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## New Events Coming to 2023 Custer County Free Fair in Clinton



### Custer County Free Fair 2023

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### September 6 to September 9

**Alexander Shook**  
WW Contributor

Custer County OSU Extension Director and 4-H Educator Jordan Nel says changes are coming to this year's annual Custer County Free Fair in order to diversify the event lineup.

The Free Fair will be held on September 6-9 from 8 am-9 pm at the Custer County Fairgrounds, located south of Clinton on Highway 183.

Like with any county fair, you can expect to see livestock, art exhibits, a nightly rodeo, and more than enough food to go around. This year, however, will feature a much more diverse scene for entertainment and competition.

One such addition is the Farm Hand Olympics. Teams of three from local 4-H and FFA Chapters in Western Oklahoma will compete in events like Sack Racing, Wheelbarrow Racing, Calf Roping, Water Hauling, and more. The Farm Hand Olympics kick off on September 7 at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be an event to crown an Outstanding FFA and 4-H Chapter. Nel explains this fair-long event, saying that a winning faction will be determined by "a combination of how many showpieces a chapter's members enter throughout the fair." Nel hopes this event will significantly increase fair participation and attendance.

Live entertainment will be provided courtesy of the Adventure Family touring circus show. Since April 2021, the McCandless family has been actively posting their stunt work on Instagram and Facebook, with an emphasis on aerial acts. The family of six will perform on Friday and Saturday.

Fair books will be available soon. If you would like to be the first to know when signups become available, follow the Custer County Fairgrounds on Facebook.

For more information, please call Ron Wright at the Custer County Extension Center at 580-323-2291 or email him at ron.wright@okstate.edu

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**Wilma Lantz**

Wilma C. Lantz was born on her family farm on August 15, 1937 in Bessie, to William and Elsie (Weinberg) Borchers, and passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023 in Oklahoma City, OK.



Wilma was raised in Bessie, and attended school in Clinton, graduating Clinton High School in 1955. For her to attend the functions associated with the school, she lived with her older brother Carl and his wife in Clinton while in High School. She married Loyde Lantz in Bessie on August 10, 1955, five days before her 18th birthday.

She traveled with her husband Loyde who was in the Air Force, until 1975 when her husband MSgt. Loyde Lantz retired. She worked at TG&Y, Curves, and after her husband passed suddenly in 1988, she became a cook at Washington elementary school, where she retired.

She also loved to volunteer at the gift shop in the Clinton Hospital, until she had to quit in 2020 do to the Covid situation.

She enjoyed Quilting, traveling, square dancing, spending time with family and gardening.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Loyde a sister Ester Schmidt, and three brothers Carl, August, and Paul Borchers.

She is survived by three daughters Cindy Whitaker and husband Terry of Clinton, Sylvia Brown and husband Bob of San Antonio, and Brenda Plumbtree of Edmond, six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, with three on the way.

**Hank Snow**

Harold "Hank" Joseph Snow, age 87, of Cordell, OK, passed away Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at OU Heart Hospital South in Oklahoma City, OK.



Hank was born October 22, 1935 in Brattleboro, Vermont, a son of Leon and Nettie Marie Snow.

He graduated from Brattleboro Union High School with the class of 1954. Afterwards, Hank served in the United States Air Force. He earned a Bachelors Degree in Accounting from Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls, TX in 1962. He went to work for the government, and became an IRS Agent, large case manager in Dallas, Texas. He married his love, Rebecca Dick on July 28, 1990 in Clinton, OK. Hank enjoyed Hunting and took a trip back to Vermont every fall, no matter what.

He is survived by his spouse Rebecca Snow of Cordell, OK; three daughters: Janna Melvin of Bells, TX; Katherine Schultz and husband Chris of Dallas, TX; Amy Stanley and husband Jude of Aubrey, TX, and six grandchildren, as well as other extended family members and friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Leon and Nettie Snow; two siblings: Raymond Edward Snow and Arlene Gass, along with numerous other aunts, uncles, cousins, and other relative and friends.

**Mike Beers**

James Michael Beers was born July 18, 1960 to J.W. and Janet Beers in Thomas, OK. He passed away early Friday July 28, 2023, at his home.



Mike was raised in Putnam, OK. He started school in Putnam and graduated from Taloga High School in 1978.

He was a gifted athlete and was outstanding in basketball and baseball. He also was active in FFA. He had numerous awards and achievements throughout his lifetime.

He worked as a blade operator for Dewey County, owned and operated a truck, and finished out his life operating heavy equipment and farming. He enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

He married Joanna Lynn Mathis on June 9, 2012 in rural Custer County, OK.

Mike had many talents, but his most well-known talent was his musical abilities. He played guitar in several bands and sang.

He was preceded in death by his parents, J.W. and Janet Beers, and a granddaughter, Jaysea Beers.

He is survived by his wife Joanna, daughter Nicole Warren and husband Brad of Putnam, son Charlie Beers and fiancé Natasha Fish of Thomas, three sisters, Renda Nappier and husband Jerry of Putnam, Marsha Cusack and husband Shawn of Ames, and Robin Justice and David Feaster of Chester, and two brothers, Kavin Beers and Curtis Beers of Putnam.

Mike is also survived by nine grandchildren, as well as numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

**Terry Horstman**

Terry Lee Horstman 57, of Erick, OK, was born on October 15, 1965, at Oklahoma City, OK, to Darrell Wesley Horstman and Judy Loraine Kerr. He went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 13, 2023 at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, OK, surrounded by his loving family.



Terry married the love of his life Judy Wilder on September 30, 2006.

Terry enjoyed playing arcade games, fishing at Canton Wildlife Rodeo, Watonga Trout Derby, and going striper fishing at Lake Texoma. He was a member of the BCA 2 River Association. In his past time he loved playing horse-shoes and shooting pool all over the state. Terry ran a tire shop for over six years and was experienced in small engine repair. Terry was known for fixing almost anything that needed repaired. He was a member of the Erick First Baptist Church, Erick, OK. Terry loved to spend time with his family, grandkids, nieces, and nephews and will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Terry is survived by his step mother, Mattie Horstman of Heavener, OK; three sons, Billy Horstman of Watonga, OK, Johnny Horstman of Erick, OK, Terry Horstman, and wife Veronica of Blanchard, OK; one daughter, Meleah Conine of Coldwater, Kansas; six brothers, Darrell Horstman Jr. of Fairview, OK, Robert Horstman of Oklahoma City, OK, Tony Horstman of Erick, OK, Mark Shell of Mustang, OK, Jeff Matheson of Marshall, Texas, Samuel Matheson of Kilgore, Texas; four sisters, Tina Harkins of Erick, OK, Vicki Rice of El Reno, OK, Pam Gooden of Watonga, OK, Diana Smith of Heavener, OK; and thirteen grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by wife Judy Wilder Horstman; parents, Darrell Wesley Horstman and Judy Loraine Kerr Horstman; three sisters, Teyon Matheson, Donna Lee, Denise Lee; and one granddaughter.

**Bill Hubbard**

Willie (Bill) Gene Hubbard was born on February 2, 1932, in his family home in Elk City, OK, to parents Gladys and William Cecil Hubbard. He passed from this life to his eternal life in Heaven at 91 years of age on April 14, 2023, after complications of a stroke in late January.



Bill graduated from Merritt High School and went on to receive an accounting degree as well as his Master's in Education from Southwestern State College in Weatherford. It was there on campus where he first laid eyes on Zelma (Lois) Luchau and asked her if he could "carry" her home. Bill and Lois married on August 31, 1952.

Bill began teaching in Gotebo, OK, in 1955. Two sons and a daughter were born during this teaching assignment. Bill was also farming and raising cattle back on the family farm in Elk City. In 1959, Bill moved his family to Elk City, OK, and joined the faculty at Elk City Public Schools teaching algebra, geometry, calculus, and trigonometry. He continued to farm and two more sons were born.

There have been many former students proclaim that he is the reason they grew to love math. Bill was gentle, slow to anger, consistent and hard working. He concluded his teaching career in Hammon, OK, where he taught from 1983-1992. Bill earned the honor of Teacher of the Year at both Elk City and Hammon. He was named VIM - Very Important Member by the Retired Educators in 2023.

Bill and his sons constructed Elk Creek Mobile and RV Park in 1981. The Park was a long-standing Good Sam member and won the National Park of the Year in 2004. Bill and Lois ran the park until selling the property and business in 2005.

Bill cared deeply for his hometown of Elk City. From volunteering with youth groups in his earlier years and lending a hand in major fundraising events with Lois in the later years.

Bill and Lois were avid travelers, starting with their young family on summer trips to Red River, New Mexico, and later to Branson, Missouri. They also enjoyed taking their ever-growing family, which includes five children, eleven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, on adventures near and far.

Even when Bill could no longer hear due to severe hearing loss (more than likely due to years of tractor use), he was ever present and participated. He was the eyes for Lois and she was his ears.

Survivors include his wife Lois Hubbard; children: Mark Hubbard, Jan Shankster, Kent Hubbard, and Scott Hubbard; grandchildren: Brandon Hubbard, Derek Hubbard, Dusten Hubbard, Dylan Hubbard, Haley Shankster, Nicole Taghehchian, Kristen Coffie, Jake Hubbard, Corey Hubbard, Kayla Alexander, and Casey Hubbard; great-grandchildren: Sydney, Levi, Abram, Julip, Shepard, Riley, and Jameson.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Gladys and Cecil Hubbard; brother, L.D. Hubbard; and son, Dale Hubbard.

**Laura Walker**

Laura Helen Walker, 68, of Burns Flat, OK, was born on November 15, 1954 in Mission, Texas. She is the daughter of Robert William Hughes and Doris Helen (Nixson) Hughes. Laura received her wings on Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at Cordell Christian Home, Cordell, OK, surrounded by her loving family.



She married the love of her life, Larry Dean Walker on December 1, 1984 at the First Baptist Church in Burns Flat, OK.

Laura was a faithful member of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Burns Flat, OK, where she served as a teacher and attended the Adult Sunday School Class and was a Vacation Bible School teacher.

Laura was an assistant teacher at Western Technology Center for eighteen years. She enjoyed reading, bird watching, camping and cooking. Laura liked to spend her time quilting, sewing, crocheting, and doing needlepoint. She was always curious and very social. Laura will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Celebration of Life will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, July 15, 2023 at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Burns Flat, OK. Rev. Tom Spence will officiate. Services have been lovingly entrusted to the care of Richard and Tammy Dugger and the staff of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home in Elk City, OK.

Laura was preceded in death by her parents, Robert William and Doris Helen Hughes.

Cherishing the memory of their loved one is Laura's husband of almost 40 years, Larry Dean Walker, of the Burns Flat, OK, home; two sons: Derrick Walker and his wife, Kendra of Burns Flat, OK; and Issac Walker and his wife, Cecelia, of El Reno, OK; one daughter, Karri Wall of Arizona City, Arizona; one brother, Russell Hughes of Odessa, Texas; and six grandchildren: Starson Wall of Arizona City, Arizona; Dylan Walker of Burns Flat, OK; Lenny Wall of Arizona City, Arizona; Dakota Walker of Burns Flat, OK; Dawson Walker of Burns Flat, OK; and Drew Walker of Burns Flat, OK.

**Crystal Sanders**

Crystal Lee Hammock Sanders, 42, of Morrison, Oklahoma was born on October 18, 1980 in Ponca City, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Ferrol and Becky (Pittman) Hammock. She went to walk the streets of heaven on Monday, July 24, 2023 at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City.



She attended all twelve years at the Billings Public Schools and graduated in 1999. She attended Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa, Oklahoma for 2 years and then completed her college education at Oklahoma State University.

Crystal married Martin Sanders and from this union there were two beautiful children born, McKenna Rae Sanders and Jaxon Lane Sanders.

Her first job was at the Billings Fairchild Center when she was 15 years of age. She loved hugging and getting hugs from the residents! After college graduation she worked at CBEW Accounting in Stillwater and then she was Vice President of the Morrison Bank.

She decided to stay home and take care of her children for a few years before returning to work at the Morrison Public Schools where she could be close to her children.

Crystal met Joel Hicks and they began being a great team taking photos for families and Sr. pictures and also doing videos and film work for various schools and a movie. She loved being silly to make the children smile for the pictures. She enjoyed spending time with her kids whenever she could and taking them fishing with her dad Ferrol.

The family would like to express their appreciation to Lifeshare of Oklahoma for assisting them in the procurement and distribution of Crystal's most precious gifts. Crystal was able to save many lives and is truly a hero by donating her heart, lungs, liver, and kidneys.

Crystal will be missed by all that knew and loved her. She will be remembered as a loving mother, daughter and sister who was always loving and kindhearted.

Cherishing her memory are her two beautiful children McKenna Rae Sanders and Jaxon Lane Sanders both of Morrison, Oklahoma; mom and dad, Becky and Ferrol Hammock of Billings, Oklahoma; two brothers Mark Hammock and his wife Tia of Perry, Oklahoma, Troy Hammock and his wife Julie of Enid, Oklahoma; sister Cathy (Cat) Evans and her husband Brandon of Billings, Oklahoma; Fiance Joel Hicks of Morrison, Oklahoma; numerous Aunts, Uncles, Nephews, Nieces and extended family.

She is preceded in death by her maternal grandparents Carl and Donna Pittman, paternal grandparents Lester and Walcie Hammock, her uncle Ty Pittman and great niece Hattie Ann Hammock.

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## Weatherford Chamber of Commerce Welcomes The Cottages with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



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Weatherford business and community leaders gathered this past week to welcome The Cottages, LLC, a new type of residential assisted living, at their open house and ribbon cutting held at their home at 921 N. Bryan Street in Weatherford.

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One of the many highlights of this new type of residential assisted living will be home-cooked meals. Pictured is a sample of the recipes that residents will enjoy at The Cottages.



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The Cottages will offer six residents 24/7 home style care in a residential setting. Pictured is one of the bedrooms at The Cottages home located at 921 Bryan Street.

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## HIGHER GROUND

### Leaving a Legacy



Jim Morrison

Look at the end from the beginning. This is the major theme of Stephen Covey's work entitled, *The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People*. In this present day of living for the moment, the thrill of a game or a concert, it is hard to convince young people or even those of us who are more mature to take the long look. "What is the end result of this action or expenditure?" What will this mean fifty years from now? Will it have any positive effect for things of an eternal nature?

The writer of Hebrews was quick to point out that for a growing Christian, it is necessary to "throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles." (Heb. 12:1a) This is an ongoing action because Satan is continually tempting us with worldly things that offer so much temporary excitement and pleasure.

In the Apostle Peter's second letter to the scattered church he offers guidance to growing Christians. Far too many "converts" see the Christian life as an event rather than a journey of faith. Someone has called it an "initial spasm followed by a chronic inertia."

Becoming a Christian is not intended to just build a crowd at Church, it is rather like joining an army to do battle against an enemy who is out to destroy as many as possible. The Church is a valid marker on the journey, but the real work is done outside the walls of the building.

Peter points out some character qualities that should be the hallmark of every growing Christian. In 1st Peter 1:5-9, he challenges his readers to grow up in the faith. He reminds them that since they have been given "great and precious promises" and that they are now "participants in the divine nature", they should make every effort to add to their faith. He then goes on to list those virtues that they should strive for.

To grow in their faith they were to add "goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. Space does not permit a discussion of each of these virtues, but they were not intended to be optional. It is not that they were to be ascended like a ladder, "one step at a time," but the Christian must see them all as an essential

part of their growth; to be a simultaneous work of progress to be sought after on a regular basis. To be sure it is a cooperative effort with the indwelling Holy Spirit urging us on, making His power available. But Peter says "make every effort." We are to be willing and cooperative partners in the growth process. We must be obedient to do our part. Many would spend heavy cash to attend a concert but not give a thought to attend a missions conference or read a challenging book that might change their life. "Faith is not only commitment to the promises of Christ; faith is also commitment to the demands of Christ." (Barclay)

We are more likely to grow when we are actively ministering to God's people than attending a conference, although both are helpful. Active involvement, risking being thought foolish, and doing the impossible; are ways that our faith, and trust grows. God works through our availability, even in our weaknesses.

A conscious and careful look at the legacy we want to leave should drive us to make a "make every effort" to add to our faith. There is greater and more lasting joy in obedience than living for the momentary pleasures of this present world.

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# LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



## "The Coin Guy"

### Marine Corps Coins Have Been Approved



Trent Boesen

Both Congress and the Senate have passed legislation to create a commemorative three-coin set to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the U.S. Marine Corps in 2025.

The bill was introduced on February 17, 2023. On July 12, 2023, it was passed by the House and sent to the Senate for consideration which passed as well.

The U.S. Mint will be tasked with the design and production of Proof and Uncirculated collector coins.

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## Rep. Moore Visits the Weatherford Rotary Club



Provided

At the most recent Weatherford Rotary Club meeting, Jeremy Garrett hosted fellow Rotarian and Oklahoma State Representative Anthony Moore. While on the podium, Moore provided some updates on some ongoing goals the State House is currently looking to achieve.



**FRANK LUCAS**  
U.S. CONGRESSMAN, DISTRICT 3

## Lucas: Farm Bill 2023 Payout is Starting Late

Mike Smith  
News Director

District 3 Congressman Frank Lucas says the fifth year of funding for the Agriculture Improvement Act of 2018, colloquially referred to as the "Farm Bill," is running behind schedule.

"We're starting late because, within the Republican conference, we spent about 90 days at the beginning of this session trying to figure out who the (House) Speaker was going to be (...), we spent a couple of months working through the sum of (our state's) budget issues—my very fiscally conservative Republican colleagues focused on how much in cuts they can make everywhere—but we are now underway," explained Lucas.

The current Farm Bill provides funding and authorizes key programs addressing various issues for Oklahoma agricultural programs, from 2019 to 2023.

"The good part is that we don't have to rewrite the Farm Bill; We'll be taking the 2018 bill and making improvements, trying to strengthen the safety net, and moving forward with some certainty for the next five years."

Lucas also says that the challenging part will come down to how much money will be available to write the Farm Bill and that he would not be surprised if there were a short-term extension to the bill's current iteration heading into early 2024.



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**ELK CITY / AIRPORT** - Elk City Mayor Cory Speiker says the city is getting state dollars to upgrade its Regional Business Airport. While no definitive plans have been made, Speiker believes that a decision will be made by the city council to "move west of our current terminal (across Norman Martin Blvd.) to build a new airport. When it's finished, we will demolish the old terminal and use that apron space to tie more airplanes. (...) We may (also) extend the taxiway into a new hangar for jets." Mayor Speiker says construction could begin as early as next spring.

**CUSTER CO / COMMUTE** - As road construction around Custer County ramps up, District 2 County Commissioner Bruce Walker says commute times for area residents may increase for travelers on Highway 54, Lyle Road, Airport Road, and Lawter Road, which will begin its reconstruction next month.

**DRUMMOND / MARIJUANA** - Oklahoma Attorney General Gentner Drummond visited Weatherford to discuss illegal marijuana grow operations. Many of these sites are abandoned and overgrown. Describing these as "eyesores for our community," Drummond suggests enacting civil forfeiture.

**CUSTER CO / DISASTER** - Custer County Commissioners approved a Disaster Emergency Proclamation for storm damage sustained July 7th-16th. However, County Emergency Management Director Mike Galloway says the county likely won't qualify for any federal funds. Galloway says the declaration could result in getting state assistance if the necessary threshold of damage is met within 30 days of the incident.

**WEATHERFORD / HOMICIDE** - Weatherford Police Chief Angela Orefice gives an update on the search for 20-year-old Rodolpho Sotelo, who is wanted on a charge of first-degree murder in connection with the death of 33-year-old Giddel Sotelo on June 25th in Weatherford. The Weatherford Police Department has recruited federal agents and the U.S. Marshall Service to help in the case. Authorities believe the suspect has fled the country to Mexico.

**WEATHERFORD / ENROLLMENT** - Weatherford Assistant Superintendent Steve Callen says he would not be surprised if the district has an enrollment increase for the coming school year. The Weatherford school district will begin the 2023-24 school year on August 10th.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes for August 2** - Dena Bass, Cashlyn Hamons, Chance Hanson, Lana Kible, Winona Madison, Bobby Ringler, Darral Stehr; **August 3** - Judy Armstrong, Sammy Dudgeon, Mercedes Estes, Nicole Horn, Lorrie Howry, Koby King, Allen Lackey, David Lasley, Debrah Musick, Doris Payne, Deirik Riley; **August 4** - Dustin Devine, Shanda O'Neile, Kim Renison, Jacoby Smith; **August 5** - Jim Butcher, Adam Cowan, Lauren Klein, Elizabeth Kliewer, Troy Moorhead, Austin Morrison, Shane Renna, Nicolette Strauch, Kody Marie Thompson, Ginger Sue Thompson, Jesse Wise; **August 6** - Billy Byrum, Ray Harris, Rick Koch, Lyndall Switzer; **August 7** - Virginia Davila, Concepcion Gomez, Ruben Hammil, Alan Hull, Randy Jenkins, Cheryl Mauldin, Frank Parks, Janelle Wheeler Collins; **August 8** - Taylor Arriaga, Katie Franklin, Maria Gonzeles, Madison Gooch, Mike Hall, Tricia Jordan, Scott Kelly, Alfonso Martinez, Brianna Mussellman, Glen Sinclair, Evan Walton.

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## Brett Weiberg Hired as SWOSU 2023-24 Head Men's Basketball Coach



SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton has announced Brett Weiberg will become the new Head Men's Basketball Coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the 16th head coach in program history.

"We are very excited to have Coach Weiberg and his family join the SWOSU team," said SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton. "We feel he will be a great fit within our university and community. More importantly, he will recruit quality young men and do everything in his power to help them grow as athletes, students, and people."

"His enthusiasm and knowledge of the game along with his basketball contacts will make an immediate impact on the men's basketball program, both on and off the court."

Helton continued, "Thank you to Dr. Lovell for her leadership and the search committee for their time and effort in the review of an outstanding pool of candidates."

Weiberg has accrued 25 years of coaching experience spanning across the collegiate and high school landscapes. 20 of those years have come at the college level including 12 as a head coach. He had most recently moved on to a new challenge as an athletic director and head basketball coach at Madill High School in southern Oklahoma, his home for the past five years.

"This is an opportunity I have been waiting for," said Weiberg. "I am grateful to Coach Helton and the entire hiring committee for choosing me to lead the Bulldog Basketball Program. Southwestern Oklahoma State is an elite university and truly a special place."

"SWOSU Men's Basketball has a rich tradition and I look forward to embracing that tradition and connecting with former Bulldogs from all across the country. We'll compete at a championship level and I'm eager to start the process. My family and I are looking forward to being a part of the community of Weatherford!"

Prior to transitioning to the high school ranks, Weiberg was head coach at NCAA Division II Missouri Western State – a member of the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association (MIAA) that competes in the Central Region alongside SWOSU.

He led the Griffons for five seasons from 2013-2018, qualifying for the postseason in four of those campaigns while having the program synonymous with community involvement and community service. During the 2016 postseason, his team snapped a six-year program drought by collecting a postseason win and advancing to the quarterfinals of the MIAA Tournament.

Weiberg began his head coaching tenure in 2006 with seven seasons at Northern Oklahoma College in Tonkawa after spending the previous five years as an assistant under his father, Mick Weiberg, who is a now a member of the Oklahoma Basketball Association Hall of Fame.

In seven years at the helm of the program, he posted a 129-87 (.597) record and had 10 players earn All-Conference accolades. His final year at NOC culminated with a 27-4 record, an Oklahoma Collegiate Athletic Conference (OCAC) Championship, and a national junior college ranking.

His coaching career originated in 1998 immediately following a successful four-year career as a student-athlete.

Weiberg spent single seasons as an assistant at Blinn College, Wayland Baptist, and finally the University of Texas at San Antonio before joining forces with his father at NOC-Tonkawa.

During his playing days, he was a First Team All-Conference and All-Region selection at NOC-Tonkawa in junior college before transferring to Division I Sam Houston State to finish out his career. Weiberg was a team captain at both schools he played for and a two-time Southland Academic All-Conference winner while at SHSU.

He holds a trio of degrees including a bachelor's of Science from Sam Houston State University (1998) and a master's of Education from Northwestern Oklahoma State University (2006).

Coach Weiberg is married to his wife Kristy and the two are proud parents of Jared Cole, Jayden Cora, and Jackson Cash.

An introductory event in the Skyview Suite of the Pioneer Cellular Event Center is being planned to welcome Weiberg. Details for that are anticipated to be finalized in the coming days.

### Coaching Career

**2023 - Present: SWOSU**  
Head Coach

**2018 - 2023: Madill High School**  
Head Coach  
Athletic Director

**2013 - 2018: Missouri Western State**  
Head Coach

**2006 - 2013: Northern Oklahoma College**  
Head Coach

**2001 - 2006: Northern Oklahoma College**  
Assistant Coach

**2000-01: UTSA**  
Assistant Coach

**1999 - 2000: Wayland Baptist**  
Assistant Coach

**1998 - 1999: Blinn College**  
Assistant Coach

### Playing Career

**1995 - 1997: Sam Houston State**  
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**1993 - 1995: NOC-Tonkawa**  
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### Education

**Northwestern Oklahoma State University**  
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Elk City's Rotary Park Tennis Courts were recently given a clean surface and fresh nets. They are ready to host matches for an estimated 600-800 players annually. Merritt Tennis and Track performed the refurbishing, and City Manager Tom Ivester commented on the project, saying: "Elk City High School tennis teams practice on the Rotary Park courts, and the high school and middle school tennis teams use the courts to host tournaments, so we want them to be in good shape and look good."

## Oklahoma Voters Are Asked to Confirm Registration Address

Misha Mohr  
 OK State Election Board

Voters who have received an Address Confirmation Notice in the mail from the State Election Board are asked to respond as soon as possible to avoid having their registration become "inactive." Notices were sent to some voters as part of the voter list maintenance process required by both state and federal law.

According to State Election Board Secretary Paul Ziriaux (pronounced ZEER-icks), Address Confirmation Notices are just one part of the voter list maintenance process. "The State Election Board relies on multiple sources to keep its voter rolls accurate, but the address confirmation process allows us to contact and receive updated information directly from the voter. Confirming your address helps ensure you are ready to vote when the next election comes around," Ziriaux said.

There are two ways to respond – online using the OK Voter Portal or by completing the Address Confirmation Notice return card and returning it by mail. Voters who don't respond within 60 days will be designated as "inactive," and are required by law to be removed from the voter rolls after the 2026 General Election. However, "inactive" voters can reverse their status and avoid removal by updating their voter registration or by voting in an election on or before the 2026 General Election.

State law requires Address Confirmation Notices be sent to some voters, such as those that have had a first-class mailing returned as "undeliverable," those with a possible duplicate registration in Oklahoma or another state, or those that have not updated their registration or voted since the second previous general election.

Voters who did not receive a notice, but need to update their registration can do so using the OK Voter Portal or by completing a new Voter Registration Application and submitting it to their County Election Board. A directory of county election boards is available on the State Election Board website.

To learn more about the voter list maintenance process in Oklahoma, see 26 O.S. § 4-120.2 or visit the State Election Board website. Voters with specific questions regarding their registration should contact their County Election Board.

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# Weatherford High School Band Camp Begins



Chad Gray / WW

Weatherford High School band members pause for a moment before resetting during the annual High School Band Camp, taking place before school starts.



Chad Gray / WW

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Jena Skarda / WOCS

Fourth grade teacher Delaney Funk and Darcy, her daughter and student this year, look inside her locker at Western Oklahoma Christian School. School starts August 10. Submit applications at [www.wocs.org](http://www.wocs.org).

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