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### Michael and Morgan Hart Family Named to SWOSU Planned Giving Society



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Dr. Randy L. Beutler, president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, recently made the announcement.

The Harts have generously made provision for SWOSU in their estate planning. Their thoughtful investment in SWOSU will be used to provide substantial endowed support to the SWOSU football program through the SWOSU Football Legacy Fund with the SWOSU Foundation, Inc.

"We love SWOSU and SWOSU football, and we are delighted to be named to the SWOSU Tomorrows hope that other SWOSU alumni and friends will contact SWOSU and learn how they can strengthen the university through planned giving.'

Michael D. Hart was raised in southwest Oklahoma and in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Putnam City West High School and went on to play football at SWOSU. Michael lettered in football at SWOSU every year; he led the Bulldogs in NCAA career tackles until 2017 and was team captain during his senior year. Following graduation from SWOSU, Michael worked for American Fidelity in Arkansas, Colorado and Michigan before returning to Oklahoma to lead the company's brokerage division. In June 2020, Michael joined Dillingham Benefits as an employee benefits consultant.

Michael currently serves as a trustee of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. where he chairs the Investment Committee. He also sits on the governing board of the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma and is a director of the SWOSU Athletic Association.

Morgan Hart is a native of Pauls Valley, where she graduated from high school before completing her undergraduate work at Oklahoma State University in 2008. Morgan has been employed as marketing director for Foundation Surgery Affiliates in Oklahoma City and led marketing efforts for Oklahoma City's One Million Pounds campaign under then-Mayor Mick Cornett. Morgan has also worked as a realtor for the largest real estate brokerage in southeast Michigan.

The Harts are proud parents of a daughter, Becklynn, and a son, Walker.

"SWOSU stands firmly on the Hilltop today because of visionary private investors and partners like Michael

Planned Giving Society," the Harts said. "It is our and Morgan Hart," said Beutler. "We are honored that the Hart family chose to invest in SWOSU by including our institution in their estate planning. Their generosity will enhance our SWOSU football program for decades."

> To better equip those who choose to remember SWOSU in their estate planning, the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. has launched www.SWOSUTomorrows.com, a comprehensive website with updated information about how planned gifts of any size and type can be made to SWOSU. Donors who choose to record their planned gifts to SWOSU will be named as part of the SWOSU Tomorrows giving society and recognized according to their wishes and preferences, joining a special place of honor amongst the university's many benefactors. Former SWOSU Presidents Dr. Joe Anna Hibler and the late Dr. John Hays served as the founding honorary co-chairs of the SWOSU Tomorrows effort under the guidance of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees.

> The SWOSU Tomorrows planned giving program is coordinated by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards over \$26 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

> For information on how to make a planned gift to SWOSU or to notify SWOSU that a provision has been made for the university in estate planning, please contact the SWOSU Foundation by telephone at 580-774-3267; by e-mail to Executive Director Garrett King at garrett.king@swosu.edu; or by visiting www. SWOSUTomorrows.com.

#### SWOSU Upward Bound Program Accepting Apps from Seven High Schools

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford continues to offer an educational opportunity to eligible high school students with no costs to families.

Upward Bound is a federally funded college prep program funded through the U.S. Department of Education that offers services to qualified high school students based on family income and/or being a firstgeneration college student.

The SWOSU program, directed by Jamie Novey, supports high school students from the following seven schools: Anadarko, Burns Flat, Canute, Carnegie, Clinton, Fort Cobb and Watonga.

Students may enter the program in the 9th, 10th or 11th grades. Participants in the program are offered year-round academic counseling, cultural and educational field trips, social activities, tutoring and career exploration.

During a six-week summer residential program, students also receive instruction in literature, composition, foreign language, math, science, financial literacy and fine arts. During the academic year on some Saturdays, students receive ACT test prep, study skills and college planning.

Novey said graduating seniors bridge into the university by attending the summer bridge program and earn six college credits upon completion and receive a scholarship to SWOSU. Students also earn a monthly stipend while participating.

For more information or to request an application, contact the Upward Bound Program on the SWOSU campus at 580.774.7029.

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#### Jerry Lee Brehm

Jerry Lee Brehm was born May 3, 1942, in Colony to John and Nellie (McMullin) Brehn and passed away Tuesday, January 12, 2021, in Oklahoma City, at the age of 78 years, 8 months, and 9 days.

Jerry grew up in Clinton, surrounded by family, four



sisters and three brothers. Father and Mother taught their children what work and discipline were from a very young age. There was no "Spare the rod, spoil the child" in the Brehm home. There was plenty of mischief and pranks between siblings and even neighborhood children. What one couldn't think of, another one would.

Jerry attended Clinton Public Schools and graduated Clinton High School in May 1960. While attending high school, he became a member of Trades and Industry Progam in which he attended school first half of the day and worked at the Clinton Daily News afternoon, evenings, and Saturdays. In those days the pages to print the newspapers were made with molten lead and plenty of black ink. Jerry's job consisted of cleaning and preparing the Press, re-melting lead into molds to reuse, helping make up pages for printing on the press, helping run the printing press, attaching mailing labels to newspapers and delivering newspapers to the Post Office.

After graduating high school, he enlisted in the United States Army and served from May 1960 to May 1963. His basic training was done at Fort Hood, Texas. From there he traveled to Aberdeen Proving Grounds, Aberdeen, Maryland, for training for Fuel and Electrical Systems Repair. After graduation he was transferred to Erlangen Military Base, Erlangen, Germany, where he served from November 1960 to May 1964. He was transported to Germany from new York on a troop transport ship and spent twelve days on board ship crossing the rough Atlantic Ocean. Returning to New York in May 1963, it took only ten days. At Fort Hamilton, New York, Jerry received his separation papers and Honorable Discharge and returned home to Clinton, reuniting with his family and friends after three years in the U.S. Army.

Jerry went to work at *The Clinton Daily News*. He operated the old Linotype machines with the hot lead moldings until newspapers changed to off-set printing. He was the makeup and paste up foreman. He also printed and made up advertising and news pages for daily printing of *Clinton Daily News*.

In 1973, he became a Volunteer Firefighter with Clinton Fire Department. In 1975, he became a full-



time firefighter, rising to the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. In 1990, he was transferred to Clinton Sherman Fire Department in Burns Flat and promoted to Fire Chief of that department. After heart surgery, he had to retire in 1997.

Jerry met his wife Lynnell Rouse while square dancing and Western Dancing, and they were married on May 25, 2002. They had 11 beautiful years together before Lynnell was taken from him in a vehicle accident in June 2013. He doubled his family when he married his beautiful wife Lynnell. They both loved dancing and had many, many dance friends from Southwest Oklahoma and across the state. They spent many hours working on her farm, spraying weeds, mending fence and working and caring for her cattle, along with their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Lynnell loved to fish at the pond on her farm and spent all the spare time she could, taking her grandchildren fishing and on cookouts. Jerry often went fishing with her and sometimes just sitting beside her enjoying their alone time together.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife Lynnell; his father and mother John and Nellie Brehm; sisters: Ruby, Betty, Wanda and Mildred; brothers: Donald and John; and sisters-in-law: Lorenda, Ruth and Deane Brehm.

He is survived by daughter Carrie Miller and husband Curtis of Pottsboro, Texas; son Rodney L. Brehm and wife Chrystal of Yukon; step-daughters: Tammy Phillips of Weatherford, Tawnya Rouse of Alva; step-son Todd Rouse of Vinita; grandchildren: Tatum Rouse, Gage, Raven, Ashton and Corbyn Miller, Hayden Brehm, Lacy Golden, Toby and April Phillips, Tegan and Greg Hayes and Tori and Tyler Rouse; grandchildren: Autumn and Raeli Phillips, Taven and Tucker Hayes and Charlie Golden; by his brother J.P. Brehm and children Candice and Tammy of Oklahoma City; and Kay Brehm of Clinton.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's.

#### Janice K. Lovell

Janis Lovell was born on February 9, 1935 in Thomas, Oklahoma and passed away from natural causes on Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at the age of 85 years, 11 months and 4 days.

Janis was raised on a farm north of Weatherford and graduated from Weatherford

High School in 1953. She married the love of her life, James Frederick Lovell, in 1954, and graduated from Oklahoma A&M College in the field of Home Economics in 1956. She received her Master's Degree in 1964 from Kansas State University. She and James moved to Weatherford where she taught Home Economics at SWOSU. Later, she received a Doctorate



children Celia McDonald [Mason], Carly Carbine [Kevin] and Lauren Yearian; and Diane Lovell of College Station, TX and children Josh, Elizabeth, and Macy; great-grandchildren Noah and McKenzie Lovell, Chase, Connor, and Cody Gremillion, James, Emilia, and Cohen Carbine, Edith McDonald, and Raychelle Peters; sister-in-law Jewrell Crall and her nephews Ed [Debbie] and Les [Laurie] Crall; and sister-in-law Opal Crall.

Janis is preceded in death by her husband, Dr. James Lovell, her parents, Ralph and Lura Crall, and her brother, Lamar Crall.

Viewing is currently at Lockstone Funeral Home in Weatherford, OK and will continue through Monday at 11am. Masks are encouraged. A formal celebration of her life will be held at a later date due to COVID concerns. A small private graveside service will take place on Monday, January 18th at 2pm at the Oak View Cemetery in Lovell, OK, where she will be buried next to Jim.

The family wishes to thank the Corn Heritage Village nursing home in Corn and Weatherford and Vicki Roof for their outstanding care of Janis.

In lieu of flowers, we ask that you contribute to Heartland of America Heritage Museum https:// www.Oklahomaheartlandmuseum.com or to the First United Methodist Church (Weatherford) at https:// fumcmethodistok.org

#### **Terrance "Terry" Donald McCabe**

Terrance "Terry" Donald McCabe was born to Thomas and Greeta (Chamberlin) McCabe on November 22, 1938, in McHenry County, Illinois, and passed away on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, at Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, at the age of 82 years, 1 month and 20 days.

Terry was raised and attended school in McHenry and graduated from McHenry High School in 1956. He served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. On January 22, 1966, Terry married Montie Roberts in Oklahoma City where they made their home. He was assistant manager of Kinny Shoes until 1970. They moved to Colony in 1975 where he was a cabinet maker. Terry worked at 3-M as a coder and retired later on. Terry was a big Chicago Cubs fan and, in his spare time, enjoyed woodworking, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors.

Terry is survived by three daughters: Sue Ringler of Weatherford, Tia Lair and husband Mark of Marlow, and Tamie McCabe and wife Karen Ward of Yukon; one step-daughter Gail Bailey of Ninnekah; and one step-son Randy Wolf of Chickasha; nine grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, two brothers, Tom and Jim; and one sister Patricia.



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from Texas Tech University.

Janis was a life-long member of the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford. She was active in her community and the Weatherford PEO chapter. She and Jim were instrumental in the dream and building of the Heartland of America Museum in Weatherford. She was a dedicated wife and mother, raising four children while working, and helping maintain the family farm just one mile north of town. Nothing mattered more to her than her family. She was always classy, intelligent, organized, and dedicated. She was a role model and cared deeply about her community and a multitude of friends.

She is survived by her son Ralph Lovell [Debbie] of Katy, TX and their 2 children, Amy Gremillion [Charlie] and Tim Lovell [Tiffany]; Randall Lovell [Susan] of Martinsburg, WV and their 4 children, Sarah Soliman, Becky Campos [Alex], Stephen Lovell and Wes Lovell; Rhonda Lovell [Will Yearian] of Fayetteville, AR and



#### **Colonel Richard J Vogt**

Retired Colonel Richard J Vogt passed away January 8, 2021, due to the COVID-19 virus.

He was born on March 31, 1945, to Herb & Ella Vogt in Elk City OK. He grew up in Corn, Oklahoma, and earned his Bachelor



of Science degree in Education and Chemistry from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He earned his Master of Science degree in Meteorology from Texas A&M University.

Colonel (Retired) Vogt was a decorated US Air Force veteran who spent more than 25 years committed to the service of his country. He was a meteorologist and his career included executive level experience as a colonel in a variety of key leadership positions. He served in diverse locations throughout the United States as well as overseas in Korea, Japan and Germany. His duty assignments included war zones in Vietnam and Iraq. He received numerous military awards, including the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, and Air Force Commendation Medal.

Following his Air Force career, he served in the federal civil service for 21 years as Deputy Director and Director of US Nexrad Radar Operations Center (ROC) in Norman, OK.

In his retirement, he volunteered at the Weatherford Food & Resource Center. He was active in his faith and sang in the chancel choir and served on the Board of Trustees at First United Methodist Church.

Those left to cherish Richard's memory include Cheryl, his wife of 55 years, his daughters Corinne Hipps (Daniel) of Colorado Springs, Colorado and Kelly Poarch (Scott) of Frisco, Texas. Grandchildren Max, Sam and Taylor. Sisters Mary Anne Couch and Karol Dillard (Charles) of Weatherford. He had numerous loved nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was a humble, soft spoken, reserved and hardworking man. He cherished his entire family and adored his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Weatherford Food & Resource Center, P.O. Box 362, Weatherford OK 73096.



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The world's largest limousine cattle advertising sign has been erected by Kusel Limousin Ranch near Fort Cobb. The 12 feet high by 52 feet long sign has been submitted by John Kusel to the Guinness Book of World Records. Kusel is celebrating his 50th year in the Registered Limousin business. He was one of the pioneers during the early importation of Limousin genetics into North America from France in 1970. He has sold over 4000 bulls into 39 states plus Mexico, Central America, South America and Canada. His bulls have won more Independent performance tests than any Limousin herd, and four of his bulls have gone on to set Certified World **Records for Yearling Weight.** 

# **Ring in the New Year by Fighting Hunger in Oklahoma**

Kick off the new year by doubling your impact in the fight against hunger with the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Holiday Match, presented by APMEX with additional support from the Cresap Family Foundation.

All donations to the Holiday Match are matched dollar for dollar, up to \$700,000. The match ensures that each dollar donated to the Regional Food Bank helps to provide eight meals to Oklahomans living with food insecurity. After the match is met, every dollar still helps provide four meals.

"Because I experienced hunger as a child, I know the huge difference the Regional Food Bank makes in peoples' lives," said Scott Thomas, founder and president of APMEX. "APMEX employees and other generous Oklahomans have come together to support their neighbors in need, and we hope more people will contribute before this campaign match ends."

One in six Oklahomans live with food insecurity. Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Regional Food Bank and its community-based partner agencies have seen a 30% increase in clients receiving food assistance for the first time.

"The support we receive from APMEX, the Cresap Family Foundation and all Oklahomans is so important right now as we work to provide meals for a growing number of Oklahomans seeking food assistance," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "Please take the opportunity to participate in the Holiday Match and double the impact of your donation."

Donations help Oklahomans like Debra, who reached out to the Regional Food Bank for food assistance after losing all the food in her refrigerator and freezer during the October ice storms.

"I have taken care of myself since I was 15 and now I really struggle to do so," Debra said. "This is such a big help. I really appreciate the support."

Help deliver hope by making a tax-deductible donation at rfbo.org/give or by call 405-600-3161. Donations may also be mailed to: Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

Holiday Match P.O. Box 270968 Oklahoma City, OK, 73137-0968



# **Crowder Lake Open Forum Planned January 19**



An open forum to discuss conditions and improvements for the walking trails at Crowder Lake University Park is planned for Tuesday, January 19.

The park, operated by Southwestern Oklahoma State University, is located seven miles south of Weatherford.

Park Director Paul

Hummel is hosting the zoom forum and will share what the park currently offers, and public input is requested to help make plans for the future of the trails. The input is being requested for a federal grant application through the Oklahoma Parks Department. Grant funds are being requested to resurface the trails.

Anyone interested is asked to please join via zoom on January 19 at 12:05 p.m. at this link: https://zoom. us/j/96395423078

Crowder Lake University Park is open to the public for camping, fishing and boating. The park also has the onemile-long interpretive nature trail.

# **SWOSU Ramping Up Number** of COVID-19 Vaccines



COVID-19 vaccinations are being given on Fridays at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, and the number of people treated will be going up.

SWOSU College of Pharmacy Rural Health Center Coordinator Randy Curry said 300 vaccinations were given at the initial clinic held January 8 at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center (900 N. Seventh Street) on the SWOSU campus. That number will increase starting Friday,

January 15, when the site could potentially give up to 940 vaccinations.

Curry said the Pioneer Cellular Event Center site has been approved and set up as a point of distribution. The vaccinations being given now at SWOSU are for people over 65 years of age.

All appointments should be set up through the online portal of the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH): https://vaccinate.oklahoma.gov/

Curry encourages everyone to sign up on the OSDH scheduler, and it will place everyone in the appropriate category for vaccines. It is his understanding that appointments open seven days in advance, depending on the amount of vaccine coming from the federal government.

Several SWOSU departments have been helping with clinics at Weatherford, Clinton and Taloga. Faculty and students from the College of Pharmacy, School of Nursing and School of Allied Health have been assisting with clinics.

"I am very proud of everyone involved with this important initiative," said SWOSU President Randy Beutler.

Residents coming to the Pioneer Cellular Event Center should enter through the west doors. Appointments are required. Masks and distancing are required.



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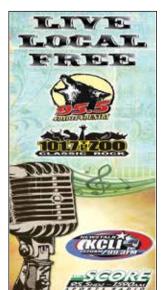
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**RUSS LEGISLATION-** State legislators return to the state capitol next month to begin the next legislative session. State representative Todd Russ plans to push some child trafficking legislation in the upcoming session. The legislative session begins February 1st.

**BECKHAM COUNTY CONDEMS INCUR-**

**SION-** Beckham County Sheriff Derek Manning says the National Sheriff's Association released a statement condemning the incursion and violent riots in the nation's capitol. Manning says he is fully in support of the NSA's stance. He says like any law enforcement officer, he is bound by his oath to reject all such lawlessness and violence, no matter his political party or wishes. More than four dozen police officers were injured trying to protect the capitol building and the people inside.

**WEATHERFORD POLICE DEPARTMENT DRUG BUST-** Weatherford police arrested one person in connection with the discovery of drugs during a traffic stop on Interstate-40 at the 81 mile marker. Detective Matt Bartel said the suspect is identified as 41-year-old Cseba Fikker of Sherman Oaks, California, who was arrested for narcotics trafficking.

CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/ JAIL INSPECTION- Custer County Commissioners participated in an inspection of the county jail recently. Commissioner Lyle Miller said Sheriff Dan Day had concern over security issues and leaks in the roof. Miller said contractors will inspect the roof and recommend the best way to proceed.

**PSO SATISFACTION STUDY-** Public Service Company of Oklahoma continues to rank high among the top of all U.S. providers after receiving its best-ever score in the 2020 J.D. Power Electric Utility Residential Customer Satisfaction study. The study is based on responses from more than 100,000 online interviews with residential customers of the nation's 143 largest electric utility brands which represent more than 100 million U.S. Households. PSO's score tied for sixth among the 20 electric utilities in the south midsize category. Of the 143 brands, included in the survey, PSO ranked number 34 in overall satisfaction.

**ELECTION RESULTS-** Some areas of Western Oklahoma cast ballots in special elections last week. Voters in the Hammon school district passed a \$2.4 million bond for renovations of the elementary school and construction of an Ag barn. Voters gave the measure 67% support. Voters in the town of Arapaho renewed a franchise with Public Service Company of Oklahoma with unanimous support. A one-cent sales tax renewal in the town of Burns Flat passed with 98% support.

**ELK CITY TEACHER FINALIST-** State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister said six state-level finalists have been selected for the Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science teaching. They include math teacher Bridgette Shelton of Elk City Elementary. Shelton teaches third grade. She served on the Oklahoma Standards review committee for English language arts in 2020 and has been involved in presenting professional development in technology implementation. Shelton has been in education for 15 years. Up to two Oklahoma finalists could be named national recipients of the award.

WEATHERFORD SCHOOLS CONSTRUC-TION UPDATE- Officials with Joe D. Hall Construction made a presentation during the Weatherford Economic Development Foundation meeting. Shawn Bonner provided an update on the construction of two new elementary schools in the Weatherford school district. Bonner said he expects the project to be complete in the fall of 2022.

**LYLE ROAD BIDS-** Utility relocation work continues toward construction of the Lyle Road Project said Economic Development Director Yolanda Creswell. Bids for the project are expected to go out in the summer.

# **PUBLIC RECORDS**

#### Arrested

Dylan Blascziek, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for unlawful possesion of controlled dangerous substance, unlawful possesion of marijuana, unlawful possesion of paraphernalia, and speeding 11-15 over.

Roxanna Soto, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for possesion of controlled dangerous substance, possesion of paraphernalia, and failure to illuminate registration Abel Gutierrez, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for possesion of a firearm while intoxicated and reckless endangerment.

Jesus Bonilla, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for domestic assult and battery in the presence of a minor.

Jose Talamantes, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for no insurance and an expired tag. Department, for possesion of a controlled dangerous substance.

Samuel Smith, arrested by Jones Transport, domestic assult and battery.

Sabina Williams, arrested by Weatherford Polic e Department, driving under the influence, and no insurance.

Jasper Sankadota, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, on a Kingfisher County Warrant. of rental property.

Abel Gutierrez, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for possesion of a firearm while intoxicated and reckless endangerment.

Daniel Eisenmann, arrested by Washita County Police Department, for possesion of a controlled dangerous substance.

Ethan Camblin, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for possession of a



plate.

Kevin Randle, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a custer county warrant for motion to revoke.

Billy Domebo, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a custer county warrant for embezzlement of rental property.

Robin Ronan, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a city warrant for failure to compel a minor to attend school.

Frank Cometsevah, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a new city charge of public intoxication.

Casey Robinson, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on an Oklahoma county warrant for endargering others while eluding officers.

Alicia Wilson, arrested by Clinton Police Department, for driving under suspension and no insurance. Malaine Arriaga, arrested by Clinton Police Department, on a custer county rule 8 bench warrant.

Csaba Fikker, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for pending drug charges, bond, and no tag light.

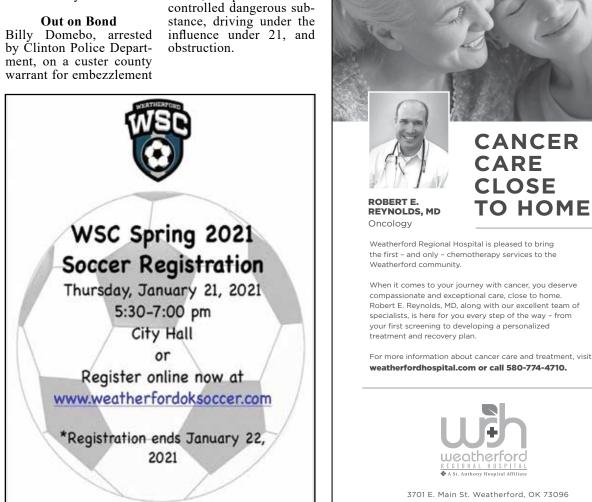
Edwards Andes, arrested by Weatherford Police Department, for domestic assult and battery.

Ethan Camblin, arrested by Oklahoma Highway Patrol, for possesion of a controlled dangerous substance, driving under the influence under 21, and obstruction.

Johnny Harrison, arrested by Elk City Police Department, for embezzlement.

George Mitchell, arrested by Mcclain County Police Department, for possesion of controlled drug with intent to distribute, brining in contraband, and possesion of paraphernalia.

Kyra Rutledge, arrested by Weatherford Police



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# Lady Bulldogs Enter National Rankings at #21 in D2SIDA

**Doug Self** SWOSU Sports Information Director

Following a 3-0 start to the 2020-21 season, the SWOSU Women's Basketball team has earned their first national ranking of the year, entering the D2SIDA Media Poll at #21 last week.

The Women's Basketball Coaches Association (WBCA) has not yet released a Division II Top 25 Coaches Poll for the current season, with the first poll set to be announced later this month.

The Lady Bulldogs are 3-0 on the year following divisional victories over East Central, Southeastern Oklahoma State and Northwestern Oklahoma State to open the year. Through three games, SWOSU is averaging 95.3 points per game and outscoring their opponents by an average of 32.7 points. Four players are scoring in double figures, led by reigning Great American Conference Player of the Week Makyra Tramble, who is averaging a double-double of 24.7 points and 10.0 rebounds per game to this point.

# Lady Bulldogs Defeat OBU, Finish First Round of GAC Play 5-0

#### Doug Self SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team completed the first round of Great American Conference divisional play with a 91-58 victory over Oklahoma Baptist at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center to improve to 5-0 on the year.

The Lady Bulldogs were down 12-9 three minutes into the first quarter after trading baskets to start the game before going on a 10-0 run, holding OBU scoreless for almost four minutes to take a 26-19 lead at the end of the first. OBU would keep it close heading into half but SWOSU's defense and stellar ball movement that has the Lady Bulldogs fourth in NCAA Division II in assists would close out the game with a 26-5 run.

SWOSU had at least five players in double-digits for the fourth straight game, with Makyra Tramble (17), Karly Gore (15), Taber Beer (15), Lauren Ramey (14), Macy Gore (11), and Bethany Franks (10) all reaching the mark.

Scoring was not the only thing the Lady Dawgs did as Tramble had her third double-double of the season, Karly Gore dropped a season-high with nine assists and Beer – who is tied for 12th in D2 with 3.5 steals per game – had six steals on the day to go along with five threes.

"Taber Beer is doing great coming off the bench,"



Head Coach Kelsi Musick said. "She has embraced the role and played tons of minutes off the bench giving us scoring and ball pressure."

SWOSU moves to 5-0 with a win against every instate opponent heading into their second matchup with Southeastern in Durant, Okla. on Thursday.

# **Bulldogs Finish Strong, Snap Streak at SNU**

#### Doug Self

SWOSU Sports Information Director

Entering today, the SWOSU Men's Basketball Team hadn't defeated Southern Nazarene in Bethany since 2014. Tonight, the Bulldogs ended that eight-game skid and started a new streak, leaving the Sawyer Center with a 76-69 win over the Crimson Storm.

The Bulldogs got down early when SNU, but a 6-0 run brought the Bulldogs within four before they really upped the defensive intensity. Later in the half, the Bulldogs went on an 8-0 run to give them a 34-32 lead heading into half. SWOSU exploded out of the gates in the second, quickly going up 47-35. SNU fought back throughout the game but senior Bralyn James came up big with a tough and-1 and a deep three with 1:55 to go to put the game out of reach and give the Bulldogs their first win in their last nine contests against SNU.

Damion Thornton, who is second in NCAA Division II basketball in rebounds per game, led the Bulldogs with



23 points, nine rebounds and four steals. Thornton was joined in double figures by James (18) and Chris Braggs Jr. (13). SWOSU was outrebounded 33-51 in the game but made up for it by forcing 18 turnovers and beating SNU in points off turnovers, 28-3.

"They are a good team. They have championship

culture. We knew it would be a dog fight," Head Coach Terry Evans said. "This is the kind of game that we lost last year but we took care of business and we won it tonight." SWOSU takes their 3-0 record back home for a matchup Saturday against Oklahoma Baptist (1-3) back home at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center.



# Bralyn James & Taber Beer Named Bulldogs of the Week



#### Doug Self SWOSU Sports Information Director

The second week of 2021 has seen SWOSU Men's Basketball senior guard Bralyn James and Lady Bulldog senior guard Taber Beer named as the newest Bulldogs of the Week.

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James (Jacksonville, Ark.) was SWOSU's secondleading scorer as the Dawgs went 1-1 on the week, which included their first victory at reigning conference champion Southern Nazarene since 2014. In the win at SNU, James had 18 points on 7-12 shooting and hit the biggest shot of the game, a three-pointer with less than two minutes to play to give SWOSU a two-possession lead. For the week, he averaged 14.0 points, 2.5 rebounds and 1.5 assists per game.

Beer (Hammon, Okla.) had a strong all-around week as she helped the #21 Lady Bulldogs go 3-0 on the week to finish out the first round of divisional play with a 5-0 record. She scored in double figures against Northwestern and Oklahoma Baptist and averaged 11.3 points per game while grabbing at least five steals in each game. Beer also averaged 5.3 steals and 5.0 assists per game for the week and shot 52% (9-17) from three-point range.





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The student put the note on eBay and it sold for \$10,000. The error note then sold 18 months later for \$25,300. Notes with this kind of error has occurred before from debris on the printing floor. Other items caught on notes, in the past, included wood and tape shavings, a Band-Aid and paper fragments.

Some spectacular error notes in the past have sold for thousands of dollars. This "Del Monte" note was the first to sell for a five-figure amount. This Del Monte note may have been a prank by an employee of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

On January 22, 2021 it will go on auction after being off the market for 15 years. It was certified by Paper Money Guaranty as a Choice Uncirculated 64 with Exceptional Paper Quality. Its pre-auction estimate is \$25,000 to \$50,000.

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# **Oklahoma History: Jim Thorpe**

Chase Wright

Staff Writer has had no shortage of world changing people in its history. People who have shaped different aspects of life from media, entertainment, aviation, law, pioneering, business, and sports. People like Will Rogers, Wiley Post, Thomas Stafford, Troy Aikman, Boone Pickens, and Sam Walton. Folks whose impact



on life was great during their time and continued long after they were gone. But one game-changer had his accomplishments stripped from him due to technicalities and societal views.

Jim Thorpe, now an American hero, was a professional baseball, football, and basketball player who had won two Olympic gold medals at the 1912 Summer Olympics. Thorpe was stripped of his Olympic titles in 1913 after months of controversary, regarding his status as a competitor. At the time, Olympic games were strictly for amateurs only. Any competitor who had played for money, professionally taught, or had competed against other pros were not allowed to compete. Early in 1913, a story released, announcing Thorpe had indeed played professional baseball prior to his Olympic debut. After months of deliberation, the Amateur Athletic Union (AAU) withdrew his amateur status and the International Olympic Committee (IOC) "unanimously decided to strip Thorpe of his Olympic titles, medals and awards and declared him a professional." [The New Yorker, 2017]

Major public backlash rang out over the decision for a few reasons. First, the AAU and IOC did not follow their own rules for disqualification. The 1912 Olympic rulebook stated that any protest to the results would need to be made within 30 days of closing ceremonies. The initial report against Thorpe was not released until January 1913, nearly six months after the games concluded. Second, Thorpe was not the first Olympian to compete in paid sports. Many of the recent Olympic athletes had competed in paid-sports before. However, they all used pseudonyms whereas Thorpe competed under his real name. Athletes, competing under false names, were well-



known and overlooked until Thorpe. Lastly, Thorpe was Native American in a time where most Native Americans were denied citizenship and accomplishments were disregarded because they were made by an "Indian." Although race was not officially designated as a reason for his medals to be stripped, public opinion over why the IOC fought so hard against him was not convinced, otherwise. For example, one of Thorpe's first articles in **The New York Times** headlined with "Redskin from Carlisle Will Strive for Place on American Team."

After he was stripped of his medals, Thorpe began playing baseball for the New York Giants. They would end their 1913 season as repeat National League champions. During his time with the Giants, Thorpe's fame grew as his presence increased ticket sales and publicity. Thorpe even got to meet Pope Pius X and got to play in London for King George V. But he did not stop there.

Also in 1913, he joined an Indian-based professional football team where he had several winning seasons. Then, he signed with the Canton Bulldogs in 1915 and brought their 1,200-fan average to 8,000 for his debut game. They won titles in 1916, '17, and '19. In 1920, the Bulldogs joined with 13 other teams to form the

American Professional Football Association. Two years later the association would go on to become the National Football League (NFL). Thorpe was the first president of the APFA.

Thorpe retired from professional sports when he was 41 and spent a lot of his time working small jobs and visiting his hometown roots of Oklahoma. Thorpe was a member of the Sac and Fox Nation and helped coach/ develop multiple all-Native American sports teams. He set records in each sport he played, including his Gold medal performance in the decathlon (which stood for 2 decades). Thorpe won the hearts of anyone who watched him compete, and in a speech in 1961 by President Dwight D. Eisenhower, the President, who had played against Jim in college, stated "he could do anything better than any other football player I ever saw."

Thorpe's physical prowess was unmatched, but despite his success, his demeanor and personality always remained humble and reserved. While he lived out the rest of his life, multiple articles and petitions were pushed to get his medals reinstated. For 30 years, they were declined until the IOC declared they would approve his reinstatement. On January 18, 1983, posthumously, they presented two of his children with commemorative medals. His original medals were stored in a museum and had previously been stolen (they were never recovered). The IOC listed Thorpe as a co-gold medalist with Ferdinand Bie and Hugo Wieslander. However, the two athletes had both previously deferred the honor to Thorpe, citing him as "the real champion." Additionally, in a poll by ABC sports in 2000, Thorpe was voted Greatest Athlete of the Twentieth Century out of a roster including Muhammad Ali, Michael Jordan, Babe Ruth, and others.

Last year, in July 2020, a petition by the team, making a film about Thorpe, was released to get the IOC to reinstate Thorpe as the sole winner. A move that has been supported by other athletes including Olympian Billy Mills [The Oklahoman].

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of all nations (ethnic groups) baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded. "Then the reassuring last promise, "And surely I am with you always, to the end of the age."(Matt. 28:19,20)

Less than forty years later, Jerusalem would be destroyed by the Romans. They would face unbelievable persecution from their countrymen as well as the Romans, and unbelieving world. Yet, they never faltered. The world was their parish. It was said that they turned the world upside down by their passion. They and those who followed them made mistakes and fought among themselves, but the mission continued. We are recipients of their efforts. We are also challenged to carry on the mission given to them.

Yes, even when it seems the sky is falling and doomsday pundits are having their day, we may be having our best opportunities to extend the kingdom. It may mean that we have come to the end of our independence from God, our reliance on self-sufficiency, and our insistence that we don't need him. But it will come at a cost. We often speak of the need for revival. But I'm not sure we really want revival. It would come at the cost of losing our comfort, convenience, and complacency. Historically, revival has come as a result of repentance. Our egos might take a tumble. I heard a preacher say that ego could stand for "easing God out." That would define much of our culture.

If the hundred thousand or so that marched on Washington, D.C were as passionate about changing their home towns as

they were about changing an election, we might see revival. It comes at the point of surrender—to lay down our arms, to yield, to submit. It might be going on a mission trip to let God break your heart at the suffering and hopelessness you see. It could be simply looking at an unreached section of your city and letting the Holy Spirit convict you of your lack of concern for their spiritual and physical condition; then making yourself available to prayer walk, knock on a door, asking God to show you how to love that household—to be the incarnational love of Christ.

One of David's prayers has often been mine at the beginning of each day. It is found in Psalms 25:4, 5

- "Show me your ways, O Lord,
- Teach me your paths;
- Guide me in your truth and teach me
- For you are God my Savior,
- And my hope is in you all day long."

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