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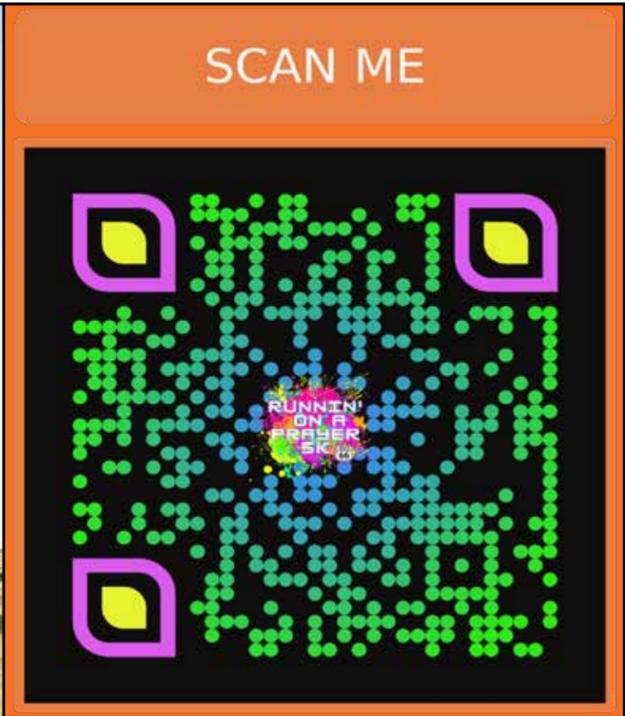
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WOCS and P-Bar Farms to Host 5K Marathon on Route 66

The Runnin' on a Prayer 5K, hosted by Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS), is set for Saturday, March 25 at P Bar Farms in Hydro. A 1-mile Fun Run will begin at 8:30 AM with the 5K following at 9 AM. Runners must register online at www.okc.enmotive.com. The cost is \$30 for the 1-Mile Fun Run or the virtual race and \$45 for the 5K.

Proceeds will benefit all WOCS campuses in Clinton, Weatherford, and Elk City. Fundraisers like these support the school's operating budget. The certified race's route will include historic Route 66. On Friday, March 24, a Family Fun Night will be held at P Bar Farms from 5 PM - 9 PM. There will be a corn hole tournament, dunk tank, face painting, cake walk, and a bouncy house.

Runners also can pick up their race packets for the big day that night. Family Fun Night is open for everyone. Concessions will be available for all in attendance. WOCS would like to thank their generous sponsors Matt's RV, Okie Construction & Welding, and Great Plains Regional Medical Center. A virtual race option is available.

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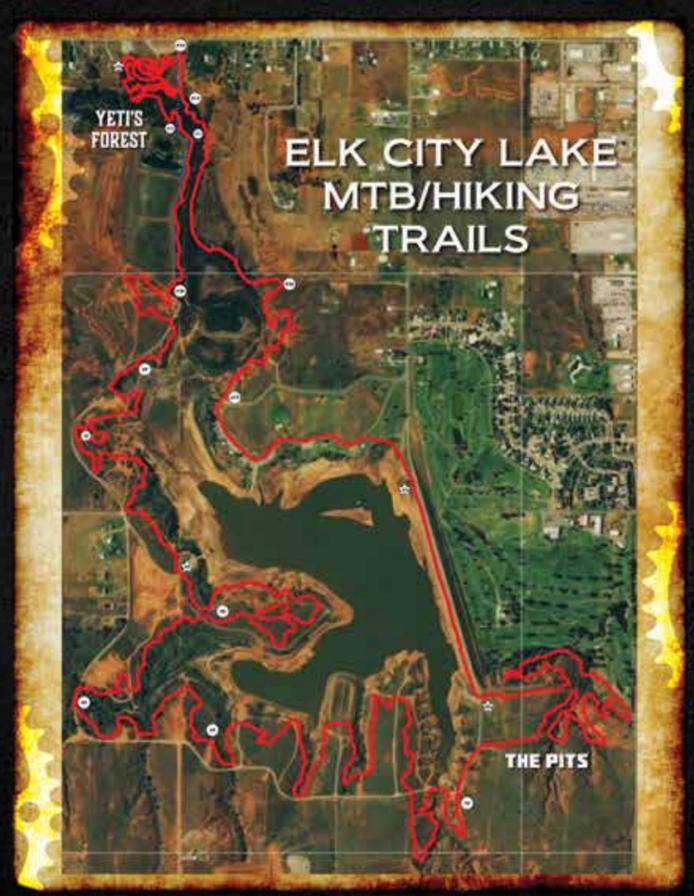
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Nancy Shaffer

Nancy Ann Shaffer was born on December 11th, 1954, in Anadarko, Oklahoma, to Glenn B Smith and Elta Pearl (Clay) Smith. Nancy went home to her Lord and Savior on March 6th, 2023, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, at the age of 68.



Nancy graduated from Lookeba-Sickles High School where she played basketball and was co-valedictorian of her senior class. After high school Nancy started working at 3M where she met Joe Shaffer. They were married on January 10th, 1975, in Sickles, Oklahoma. God chose Jennifer to be their daughter, and she was born in 1980. Nancy and Joe later chose Billy Miller to be added to their family, and God blended the family together. She enjoyed and loved her family, most of all, but also enjoyed gardening, cooking, crafting, and giving gifts to people.

After Jennifer graduated from high school, Nancy started working for Weatherford Public Schools. She worked there for 18 years as a school secretary. She loved the kids and the staff at the school, considered them "Her Family" and was affectionately known as "Miss Nancy." She was a longtime member of Pine Acres Mennonite Brethren Church in Weatherford, Oklahoma.

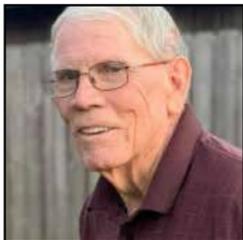
Survivors include her husband Joe Shaffer of the home, Weatherford, Oklahoma; her daughter Jennifer Barbee and husband Troy of Yukon, Oklahoma; her son Billy Miller and wife Amber of Yukon, Oklahoma; her six grandchildren: Rachel Barbee, Ryan Barbee, Colin Miller, Aidan Miller, Austin Miller, and Kaylee Miller, all of Yukon, Oklahoma; her sister Nelda Clark and friend Ferris Jones of Fay, Oklahoma; her sister-in-law Karen Smith of Edmond, Oklahoma; her sister-in-law Susan Richardson and husband Preston of Richmond, Texas; and her special cousin Trleta Mickle of Hinton, Oklahoma as well as many other relatives and friends.

Nancy was preceded in death by her parents Glenn and Elta Smith, and her brother Neil Smith.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Russell-Murray Hospice, and the family would like to thank them for their support and compassion.

Henry McAbee

Henry McAbee, Jr. was born to Henry and Manie McAbee, March 29, 1940 in their home just northeast of Rocky.



Henry began school in a small country school and then attended Rocky, graduating there in 1958.

In his early life, he farmed with his dad and worked in the cotton gin during the evenings, keeping books.

While the Burns Flat Air Force Base was being built, Henry obtained a job with a few friends, planting the shrubbery that's still there today.

Henry married Linda Spain on August 19 of 1961, and made their home in Rocky, Oklahoma. Their sons Mitch and Shannon were born while living there. From the early 70's Henry and Linda traveled to Branson almost every year.

In 1967 the family moved to a farm East of Rocky. This home, and the land surrounding it, is where Henry farmed and raised cattle. During this part of life, Henry also clerked and butchered in several grocery stores, eventually settling into the manager position at Puckett's Grocery store in Cordell where he worked until retirement. Puckett's where he made many friends.

Throughout his life, Henry loved all things sports. He played his hand at baseball, softball, and bowled countless hours in the Cordell bowling league, and traveled to many tournaments. During his most recent years, he enjoyed spending his free time, watching The Oklahoma City Thunder, The Texas Rangers, OU Football, and especially enjoyed cheering on any team playing against the Dallas Cowboys.

When Henry's grandchildren came into the picture, he never missed a school function or sporting event. There were even a few extra events Henry attended without the grandkids...only because the parents accidentally forgot to tell him they wouldn't be there.

At the age of 53, Henry suffered a heart attack that turned into a spiritually life changing event. When leaving the hospital the nurses proclaimed "there goes the miracle man." Through the remainder of his life, Henry spoke of this life changing event to his friends and family, testifying the joy and grace of God.

He is preceded in death by his parents, infant brother, sister Cheryl Wise, and great-grandson Berit McAbee.

Henry is survived by his wife of 61 years, his eldest son Mitch McAbee, his wife Teddi, and son Reece. His second son Shannon McAbee, who has three children. Chase McAbee and his wife Demi, along with their two children Tucker and Leighton. Rhett McAbee and his wife Kammie, and their daughter Palmer Beth. Sicily George, and her husband Brad, and their children Cameron and Kiyra.

Bonnie Mooney

Bonnie Jenell Mooney, 84, of Hammon, OK was born on April 24, 1938, in Great Bend, Kansas. She is the daughter of Raymond John and Ruth Marie (Smith) Vale. She was raised by her loving step-father Ralph Givens. She went to walk the golden streets of heaven on February 23, 2023, at Homestead Assisted Living, Elk City, OK, surrounded by her loving family.



She attended Community Fellowship Church, Hammon, OK. She married the love of her life Harold Keith Mooney on August 2, 1956, in Hammon, OK. He preceded her in death on August 20, 2010.

Bonnie enjoyed being able to cook for her family, quilting, especially jean quilts, watching her grandkids play sports, but most of all spending time with her husband Keith.

Bonnie was preceded in death by her parents Raymond Vale and Ruth Vale; stepfather Ralph Givens; son Phillip; granddaughter Jennifer; sister Virginia Gibson; sister-in-law Dajuana Givens.

Cherishing her memory are her two daughters: Sandy Dean and her husband Gary of Hammon, OK, Christi Drouhard and her husband Phil of Hammon, OK; brothers: Richard Givens of Elk City, OK, George Givens and his wife Peggy of Yukon, OK; She is also survived by 15 grandkids, 23 great-grandkids, and a special friend Lois Lovelace.

Dana Mogg

Dana Danielle Mogg was born on April 13, 1963, in Anadarko to Albert and Myra (Speaks) Mogg and passed from this life on March 15, 2023, at her home in Sickles at the age of 59, just a few weeks prior to her 60th birthday.



Dana was the youngest of five children and lived her entire life in the Sickles community. She attended school at Lookeba-Sickles, and after graduation, she remained on the family farm to help her parents with the day-to-day farm operations.

Dana is survived by her siblings: Alan and Lorrie Mogg of Lookeba; Diann Lindley of Hinton; Alvin and Sarah Mogg of Sickles; and Denise Barthel of Hinton; her nieces and nephews: Trevor Mogg of Lookeba; Tricia and Kelly Pierce of Fort Cobb; Kimi Martin of Hinton; Dustin and Karen Lindley of Hinton; Tara and Rick White of Sickles; Christopher Mogg of MidWest City; Alicia and Keith Williams of Purcell; Chad and Cammy Hutcherson of Cheyenne; and Rayme and Stephanie Barthel of Hinton; as well as many other relatives.

Dana was preceded in death by her parents Albert and Myra Mogg; paternal grandparents Homer and Grace Mogg; maternal grandparents Harold and Iona Speaks.

Betty Hamar

Betty Jean (Griffis) Hamar was born on Saturday, January 4, 1936, in Screven, GA, to Olin Dailer and Evelyn Estelle (Tyre) Griffis and passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2023, in Weatherford.



Betty was raised in southern Georgia and attended high school in Savannah. In 1970, she moved with her husband and daughters to his hometown of Thomas. She earned her cosmetology license in 1972, and she remained a licensed beautician until she passed.

On January 2, 1976, Betty had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and was born again. A few weeks later, on February 10, she was baptized with the gift of the Holy Spirit. In that same year, she received gifts of singing, songwriting, and composing poetry, and she was called to share those gifts with others.

Betty traveled across Oklahoma and other parts of the south, ministering in churches and at public gatherings. She recorded two albums and published a book of poetry and personal stories of God's work in her life. No one in this world was a stranger to her, and she truly found joy in giving to others. She will be remembered by all who knew her as a woman of faith and compassion.

Betty is survived by her husband of 53 years Vernon, of Weatherford; two daughters: Paula Cook and her husband Jim, of Sayre, and Jody Lang and her husband David, of Checotah; four grandchildren, including: Corey Hidlebaugh, of Weatherford, Heath Lang and his wife Cheyenne, of Cushing, Jared Hidlebaugh and his wife Michelle, of Moore, and Matthew Lang, of Checotah; and five great-grandchildren: including Tucker, Tatum, and Tyson Lang, of Cushing, and Avery and Cord Hidlebaugh, of Moore. She is also survived by two sisters: Linda (Graham) Manning, of Allenhurst, GA, and Elizabeth Williams, of Enterprise, AL; by a number of step-grandchildren, as well as their children and grandchildren; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and dear friends. Betty was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Howard "Buddy" Griffis; and two more sisters: Loretta Griffis and Carolyn Trotter.

Eric Malone

Eric Eugene Malone was born August 21, 1970, to Plez Malone, Jr, and Lillie Mae (Gilldon) Malone in Oklahoma City, OK and passed away very unexpected on Sunday, February 26, 2023, at his Clinton home.



Eric was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1988. He worked for BAR-S Foods, Doan's Dog Food Plant, and the Wild Cat Company in Weatherford. He loved to fish, and he spent many hours in the weightlifting room building muscles.

He is survived by his mother Lillie Mae Malone, a daughter Erica Malone, of the home, four brothers: Rickey Malone and wife Joyce, Clinton; Willie Earl Malone, Tipton; Plez Malone, III and wife Tammy, Weatherford; and Mickey Lee Malone, OKC, OK, and several nieces and nephews: Kimberly, Karissa, Terrence, Rickey Jr., D. J. , Sierra, Chastity, Willie II, Ebaney, Keyona, Donita, Ellena, Damien, Daric, Dana, Deanna, Acelan, Miles, Shamara, Darian, Amyah, and Ariana.

He was preceded in death by his father and a sister Shirley Malone.

Floy May Ely

Floy May Stowers Ely went to be with her Maker on Thursday, February 23, 2023, after a lengthy battle with several health issues living in a memory care facility in Texas.



Floy was born on July 4, 1930, on the family farm in Sayre, Oklahoma, to Floy and Tiny May Tracy Stowers. She was the first of four siblings with Gerald Dean, Patricia, and Evelyn following. She attended and graduated from Carter High.

As life would happen, she fell in love and married Steven Vernon Ely Jr. on June 4, 1949, and had four children: Lynda Kay Newton (Glen), Jimmy Vern Ely, Vonna Sue Hamann (Ken) and Paul Gene Ely (Marlona). They were blessed with ten grandchildren, eighteen great grandchildren and one great- great grandchild.

Steve's job took them to Mississippi, Texas, Oklahoma, and Wyoming where they settled in Big Piney, Wyoming, for several years. In 1964 they moved the family to Pocatello, Idaho, and lived there for thirty-two years. With all the children out of the house, they decided to move back "home" to Elk City, Oklahoma, in 1996. After the passing of Steve, Floy stayed in Elk City but eventually moved to Texas to be closer to her daughter Kay.

Floy was a talented lady, always at the sewing machine to knit, crochet, or quilt something. At the age of 82, she took up water color painting and was very good at it. She also loved to travel with Steve in their RV that took them from Alaska to Florida and many states in between.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Steve Ely, sister, Evelyn Fain; grandson, Scott Hamann; and daughter-in-law, Marlona Ely.

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Four Star Leadership with General Tommy Franks is accepting applications and nominations for its world-class leadership program for high school students. The program provides leadership training and skill development as well as scholarship opportunities. Applications are due May 3, and can be found online at FourStarLeader.com.

Program curriculum is designed around the four core leadership principles as outlined by Gen. Tommy Franks: character, common vision, communication and caring. Attendees will have the opportunity to earn more than \$30,000 in scholarships, learn life-changing concepts and skills and receive endorsements and recommendations to future positions of leadership.

Four Star Leadership will be held July 9-14 in Oklahoma for 70 of the top-performing high school students from around the world. This opportunity is valued at more than \$4,000 per student and is offered at no cost to selected students, including expenses, travel and programming. Students must be current high school freshmen, sophomores or juniors to apply.

Applications and nominations for Four Star Leadership are being accepted now through May 3. School advisors, coaches, scouting leaders and directors of youth programs are encouraged to nominate young leaders in their organization. For more information on the program, to nominate a student or to apply, visit FourStarLeader.com.

Students will be housed on the campus of Oklahoma Christian University in Edmond, Oklahoma, where they will meet and engage with national and international leaders including elected officials, dignitaries and Olympic-level athletes as well as travel to several impactful destinations during the week. In addition, students will be confronted with practical leadership and ethical scenarios and then challenged to address them individually in a persuasive speech and writing competition as well as collaboratively in an ethics bowl competition.

Four Star Leadership with General Tommy Franks is a world-class leadership program developed as a partnership between the General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum and Oklahoma Christian University. Since 2008, Four Star Leadership has welcomed more than 841 U.S. high school students from 46 different states and 57 international students. For more information visit FourStarLeader.com or call (580) 726-5900.

"Four Star Leadership is a one-of-a-kind program focusing on the development of today's students who will be tomorrow's leaders," said Gen. Tommy Franks (Ret.). "The program provides selected high school students invaluable leadership lessons through team-building exercises, spontaneous problem solving and coaching in persuasive speaking and writing."

The General Tommy Franks Leadership Institute and Museum's newest special exhibit, the "Medal of Honor Featuring D-Day and US Navy Submariners Medal of Honor Recipients" is on display through April 30. The exhibit tells the story of Medal of Honor recipients from the Civil War to present through displays, biographies, objects and photos. You can visit TommyFranksMuseum.org for more information.

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Young Professionals Encouraged to Apply for Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Leadership Council

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is seeking young professionals, aged 24 to 40, to apply for Leadership Council Group IX.

and informational programs designed to appeal to Oklahoma's active young professionals in the community.

Leadership Council brings together young professionals seeking to get involved in their community and state through engagement with the Regional Food Bank. Group members volunteer their time and creativity to raise awareness about the issue of hunger in Oklahoma and increase the visibility of the Regional Food Bank.

"The Regional Food Bank's Leadership Council is an eye-opening experience. It goes beyond the basics of understanding the food insecurities of our state and raising awareness. You learn all aspects of how programs are ran, maintained, who it serves, where it's needed and how many different needs exist. We have a real need in our state to help our community, especially the children and elderly," said Taylor Gorjiyan, vice president of operations at Income Laboratory Inc. and a Leadership Council Group VIII member.

"Leadership Council is the perfect opportunity for young professionals to learn and connect with other incredible individuals committed to making a difference in Oklahoma," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank.

Applications are due April 17. Visit rfbo.org/leadership-council to learn more and to apply. Applicants will be notified about acceptance the week of June 5. If you have questions, please contact Dominique Ward, director of community engagement at the Regional Food Bank, at dward@rfbo.org or by phone at 405-600-3180.

The group works year-round, participating in fundraisers, social gatherings and community calls as well as special volunteer opportunities and networking events. Members also participate in virtual educational

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P...Lord, I long to let power of the Holy Spirit flow through me today. Protect me from false ideas and guide me into truth. Protect me from the falseness of this culture and may I sense your presence in an unusual way, in my conversation, my decisions, and my actions. I pray that my ambition today would be to please you.

O...Lord, you have called me to a life of obedience. Help me to recognize the open doors you place before me. Help me see the needs of others as greater than mine. Organize my thoughts and plans to best advance the kingdom.

W...Father, you told us to ask for wisdom. Today, I need your wisdom. May I walk in wisdom and be found worthy of your calling on my life. Work out your plans and purposes for my life and may I be found faithful. Above all may I seek and recognize your divine will for my life each day. Help me to be of help to my weaker brother and not to be judgmental.

E...Lord, it is exciting to think that you know all about me and still love me. Lord, equip me with the faith and love to serve you effectively. I pray that you will be exalted in my life. Embolden me to share my

faith with others. Enlighten the eyes of my heart that I might know you more fully. I pray that will have a fresh encounter with you today.

R...Lord, thank you for the resources you provide for me. Help me to resolve to seek you with all my heart. Show me my sins and give me a heart of repentance. I pray that I will respond to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. Help me to recognize the needs of those around me and be ready to respond.

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"The Coin Guy" Computer Age Coin Collecting



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Dirty Old Coins was started by Alfredo De La Fe which sells classical and ancient world coins at affordable prices.

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Each coin will enable the collector to "hold history in their hands". This in turn will be inspiration for collectors to research coins. Collectors will benefit learning the similarities between Eastern and Western histories through numismatics (the scientific study of monies).

The subscription service is \$25.99/month plus shipping at dirtyoldcoins.com/subscribe/cmonthly.

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Heston Wright / WW

Students from Japan and their host families enjoy dinner at Lucille's this past Sunday. The students from Japan spent two days touring Weatherford before moving on to other locations in the state. This is a part of the WINGS of Rotary, hosted by Rotary District 5750.



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Voters in Elk City will decide whether to approve the extension of a half-cent sales tax for the next 8 years. City Manager Tom Ivester says the sales tax would be repurposed for Police Station and Fire Department upgrades.

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WEATHERFORD / WALMART - Officials at the Weatherford Walmart say an \$8 million remodeling project will begin next month. Store manager Cassie Reis says the pharmacy will move to the front of the store, and the online pickup and delivery will expand. Reis says the remodel begins April 16th, with a grand opening planned for August 4th.

EARLY VOTING - The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot for the April 4th special elections for the Weatherford School District and for Thomas-Fay-Custer schools is this coming Monday at 5 pm. An application can be downloaded at www.ok.gov/elections or obtained at the Custer County election board office in Clinton. Early voting for those elections will begin Thursday, March 30th, and conclude Friday, March 31st, from 8-6 both days at the Custer County election board office. Polling sites will open April 4th at 7 am.

CUSTER CO / INDUSTRIAL PARK - The North Park is getting closer to completion. Weatherford Economic development director Yolanda Creswell says the lots should be ready for sale in the month of April. Creswell says that once the park is ready, there will be a total of 54 acres available for sale and development.

CUSTER CO / ROADS - At yesterday's meeting of the Custer County Commissioners, District 2 Commissioner Bruce Walker updated the Lawter Road project. Walker says the bids were let this month which was two months earlier than they anticipated. He also said it will make for a longer overlap with the Lyle Road project, as construction will now begin in July or August. Walker also said work had begun for moving a pipeline that extends from Highway 54 to approximately a half mile to the east.

CLINTON / URGENT CARE - An urgent care facility is scheduled to open in Clinton to provide additional medical care to area residents. Mayor David Berrong says the urgent care will be open inside Clinton regional hospital seven days a week, 7 am - 7 pm. The City of Clinton continues to work to obtain a new license to reopen Clinton Regional Hospital.

WRH / STRATEGIC PLANNING - Officials with Weatherford Regional Hospital held a strategic planning session last week in conjunction with its community health needs assessment. Chief Executive Officer Brian Denton says officials discussed several topics, including the need for additional space at the hospital. Among other items of discussion included staffing levels, better partnerships to battle the rise of fentanyl use and opioid abuse, prevention and wellness, and how to serve the underserved better. Denton says discussion with the hospital board on some of these topics will occur during a future meeting.

DEWEY CO / FATALITY - Three people died from a crash on U.S. 270, approximately 2.6 miles northwest of Oakwood in Dewey County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says the mishap involved two semis and a vehicle. The drivers of the two semis were killed in the crash. OHP says 29-year-old Kordan D. Sandridge of Lewisville, Texas, and 39-year-old Martin Rodriguez-Rojo of Liberal, Kansas, both died at the scene. A passenger in the Sandridge semi, 21-year-old Lexionne S. Dedner of Lewisville, Texas, died at Intergrity Baptist hospital in Oklahoma City. Troopers say the two semis collided head-on when the Sandridge semi went left of center. No injuries were reported in the passenger vehicle, which left the road in an effort to avoid both semis.

SWOSU / PARTNERSHIP - SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell and Western Oklahoma State College President Dr. Chad Wigginton signed a partnership agreement last week to tackle the critical shortages of teachers and nurses in Oklahoma. The first of the two partnerships is a joint effort between the two institutions to address the ongoing teacher shortage in Oklahoma by enabling pre-education majors at WOSC to qualify for the inspired-to-teach scholarship. The second partnership will support nursing students from WOSC as they continue their education from an associate degree to a bachelor's degree at SWOSU. Meanwhile, WOSC students pursuing an associate degree in pre-education will have the opportunity to earn a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education at SWOSU.

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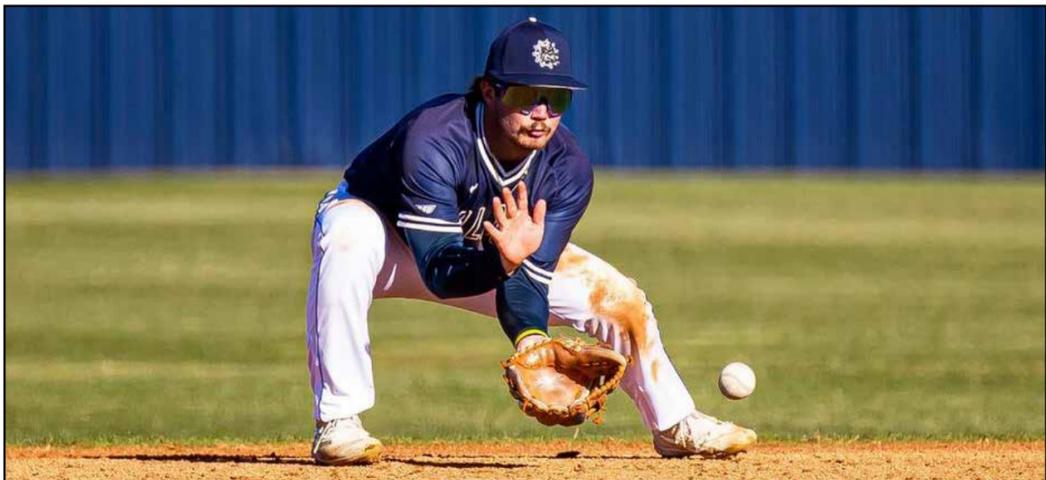
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SWOSU Baseball Earn Road Series Victory Over Bisons

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SWOSU Baseball picked up a road series victory over Harding (2-1) following a 6-3 win on over the Bisons in the deciding game three. It is the first GAC road series win of the season for the Bulldogs.

In the sixth inning, the offense came alive in a big way. Six runs and five hits later, SWOSU led 8-2. The explosive sixth inning saw Larsen again produce for the lineup with a two-RBI double down the left field line.

Reece Burke, Markus Coronado, and Caleb Clines all also drove in runs with singles in the inning.

Meanwhile, Jackson Phillips (W, 4-1) gave SWOSU a complete game on the bump to earn the win. He struck out seven and walked two in his outing.

Alex Rice's multi-hit game paired well with Larsen.

Game 3 – SWOSU 8, Harding 2

The victory was a result of good play on both offense and defense.

On the mound, SWOSU got 5.0 strong innings from Ernesto Hidrogo and another 4.0 from Grant Ewy in relief. Hidrogo scattered six hits while striking out three. He avoided big innings and allowed just two runs, one in both the third and sixth innings, to earn the win. Meanwhile Ewy struck out four and walked only one and earned his second save of the season.

Offensively, SWOSU took the lead in the fifth inning with three runs to erase a 1-0 deficit. The Dawgs loaded the bases with no outs. In the seventh, the Dawgs tacked on another run with a Jackson Syring double and a Burke RBI single immediately after.

Six SWOSU hitters had two hits in the game, led by Trevino and Burke who drove in four of the six runs and Syring who also scored a team high two runs.

SWOSU, winners of six of the last seven, will travel to Cameron for a midweek non-conference matchup before hosting league-leading Arkansas Tech next weekend in more GAC action.

Game 1 – Harding 16, SWOSU 5

Brooks Red gave SWOSU a quick 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning when he homered to left field for his second long ball of the season. That lead would not hold though after Harding scored two runs in their half of the first and then regained the lead in the third inning with two more.

The Bisons went on to score 14 of the game's final 16 runs including a seven run fourth inning and four more in the fifth.

Harding scored those 16 runs on just 10 hits, in large part to the additional walks issued by SWOSU pitchers. Chris Goldston (L, 1-2) got the start and pitched 3.0 innings before the bullpen relieved him. He struck out four but walked four and hit another two batters.

Philip Sanders, Jay Greco, and Patrick Babcock made appearances out of the pen. All arms that threw walked at least one Harding hitter.

Both Red and Caleb Clines finished 2-3 at the plate. Clines drove in SWOSU's other two runs in the fifth inning with an RBI single, immediately after an Alex Rice double.

Game 2 – SWOSU 6, Harding 3

Trailing 2-0 in the fifth, Griffin Larsen turned things around with a three-run home run with two outs that jumped the Dawgs ahead of the Bisons. It was a timely answer after Harding had just gained a 2-0 lead a half inning prior.



SWOSU Softball Closes Out Series With No. 13 Harding

Grant Kopycinski
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After pulling out a win, the Dawgs dropped their series ending doubleheader to No. 13 Harding.

Game 2 – Harding 5, SWOSU 2

Harding went three up three down to start the game thanks to three ground outs. Two singles and an error brought home two runs in the bottom of the first to give SWOSU their first lead of the day.

Harding came right back and put up two runs of their own, from back to back doubles, to tie things up at two apiece. Another RBI double in the third gave HU their first lead of the game, one SWOSU would never break.

A fourth and seventh inning run gave Harding cushion that was not necessary. SWOSU left three runners on base in scoring position, which ended up being the difference in the game. A base running blunder and a failed sacrifice bunt in the sixth inning spoiled any chance to tie the game.

The Bulldogs will continue playing nationally ranked teams when they have a rematch with No. 2 Rogers State on Tuesday afternoon in Claremore starting at 3:00 pm.

Game 1 – Harding 8, SWOSU 3

After the Bulldogs stole a win from Harding, the Lady Bisons didn't waste any time grabbing the lead in game one. They had five people reach base and scored two in the first half inning. Harding then extended their lead by two more in the third thanks to multiple singles.

SWOSU responded with a run in the third as well, but left two more on base. Another barrage of singles from the Lady Bisons brought the score to 7-1 by the middle of the fourth. The lead was too much for the Bulldogs to overcome after that. Runs were put up in the sixth and seventh by SWOSU, but they were unable to bring multiple runners across home plate. Harding also tacked on one final insurance run in the top of the seventh.

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Oklahoma History: The Sooner State's Most Notorious Criminal Couple



Chase Wright
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One of the most iconic and famous duos during the Public Enemy era in the 1930's was Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow. The couple committed hundreds of felonies throughout their time on the road, earning them the top spot of police warrants and the front page of every news article.

The official story about their first meeting states that the couple met in 1930 at a mutual friend's home and fell in love immediately. Then, Bonnie was still technically married to Roy Thornton, whose wedding ring she had on when she was killed. Bonnie had split from him in January 1929. Bonnie and Clyde were fast lovers and loyal companions after that encounter. Both had run-ins with the law prior to meeting. Bonnie kept a diary during her time as a waitress in Dallas which held details of her loneliness, her poetry, her longing for life outside of Dallas, and her love of taking pictures. Clyde had grown up in a poor family and was known for cracking safes, robbing stores, and stealing cars.

Clyde was the leader of the Barrow Gang which operated between 1932 and 1934 in the central United States. The popularity of gangs and heists by the media shot the Barrow Gang to the top story of many news outlets around the country. They were most known for their bank robberies, but they actually robbed grocery stores and gas stations at a rate much higher than their bank jobs.

One of the first run-ins with the law happened on August 5th, 1932. Clyde, Raymond Hamilton, and Ross Dyer were drinking moonshine (which was illegal under Prohibition) at a country dance in Springtown, Oklahoma

(the hometown of the famous Reba McEntire, whose family ranch was located a few miles outside the town). Springtown sheriff C.G. Maxwell and Deputy Eugene C. Moore approached the trio in the parking lot. Clyde and Hamilton opened fire immediately, killing Moore and gravely wounding Maxwell. Deputy Moore was the first law officer of the nine who was eventually killed by the gang. A granite slab was erected at the site to commemorate the account of the shootout and to memorialize the two officers.

During the groups path of robberies, Clyde's goal was believed to be revenge on the Texas Department of Corrections which he blamed for abuses he suffered during his time at the Eastham Prison Farm in 1930. On January 16, 1934, the group broke-out Hamilton, Methvin, and several others on a raid dubbed the "Eastham Breakout." The violent raid resulted in the death of Major Joe Crowson and generated negative publicity for Texas. With the raid, Clyde had achieved his goal of revenge but had also attracted the full attention of Texas and federal government law enforcement. A manhunt was put together with former Texas Ranger Captain Frank Hamer leading the group.

For the next few months, Hamer was a shadow on the Barrow Gang. During his tracking, he discovered that their movements resembled a wide circle, swinging around the edges of five states to exploit a rule that prevented officers from pursuing into another jurisdiction. The gang's consistency allowed Hamer to chart a path and predict where they would go. Hamer realized the gang would often visit each other's family and were due to see the Methvin family in Louisiana.

Hamer set up an ambush on Louisiana State Highway 154 on May 21, 1934. The ambush posse was comprised of six men, one of which, Ted Hinton, used to be a postal worker and a frequent customer of Bonnie's during her time as a waitress.

Early on May 23rd, they heard the Ford V8 Clyde was supposedly driving approach from the distance. The posse had persuaded Ivy Methvin to put his truck on the shoulder of the road to attract Clyde into stopping. When Clyde fell into the trap, the lawmen opened fire as the vehicle slowed. Clyde was instantly killed by Prentiss Morel Oakley while Bonnie had time to let out a scream, a sound many of the men reported "that haunted them in their dreams." The officers fired around 150 rounds, emptying their weapons. The lawmen knew of the couples' propensity for violence and had been briefed not to take any chances. As the bullet-riddled car lured into the ditch, Frank Hamer fired another burst from his rifle through the passenger window and another burst through the side glass as he approached the vehicle. Bonnie and Clyde had several fatal wounds and were killed on the scene without firing a shot. In less than 16 seconds, Hamer's 102-day pursuit ended.

In the aftermath, officers found several weapons and several thousand rounds of ammunition. The couple also had fifteen license plates from various states. When asked about the ambush, the officers explained that they recognized Clyde's death instantly and thought Bonnie had gone quickly as well. In response to their continued firing and his own additional shots, Hamer stated, "If it wouldn't have been her, it would have been us."

The demise of Bonnie and Clyde sold 500,000 newspapers in Dallas alone and attracted droves of people. More than 20,000 attended Bonnie's funeral on May 26th sending flowers from everywhere, including some allegedly from Pretty Boy Floyd and John Dillinger. Clyde was buried privately on May 25th at sunset by his brother Marvin.

The six men of the ambush posse were promised a share of the reward money, which should've totalled to \$26,000 each. They ended up only receiving \$200.23 for their efforts. They were allowed to collect memorabilia from the ambush and case.

By the end of that summer, federal statutes were made to have bank robbing and kidnapping federal offenses, and local authorities were trained by the FBI and had two-way radios installed in their police cars, making it more difficult to carry out a series of robberies. Two months after Bonnie and Clyde were killed, Dillinger was killed in Chicago. Then, three months later, Floyd in Ohio. And one month after that, Baby Face Nelson was killed in Illinois. The Public Enemy era's biggest faces were erased but their impact on history was etched forever.

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Carmo and Phillips Take Home Bulldogs of the Week

Grant Kopycinski
SWOSU Sports Assistant

Dani Carmo (softball) and Jackson Phillips (baseball)

have been named 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.

Carmo (Placentia, Calif.) had a strong week in the batters' box for SWOSU. She led the team in batting average through five game last week, at .465. She ended 6-13 on the week, with two doubles and a run scored. In the upset win over No. 13 Harding, she finished 2-3, scoring a run and achieving a double.

Phillips (Boerne, Texas) shut down the Bisons at a crucial moment in the series this weekend. After a run rule loss, Phillips started the second game of the doubleheader. He went all seven innings of the condensed game that SWOSU won 8-2. He struck out seven batters while only allowing four hits and two runs. This game turned the tide in the series in SWOSU's favor as they came out of Searcy with a series victory.

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Step Up Transition Living Hosting "A Night Under the Big Top" Event



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Lori Flansburg (left), Director of the Connections Food and Resource Center, and Dr. Amy Barnett (right), President of Step Up, attending last year's Step Up Gala.

Chad Gray
WW Contributor

Step Up Transitional Living is hosting their annual Gala on Saturday, April 1 at Sorelle from 6:30pm to 9:30pm with this year's theme being "A Night Under The Big Top." The event will feature circus performers like stilt walkers, jugglers, aerialists, as well a fire show, axe throwing, and an online auction. The public is invited to attend with tickets set at \$60 for individuals and \$100 for couples. Proceeds will help fund the organization which provides support for Western Oklahoma youths at risk for homelessness.

There will also be a VIP reception from 5:30pm to 6:30pm for event sponsors who contribute at least \$300 to the organization, guaranteeing early access to the festivities as well as recognition during the event.

"It's going to be a little different than the other galas we've had in the past," said Dr. Amy Barnett, Board President of Step Up and a founder of the organization which started in 2018. "This one is going to be a little more informal" featuring a buffet and allowing attendees to come and go as they please.

Step Up began as a means to assist youth aging out of the foster system and teach them valuable life skills as well as set them upon a pathway to success. Dr. Barnett, while volunteering for the non-profit organization CASA, observed the growing homelessness crisis in America affecting the lives of young adults in Western Oklahoma with her own eyes. Barnett saw young people couch surfing or even sleeping in alleyways without a place to call home and had to do something about it.

"The need is larger than what most people recognize," said Dr. Barnett. "I think people are surprised to know that there are homeless youth in our area."

Since 2018 Step-Up has helped over 20 disadvantaged youths around Western Oklahoma by "providing transitional housing and support services; including education, counseling, and employment," according to their website. "It's designed to move individuals from homelessness to self-sufficiency by addressing the individual's total life situation."

"We work really hard with them to get them independent," said Dr. Barnett and "I would like people to recognize there is a huge need for support."

For individuals or organizations interested in supporting Step Up you can visit their website stepuptransitions.org/get-involved to donate or volunteer your time to help at-risk youth around Western Oklahoma.

Tickets for the Step Up Gala "A Night Under the Big Top" can be purchased online at stepuptransitions.org/events.

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