

Annual Food Drive for 102nd “Custer County Conflict” Game Ongoing

CUSTER COUNTY CONFLICT

RED TORNADOES CLINTON **EAGLES WEATHERFORD**

Game Time
October 2, 2026
at Weatherford
7:00 pm

503 CLINTON RESIDENTS SERVED PER MONTH

568 WFO RESIDENTS SERVED PER MONTH

FOOD DRIVE

TACKLING HUNGER TOGETHER

CONNECTIONS
FOOD & RESOURCE CENTER

Alexander Shook
WOK Contributor

The Custer County Conflict Food Drive is back, turning one of western Oklahoma’s fiercest football rivalries into a mission against hunger. From September 28th - October 2nd, communities in Clinton and Weatherford will collect canned goods and other shelf-stable staples for the Connections Food & Resource Center. It’s a tradition rooted in football pride but focused on feeding neighbors; together these towns help nourish nearly 1,200 people each month.

In Clinton, donations can be dropped at the high school, the middle school or any of the district’s elementary campuses — Nance, Southwest and Washington. Meanwhile, Weatherford residents have their own roster of sites: Weatherford High School, Weatherford Middle School, East Intermediate, the Early Childhood Center, Stafford Elementary and Burcham Elementary.

If you don’t have time to shop for goods, a single dollar goes a long way with every buck equating to six pounds of food when it’s put to work by Connections.

Make checks payable to “Connections FRC,” and be sure to mark which team you’re donating for by writing “Go Tornadoes” or “Go Eagles” on the memo line.

There’s a tasty way to help, too. Weatherford’s Whataburger will throw in a free Whatasize on any order when you add a dollar for the drive, from September 22nd - October 1st. The local franchise will match donations up to a thousand dollars, splitting them evenly between the teams, turning an ordinary meal into a boost for the pantry.

Aside from the food drive, Elk Supply Co. and TrueVision Optometric Group will be giving away prizes live on 95.5 FM - The Coyote. From 6AM - 9AM, listeners can call in to the Morning Show with Val & Jon for a chance to give their closest score prediction without going over. There will only be one winner.

All these efforts will build toward game night on October 2nd, when the Eagle host the Red Tornadoes. At halftime, the total pounds and dollars raised will be announced, and the team that collected the most will be crowned this year’s champion.

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CLINTON / ESTIMATES OF NEEDS - The 2026-27 estimate of needs for Clinton Public Schools was recently approved by the Board of Education, says Superintendent Nathan Meget. The projected budget number for the year is just over \$22.4 million. “It appeared to be about 10% less than it was the year before,” Meget explained. “It’s a pretty conservative estimate, but we’re in good shape with our budget.”

WEATHERFORD / SCHOOL BOND - Mark Harmon, the Superintendent for Weatherford Public Schools, recently discussed the possibility of re-introducing a school bond in the future for voters to decide on. “I do not anticipate that we will run it back exactly the same way this school year...I just don't think the timing was right,” Harmon expressed. “The project cost itself was \$80 million, but the bond was \$200 million. All the math and the timing was not good. A lot of that had to do with our bonding capacity and a lot of it had to do with our bond debt.” The previous school bonds for the construction of a new high school, as well as the purchase of transportation equipment, were not passed by voters in the February 2026 election.

WEATHERFORD / HOUSING - As the guest speaker for Weatherford’s Rotary Club most recent meeting, Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown shared his belief that, for a community to grow, it must have available housing. “We’ve got several areas around town where we’ll be building new homes,” Brown shared. “There are probably going to be 60 new homes built there south of the Interstate, [with] 20 of them that have been built. There’s going to be another 60 homes built north of town off of Lawter Road.”

CONNECTIONS / AMEN - Connections Food & Resource Center in Weatherford is taking applications seeking its next Executive Director after current Director Elizabeth Amen announced she has decided to step away from the position. “It’s not something I wanted to give up, but my second child just entered her Master’s way out of state and I have another child that is teaching in another city and I want that flexibility to be able to run and go as I see fit,” Amen shared. “This job is a wonderful position, but it does take an in-person individual to be here. It’s a really big pool, but my children want out.” Amen will remain as Executive Director through 2026.

SWOSU / RANKING - SWOSU has earned national recognition for the opportunities it provides to Oklahoma students and the communities it serves, earning 18th Place in Washington Monthly’s inaugural “Best Colleges for Rural America” ranking, which evaluates how well rural colleges expand access, keep costs manageable, prepare graduates for successful careers, and meet rural workforce needs. Washington monthly evaluated 225 four-year nonprofit institutions based on access, affordability, student debt, graduate earnings, in-state enrollment and graduation retention. Additionally, SWOSU placed 8th nationally for low student debt among graduates.

SWOSU / KENDALL - SWOSU President Dr. Joel Kendall has been named to the 2026 Power List by the Journal Record. Dr. Kendall is featured in the new executive’s section alongside leaders shaping universities, businesses, hospitals and public agencies across Oklahoma. His profile follows a career that began in a SWOSU classroom in 1998 has continued through various faculty and leadership roles across the university.



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Eva Nikkel



Regina Eva (Richert) Nikkel was born in Las Vegas, NM on August 5, 1931, to Heinrich (Henry) A. and Helena (Helen) L. (Stobbe) Richert. Our dear mother peacefully passed away in the early morning at Hydro on September 8, 2026 at the age of 95.

Eva moved with her family east of Colony, Oklahoma at the age of 3. She attended grade school at Pioneer School near Colony and was baptized in 1944 at the Colony Presbyterian Church. When Eva was 16, they moved to Corn and she went to Corn Bible Academy her senior year, graduating with the Class of 1949.

Eva married Bill (Cleo) Nikkel on August 27, 1949, in the Corn Bible Academy Auditorium. They made their home in Corn where Eva worked in the printing office of the Washita County Enterprise and later acted as Bill's assistant from home answering the phone and relaying calls to him via 2-way radio. The couple welcomed their first son, Gene, and Eva decided her time was best spent at home with him. Their daughter, Vickie, and son, Robert, soon followed to complete their family.

Eva and Bill continued to raise their family in Corn where their home backed up to a creek which became the children's extended playground to explore, hunt, and fish. Eva became a talented seamstress making clothes for herself and her children. She occasionally surprised Vickie with beautiful matching dresses for the two of them. They spent summer days with family friends playing softball in the field beside our house, boating at Crowder Lake, eating ice cream and swimming in the Washita river on the 4th of July.

During Eva's teenage years, she worked closely with her father on the farm taking care of the farm chores, riding horses, feeding, and milking the cows. At her home in Corn, she continued to enjoy both flower and vegetable gardening.

Eva and Bill always had a large garden and did a lot of canning and freezing - nothing ever went to waste. Eva's front yard was edged with colorful bright flowers and was even voted Corn's 1st Yard of the Week!

Though Eva spent more of her teenage years helping outside, she watched her mother in the kitchen and became an excellent cook and baker. One story told by our parents was the surprise pecan pie Mom made for Dad because he loved a good pecan pie. This was Mom's 1st pecan pie and she served it to Dad (with both a top and bottom crust). Yes, Dad thanked her, and then explained that a true pecan pie only had a bottom crust. They sure laughed and enjoyed retelling the story.

Mom baked every week, making delicious breads, rolls, zwiebach (zwieback), cinnamon rolls, pineapple/ cherry kolaches for the family and as gifts for many others. Our sweet mother made sure our larger family meals were extra special and enjoyed by everyone. She was the best cook and made a variety of food which included many of the most delicious Mennonite foods. Mom made dozens of verenika ahead of time in preparation for our Christmas family gatherings complete with the tastiest gravy, baked ham, and you guessed it, zwiebach, finishing with 3 different types of homemade pies!

When the kids were older, Eva went to work for Corn Heritage Village as a cook, a job that she would enjoy for the next 20 years. She then joined several other friends taking her turn driving to Weatherford to volunteer at the Et Cetera Shop. In 2017, Eva moved to Weatherford and continued to volunteer as she had developed wonderful friendships there and at the apartment complex where she lived. Mom loved her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, extended family, and friends and especially enjoyed the many larger family gatherings and reunions. She always looked forward to the next short or long visit with her children and would ask about those who were not there. She enjoyed putting puzzles together (while munching on a snack), playing dominos with popcorn after, Rubic Cube, and many others.

In the evening, when we were younger, Mom would read to us from a thick book of Bible stories with pictures. This was a special time for us and if the story was shorter, we would often ask Mom to read an additional story before bedtime. She may or may not indulge us, depending on how tired she was. However, she enjoyed spending this time with her young children. Mom welcomed all family and friends who visited, including the international students her children hosted in their own homes and brought to our gatherings. At one point, Mom became a 2nd home for a young Venezuelan student attending Corn Bible Academy. She welcomed her visits and the opportunity to learn more about Venezuela.

As a family we took many trips together and also later in life with Mom. She was always up for a trip or drive to visit relatives and places she had visited before including her home area outside of Colony, as well as a variety of places in Oklahoma and many of the surrounding states including back to New Mexico to view the area where she grew up.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Bill, of 45 years, and her eight siblings, Melvin, Selma, David, Ernest, Mary, Esther, Ivan and Rosa.

Eva is survived by her son, Gene Nikkel and his wife, Carol of Yukon, OK and their family: son, Tyler Nikkel, his wife, Abby, and their children, Vince, Ian, and Tau, their daughter, Kimberly Cotter and her husband, Matthew; daughter, Vickie Andres and her husband, Dennis of North Newton, KS and their family: Chryseis Casanova, her fiancée, Robert Hunter and their children, Victoria and Melayne Casanova, Josalyn Hunter and MaKenna (Reno) Goben; son, Robert Nikkel and his wife, Lanita of Weatherford, OK and their family: son, Ethan Nikkel, his wife, Cara, and their children, Lumen and Walker, and son, Reagan and his son, Leo.

Memorial donations may be made to Lighthouse Baptist Church at 516 Park Place, Mustang, OK 73064, supporting Missionary Tyler Nikkel and family.

Charlie Fletcher



Charles “Charlie” Elwood Fletcher was born on March 10, 1948, in Shreveport, Louisiana, to Samuel Fletcher Sr. and Angeline Reynolds Fletcher. He passed peacefully on Wednesday, September 16, 2026, in Oklahoma City, with his family by his side.

Charlie was raised in Gallup, New Mexico, and attended Gallup High School. He later attended Eastern New Mexico University in Portales, New Mexico, and Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado.

Charlie dedicated many years of his life to public service, first in law enforcement and then in healthcare. During his law enforcement career, he served on the New Mexico Mounted Patrol, which was an all-volunteer state law enforcement agency. Upon entering the healthcare field, he worked at the Indian Health Service Navajo Area office in Window Rock, Arizona, as a budget analyst and was known as the “travel guy”. After many years at the Navajo Area Office, he moved back to Oklahoma and became the Administrative Officer for the Clinton Service Unit until he retired with forty-plus years of total federal service.

Upon his retirement, he remained active as a healthcare advocate and was nominated to serve on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Health Board. In 2024, Charlie decided to step down from the health board to focus on his health.

Charlie is preceded in death by his son, Marquis Dann; great-grandson, Aiden Malloy Fletcher; his parents, Samuel Fletcher Sr. and Angeline Reynolds Fletcher; his brothers Samuel Fletcher Jr. and Randy Fletcher, and his sister Patricia Fletcher Slinkey.

Charlie is survived by his wife of fifty-one years, Sandi Fletcher of the home; one son, Charles J. Fletcher of El Reno, Oklahoma; three daughters, Cee-Jay Fletcher of Durant, Oklahoma, Angie Fletcher of Clinton, Oklahoma, and Dr. Kateri Fletcher-Sahmaunt and husband Jacob Sahmaunt of Blanchard, Oklahoma. Ten grandchildren, Channah Fletcher, Jaren Ingram, Ashlynn Fletcher, Mackenzie Pete, Leila Pete, Nauko Fletcher-Whiteman, Courage Fletcher-Whiteman, Kayleigh Fletcher, Marcus Sahmaunt, and Micah Sahmaunt; and sister Virginia Chavez of Acoma, New Mexico, and many nieces and nephews.

Jim Harris



James Arthur "Jim" Harris, a beloved father, grandfather, friend, and longtime Clinton resident, passed away peacefully at his home, surrounded by the love of his family, on September 16, 2026.

Jim was born on November 10, 1948, in Lubbock, Texas, to Reverend Therman Winfred Harris and Leila Mae (Freeman) Harris. He spent much of his childhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, before moving to Clinton, where he graduated from Clinton High School with the Class of 1967.

Following high school, Jim attended the University of Oklahoma, earning a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in 1971. His education laid the foundation for a successful career and a life marked by hard work, dedication, and integrity.

On January 2, 1977, Jim married Katherine (Jennings) Aneshansley, and to this union one son, Matt, was born. On September 12, 1986, he married Janice (Mahanay) Rhodes and lovingly welcomed her son, Derek Rhodes, as his own. Family was the center of Jim's life, and he took great pride in the accomplishments and happiness of those he loved.

Jim began his career with Elmer Smith Oil Company in 1979 and faithfully served the company for more than three decades before retiring in 2013. During his years there, he served as Vice President and as a member of the Board of Directors. Even after retirement, his knowledge and leadership continued to be valued, and he remained on the board for an additional two years.

Jim found great joy in playing golf and guitar, watching old westerns, listening to music—especially the blues—and spending time with family and friends. He was an enthusiastic supporter of OU Football, OU Softball, and the Clinton Red Tornadoes, rarely missing an opportunity to cheer on his favorite teams. Whether on the golf course, listening to music, attending a game, or visiting with friends, Jim's presence brought laughter, warmth, and genuine companionship.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Janice Harris; his parents, Reverend Therman Winfred and Leila Mae Harris; his brother, William Wade "Bill" Harris of Cheyenne, Wyoming; and his sister, Jo Ann Shepard of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Jim is survived by his sons, Matt Harris of Clinton, Oklahoma, and Derek Rhodes of Elk City, Oklahoma; his granddaughter, Lilli Martinez and her husband, Kade, of Elk City, Oklahoma; his grandson, Zach Rhodes of Elk City, Oklahoma; his brother-in-law, James Don Mahanay of Clinton, Oklahoma; and a host of extended family members and dear friends who will cherish his memory for years to come.

Memorial contributions may be made to Friends for Life, P.O. Box 1965, Weatherford, Oklahoma 73096.

Jim's legacy will live on through the family he loved, the friendships he treasured, and the countless lives he touched through his kindness, generosity, and unwavering love.

Sonny Wayne Vincent



Louis Wayne Vincent was born in Hydro, Oklahoma to George Louis and Helen "Bernice" (Foreman) Vincent on July 15, 1943. He passed away at his home in Hydro on September 8, 2026 at the age of 83.

Though he was known as “Sonny” or “Wayne” to many, those closest to him called him “Sonny Wayne.” Born and raised in Hydro, he called it home his whole life. Sonny Wayne was baptized in 1955 at the First Christian Church of Hydro and graduated from Hydro High School with the class of 1961. After high school, he spent many years farming; a job and hobby he would enjoy his entire life.

Sonny Wayne met Becky Faulkner on November 9, 2000 and they were married on February 9, 2001 in Wichita Falls, Texas. He was a truck driver in the oil field for the first couple of years of their marriage but soon "retired" back to farming in the early 2000s.

In retirement, he enjoyed puzzles and reading but that certainly did not mean he quit working. Sonny Wayne stayed busy, there was always something to do on the farm and he took great pride in his land. He planted food plots and made duck ponds, cleared trees and built fence. Sonny Wayne also loved animals whether it be tending his chickens and cows or watching and feeding wildlife.

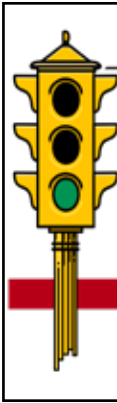
Spending time with his children and grandchildren was a cherished part of Papa Sonny's life. Some of his favorite memories were made trotlining, hunting, and spending time at the river. Hunting mushrooms as a family was a tradition he introduced to his children, one that has continued into another generation.

He was always willing to lend a hand, whether it was helping clean and process deer or spending time planning and preparing for the next hunt. Having his grandchildren around the property was a true highlight for Papa Sonny, and he treasured the time spent making memories with them. He also dedicated countless hours helping his grandson, Cade, with his pigs through FFA-always proud to be involved and willing to help in any way he could.

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Kary Vincent; and brothers-in-law, Arnold Boyd and Johnny Wilkenson.

Sonny Wayne is survived by his wife, Becky, of 25 years; daughter, Kristi Harris and her husband, Perry; daughter, Kimberly Rea; daughter-in-law, Denise; and grandchildren: Chance Vincent; Kara Vincent and her partner, Blaine Slagell; Makayla South and her husband, Richard and their daughter on the way; Madison Parham, her husband, Greg, and their son, Rhett; Zane Tilson and his daughter, Gwen; Sara Tilson; and Cade Rea and his partner Emma Hauptert. He is also survived by his sister, Corrine Boyd, her sons, Aaron and David Boyd, and their families.

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SWOSU Women Soccer’s “Pack the Park” Event Featured Two Giveaways



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Olivia Brown (pictured, center) won the Wright Media Prize Pack raffle, which came with a lawn chair and a goodie bag of merch. A special thank you to Heston Wright and Wright Media for their continued support of SWOSU Women’s Soccer and Pack the Park.



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Kamryn Perry was presented with a \$1,000 scholarship to SWOSU. Thank you to every one who came out, participated, and packed the stands in support of SWOSU Women’s Soccer. We couldn’t have made “Pack the Park” such a success without our incredible partners, students, fans, and community!



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Wright Media presents SWOSU Soccer with a \$1,000 check to cover the scholarship giveaway. Thank you again for helping make Pack the Park such a great night for our community! Pictured, from left: Head Soccer Coach Mark Persson, President of Wright Media Heston Wright, and Athletic Director Todd Helton.

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Alexander Shook The Connections Food
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of reprieve in two key parts of their lives: child
care and clean clothes. Both events will be held in
Weatherford.

If you're looking for some general information about these events, please call 580-774-5377. Additional information is available at sources provided below in the event breakdowns.

Free Laundry Night

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On Thursday, September 24th a Free Laundry Night will be hosted at the Highlander Center Laundromat (222 E Main St.) in Weatherford from 5:45 - 7:45 PM.

This event is provided by the Grace Lutheran Church and the St. Basil Orthodox Church. Those looking to wash their clothes at this event will be provided with laundry detergent and dryer sheets.

Previously, this event has been hosted on the last Thursday of every month. As of September 10th,

Free Laundry Night has been promoted to a bi-monthly service, occurring on the second and fourth Thursday of every month.

BabyMobile

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On Friday, September 25th, the Infant Crisis Services' "BabyMobile" will be parked across the street from the Connections Food & Resource Center (122 S 8th Street) in Weatherford, from 10am - 2pm.

The BabyMobile is looking to provide a week's worth of diapers and formula or food for babies and toddlers up to 3 years old. They also have bottles, sippy cups, and packs of wipes. No appointment is needed, but supplies will be given on a first come, first serve basis. A legal guardian must be present for pick-up.

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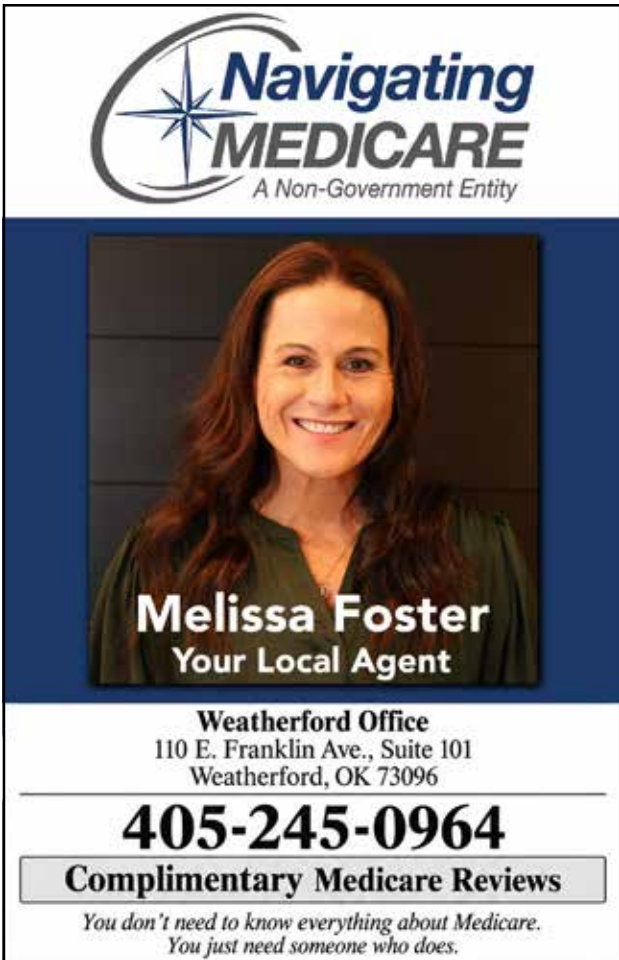
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Ritchie, Jackson Named Bulldogs of the Week



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Morgan Ritchie (Volleyball) and Keshawn Jackson (Football) have been named the Bulldogs of the Week, presented by Wright Media – the official partner for SWOSU athletic livestreams and radio broadcasts.

Ritchie (Helotes, Texas) recorded a career-high 11 kills against Oklahoma Baptist while hitting an efficient .370 on the afternoon, helping lead the Bulldogs offensively throughout the match. Against East Central in the win, she followed it up with

a team-high nine kills while adding three block assists. She totaled five digs on the week.

Jackson (Glenn Heights, Texas) had a massive game against Southeastern on Saturday, totaling 15 tackles, including nine solo stops, 3.5 tackles for loss, and two sacks. He also added an interception and a fumble recovery to his stat line. Through three games this season, Jackson currently ranks first in the GAC in total tackles with 37 and tackles for loss with 6.5, while his four sacks are tied for the conference lead.

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Second Half Rally Denied in Closing Seconds



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SWOSU Football erased a 17-point halftime deficit and took the lead with 21 unanswered points, but Southeastern Oklahoma State scored with nine seconds remaining to escape Flex-Chem Field with a 27-21 win Saturday night.

The Bulldogs transformed the game after halftime. SWOSU scored on its first two possessions of the third quarter and used a takeaway to move ahead early in the fourth, turning a 17-0 deficit into a 21-17 advantage.

The Dawgs remained in front until a blocked punt resulted in a safety midway through the final quarter. Their defense then preserved the two-point lead by blocking a field goal with 2:18 remaining, but Southeastern capitalized on one final opportunity and drove 80 yards for the winning score.

Turnovers put SWOSU in its early hole despite a strong performance from the Bulldog defense. The Dawgs limited Southeastern to 302 total yards and held the Savage Storm to 4-of-18 on third down, but four SWOSU turnovers led to 17 points.

Southeastern turned an interception into a field goal for the only points of the opening quarter, then extended its lead with a 1-yard touchdown run early in the second.

SWOSU created an opportunity midway through the quarter when Keshawn Jackson intercepted Levay Duncan, but the Bulldogs were unable to capitalize. Another turnover proved costly on their next possession when the Savage Storm returned a fumble 18 yards for a touchdown, sending SWOSU to halftime trailing 17-0.

The Bulldogs returned from the break with an immediate response.

Charles Mutter broke loose for a 39-yard run on the second play of the half, and Red Martel finished the 75-yard drive with a 34-yard touchdown run to put SWOSU on the board.

After another defensive stop, the Bulldogs threatened again but were turned away on fourth down at the Southeastern 20-yard line. SWOSU quickly regained possession and needed only four plays to cut further into the deficit.

Knox Dyson connected with Marcus Dockins Jr. for 42 yards to open the drive before finding DeAndre Beasley for an 8-yard touchdown that made it 17-14.

Special teams kept the margin at three later in the third quarter when Jaylen Niedo blocked a 45-yard field goal attempt. SWOSU completed the comeback moments into the fourth. Jackson recovered a Southeastern fumble at the Savage Storm 17-yard line, and Martel scored from the same distance two plays later to give the Bulldogs a 21-17 lead.

The advantage held until Southeastern blocked a punt through the end zone for a safety with 6:28 remaining. Following the free kick, the Savage Storm drove into scoring range, but Malcolm Murphy blocked a 40-yard field goal attempt to protect SWOSU's 21-19 lead with 2:18 to play.

The Bulldogs could not pick up a first down on the ensuing possession, leaving Southeastern one final opportunity. Starting from its own 20-yard line with 1:35 remaining, the Savage Storm moved the length of the field and scored on a 2-yard touchdown pass with nine seconds left. Duncan added the two-point conversion to produce the final margin.

SWOSU finished with 256 yards of offense, including 179 on the ground. Martel led the Bulldogs with 87 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries, while Mutter added 73 yards on nine attempts. Together, the two averaged nearly nine yards per carry.

Dyson completed 5-of-15 passes for 77 yards and a touchdown. Dockins led the receiving corps with 45 yards on two catches, while Beasley caught SWOSU's lone touchdown through the air.

Jackson delivered a career night to lead the Bulldog defense, finishing with a game-high 15 tackles, four tackles for loss, two sacks, an interception and a fumble recovery. Delmontre Pryor added eight tackles, while Justus Conway finished with six. SWOSU also recorded seven quarterback hurries and broke up four passes.

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