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Elk City Rodeo Features Bulls, Clowns, Wagons, Giveaways, and More



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Pictured, from left: Wayne Brooks, “Boom Boom” Thompson, Bullfighter Ryder Rich with his wife Cameron, and Bullfighter Noah Krepps.

Alexander Shook
WOK Contributor

Elk City’s annual “Rodeo of Champions” is returning for the 87th time this Labor Day Weekend, September 4th, 5th, and 6th. The event will be hosted at the Beutler Bros. Arena in Ackley Park, referred to on Google Maps as the “Elk City Rodeo Headquarters” (2251 West A Avenue, one block east of the Big Elk Football Stadium).

Stop by and watch some professional performers show off their skills for an adoring audience for 12 hours across three days. Events on display will include bull riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and roping. As always, Bennie and Rhett of Beutler & Son will act as the rodeo’s stock contractors, providing bucking horses and bulls like they’ve done since 1938.

For his eighteenth year, Wayne Brooks will be reprising his role as the rodeo’s announcer. Shawn “Boom Boom” will be succeeding Dusty Myers as this year’s Rodeo Clown. Bullfighters Noah Krepps and Ryder Rich will be returning as this years bullfighters, this marking their second year in the role. Finally, this year’s specialty acts are: Reed Rosecrans and the “Circle 7 Chuckwagons,” known for racing chuckwagons in Canada and the U.S.

As always, the Rodeo Parade will be held on the Saturday before Labor Day. The streets will close at 9AM, with floats lining up at 10AM. The route will start on Main Street just south of the Farmrail train tracks, visiting Third Street, Broadway, Jefferson, Seventh, Washington, and Twelfth. A detailed map is available on the Elk City Chamber of Commerce’s Facebook page.

Additionally, Wright Media will be hosting a giveaway on Friday, September 4th, on the rodeo grounds. Register for a chance to win a deep freeze packed full of meat, courtesy of South Canadian Meats and Galleria Furniture, Mattress and Appliance Outlet.

The arena gates open at 6PM on all 3 days, with the rodeo itself lasting from 8PM to 11PM. Tickets for admission can be purchased online by visiting tickets. ElkCityRodeo.com. General admission prices for adults (ages 13 and over) are \$12.50, while kids 6-12 are \$10.50, and kids 5 and under get in for free. Alternatively, Grandstand tickets are also available for presale, priced at \$16.50 per seat. The price will increase to \$20 - \$25 as the show draws nearer. Tickets are sold by attendance date.

For more information, visit their official website at www.ElkCityRodeo.com.

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CUSTER COUNTY / RIVERS - A Clinton woman is charged in Custer County District Court with 4th degree arson. Court records show 29-year-old McKinley Rivers attempted to set fire to a vehicle, that was the property of another person, that was parked in the 1600 block of Prairie Chief Avenue in Clinton. Authorities say Rivers allegedly poured gasoline into and on the outside of the vehicle but failed in the attempt to burn the vehicle due to the arrival of police.

CLINTON / CANDIDATE FORUM - The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will host a legislative forum in the city of Clinton on October 27th for candidates seeking election as Mayor and Ward 4 City Council. A mayoral race has formed between incumbent David Berrong and current Ward 2 City Councilman Ernie Dowdell. Meanwhile, in Ward 4, two former city council members, Bobby Stewart and Lucas Martinez are seeking to return to the council. The election will be on November 3. The event will open at noon, offering lunch to attendees. The entry fee is \$25.

WEATHERFORD / APOLLO SOYUZ - The Apollo Soyuz display at the Stafford Air and Space Museum in Weatherford will be open to the public by September 5th. “It’s been shipped in different deliveries over the last two weeks. It is fully installed so all the official heavy lifting is done. We just have some small things to finish wrapping up and we’re going to reinstall some carpet,” Director Julie Lenius explained. “When we have that open to the public, we are hosting an event for Governor Stitt. He’s trying to hit all 77 counties before the end of his term, and so that’ll be from 2-3 PM on September 5th.” Additionally, Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell’s tourism summit will be coming to the museum in October.

CLOUD CHIEF FD / GRANT - The Cloud Chief Fire Department has been awarded a \$10,000 grant from State Farm and the National Volunteer Fire Council to help purchase a new 1¾-inch attack hose and nozzles. Fire officials say the support helps the department to protect the community and keep firefighters safe.

CLINTON / I-40 DEVELOPMENT - As work continues along Interstate 40 Exits 65/65A in Clinton, Mayor David Berrong discussed some potential economic growth the project may bring to the city. “It has opened Clinton up for development interstate businesses on both the north and the south, which is unprecedented,” Berrong shared. “We’re already seeing businesses asking the landowners to see if they might be interested in selling [some land]. Also, the city of Clinton is in a position to have 15 to 17 acres to commercially develop just east of Sutherland.” Berrong added that the project remains ahead of schedule.

WEATHERFORD / AIRPORT FUNDS - The Weatherford City Commission recently approved a combination application for Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and Oklahoma Department of Aerospace and Aeronautics grant funds not to exceed \$2.468 million. “We had to do something years ago where we added concrete [along our taxiway]. Now we’re taking off on the other side because [the FFA] won’t maintain it,” said Airport Manager Mark Schoonmaker. “We don’t want to maintain it, and it’s not necessary, so we’re going to take out some concrete and replace all the taxiway lights.” According to Schoonmaker, the city is also throwing around alternative ideas, such as building an entirely new taxiway to the north of the current base.

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Hope Is Alive Sees Hundreds Turn Up for Annual “Run For Hope” Event



Runners and organizers alike lined up in front of the Weatherford First Baptist Church at 7:40 AM for some announcements and a group photo. Provided by Katie Leigh Ramirez



A child gets her face painted before participating in the Hope Is Alive Memorial Mile. Provided by Katie Leigh Ramirez



Addie Blackwell and Val Yoder with 95.5 The Coyote invited listeners to participate in Saturday's proceedings. Provided by Krystal Blackwell

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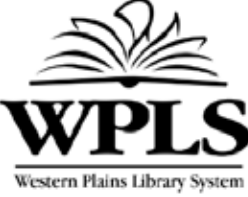












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State Senate [District 26] - Beckham - Custer - Washita

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Voters have decided on the next State Senator for District 26. Jessica Winegeart of Calumet took nearly 55% of the vote, defeating Rick Koch of Weatherford.

"First, I would like to congratulate Rick on a really clean campaign; he fought a good race," Winegeart expressed. "I really started with nothing but a few flyers and just knocking doors, knocking doors, and knocking doors, and it really grew from there. I didn't have the money, so I just tried to put in the work."

Winegeart will succeed Senator Darcy Jech of Kingfisher, who could not seek re-election due to term limits.

Looking at the recent area, city, and county races, Warren Goldmann wins re-election to Ward 3 Weatherford City Commission, receiving 52% of the vote over Josh Adkinson.

"[Politicians] try to get a feel for what issues that

are important to [voters]," explained Goldmann. "What are the things that we need to be doing? When you run for office, it's not about you; it's about representing the people."

Meanwhile, the incumbent commissioner for Ward 1, Kendon Wood, was defeated by Drew Terrel by more than 10 points.

"I had some friends that thought I'd be good at it and so I started looking into it and thought I would be a good fit and so I went for it," Terrel explained on why he chose to run for city government.

In Washita County, Bart Gossen retains his District 1 County Commissioner seat, garnering 60% of support over Chris Shields. Additionally, Sammy Carnes managed to get more than 60% of the vote over James Greer for District 3 Beckham County Commissioner.

With all runoffs and primaries now concluded, the general midterm elections will be held on November 3, 2026

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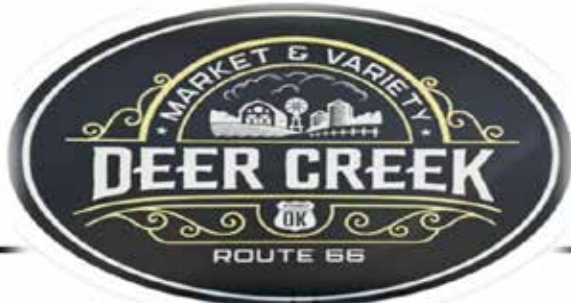
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SWOSU’s Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway allows school employees to earn bachelor’s degrees and become fully certified teachers while continuing to serve their communities.



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Apprentices in SWOSU’s Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway complete a one- to two-year internship while working toward their education degrees and Oklahoma teacher certification.

SWOSU has received \$500,000 in Phase II funding through TeachForwardOK to support its Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway. The program helps school employees earn bachelor’s degrees and become fully certified teachers while continuing to serve their communities. This investment will prepare more teachers for Oklahoma classrooms while helping school districts develop educators from within their own schools.

Registered Teacher Apprenticeships are nationally recognized pathways approved through the U.S. Department of Labor. SWOSU developed the pathway for paraprofessionals who already work in schools but do not hold bachelor’s degrees. After completing 60 college credit hours, eligible candidates can enter the apprenticeship and continue working in paid positions with partner districts while finishing their SWOSU coursework. The pathway requires a one- to two-year internship in place of traditional student teaching. Apprentices graduate with traditional bachelor’s degrees in education and meet all Oklahoma teacher certification requirements. Phase I funding helped SWOSU establish the systems needed to operate the new pathway and gather feedback for improvement. The Phase II award moves that support into direct program delivery.

It will cover tuition and book costs for apprentices, stipends for mentor teachers and the continued operation and development of the program. The award is expected to provide significant financial support to at least 37 apprentices working toward teacher certification.

“This funding removes barriers that have kept talented individuals from becoming teachers while giving rural districts the opportunity to grow their own educators alongside the university,” said Robyn Randol, SWOSU director of Registered Teacher Apprenticeship. “Together, we are creating a stronger, more accessible pathway into teaching and a sustainable teacher pipeline for rural Oklahoma.”

SWOSU began piloting the pathway last year, and its first cohort is expected to complete the program in December. The pathway now works with numerous school districts across Oklahoma. A growing number of freshmen and sophomores have also expressed interest in entering the pathway once they become eligible. More than 50 current apprentices are expected to complete the pathway and become fully certified teachers by fall 2028.

The Oklahoma Legislature established TeachForwardOK through Senate Bill 212 as a two-year pilot for nontraditional teacher candidates and emergency-certified teachers.

The Office of Educational Quality and Accountability (OEQA) selected several universities to operate models based on the needs of their regions and student populations. SWOSU’s program is the most expansive among the funded approaches. The pathway is a collaboration among SWOSU’s Department of Education, the Oklahoma Public School Resource Center and participating school districts. SWOSU provides the college coursework, while partner districts provide paid classroom experience. SWOSU and the Oklahoma Public School Resource Center work with each district to align the pathway with local workforce needs.

“The Registered Teacher Apprenticeship pathway represents exactly what is possible when universities, schools, and community partners come together around a shared need,” said Marla Pankratz, chair of the SWOSU Department of Education. “I am incredibly proud of the leadership and extraordinary work of Robyn Randol and our Department of Education faculty, who have embraced this innovative pathway and the students it serves. Ultimately, this is an investment not only in teachers, but in Oklahoma’s youngest children, their families, and the communities they call home.” For more information about SWOSU’s Registered Teacher Apprenticeship Pathway, visit www.swosu.edu/education/teacher-apprenticeship.php.

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Kinsey Geasland and Katja Blanchat took home the opening Bulldogs of the Week award for the 2026-27 athletic year.

The weekly recognition is presented by Wright Media, the official partner for SWOSU athletic livestreams and radio broadcasts.

Kinsey Geasland (Fort Worth, Texas) took home the honor in her first week as a Bulldog after scoring the game-tying goal in the season opener against Colorado Christian in the 87th minute. On the week, she totaled four shots on goal, tied for the top spot in the GAC.

Katja Blanchat (Lindsborg, Kan.) had a strong opening weekend in Colorado, totaling 42 kills while hitting .481, which ranks No. 1 in the GAC, through four matches.

In her match against Sul Ross State, she had 15 kills on 20 attempts with no errors. Her .750 hitting percentage is now the top mark in SWOSU program history.

Meet Kimber Brown, WestOK Weekly’s New Sales Accountant & Social Media Coordinator



Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Wright Media is excited to welcome Kimber Brown as the newest member of our team, serving as a Sales Representative and Social Media Marketer.

Kimber grew up in Geary and has called Weatherford home for the past two years. In her new role, she’ll work closely with local businesses to help them connect with customers through advertising, marketing and social media. She looks forward to building relationships throughout western Oklahoma and helping businesses find creative ways to tell their stories and promote what they have to offer.

Her personal motto, “Don’t let the hard days win,” reflects the positive and determined attitude she brings to her new position.

Kimber is also a proud mom of three and stays busy supporting her kids in all their activities. Her son plays baseball, her daughter cheers, and her youngest is involved in gymnastics.

Outside of work, Kimber enjoys spending time with her family, heading to the lake and cooking. She especially enjoys firing up the smoker or grilling steaks for the family. When football season arrives, you’ll also find her cheering on the Dallas Cowboys.

We’re excited to have Kimber join West OK Weekly and look forward to the creativity, enthusiasm and fresh perspective she’ll bring to our sales and social media efforts. Most importantly, we’re excited for our clients and communities to get to know her.

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Dawgs Split Western Colorado Invitational 2-1



Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Volleyball earned its first win of the 2026 campaign behind a monster game from Katja Blanchat against Sul Ross State, but split the final day of the Western Colorado Invitational.

The Bulldogs will now travel to Kansas as they prepare for the Gorilla Classic, which will take place from September 2-4. They will kick off the week against Missouri Southern before facing Truman State, host Pittsburg State, and William Jewell.

SWOSU vs Sul Ross State
W, 3-1 (25-13, 25-11, 23-25, 19-25)

Blanchat etched her name in the SWOSU record books, totaling 15 kills on just 20 attempts. Her .750 hitting percentage is the highest ever recorded by a SWOSU Volleyball player in program history.

The opening two sets saw SWOSU in the driver's seat as the Bulldogs quickly took a 2-0 lead after Sul Ross State scored just 24 combined points in the first two frames (25-13, 25-11). In those sets, the Dawgs totaled 22 kills compared to just 12 for the Lobos, who also committed 11 errors.

After it looked like the Bulldogs could cruise to a sweep, the Lobos came to life, totaling 16 kills with just three errors in the third set (.448) and holding on to extend the game after a 25-23 set victory.

Both teams did not hit exceptionally in the fourth and final set, with the Dawgs hitting just .167, their lowest mark of the match, and the Lobos hitting .067. However, a mid-set run propelled the Bulldogs to close out the match with a 25-19 victory.

The final stats saw SWOSU record 11 service aces compared to zero for the Lobos. Blanchat led the Dawgs with 15 kills and added three blocks, while Sydnee Winfrey recorded 10 kills of her own and a team-high five blocks. Mackenzie Sims dished out team highs with 36 assists and 10 digs for her first double-double of the season.

SWOSU vs New Mexico Highlands
W, 3-0 (25-20, 25-17, 25-16)

The Dawgs opened the day with a sweep over the Cowgirls, allowing fewer points in each set as the match went on.

In the opening set, the Dawgs were all knotted up with New Mexico Highlands at 19 before taking six of the next seven points to secure the opener. In the second, a 10-3 run created the separation needed for a comfortable 25-17 win and a 2-0 lead. SWOSU closed out the match with ease, winning the final four points en route to a 25-16 set victory.

Four Dawgs broke into double figures in kills in the morning match, with Jenna Houk leading the way with 13. Layla Collins (12), Sydnee Winfrey (12), and Katja Blanchat (10) all had big days, with Blanchat continuing her efficient start to the season. With her 10 kills, she committed just one error, leading to a .500 hitting percentage.

Mackenzie Sims dished out 40 assists, tied for her most in a three-set match in her career. Jada Permenter totaled 21 digs, her second most in a three-set match in her four years as a Dawg.

SWOSU vs Lubbock Christian
L, 3-0 (26-24, 25-19, 29-27)

Despite the three-set loss, this match was extremely competitive from start to finish, with two of the three sets requiring bonus volleyball to determine the winner.

SWOSU held as much as a four-point lead midway through the first set, but a run by the Lady Chaparrals brought them back ahead 24-22. The Dawgs survived two set points but eventually fell 26-24. LCU maintained control through the second set, taking a lead after the Chaps grabbed an 11-10 advantage midway through the frame.

The third was a back-and-forth affair, with the Dawgs holding multiple leads throughout. Early leads of 6-2 and 13-10 had the Bulldogs on top before LCU found its footing, going on an 8-2 run to build a lead of its own at 18-15. For the first time in the match, SWOSU held set point opportunities at 26-25 and 27-26 before LCU rattled off three straight points to end the comeback bid.

Jenna Houk had a team-high 12 kills, Jada Permenter collected 12 digs, with Willow Deckinger right behind her with 11, and Mackenzie Sims secured her third straight double-double with 31 assists and 10 digs.

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