28 at halftime before that lead evaporated by the end of the third quarter. After being

It's a much needed victory for SWOSU who finds themselves in a battle for postseason contention with five games remaining in the regular season. The Lady Bulldogs will finish out the season with four of the final five on the road.

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| | 65 | Ouachita Baptist | 10-11, 7-10 GAC |
| | 70 | Southwestern Okla. | 7-15, 7-10 GAC |

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| Ouachita Baptist | 13 | 15 | 16 | 21 | 65 |
| Southwestern Okla. | 16 | 22 | 7 | 25 | 70 |

SWOSU Grinds Out a Win Against Ouachita

Grant Kopycinski
 SWOSU Sports Assistant

On January 12, SWOSU was defeated by Ouachita 68-69 in Arkadelphia. On Saturday, SWOSU took down Ouachita with the same exact score of 69-68 in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center. It was a resilient and hard-fought win for the Dawgs, seeing a double digit second half lead dwindle and still stay focused to hold onto the game.

minutes of the half until it ended SWOSU up two.

SWOSU improves to 11-12 and 7-10 in the GAC. A three-game slate starts next week at rival Northwestern Oklahoma State at 5:30 pm.

In the second half it was almost the same story. SWOSU went on a 23-9 run early to put a decent 13-point cushion between them and the Tigers. Ouachita got hot and went on a 15-4 run right after that. This run included shooting 6-8 and 3-4 from three for OBU. A layup gave Ouachita a 68-66 lead with 1:59 left, little did they know it was their last score of the game. The Bulldogs always sturdy defense and Chris Braggs, Jr. willing to put his body on the line is to thank for the Tigers getting shut out in the final two minutes. Braggs also scored what would be the game winning layup with 1:02 left.

This one was a slugfest the entire game, especially in the first half. The largest difference was 10 points in favor of SWOSU but it was single digits for almost the entire half. SWOSU jumped out to a 16-6 lead before a 14-3 Ouachita run gave them their first lead since it was 2-0. They traded possession of the lead for the last five

Ben Smith looked like a Redwood in the paint tonight, putting up 27 points and grabbing five rebounds. DeAngelo Adkins had 13 points and six rebounds. GAC steals leader Nate Goodlow came away with four steals in this one as well.

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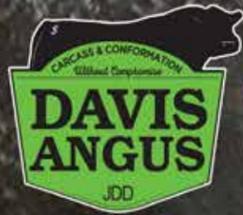
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Power to bring change. Power is often seen in negative terms as in power to dictate, power to destroy, or self-centered power. But the Bible speaks of power in a very positive way. When Jesus gave his departing instructions to his disciples they were told to wait in Jerusalem and they would "receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you and you shall be by witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8a)

The Apostle Paul later prayed for the church in Ephesus; "I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being" (Eph, 3:16) In a positive way

power should be thought of as to make one effective, to influence, to make changes, power to love heal and transform, power to act against the forces of darkness, etc. Perhaps the thing most lacking in the modern church is the mighty power of the Holy Spirit working freely in the lives of individuals and the Church body. In his second letter to the Corinthian church he spoke of waging war with weapons that "have divine power to demolish strongholds and demolish arguments ... raised up against the knowledge of God." (10:4) I have made an acrostic of POWER that has helped me to pray for people. This may be a repetition found in previous articles but that is not all bad.

P...Lord, I pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to work mightily in my life. May I sense your presence. Protect me for the forces of darkness that would destroy my witness. Help me to persevere and be patient with your progress in my life.

O...Lord, open my eyes to the needs of people around me. Help me to see them through your eyes. Lord, give me an obedient heart, not only to see but to act. Help me to be open-minded to new truth, and open my heart and mind to listen to your voice.

W...Lord, you have challenged us to ask for wisdom. We desperately need wisdom when the voices of darkness offer so many alternatives. May we walk worthy of being called "followers of Christ." May we seek your will above our own and find joy in that walk. Help us to see the worth of everyone created in your image and treat them with respect and dignity. May we not be slack in our efforts but work diligently for the night is coming.

E...O Lord, equip us with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit so that your name will be exalted and the kingdom advanced. Enlighten the eyes of our heart to see truth and You as the author of all truth. Encourage us when we would doubt. Give us energy, zeal, enthusiasm for the task at hand, and empower us to be your instruments of righteousness, agents of reconciliation, and ambassadors of the King of Kings.

R...O Lord, revive us again, fill each heart with your love. May each soul be rekindled with fire from above. Remove all fear and doubts. Restore the broken hearted. Cause us to repent that we might be refreshed with your powerful presence. We pray this in the powerful name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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Oklahoma History: Discoveries from the Spiro Tribes



Oklahoma has always had a heavy influence in the world of agriculture even long before the United States was even a dream. If we travel to the eastern edge of the state, along the southern bank of the Arkansas River, we'd find in front of us a complex of twelve mounds, layers of dirt, systemically placed between the period of A.D. 850 and 1450. Around the mounds were ceremonial areas and one of the greatest cultures and city the world would see. There, at the site of those mounds, we can get a glimpse into the past – a glimpse into the Spiro Mounds.

Located seven miles outside Spiro, Oklahoma, the mounds site is rich with history and listed by the Oklahoma Historical Society (OHS) as “the only prehistoric Native archaeological site in Oklahoma open to the public.” The site is home to the Spiro Mounds Archaeological Center, which preserves the site and offers exhibits, info slides, and explorable trails.

The Spiro Mounds were created by the prehistoric Spiro people, who built a sophisticated culture featuring an extensive trade network, religious center, and political system. Off of the Arkansas River, the mound site was center-point for the Spiro people to spread their influence,

an influence like their speech, which has roots in the modern Wichita, Kichai, Caddo, Pawnee, and Arikara speakers.

The area created a specific type of culture called the Mississippian Culture. This culture featured leadership from many language groups and supported several million people. Their trade routes went from the California Coast to the Gulf of Mexico and linked Oklahoma to the other regional mound centers. At the time, the mound regions were: the Cahokia (located in East St. Louis), Moundville (Alabama), Etowah (Georgia), and the Spiro Mounds.

The Spiro Mounds consisted of one burial mound, two temple mounds, and nine house mounds. The burial mound, named “Craig”, gained world renown as incredible pieces of art and artifacts were extracted from the site. Its cavity created an almost perfect preservation of fragile artifacts and trinkets like those made from freshwater pearls, conch shells, wood and copper. The state of the conditions also allowed fabrics and perishables like animal fur, lace, feathers and several stone statuary like those made from flint clay and Mill Creek chert bifaces.

The burial mound has been referred to as the “Great Mortuary” and has been called “King Tut of the Arkansas Valley” by the Kansas City Star in 1935. Archeologists believe the near-perfect condition of the chamber to have come from the earth minerals coming through the mound, hardening the cedar log walls, which made them resistant to decay and protected the artifacts.

Unfortunately, between 1933 and 1935, the Craig Mound was excavated through a commercial enterprise and while tunneling into the mound, they broke through one of the log walls breaking fragile artifacts and caused others to disintegrate. Thousands of other rare and priceless objects were sold to collectors. Once they finished, they dynamited the burial chamber and sold others artifacts to collectors around the world. Some have been returned through donation and others have been found and documented by scholars.

While word got out about the sheer number of artifacts coming out of the site, their better preservation and more elaborate decoration than any other Mississippian site, the Oklahoma Legislature passed a licensing requirement to protect the site which stopped all future commercial excavation from 1935 onwards. In 1936, OU began a scientific excavation, uncovering 600 complete or partial burials with thousands of other artifacts. Archaeologists oversaw the Works Progress Administration (WPA) until its end in 1941 due to World War II.

The land became privately owned and farmed until the 1960s when it was purchased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and eventually turned into the Spiro Mounds Archaeological State Park in 1978. The mound was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1969 and transferred under the OHS in 1991.

Today, the expanded Interpretive Center at the Spiro Mounds allows visitors to learn about one of the most prolific art and cultural discoveries of Oklahoma's past.

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