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Groundbreaking Set for Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset at Crowder Lake University Park



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Rose collage of pictures: a) an artist's rendering of the design for the completed Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playground at Crowder Lake University Park; b) SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Garrett King and Weatherford Rotary Club President (and SWOSU alumnus) Todd Earp met recently to finalize plans for the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playground; c) Ken Rose, SWOSU student days; d) Ken Rose in Crowder Lake University Park Ranger Uniform; e) Susan, Wesly, Tiler and Ken Rose at Crowder Lake University Park; and f) Ken Rose on the SWOSU campus.

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset at the Crowder Lake University Park has been scheduled for Saturday, March 27, at 11 a.m.

The ceremony will take place in conjunction with the 2021 Crowder Lake Opening Day festivities as the park begins its summer season.

The Crowder Lake University Park, located seven miles south of Weatherford, is operated by Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

Rose was an instrumental SWOSU leader who helped oversee the transition of Crowder Lake from the Oklahoma State Parks system to an outdoor classroom overseen by SWOSU.

“The Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset will provide a safe, fun area at our park for children and families to gather,” said Park Director Paul Hummel. “Dr. Rose enthusiastically encouraged the idea of a playset at Crowder Lake before his passing, and we are honored to name this newest part of our park in his memory.”

The playset is a joint effort of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., and the Weatherford Rotary Club—two organizations with which Rose was deeply involved and which he passionately and gladly supported during his lifetime.

“Our entire family is so very touched and humbled by the decision to name the new playset at Crowder Lake University Park in honor of my late husband,” said Susan Rose. “Ken was a fervent believer in the experiential learning value of Crowder to our SWOSU students, and I know he would be truly moved by this recognition of his leadership in making the park what it is today. Thank you to the Weatherford Rotary Club and the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. for this generous celebration of Ken’s life and work.”

For more information on Crowder Lake Opening Day, please contact the Crowder Lake University Park Office at 580-774-6015. For information on the groundbreaking ceremony for the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset, please contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267.

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