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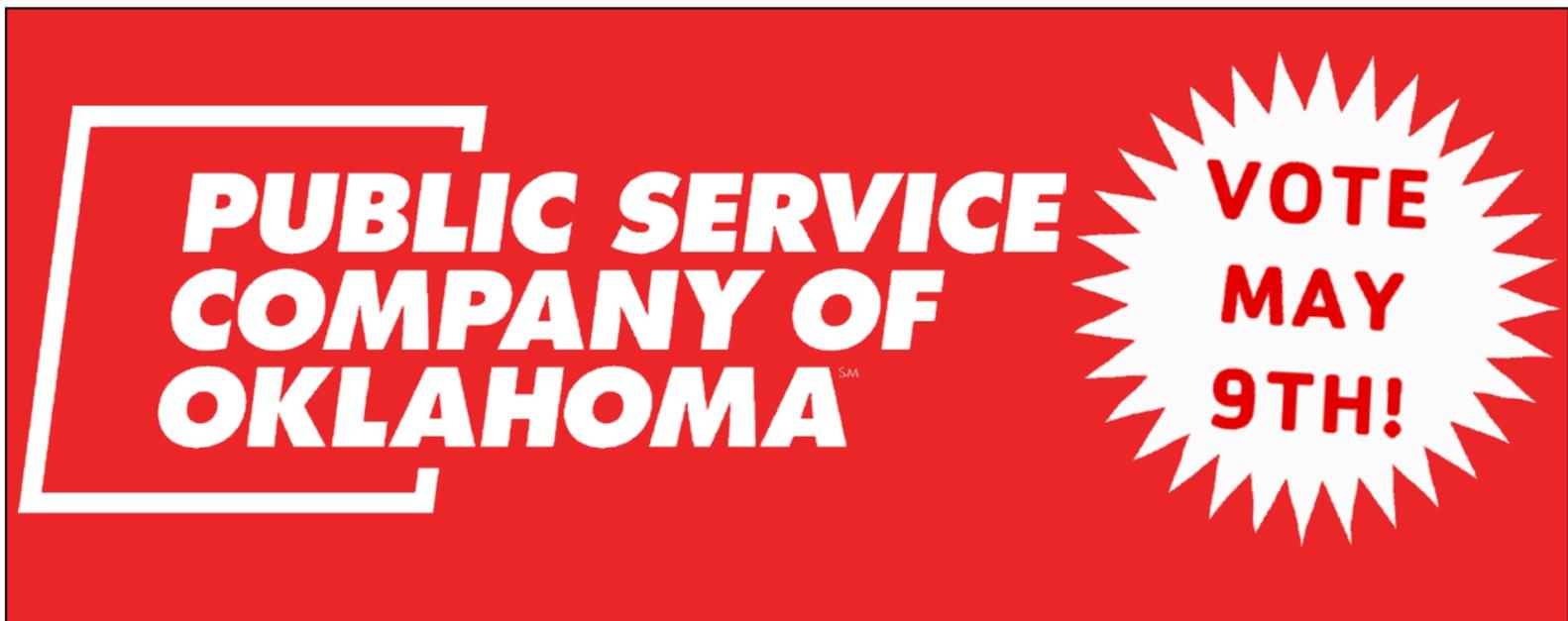


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PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA

VOTE MAY 9TH!

Local Election to Contain Electric Infrastructure Question

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Electricity, a titan of energy, is responsible for powering not just our entertainment devices but also lifesaving and life-sustaining technology. Hospitals, schools, offices, and homes are full of items like electric water pumps, clean-air systems, medical monitoring equipment, refrigerators, etc. When the power goes out for extended periods of time, it can be disastrous. We've all experienced the inconvenience of a short power outage and the detrimental effect of major power interruptions like those during severe winter storms. With the future of technology, it's not uncommon to wonder why outages like these can happen; can't we just store electricity? Unfortunately, electricity cannot be easily stored, and instead, our services rely on a supply of electricity distributed by service providers like the Public Service Company of Oklahoma (PSO). These distributions come from systems like generators, cabling, channels, and transformers. They are referred to loosely as Reliability – referring to the extent to which customers have a continuous electricity supply.

Part of the chain of reliability involves being able

to service (maintain and repair) issues in the network. Service requires manpower and the ability to get to the problem site safely and efficiently. That's why companies like PSO have reinvested into their communities with distribution line infrastructure and maintenance – to allow them to ensure customers receive the fastest and highest level of support. This balance between bettering the channels of support offered, the systems with how they're delivered and the ability of technicians to maintain those systems is measured as Energy Infrastructure (a subcategory of metric used to identify the best states with renewable energy usage, power grid reliability, and price). Oklahoma ranked #10 on the Best States for Energy in the U.S. in 2021, according to US News. Oklahoma uses more renewable energy (18.6%) than the National Average (11.2%) and had 6.6% of roads in "poor condition," compared to the National Average of 19.9%.

For the city of Weatherford, PSO has continually focused on that type of investment back into keeping Oklahoma Energy efficient. Some acts of service include: "spending approximately \$150,000

on distribution line infrastructure and substation maintenance in the Weatherford area," upgrading streetlights with new LEDs, spending over \$100 million on transmission line replacement and upgrades along I-40 (the channel of some of the biggest storm hits over the past few years). They aim to "mitigate the potential impact of ice and windstorms, as well as improve long-term reliability while supporting growth in the area." PSO is not solely focused on the future of infrastructure; they're also focused on creating better experiences and growth of the people who would use that infrastructure. To help with that goal, they've "provided a \$250,000 AEP Foundation Grant to the Stafford Air and Space Museum and \$125,000 to the Connections Food and Resource Center".

PSO operates with an electric franchise for the city, which is up for renewal on May 9th. Registered voters within the city limits of Weatherford can head to their polling stations between 7 am and 7 pm to vote on renewing the agreement. More details on the agreement are available in the service announcement and paper distributed by PSO.



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Roberta Elder

Roberta Elene (Schimmels) Elder passed away on April 17, 2023, in Owosso. She was born August 2, 1934, near Arapaho to Claude Sherman and Ina Ruth (Smith) Schimmels. She attended Womble, a one-room country school, then Arapaho High School, graduating in 1952.



On June 5, 1954, she married John Lee Elder. They made their home in Arapaho with their four children.

Roberta was a long-time elementary school teacher in Arapaho after teaching two years at Clinton Sherman Air Force Base. She loved her students and worked hard to provide enrichment in her classes, especially in science. After retirement she traveled with her husband and often with additional family members. She loved her family and loved spending time with them. For over twenty years, their home was the site of the Elder/Schimmels family picnics with 40-60 in attendance.

Roberta is survived by her husband John Lee Elder; her children: Peggy (Geoffrey) Alexander, Kathy (Fred) Laurents, Doyle (Jo Lynn) Elder, Lee Elder; her sister Sandra (Ron) Johnson, sister-in-law Lois Schimmels; five granddaughters and their families, including seven great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents Claude and Ina Schimmels, and brothers: Vernon Schimmels and Clifford Schimmels, as well as several sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, nieces and nephews.

Darrell Coit

Darrell Leon Coit was born September 29, 1928, in Clinton, the son of Lyle Franklin Coit, Sr. and Erma Ruth Hook. He was raised in the Independence area and graduated Salutatorian from Clinton High School in 1946. He then enlisted into active duty on October 4, 1946, serving in the United States Army. After a tour of duty in Inchon, Korea, Darrell was honorably discharged on March 25, 1948.



After returning home from active duty, Darrell attended two years of college at Phillips University in Enid and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Darrell was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Ann Cobb on November 26, 1949, in the First Christian Church of Clinton. Darrell and Barbara raised three children together: Stephen, Richard and Nancy. After living in Clinton all their life, the family moved to the farm in Custer City in 1963 where they grew and expanded their farming and ranching enterprise. The Coit family was an admired farming family and was awarded the prestigious Oklahoma Farm Bureau Family of the Year. Not long afterwards, Barbara's health began failing and she passed away on May 13, 1984.

Darrell later married Mrs. Betty Burtis Babione on February 15, 1986. They made their life together on the farm in Custer City and enjoyed many wonderful years together before her death on December 28, 2006.

Darrell has been an active member of the First Christian Church of Clinton, the First Presbyterian Church of Clinton, the Independence United Methodist Church of Custer City and was currently a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Elk City.

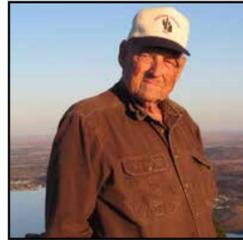
Darrell served on the Union Equity Cooperative Board in Enid and was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

Survivors include two sons: Stephen Coit and his wife D'Etta of Stillwater; Richard Coit and his wife Talitha of Custer City; his daughter Nancy Shepherd and her husband David of Butler; ten grandchildren: Richard Lyle Coit, Jr., Megan Coit, McKensy Coit, Keelan Coit, Nathan Coit, Cameron Coit, Patrick Coit, Erica Coit, Brandon Shepherd and Robert Shepherd; 9 great grandchildren: Christian Boyett, Kylie Coit, Presley Rae Coit, Parker Cayden Orr, Harper Grace Coit, Madeline Rose Coit, Mattison Karoline Shepherd, Chaley Durelle Shepherd and Cheridan Danae Shepherd; two great-great grandchildren: Atley Ann Boyett and Rykin Boyett; and a host of additional family and friends.

In addition to his wife Barbara and his wife Betty, Darrell was preceded in death by his parents, one granddaughter Melissa Durelle Shepherd; one brother Lyle Franklin Coit Jr.; and one sister Naomi Ruth (Coit) Davenport.

James McKey

Roy "James" McKey was born March 3, 1943, in Shawnee to Marion Raymond and Anna Evelyn (Coldsmith) McKey and passed away Thursday, April 20, 2023, at Integris Hospice in Oklahoma City, at the age of 80 years, 1 month and 17 days.



James was raised and attended school in Shawnee, Ryan, Purcell and Lexington, graduating in 1962. On June 1, 1963, he married Coletta Abel in Shawnee and made their home in Norman.

They moved to Ponca City in 1969 where he worked as a line foreman for The City of Ponca City until 1994. In 1994, they moved to Weatherford and worked for PSO before retiring in 2008. James enjoyed hunting – quail, deer and duck; camping – boating and fishing; metal work; and spending time with family and friends.

He also did competition shooting of rifles and handguns. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church.

James is survived by his wife of 59 years Coletta McKey of their home in Weatherford; one son Roy McKey, Jr. and wife Robin of The Colony, Texas; one daughter Crystal Wilson and husband Don of Shawnee, Kansas; and four grandchildren: Olivia, Jonerra, Robert and Elizabeth. He was preceded in death by his parents; four brothers: Bob, Charlie, Francis and Marion; three sisters: Fay, Mildred and Barbara; and one daughter Tammie Schaefer.

Lorene Sauer

Lorene Rubylee Sauer was born on February 26, 1935, in Texola, OK, and passed away Friday, April 21, 2023, in Fayetteville, Arkansas having reached the age of 88 years, 1 month and 26 days.



Lorene was raised in Eagle City and attended school in Canton, graduating in 1954. She then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University for 3 years. She married Robert Sauer on October 9, 1955, and they made their home on the family farm west of Weatherford. Lorene worked at the Tiny Diner, Owl Photo, Kissler TV, and alongside her husband at Bob's Electric. Lorene enjoyed gardening, genealogy, crocheting, and reading.

Lorene is survived by a son Marty Sauer and wife Marsha of Weatherford; two daughters: Cheryl Yacoub and husband Jim of Junction City, CA and Darlynda Wolf and husband Roger of Lincoln, AR; four brothers: Lavon Sinclair and wife Etta of Ellensburg, WA, Bufford Sinclair of Watonga, OK; DeWayne Sinclair and wife Joanne of Eagle City, OK; and Vernon Sinclair and wife Susan of Watonga, OK; two sisters: Annabel Richards of Enumclaw, WA; and Margaret Harris of Oklahoma City, OK.; ten grandchildren; twenty great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Robert; brother Marion; son Timothy; and two grandsons Dusty Friesen and Joshua Sauer.

Tony Fadenrecht

Tony Wayne Fadenrecht, 54, was born September 28, 1968, to Gilbert and Phillis (Reimer) Fadenrecht in OKC and passed away Saturday April 22, 2023, in his Choctaw home.



Tony was raised in Corn, OK and attended and graduated from Washita Heights High School in 1986. He continued his education at Oklahoma City Community College and received an Associated degree in science in 1992. He also received his bachelor's degree in 1994 and his master's in education in 2006 from UCO.

He has been an educator serving as a classroom teacher and principal at Choctaw, OK.

He was a member of the Corn Baptist Church, Gamma Beta Phi Society; he enjoyed riding motorcycles, Harley Davidsons, and Dirk Bikes, collecting guns and enjoyed landscaping his yard.

He is preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by stepfather Dick Sawatzky; Aunt Sandy Johnson, Aunt Jonetta Reimer; Uncle Calvin Fadenrecht and wife Phyllis; and several cousins, including: Todd Goossen, Jimmy Reimer, Bryan Reimer, Wayne Reimer, Lural Howard, Gale Misner, Dwayne Fleming, Denise Reimer Henderson and Yonnie Murphy, Terry Fancher. David Fadenrecht, Sharon Lynn, Karen Gossen, Sherry Peck, Steven Burton, Jackie Burton, DeAnna Gilles, Darren Matz and Eric Fadenrecht.

He is also survived by his four-legged companion (French Bull Dog), Max.

C.B. Graft

Charles Bryan Graft, affectionately known as C.B., passed away peacefully on April 23, 2023, while surrounded by family. Despite many health challenges in his final years, C.B. never lost the joy he found in his family, his friends, and his community. Most importantly, C.B. always kept his life-long devotion to Jesus Christ.



C.B. was born on January 15, 1941, near Putnam to Paul and Ethel Graft. Along with his older brother R.B., and sister Pometa, C.B. was raised on the family farm where he developed a love for farming. During his school years at Custer City, C.B. enjoyed playing sports and was active in the FFA. C.B. then attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he played basketball and ran track.

In the third grade C.B. made the decision to become a lawyer. That dream became a reality in 1966 when, after farming to support himself through school, C.B. graduated from the University of Oklahoma school of law. C.B. opened his first law practice with the late Judge Goodwin in Clinton in 1967 and later formed Graft & Cabaniss with his good friend Ellis Cabaniss. In 1984, C.B. and his dear friend Don McNeill started their partnership in banking, leading to the founding of The Bank of the West. While C.B. enjoyed building and running a business, his true passion came from the deep friendships he formed over the years with the people of Western Oklahoma.

After moving to Clinton, C.B. met and married the love of his life Tricia Sauer. Together they raised five children—Brendon Graft, Channing Graft, Aaron Graft, Chaille Graft Walraven, and Jordan Graft—attending an untold number of baseball, basketball, and football games in the process.

During his 82 years on this earth, C.B. poured his life into those around him. He was a faithful husband, father, friend, and mentor. He ran the race, fought the good fight, and persevered to the end. He was a friend to many and enriched all of our lives with his wisdom, humor, and generosity. His was truly a life well-lived.

C.B. was preceded in death by his parents and his brother. He is survived by his cherished wife Tricia, his five beloved children, his sixteen grandchildren upon whom he doted, and four great-grandchildren. He will be missed dearly by those left behind, but we take great comfort in the knowledge that he is finally home with his Savior.

Johnny King

Johnny Vester King Sr., 86, of Elk City was born on October 22, 1936, in Stigler. He is the son of Robert Newton and Stella Syoutha (Dorsey) King. He went to walk the golden streets of heaven on Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at his home Elk City, surrounded by his loving family.



He attended and graduated from Retrop High School. Johnny married the love of his life Patricia A. Hill on April 22, 1961, in Elk City. She preceded him in death.

Johnny worked in the Oilfield industry as a tool pusher and retired in 1999. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Cherishing his memory are his two sons: Darrell King of Elk City, Johnny King Jr. of Yukon; one daughter Denise Norton of Elk City; two brothers: Jimmy L. King of Gotebo, and Henry King of Altus; thirteen grandchildren; and thirty-one great grandchildren.

Johnny is preceded in death by his loving wife, Patricia A. (Hill) King; and his parents, Robert Newton and Stella Syoutha (Dorsey) King;

Rommel Muse

Rommel Austin Muse, 60, of Elk City was born on January 11, 1963, in Pueblo, Colorado. He is the son of Darel and Carol Ann Muse. Rommel went to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City.



He enjoyed fishing, hunting, woodworking, and jewelry-making. Rommel loved his family and enjoyed going to his grandchildren's activities. He married Leslie Micah Moss on July 5, 2020, in Pueblo, Colorado.

Cherishing his memory is wife Micah Moss of Elk City; son Kyle Moss of White Deer, Texas; and five grandchildren: Clayton, Kyler, Gabriella, Tralynn and Slade plus a host of other family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents Darel and Carol Ann Muse; one sister Leah Dawn Muse.

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National Day of Prayer



Jim Morrison

On May 4th our nation will join hands and hearts beyond political divisions and other issues to sincerely pray to our Heavenly Father in behalf of our country. This is the National Day of Prayer. In these desperate times we dare not miss this opportunity to unite, seeking the guidance and blessing from our Creator.

As E.M. Bounds said, "Not to pray is not only to declare there is nothing needed, but to admit your failure to recognize how needy you really are."

In the midst of another divided period of our country, during the civil war, President Lincoln called the nation to join in a National Day of Prayer and Humiliation. He said, "...we have grown as a nation in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

"But we have forgotten God... we have vainly imagined in the deceitfulness of our hearts that these blessings were produced by some superior power and wisdom of our own."

Our nation and our world stand on the brink of crisis. The family structure is in disarray. The value of human life and dignity may be at its lowest point. Truth is elusive. Self-sufficiency, indulgence, and the rule of pleasure seem to be the norm.

But we dare not dismay; God is on His throne, and prayer changes things. Prayer can take many forms and styles. The important thing is a sincere and broken spirit for the heart of God.

If you are a pastor, the leader of a life group, or any group I challenge you to encourage those in your group to find a partner and give attention to this important day. Choose a time even if it is inconvenient, make it a sacrificial time; maybe missing a meal to get together and pray. Make this a week of prayer.

The Scripture says that where 2 or more are gathered together, God is there also. Develop a prayer guide or use the suggested one from the NDP website (NationalDayofPrayer.org). There are plenty of concerns—our youth, families, churches, schools, government officials, national and international conflicts, etc.

Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to bring about repentance and a national turning to God and first principles. Certainly, the conflict in Ukraine is a concern.

If you are a pastor or minister plan to give attention to this effort. Your people will respond to what you feel is important. If you give this casual attention they will do likewise. Heartfelt and passionate promotion will cause their ears to pick up the significance of this opportunity. Call on small group leaders or other leaders to aid you in this challenge.

Pray that your people will rise to the challenge. What might happen if 30-50 % of your people were involved? They might even decide to continue. "Now to Him who is able to do immeasurable more than we ask or imagine, according to the power that is at work within us, to Him be the glory..." Eph. 3:20

On May 7th from 7-9, a national prayer concert will be televised from Washington D.C. Outstanding Christian leaders will be gathered to lead us in prayer. Pastors, please inform your people about this. It will be televised on Facebook, Daystar, GodTV and other religious channels. This is a great and challenging experience.

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Boline's Walkoff Secures Softball Victory over HSU

Grant Kopycinski
SWOSU Sports Assistant

SWOSU Softball won its series with Henderson State thanks to a walk-off hit by Katie Boline in extra innings of Sunday's first game.

Game 1 – SNU 16, SWOSU 7

The first inning came and went after both teams went three up three down to start the game. The second inning saw SWOSU get on the board. Dani Carmo tripled to right field to kick it off and a Tara Hibbler single brought her around to give the Dawgs a 1-0 lead.

The Reddies responded in the top of the third. A single put a runner on base and then a double brought her home from third. This tied the game up at 1-1.

After this, scoring ceased till the bottom of the fifth. This is where SWOSU broke the game open. Eight of the nine Bulldogs in the batting order stepped up to the plate. They scored four runs before HSU got the first out of the inning. Another run was added with two outs as well. When the inning was finally over, SWOSU had extended the lead to 6-1.

Henderson State scored one run in the next frame to cut the deficit to 6-2, but SWOSU came right back in the bottom of that inning to score more runs. Skye Tilley and Macey Buss reached on two base hits and Kaylee Barkley singled up through the right side to clear the bases. This hit pushed the Dawg lead to the eventual final of 8-2.

Brianna Cryer gave a strong performance on her Senior Day. She pitched the full 7.0 innings, only giving up six hits and striking out three on the day. Kaylee Barkley delivered from her designated player spot, batting 2-4 with three RBIs and scoring a run. Caitlyn Delaney finished 2-3 with a double and a run scored.

Seniors hitters Tilley and Hibbler combined for a successful 4-6 day at the plate with both contributing two hits apiece.

Game 2 – SNU 8, SWOSU 6

Sunday's opener did not disappoint, as a rollercoaster of a game that ended in walk-off fashion. SWOSU erased a 4-2 deficit with five runs in the sixth inning, only to have the Reddies answer right back in the seventh inning with five of their own to take the lead back.

Down to the final three outs in the bottom of the seventh and trailing 9-7, the Dawgs kept things going and forced extras. Doubles by Skye Tilley and Maddie Rahon started things off, and Katie Boline singled in the tying run two batters later with an infield hit.

After a scoreless eighth, Boline was the hero in the ninth when she doubled in Rahon for the walk-off hit.

SWOSU finished with a season high 21 hits in the contest, while HSU had 18 themselves. Boline was an impressive 5-for-6 with four RBI. Barkley finished 4-for-6 with two runs scored and an RBI. Rahon and Dani Carmo added three hits apiece.

Both teams left a combined 28 runners on base. Taryn Westbrook earned the win in the circle after pitching 5.0 innings and re-entering. She struck out six and walked only one. Kaylee Barkley threw 4.0 innings of relief.

Game 3 – SNU 6, SWOSU 0

The Reddies scored three runs in the sixth inning on one swing of the bat to regain the lead for good in the series finale.

The Dawgs scored all four of their runs through the first three innings with two runs in the first inning and one in the second and third.

Boline continued her great day batting with a 2-for-3 showing in game two. She drove in a run and scored another.

Brianna Cryer pitched the entire way in her last start of her career.

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SWOSU Men's Baseball Season Ends Against NWOUSU

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Baseball saw its season come to an end on Sunday after falling to Northwestern 2-0 in the final regular season game of 2023.

Game 1 – SNU 11, SWOSU 2

Chris Goldston was finally chased from the mound in the ninth inning and exited with two outs and the bases loaded but gave the Dawgs everything he had in his final outing. He struck out nine and allowed just two earned runs in a career long 8.2 innings of work. It was his third time striking out nine this season.

Zane Leonard came in to earn the one-out save and close things out from there.

After falling behind 2-0 after the first inning, SWOSU's offense scored the next six runs including a three-run go-ahead home run off the bat of Brooks Red in the third inning.

Game 2 – SNU 4, SWOSU 3

The Bulldogs immediately led 1-0 in game two after Alex Rice led the game off with a home run. However, that would be all the scoring they'd get in the contest after stranding nine runners on base.

Northwestern answered back in the fourth inning with back-to-back home runs to start the frame and ended up adding another after a pair of singles.

The offense totaled seven hits including Rice's blast and doubles from Marlow and Reece Burke.

Jackson Phillips was handed the loss after throwing 4.0 innings.



Bryson Armstrong threw nearly two innings of scoreless relief before handing the ball to Logan Lagasse for the final out.

Burke and Markus Coronado both had two hits in the contest.

Game 3 – SNU 15, SWOSU 4

Northwestern starting pitcher Matthew Potts held the offense at bay all afternoon. He threw 8.0 shutout innings before closer Connor Gibson came in the ninth to continue the scoreless trend.

Markus Coronado and Connor Jeffers combined to account for four of the team's five hits on the afternoon – all singles. SWOSU had a baserunner in seven of the game's nine innings but could not deliver the needed scoring blow and were held without a run for just the fourth time this season. Despite the run difference, SWOSU outhit Northwestern 5-4 on the scoreboard.

Ernesto Hidrogo – who pitched 5.0 innings and struck out three – started on the mound and was responsible for both runs, though only one was earned. The Rangers scored in the third and fifth innings. The first run of the game came on a two-out error. Two innings later, Northwestern manufactured another run with small ball to add insurance.

Wyatt Sharry, Matt Milner, and Bryson Armstrong all threw single scoreless innings of relief.

SWOSU ends the season 22-27 and 13-20 in GAC play. Seven seniors will graduate, all of which contributed throughout the 2023 season.

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Only 35 are known to collectors and one of 27 notes to be traded publicly. The remaining 8 notes are in private collections.

It is better known as a "Watermelon note" where the zeros in "100" look like watermelons on the back of the note.

It was certified by Paper Money Guaranty (PMG) as About Uncirculated 50 "Details" (Details refers to closed pinholes in the center).

The above note will go to auction on May 3, 2023, in Dallas, Texas and has a pre-auction estimate of \$200,000+.

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LUCAS / TOWN HALL - Congressman Frank Lucas will hold a town hall meeting Thursday, May 4th, in Dewey County, at Taloga Great Plains Bank at 10 am, discussing his work in Congress and taking questions about issues important to his constituents.

HINTON / ODOC - Officials with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections said it has entered into a lease agreement with the GEO group, owner of the Great Plains Correctional Facility near Hinton. Under the agreement, the DOC will begin operations at the Hinton facility early next month. With the 66-month lease, now in place, the DOC will begin populating the Hinton facility with inmates and not renewing the lease agreement with the Core Civic for the North Fork Correctional Center in Sayre after recruiting and retaining staff became difficult.

WEATHERFORD / BOMB THREAT - A bomb threat in Weatherford appears to have been a hoax. Police Lt. Chris Cote says the department received a call on April 22nd in reference to a possible explosive device at Weatherford High School. Cote says officers and fire department personnel set up a perimeter around the school and, out of an abundance of caution, notified residents in the immediate area. He says authorities searched both Weatherford High School and Burcham Elementary and did not locate any explosive devices. Cote says all calls of this nature are treated the same and are serious in nature.

SCHOOLS / OSDE REPORTS - The Oklahoma State Department of Education has released report cards for every public school in the state. Clinton school campuses received grades of C and D. Sayre schools received straight C's for their schools. Grades of B and C were given to Weatherford, Elk City, and Thomas-Fay-Custer Schools. Cordell schools had grades of both A and B for its sites. Finally, Arapaho-Butler schools received straight A's for its schools.

CLINTON / MCPHAIL - Clinton assistant superintendent Adam McPhail has been named the Oklahoma Association of School Administrators Assistant Superintendent of the Year in District 12 for 2023. McPhail is completing his 4th year at Clinton and will begin his new position as Superintendent of Pauls Valley Schools on July 1st.

SWOSU / BRANDY AWARDS - SWOSU has released its winners of the 2023 Brandy Awards, which recognizes outstanding staff, administrator and faculty, as well as bestowing the "Dougherty Award for Diversity & Inclusion." Salina Garza, Assistant Director of Admissions & Recruitment, won the Outstanding Staff Award. Taler Alexander, Head Director of Admissions and Recruitment, won the Administrator of The Year, respectively. Business Professor Sarah King won the Faculty Award, and Assistant Business Professor Jonna Myers won the "Dougherty Award for Diversity & Inclusion."

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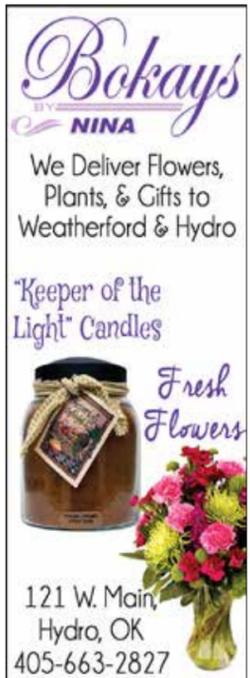
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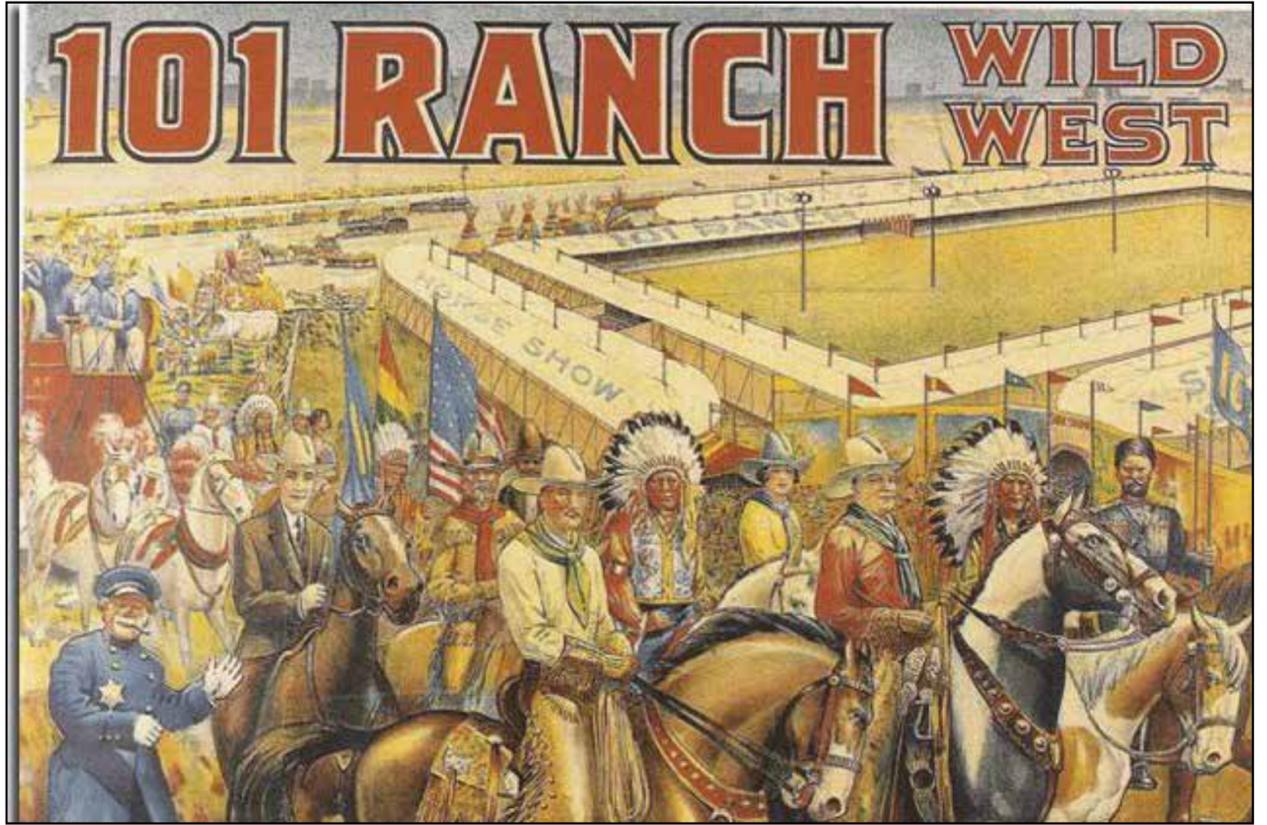
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Flier (left) and poster (right), both advertising the Miller Brothers' "101 Ranch" rodeo attraction, circa 1909.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

In May of 1883, "Buffalo Bill" performed his first Wild West Show. These "Wild West" shows brought together outsiders to the Plains while also informing them about some of the wildlife. The unclaimed, lawless land became exciting to "civilized" folk.

Buffalo Bill's success led to many other shows popping up around the country, but only three groups dominated the industry: Buffalo Bill's, Tom Mix, and the Miller Brothers of the 101 Ranch in Oklahoma.

The 101 Ranch began when George Washington Miller used a 101 brand on his cattle. The 101 name became one of the most recognizable names in ranching and the west, and became a self sufficient showplaces.

With a school, show grounds, cafe, hotel, blacksmith, general store, dairy, oil refinery, and its own currency, there were around 3,000 people living on the ranch throughout the year; it was even classified as a city.

After growing the ranch to cover over 100 thousand acres, his sons held an event in 1905 called "Oklahoma's Gala Day" that featured trick roping, riding, Indian Dancers, and shooting, even the famous Apache Geronimo dazzled spectators with his deftness. The show's popularity attracted the best of the best and included performances by the great Will Rogers, Tom Mix, and Bill Pickett.

Bill Pickett's adrenaline pumping "bulldogging" show was one of the main events that led to the show's major growth.

Pickett was the first person to slide off a horse onto a steer to wrestle it down. Pickett was described by Colonel Zack Miller as, "the greatest sweat-and-dirt cowhand that ever lived - bar none." Pickett was later featured in a silent film in 1923 titled "The Bull-dogger".

The 101 Show built on the success of that first show and went on the road across the country lasting for 35 years. They even took shows worldwide to Canada, Mexico, South America, and Europe. They also performed for King George V and Queen Mary of England in 1914.

These Wild West shows brought people flocking to the region and Oklahoma's population and notoriety skyrocketed.

Short Film "Consume" to Premiere at SWOSU's Fine Arts Center



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Pictured above: Promotional photo for Zachary Hokeah's short film "Consume."

Pictured top-left: Oklahoma actress Jamie Loy (left) during a scene with Zachary Hokeah

Pictured bottom-left: Johannes Becht (left) during a shoot with Mai Hũu Phúc, Zachary Hokeah and Dennis Knifchief (left to right)

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) student Zachary Hokeah has recently completed his very own short film "Consume," and it will be screened publicly for the first time at the Fine Arts Center on SWOSU's Weatherford campus.

The film premiere scheduled for April 30 at 8 p.m. in SWOSU's Fine Arts Center was cancelled by the administration due to unfortunate circumstances. An announcement regarding a later date for the premiere will be made soon.

"Consume" is a psychological horror drama that follows a Native American hunter hired to investigate animal slayings and the disappearance of hunters on reservation lands by a tribal president.

Hokeah, who is currently pursuing a master's degree at SWOSU in Business Administration with a minor in Film Production, has been involved in the film industry for many years.

Hokeah has played roles in several films, including "Out of Exile," directed by Oklahoma filmmaker Kyle Kauwika Harris, and "Killers of the

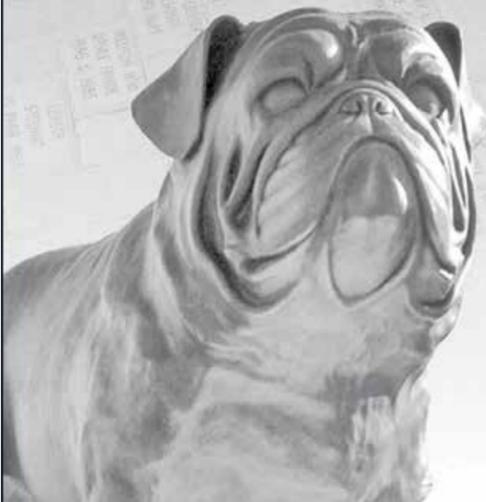
Flower Moon," a film directed by Martin Scorsese and starring Leonardo DiCaprio.

"Shooting a movie is extremely difficult," said Hokeah. "That's why I am even more proud of the outcome of our work. All of us worked extremely hard on this."

The public screening is free for SWOSU students with valid ID. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$2 for 17 and under.

Please note that the film is rated R for grisly and scary images with some language.

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The SWOSU Department of Music offers the following undergraduate degrees in music: Bachelor of Music Education (Instrumental/General), Bachelor of Music Education (Vocal/General), Bachelor of Music (Performance or Music Business), and Bachelor of Music (Music Therapy). Graduate degree options include the following: Master of Music in Performance, the Master of Music in Music Therapy, and the Master of Music in Music Education.

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With individual training customized to meet the needs of each student, SWOSU's Department of Music gives students the educational and performance opportunities to put them on the path to musical success.

SWOSU offers a full range of scholarships and financial aid to university students. For information about scholarships, contact Dr. Martinson at 580-774-3708 or shelley.martinson@swosu.edu.

Shelley Martinson
SWOSU Music Dept. Chair

The Department of Music at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) would like to invite middle and high school musicians to register for the 68th summer of SWOSU Music Camps, hosted on the Weatherford campus.

The 2023 SWOSU Music Camp offerings include "Choral Camp" on June 11-15; "Cantiamo Solo Voice Camp" on June 15-16; "Marimba Camp" on June 18-21; "String Camp" on June 20-23; Middle School Band Camp on June 25-28; and Band Camp on July 9-14.

SWOSU Music Camps bring a special energy and excitement to campus each year. Approximately 1,000 students and faculty travel from around the region to attend camps each year. These programs give students the opportunity to work with top-notch conductors and teachers, participate in ensembles, and hone musical skills while making lasting friendships and memories.

Both residential and commuter options are available. Additional information, audition music, and online registration can be found at www.SWOSUCamps.com. Any questions can be directed to the SWOSU Music Camp Office at 580-774-3296.

Visit the official website for the SWOSU Department of Music: www.swosu.edu/music.

History of SWOSU Music Camps

The SWOSU legacy of summer music camps began in 1956 when the 1st Annual Band Camp was started by the SWOSU Director of Bands, Dr. Richard V. Coy; the Thomas band Director, Melvin "Buster" Westmoreland; and the Director of Bands at Hollis, Robert Moses.

Dr. Coy served as Camp Director from 1956-1961 and 1964-1967. After Dr. Coy became Director of Bands at Pasadena City College in California, he was followed by Harlon Lamkin from 1968-1970.

Dr. James Jurens became the Camp Director in 1971 and held that position until his retirement in 1986.



Provided

Clinton High School's broadcasting team celebrated their graduating seniors this past week at Lucille's in Clinton.

We'd like to extend a special congratulations to them on their graduations and wish them the best in their future pursuits!

Pictured in the back row from left to right: Marcella Panana, Michelle Balderas, Abbey Shields, Ms. Ashley Kelley, Mandalyn Toussaint, Emily Stephens, & Stacey Franco

Front Row from left to right: Trevor Kauley Cheyenne Polcyn

Not Pictured: Trenton Mahan & Tra'Vonne Williams

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Final Bulldogs of the Week for 2022-2023 Awarded

Grant Kopycinski
SWOSU Sports Assistant

Katie Boline and the entire
SWOSU Women's Rodeo

team are the last Bulldogs of the Week for the 2022-2023 school year. This award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Boline helped deliver a series win for softball on Senior Weekend, finishing 8-for-13, with five RBIs, two runs, and two doubles through the three-game series. Boline saved the day for SWOSU in game two. She knocked a single to tie the game in the bottom of the seventh and roped a double to left center that walked the game off in the bottom of the ninth to defeat Henderson State.

The SWOSU Women's Rodeo team won their fourth rodeo of the season at Oklahoma Panhandle State over the weekend. By doing so, they clinched the Central Plains Region title for the 2022-2023 season. The team will get to compete in the College National Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in Casper, Wyoming later in the summer.

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