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SATURDAY, APRIL 13

8:30 a.m. Farmers & Ranchers Get Your CEU Credits
Josh Bushong, Area Agronomy Specialist: Drift, Inversion & the use of the Mesonet. Coffee & Donuts 8:30am, Meeting 9:00am-Noon Lunch Provided by Fowler Agency...Convention Center East Room

9:00 a.m. 40th Annual Southwest Farm & Home Expo Opens to Public

All Day FFA Ag Mechanics Show & Silent Auction South Exhibit Hall

All Day Antique Tractor Display...South Exhibit Grounds

2:00 p.m. All Breed Bull Sale -- Sponsored by First National Bank & Trust...South Exhibit Hall

6:00 p.m. Expo Closes...On Site Security Provided

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

Noon Expo Opens to Public

1:00 p.m. Children's Pedal Tractor Pull Ages 4-12; Registration at 1:00pm Begins at 1:30pm Sponsored by Great Plains Bank...South Exhibit Hall

1:00 p.m. BBQ Cook-Off Judging Begins North Exhibit Hall, East Room

All Day Antique Tractor Display...South Exhibit Grounds

4:00 p.m. FFA Ag Mechanics and BBQ Cook-Off Awards and Scholarship Presentations...North Exhibit Hall Stage

5:00 p.m. Expo Closes

At 9:00 am, hear Josh Bushong, area Agronomy Specialist talk about Drift, Inversion and the use of the Mesonet. Lunch provided by Fowler Agency.

The All-Breed Bull Sale, which draws people from all over Oklahoma, Texas and Kansas will feature some of the top breeders in Oklahoma and Texas. Bulls will range from yearlings to two year olds. There will be an excellent selection of big stout bulls ready for your farm and ranch needs at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 13 in the South Exhibit Hall. Sponsoring the All-Breed Bull Sale is the First National Bank & Trust of Elk City.

The BBQ Cook-Off kicks off on Friday, April 12 at 6:00 pm with the Cook's meeting and meat inspection, a \$25 entry fee for each category will be due at this time. The check-in/set up will be Saturday, April 13 at 7:30 am through Sunday, April 14 at 8:00 am. The judging will begin at 1:00 pm on Sunday, April 14. Categories are Chicken, Pork Ribs, Beef Brisket and Ribeye Steak. There will be cash prizes for first place in each category and trophies for 1st, 2nd, & 3rd places. Prizes will be awarded Sunday at 4:00 pm in the North Exhibit Hall. Sponsored by the Expo and Smith Hydrovac.

The Children's Pedal Tractor Pull, for ages 4-12 will begin on Sunday, April 14 at 1:30 pm with registration at 1:00 pm in the South Exhibit Hall. Each participant will receive a t-shirt and the top two winners in each age division will also receive a plaque all donated by Great Plains Bank of Elk City. The pedal tractors are furnished so the committee invites all the children to come out and have lots of fun. There will be a drawing for three Pedal Tractors...a John Deere Pedal Tractor donated by Western Equipment and a Case International Pedal Tractor donated by Rother Brothers also a pedal tractor donated by Great Plains Kubota. The drawing will be at the end of the Children's Pedal Tractor Pull. Only the participating riders are eligible for the drawing.

The Elk City Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the Southwest Farm and Home Expo, prides itself on promoting education in agriculture. Every year they award several scholarships to help further high school seniors with their education in the field of agriculture. "This year's show is going to be the best yet," said Kenneth Hart, Expo Co-Chairman. "We have exhibitors that really take pride in their products and services and that helps put our show above the rest."

The Southwest Farm & Home Expo Committee would like to thank Janie's Garden Center for decorating along with the City of Elk City for their help with barrels, cones and some of our advertising. Also, thank you to all our volunteers, exhibitors, Bull Sale Ad Sponsors, Bull Sale Sponsor, Consignors, the Children's Pedal Tractor Pull Sponsor, CEU lunch sponsor and everyone that visits the Expo.

Members of the 2024 Southwest Farm & Home Expo committee include committee Co-Chairman, Kenneth Hart, Co-Chairman, Spencer Smith, Melody Cummings, Dusty Davis, Randy Dupree, Brent Meador, Jason Redd, Jason Simon, Cathy Smith, Jimmy Smith, Larry Long, David Misener, Randy Smith, Ridge Lowrance, Cody Gible, Kathy Gible, Teresa Smith, Nate Perry, Susie Cupp and Karen Touchstone.

Hours for the Southwest Farm and Home Expo are Saturday, April 13 from 9:00-6:00 and Sunday, April 14 from 12:00-5:00. Admission is free. For a complete schedule of events or more information call the Elk City Chamber of Commerce at (580)-225-0207 or email elkcitychamber@itlnet.net or find the Elk City Chamber of Commerce on Facebook.

Susie Cupp
Elk City Chamber Director

The 40th Annual Southwest Farm & Home Expo will be April 13-14, 2024 at the Elk City Convention Center. Whether it's the farm, home, lawn or garden, this Farm & Home Expo will give you the opportunity to see the newest and best products and services in these areas. Over 100 displays will showcase the latest in farm and livestock equipment and lawn, home and garden supplies. Several special events are scheduled for this year's show including the FFA Ag Mechanics Show & Silent Auction, Antique Tractor Display, the Children's Pedal Tractor Pull, BBQ Cook-Off. Along with the All-Breed Bull Sale will be Saturday, April 13 at 2:00 pm. Various Food Trucks will be in the North Parking lot on Saturday and Sunday and the First Assembly of God Church Girls Ministry will be doing the concessions in the South Exhibit Hall on Saturday. Farmers and Ranchers get your CEU credits on Saturday, April 13 starting at 8:30 am with coffee and donuts in the East Room of the Convention Center.

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Rosie Ernst

Rose "Rosie" Marie Ernst was born September 6, 1943, to John F. Rehder and Rose Adaline (Moore) Rehder in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, March 14, 2024, very unexpected in her Clinton home.



Rosie was raised in Clinton, OK where she graduated from Clinton High School in 1961. She went on to beauty college to achieve a certificate in cosmetology.

She married Marvin Ernst on April 30, 1971, in Clinton, OK.

Rosie was a stay-at-home mom and housewife. She enjoyed playing cards, bowling, camping and the outdoors and spending time with family and being with her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, two brothers: Johnny Rehder and Mike Rehder and niece, Lori Parr.

She is survived by three daughters: Tina Ernst and Shaun Reinschmidt, Angie Christian, and Kristi Ernst, of Clinton and son Jordan Ernst and wife Shayna, of Weatherford, sister, Peggy Keeney, of Clinton and, two brothers: Billy Rehder and wife Linda, Enid, OK, Mike Ball and wife Dianna Sand Springs, OK.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren: Jacob Hamlett, Jessica Hamlett, Derick Witherspoon, Calyn Christian, Joseph Ernst, Amari Ernst, Ayva Ernst, Adaline Ernst, and Achilles Ernst.

J.T. Lee

Jake "JT" Lee was born July 14, 1951, in Carnegie, OK to France C. Lee and Betty Gale (Hodge) and passed away early hours Sunday, March 24, 2024, in his Hydro home with his wife Lissa by his side.



JT was raised, mostly, in Weatherford and Clinton and attended Arapaho Schools. He graduated from Arapaho High School in 1969. While in high school, he excelled in sports and All-Stated in both basketball and baseball.

After high school he joined the US Army and spent time in Germany for at least one tour. After his Honorable discharge, he returned to Clinton and attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. He received a bachelor's degree in education in 1979.

He married Lissa Sanders on June 12, 1976, in Clinton. They made their home in Arapaho before moving to Weatherford. He was employed at the Oklahoma Employment Office in Clinton for a few years. He moved to Custer City where he was employed with the Custer City Public Schools until its closing, and then he transferred to Thomas Public Schools. He later moved to Hydro, OK and was employed with Hydro Public School until his retirement in 2006.

Jake loved fishing, playing softball, and spending time with his family.

He was preceded in death by his dad France Lee and his wife Linda, his mother Betty (Glenn) Arther, stepdads Eldon D. Glenn, and Arlie Arther, and his precious daughter Malissa Lee.

He is survived by his wife Lissa of the home, his daughter Karri Ann Redcay and her husband Clair of Corn, his son Ryan Lee and his wife Sabrina, of Weatherford, his stepson Richard Lyle Coit and his wife Heather, of Custer City, his sister Lela Farmer and her husband Rick, of Hydro, three brothers Ed Lee and his wife Katherine of Salina, Kansas, Troy Lee and his wife Toni, of Clinton, and Jack Lee and his wife Peggy, of Clinton, four grandchildren: Jacob Lee and his wife Carlie, Andrew Lee, Jacie Talamanta and her husband Walker, and Brynlee Redcay, and his great grandson Jay Lee.

Grace Everett

Grace Elizabeth (Scabby) Everett was born September 29, 1960, to Rueben Scabby and Edith (Candy) Scabby in Guymon, OK and passed away Friday, March 15, 2024, in her Snyder home.



Grace was raised in Tipton, OK where she attended Tipton Schools. She married at a young age and her husband and his family operated a carnival, and they traveled all over the United States. She was involved with the Carnival until the late 80's. She later married David Everett in 1992, in Wichita Falls, TX. Her husband was in the Autobody repair business, and they made Wichita Falls, TX their home. She moved to Snyder, OK in 2014, to be close to her family.

She was a member of the Church of Christ, she loved to garden, cook, watch her granddaughters play softball, she was an avid sports fan and was supporters for the Oklahoma University Football, Dallas Cowboys, and the Thunder Basketball.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, son Dustin Whiteman, and sister Virginia Ann Michael Scabby.

She is survived by daughter Sandy Coleman, and husband Jac, College Station, TX, two sons: Gregory Whiteman and wife Roxanne, Bryan, TX and Jimmy Whiteman, Waco, TX, and sister Lillian Sandie Scabby, Snyder, OK.

She is also survived by 10 grandchildren and several nieces, nephews, and a host of other family members.

Bessie Fiegel

Bessie Alleen "Be" Fiegel was born May 1, 1931, in Claremore, OK, to Alfred and Bama Almer (Keith) Webber and passed away Thursday, March 21, 2024, at Epworth Villa in Oklahoma City.



Bessie was raised and attended school in Kingfisher, graduating from Kingfisher High School in 1949. During her early years, she enjoyed racing horses and shooting.

At seventeen, she had caught a young man's eye from Loyal, who had just returned from service in the Pacific.

On August 17, 1949, Bessie married that young man Melvin Frank Fiegel. They made their home in Chickasha where they started their family. They had two sons while in Chickasha: Chris and Dan. During that time Bessie attended Oklahoma College for Women in Chickasha.

When the family moved to Stillwater, she continued her education, eventually completing her master's degree. The family's next move was to Weatherford where Melvin and Bessie were both professors at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where she taught home economics and fashion design.

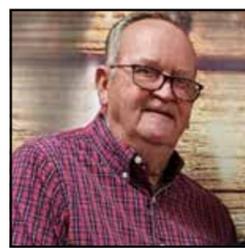
They retired and stayed in Weatherford and later they moved to Oklahoma City. Wherever they lived, they enjoyed friends. They loved to travel, whether it was a short trip in Oklahoma, somewhere in the US, or another country of interest. Reading was Bessie's passion and was an avid quilter. Her favorite genre tended to be a good murder mystery.

Bessie was preceded in death by husband Melvin; her mother Bama; and grandmother Savannah Bias.

She is survived by two sons: Christopher Fiegel and wife Jacque of Edmond and Dan Fiegel and wife, Jean of Enid; five grandchildren, Adam and wife Angela, John and wife Jen, Nicholas and wife Kimmy, Nathan and Natalie; and one great-grandson Liam.

Larry Terrell

Larry Dean Terrell was born May 14, 1948, to Clarence Terrell and Helen (Preston) Terrell in Thomas, OK and passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, March 20, 2024, in his Custer City home.



Larry was raised in Clinton until 6th grade year, and then the family moved to Custer City, OK. He graduated from Custer City High School in 1969. While in high school, he played basketball and continued to be a Panther supporter even after the school's closing.

Soon after high school, he began a 32 year career at the Custer City Coop where he was employed as an elevator-yard foreman until his 2002 retirement.

He was married to Judy Bowman on October 16, 1971, in Clinton, OK. They made Custer City their lifetime home and raised their family there. To this marriage, two sons were born, Jeff and Larry Don.

He was an active member of the Custer City First Christian Church, he served on the Custer City Senior Citizens Board, and he loved music, playing the guitar, singing, dancing, and gardening. He loved the outdoors with fishing and coon hunting. His passion was spending time with his family.

He is preceded in death by his wife Judy, his parents, three sisters: Margie Lou Terrell, Ellen Beth Terrell, Elaine Caler, two brothers: Leonard Terrell, and C. W. Terrell.

He is survived by his two sons: Jeffery Terrell and wife Stacey, and Larry Don Terrell and wife Latricia, both of Custer City, OK, three sisters: Diane Sheehan, Custer City, OK, Gay Lee Patterson, Clinton, OK and Mary Ann Terrell-Wood, Weatherford, OK, two brothers: Melvin Terrell and wife Sharon, Custer City, OK and Jimmy Dale Terrell, Clinton, OK and numerous nieces, nephews and other family members.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Skyler Terrell, Custer, City, OK, Braden Terrell and wife Kennedy, Merrit, OK, Liberty Terrell and Lincoln Terrell, of Custer City, Ok, three great-grandchildren: Blair Grace Terrell, Sedler Kate Terrell, and Merrick Lynn Terrell of Merritt, OK, and a special friend Amber Capps, of Custer City, OK.

The family has requested those wanting to give a memorial contribution may do so to the Custer City Senior Citizens Center in Honor of Larry Terrell.

Dorlas Meier

Dorlas Joan Meier was born December 4, 1936, in Seminole, to John Earnest Allen and Esther Iva (Womack) Thompson and passed away Sunday March 24, 2024, at Oxford Spring of Weatherford, at the age of 87 years, 3 months and 20 days.



Dorlas was raised and attended school in Seminole, graduating with Claassen High School in 1954. Dorlas worked as a waitress and later a hairdresser in Oklahoma City. On June 8, 1975, Dorlas married Jerry Meier and made their home in Weatherford. She enjoyed traveling, doing hair, cooking, her church, Dr. Pepper and watching the Price is Right.

Dorlas is survived by her daughter Sheila Lindsey of Weatherford; step-daughter Shelli Herd of Oklahoma City; brother Marvin Allen and wife Terry of Albuquerque, NM; four grandchildren: and five great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; one brother Charles; one sister Carole; daughter, Vickie; son Nickie; and grandson Ben.

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SWODA Ombudsman Supervisor

Spring is upon us and with that comes some good opportunities for you to connect with your local long-term care facility.

Facilities at Southwestern Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) work with their residents to provide activities and projects to keep residents involved and engaged with life. An important part of this is offering opportunities for activities and projects.

Many residents enjoy caring for flower or vegetable gardens. Some facilities have large spaces, and some have smaller, but all welcome seedlings, seeds, potting soil, gardening tools and gloves so residents can do gardening if they wish.

Spring crafts are important too so supplies to assist with craft projects are also welcomed.

Bird Feeders, spring wreaths, candy, and spring holiday decorations such as Easter Bunnies and baskets. Each facility in the southwestern area of the state has Easter parties and Easter egg hunts for residents and their families and friends.

Get in touch with your area long-term care facility and see what their needs are this spring. If you have time, most facilities could use help with activities or providing entertainment.

Long-term care does not mean sadness, gloom and just sitting in a recliner. There are many residents in long-term care that enjoy being busy and doing things that they love.

If you have questions or concerns regarding a resident in a long-term care facility, contact Cherrie Nutley, Long Term Care Ombudsman Supervisor for the SW area, 580-562-5032.

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Chandler Silman, 7, poses with the Easter Bunny, who made an appearance at the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce for pictures.

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They were convinced that in and through Christ the might of Rome would be shattered and they would be free again. That is why they were so confused and shattered when he was crucified.

But Jesus was talking about another kind of kingdom. When Jesus used the phrase "Thy Kingdom Come" in the Lord's prayer he was asking the Father to establish His Kingdom, His Lordship in the hearts and lives of man. This is true for us as humans today. It is to invite God to set up His

government, his sovereignty in our lives.

It is a simple statement to make and we do so glibly, often without thinking of what we are asking. But if I'm honest I have to admit if I seriously ask God to establish his rule in my life there will be a major confrontation on several levels. There is a conflict between my self-willed ego and his sovereignty.

My inclinations are often to be on the side of selfish pleasure rather than self-denial. The pressure I get from the culture is to fulfill myself, be my own man. Death to self doesn't sell very well in today's market.

When Jesus made the simple statement, thy Kingdom Come...the pictured the very Spirit of the living God coming into the human heart to live there in control. He saw a human being as a temple or residence of the most high God. This relationship is a privileged position. The King of Kings and Lord of Lords is living in our very being. I Peter 2: 9 calls us a "chosen people, a holy priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession..."

When a person becomes aware of this awesome fact it can revolutionize his whole life. It can change his entire outlook, his attitude, and redirect all his activities.

I remember, while on a mission trip to the Philippines with 12 college students in 1986, hearing a group of Philippine young people singing, "There's a flag flying high in the castle of my heart, cause the King is in residence there."

In fact, the difference between a defeated Christian and a victorious, vibrant Christian lies in direct proportion to the degree that Christ is in control of his life. When you recognize God's royal presence it becomes a delight to do God's will. It's an honor to become His subject.

If indeed the Kingdom of God is within me, I will make sure that nothing will enter there that would offend or harm the Spirit of the living God. What I eat and what I drink is of concern to me. What I take into my mind and emotions needs to be monitored. The material I read and things I watch on the screen can cause me to lose my focus and direction.

I will see to it that no attitudes, suggestions, or human philosophies contrary to the teachings of Christ will infiltrate my mind.

The Government of God in my life establishes an inner state in which righteousness, peace, and joy in a spiritual dimension dominates my life.

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The Stafford Air & Space Museum is extending an invitation to the public for the Funeral Services of Lieutenant General Thomas Patton Stafford. The ceremony will allow attendees to honor his remarkable life and legacy.

The funeral arrangements are as follows:

Lie in State: General Stafford will lie in state at the Stafford Air and Space Museum on Wednesday and Thursday, April 3rd and 4th, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Funeral Service: The funeral will be held on Friday, April 5th, starting at 10 a.m. Services will be held at the First Baptist Church (located in Weatherford, OK, at 1510 E Davis Ave).

Grave Side Service: The grave side service will also take place on Friday, April 5th at 2 p.m.

We welcome all who knew and admired General Stafford to join us in paying our respects.

If you are planning to stay overnight in Weatherford, we kindly ask you to make arrangements as soon as possible. Highly recommended hotels in the area include:

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Another choice would be rooms in El Reno or Yukon which is 41 miles or 51 miles to the east of Weatherford.

Should you have any questions or require assistance with anything, please do not hesitate to reach the Stafford Air & Space Museum at 580-772-5871, or you may reach Teresa Schoonmaker at 580-331-8187.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We look forward to commemorating General Stafford's life.

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PLUMLEE / RECOGNITION - A western Oklahoma native who was born in Clinton and went to school at Merritt was recently honored at the State Capitol. Master Sgt. Earl Plumlee is a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient for heroic action in a confrontation in Afghanistan in 2013. Plumlee is among 36 individuals who will be recognized.

WEATHERFORD / FIRE - A fire in downtown Weatherford early Saturday morning damaged an office building in the 200 block of Main Street, says Fire Chief Mike Karlin. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.

WEATHERFORD CC / MAYOR'S SEAT - The Weatherford City Commission recently approved a resolution, calling for an election for the office of mayor for a three-year term. The filing period is June 24-26th. The election will be held on August 27. Any runoff election would be held in November.

GREG TREAT / TAX CUTS - The Oklahoma State Legislature, recently, passed a bill, eliminating the state's portion of the grocery tax that was signed into law by Governor Kevin Stitt and takes effect in August. Senate President Pro Tem Greg Treat says that one of the complexities legislators face when considering tax cuts for state residents is the ability to make sure that basic state services continue to be funded. The current regular session adjourns on May 31.

BECKHAM CO / HOWELL - A Sayre man has been found not guilty after a two-day jury trial in Beckham County District Court. Fifty-three year-old Michael Scott Howell had been charged with threatening an act of violence after he allegedly sent threatening messages by e-mail to a Sweetwater school official. The jury deliberated 38 minutes before returning the not guilty verdict.

BECKHAM CO / ACCIDENT - A Michigan man was last listed in critical condition at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, following an accident involving a scooter Thursday on a Beckham County road, 4 miles south and 1 mile west of Elk City. The Oklahoma Highway Patrol says Wesley Vanbuskirk was eastbound on State Highway 152 when the scooter departed the road and overturned.

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2024 Weatherford High School Graduate Jacoby Welsh has been recruited to play Soccer for Ouachita Baptist University in Arkansas. Welsh has been highly evaluated by WHS Head Coach, Tommy Willis, and West Side Alliance (WSA) Soccer Club's Head Coach, John Jackson.

Western Oklahoma Christian School Hosting Annual 5K Run for 2024



Jena Skarda
WOCS Admissions Counselor

The Running' on a Prayer 5K, hosted by Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS), is set for Saturday, April 13 at P Bar Farms in Hydro. A one-mile fun run will begin at 8:30 AM with the 5K following at 9 AM. Runners must register online at www.okc.enmotive.com or scan the QR code. The cost is \$25 for the one-mile fun run, \$30 for the virtual race, and \$35 for the 5K. Proceeds will benefit all WOCS campuses in Clinton, Weatherford, and Elk City.

The certified race's route will include historic Route 66. On Friday, April 12, a Family Fun Night will be held at P Bar Farms from 5 PM - 9 PM. There will be a cornhole tournament organized by H2 Baggers, dunk tank, face painting, Plinko, duck pond, fishing game, and concessions available.

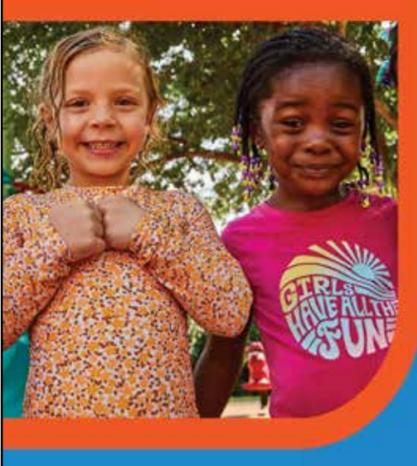
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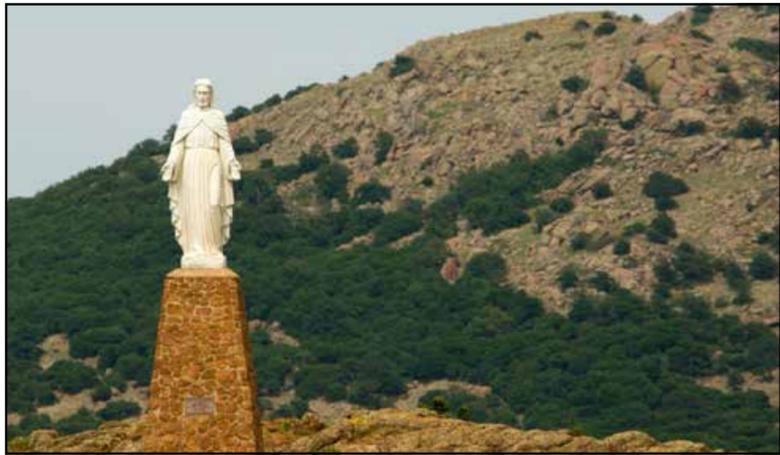


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Oklahoma History: Easter and the Holy City of the Wichita Mountains



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A statue stands at the entrance to the Holy City of the Wichitas in the Wichita Mountain Wildlife Refuge.



Courtesy Travel Oklahoma

The Holy City of the Wichitas contains 66-acres of granite structures designed to emulate Jerusalem during Biblical times.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Nestled within the breathtaking vistas of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge near Lawton, Oklahoma, lies a beacon of spiritual enlightenment amongst the rugged Oklahoma landscape. The Holy City of the Wichitas stands as a testament to faith, community, and tradition, a near-century old slice of Jerusalem in the western world. Founded in the early 20th century by Reverend Anthony Mark Wallock, a man of unwavering dedication to his faith, the Holy City of the Wichitas began one Easter season and has since gone hand-in-hand with the celebration and retelling of the passion of Christ, "The Prince of Peace."

At its core, the Holy City embodies Reverend Wallock's vision of creating a sacred space where individuals could seek solace, reflect on their faith, and commune with the divine. Central to the Holy City's identity is its outdoor amphitheater, a majestic venue where the "Prince of Peace" Easter Pageant takes center stage each year. Originally conceived as a humble yet earnest endeavor to bring the story of Jesus Christ to life for his Sunday school class, the pageant has since evolved into a grand spectacle that captivates audiences with its vivid portrayal of the Easter narrative.

The "Prince of Peace" Easter Pageant stands as one of the longest running of its kind in the United States, a testament to its enduring popularity and cultural significance. On April 4th, 1926, a cast of five performers reenacted the narrative to an audience of 200. The next year, the audience doubled, and by 1930, an several thousand witnessed the performance. It grew quickly each year, soon radio stations picked the play and began broadcasting it across the nation, followed then by footage played in theaters. A decade after its inaugural opening, the pageant had been seen by hundreds of thousands and had enough funding to rebuild the set to the vision Reverend Wallock had from the beginning turning a small slice of Oklahoma into a timeless portal.

As attendees gather beneath the star-studded sky, they are transported to ancient Jerusalem, where the drama of Jesus's life, death, and resurrection unfolds before them. Against the backdrop of the Wichita

Mountains, actors don elaborate costumes, set designs, and special effects to breathe life into the sacred story, inviting spectators to immerse themselves in the sights and sounds of biblical times.

The pageant follows the narrative closely, from Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion and ultimately, his resurrection. Scenes are brought to life through powerful performances, stirring music, and dynamic staging, creating an immersive experience that leaves a lasting impression on all who witness it. Attendees are invited to join in the journey of faith, grappling with the profound themes of love, sacrifice, and redemption that lie at the heart of the Easter story.

Beyond the pageant itself, the Holy City boasts a rich tapestry of religious monuments and replicas, each meticulously crafted to evoke a sense of reverence and awe. Visitors can stroll through the serene Garden of Gethsemane, where Jesus prayed before his betrayal, or pause at the poignant Lord's Supper tableau, which immortalizes the solemn moment of communion with his disciples. A faithful replica of the tomb of Jesus serves as a poignant reminder of the miraculous resurrection that forms the cornerstone of Christian faith.

As pilgrims and seekers wander through the Holy City's tranquil grounds, they encounter a sanctuary of spiritual reflection and contemplation. Here, amidst the natural splendor of the mountains, they find moments of respite from the hustle and bustle of everyday life, embracing the same eternal hope that captured millions and permeate the sacred space.

Today, the Holy City of the Wichitas stands as a testament to Reverend Anthony Mark Wallock's enduring legacy of faith, vision, and perseverance. Its "Prince of Peace" Easter Pageant continues to enchant and uplift audiences, inviting them to embark on a transformative journey through the sacred story of Easter and discover the timeless truths that lie at its heart. As pilgrims and seekers from all walks of life gather beneath the shadow of the Wichita Mountains, they are reminded of the power of faith to transcend time and space, uniting hearts, and minds in a shared celebration of hope, redemption, and the promise of new life.



Koch Family Makes Charitable Gift to SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced a major charitable gift from longtime SWOSU benefactors Rick and Sheila Koch of Weatherford.

The Kochs' latest philanthropic investment will benefit the SWOSU Football Legacy Fund which aims to enhance the resources available to the university's football program.

Rick and Sheila Koch own and operate ASAP Energy, Inc., ASAP General Stores, Ricks Boots & Outfitters, the Weatherford, Oklahoma Holiday Inn Express, and Lucille's Roadhouse Restaurants.

Rick Koch's entrepreneurial journey began in 1979 when he opened his first gasoline station, laying the foundation for ASAP Energy, Inc. Since then, the Koch family and their related enterprises have been steadfast supporters of SWOSU by

contributing to the growth and success of many programs and by volunteering in a wide variety of capacities.

"We are deeply grateful to Rick and Sheila Koch for their generous support of the SWOSU Football Legacy Fund," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana R. "Diane" Lovell. "The Kochs continue to demonstrate their belief in the partnership between SWOSU and the communities we serve by their generous investment and thoughtful involvement."

The SWOSU Football Legacy Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. For more information about The SWOSU Football Legacy Fund or any SWOSU Foundation funds, please contact 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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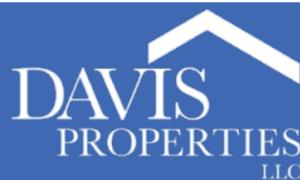
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SWOSU Baseball

collected another pair of wins over Southern Nazarene on Saturday, earning the second conference sweep of the season. The Bulldawgs overpowered SNU in the first game of the day before getting a complete game shutout from Jackson Phillips in the series finale.

The wins push SWOSU to 18-16 on the year and 10-11 in league play. They'll head to Chickasha on Tuesday looking for revenge against USAO in a non-conference matchup before facing Oklahoma Baptist in Shawnee next weekend.

Game One – SWOSU 11, SNU 3

Of SWOSU's 10 hits, five went for extra bases including a pair of doubles from Geoff Marlow in the early innings. Marlow finished with four RBI and scored another run himself and doubled in the game's first two runs in the first inning. Leading 2-0, free bases on walks and hit by pitches put base runners on in the second inning before Marlow plated two more with another double. Reece Burke doubled right after him, followed by Joseph Frisby's single which capped off a five-run second.

After the Crimson Storm chipped into the deficit, Marco Barrera doubled in two more runs in the seventh to put the game to rest. Connor Jeffers added SWOSU's final run in the eighth with an RBI single.

Josh Fluet got the start and pitched into the sixth before being relieved. Grant Ewy and Tyler Fortin both did not allow runs in their relief appearances. Ewy struck out five in 2.1 innings of work. Fortin induced a double play to end the game in the ninth.

Game Two – SWOSU 4, SNU 0

Jackson Phillips threw a complete game shutout, which allowed the offense to find its footing dealing with the Storm's left-handed starter.

Three straight singles plated SWOSU's first run with hits from Jackson Syring, Geoff Marlow, and Joseph Frisby. Conner Jeffers did his job to score Sullivan from third, followed by an Eric Foufoulas single that allowed the fourth (and final) run to cross.

Frisby, playing in left field, finished 2-for-2 in the game with a run scored, an RBI, and a pair of stolen bases. It was the second complete game shutout for Phillips in conference play this season. His final line: two hits, six strikeouts, and no walks.

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Jon Chidester
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SWOSU Softball

concluded their series against Southern Nazarene in a doubleheader Friday afternoon. The Bulldogs fell in both games, 9-8 and 11-3.

SWOSU drops to 12-21 and 8-12 in their GAC slate. They host a midweek doubleheader against Cameron on Tuesday beginning at 2 pm.

Game One – SNU 9, SWOSU 8

The Bulldogs fell victim to a two out, seventh inning walk off home run in the day's first game. The walk off came a half inning after SWOSU tied things up in their half of the seventh.

SWOSU walked eight times and stranded 14 on base in the game.

The Dawgs scored four runs in the sixth for their first lead since the opening inning. Maddie Rahon and Katie Boline both singled to start the inning. The Storm eventually walked in three runs with the bases loaded before Jadyn Hook singled the go-ahead run which gave the visiting Dawgs a 7-6 lead.

That lead didn't last after SNU hit a two-run home run in the next half inning before the seventh inning drama unfolded.

Hook also homered to start the game's scoring off

in the first. She finished 2-4 with a pair of runs scored and two RBI. Blaire Gentry (L, 8-10) pitched the entire way. She struck out three, walked only two, but surrendered 14 hits.

Four SNU pitchers threw in the game.

Game Two – SNU 11, SWOSU 3

The second game of the day came in only five innings. The second inning saw a combined nine of the 14 runs scored in the game.

SWOSU put up three early thanks to some timely base hits and running, but their offense stalled from then on. One Bulldog batter reached base from the third to the fifth inning in the shortened game.

Southern Nazarene scored in every frame but the third, including a six spot in the bottom of the second to respond to SWOSU's three the half inning earlier. All nine Crimson Storm players saw the plate in that inning to put them up 7-3.

Two runs from the home team in the fourth and the fifth ballooned the deficit to run rule territory.

Jadyn Hook continued her hot streak at the plate, batting 2-2 with an RBI. Chesnie Hewitt was also 2-2 with an RBI and a run scored. Courtney Hill (L, 3-9) pitched 4.0 innings before being relieved by Lauren Bratcher.

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