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Meet the Candidates of the 2024 Weatherford Mayoral Race



The city of Weatherford is currently gearing up for their upcoming mayoral election. The election will be held on August 27.

The team here at the WestOK Weekly reached out to each candidate to give you a balanced view on why they are running.

Here are their responses to four questions we asked each of them. Their responses are unedited, except to remove some vocalized pauses for clarity.

Question 1: Why are you running for mayor?

Mike Brown: "Well, I think there are several reasons. The main reason is I want to continue to grow Weatherford—you know, try to look to the future. As far as you know, the things we've got going on, we've got several projects that have started and I wanted to see those completed. You know, talking about the Rural Health Center, the Community Center, the Route 66 grant, the splash pad, the things that we've kind of got on the table. So we're trying to hopefully get those completed over the next six months or a year. So I wanted to continue to be a part of those."

Robbie Penner: "I'm in a good spot in my life. I don't have to really worry about anything. My dad always had a servant's heart and I felt like this was a good way to continue a servant's heart is to help out the community and things like that. That's kind of it, man. I started getting involved in January with the commission meetings and they're very short and cut and dry and I've noticed some things in Weatherford that've been neglected, that probably needs to be looked at a little bit more, and I just felt like transparency in local government's not there. That's kind of what I'm running on."

Dustin Hayes: "I think I can make a difference in the city. I think it needs to grow in certain aspects. We could use some manufacturing jobs. We can use some engineering jobs, more energy jobs, stuff like that, that'll expand the city. Granted, that's not going to be easy to do, but we got to put forth the effort. I feel like the community wants a lot of stuff that they haven't been given—for the kids, more stuff for the families—which obviously all costs money, but there's ways to get that money that we're not exploring right now."

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Eula Farmer

Eula Belle Farmer was born October 28, 1927, in Vici, to John Barton "JB" and Josie (Krows) Cathey and passed away Monday, July 29, 2024, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 96 years, 9 months and 1 day.



Eula was raised and attended school in Vici. She later transferred to Cheyenne where she graduated from Cheyenne High School in 1945. On June 1, 1947, she married William Thurmond "Bill" Farmer and they moved to Stillwater where Bill attended Oklahoma A&M University. After college, they moved to Amarillo, Texas and later Weatherford, Texas where Eula operated a fabric shop. Bill passed away in 1987 and Eula soon moved to Weatherford, OK to be close to her mom and sister. Eula enjoyed decorating, designing and making clothes, painting, and spending time with her grandchildren, family and friends.

Eula is survived by two grandchildren, Cathey Denise Campbell and William James Blehm and his wife BreAnne; six great-grandchildren, Amber Cortes, Ecco Warner, and Oliver, Henry, Thea, and Madelyn Blehm; seven great-great-grandchildren, Liliana Sambrano, Truman Cortes, Castiel Cortes, Elora Cortes, Rori McNutt, Annalee Warner, and Graylyn Warner. She is preceded in death by her parents, JB and Josie Cathey; husband, William T. "Bill" Farmer; daughter, Debra Denise Farmer; one sister, Naida Meyer; and two brothers, Darrel Cathey and Duane Cathey.

Raquel Ramirez

Raquel M. Ramirez, beloved mother, grandmother, greatgrandmother, and friend, went to be with the Lord on July 24, 2024. Born on April 16, 1935, in Post, Texas, she was the cherished daughter of



Roman Martinez and Braulia (Oronia) Martinez.

A devoted homemaker, Raquel found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She had a passion for crafting and beading, creating beautiful pieces with her hands. Her love for collecting toys was a testament to her youthful spirit and the joy she found in the little things.

Raquel was a talented harmonica player and a singer whose voice filled her home with warmth and love.

Her days were often spent in prayer, reflecting her deep faith and spiritual connection. A master in the kitchen, she was known for her delicious homemade tortillas.

She also had a special fondness for watching "Family Feud," a show that brought laughter and entertainment into her home.

Above all, Raquel was a dedicated mother to her seven children, whom she loved deeply. She is reunited in heaven with her loving husband, Gabriel Ramirez, who she has joined once again. Raquel's legacy of love, creativity, and devotion will live on in the hearts of all who knew her. She will be dearly missed and forever remembered.

Raquel is preceded by her parents; Roman and Braulia Martinez, husband Gabriel Ramirez, sons; Gilbert Ramirez Sr., and Oscar Ramirez, four sisters, and two brothers.

Left to cherish Raquel's memory are her children, daughters; Angelita "Angie" Rameriez, and Gloria Ramirez, sons; Miguel "Mike" Ramirez, Gabriel Ramirez Jr., Noah Adam Ramirez, Natividad "Nat" Ramirez, and Gilbert Ramirez Jr., grandchildren; Gabriella Jaramillo, Wesley Jaramillo, Andrew Ramirez, Joshua Ramirez, Reymundo Ramirez, Ashley Ramirez, Amanda Ramirez Dezaray Raitt, Natividad Jr. Ramirez, David Ramirez, and Rachel Marie Ramirez

Raquel is also survived by many greatgrandchildren as well as many other friends and extended family members.

Dan Bates

Daniel Lee Bates was born June 1, 1951, to Richard William Bates and Sadie Belle (Campbell) Bates in Clinton, Oklahoma, and passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, in the Baptist



Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Dan was raised and attended school in Clinton. He married Carolyn Lou Garner on June 4, 1971, in Clinton. Carolyn preceded him in death, passing away in 2016.

He entered the work world at an early age and was employed by J.M. Kelley working with the County Crew.

He also worked for Connell Construction Company and E.E. Construction. He later became self-employed doing construction and specialized in painting.

He was a member of the Clinton Church of Christ; he loved animals and especially dogs.

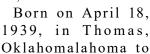
He was preceded in death by his parents and his wife

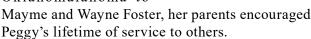
He is survived by two sisters, Patricia Wise and husband, Don, Sand Springs, OK and Allene Bradt and husband, Rod, Duncan, OK.

He is also survived by nephews and nieces, Rickey Don Wise, Robin King and husband, Steve, Kristie Scalf and husband, Nick and Mark Fawver and wife, Shelby.

Peggy Lash

Peggy Jo Lash of Yukon, Oklahomalahoma, passed peacefully into heaven surrounded by her loving family on July 24, 2024.





Peggy was raised in Custer and graduated from Custer High School in 1957.

She married R.L. Lash, August 4, 1958. They both attended SWOSU in Weatherford where Peggy graduated with a degree in Education.

After that, they moved to Manitou, Oklahoma, to begin their teaching careers. As they started a family, they moved to Butler where Peggy stayed home with their two daughters Ronna and Shelly. In 1969, they moved to the family farm and took over the farming operations.

Peggy was very active in the community and Independence Methodist Church. She was a woman of deep faith and it showed in all aspects of her life.

She was a very talented seamstress and quilter. When her grandchildren Derek and Jill came along, she was their biggest fan of all their activities. She was an avid supporter of the Oklahoma City Thunder and had no problems coaching them from the comfort of her couch.

Peggy's memory will be cherished by all who knew her—for her laughter, warmth and kindness. A profound impact was made an all of the lives she touched and her legacy will continue to inspire and guide those fortunate enough to know her.

Peggy is survived by her daughter, Ronna Dotson and husband Eddie, and their children, Derek Dotson and wife Mandi, Jill King and husband Hunter.

She is also survived by great grandchildren McClain, Drew, Kennedy and Beckett, as well her sister, Sue Langley and husband, Cledius. She also leaves behind her cherished sister in laws, Kathie Foster and Marilyn Bullard, along with several nieces and nephews. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Mayme and Wayne Foster, husband, R.L. Lash, daughter, Shelly Lash and her brothers, Stanley and Paul Foster.

The family feels great peace knowing upon entering heaven, Peggy was welcomed in celebration by those who went before her.

Viginia Friesen

Virginia Friesen was born May 3, 1951, to Ervin and Daurice Lovelace in Clinton and she passed away peacefully Tuesday, July 16, 2024, in her El Reno home with her daughter by her side.



Virginia graduated from Clinton High School in 1969 where she made countless memories driving on Main Street, hanging out at Daniel's Drive In, or watching football games with friends. She married Richard Lloyd Friesen on June 26, 1970. They started dating in high school and were true high school sweethearts. The week of their wedding they enjoyed barbeques, skiing at Foss Lake, laughing with family and friends. It was a true celebration of a lifelong love. Lloyd and Virginia were married for 40 years. They had one daughter, Rebecca, whom they loved greatly. They also enjoyed the summers when they could make memories with family and friends at the lake.

She continued her education by going to SWOSU in Weatherford and received her BA in Education, later earning her master's degree. After graduating, they made their home in El Reno.

Virginia was a public educator for 37 years. In El Reno, she taught second through fifth grade and served in many collaborative roles with several wonderful educators. She also taught in Union City, where she worked with numerous colleagues and junior high students. She worked as an educator. She had a love for books, and technology, which she enjoyed sharing with the children. She has taught generations of families. She truly believed that education could change a child's future and was blessed by each student.

Virginia had numerous hobbies. She enjoyed reading, singing and technology. She traveled this wonderful country seeing landmarks, natural wonders and meeting many amazing people. Her favorite hobby was spending time with friends and family visiting, reminiscing, and laughing.

She is survived by her daughter, Rebecca Friesen of El Reno, OK, sister Judy Lovelace Bauer and husband Tim of Las Cruces, NM; brother in law, Michael Friesen, of Amarillo, Texas; brother in law Randy Friesen, of Amarillo, Texas; She is also survived by various nieces and nephews, as well as numerous other family members and friends.

Virginia was proceeded in death by her husband, Richard Lloyd Friesen, niece, Alicia Ann Miller, and Parents, Ervin and Daurice Lovelace.

Martha Groschick

Martha Gene Groschick was born November 25, 1930, to Robert Randolph Stanley and Edith Virginia (Smith) Stanley in Beeville, TX and passed away Saturday, July 20, 2024, in the River Valley Nursing Home.



Gene was raised in Beeville, Texas where she graduated from high school in 1948. She began a working career as a nurse's aide in Beeville, TX. She married Erwin Gilbert Groschick, Jr., on January 10, 1952, in Beeville, TX. Mr. Groschick was a career man with C. R. Anthony's Company Stores, and they made homes in Arkansas City, KS, Bartlesville, OK and they settled in Clinton, OK in 1956.

She was a stay-at-home mom to her three daughters until she started working at S&D Drug Store in 1970. She was a smiling face and a friend to all that shopped at the store until her retirement in 1994. She had a grandson, Seth, that was fragile and needed extra attention and she became his caregiver until his death in 1998.

She was a member for many years at the First Presbyterian Church where she served as an Elder, Sunday school teacher and served as president of the women's group in the church. She later joined the First United Methodist Church. She loved nature, bird watching, drinking coffee, visiting with friends and telling stories.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Erwin in 1968, an infant daughter, Virginia Ann Groschick, a grandson, Seth Blanchard and, Sidney Beasley and brother, Lynn Stanley.

She is survived by three daughters, Mary Evelyn Evans and husband, Jimmy, Carla Sue Miller and husband, Lyle, and Debra Kay Blanchard and friend, Craig Tucker, all of Clinton.

She is also survived by five grandchildren, Matt Evans, Julie Littke, Caleb Blanchard, Chase Blanchard, Tyler Daniel and Martha Hunter and three great grandchildren, Addyson Littke, Gavin Evans and Rustyn Evans, sister-in-law, Carolyn Evetts, TX, brother- in- law, Carl Groschick, of OK and cousin, Charles Smith, of TX.





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Stitt Signs Bipartisan Bill Aimed at Combating Child Sex Abuse Material



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On Wednesday, July 31, Governor Kevin Stitt held a ceremonial signing of HB3936, which updates current law with clear and concise language that will help prosecute crimes related to child sexual abuse.

The term "child sexual abuse material" more accurately captures the nature of the material and the sexual exploitation of minors and better encompasses multiple media formats such as images, videos, and other digital content.

The bill was authored by Rep. Melissa Provenzano, D-Tulsa and Senator Darrell Weaver, R-Moore.

"With this new law, we are moving away from the 'you know it when you see it' mindset and embedding clear and concise language into law that helps prosecute child predators," Provenzano said. "The words 'child pornography' imply a child is able to consent. We know that a child cannot consent, and this law puts the emphasis on the crime committed against the child, not the child themselves. The ceremonial signing of this bill comes at an apt time, a day after July 30, which is 'World Day Against Human Trafficking."

The bill was originally suggested by The Demand Project, a nonprofit organization that works to

eradicate human trafficking, online enticement, child sexual abuse material, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children. Child sexual abuse material has significant impact on child trafficking

"Changing 'Child Pornography' to 'Child Sexual Abuse Material' is vital as it eliminates any implication of consent and underscores the severity of these crimes," said The Demand Project CEO and Co-Founder Kristin Weis. "This bill ensures our laws reflect the true nature of these heinous acts and prioritize the protection of children."

Rep. Provenzano worked with Senator Darrell Weaver, R-Moore, on the bill.

"This bill marks a significant shift in our legal terminology, one that reflects the gravity and true nature of the crimes we're combatting," Weaver said. "During my time as director of the Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics, we continually worked to take action against those who commit sexual crimes and partake in human trafficking. I am adamantly opposed to such exploitation and abuse and was proud to have a role in sending this bill to the governor's desk."







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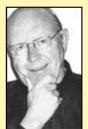
The Clinton Chamber of Commerce recently invited all new Clinton Public School teachers to get to know each other over lunch. Additionally, all 19 teachers in attendance were presented with their \$500 cash sign-on bonus.





HIGHER **GROUND**

Slow Bible Study



Most followers of Jesus would recognize the importance of Bible study. Some delight in reading through the Bible each year. This is a worthy task and has its value. Others dig into specific books or themes and see this as their greater reward. Many, I'm afraid, read the

Scriptures in spasims. That is, they may get excited about a subject or topic for a while, then seldom touch the Bible for periods of time. This is not to criticize or critique any method but to share thoughts that some might find helpful.

I think it might have been Spurgeon or some other person of note that suggested that the purpose of Bible study is not so much to acquire knowledge, although that has its merit. But the major reason for Bible study is to change our behavior, or transform us more into the image of Christ.

The final question of any group Bible study, be a Sunday school class, life group, or one-on-one is "so what?" "What in this study can I apply to my life. What difference does it make?" Not every verse has an application but the passage in general should provoke stimulating thought leading to

application. This slows Bible study to a snail pace because it makes you ask questions instead of reading to consume a larger portion to fulfill a goal. This is referred to as "meditation." Let me give you a few

examples from a familiar passage, the 23rd Psalm. VS. 1. "The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." What does it mean to use the term, "Lord?" Is God really the controlling force in my life. Or, is He somewhat distant, ready to come to my rescue when I need him, but not really a continual presence, guiding my life and purpose. What is the role of a shepherd? He is to protect, provide and guide. From what forces or issues in your life do you need His protection? Do you need his provisions? II Cor. 9:8 says, "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." All of us would treasure the assurance that our lives are "guided" by the allknowing, ever-present God of all creation.

The old hymn says it well, "Guide me O thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with thy

powerful hand...;" I share a definition of meditation from J.I. Packer's classic, Knowing God. " (It) is the activity of calling to mind, and thinking over, and dwelling on, and applying to oneself, the various things that one knows about the works and ways and purposes and promises of God. It is an activity of holy thought, consciously performed in the presence of God, under the eye of God, by the help of God, as a means of communion with God." I know, that is a mouthful! But "meditate" on it for a moment.

It is easy to form a prayer from that small verse. "Thank you, Father, that because of Jesus, I can call you "Lord." Thank you for guiding me in the past and present. As I look into an uncertain future, would you cause me to accept your Lordship, gladly. Reveal to me those forces and desires that would destroy my witness and fruitfulness. Lead me in the paths that lead to holy living and a testimony of faith. To your glory I pray. Amen."

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Hydro's 117th Annual Free Fair Returns on Thursday, August 15





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The Hydro Free Fair, Oklahoma's longest running free fair, returns to the Hydro Fairgrounds August 15 - 17. The Hydro Free Fair began in 1907 when "started up on Main Street as a mule show and then it moved down to the park," said Charlie Wieland, Hydro Free Fair President.

The fair which features a mix of livestock shows, community exhibitions, as well as fair entertainment is most certainly highly regarded in Western Oklahoma for its iconic fair rides and games which the fair has independently owned and operated since the 1960's.

"In 1960, they got tired of messing with carnivals coming into town, so they began collecting their own rides. They've been owning and operating their own rides since 1963," said Wieland.

Names such as the Green Machine and the Octopus hold a special place in many Western Oklahomans' hearts, but the recently renovated carousel has also helped cement the legacy of the fair as a Western Oklahoma classic and brought enthusiasts from all over the country.

The fun starts Thursday, August 15th at 7:30am as the livestock judging books open with the other community building competition registrations beginning at 8am. Registration for the community building exhibitions end at 5pm and livestock entries are due by 6pm.

The Opening Ceremony for the Free Fair begins at 6:30pm with the rides and midway opening at 7pm and the free entertainment program beginning at 7:30pm with local entertainment featuring recording artist J. D. Graham.

Friday, August 16th will feature several livestock shows in the morning as well as some kids races and stunts beginning at 9am. The Midway, rides and concessions will again open in the evening beginning at 7pm with free musical performances beginning at 7:30pm by local musicians and the Dean Jackson Band scheduled to perform from 9pm to close.

A 3-in-1 Ranch Rodeo is also scheduled for Friday night beginning at 8pm and will feature roping, pinning, as well as a limited amount of mutton busting for the kiddos.

Saturday, August 17th begins with payouts for exhibition winners being doled out at 8am. Then a parade will head to the fairgrounds from Hydro's Main Street starting at 10am.

A kid tractor pull begins at 11am with mud volleyball happening at the fairgrounds at 1pm followed by washers and watermelons at 4pm. The deadline for Cake auctions is also set for 5pm that evening with the auction beginning at 7:30pm. Just like previous nights the rides, midway and concessions will open at 7pm and the 3-in-1 Ranch Rodeo will begin at 8pm. A free music performance by the band Slim Pickens will start at 9pm.

The Hydro Free Fair is also selling T-shirts for this year's Free Fair. Interested people can purchase the T-shirts in person at Main Street Clothing in Hydro, or at the Bank of Hydro's Hydro location.

You can find more information about the 116th annual Hydro Free Fair by following their Facebook page by searching 'Hydro Free Fair' or by visiting their website at HydroFair.org.



CLINTON / SUMMER MEALS — Clinton Public School officials say the summer meal programs for the district provided almost 49,000 meals this year. Nearly 39,000 meals were picked up at Clinton High School and over 9,800 meals at Southwest Elementary.

THOMAS / **STREET PROJECT** - Custer County District 2 Commissioner Bruce Walker says a street project will be getting underway in Thomas. The road from 1st Street to Highway 33 (outside of the Wheeler Brothers) will be closed until the repaving is complete. Walker says grant dollars are helping fund the project.

ROTARY / MARSEE - District 2's District Attorney, Angela Marsee, was the most recent guest speaker at Rotary in Weatherford. She spoke about what the office of the District Attorney does and says the Custer County Office kept busy in 2023, including the filing of hundreds of felonies, misdemeanors, and traffic tickets. Marsee says the office is also involved with, among other things, cases of mental health, deprived children incidents, and assistance with protective order cases.

ELK CITY PD / LOCATION - Officials in the city of Elk City remind residents that the police department headquarters are in the old City Hall building at 120 South Jefferson until the ongoing police station remodel is complete. In April 2023, Elk City voters approved repurposing an existing half-cent sales tax and extending it for 8 years to fund police department and fire station expansion and upgrades. City officials say the police station remodel is currently on schedule to be completed late next year.

SWOSU / HODGE DEATH - Officials with Southwestern Oklahoma State University have announced the passing of Jerry Hodge. Hodge is the former Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Maxor National Pharmacy Services Corporation. He was a 1965 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. In 2021, Hodge and his wife, Margaret, made history with their record-setting \$5 million investment in the College of Pharmacy and Center for Rural Health currently under construction on the Weatherford campus.



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Happy Birthday Wishes for August 7 - Virginia Davila, Concepcion Gomez, Ruben Hammil, Alan Hull, Randy Jenkins, Cheryl Mauldin, Frank Parks, Janelle Wheeler Collins; August 8 - Taylor Arriaga, Katie Franklin, Maria Gonzeles, Madison Gooch, Mike Hall, Tricia Jordan, Scott Kelly, Alfonso Martinez, Brianna Mussellman, Glen Sinclair, Evan Walton; August 9 - Chris Buckner, Warren Goldman, Eddie Pigg, Natalie Simpson, Larry Thiessen; August 10 - Savanna Jo Collins, Whitney Carder, Kim Cooper, Debi Duff, Justin Elder, Michelle Furhmann, Mary Graham, Wade Haugen, Jack Walton; August 11 - Shawn Barrera, Robert Cagg, Casi Cornell, Lucille Janer, Austin Jrogdon, Shane King, Austin Kissler, G.W. Lowry, Jerri Sheperd, Hunter Staggs, Anthony Walter; August 12 - Tana Kerr, Ethan O'Neale, Marsha Pigg, Kent Walters; August 13 - Tim Galloway, Camille Goerend, John Kliewer, Warren Miller, Michael Visnieshi, Gene Whitfield; August 14 - Allen Bryson, Richard Clift, Jr., Stefan Guthrie, Annie Kimble, Chris Kisinger, Rance Moore, Nancy Rhodes, Deven Steffes, Charlotte Young.

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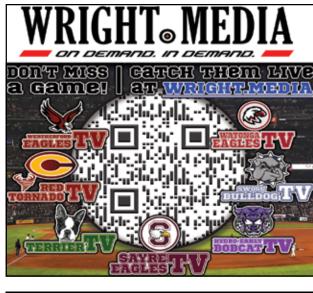
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This event is made possible thanks to the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma, Chesapeake Energy, Mark and Beth Brewer, Marathon Oil, Dolese Bros. Corp., Energy Transfer, David Gorham and David and Lezlie Hudiburg.

"The Regional Food Bank's Food for Kids Programs support children and their communities," said John Logan, executive director of the Masonic Charity Foundation of Oklahoma. "We are proud to work together to help provide this important match to ensure sure Oklahoma children have enough food on the table."

KOCO 5 News returns as the official television sponsor of the Food for Kids Match and will highlight the impact of the Regional Food Bank's four Food for Kids Programs.

The Food for Kids Programs provided more than 2 million meals last school year.

"We know that children who don't get enough food are at risk for increased health and development problems," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "That's why we are so grateful for the Food for Kids match sponsors who have stepped up to help provide nutritious meals for Oklahoma's children. Double the impact of your donations by making a gift today."

The Food for Kids Programs are the School Pantry Program, the Summer Feeding Program, Kids Cafés and the Backpack Program.

The School Pantry Program provides chronically hungry middle and high school students with food to sustain them after school and over weekends. The Summer Feeding Program provides free meals and snacks to children up to the age of 18 throughout the summer months when school is not in session. Many children in Oklahoma lack access to proper nutritious meals outside of school, so these programs are essential for their well-being.

Kids Cafés are afterschool and school break programs that provide meals and snacks as well as tutoring and mentor services to children.

The Backpack Program provides kid-friendly, nutritious food to children who have been identified as being food insecure.

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Thursday, Aug. 15th

7:30am - Livestock Judging Books Open @ Livestock Barn

8:00am - Livestock Judging Contest Begins @ Livestock Barn

8:00am - Entries Open for Exhibits @ Community Building 12:00pm - All Baked Goods Entries Close @ Community Building

4:15pm - Horse Show Books Open @ Rodeo Arena

4:30pm - Flower Entries Close @ Community Building

5:00pm - Exhibit Building Books Close @ Community Building

5:30pm - Horse Show Starts @ Rodeo Arena

6:00pm - All Livestock Entries Due @ Livestock Barn

6:30pm - Opening Ceremony @ Main Stage

7:00pm - All Rides and Concessions Open @ Midway

7:30pm - Free Entertainment Program @ Main Stage

Friday, Aug. 16th

7:30am - Swine, Goat, Sheep and Cattle Show @ Livestock Barn 9:00am - Kids Races and Stunts @ Centennial Field

7:00pm - All Rides and Concessions Open @ Midway

7:30pm - Free Entertainment Program @ Main Stage

8:00pm - 3-in-1 Ranch Rodeo @ Rodeo Arena

Saturday, Aug. 17th

8:00am - Premium Money DUE by 10am @ Community Building

10:00am - Parade @ Main Street

11:00am - Kid Tractor Pull @ Community Building

1:00pm - Mud Volleyball @ Rodeo Arena

4:00pm - Washers and Watermelons @ Community Building

5:00pm - Cake Auction Entry Deadline @ Community Building

7:00pm - All Rides and Concessions Open @ Midway 7:30pm - Cake Auction @ Community Building

9:00pm - Free Entertainment @ Main Stage





Mariachi Orgullo de América (Mariachi Pride of America) is the premier mariachi band of the Midwest. The OKCbased band was formed in 2002 under the direction of Robert Ruiz.

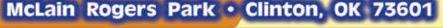
Mariachi Orgullo has been honored to represent Mexican and Latin culture all over this region of the United States, performing for various Oklahoma schools, senators, and representatives, as well as a recent OKC Thunder Halftime Show.



Watching husband and wife duo Maggie McClure and Shane Henry perform songs, you instantly see the chemistry and the deep commitment they share with each other and to their music.

Formed on the open plains of Oklahoma, their love of music is the glue that keeps them grounded and focused on their performance dreams.

Mariachi Orgullo de América / The Imaginaries Perform on Fri. August 16, 7pm









Mike Brown: "I think, probably, the first thing would be the experience. Having been here for a long time and all the relationships that I've built with a lot of different groups, organizations, companies. That type of thing is certainly a benefit. I think just the reason that I've been here pretty much all my life and planning on staying here. I'm really kind of boring, you know? I kind of had the same schedule for the last 45 years probably, but just trying to provide something that's steady, something that is trying to be progressive. But I think that probably, experience would be the number one thing."

Robbie Penner: "It's just my attention to detail. I'm not scared to get in a trench with another guy and dig a hole if I need to. I'm not scared to get dirty. I feel like if something's going on and it needs to get done, I feel like I try and get it done as swiftly as possible. Attention to detail is a huge thing. I worked all the time and that's all I basically know to do is work, and I'm here to work for the people. Like I've said, I've seen a few stuff, and I know me. If I was there, if I heard something was going on, I'd be right there trying to help them out, and that's just the type of person that I am."

Dustin Hayes: "Well, I believe I'm very upfront. I'm not going to sit here and tell people one thing and do a different thing. Granted, I'm not saying that's happening right now. You know what I mean? I don't want to throw anybody under the bus by any means. So you know, I don't want it to come off that I think Mike's not doing his job. I don't want that. But, man, I got integrity, I got—you know, I got all that. All the stuff that people want to see, you know. Plus, I love the city. I love it. I live in Weatherford. I follow the red...yeah. That's prety much it!"

Question 3: What sort of Agenda will you set for the city if you're elected?

Mike Brown: "Well, I don't know that I've got anything new as far as the agenda. I'll see what comes out of the election. If there's something that the people want to see different, then we'll certainly do that, but it's just one of those that we will continue to do what we're doing. Unless, you know, there's something that, like I say, is pressing. But, you know, I think that we've done a pretty good job around here as far as planning for the future, and we do that pretty much through our sales tax initiatives, the "Yes Weatherford." That kind of identifies what big projects we'd like to see done. As long as those pass, we're able to afford to do those. And so, you know, I look at the police station, the fire station, the ballparks, the new community center, the event center, the new rural health center. Those are all things that have been voted on by the people. So, you know, we'll continue to stay with that format unless, you know, somebody decides that we need to do something different."

Robbie Penner: "The agenda, basically, when I was going back to the whole transparency in local government, is letting the community know what's going on; letting the community know exactly what their tax dollars are going to be spent on. I mean, we can all come up with a great idea, but we also need to come up with a game plan, and to tell the people, like: "Hey! This is going to be how much it's gonna cost and this is where we're at and we're gonna have setbacks," but we need to know exactly what could possibly set us back and look into it. And that's one thing I've noticed over years of being here in Weatherford, my whole life, basically. That it seems like when projects are started, to me, over time, they weren't really thought out. To me, it feels like it develops other problems down the road as the town grows. That's kind of some things that I'm seeing."

Dustin Hayes: "First, we're going to start out, we're going to set priorities as a city of what we need first. First, we're going to come through. We're also going to do, I'm going to bring in hopefully, if it's approved, I'm going to bring in an audit team to go through and look through all of our stuff. I'm not going to take on any bad deals that could end up, you know, me holding a bag at the end when we get caught. Do I think that's happening right now? No, but you never know. You know what I mean? So how's the city looked into? You know, figure out where we've gone wrong in different projects. Like why did Lyle Road take six years? Why did this job take this long? Were our contracts flawed? Were the contracts beneficial for the contractor or for the city? Then we're going to set priorities as a city. What do we need most? How do we attack it? And then we're just going to start working down the list over the next four years."

Question 4: What Personal Message do you have for the citizens of Weatherford?

Mike Brown: "Naturally, I'd like to ask for their vote. I hope that we've been able to do a good job. I know that not everyone thinks that what we do is perfect for everybody. We try to look at what's in the best interest of the majority. My intention is to do the right thing and do what's best for Weatherford and the citizens who live here. The good thing about running for election is if you know if you're not doing a good job or if people want something different, they certainly have a right to vote. Regardless whether I win or lose, I've had a good run as the mayor and I think there are things that have been accomplished over the past 21 years. Hopefully, I get the opportunity to do it for three more years."

Robbie Penner: "I always look at it as: I'm here to work for the citizens of Weatherford; that's why they voted me in. I'd like more people to get involved in local government, because it kind of basically starts there. The people are the ones that are going to make the town a great place to live. It'll get more people involved, get more ideas going on. Weigh the options. Kind of see and push everything to the limit, basically. I know they keep talking about being progressive, but I mean we can be progressive on certain things but we can be neglecting other things to where we're not catching up and I worry that it's gonna, you know, hurt the city in the long run

Dustin Hayes: "Let your voice be heard. There's a lot of speculation on everything. People want stuff, people are expecting stuff, but nobody is willing to get out and vote. We've got to get out and vote. If we do that, you know, it matters. The people need to show the council, the mayor, everybody that they care. The best way to show them that is strength in numbers."









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Silent auction bidding is open now at www. SWOSUAthleticAuction.com and running through August 9. The main event on August 10 at the Pioneer Event Center will kick off with a cocktail hour and silent auction at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner served at 6:30 p.m. The live auction will follow featuring a wide variety of exclusive items and experiences.

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SWOSU Announces 2024 Football Schedule



Jon Chidester SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Football has released the 2024 Fall schedule, featuring its typical 11-game slate.

The Bulldogs will play six home games in front of the Weatherford faithful including an October 5 matchup with Harding, the defending national champions, and Homecoming on October 26 against

Southeastern Oklahoma State. Head Coach Andrew Rice took over the program last winter and will begin his inaugural campaign when the season kicks off Thursday, September 5 on the road against Ouachita Baptist.

Rice and the Dawgs will return home Saturday, September 14 for the first home game against Arkansas Monticello and will play three of the next four on Flex-Chem Field.

The Great American Conference also released its annual preseason poll on Thursday where SWOSU was tabbed for an 11th place finish.

Harding was the overwhelming favorite to win the league, picking up 10 of a possible 11 first-place votes. Ouachita was second, followed by Southern Arkansas in third who both were given the other available firstplace nods.

2024 SWOSU Football Games

@ Ouachita Baptist.....Sept. 5

Vs. Arcansas-Monticello.....Sept. 14

Vs. Southern Nazarene.....Sept. 28

Vs. Harding University.....Oct. 5

@ Arkansas Tech.....Oct. 12

@ Oklahoma Baptist.....Oct. 19

Vs. Southeastern.....Oct. 26

Vs. Southern Arkansas.....Nov. 2

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