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SWOSU Hosts Groundbreaking for Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset



Family members D'Ann Rose Berrong, Tiler Rose, Susan Rose and Wesley Rose stand where the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset will be erected.



Rose Family members join former SWOSU President Dr. Joe Anna Hibler; SWOSU President Dr. Randy Beutler; and SWOSU educators Ed Klein, Paul Hummel, Chad Kinder and Ryan Haggard for the groundbreaking on the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset at Crowder Lake University Park.

Family and friends of the late Dr. Ken Rose, along with past and present Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) leaders, recently gathered for a groundbreaking ceremony commemorating the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset at Crowder Lake University Park.

The ceremony was held 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 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.”

Construction on the playset is estimated to take four-to-six weeks. 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.

For more information on Crowder Lake, please contact the Crowder Lake University Park Office at 580-774-6015. For information on contributing to the costs of the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Playset, please contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267.

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