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Southwest Farm & Home Expo Begins in Elk City April 1 and 2

Spring has sprung and The Southwest Farm and Home Expo is coming back to the Elk City Convention Center for it's 39th year. The annual event which serves to spotlight and inform the agriculture industry in Western Oklahoma will take place this Saturday, April 1st, and wrap up on Sunday, April 2nd.

"We needed something to do and to promote ag," said Jimmy Smith when asked about why he helped found the event over 39 years ago and "People got to eat". Smith is still a committee member for the Expo, which in recent times has opened up exhibit booths to more than just agricultural industries, but the Expo's mission remains the same; educating people in Western Oklahoma about the state of the art in Agriculture while shepherding the future generation of the agriculture industry in the state.

The event, which is a mainstay on the Elk City events calendar, has definitely evolved over the years and this year's Expo is certainly no different, offering farmers and ranchers a chance to earn Education Credits as well as regular attendees some new food options through food trucks that will be stationed on north side of the convention center.

"We're excited about the Food trucks and the CEU credits and that we're having more ag related booths," Said Susie Cupp, Executive Director of the Elk City Chamber of Commerce and Elk City's Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We even have one [exhibitor] from Kentucky," showing the expo's reach is farther than most may realize.

The Expo will also feature an educational presentation regarding grain sorghum management and weed control which will be open to the public, but also farmers and ranchers who are interested in obtaining CEU credits for their private applicators license requirements. The presentation will kick off the Expo on Saturday morning from 9am to noon with coffee and donuts being offered before the presentation begins at 8:30am. This is the first time the expo is offering the

Other events featured during the expo include: a two-day FFA Ag mechanics show and silent auction, featuring farming tools and implements fabricated by local FFA chapters; a two-day antique tractor display; a barbecue cook-off judged on Sunday; the all breed bull sale on Saturday; and the fan-favorite pedal tractor pull for children ages four to twelve.

For more information about the event you can call 800-280-0207, or you can visit the Elk City Chamber of Commerce's website at <https://visitelkcity.com/>



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SATURDAY, APRIL 1
8:30 am: Farmers & Ranchers Get Your ECU Credits
Ag Educator Gary Strickland talks Grain Sorghum Management & Weed Control Meeting (Lunch Provided Fowler Agency), @ Convention Center East Room
9:00 am: Expo Opens to Public, 9am - Noon
All Day: FFA Ag Mechanics Show & Silent Auction @ South Exhibit Grounds
All Day: Antique Tractor Display, South Exhibit Hall
2:00 pm Bull Sale @ South Exhibit Grounds
6:00 pm Expo Closes, On-Site Security Provided

SUNDAY, APRIL 2
Noon: Expo Opens to Public
1:00 pm Children's Petal Tractor Pull Ages 4-12
Registration @ 1pm, Begins @ 1:30pm South Exhibit Hall
1:00 pm BBQ Cook-Off Judging Begins, North Exhibit Hall, East Room
All Day: Antique Tractor Display, South Exhibit Hall
3:30 pm FFA Ag Mechanics, BBQ Cook-Off Awards, and Scholarships @ North Exhibit Hall
5:00 pm Expo Closes

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David Baldwin

David Kyle Baldwin was born on December 13, 1961, in Thomas to William Leon and Marilyn Elizabeth (Taylor) Baldwin and passed away on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at the Weatherford Regional Hospital.



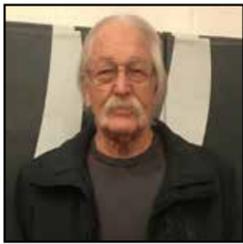
David was raised and attended school in Thomas, graduating in 1980. Starting in David's early teens and continuing thru high school and afterwards, he spent many summers on wheat harvest with Taylor Harvesting. He was known throughout the area as one of the best truck mechanics anyone could find. David also owned his own truck for many years hauling grain and oilfield equipment across the country. He had a sense of humor that will be remembered by all.

David was preceded in death by a brother Deon Baldwin; a brother-in-law Doyle Waggoner; uncles: Robert Taylor, Lyndle Taylor and J.W. Beers; aunts: Janet Beers and Carmaleta Taylor; and grandparents.

He is survived by his parents of Thomas; two sisters: Debbie Waggoner of Fay and Dana Baldwin and husband Ray Mayer of Fairview; two brothers: Daryl Baldwin and partner Densi Haworth of Thomas; and Dayne Baldwin and wife Leesa of Fay; and seven nephews and nieces.

Steve Merida

Steven Dale Merida was born January 7th, 1948, in Altus, OK to Paul and Nell (Crow) Merida and passed away Thursday, March 16th, 2023, at home with family after a battle with cancer.



Steve spent his early years in Hollis, OK, raised alongside his older brother Boyd. Just before he entered the third grade, the family moved to nearby Altus when Paul got a job working on the expansion of Altus AFB.

In the summers beginning at 9 years old, Steve began working his grandfather's farm and neighboring farms north of Hollis, chopping cotton and digging irrigation ditches.

Fourth grade brought an introduction to football. He liked to tell friends and family about the fierce mascot of this fourth-grade team: The Eugene Field Squirrels. He would go on to be a dominant force on the football field for Altus High School, earning All-State honors at defensive tackle and receiving a full scholarship to play for Oklahoma State University. He would accept the scholarship and play for one season.

His first son Rhett was born in Altus on January 1st, 1969. His second son Charlie was born in Amarillo on February 1st, 1979. Steve married Anita Radke on September 16th, 1989, combining families to include Anita's children, Kelly and Cody Wright.

Steve joined the Navy and would serve as a flight crewman aboard the USS Inchon for approximately 1.5 years, primarily operating in the Mediterranean Sea training with allies. Over this period, he visited Greece, Italy, Turkey, France and Spain. He got out of the service in 1971, moved to Weatherford and opened the "Loose Lodge" bar with his lifelong friend Mackey Carter.

In 1973 Steve began working for Baroid as a drilling fluids engineer. He worked in Oklahoma, the Gulf of Mexico and the Middle East, where he enjoyed living in Beirut, Lebanon and Athens on his time off. He returned to Oklahoma to be nearer his son and family. Steve retired from the oilfield in 2001 at the age of 53 to support family businesses Nita's Icehouse and Professional Resources.

Steve and Anita loved the kids of the Weatherford community and treated the friends of their children as their own. If you attended Weatherford High School from 1995 to 2005, there's a good chance you occasionally spent your lunch period looking through their refrigerator.

Steve became a grandfather in 2013 when Jaylee was born. She was the light of his life in his last 10 years.

He loved to go to Mexico with his family and stroll the beach. It was his happy place.

He had a unique way of giving the people he cared for a hard time. It's one way he showed he loved you. So, if he called you a funny name or picked at you a bit, you were truly special to him. Steve Merida was our rock of consistency. He always told us not to fret, that everything would be alright. We all believed him because he always delivered and looked after each of us. Steve was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

He is survived by his loving wife Anita; three sons: Rhett Merida of Weatherford; Charlie Merida of OKC; and Cody Wright of Weatherford. One daughter Kelly Moore and husband Jay Moore of Weatherford. One granddaughter Jaylee Moore of Weatherford.

Tim Jordan

William Timothy Jordan was born on January 15th, 1960, to Jewell Grady Jordan, Jr. and Patsy Ruth Smith Jordan in Brookhaven, Mississippi. Tim grew up in Mississippi and graduated from McComb High School in 1978.



He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, then began his career in plant management in Rockingham, North Carolina. On January 28, 1989, Tim married the love of his life Connie Weichel. They began their life long adventure in Rockingham but made multiple moves to Haiti, Guatemala, Honduras, Mississippi, and Georgia before finally settling in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. They raised their daughters in Bartlesville for 20 years before he recently retired as Plant Manager, and moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma. Tim loved his family and was looking forward to spending time with family and friends since his retirement. One of the highlights of his life was this last year when he had the honor of giving both his daughters away to their grooms. He also enjoyed golfing, fishing, working out, running marathons, and working on the infamous GMC truck.

Tim was preceded in death by his father "Joe" Jordan, and his brother Dr. Jay Jordan.

He is survived by his wife of 34 years Connie Jordan of their home in Weatherford; his mother Patsy Jordan of Norman; two daughters: Stacey Engle and husband Randy of Broken Arrow and Alyssa Viracola and husband Jared of Dallas, Texas; and two sisters: Jodi Sorrels and husband Jay of Forest, Mississippi and Jill Fayak and husband Brian of Norman, OK.

Israel Flores

Israel Flores was born August 8, 1970, to Willie Flores and Mary G. Sandoval in LaFeria, TX and passed away Saturday, March 11, 2023, in the Clinton Veterans Center.



Israel moved to Clinton with his parents while a small child. He attended Clinton Schools and graduated from Clinton High School in 1990.

He joined the U.S. Army soon after high school and served at Colene, TX and stints in Desert Storm, Germany, South Carolina and Iraqi. He was honorable discharged and made his home in South Carolina and worked as a diesel mechanic. He moved to Clinton and was employed at Farm Rail and later Sport Chaise.

He enjoyed hunting, Play Station and cooking. He is preceded in death by his sister Dana Flores and nephew Devin Flores.

He is survived by his parents Willie and Mary Flores, Clinton; two sons: Justin Flores and wife Morgan, Burns Flat, and Daniel Flores, Clinton, OK and sister Tina Penner, and husband Derric, Clinton, OK.

He is also survived by three nieces and nephews: William Penner, Derrin Penner, Erik Martinez, and Bailey Penner and wife Jordan.

Daniel Smith

Daniel Morgan Smith was born August 18, 1975, to Denny Smith and Therese (Raab) Smith in Thomas, OK and passed away Thursday, March 16, 2023, at his rural home in Custer City, OK.



Daniel was raised in Custer City and Arapaho. He attended Arapaho School and graduated with the Class of 1994.

While in high school, he was active in horticulture. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church. He was known for being an avid gardener and wood worker.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents Dennis and Elizabeth Smith, Tom and Elaine Raab and uncle Joe Raab.

His is survived by his parents Denny and Therese Smith, Custer City. He is also survived by host of cousins, family members, and friends.

Patricia Doran

Patricia Kay Doran was born April 11, 1944, to Oscar Lloyd Doran and Laverna (Botchlet) Doran in Cordell, OK and passed away early Saturday, March 22, 2023, in her daughter's home in Oklahoma City.



Patricia was raised in Cordell, OK where she attended and graduated from Cordell High School in 1962. She worked for the City of Cordell before starting a 35-year career with the Washita County Commissioners office. After retirement, she moved to Oklahoma City to be close to her children.

She was a longtime faithful and active member of the 4th and College Streets Church of Christ. One of her favorite projects was working with the E.D.G.E. PROGRAM in Burns Flat/Dill City Schools. She enjoyed handwork, crocheting, music and her passion was spending time with her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her son Michael Dixon and husband Kevin Moore, and daughter Lauri Dixon, all of Oklahoma City.

She is also survived by six grandchildren: Carlee Schmittler and husband Ethan,; Allie Dixon and boyfriend Gavin Chadwick, (and their mother Lori Garcia), Meaghen Mueller and husband; Andy, Mitchell Moore and wife Sarah, Marshall Moore and Michael Moore and wife Claire and five great grandchildren: Emma, Nora, Arthur, Charlotte and C.C.

Trenton Beals

Trenton Da-Mare Beals was born June 20, 2007, in Clinton, OK and passed away Saturday, March 18, 2023, in the Oklahoma University Trauma Center in Oklahoma City.



Trenton was raised in Clinton and was attending his sophomore year at Clinton High School. His plan in the future was to graduate in 2025, and eventually become a police officer.

While in high school, he had participated in sports, including football (and was known by the nickname of "Milky"), wrestling and baseball. He enjoyed gaming, playing golf, fishing and just hanging out with his dad.

He attended the Host Ministries Church. He is survived by his parents Josh and Lacey Ronan, sister Kyrie Fisher and bonus brother Klayton Gilliam, of the home.

He is also survived by his grandparents Bonnie and Ervan Randle and Arleen Harris and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and other family and friends.

Doyle Nichols

Doyle Lynn Nichols was born December 12, 1949, to Clyde Douglas and Val Jean (Craft) Nichols in Elk City and passed away March 16, 2023, at Roger Mills Memorial Hospital.



Doyle enjoyed working on old pick-up trucks, especially his '49 Chevy. He loved hot rods and working on old things.

He admired horses and spent many hours training them. He was quite the cowboy. Doyle worked as a welder, rancher, and as a maintenance worker at Erick Public Schools. He also liked spending time doing upholstery work.

Doyle married the love of his life Patricia Ann Pope on October 30, 1971, in Sayre, OK.

Doyle is preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law Delbert Swanner. He is survived by his wife Patsy of the home; daughter Kari McCoy (and granddaughter Andi) of Weatherford; brother Bill Nichols and wife Ann of Friona, TX; and sister Glenna Swanner of Snyder, OK.

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Sayre Higher Education Reaches Milestone

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Students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Sayre are continuing the tradition of higher education in the Beckham County seat that began 85 years ago.

Supported by progressive and visionary members of the Sayre community, Sayre Junior College was founded in 1938 under legislative authorization permitting public schools to add a 13th and 14th year of study. Sayre Public Schools and 18 other Oklahoma school districts added these years of study. 58 students from Berlin, Carter, Cheyenne, Delhi, Doxey, Erick, Grimes, New Liberty, Sayre, Sweetwater and Willow enrolled in Sayre Junior College classes for the academic year. The first degrees were awarded in May 1940 to 16 graduates.

Tuition was \$30 per semester for full-time students, or \$3 per credit hour for part-time students.

A member of the Southwestern Athletic Conference of Municipal Junior Colleges, the Sayre Yellow Jackets competed in basketball, track, tennis and baseball.

From 1938 until 1942, then from 1946 until 1956, Sayre Junior College shared facilities with Sayre High School before moving to the campus's current location.

The SWOSU-Sayre Medical Laboratory Technician and Radiologic Technology programs, begun by instructor Chris Christian, began accepting students in 1968. That same year, Mackey Hall was built to provide housing, a lounge, and cafeteria for 104 students. In 1985, campus dorms were phased out, and Mackey Hall was converted into classrooms.

The college's first president was O.H. McMahan, who resigned in 1942 and was succeeded by B.H. Willoughby.

Wylie C. Quattlebaum served as Dean of Administration; N.D. Griffin as Dean of Men and Registrar; and Elsie

L. Turney was Dean of Women and Librarian.

President Willoughby was succeeded by Ferrill Martin who served from 1947 until 1954.

Arch Alexander, Dean of Sayre Junior College, then served as president until 1965.

Harry Patterson, who had served as Dean since 1956, became the college's 5th president and held that title until 1984. He was succeeded by Sayre Junior College's 6th and final president, Paul Conner.

Conner was president when, in 1987, the Oklahoma legislature merged Sayre Junior College with SWOSU in Weatherford. SWOSU-Sayre was born under the leadership of SWOSU President Leonard Campbell. The merger marked the end of the Oklahoma Community College system that began in the 1930s. Sayre Junior College was Oklahoma's last remaining community junior college of the 19 that began under the Community College Assistance Act.

Since the consolidation, eight people have served as SWOSU-Sayre Campus Dean: Don Roberts from 1984 until 1999, Dr. Forest Redding in 2000, Dr. Bet Becker, Dr. Dave Allen and Dr. Dan Dill in 2000 and 2001, Dr. Jim James from 2002 to 2011, Sherron Manning from 2011 to 2019, and Bill Swartwood since then.

Much has changed since 1938; the need for higher education in western Oklahoma has not. Endowed with the spirit of advancement and enrichment that learning brings, progressive, visionary members of the Sayre community recognized the need for higher education in far Western Oklahoma in 1938. In 1987, that same spirit guided the merger of Sayre Junior College with Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Today, this spirit can be plainly seen in the administration, faculty, staff and students of all three SWOSU campuses.

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Sayre Alumni Celebration Starts in April

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The 91st Annual Sayre Alumni Celebration, which falls on Easter Weekend, will be here soon. Be sure to get your class information to the Beckham County Record by March 27th, for the Alumni paper. We would love for everyone to come home early and catch the Hometown Follies Thursday April 6, at 6:30 pm., at the Sayre Auditorium, enjoy many talents as well as a Dessert Reception after. Cost is \$10 for adults, Students ages 5-18 is \$5 and children under 5 are free. Tickets available at the Gallery @112, Sayre Library or at the Door. All proceeds will go towards restoring the Community Theatre in Sayre, if anyone is interesting in performing contact Gallery @112 928-0002 or Suzanne Hylton 243-9546.

To get in on some Basketball action you can go to the New Gym for an Alumni Basketball tournament. Friday night, April 7th, beginning at 6 pm. More details to come.

Stop by the The Cystic Fibrosis Fundraiser Bake sale in front of InterBank in Sayre. Sponsored by the friends and family of Camden Plummer, April 8, 9:30 am to 12 noon.

The Alumni Parade will begin Saturday at 10:30 am

with lineup at 9:30 behind the courthouse, call or text Amy 580-729-2115 or Mireya 580-729-0285 to get in.

We need more entries and volunteers. Make your way to check in to get your place in the line up at the blue and white barn.

The Sayre After-Prom will have the Annual Luncheon at the Sayre School Cafeteria Saturday 11:30 am to 2:00 pm. Be sure to get up there to support the kids for after prom and check out the wonderful changes to the Sayre Public School, for Reservations contact 580-515-0396.

The Annual Golf Tournament will be Saturday at 1:00 pm, 2-man/ \$100 per team/ mulligans and skins game available.

For purchase, please call or text 580-729-5296 or call the clubhouse at 928-9046 to enter. The Easter Egg Hunt will be at 3:00 pm sharp at the Sayre Football field, hosted by Asher Oilfield. The age divisions and special needs section will be posted for the hunt of 5,000 eggs.

A good time can certainly be guaranteed at the Sayre Alumni Co-Ed Softball tourney, reach out to Brittney Hill if you would like to enter a team, more details to come.

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HIGHER GROUND A Life of Influence



Who were the influencers in your life? Probably many would say, "my parents." For others it might be a coach or a teacher who gave you special attention or encouragement that changed your course. But it might be a neighbor or even a person you hardly knew but who at a precise moment in time said the right words or asked the right question that stimulated a train of thought that changed the course of your life. We all have had many who have influenced us, sometimes when we did not even recognize it until later.

In 1960, I had just finished my first year of teaching junior high students in Albuquerque, NM. I was fulfilling my military obligation by serving in the Army Reserves. We were required to attend once-a-month weekend drills. During those week-ends a Chaplain was present to provide religious services for those who were interested. I usually chose to attend. A few of us gathered in a small room while the Chaplain

shared some thoughts from the Bible. I don't remember the full context of the message. But I do remember a statement about seeking and finding the will of God. Somehow the Spirit set in motion a train of thought about my own life. Was teaching really what God had in store for me for the rest of my life? Somehow it became an obsession for me over the next few weeks. I couldn't eat or sleep without it filling my senses. I realized I had to get it settled. My concern was not so much trusting God in the matter as it was knowing for sure that it was God who was calling me and not just my own idea. Finally, after getting wise counsel from another trusted friend, I discerned that it was indeed God leading me into a life of ministry. I will never forget walking out of that office feeling that the weight of the world had been lifted off my shoulders.

To this day, my deep regret is that I never let those two people know how much their influence affected the course of my life. Probably, when that Chaplain went home, his wife asked him, "How did it go today?" Likely he said, "Oh, not much. We had 6-8 men in the service but it was pretty mild." He never knew how his presence and efforts had changed my life. God knew, of course, and he was rewarded in heaven.

The point is that all of us are people of influence—some more than others, of course.

I think of Tony and Lauren Dungy. They have a large platform from which to influence others. He was the first black coach to lead an NFL team to a Super Bowl victory. He led his teams to the playoffs for 10 consecutive seasons. Now he serves as an analyst on NBC's "Football in America." He and Lauren have used their large platform to influence who knows how many thousands. They have 3 biological children, have adopted 8 more and often provide a home for foster children who need the love they can provide.

But Tony is quick to point out that you don't have to have a large platform. He says, "You just have to be obedient when God places an opportunity in front of you." Sometimes there may some risk involved. Sometimes it might cost some comfort or inconvenience. This morning at the Truck Stop where I minister on Saturday mornings, I visited with a Hispanic driver who shared that he had given his life to Christ in 2014. It was easy to pray for his safety and for his family that he missed during those lonely hours on the road. As I walked away, he slipped up and placed a couple of 20 dollar bills in my pocket. Of course they go into the truck stop ministry. But it demonstrated his gratitude for someone caring for him. Look for an opportunity this week to influence someone in a positive way. To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or call 1 580-302 1142

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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



"The Coin Guy" - Lucky Irish Pennies



Some people like to carry a "lucky penny" on their person for many reasons.

A tradition of carrying a "Lucky Penny" from Ireland goes back several decades.

From 1928 to 1968, the Irish penny was a bronze coin that played a vital role in their commerce before the introduction of the decimal coins in 1969. The Irish Penny was the size of a United States half-dollar. The designer was Percy Metcalfe, who put an Irish harp on one side with a hen and her chicks on the opposing side.

Most dates of the Irish penny are widely collected, while some are rare. What makes them lucky? Because they're Irish!

Anyone with questions on coin collecting may call The Coin Guy 580-890-8076. Thanks for your support.

Weatherford Environment Group Promoting Earth Day Recycling Event

The (WEG) would like to promote the following events in recognition of Earth Day 2023.

GET READY WITH YOUR SPRING CLEANING AND SAVE THESE DATES!!

SPECIAL EMPHASIS ITEMS ACCEPTED
 APR. 1 - 30, 2023 - TIRES

Bring your old tires and place them on the trailer parked at 602 E. Clark!

Tires accepted: car, pickup, semi, agriculture, motorcycle, lawn mower, ATV

Tires NOT accepted: Track Tires and Foam-Filled Tires; No Metal RIMS

SPECIAL RECYCLING DAY
 April 22, 2023 from 9 am - 3 pm

These special items will be accepted at the Materials Processing Building - 602 E. Clark St., Weatherford, OK. Just drive through from the west end of the building and place in the appropriate recycling station.

- LIST OF ITEMS ACCEPTED ON APRIL 22:**
- Large items comprised of 75% metal or more
 - Non-Working Electronics
 - TVs and computer monitors - We request a \$10/per item donation to help with recycling these items to a licensed recycler in Tulsa
 - WEG suggests working electronics be taken to the Et Cetera Shop in Weatherford
 - Fluorescent, LED, Incandescent Lightbulbs
 - Batteries - AA, AAA, C, D, Rechargeable, etc.
 - Lead-acid batteries from vehicles and equipment
 - Phone books, coin, hearing aids

The Weatherford Recycling Event is sponsored by the Weatherford Environment Group composed of volunteers working to keep our city green, clean and beautiful. The recycling event is organized by the efforts of our Weatherford citizens and it not a City of Weatherford function.

For more information about Earth Day 2023, contact Faye Henderson, (580) 772-5984, or do a computer search and find out many ways you can support recycling and take care of the planet on which you live.

ITEMS ACCEPTED ALL THE TIME:

Drop-off bins for these items are located in the RECYCLING CENTER drive-thru.

- CARDBOARD
- PLASTICS (#1-#2, NO STYROFOAM)
- ALUMINUM, STEEL, AND TIN CANS
- PAPER (OFFICE, NEWSPAPER MAGAZINES, - MIXED, AND PHONEBOOKS.)

Glass is accepted at the drop-off bin at the old landfill location, Monday-Friday 8-12 & 1-5 and same hrs. first Sat of the month.

Go south on Custer Street, and just as you complete the S curve, before you reach the H&H Salvage yard, you will find E 1035 Rd. Look for a green sign that indicates Glass Recycling - Brush Disposal Area. The site is just before the guardhouse.

Contact Faye Henson, (580) 772-5984 if you have questions about recycling or if you would like to schedule a program for your organization or company.

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CLINTON / URGENT CARE - An urgent care facility opened 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.

BECKHAM COURT / CHRISTIE - An investigation, surrounding a correctional security officer at the North Fork Correctional Center in Sayre, has resulted in charges, including second-degree rape. 29-year-old Ruth Ann Elizabeth Christie of Woodward allegedly used a cell phone and state-owned computers at the Correctional Facility to exchange messages and photographs with an inmate, some of which were sexually explicit in nature. Christie and the inmate also allegedly engaged in sexual acts at the facility.

MOORE / ORANGE ALERT - The Oklahoma House unanimously passed a bill this week, authored by state Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton, that would alert residents in proximity of a prisoner escape. Moore says Arapaho-Butler High School Senior Katie Edelen originally drafted the language for the bill during a "capitol camp" last summer. The bill now moves to the State Senate where senator Darcy Jech of Kingfisher authors it.

SWOSU / NASA COMPETITION - SWOSU Department of Engineering Technology students are gearing up for the 2023 NASA Human Exploration rover challenge next month in Alabama. Department Chair Nathan Brooks says SWOSU will compete against 59 other colleges. The Rover Challenge will be held on April 20th and 21st and will be broadcast on NASA TV.

CPS / BOND ELX - Cordell Public Schools will have two bond propositions on the ballot next month. District Superintendent Travis Victory says Proposition 1 aims to replace HVAC units for \$290,000. The second proposition is for \$155,000 to replace a new activity bus. Victory says there is no projected tax increase with the passage of the propositions. Voters will decide on these issues on April 4th.

CLINTON / CLASSIC RUN REGISTER - Chairperson Sue Cornell of the Clinton Classic Run and Wellness Fair says registration is underway on the web and on Facebook by searching for the Clinton Classic Run 2023. Registration can also be done in person on the day of the event on June 3rd. Proceeds benefit the McLain-Rogers Park.

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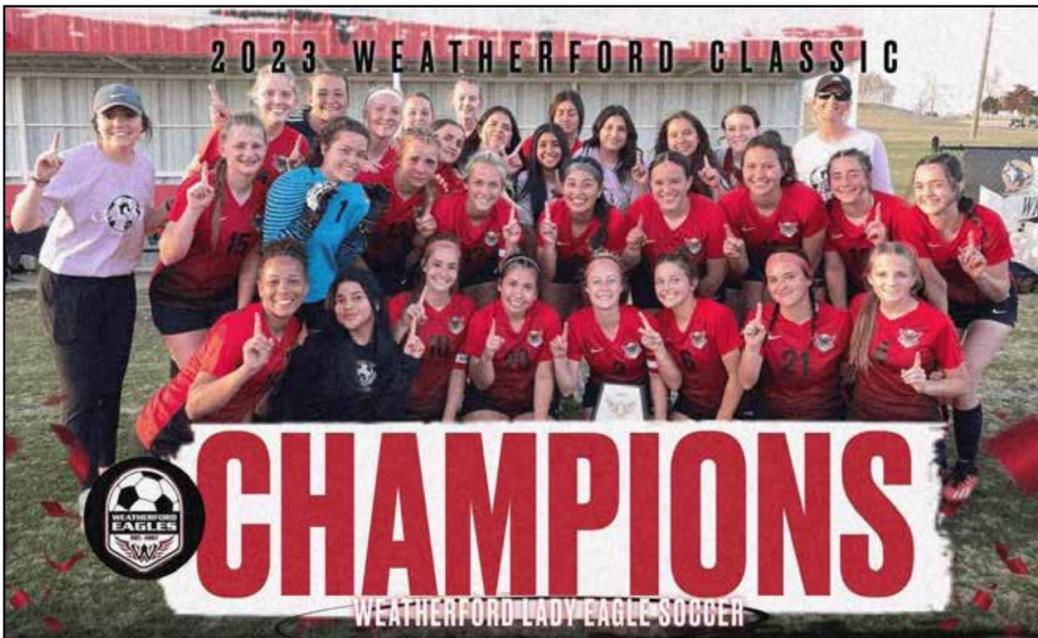
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Abby Wright holds the Eagle Classic Championship trophy Saturday night, Lady Eagle beat Christian Heritage 4-2.



SWOSU Track and Field Competes at OBU Invitational

Grant Kopycinski
 SWOSU Sports Assistant

SWOSU Track and Field was back to action at the OBU Invitational in Shawnee.

Multiple Bulldogs had top five finishes in their events. Deuna Miller placed fourth in the long jump. Peyton Foster finished third in the high jump.

Josilyn Schenk captured top five finishes in two of the events she participated in. She placed fourth in the steeple chase and fifth in the 800-meter run.

The Bulldogs competed in a new event at the OBU Invitational, the javelin throw. Caroline Whitefield was the lone competitor for SWOSU. She placed ninth in the event after throwing 22 meters.

Their next meet will take them north. SWOSU travels to Friends University for their Spring Open meet on March 31 - April 1.

No.	Player Name	Time
100m		
10	Deuna Miller	12.34
200m		
23	Delaney York	27.04
34	Caroline Whitefield	27.97
400m		
16	Delaney York	1:04.94
21	Madisan Workman	1:07.66
800m		
5	Josilyn Schenk	2:31.92
16	Isabel Sanchez	2:39.49
21	Makenlee Shieldnight	2:51.47
1500m		
18	Isabel Sanchez	5:39.15
19	Madison Radke	5:46.55
21	Makenlee Shieldnight	6:07.76
3000m Steeple		
4	Josilyn Schenk	12:29.71
Discus Throw		
11	Marleigh West	33.79m
18	Angelina Diaz	28.92m
22	Jessica Kern	24.98m
High Jump		
3	Peyton Foster	1.58m
10	Samantha Kuzma	1.43m
Javelin Throw		
9	Caroline Whitefield	22.00m
Long Jump		
4	Deuna Miller	5.40m
11	Peyton Foster	4.97m
Shot Put		
12	Jessica Kern	11.16m
13	Marleigh West	11.09m
22	Rachel Masson	9.64m
28	Angelina Diaz	8.77m
Triple Jump		
9	Samantha Kuzma	10.21m

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Oklahoma History: Buzzard's Roost and the Rich Treasures Within?



Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Oklahoma is a state full of rich history, literally. Treasure hunters from around the world have spent a fair bit of time scouring the land for gold buried among the hills. One such treasure belonged to the infamous outlaw Jesse James. It is believed that James, who had spent a lot of time in Oklahoma during his life, buried one of his gang's biggest scores - \$2 million in gold bullions - somewhere in the Wichita Mountains by Cement, Oklahoma.

Like most tales of treasure, this legend began as hushed whispers from old-timers who had spotted the outlaws, roaming around the "no man's land." The rough terrain became a notorious sanctuary for criminals to evade the law during their travels. However, symbols and a map (believed to be made by Jesse himself) sparked the hunt for his loot. Many professional treasure hunters know that to find treasure, one must do their research. So, we need to begin with the origin of the treasure.

In the book "Oklahoma Treasures and Treasure Tales," by Steve Wilson, James's gang ambushed a Mexican convoy in 1875 and stole \$2 million in gold bars. Due to the weight of the bars, the gang drove 18 burros deep into the Wichita Mountains. The heavily burdened animals meant progress was slow and law enforcement was hot on their trail. So, the gang headed for the Keechi Hills to their old campsite Buzzard's Roost. The gang got trapped in a blizzard which meant they would soon be captured. To avoid authorities, they began burying their haul in the ravines nearby. Free of the loot, the gang split.

Shortly after, it is believed that Jesse carved an "outlaw contract" into the side of a brass bucket, with the conspirators' names, and stuffed coded clues to the location of the gold. Now, it's assumed that the gang didn't have time to come back for their treasure because of a failed bank robbery in Minnesota a few months later.

Following the failure, members of the gang began getting captured by bounty hunters and Jesse, with his brother Frank, barely escaped. Now on the run, Jesse was killed about 5 years later, and the talk of his treasure began to drown out, too.

Then, decades later, Frank returned to Wichita in 1907 and built a house near the supposed location of the gold. After all this time, many began speculating on why he would choose to come to such a barren and remote location. Locals began spotting Frank riding up and down trails along the countryside away from his farm. But to Frank, the landscape had changed drastically; there were new towns, landscaped farms, fences, roads, and trails he once road had disappeared entirely.

Frank ended up leaving Oklahoma in 1914, but it's believed he was able to unearth an assortment of caches beforehand. No one knows how much he got, but in 1932, Joe Hunter, a man who received three maps from an old man found the first piece of loot that would dramatically change his life. Following the maps to Buzzard's Roost, Hunter dug up an iron pot that contained gold, jewels, a large pocket watch, and another map carved into a copper sheet.

Then, Hunter found the brass bucket Jesse had carved on and hidden. Near the bucket, Hunter found an oven containing the chain and fob matching the watch he found years earlier. However, that would be the end of his success. He never found any additional items, but other treasure seekers have been stumbling across more clues over the years.

Carvings of pistols, swords, names, and dates have been found on rocks all over the hills. Many of which are on display at the Cement Historical Museum in Cement, OK featuring more lore and information regarding the Jesse James gang. Modern day treasure seekers can find more information at the museum along with maps that they can follow to marked locations. Who knows, maybe Jesse James's treasure will be found soon?

Weatherford Regional Hospital "Walk This Way" Fashion Show to Raise Awareness for Cognitive Health

Cognitive health awareness is coming to a catwalk near you at Walk This Way, a fundraising event hosted by the Weatherford Regional Hospital Foundation in coordination with several Western Oklahoma retailers. The event will take place April 4th from 6:30pm to 8:30pm at the Stafford Air and Space Museum and will highlight Alzheimers awareness while showcasing fashions local retailers have to offer.

Walk this Way will "show what's available in our community," said Martha Sauer, a Weatherford Regional Hospital Foundation member who's helping coordinate the event with local retailers. Over a dozen retailers will provide models and fashions for men and women of all ages in a fun fashion show that will include dinner as well as an award for a currently unnamed local resident who's made a difference in the community.

Everyone is invited, but the style show is limited to just 200 tickets.

Last years fundraising event, which focused on cancer awareness, helped feed the hospital's staff three times and provided the facility with a new recumbent stair stepper and ultrasound table.

"Any time we raise money it goes directly to the staff and patients of the hospital," said Weatherford Regional Hospital Foundation President Katie Bartmann, who seeks to make Weatherford Regional Hospital the first choice for Weatherford residents as well as surrounding communities. "This year our overall theme and focus is Alzheimers," said Bartmann.

Cognitive disorders touch the lives of many Americans and the Alzheimer's Association projects that 76,000 Oklahomans will be affected with the

disorder by 2025. Weatherford Regional Hospital aims to address the issue "by bringing resources to the table, but also bringing awareness to the area," said Bartmann.

Weatherford Regional Hospital currently has equipment used in the early detection of the disease, specialists that can offer nutritional guidelines for those suffering from the disease, as well as a licensed memory care wards, but it's foundation strives to provide more for Western Oklahoma's aging population.

Tickets for the event are \$50 and will include dinner as well as access to the Stafford Air & Space museum before and after the event. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Martha Sauer at 580-302-1468, visiting or contacting Katie Bartmann's Edward Jones office located at 212 W. Main Street in Weatherford, or by visiting participating retailers.

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Western Oklahoma Christian School teacher Beverly Shelden brought her Leadership class to Conversation Corner this past week. (Back row from left to right) Ms. Shelden, Ethan Cooke, Lawson Roberson, Ava Johnson, Lydia McElwain, Mia Foster. (Front row) Ellie Schmidt, Jada Lynn Blatnick, Graham Miller

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Cierah Jones and Megan Brown have been named 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.

Jones (Kellyville, OK) showed up for the Dawgs in the final game of their series with Arkansas Tech. She put together her best hitting game of the season to lead SWOSU to a 6-1 win over the Golden Suns. She finished 3-3 on the day while contributing an extra base hit, batting in one run and scoring two runs herself.

Brown turned in her highest finish of 2023 this past week. The SWOSU women's golf team competed at the Midwest Intercollegiate Invitational where Brown led them to a third-place finish. She ended the tournament as the top-ranking Bulldog at T6 (+16). She was also the stroke leader after the first day of the tournament. This performance earned last week's GAC Golfer of the Week.



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