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Weatherford Holds 2023-24 Homecoming, Crowns King and Queen



Alexander Shook / WW

All candidates for the 2023-24 Weatherford Homecoming King and Queen. Pictured, from left: Back Row: Hollis Beam, Nate Rherman, Carter Teasley, Paisley Nelson, Ava Foster, Jakoby Welsh, Andrea Stalder, Whitten Beam; Front Row: Crownbearer Trakyr Payne, Sashbearer Remmi Wilson, and Crownbearer Karston Mickley.



Alexander Shook / WW

King Jakoby Welsh gives Queen Ava Foster her tiara and flowers.

Western Oklahoma Methodist Rendezvous Begins September 20, 5pm

Pastor Chuck Horton of Weatherford is excited about what God is going to do at the upcoming Western Oklahoma United Methodist Rendezvous and Revival on September 20-23. He and other United Methodist pastors from the area are inviting their congregations and communities to come.

They say each night people can receive personalized prayer for any needs in their lives, can give their lives to Christ for the first time, or can be restored to the faith if it has grown cold within them.

Each evening a different area pastor will preach the message by giving their own personal testimony of God's saving love. Also each night there will be a volunteer choir of anyone who would like to sing as well as special music.

All are invited to the Rendezvous and Revival! Pastor Horton says bring your friends and family and let God do something wonderful in your life!

Event information is listed to the right:

DATES & TIMES:

Wednesday, Sept 20 - Saturday, Sept 23.
Meals at 5:00-6:45 p.m. Services begin at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

First United Methodist Church
817 North 7th St. in Weatherford.

MEALS:

Wednesday Night- the Vida En Abundancia Hispanic United Methodist Church in Laverne will serve a Mexican dinner as a fundraiser to help build their new church.

Thursday Night - Chicken & Dumplings, vegetables, salad, and cherry crumble cake.

Friday Night - Bar-B-Q

Saturday Night - a Chili Cookin' Contest and a homemade ice cream contest for all the Methodists to take part in and everyone to help judge.

PREACHERS:

Wednesday - Temple Diehl of Clinton
Thursday - Scott Rodgers of Elk City
Friday - Lance Ashmore of Hinton
Saturday - Corey Shirey, Wesley Campus Minister

CHOIR: Each evening at 6:00 there will be practice for anyone who would like to sing in the choir that night. They would like as big of a choir as possible, so please come!

PRAYER TIME: Each evening there will be a pre-service prayer time in the Chapel at 6:00 p.m.

MINISTRY TIME: Each evening will finish with a ministry time led by Chuck Horton, pastor of Weatherford. People can come for healing prayer, to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, to seek an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, or answer the to ministry.

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Bob Crowder

Bobby Lee Crowder was born March 5, 1932, in Corn, to Dr. Verner Faye Crowder and Mrs. Ella Mae (Weichel) Crowder and passed away Sunday, September 10, 2023, at home in Hydro, surrounded by his family, at the age of 91 years, 6 months and 5 days.



Bob was raised in Corn until the age of 14, when the family moved to Weatherford in the summer of 1946. He attended school and graduated Weatherford High School in 1950. Bob then attended SWOSU where he pitched baseball until the fall of 1952 when he was summoned to the service of his country in the US Army, Company A, 30th MP Battalion. He was honorably discharged on November 4, 1954, having served 2 years. After returning home, Bob farmed, raised cattle and horses, and did many other things to make his living.

Sometime in 1956, Bob met the love of his life, Jolene Richeson on a blind date set up by friends. Being the joker that Bob could be so deftly, he picked Jolene up at Stewart Hall on the SWOSU campus for their coffee date and he swiftly hit old 66 Hwy westbound. When Jolene asked "where are we going?" Bob said, "the Big Texan" in Amarillo. Jolene was very taken aback until Bob finally lost his composure laughing as he pulled into Pop Hicks Restaurant in Clinton!

Bob and Jolene were married August 8, 1957, in a small ceremony in Altus. They farmed, raised livestock, and to their union were born two sons, Tom and Randy. Bob had returned to college in the 1960's at SWOSU, where he earned a Master's Degree in Education in 1969.

Shortly after this, he began a career in Community Action. Bob was responsible in bringing back funding from Washington, DC for a program which would now be known as Head Start, the first of its kind in Oklahoma.

Over his career, he helped to foster many programs for children, handicapped, elderly, addiction afflicted, and many others. He had a true passion for helping those who needed it and couldn't help themselves. Through his career, he helped many people, but Bob preferred to remain anonymous. If you knew Bob at all, you knew he didn't like the limelight.

Bob's true passion, it must be said, was raising and racing thoroughbred horses. Through this passion, he gave his family so many wonderful adventures and shared his knowledge and wisdom with many.

Bob was a Master Mason, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason, and a member of Oklahoma Eastern Star.

Most importantly, Bob accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior in the summer of 1948, at a tent revival in Colony at the age of 16. He payed reverence to Almighty God, his Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit of God, who lived in him. If you knew Bob at all, you could see the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in him readily.

Bob is survived by his son, Randy Crowder and wife, Sue; one brother, Dale Crowder; grandson, Robert "Bobby" Crowder and wife, Daisha; granddaughter, Aubrey Wager and husband, Kyle; great-grandson, Thomas Crowder; great-granddaughters, Faithlynn Crowder and Kayleigh Crowder; bonus grandchildren, Michael Bradshaw and wife, Rhonda, Diana Holdman and husband, Gregg, Tina Avery, Bobbi Perez and husband, Carmalino; bonus great-grandchildren, Stefanie Ivey and husband, Jason, Tori Williams and husband, Cole, Christyl Ramirez and husband, Tony, Marcos Perez and Christian Perez; and bonus great-great-grandchildren, Stormie Ivey, Nathan, Kennedy and Braelynn Williams.

Bob was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Jolene; his eldest son, Tom and wife Kay; one brother; Verner; three brothers-in-law; seven sisters-in-law; and one bonus sister.

Gary Davis

Gary Alvin Davis was born September 2, 1934, in Gracemont, OK to Alvin and Elizabeth (Adams) Davis and passed away on Saturday, September 9, 2023, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 89 years and 7 days.



Gary was raised in Hydro and graduated Hydro High in 1952, where he was co-valedictorian with his high school sweetheart, Letha Marie Scott. He attended OCU on scholarship for one year, graduating from SWOSU in 1956. One week after graduation, he married Letha on June 3, 1956 and began their life journey together. They made their home in Tulsa for 6 years, where he worked as an accountant for ONG before moving to OKC to work for GE for two years. He received his Master's degree from Tulsa University in 1963. In 1965, Gary began his life's work as a Financial Advisor for over 55 years. He earned his CLU and qualified for the prestigious Million Dollar Round Table for 39 consecutive years, making him a lifetime member. Gary never retired and worked tirelessly to help others. Gary enjoyed being active, playing basketball, tennis, snow skiing, and traveling many places with friends and family, especially to Hawaii.

Gary accepted Jesus as his Savior when he was young and faithfully served the church by singing in the choir for over 70 years, teaching Sunday School for high school through adult classes for over 40 years and serving in several administrative capacities at church throughout the years. Gary served as a Bible Study Fellowship leader for many years and as Chairman of the Board for Education Employment Ministry (TEEM).

Gary loved sports! He was an avid OU fan, beginning by volunteering as an Eagle Scout usher for OU football in the 1940's. Gary and Letha have attended OU home football games since the 1960's. Gary, his brother, and friends took a baseball trip every year and attended as many sports events as possible. But his greatest joy was being with his family. He & Letha supported anything involved with their children and grandchildren and were always present with a smile and gave the best hugs!

Gary is survived by his wife, Letha Davis, two daughters, Kerri Patterson (Tim), Laura Shellhammer (Chip), and four grandchildren, Regan, Lindsey (David), Sidney (Grant), Kyra, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Gary and his younger brother, Bob Davis, were very close and worked together their whole lives. Bob preceded Gary in death by only 10 days. They will both be dearly missed.

Sandra McCoy

Sandra Ann McCoy was born July 10, 1963, to James Rae McCoy and Elanor Carol Big Horse McCoy in Clinton, OK and passed away Wednesday, September 13, 2023, in her Woodward home.



Sandra was raised in Clinton where she also attended school. She later received her GED and attended the Vo-tech school. She had previously worked for the Lucky Star Casino as Security. She made her home in Woodward in 2018, to be close and live with her sister. She loved the time spent with her nieces, nephews and her animals. She is a member of the Indian Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and sister, Jacqueline McCoy.

She is survived by sister, Connie McCoy, Woodward, OK; brother Brian Sperle and wife, Trista, Clinton, OK; and numerous nieces and nephews, Monica, Jose, Rogelio Rodriguez and Laura McCoy, Cooper Sperle and wife, Meredith, Huntsville, AL, Hardy Sperle and Marle Sperle, both of Clinton, OK, and Amanda Perez, of OK.

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LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



Mike Smith
News Director

Kyle Dillingham Performs in Elk City October 3



The Elk City Arts Council announced that Kyle Dillingham and Horseshoe Road will be performing October 3rd at 7 p.m. in the Susan Powell Auditorium. Tickets are available now to his eclectic musical style that ranges from blues to bluegrass, gypsy jazz to western country, and rock to gospel. Dillingham and the Horseshoe Road will perform a blend of music that is called Heartland Americana.

Native of Oklahoma City, Dillingham started playing the violin at the young age of nine. During his high school years, he was featured on the Grand Ole Opry twice.

He has played with Roy Clark and Hank Thompson. Dillingham went on to earn his bachelor's degree in instrumental music performance from Oklahoma City University.

On stage, Horseshoe Road performs a mix of band originals, classic covers and fiddling favorites that are sure to have audiences on their feet. Together, they have represented America internationally in 42 countries, energizing audiences everywhere they go.

Tickets are now available for purchase, selling for \$15.00 each. They can be purchased by visiting ElkCityArtsCouncil.org

“The Coin Guy”

\$3 Coin Sells for \$96K



Trent Boesen

On August 16, 2023, an auction of a high-ranking coin collection went to the auction block. All coins in the collection were certified by the Professional Coin Grading Company (PCGS).

The collection is ranked #2 as the all-time finest with 65 type coins dating from the 19th to the 20th century.

The “star” of the auction was a \$3 gold coin dated 1854-D (D is from the Dahlonega mint in northern Georgia 1838 to 1861). The 1854-D \$3 is certified as a PCGS About Uncirculated 55 with a mintage of 1,120 pieces. It sold for \$96,000.

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KYLE HILBERT SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE, OK HOUSE MEMBER

Heston Wright / WW

Kyle Hilbert, Speaker for the Oklahoma House of Representatives, recently visited Weatherford to speak at a City Hall Meeting (pictured above) as well as to contribute to a Weatherford Rotary Club's fundraising event at Lucille's Roadhouse.

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MOORE / RYAN WALTERS - In a recent interview State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton gives his thoughts on the House Democrats' formal request to create a special bipartisan house committee to investigate whether there are grounds to impeach Superintendent of Public Instruction Ryan Walters. Moore cites Waters as a spreader of “hate and discontent wherever he goes” but believes a formal investigation should be conducted before any legislative action is taken. Walters has served as State Superintendent of Public Instruction since January 2023.

WEATHERFORD / ELECTIONS - Neither City Commission race in the City of Weatherford advanced to a runoff this fall. Kendon Wood and Warren Goldmann in Wards 1 and 3, respectively, won city commission seats outright Tuesday. Wood got 63% of the vote in defeating Terri Lockhart and Madella Shelton. Warren Goldmann also got 63% of the vote in returning to the Ward 3 City Commission seat by defeating Chad Martin and Rebecca Carman. Goldmann looks ahead to returning to the commission.

ELK CITY / ANGEL - Elk City Police recently arrested a Tulsa-area dog groomer on a felony arrest warrant for animal cruelty. Tulsa police say James Diego Angel allegedly killed a 4-year-old golden doodle at a Tulsa-area grooming establishment. An investigation uncovered evidence related to the incident, which allegedly showed the dog's mistreatment by Angel. Angel was located at a dog show by Elk City Police and was taken into custody.

OK HS / INTERIM STUDIES - Legislative Interim Studies are occurring in the downtime between sessions. Oklahoma's promise allows 8th through 11th-grade students from families meeting certain income requirements to earn a college or Technology Center tuition scholarship. Students must also meet academic and conduct requirements in high school.

WEST OK / SALES TAX - Several western Oklahoma communities had a down month for sales tax receipts for July sales. However, the City of Weatherford was up 6.6% at \$1.167 million. The City of Clinton fell by 5% at just over \$525,000. Elk City was down by 3.1% at just over \$1.21 million and Cordell had a 1.6% decline with a collection of just under \$95,000.

WEATHERFORD / ROAD FUTURE - Weatherford has multiple ongoing road construction projects throughout the city. Mayor Mike Brown talks about the current timeline for completion on the projects, giving an optimistic prediction of Lyle and Airport Roads finishing construction between the months of March and April (or, at the very least, by June of 2024). Construction is also ongoing on Hwy. 54 north of Weatherford.

WEATHERFORD / BLOOD DRIVE - The annual Boots and Badges Blood Drive was held recently with another successful turnout of donors, says Fire Chief Mike Karlin. According to Karlin, 95 people showed up to donate, with 85 successful donations. Karlin also stated that 62 of the donations did so in the name of the Fire Department.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for September 20th - Jodi Biddy, Myrna Cobb, L.D. Crowell, Bobby Davis, Julie Glasscock, Coach Chad Hutchison, Melvin James, Kurt Knop, BreeAnna Lierle, Tonnie Reed, Tinnley Sumner; **September 21st** - Jada Akin, Dan Davis, Jackie Entz, Aaden Hampton; **September 22nd** - Lincoln Hatfield, K.C. King, Willard Kutch, Jeannie Parker, Robert Whiteshield; **September 23rd** - Candi LaRae DeLeon, Maria Llamas, Rick Payne; **September 24th** - Bryler Atchley, Hailey Berry, Maggie Fuchs, Lynnsi Outhier, Josh Pitzer, Zac Sandoval, Danielle Sargent; **September 25th** - Stephanie Bradley, Parker Christian, Julie Funkhouser, Pat James, Kasey Jeffers, Luther Newman, Harold Tags, Jerry Waldrop, Tommy Wheeler, Micah Williams; **September 26th** - Ray Bagby, Holly Bellamy, Jacqui Ivy, Whitney Littleton.

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Dawgs Overtaken by ECU in Fourth Quarter

Jon Chidester
 SWOSU Asst. AD / Media Relations

SWOSU Football found itself leading after three quarters at home against East Central Saturday night but could not close it out, eventually falling to the Tigers 24-13.

After trailing just 3-0 at halftime and surrendering another touchdown early in the third quarter, SWOSU battled from two scores down to regain the lead heading into the final 15 minutes. The Bulldogs were held scoreless the rest of the way, while ECU added the go-ahead touchdown on the quarter's opening drive and another score for insurance with 2:08 to play.

The loss drops the Bulldogs to 0-3 on the season. Meanwhile, the Tigers earned their first win and move to 1-2.

The first half was a defensive grinder for both sides. East Central missed a field goal on their opening possession but mustered another on the following drive due to an early first quarter fumble by the Dawgs. The kick would be the only points either side would score in the half. ECU led things 3-0 at the break.

The Bulldog defense held firm while the offense found its footing. SWOSU managed just 58 yards of offense in the opening half, but limited ECU to 127 and racked up four first-half sacks in the process.

Out of the half time locker room, SWOSU found success with Dexter Brown and Ethane Hyche running the football. After ECU scored right away in the third quarter, the duo led the Dawgs down the field on a nine play, 75-yard touchdown drive to answer right back. On that drive, Taylor Tosches caught a 34-yard pass from Calvin Cloud and Hyche scored a play later from two yards out.

The defense stepped up again shortly after. Logan Monroe intercepted a pass, but a three-and-out on offense forced a pooch kick from Cloud which was executed to perfection. The ball was downed on the one-yard line and allowed the defense to make a play once again.

Following a run of no gain, Mason Daugherty forced a second down fumble that Richard Silva recovered on the two-yard line. Two plays later, Hyche found the end zone again to give SWOSU the 13-10 lead late in the third quarter.

ECU responded with a touchdown of their own on the next possession that bled into the fourth quarter and did not relinquish the lead from there. After a successful third quarter moving the ball, SWOSU added just 42 yards of offense in the fourth and was held without points. Final, 24-13.

SWOSU finished with 175 yards of total offense. ECU, 333.

The Bulldogs won the time of possession battle for the first time all season but continued their third down struggles and finished 3-for-13 (23%).

Silva led the defense with 12 tackles including one for loss and his fumble recovery. Monroe added 10 tackles, three of those for loss, and notched his first interception of the season.

Cloud finished 4-for-12 for 91 yards and an interception that came late when SWOSU was forced to take chances down the field in hopes of a comeback.

SWOSU will travel, but not far, for next Saturday's matchup against Southern Nazarene in Bethany. The Bulldogs will stay on the road the following week against Harding before returning to Weatherford for Homecoming on October 7.

THE WEEKLY SCOREBOARD

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CLINTON RED TORNADOES	--	--
SAYRE EAGLES	vs. Mangum	L 20-49
THOMAS TERRIERS	--	--
WATONGA EAGLES	vs. Texhoma	L 19-54
SWOSU BULLDOGS	vs. East Central	L 13-24

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Monroe and Sala Announced Bulldogs of the Week

Grant Kopycinski Sports Information Graduate Asst. **Logan Monroe** (football) and **Freya Sala** (women's golf) are the newest Bulldogs of the Week. This award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Monroe (Dallas, Texas) was an impact player on the defensive side for SWOSU Football on Saturday night. He racked up 10 tackles, three tackles for loss, one and a half sacks, and a crucial interception. Monroe's third quarter interception started a chain of events that culminated in SWOSU grabbing their first lead of the game against East Central.

Sala (Mexico City, Mexico) took home the GAC Women's Golfer of the Week after her best performance of the short season. She shot rounds of 71 and 70 to win a share of first place at the NSU Women's Classic last week. This win was the first individual victory this season and the first GAC Golfer of the Week award for a Lady Bulldog.



OK History: The Cherokee Advocate, Oklahoma's First Newspaper



Courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society
Issue of the Cherokee Advocate. Written in the Cherokee language, The title is pronounced as "tsa-la-gi a-s-de-li-s-gi" (1892).

Chase Wright Staff Writer
On September 26th, 1844, the Cherokee National Council published one of the United States's only tribal newspapers, the Cherokee Advocate.

The paper, authorized the year prior, was inspired by the paper before it, the Cherokee Phoenix. Both were published weekly in Cherokee and English to inform readers about their people and the U.S. Its publications included events and reports detailing the actions of their tribal government and the federal government.

It covered policies, laws, protests of the U.S. Congress, messages from chiefs, missionary activities, estate changes, actions of the National council, details of discussions with Washington, and local news.

Its success brought about other papers like the Choctaw Influencer, 1850, and the Chickasaw Intelligencer, 1854. The Advocate ran for 9 years with a weekly publishing schedule.

Production was halted on September 28th, 1853, due to a lack of funds.

The Editor at the time, William Penn Boudinot, kept his position and was able to get the paper's republication started in 1870. This weekly series lasted until 1875, when a fire destroyed the printing office and equipment in February.

By March of the next year, the paper was in full swing again. It retained its status and increased its Cherokee roots over the next 25 years.

The Advocate's final years saw it feuding over the Cherokee Outlet land controversy and the Dawes Commission. It openly opposed the commission until the Cherokees signed their land allocation in 1899. After signing, the paper continued until 1906, when it ceased operation following the U.S. government's dissolution of their Cherokee Nation.

Tremendous info from the entry of James P. Pate, "Cherokee Advocate," The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture.

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HIGHER GROUND

Seeing People



Jim Morrison

Whom have you seen today? Really seen! It is so easy to look through people as we go about our busy day. They come in all shapes, sizes, and colors—especially their hair color these days. Men and women, go about their day, seeking to pay their bills, raising their children, hoping that they will grow up to give them joy and not pain.

Some in their declining years, are lonely, wishing that someone would see them and give them a sense of worth and significance. In this hectic fast-paced world, it is so easy to miss that person who could really use a smile or small gesture of kindness.

The Apostle Paul shared that he had changed his outlook on people. In 2nd Corinthians 5:16, he shared that "(He) no longer regarded (persons) from a worldly point of view."

After Christ had appeared to him on the road to Damascus he had changed his perspective. People were no longer persons to further his career, or seeing the Gentiles as "dogs." He saw them with a heart of love and compassion that had come from the Father.

But I am guilty as well. Guilty of seeing that obese person and, with a hint of contempt, write them off. Or a person who has lived a life of selfishness and judges them harshly. Let me tell you of some people I have met this week. There was this lady, rather confused-looking, wandering over the truck yard. She said, "I can't find my car and my husband." She had used the restroom and had forgotten just where their car was parked. We walked together until she spotted the car, and she was relieved.

I asked her if I could pray for her and she gladly accepted the offer. Afterward, as she walked toward her vehicle, she said, "You just made my day." I have found that many people have never had anyone pray for them personally. Earlier, while waiting in a booth for the drivers to wake up, I saw a rather disheveled man sitting in a booth across from me. It was pretty obvious that he was on the road. He told me his story of a misspent life and his sense of despair. I shared about my hope in Christ and that he could also have that hope by surrendering his life to the Father's hands.

He did not make any commitment but at least he had seen someone who saw him as a person.

The Ministerial Alliance has a program of providing utility assistance for those who fall behind in their bills. I am responsible on Fridays to pick up the forms they must complete to receive help. This week, I met with a single dad caring for a six-month-old baby boy and a two-year-old girl. He also paid child support for a third child he conceived in Kansas City. Each of these was the product of a life of self-gratification without any marriage commitment. But he was at least accepting responsibility for the children and, working full time, doing his best under the circumstances. It would have been easy to write him off as a person who had made his bed by being irresponsible and selfish, and now he could lie in it. But he was a person who was created in the image of God, and though now badly marred, was still loved by God and worthy of being loved, respected, and treated with dignity. He is a work in progress. I am praying for his life to be turned around and for him to find the peace that comes from a personal relationship with Christ. This week, look around and see people; take a little time to talk to the clerk at Wal-Mart, on the street, or anyone in your path.

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FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT



Save Money On Your Monthly Energy Bill With Crusader RetroFoam



One of the most overlooked aspects of owning a home can significantly impact monthly costs; the culprit is often a lack of insulation. Whether purchasing pre-built homes or starting from the ground up, many homeowners might be unaware of the savings they are potentially losing. We all want to be comfortable, especially in our homes, which means temperature control. Rain, sleet, or shine, AC and heat units keep the inside space nice and cozy. However, they often work overtime because of inefficient seals that fail to separate the outside from the inside. Insulation, with its different levels and types, is that seal.

Martin Knop and his son Joshua know firsthand how much of an impact insulation has on a home. As the owners and operators of Crusader RetroFoam, an Injection Foam Insulation company, the pair installed the foam in their homes and were delighted with the results. While working in the construction business, Martin began looking for a way to install new insulation cleanly and efficiently and came across information for RetroFoam, a foam that you could inject straight into the wall. Curious,

Martin used it in his home, did some jobs with it, and noticed positive feedback; "Most people will begin noticing their AC/Heat will not run as often when we're done. It'll seal the air infiltrations and ensure the inside air stays consistent."

If you've ever noticed that your heat and air systems seem to be constantly running or that when they're turned off, the temperature never holds, you may be dealing with gaps in your insulation. Most notably, older homes, homes with big bay windows, and homes with nooks & crannies seem to fight this problem the most.

To explain how RetroFoam differs from regular rolls of insulation, Martin uses this clever fridge analogy: "If you forget to shut the door of your refrigerator, even just a small gap, you'll notice the air starts to escape and condensation forms. The full coverage seals around the doors prevent that. RetroFoam acts the same way."

The foam is injected through small holes in the wall, filling air pockets and creating seals that most insulations miss. And the best part? You don't have to take down drywall to install.

Some common concerns with insulation upgrades deal with the notion that new installations will require replacing a wall—which can be costly and messy—or that tightly packing the wall will make electrical repair or upgrade work a nightmare in the future. However, Crusader RetroFoam creates holes from the outside of the house (usually through brick) and can inject the foam with little hassle. Then, there's just the matter of covering the holes with a special mortar.

Martin explained, "You can hardly tell any work was done physically, but it'll start paying back quickly: 10%, 15%, you'll see money back fast."

As far as upgrades go, the RetroFoam is extremely pliable to work with. Cabling and wire-running can be easily done through the foam.

So, consider upgrading the insulation as a way to "weather-ready" your home. With a simple installation system, customers of Crusader often tailor their orders to their needs. For example, some customers have filled specific sections, like the south wall, a bedroom, or just finished an addition. Then, they'll order another wall later down the line. RetroFoam is a competitive solution to insulation problems.

The foam is Class One Fire Rated, can dampen sound up to 80%, is non-toxic, and can cover many of the cracks and crevices of a home. Air leakage can be severely reduced when paired with caulk in hard-to-reach places like window and door trims.

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Similarly to how you may get your car tuned and checked before or after a long trip, your roof needs the same attention. Before storm season hits and after hail storms, it's a great idea to get a professional opinion on steps you may need to take to ensure your roof is up to the job.

Axtell Roofing, owned and operated by Jamie Axtell, has covered residential and commercial properties since 1930. Family owned and begun, Jamie described their history from his grandfather's start in Hobart to his father's move in 1964 to Weatherford into Axtell's coverage today that spans the state of Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle. "We started as a personalized service and want to keep it that way," Jamie says. "We've been doing roofs for people and families for years; we've gained a lot of great friends."

Part of the quality care Axtell Roofing provides is the peace of mind that comes with experienced and qualified services. Axtell Roofing is commercially endorsed with high insurance coverage, so customers can be confident in their installations and repairs. Every employee with Axtell is part of the Axtell family, so work is never subcontracted. When a client calls for a consultation, they can be on-site within the same day or the next, and you know that the people working on the roof are unified.

Jamie views his business in a unique way: "We're more like a family than a company. We take care of our own, whether they're an employee or a customer."

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FALL HOME IMPROVEMENT



Tips on How to Winter-Proof Your Home During the Autumn Season

Clean and Repair Your Gutters

To clean your gutters, remove all debris preventing the water from draining correctly. You should also check all the joints and brackets to see if they are loose and tighten them. Then get your garden hose and flush the gutters out with water until it starts draining. Another thing to consider is installing gutter guards--a great solution to keep you off the ladder next year!

Complete All Roof Repairs

If you are considering repairing or replacing your roof this fall, it is the best time of the year because of the cooler temperatures. This is very true if you install asphalt shingles, the most common roofing material. Getting your roof repaired or replaced with the cooler fall weather gives the shingles more time to bond with your rooftop before the wet winter weather arrives.

Protect Your Outdoor Faucets.

With temperatures below freezing this winter, it is always best to winterize your outdoor faucets. One of the easiest things to use is a foam faucet cover. It is common to find at any hardware store. It's easy to install and will definitely do the trick.

Seal or Install New Windows

The best thing to do is apply caulk along door frames and windows to seal any cracks or air gaps. Consider replacing the weather stripping for a better seal against the winter elements. Look into the pricing of replacing the weather stripping with rubber. It will be more expensive but will last much longer. If your windows are over 15 years old and condensation and frost have been on your windows in the previous winters, the best thing you can do is replace them.

Insulate Your Home.

Unless your home is specially constructed for energy efficiency, adding more insulation can reduce your energy bills. This barrier prevents heat loss and gain, particularly in walls, roofs, and floors. Insulating your home lowers the cost of cooling and heating your home. This is because heat travels. It moves out of your home in the winter and flows into your home in the summer. Many older homes have less insulation than homes built today, but even adding insulation to newer homes can pay for itself within a few years.

Schedule Your Furnace Maintenance

The most important thing for your comfort is ensuring your furnace is ready for winter. The best thing to do is schedule a tune-up with a licensed heating and air contractor. They will check all controls and test the furnace to ensure it is in peak condition.

If your furnace is no longer working, or you want to replace your current furnace, the best choice would be to choose an Energy Star-rated furnace for your replacement because it could save you up to 20 percent more on your energy bill than the standard model.

If you are looking for another way to lower your electric bill, consider installing a smart thermostat because it will quickly pay for itself. One of the great features of a smart thermostat is it can be set to an energy-saving mode when no one is home.

I hope these tips have you thinking about what can be in store for us this winter. The great thing is many businesses in our community can help you achieve these goals in making your home safer, more comfortable, and more efficient.

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