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Vacation Bible Schools to Begin Around Western Oklahoma

School's out for summer and many churches all around Western Oklahoma are slated to offer Vacation Bible Schools and other camps for children in June, July and August.

So, whether you're a parent that needs some activities to pad your students' summer break or you'd like your children to get closer with God, here's a list of some of the churches offering Vacation Bible Schools and other fun activities along with the dates the events are scheduled.

Bible Mennonite Brethren Church of Cordell
Dates: June 11-15

Calvary Baptist Church of Weatherford
Dates: July 12-14

Clinton Cumberland Presbyterian Sports Camp
Dates: June 24

Cornerstone Church of Clinton
Dates: July 17-21

Emmanuel Baptist Church of Weatherford
Dates: July 31- August 4

First Baptist Church of Cordell
Dates: July 17-20

First Baptist Church of Weatherford
Dates: July 24-27

First United Methodist Church of Weatherford
Dates: June 18-22

Oklahoma Mennonite Retreat, Camp Hydro
Junior Camp Dates: June 25-29
Senior Camp Dates: July 9-14

Pine Acres Church Of Weatherford
Dates: July 10-12

Pleasant View Mennonite Church of Weatherford
Dates: July 10-13

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We're looking forward to a GREAT VBS this year! Come and join us as we learn about trust and faith through Noah and his friends. VBS starts July 10 and runs from 6 PM to 8:30 PM each night. Everyone is invited Thursday evening July 13 for our VBS wrap up and meal.



American Legion Post 300 Sent OK Students to Boy's State Leadership Camp



Dylan Taylor - Canute, OK



Jaycen Hutcherson - Cheyenne, OK

Provided
American Legion Post 300 of Corn sponsored Jaycen Hutcherson of Cheyenne and Dylan Taylor of Canute to attend Oklahoma's Boys State this past month. Taylor and Hutcherson shared their thoughts on their experience at the leadership camp with WestOK Weekly contributor Michelle Taylor.

"My favorite part of boys state was being apart of the media/ broadcasting crew for Boy State News, I learned a lot, made some great memories and a few friends"
- Dylan Taylor, Canute

"What I liked about boys state is the government in action. Something about being in city council while I was there made the experience even better. Passing bills while also getting disasters thrown at us. And yes we did raise taxes by 15%, but that's okay. I also like the city I was in I made close connections with everyone in my city. We plan to meet up every summer during July."
- Jaycen Hutcherson, Cheyenne



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YMCA @ 3 PM

JUNE 8TH: Dino O'Dell

JUNE 15TH: Barrett Huddleston

JUNE 22ND: Rocky Mountain Puppets

JUNE 29TH: Mad Science

JULY 13TH: Extreme Animals

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Floyd Beaver

Floyd Allen Beaver was born January 27, 1974, to James Melvin Beaver, Sr., and Earlene (Littleman) Beaver in Clinton, OK and passed away Monday, May 22, 2023, in his El Reno, OK resident.



Floyd was raised in Clinton and attended school at the Riverside Indian School. He married Sassone Orange in 2013 at Concho, OK.

He was a Black Kettle Wildfire Fighter; he also made a living doing auto mechanics and he received his certificate for barbering.

He enjoyed working on vehicles, listening to music, fishing, hunting and freestyle bike surfing.

He was preceded in death by his dad, son, Kiya Bijan Beaver and daughter, Sweetwater Beaver and brother, James Melvin Beaver.

His passion was his children which he loved with all his heart. He is survived by two daughters: Singingwater Beaver, El Reno, OK; and Dixie Rain Beaver of Elk City, OK; and four sons: Whitewolf Beaver, Thunder Beaver and Lightening Beaver, all of Elk City, OK; and Eagle Path Hamilton Beaver, El Reno, OK.

Beaver is also survived by his mother Earlene Beaver of El Reno, OK; sister Bobbie Kaulay and husband Jonathan of El Reno, OK; and brother George Oakley of Clinton, OK.

Montie Smith

Montie Muriel Smith, 88, of Elk City, OK was born on October 4, 1934 in Milo, OK. She is the daughter of Port and Ruby (Johnson) Fogle. She went to look upon her Lord and Saviors face on Friday, May 26, 2023 at Elk City Nursing Home surrounded by her loving family.



Montie married Orbay "Smitty" Smith in Gainesville, Texas on July 17, 1956 and he preceded her in death on December 26, 2000. They lived in New Mexico and Texas before moving to Elk City, OK in 1971 to make this their home. She was a member of the Beta Sigma Phi Sorority.

Montie is preceded in death by her husband Orbay "Smitty" Smith; son Joe Don Elkins; parents Port and Ruby Fogle, three brothers, and three sisters.

Cherishing her memory is her three daughters, Susie Cupp and her husband, Jerry of Elk City, OK, Brenda Hughes and Tim Grob of OK City, OK, Debbie Clifton and her husband, Bo of Tulsa, OK; two sons, Ron Smith and his wife LaDean of Elk City, OK, Jim Smith of Norman, OK; nine grandchildren, Jacob Cupp and his wife, Alison of Atoka, OK, Drake Hughes of Ada, OK, Madison Jacobs of Edmond, OK, Gene Ray and his wife Shelby of Clinton, OK, Michael Ray of Norman, OK and Sara Smith and Richard Sanders of Arapaho, OK, Nate Smith and his wife, Mercedes of Elk City, OK, Shawn Smith of Dodge City, Kansas, Whitney Smith of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; nine great grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

Scott Mathis

Scott Eldon Mathis was born March 2, 1963, to Emory Leston Mathis and Gladys Marcella (Williams) Mathis in Thomas, OK and passed away Saturday, May 27, 2023, in his home.



Scott was raised on the farm in Custer City, OK where he attended school and graduated in 1981. He was an outstanding basketball player and received but turned down a scholarship to Tabors University. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford, receiving his master's degree in business in 1987. He made his home in Weatherford in 1993 and moved to Clinton in 1998.

He was employed with 3M/Imation, Flexchem and Dominos Fuel. He also was a very talented sound technician and worked for the Country Jamboree, JC Cowboys, he helped at SWOSU doing the Nutcracker and the Miss Southwestern Padgett.

He was a member of the Custer City Baptist Church, Running Sound was a major hobby for him, he was a history buff, he loved watching sports, he did part time ranching and farming and served on the Independence Cemetery Board, and served on the Weokie Credit Union Board.

Scott is preceded in death by his parents, infant brother Michael, paternal grandparents Eddie Leston and Mavie Mathis, and maternal grandparents L.D. and Edna Williams.

He is survived by two daughters: Allison Ledford of San Antonio, TX; and Elizabeth Mathis of Weatherford, OK; two sisters: Joanna Beers and husband Mike of Custer City, OK; Myra Joy Frantz and husband Chuck of Weatherford, OK; and two brothers: Stephen Mathis and wife Nancy of Jefferson, MO; and Stanley Mathis and wife Tammy of Custer, City, OK.

Scott is also survived by two grandchildren: Liam Ledford of San Antonio, TX; and Aspen Ledford of San Antonio, TX; as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Damon Herndon

Damon Loyd Herndon, 75, of Elk City, OK was born on August 31, 1947 in Elk City, OK. He is the son of Orvey Roy Herndon and Caroline Elizabeth (Fanshier) Herndon. He went to walk the golden streets of Heaven on Wednesday, May 24, 2023 at his residence in Elk City, OK, surrounded by his loving family.



Damon grew up and attended school at Merritt and Elk City, OK. He also attended Southwestern OK State University and graduated MAGNA CUM LAUDE in 1988.

Damon married the love of his life and best-friend, Evelyn Flora Musick on November 27, 1985 at Sayre, OK.

He was employed as a Pipeline Construction Superintendent for fifty-seven years. Damon enjoyed the art of leather crafting when he was younger and still had good vision. In his spare time he loved to go fishing and tend to his garden. He was a proud member of the American Legion. Damon's greatest pride and joy was spending time with his precious grandchildren. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and everyone who knew and loved him.

Damon is preceded in death by his parents: Orvey Roy Herndon and Caroline Elizabeth (Fanshier) Herndon; and five siblings: Barbara Garner, OJ Herndon, Butch Herndon, Wendell Herndon, and Nell Treat.

Cherishing his memory is his loving wife Evelyn Flora Herndon of Elk City, OK; four sons: Damon Roy Herndon, Jesse David Herndon, Tony Herndon, and Carl William Stone; two daughters: Margie Ann Herndon and Roberta Gayle Dumas; and two sisters: Virginia Lee Jones and Sally Jean Maddox.

Damon is also survived by 21 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

Jimmie Grace Corbitt

Jimmie Grace Corbitt, 91, a resident of Elk City, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Saturday, May 27, 2023.



Jimmie Grace was born June 4, 1931 in Willow, OK to Sudie (Prigmore) and William Travis (Trav) Hatter.

Jimmie Grace graduated from Ocina High School in 1949 and shortly thereafter attended the Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha, OK, on a scholarship.

A few years later, she attended Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, OK, and majored in music and voice. Her beautiful voice instantly made her a favorite on campus where she starred in several operas and musical productions. In fact, throughout her life she was constantly invited to sing at many special events, churches, and concerts.

During her years at Oklahoma Baptist University, she received national acclaim as an opera singer and was even invited to sing at the Metropolitan Opera in New York City.

Later in life, she sang professionally and was under recording contracts with Dot and Decca Record Companies.

During her music career, she made friendships with many celebrities and once performed on the Lawrence Welk Show. Whenever Brenda Lee performed at a concert, she was always invited backstage.

Jimmie Grace had a genuine knack for making friends and seemingly never met a stranger. She always had a positive outlook on life, no matter the circumstances, and she constantly looked for an opportunity to encourage and compliment others.

She loved to travel and when she traveled abroad people were always asking if she was a queen or some other famous person.

Jimmie Grace had an elegant and gracious persona about her and loved to wear her bling. She never went anywhere without looking like a glamorous movie star.

In addition to her music career, Jimmie Grace was quite an entrepreneur and successfully engaged in many different fields of endeavor. During her life she worked in the oil and gas industry, sold real estate in Hawaii and Oklahoma, and even earned a nursing degree at the age of 61.

After graduating with her nursing degree, she worked at the Bone and Joint Hospital in Oklahoma City and later took her nursing skills to Homer, Alaska. While she was in Alaska, she was nominated as Miss Senior Alaska and participated in the Miss Senior America Pageant in Biloxi, Mississippi in 2002.

Jimmie Grace loved her family and enjoyed hosting big family get-togethers around the holidays. Her grandkids called her "Mimi," and Mimi always created some very special memories for them around Thanksgiving and Christmas. Mimi showered her family with love and prayers and truly enjoyed celebrating special occasions with them.

The most important part of her life was her relationship with Jesus Christ. She was saved when she was 15 years old at the First Methodist Church in Willow, OK, and she always extended the love of God to everyone she met and especially to her family, whom she dearly cherished.

Many of the songs she wrote and recorded were about her faith and her relationship with the Lord. It is a comfort to know she is now reunited with her family and friends in heaven and singing with the angels. Plus, she has met her dear Savior, Jesus Christ, face-to-face.

To those who knew her she was truly a "Queen." Her quick smile and loving ways will be sorely missed by her family and friends. Someone once described Jimmie Grace as more than a mere person; they described her as a phenomenon! And truly she was.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Norris Corbitt; her parents; two siblings, Wayne Hatter and Irma Jo Jackson; and a nephew, Dustin Baker.

Her survivors include sister Travonna Wootton and husband Verlin; three children: son Bennie Van Vacter III and wife Elizabeth Jean; son Leon Ramsey II and fiancée Karisa; and daughter, Veronica Hill;

She is also survived by seven grandchildren: grandson Trey Ramsey and wife Christine; granddaughter Cameron Wenneker and husband Corey; grandson Wyatt Hill and wife Jessica; granddaughter Karel Bobo and husband Danny; granddaughter Jessica Koenig and husband Daniel, grandson Houston Hill; and grandson Kasey Kraybill; and six great-grandchildren: Connor Koenig, Anna Grace Ramsey, Henry Wenneker, Chase Koenig, Lauren Ramsey, Cole Bobo, Jonah Wenneker, Cally Bobo, and Chloe Koenig.

Additionally, Jimmie Grace is survived by numerous relatives and dear friends, including three nephews: Dr. Tom Jackson; Richard Hatter; and Rod Prather; as well as niece Devon Nunemann.

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A Look at May's "Older American Month" Exploring Wide Range of Aging Experiences



Mary Peck
SWODA Ombudsman

Established in 1963, "Older Americans Month" (OAM) is a time of year for us to acknowledge the contributions and achievements of older Americans, highlight important trends, and strengthen our commitment to honoring our older citizens.

This year's theme was "Aging Unbound," which offered an opportunity to explore a wide range of aging experiences and to promote the importance of enjoying independence and fulfillment by paving our own paths as we age.

Though the annual observance came to a close on May 31st, that doesn't mean there aren't takeaways that can be applied to the senior living year-round. Here are some ideas the Administration for Community Living and SWODA have spread this month:

Embrace the Opportunity to Change.

Find a new passion, go on an adventure, and push boundaries by not letting age define your limits.

Invite creativity and purpose into your life by trying new activities in your community to bring in more growth, joy, and energy.

Explore the Rewards of Growing Older

With age comes knowledge, which provides insight and confidence to understand and experience the world more deeply. Continue to grow that knowledge through reading, listening, classes, and creative activities.

Stay Engaged in Your Community

Everyone benefits when everyone is connected and involved. Stay active by volunteering, working, mentoring, participating in social clubs, and taking part in activities at your local senior center or elsewhere in the community.

Form Relationships

As an essential ingredient of well-being, relationships can enhance your quality of life by introducing new ideas and unique perspectives. Invest time with people to discover deeper connections with family, friends, and community members.

For more information about aging opportunities, contact Cherrie Nutley, ombudsman supervisor, at 580-821-4068.




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Graduation always speaks of new adventures, new challenges and new opportunities. I graduated from SWOSU in 1959. I know that dates me but I just have to get use to it. I had a BS degree in Natural Science and had only one interview for a teaching position. A recruiter from Albuquerque, New Mexico interviewed me and offered me a job teaching Junior High students in that far away city. Since I had hardly been out of state that seemed like an adventure I couldn't pass up.

But that left me with a summer with no job. Then a fellow from Oklahoma City came to town with an offer that sounded like a great idea. He was looking for young men who would go to South Texas to sell Fine China, crystal, and cookware to single working girls who were looking to build up their hope chest. About half a dozen of us gave proof to the truth that our brains are not fully developed until about the age 25.

None of us were that old so we accepted the offer. I had bought my first car a few weeks earlier; an older model that left a trail of blue smoke behind me. But I bought insurance and away we went. Our first stop was Beaumont, Texas. Then it was San Antonio and Orange, Texas-and then brief stops in Lake Charles and New Iberia, Louisiana. I can't remember how but we would up back in San Antonio.

Needless to say, with little training and hardly any supervision, we didn't fill many Hope Chests. I survived by the grace of God and the kindness of a few people. I don't know if God was in this or not but I received word that somehow I didn't qualify for the insurance I had purchased and they returned my premium. Then a few days later I got another letter with my premium enclosed again. I knew someone had made a mistake but I wasn't about to send one of the checks back. Hunger pains overcame any ethical problems at that time. On another occasion I had some extra postage stamps so took the chance to see if I could sell them back to get a few cents. The man in the window looked at me carefully and said, "I'm really not supposed to do this but you look like you need some help."

Then it became time for me to return home for two weeks of training with the National Guard. I was staying in a motel at the time and I figured out how much money I would need to pay my motel bill. I decided I had enough—if I didn't eat for three days. So that was what I did. I think I had one Hostess cup cake during that time.

The time came to pay my bill and as the manager set down to add up my bill, he suggested I order some breakfast. I said, "But I don't have any money." He looked at me and said, "You order some breakfast!" I tell you that was the best bacon and eggs that I have ever tasted.

Now, fast forward five years. I had taught school for two years and now I was in my third year of Seminary, hoping to find a position ministering to college students through the Baptist Student Union.

But I was in debt to family members and engaged to a Louisiana girl, but with no money to buy a ring. Then a fellow student approached me with an offer that was to change the course of my life. He asked me to sell Bibles, Bible history books, and Bible Encyclopedias door to door through the summer, with the Southwestern Company. He said that if I was willing to work 75 hours a week I could make some good money. I did make good money for that day and time. But the most important part was in making contact with my division manager. He later came to Weatherford and somehow convinced some pastors that they should consider hiring me as the first full time Campus minister with the Baptist Student Union. The details of that is another story. But the point of it all is that God used a rather foolish endeavor five years earlier to lay the ground work for me to spend 37 years in a job that I looked forward to each day. God can take our mistakes and use them for our good and His glory.

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Zack Saunders Baseball Camp Begins Batting Practice



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The 6 and 7 year old players are getting acquainted with "Coach's Pitch," with a SWOSU Player tossing the batters balls at close-range to swat.



Krystal Blackwell / WW

It's a mad dash for campers age 8 - 9 as short stop, left field, and second base all scramble for a wild ball.



Krystal Blackwell / WW

Conner Jeffers prepares to start pitching for the kids age 10 - 11 in the batting cage outside of the Kiwanas Baseball Complex.

Coaches Evans and Zinn Host "Fundamentals" SWOSU Basketball Camp for Grades 1st - 6th

Krystal Blackwell / WW

Pictured below: Jeff Zinn walks campers through the basic form that basketball players should follow when taking free throw shots, pantomiming a shooter's posture and hand position.



Krystal Blackwell / WW

Pictured right: One-by-one, children in attendance at SWOSU Fundamentals Camp line up to take a layup shot. SWOSU Head Coaches Jeff Zinn and Terry Evans stands to the left of frame, giving feedback on the kids' forms and performances.



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Weatherford Celebrates Rt. 66's 97th Birthday



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The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce held their Route 66 Birthday Bash on Main Street last Friday. Pictured is Tory Rae Music, who provided live music for the event.



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Wright Media's very own Krystal Blackwell with Executive Director of the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce Elizabeth Amen. Krystal won the for-profit ice cream contest representing Wright Media.

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ELK CITY / SCHOOL APP - Elk City School Superintendent Mike Sparks says the district has a new app where the public can get school district information from one source. Sparks says the new app is available for download and should be fully live by June 9th.

BLAINE COUNTY / FATALITY - A Custer City woman is dead and two others are hospitalized following a two-vehicle accident on U.S. 270 in Blaine County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says 40-year-old Maribel Gonzales died at the crash scene. 50-year-old Pablo Macias Avila of Custer City was transferred to OU Medical Center. Two juvenile passengers in the Gonzales vehicle, also from Custer City, were treated and released from Mercy Hospital in Watonga, OK. The driver of the other vehicle, 26-year-old Dylan Morris of Woodward was last listed in critical condition at OU Medical Center. Troopers say the cause of the crash remains under investigation.

WEATHERFORD / ROTARY - Melissa Santoro of the Oklahoma Blood Institute discussed the upcoming Rotary vs Kiwanis Blood Drive in Weatherford on June 12th. The event will be held at the Stafford Air & Space Museum. The goal for this year is 57 donors.

CADDO / PECK - A Hinton High School wrestling coach is set for a preliminary hearing on a child abuse charge on August 23rd in Caddo County District Court. It's alleged that wrestling coach Jacob Peck of Mangum grabbed the female student around her throat in a choke-style manner one day after wrestling practice. During an investigation, two other juvenile victims came forward with similar encounters with Peck. A check of the school website shows that Peck is still listed as the wrestling coach for the district.

CUSTER / PHILLIPS - A Weatherford man has filed a notice of intent to appeal an order denying his application for post-conviction relief in Custer County District Court. 24-year-old Cole Isaac Phillips had outlined multiple propositions of error that the court denied. Phillips was sentenced to serve 20 years of a 50-year prison term in connection with the April 2020 shooting death of 20-year-old Joshua Price.

CADDO / METH BUST - Caddo County Sheriff's authorities say that while working on a drug emphasis operation in Carnegie last week, a deputy conducted a traffic stop that turned into a drug arrest. Authorities used a K9 that searched the vehicle where approximately 22 grams of methamphetamine were located. The person arrested also had an active felony warrant for his arrest from the state of Texas for human smuggling.

CUSTER / STAFFING - Custer County Sheriff Dan Day says the department is struggling to keep a full staff. Weatherford Police Chief Angelo Orefice says he recently hired three new officers, which gives the department a full officer staff. However, Orefice says he plans to hire a few more dispatchers to be fully staffed in the communications division.

WEATHERFORD / CHICKENS - The Weatherford City Commission has tabled action to amend a chapter surrounding the keeping or raising of chickens inside the city. Currently, the city does not allow for this, even though some residents do have them. Wyatt Lohman with Deer Creek Conservation District doesn't believe concerns surrounding varmints, noise, and smell issues will be major. Mayor Mike Brown weighs in on the topic, mentioning that other communities such as Norman and Edmond have ordinances allowing for the keeping and raising of chickens.

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Oklahoma History: The World War II Bombing of Boise City, OK



Provided by the USAAF

A U.S. Army Air Forces Boeing B-17 Flying Fortress, nicknamed "The Careful Virgin." It was among the most common bomber plane used by the U.S. Air Force.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

With numerous text, film, and news coverages ranging

from romanticized stories to professional documentaries, most of the major events of WWII have been told from all sides. However, there is one WWII story that textbooks and film crews forget to mention; the bombing of Boise City, OK, the only United States city to be bombed during WWII. At the time of Honolulu's Pearl Harbor bombing by Japan in 1941, Hawaii was a territory not a state.

On July 5th, 1943, while the Allies and Axis were clashing on the other side of the world, pilots at Dalhart Army Air Base in Texas were preparing B-17 "Flying Fortress" bombers for a midnight raid. Their target: a small square area lit up in each corner. The raid would begin after dark.

As the last rays of sunlight dipped past the horizon, the four B-17s took off with the young navigator's directions. Expectations of the bombing run were high. But instead of heading towards their target: a nearby practice range in Conlen, Texas, the crew were flying to Boise City, which

sat 30 miles to the north.

Much of the bustling small town were in bed with most of the city's lights turned off, except for the city courthouse square. The only activity in the city was centered around a little cafe and movie theater, where truckers and young couples were chatting and enjoying the night.

At almost 12:30 AM, the first bomb dropped. It crashed through the roof of a garage leaving a four-foot deep hole in the ground.

While the bomb was just a practice bomb, the sound of its explosion and impact was still loud enough to wake the whole town. The next bomb exploded beside the Baptist church, blowing out its windows. People were scrambling for cover.

The third bomb landed near a gasoline tanker as the driver attempted to flee the city. The fourth bomb struck outside the McGowan Boarding House almost striking a fuel truck.

Frank Garrett, Boise City's light man, rushed for the Public Service building and pulled on the master switch

sending the town into complete darkness. The only light came from the next two bombs' explosions.

After the first bomb hit, John Adkins with the town's air warning office wired Oklahoma's FBI with "Boise City bombed one A.M. Baptist Church, garage hit".

Finally, after a radio message or the sudden blackout, the navigator realized their near fatal mistake and the 30 minute air raid ended. Luckily, no one was injured. The hundred pound practice bombs, full of sand and a couple of pounds of dynamite, left a grand total of \$25 in property damage.

A year later, the same bombing crew responsible for the embarrassing mishap went on to lead an 800-plane raid on Berlin and became one of the most decorated crews of WWII.

On the 50th year anniversary of the surprise raid, Boise City threw a party commemorating one of the craziest nights in its history. The bombing crew declined the invite, but the navigator for the crew sent an audio tape for the event.

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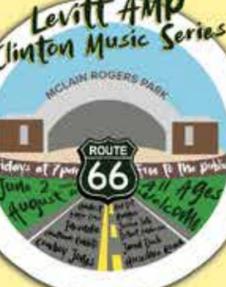
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The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma received more than 547,277 pounds of food donations and \$71,194 as part of the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive on Saturday, May 13.

Oklahomans were asked to leave a bag of nonperishable food donations by their mailbox on May 13. Letter carriers across central and western Oklahoma collected the donations and transported them to various post offices for Regional Food Bank volunteers to sort.

In the Oklahoma City metro area, 373 volunteers helped sort donations at 20 post office sites.

"The Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is such a unique and incredible opportunity to help thousands of Oklahomans living with hunger" said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "Without the help of the letter carriers who collected donations and our hard-working volunteers who sorted them all, this event would not have been possible."

In total, the drive will help the Regional Food Bank to provide more than 547,277 meals to Oklahomans living with hunger.

Donations will stay local and benefit Regional Food Bank partners in the more than 200 communities across central and western Oklahoma where it was collected.

"This drive is essential to keeping the shelves stocked at our partners across our 53-county service area. We are so thankful to the letter carriers for continuing their commitment to fighting hunger and our sponsors for ensuring the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive is a success," Dykstra said. "We also want to thank all of the volunteers who continue to donate their time and energy to our mission."

Since 1992, the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive has collected more than 13 million pounds of food and raised \$10,198,979 dollars to fight hunger in Oklahoma.

The 2023 Stamp Out Hunger Food drive was sponsored by Marathon Oil, American Fidelity, Express Employment International, Aldi, Inc., Blue Cross Blue Shield of Oklahoma, OGE Energy Corp., Lamar Outdoor, 405 Direct, AFL-CIO, CVS-Health, Jake FM, Kellogg's, KMGL Magic 104.1 FM, KOMA 92.5, La Zeta 106.7, Malarkey Roofing, NALC, USPS, National Sponsors, NRLCA, The Journal Record, The Oklahoman, Tyler Media, Tyler Outdoor, UFCW, Valassis and Valpak.

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