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Mackynsie McKedy Wins 2024 Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant

The annual Miss SWOSU Scholarship Pageant was held on Saturday, November 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center at the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Weatherford campus.

The first photo pictured left show the three top placing contestants (from left): **Hannah Jo White**, the 1st Runner-Up; **MackKynsie McKedy**, crowned 2024's Miss SWOSU; and **Macey Buss**, the 2nd Runner-Up.

The second photo pictured left shows all eight contestants on the night of the pageant, with overviews of each contestant shown below. Participants included: Gabrielle Clayton of Clinton, OK; Hallie Calvin of Synder, OK; Gabby Spieker of Sayre, OK; Hannah Jo White of Elk City, OK; MackKynsie McKedy of McLoud, OK; Macey Buss of Weatherford, OK; Kimmy Jones of Bristow, OK; and Jarika Estes of Walters, OK.



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Gabrielle Clayton — Clinton, OK



Hallie Calvin — Synder, OK



Gabby Spieker — Sayre, OK



Hannah Jo White — Elk City, OK



MackKynsie McKedy — Harrah, OK



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Lee Thiessen

Lee Kermit Thiessen was born November 28, 1928, to Bernhard and Susanna (Peters) Thiessen between Hinton and Hydro on the family farm.



Lee passed away Monday, October 30, 2023, at his home on that same farm.

He attended Mound School and then attended Hinton High School, where he was active with the FFA.

He graduated in the class of 1946. Later in life, he would drive a homemade school bus for the Bethel community.

He farmed with his brother Floyd for a few years before serving his country in the U.S. Army.

He served in the Korean Conflict in the artillery division. Upon returning home to Caddo County, Lee met Cleta Murphy from Hinton. The two dated for a time before getting married on August 21, 1955, at The First Christian Church in Hinton.

Lee and Cleta raised one daughter (Anita) and three sons (Ben, Mark, and Joseph). He and Cleta helped many people over the years who had fallen on hard times.

Lee worked on the rock quarry that his father owned and operated and soon after, began farming full time. He farmed wheat, cotton, and later raised cattle.

In his retired years, he was meticulous about his yard and garden. He was always a good steward of the land that had been entrusted to him. He loved reading his Bible and spent each morning praying for his family. Lee attended the Mt. Zion Pentecostal Church.

Lee is survived by one brother; Floyd Thiessen and wife Kay of Dallas, TX; his four children; Anita Lutz and husband Rick of Hydro, OK, Ben Thiessen and wife Tarissa of Hydro, OK, Mark Thiessen and wife Rhonda of Mustang, OK, and Joseph Thiessen of Oklahoma City, OK.

Lee is also survived by his seven grandchildren; Ryan Lutz and wife Erin of Edmond, OK; Eric Lutz of Oklahoma City, OK; Katie Braziel and husband Jeremy of Hydro, OK, Karissa Huddleston of Weatherford, OK; Joshua Davenport and wife Samantha of Mustang, OK; Andrew Thiessen of Mustang, OK, and Emily Harmon and husband Zachary of Oklahoma City, OK.

He is also survived by his six great-grandchildren; Hanna Lutz, Henry Lutz; Maddie Braziel, Gracie Braziel; Ollivander Davenport, and Gideon Harmon

Lee was preceded in death by his parents, Bernhard and Susie Thiessen, wife Cleta Thiessen, grandson, Joseph Lutz and siblings, Thelma Flanigin and Loretta Winn.

Larry Stewart

Larry Gene Stewart was born on October 21, 1948, to Glen Stewart and Frankie (Wallace) Stewart in Elk City, OK. He passed away on Saturday, November 4, 2023, in the Clinton Veterans Center.



Larry was raised in Clinton and graduated high school in 1966. He was drafted into the U.S. Army and served in Vietnam before being honorably discharged in 1970.

He returned home and attended OSU in Stillwater, OK for one year.

In 1976, he graduated from SWOSU in

Weatherford, receiving a degree in Business Administration. While in college, he worked for Sewell Brothers, Mac Reinard, and Cornell Construction Company.

He married Paula Bingenheimer on May 5, 1972, in Clinton, OK.

After living in Oklahoma City for a short time, they moved back to Clinton in 1977. He owned and operated Larry Stewart Dozer Service doing soil conservation work and oil field construction all over Western Oklahoma.

He sold his business in 2011 and fully retired in 2016.

Larry fully enjoyed his work, as well as spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brother Terry Stewart; father-in-law Joe Bingenheimer; brother-in-law Barry Robinson; niece Enid Bighorse; and nephew Luke Stewart.

He is survived by his wife Paula of the home; mother-in-law Pauline, Clinton, OK; daughter Adrienne Clerici and husband Chris, Durango, CO; two sons: Jacob Stewart and wife Amy; and Jordan Stewart and wife Melissa both of Clinton; sister Kathy Stewart, Clinton; brother Russell Stewart and wife Charlotte, Clinton.

He is also survived by his seven grandchildren: Grant Stewart, Kate Stewart, Audrey Stewart, Rocco Clerici, Carson Clerici, Oaklyn Stewart and Bodhi Stewart; two sister-in-laws: Kim Robinson, Clinton, and Ann Bardone and husband Patrick of Santa Fe, NM; and brother-in-law Michael Bingenheimer of Clinton, OK; cousins: Mark Stewart, Lloyd Stewart and Ramona Hines of Clinton, OK; Shirley Sparke of Garden City, KS; Jeri Bailey, Glenn Bailey, and Bill Bailey and Pam Teeter.

Chuck Ladd

Charles "Chuck" Andrew Ladd was born December 3rd, 1951, to Augusta Tom Ladd Jr. and Lila Mae Hicks Ladd in Booneville Arkansas, and passed away November 2nd, 2023 in Clinton, OK.



He graduated from Clinton Public Schools in 1969. Charles held many jobs in his life, such as driving a taxi for his family taxi business in Clinton, he was a mechanic at Clanton's Truck Stop in Big Cabin, OK, a welder, he worked in the coal industry in Eastern Oklahoma, pumped gas and worked as a farmer for numerous people in Western Oklahoma.

Charles served in the National Guard for 4 years Charles moved to Louisiana in 1982 where he met the love of his life Gloria Mattern.

Chuck was the pillar of strength to his family, a hero to his daughter and grandchildren. He was loved by so many and will be greatly missed.

He is preceded in death by his parents and grandparents: Andrew W. and Mamie (Kingsborough) Hicks and Augusta Tom Sr. and Lola Vaughn Ladd, sister Sharron Ladd, brother Tommy Ladd, life-long friend and companion Gloria Mattern; Granddaughter Emily Herman, Great Grandson Jediaiah Brant and Great nephew Glenn Dale Godsey II.

He is survived by sisters Carla Suitor and companion Robert Bryan; and Carolyn Bradley; daughter Michelle Soverns and husband Bryan; granddaughters: Katie Brant and husband Mark; Rebecca Reid-Diaz and husband Xavier; and Madison Soverns; great-grandchildren Kassadi, Xander, and Declan; nieces and nephews: Frances Altman and husband Charlie; Lee Harmon and wife Christie; Tommy Ladd II and wife Lori; Bobby Suitor and wife Rhonda; and Micaela Marquez and husband Joel; several great nieces and nephews; and lifelong family friend, Kathy Kingore.

Debra Weil

Debra Ann (Lax) Weil was born June 23, 1955, to Gilbert Tom Lax and Norma Lee (Hooser) Lax in Thomas, OK and passed away Wednesday, November 1, 2023, in the Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, OK.



Debra was raised in Arapaho, OK where she graduated from Arapaho High School in 1973. While attending high school, she was active playing basketball, cheerleading and was a member of the Rainbows. She continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, obtaining a degree in Business Administration.

She married Raymond Weil on April 12, 1974, in Clinton. They made their first home in Arapaho but soon moved to Clinton and made it their home.

She was employed with Meacham Law Firm and later joined Richard Phillips Law Firm and served as his legal secretary for over 26 years.

She is a member of the Arapaho Baptist Church; she was a member of the Western Oklahoma Genealogical Society and the Western Oklahoma Historical Society. She was an avid reader and enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her mother in 2017 and her husband, in 2020.

She is survived by her daughter, Julie Thomas and husband Barrett, Tulsa, OK and son Chris Weil and wife Angie, Clinton, OK, dad Tom Lax, Clinton, OK sister Nancy Mason and husband Craig, Clinton, OK, brother Brad Lax and wife Rayna, Butler, OK.

She is also survived by six grandchildren: Payton Harrelson and husband Holden, Lexi Weil, Victoria Weil, and Beckham Weil, Braden Thomas and Jacob Thomas, two special aunts: Bobbie and Pewee. and numerous cousins and other family members.

Jean Fortner

Eula "Jean" Fortner went to be with her heavenly father on November 3, 2023.



She was born and raised in Custer City, OK, on April 28, 1924, to Crystal and Lola (Senior) Fox. The family later bought a farm in Arapaho, OK.

her senior year of high school where she graduated. She attended college at Southwestern State College in Weatherford, Ok. She married Glen Jones of Custer City, then moved to Tracy, California, where he served in the Navy. She worked for the railroad until the birth of her daughters. They later moved to Oklahoma City. She was a housewife, raising three daughters for many years, then became employed by B.C. Clark Jewelry Store for twenty years where she retired.

She had a passion for sewing, cooking, and camping with the family. She was a Sunday School teacher for several years and was involved in other church activities. Later, she married Gerald Fortner of Custer City in 1984, then moved to Clinton, Ok. They enjoyed traveling all over the United States, fishing and spending time with family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Gerald, sister Billie Laminack and Grandson Scott Barker.

She is survived by three daughters: Kayela Barker and husband Terry, Jeanne Lair and husband Eddie, Deanne Pipher, two stepdaughters: Pat Ferguson, Judi Christensen and husband Paul, several grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren and nieces and one nephew.



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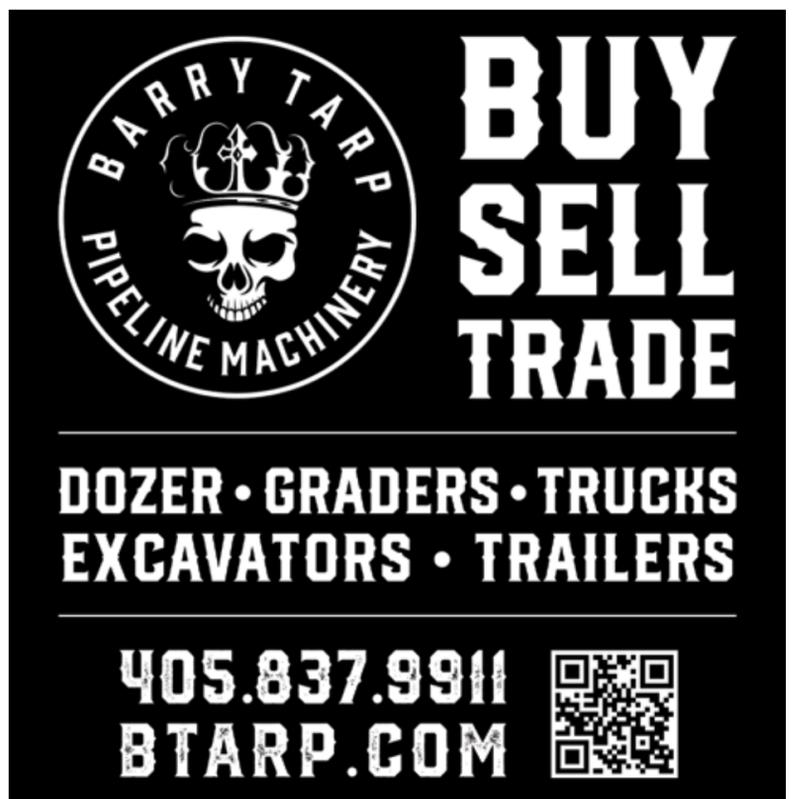
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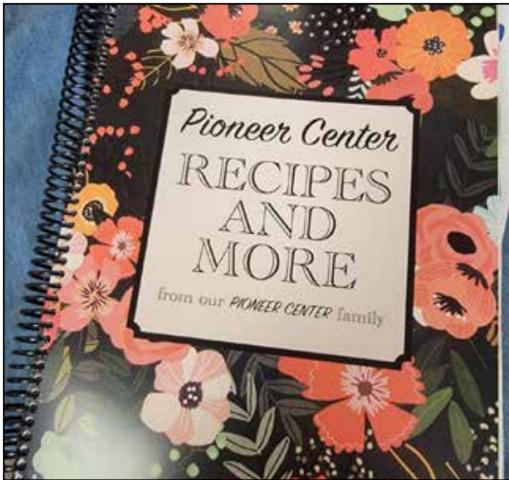
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Pioneer Center to Hold 33rd Annual Stew Dinner



Cheryl Burleigh / Pioneer Center

Examples of the Pioneer Center branded Denim Tote bags and Cookbooks that will be sold at the Pioneer Center Stew Dinner

The Weatherford Pioneer Center, which serves the local senior community, is holding their 33rd annual Stew Dinner fundraising on Saturday, November 18th from 11am to 1:30pm. The event, which has been held every year for the past 34 years except for one during the pandemic, is the main fundraising event for the Pioneer Center located at 1000 Gartrell Place in Weatherford, OK.

“It provides all the funding for all of our activities for our senior events here at the Pioneer Center. We have a bake sale, we have the ticket sales,” said Assistant Director of the Pioneer Center, Cheryl Burleigh who’s coordinating the event. “And then we have silent auction baskets that people can bid on, which are great for Christmas time”

Along with stew, baked goods, and silent auction baskets, The Pioneer Center will also be selling Pioneer Center branded Denim Totes as well as cookbooks curated with some of the best recipes from Weatherford’s very own senior citizens.

Tickets for the Stew Dinner are \$10 for all-you-can-eat stew and combread that will be prepared fresh by Pioneer Center employee Melissa Gabbard and crew. There will also be cobbler served with the dinner, but the cobbler will not be all-you-can-eat.

You can purchase tickets in advance at the Pioneer Center, from one of the Pioneer Center Committee members, or you can wait and purchase a ticket at the door on the day of the stew dinner.

However, don’t fret if you need to get your stew to-go. “If businesses have employees that are working on Saturday and they want to give them a nice lunch treat, they can call over and tell us how many they want and just pull up and we’ll bring it right out to them and it’s all packaged and ready to go,” said Burleigh. Interested eaters just need to call 580-772-1192 to place an order to-go.

Burleigh and the Pioneer Center Committee have almost hit 75% of the projected goal of the fundraiser, but Burleigh admitted she couldn’t have done it without help from the community.

“I’d like to thank the community for all that they do for us here at the Pioneer Center, because we have so many people that donate their time throughout the year for programs here for our seniors, whether they’re guest speakers or just provide programming, and so I do want to say a huge thank you,” said Burleigh.

For more information about the Pioneer Center 33rd Annual Stew Dinner, call 580-772-1191.

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5. Pray for the salvation of guards and officials bringing the persecution.
6. Pray for greater freedom for those exercising their rights to religious freedom.
7. Do not necessarily pray for the persecution to cease. In most cases that would indicate that they had stopped sharing their faith.

Jim Morrison

Ripkin was speaking to a group of house church leaders in a remote area of China. One local pastor asked, “Do the people in other countries also know about Jesus—or is He only known in China?”

Ripkin told them that millions of people all around the world knew about Jesus and about the Chinese Christians as well.

The people were astounded, “Wait, wait!” they could hardly believe what they heard. One man responded this way, “Do you mean that people in your country know that we believe in Jesus? Do you mean that they know that we are suffering for our faith? Do you mean they haven’t forgotten us and that they are praying for us?” Another young woman asked, “Are believers in other countries persecuted like we are?”

Ripkin told them about the experience of believers in two very oppressive Islamic countries. The crowd became strangely quiet. A few minutes before they had been clapping and shouting and asking questions. Now they were completely silent and still.

At 6:00 a.m. the next morning, He was awakened

by screaming and shouting outside in the compound. His first thought was that the secret police had come. But what he saw was Chinese house-church leaders and evangelists either lying or sitting on the ground, crying, screaming and yelling hysterically. Many were pulling their hair or clutching at their clothes. He spotted his interpreter and rushed over to him asking, “What in the world is going on?” He told me to just be quiet and listen. He actually began to recognize the names of the two countries being repeated again and again in passionate and anguished prayer.

His interpreter, David, turned and looked at him, and with tears streaming down his face said, “They were so moved by what you shared last night about believers who were truly persecuted, that they have vowed before God that they will get up an hour earlier every morning to pray for those Muslim-background believers that you told them about, until Jesus is known throughout their countries.

Ripkin said, “In that instant I could see why the number of Chinese believers had gone from a few hundred thousand to perhaps hundreds of millions.”

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For one night only, Powell will be celebrating the "Hometown Christmas" event for 2023 at the newly remodeled Susan Powell Auditorium on West 2nd Street in Elk City.

Susan will be performing for attendees, along with her husband Richard White; her personal music conductor Phil Reno; and select members of the Elk City High School Music Department under the direction of Justin Ediger.

There will be a reception following the concert for everyone to visit with Susan and take pictures.

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BECKHAM CO / FATALITY - One teen is dead, and another is hospitalized following an ATV accident 1.5 miles north of Erick in Beckham County. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says a 12-year-old male from Calumet was treated and released, and a 14-year-old male from Erick died at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City. The cause of the accident is under investigation.

CLINTON / HOSPITAL - A resolution was approved by Custer County Commissioners to use up to \$45,000 of ARPA funds for a project at the recently reopened Clinton Regional Hospital. Commissioners also approved ARPA funds to replace water fountains inside the Custer County Courthouse.

CLINTON / DEVELOPMENT SALE - Clinton City Council, acting as the industrial authority, ratified a purchase and sale agreement between the Clinton Industrial Authority and 42 LLC. Clinton Economic Development Director Roland Mower says the authority is selling just under 3 acres in the industrial park at a price of \$15,000 an acre.

WEST OK / SALES TAX - The latest sales tax numbers for September sales show increases in Weatherford, Clinton, and Elk City. Weatherford had a nearly 8% sales tax hike in receipts, collecting just over \$1.094 million dollars. Clinton was up 7.5% at more than \$550,000, and Elk City had a 12% increase, collecting \$1.261 million.

CLINTON / POLICE LODGE - Clinton City Council ratified the collective bargaining agreement between the City of Clinton and the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 233 for the 2023-24 fiscal year. City Manager Robert Johnston says the contract is retroactive to July 1st of this year.

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Happy Birthday Wishes for Nov. 15th - Jessica Bandy, June Black, E.M. Bray, Nick Brennforder, Rodney Brooks, Gabriella Butler, David Hiler, Tessa Ingram, Addison Lyon, Mason Palmer, Cindy Ritchison, Heather Silcott, Mike Torres, Kyle Yoder; **Nov. 16th** - Madeline Baughner, Chris Cloninger, Davon Izaguirre, Cannen Johnson, Sean Lime, Jazon Ray, Steve Young; **Nov. 17th** - Vickie Adams, Hunter Gauntt, Mason Hart, Elly Kaut, Betty Mahan, Linda Myers, Clay Pope, Candy Taylor, Mary Beth Thomas; **Nov. 18th** - Donna Barnett, Patsy Girard, Steven Hardebeck, Lloyd Horn, Michelle Lee, Betty McCray, Layne Mitchell, Wanda Murray, Roy Pope, Kim Quintero, Jeff Ross, Kathy Sadler, Deirdrah Smith, Larry Snider, Braden Terrell, Dennis Williams; **Nov. 19th** - Brooklyn Bailey, Walt Brandhorst, Shawn Brown, Natalie Houck, Landon Lorenz, Megan Meek, Whitney Orum, Nancy Stephenson, Mindy Taylor, Ryan Willis; **Nov. 20th** - Daniel Blackwolf, Becky Brandhorst, Chellie Cox, Phil Hoover, Kenneth Hoover, Polly Hulsey, Kasi Kincaid, Blake Pearson, Merlin Shontz, Neva Taff, Kyia Trent, Mike Trent, Tanner Wilburn; **Nov. 21st** - Leanna Aycock, Tyler Carder, Brian Gossen, Linda Hays, Chris Holt, Reyna McDaniel, Emily Meyers, Craig Morton, Jack Sadler, Debbie Schwartz, Catherine Stewart;

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Oklahoma History: The Rise of Colonel D. Inez Haynes in WWII



Chase Wright
Staff Writer

In honor of Veterans Day, we'll take a quick look back at one of the early inductees into Oklahoma's Military Hall of Fame, Colonel Inez Haynes.

Colonel D'Lorz Inez Haynes was born June 3rd, 1909, in Paint Rock, Texas. After graduating, she joined the Army Nurse Corps with active duty in 1933. During World War II, Haynes served as chief nurse of several general hospitals in Europe and in the Pacific before eventually serving as the director of nursing operations in Occupied Japan.

In 1949, she began a four-year tenure in the Surgeon General's Office. Haynes then went on to serve as the deputy chief of the Army Nurse Corps. In 1955, she served her four-year term as the 10th Chief of the Army Nurse Corps.

Colonel Haynes grew up hearing stories from her family friends about the exploitation of nurses in the military during World War I. This inspired her to lead and develop formal education programs to both improve the capabilities and nursing knowledge of professional and secondary personnel.

When she retired from the Army Nurse Corps on August 31st, 1959, she worked as the General Director and Secretary of the National League for Nursing until 1969.

Once she was satisfied there, she transferred to the University of Texas at the College of Nursing.

One year later, she moved to El Reno, Oklahoma and began serving at Oklahoma University. While there, helped set up funding and grants to eventually found the current School of Nursing at OU.

She passed away on May 29th, 1997 in El Reno, OK and was posthumously inducted into "Who's Who Among Oklahoma Military Men and Women," which is an event sponsored by the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2001.

Colonel Inez Haynes exemplified leadership and a pursuit of knowledge. According to the Oklahoma Historical Society, some of her accolades (and the institutions to award them) include: The Legion of Merit (US Army); The Outstanding Achievement Award (University of Minnesota); The Recognition and Achievement Award (National League of Nursing); and the Honorary Recognition and Achievement Award (Oklahoma Nurses Association).

She was also selected and recognized as a Distinguished Member of the Army Medical Department Regiment in 1986.

Weatherford Chamber "Here for Cheer" Encourages Shopping Local

The Holiday Season is quickly approaching and with it comes the often dreaded holiday shopping season, but the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce's Small Business Society is Here to Cheer you up with some opportunities to win some incredible gifts and prizes.

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No purchases are necessary and anyone interested in entering the giveaway just has to visit a participating business, fill out a giveaway card and place it inside the box at the business.

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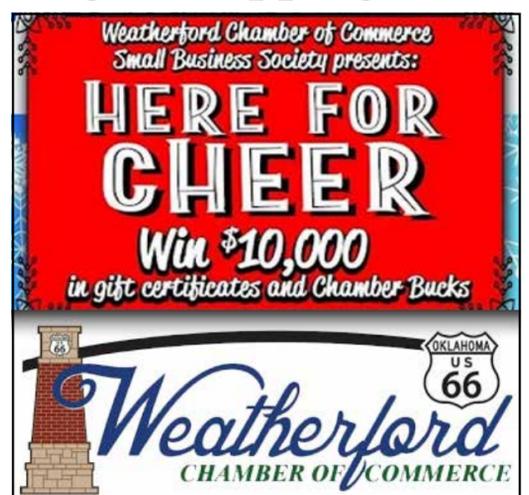
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The deadline to enter the final drawing will be Friday, December 8th by noon.

Participants will only be allowed to win once during the event, but you're encouraged to visit as many businesses in order to increase your chances at winning.

For more information about the Here for Cheer giveaway, you can visit the Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce Facebook Page by searching "Weatherford Area Chamber of Commerce."

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Maicee Morgan and Rees Berkey Secure Bulldogs of the Week

Grant Kopycinski
Sports Information Graduate Asst.

Maicee Morgan (volleyball) and Rees Berkey (women's basketball) are the newest Bulldogs of the Week. The weekly recognition is brought to you by Wright Wradio, home of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Morgan (Edmond, OK) played well in her final regular season games as a Bulldog. She had a season high 13 kills against OBU on Monday night. Then on her Senior Night, accumulated a team high nine kills in a 3-0 sweep of rival NWOSU. As the lone senior for SWOSU volleyball, she leads them into the GAC Tournament this week, when they take on East Central in the first round.

Berkey (Hydro, OK) had a great opening weekend to kick off her Lady Bulldog career. She is the team's leading scorer through two games after the GAC/MIAA Challenge this weekend. She netted a team high 14 points and grabbed five rebounds off the bench to help lead SWOSU to a 63-58 win over Washburn in Friday's season opener.



WOCS Students Visit the Clinton Veterans Center for Veteran's Day

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WOCS students Ryan Long of Weatherford (left) and Sonya Schmidt of Corn play bingo at the Clinton Veterans Center with Rodney Eastgate.



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Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS) in Clinton held a Veterans Day assembly on Friday. Students hold signs with words describing qualities of veterans



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2023 SWOSU Football Season Ends in Alva



Jon Chidester
 Sports Asst. AD

SWOSU Football had the 2023 season end in a 41-0 loss to Northwestern on Saturday evening.

The Bulldogs finished 1-of-15 on third downs and 0-of-3 on fourth down in the shutout loss. It's the third time this season SWOSU was held without points. Trailing 7-0 in the first quarter, Diondre Scott came away with an interception in the end zone to deter a Ranger score. It was SWOSU's lone turnover of the game.

Northwestern led 13-0 at halftime and used a 21-point third quarter to pull away.

SWOSU threw four interceptions, three in the second half including a pick-six, and totaled just 176 yards on offense.

Meanwhile, the Rangers narrowly missed throwing for a season high with 315 yards through the air. They added 159 yards on the ground for 474 yards of total offense.

Bodie Boydston and Sean Shelby combined for 19-of-37 passing at quarterback for 145 yards. Both were responsible for two interceptions. Ethane Hyche ran nine times for 52 yards. Taylor Tosches hauled in five passes for 47 yards.

SWOSU Basketball Season Begins at Conference



Jon Chidester
 Sports Asst. AD

On November 10, 2023, the basketball season officially began for SWOSU, as both the men and women teams had a two-day "Conference Challenge" to attend, hosted by the GAC and MIAA.

After falling to Fort Hays State 66-70 on day one of the conference, SWOSU Men's Basketball went toe-to-toe with Emporia State through the game's first half. Sadly, that margin stretched wider in the second half. SWOSU went on to fall 63-83 in the final game of the weekend.

The Dawgs will be back in action a week from today, Saturday, November 18, against Dallas Baptist in Texas. The home opener comes Nov. 21 against Cameron.

The Hornets finished at over 50% shooting from the field in the game and knocked down 10 three-point shots. Three Bulldogs finished in double figures. Mark Berry posted 14 points on 7-for-11 shooting and led the team with seven rebounds.



Meanwhile, while the women had a strong opening game against Washburn 63-58, Pittsburg State took down the Lady Bulldogs 47-67.

The third quarter was where Pittsburg State truly separated from SWOSU. The Lady Dawgs' offense fizzled out and shot just 1-15 (6.7%) in the quarter. The Gorillas extended their lead to 22 by the end of the quarter. SWOSU went on a 15-6 run to start the fourth quarter, but couldn't close the gap enough to have a chance at the end.

SWOSU shot just 15-71 (21.1%) from the field and 5-19 (26.3%) from deep. Pittsburg State shot 24-59 (40.7%) and 5-19 (26.3%) from three. SWOSU was outrebounded 59-34 in the game. Their defense caused 21 turnovers, but they couldn't capitalize on them, as they scored 13 points off of those turnovers.

The ladies will group up back home and host Oklahoma City University at 6 pm on November 14.

SWOSU Women's Basketball currently stand at 1-1 for the 2023-24 season. Meanwhile, the SWOSU men are starting the season winless.

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