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## SWOSU Spirit Contest Planned February 17



The Academic Support Center is hosting a SWOSU Spirit Contest on Thursday, February 17, at the SWOSU basketball games.

Participants will receive a free SWOSU shirt (while supplies

last), and the winner will receive a SWOSU swag bag.

Participants need to meet at 5 p.m. in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center lobby. The winner will be announced at halftime of the women's game that starts at 5:30 p.m. The men's game will follow at 7:30 p.m. SWOSU will play Harding (AR) University in both Great American Conference contests.

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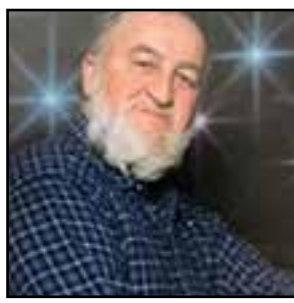
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**Delray Lee Hertel**

Delray Lee Hertel, age 75, of Thomas, Oklahoma, passed away on February 1, 2022, in his home of natural causes. Delray was born to Fred and Hildegard Hertel on January 24, 1947, in McLaughlin, SD. He was 1 of 18 children of that union. Delray was married to Sharon J. Moe in 1976 and had one daughter Aleen "Michelle" Gray, together.



In January 1979, he married his current wife Ruby McClintock, and they were together until her death in 2006. Delray and Ruby spent many years as foster parents and shared their home and love with more than 150 children. Delray was a jack of all trades, working in construction and farming, but his passion was driving a truck over the road. Delray loved cars and wrestling. He enjoyed playing pool and having cookouts with his friends and neighbors. He never knew a stranger and always seen the best in people.

Delray is preceded in death by his parents, multiple siblings and his wife Ruby. He is survived by his daughter Aleen Michelle Gray, one grandson Colton Gray and many family members and friends. His kindness, companionship, and love will be greatly missed.

A memorial service was held at the First Christian Church in Thomas, OK on February 12, 2022, at 11:30 am with dinner following.

**Eddie Gordon Pigg**

Eddie was born August 9, 1956, in Elk City to William Carol "W.C." and Elsie Iona (Weichel) Pigg and passed away unexpectedly Friday, February 4, 2022, at Weatherford Regional Hospital, having reached the age of 65 years, 5 month 25 days.



Eddie was raised in Cowden before moving to Weatherford with his family in 1963. He graduated from Weatherford High School in 1974. After school he worked on the family farm with his father and delivering equipment. Eddie attended the Columbian Memorial Presbyterian Church in Colony.

Eddie is survived by his son Robbie Pigg and wife Debbie of Corn and their children: Johnathon Pigg of Utah; William Pigg of Utah; Autumn Cavin of Corn and Erica Cavin of Tulsa; and his daughter Carolynn Mackey and her children: Dillan Mackey and his wife Cassie of Weatherford and Dakota Clark of Weatherford. He was preceded in death by his parents W.C. and Iona Pigg; his brother Morse Dean Pigg; and his granddaughter Brooke Nicole Pigg.

**Randy Joe Ashley**

Randy Joe Ashley was born on November 2, 1964, in Chickasha, Oklahoma, and passed away on Friday, February 4, 2022, in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He was the son of Max Ashley. Randy was raised near Fort Cobb Lake and attended school in Oney, graduating with the Class of 1982, and also attended Caddo-Kiowa



Technology Center where he completed his auto body certification. Upon graduation from high school, Randy enlisted in the US Army and served 4 years as a combat engineer, stationed at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. After serving in the military, he moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma, to be near his father who introduced him to Peggy Ann. On September 4, 1988, Randy married Peggy in Wichita Fall, Texas.

Randy always dreamed of becoming a truck driver, and he got his CDL and began driving semi-trucks all across the country. His CB radio handle was "Jiggy." He loved driving truck and Peterbilt was his favorite type of truck. He also drove a truck for Dieselworks, A Rental, Whitco, and doing long haul trucking in the oil field. When he wasn't on the road, Randy enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially hunting with his son. Randy was family oriented and adored his children and grandchildren, spoiling his grandchildren as much as he could. His daughter was a Daddy's Girl. He also loved his future son-in-law and daughter-in-law as if they were his own. Randy also knew how to fix anything. He always had duct tape and zip ties on hand in a pinch.

Randy was a huge football fan and a diehard OU fan. He also enjoyed professional wrestling. He always knew how to have a good time and make the most of everything. He was an animal lover, and the household always had a dog in it. All of the dogs were spoiled by him like no other--as if they were children with special treats and belly rubs 24/7. He even tried getting a pet snake but Peggy said "No." You would never catch Randy not wearing a camouflage hat or shirt or a shirt with the sleeves cut off. He also loved trying his luck at casinos every now and then.

Randy was loved by so many people. He was the best husband, dad, and papa. You could always have a good conversation with Randy and ask him for his opinion, whether you liked his answer or not. He will be missed beyond measure.

Randy is preceded in death by one granddaughter, Hailey Yandell.

Randy is survived by wife Peggy Ashley of their home in Weatherford; by his daughter Lacey Ashley and fiancé Curtis Brooks of Roff; one son Jacky Yandell and wife Joni of Summerfield; seven grandchildren: Carson, Greyson, Tori, Michael, Carley, Gunner and Gracelynn; and his father Max Ashley of Davis.

**Donald Marshall Kelley**

Donald Marshall Kelley was born on November 27, 1935, to parents F.L and Dona (Marshall) Kelley and passed into the loving arms of his Savior on February 5, 2022, at the age of 86 years, 2 months and 8 days.



Don spent 86 years on this earth doing the things he loved. Hunting, fishing, golfing, and riding his tractor at the farm brought him the pleasure of daily living.

Don had many achievements in his business career and community involvement. But Don always felt his biggest accomplishment was his family.

Don is survived by his wife Glenda; five children and their spouses; eight grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, two great-great grandchildren; one sister, and many in his extended family. So his legacy will pass through many generations.

Don was preceded in death by his parents; one son; two grandchildren; and his twin brother. What a reunion they must by having in Heaven.

In lieu of flowers, please just say a kind word or give a hug to someone each day.

**Otis Clark**

Funeral service for Otis Clark, 85 year-old Thomas resident were held on Friday, February 11, 2022, at 10:00 A.M. in the Bethany Brethren in Christ Church with James Rainwater officiating. Burial will follow in the Mound Valley Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home of Thomas.



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(Grizzle) Clark on April 20, 1936, in Fay and passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022, in Clinton. Otis was raised in rural Fay area. He attended school at Mount Pleasant Rural School, Fay Schools, and graduated at Watonga High School in 1954. He served in the Military from 1955 to 1959, as an Army Medic in Germany. Returning home to Fay, he went to Southwestern for one semester before transferring to Okmulgee Tech. Otis married Lynda Claussen on March 3, 1962, in Thomas. They made their home in Altus before returning to Okmulgee Tech to teach for 2 ½ years. Later moving to Bethel Acres near Shawnee and later to San Marcos, TX. They returned to Bethel Acres in 1986. In 2000 they settled in Thomas. Otis enjoyed fishing, coaching Pee Wee baseball and Awana's.

He is survived by his wife Lynda of the home; two sons: Gordon Clark and his wife Karyn of Duxbury, MA and Gary Clark and his wife Kelsey of Edmond, OK; two daughters: Deborah Dyck and her husband Howard of Thomas and Diana Keys and her husband James of Yukon, OK; 14 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Leon.

**C.B. Keith**

C.B. Keith, known by those who loved him as Salty Keith, passed away at the age of 98 in his home in Thomas, Oklahoma, on February 8, 2022. Salty and his twin brother C.D. Keith were born to Charles B. and Esther Dora Elizabeth (Coburn) Keith on November 16, 1923, in Tishomingo, Oklahoma. Salty worked as a farm laborer in his early years. He began working for the Frisco Railroad in 1944 and continued until his retirement in 1976. He married his wife Coqueece Keith in 1950. After a short period in Vernon, Texas, Salty and Coke built their lives in Thomas, Oklahoma, where they raised their four children and Coke's sister Sue and lovingly welcomed their many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In 1963, Salty took a second job working for the Custer County doing road work and supervising the Thomas landfill. He retired from supervising the Thomas landfill in 1991.



Throughout his life, Salty enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, fishing, watching the weather, growing tomatoes and Okra, drinking coffee with his buddies, and playing dominoes with any willing player. Salty lived his life with no regrets ~ when asked if he would change anything, he replied, "Nothing. I like the life I have." To know him was to love him, and he will be greatly missed.

Salty was preceded in death by his wife Coqueece, his daughter Cathy Nickel, daughter-in-law Melvia Keith, great-grandson Scott Keith, great-great-granddaughter Cylene Keith, his parents, 3 brothers, and 6 sisters. He is survived by his children: Carl Barney Keith, Cary Don Keith, and Debby Jones. He is also survived by 11 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and several great-great-grandchildren.

**Sharron Ladd**

Funeral Service for Sharron Ladd, 78, well-known pharmacy technician in Clinton, were held 10:00 A.M., Monday, February 14, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Doyle Kinney and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Sharron Maye Ladd was born June 6, 1943, to Tom Ladd, Jr. and Lila Mae (Hicks) Ladd in Booneville, AR and passed away early Wednesday, February 9, 2022, in her Clinton home.

Sharron started her young life in Booneville, AR and moved to Clinton with her parents in 1952. She attended Clinton Public School and graduated in 1961. As a teenager she worked for Ralph's Truck Stop along with her mother and sister Carolyn. After graduation she was employed several years with Nall's Discount Store, and she helped with the family taxi business for several years until its closing. For the past 32 years, she was employed with S&D Drug Store, retiring in 2020, as a pharmacy technician.

She loved to read, go to Southwest Playhouse and watch the productions and spending time with her nieces and nephews.

Sharron was preceded in death by her parents and grandparents.

She was the "Rock" of the family and will be greatly missed by her two sisters: Carolyn Bradley, Batesville, AR; and Carla Suito, Clinton; two brothers Tommy Ladd and Charles Ladd, both of Clinton; nieces and nephews: Lee Harmon (Christie), Frances Altman (Charlie), Tommy Ladd II (Lori), Bobby Suito (Rhonda) and Micaela Marquez (Joel) and a host of great-nieces



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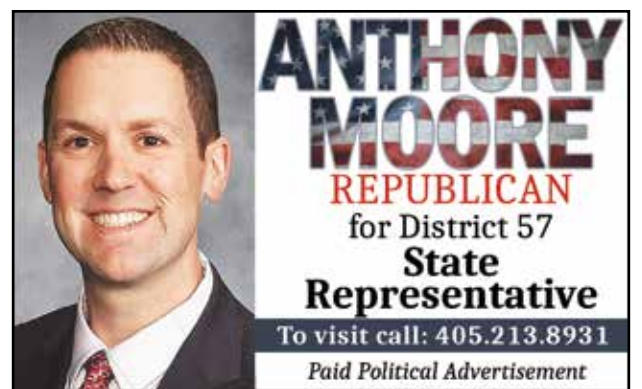
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## Garrett Daniel Carter Memorial Endowment Established at SWOSU



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced the establishment of the Garrett Daniel Carter Memorial Endowment.

Carter is a 2016 graduate of the SWOSU College of Pharmacy. He died on November 11, 2021.

Carter's parents, Mark Carter and Kim Carter of Stillwater, have generously endowed the Garrett Daniel Carter Memorial Endowment to provide ongoing scholarship support to SWOSU students who are enrolled in the SWOSU College of Pharmacy's PharmD/MBA dual degree program.

"The entire SWOSU family of alumni, emeriti and

friends grieves with the Carter family over the loss of one of our own—Garrett Daniel Carter," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. "We are truly honored that Mark and Kim Carter have chosen to celebrate their son's life by creating a memorial that will help his fellow SWOSU Bulldogs in Garrett's name far into the future."

The Garrett Daniel Carter Memorial Endowment is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships 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 \$36 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

For more information on the Foundation or to donate to the Garrett Daniel Carter Memorial Endowment benefitting the SWOSU PharmD/MBA program, please visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com) or call 580-774-3267.

## Remembering Don Kelly

**Maxine McCullough**  
Staff Writer

I liked Don Kelly. I "got" his humor. We had a running joke. I'd tell his wife Glenda how funny I thought he was. When she'd have enough of us, she'd say, "you think he's so funny, you want to take him for awhile." "Oh no," was my reply. I don't want to do all that cooking, serving and so forth just for a laugh or two. You've spoiled him way to much.

Don and I also had a running bet of one quarter on all OU and OSU ball games. His being for OU and me lovin' my OK State Cowboys. Once when he owed me a quarter, he couldn't find the correct change. Glenda says, "oh just give her a dollar." "Absolutely not" he said, "I don't want to get that started." Now, that's funny, to me, anyway. That would have changed the whole dynamic of our quarter bet. Don Kelly passed away recently. That day, my OK State Cowboys had won a basketball game against the University of OK. I'm not exactly sure how this is going to work, but I hope to someday see Don Kelley again and collect that quarter he owes me.



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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS




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## SWOSU to Dedicate General Thomas P. Stafford Archives on March 11



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has scheduled the dedication of the General Thomas P. Stafford Archives for Friday, March 11, at 2 p.m. at the Al Harris Library at SWOSU Weatherford.

The archives will utilize the latest in preservation technology and techniques to house sensitive historical documents and papers and will highlight Stafford's lifetime of achievements.

"We are deeply honored that our longtime benefactor and partner, General Thomas P. Stafford, has designated the Al Harris Library here at SWOSU as the repository for his papers and historic documents," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell.

Lovell said the Stafford Archives are a splendid addition to SWOSU's rich heritage in aerospace and defense education and accomplishment.

"The General's vision, generosity and involvement have equipped us to build a facility that will serve as a world-class repository for researchers, historians and students to study the incredible work and events to which the General has been central over during his many decades of public and military service and scientific and corporate leadership."

A Weatherford native, Stafford established the Stafford Air & Space Museum in 1993 with two rooms near the Weatherford Airport (which is also now named for Stafford)—today, the museum is a Smithsonian affiliate and preserves over 63,000 square feet of historic information and educational resources.

"Stafford is a renowned Oklahoma Hall of Fame laureate who is the first NASA astronaut to ever become a General and was the first General to fly in space.

His work was essential to the development of stealth technology and his longtime friendship with Soviet Cosmonaut Alexei Leonov stands out as a beacon of cooperation amidst the tensions of the Cold War. Our SWOSU students for generations to come will learn so much from General Stafford's life, work and example," said SWOSU Libraries Director Jason Dupree.

Stafford also established the Stafford Endowment at SWOSU in 1992 which was, at the time, the largest single gift ever made to the university. The endowment continues to provide a unique experiential learning program for SWOSU's prestigious Stafford Scholars, over 165 of which have been designated to date. The Stafford Scholars program represents a positive, valuable ongoing collaboration between SWOSU and the Stafford Air & Space Museum.

General Stafford, who received SWOSU's first-ever honorary doctorate in 2015, will make remarks at the dedication of the archives.

He will be joined by Oklahoma State Representatives Rhonda Baker, Mike Dobrinski and Anthony Moore, and Oklahoma State Senators Brent Howard, Darcy Jech, and Jake Merrick, all of whom represent the SWOSU service area which stretches from the Texas border in western Oklahoma to the western suburbs of Oklahoma City in Canadian County.

Regent Connie Reilly, chair of the Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents, will address the participants as will Allison D. Garrett, chancellor of the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

United States Senator Jim Inhofe (Oklahoma), who serves as Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, and United States Congressman Frank D. Lucas of Cheyenne (OK-3), who serves as Ranking Member of the House Committee on Science, Space, & Technology, are also scheduled to speak.

Former SWOSU Presidents Dr. Joe Anna Hibler and Dr. Randy Beutler, along with Linda Hays, wife of the late former SWOSU President Dr. John Hays, will also be present along with longtime Weatherford Mayor and SWOSU alumnus Mike Brown.

Seating space at the event is extremely limited and due to ongoing public health concerns, the event is invitation-only.

For more information, contact Kari Jones in the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580.774.3267.

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## Ben Smith Career High Carries Bulldogs to Arkadelphia Sweep

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

Ben Smith scored a career high 22 points and helped push SWOSU Basketball to a 79-70 win over Ouachita Baptist on Saturday. The victory wraps up an undefeated trip to Arkadelphia where the Dawgs picked up wins over the Henderson State Reddies and now Ouachita Baptist Tigers.

The Bulldogs struggled from the start but got right back in the game as Kamden Gipson was able to hit some shots. SWOSU kept grinding and tied the game at 18-18 midway through the first half, but they also struggled from the foul line, going 0-for-5 to begin the game.

SWOSU built some short leads, but Ouachita Baptist always responded and kept it close. SWOSU had a one-point advantage at halftime, as they were ahead 34-33.

In the second half, Ouachita Baptist snagged the lead with 12 minutes left to play. However, SWOSU

got the lead back and built a double-digit lead when Jaylan Williams knocked down a three-point shot with eight minutes to play. SWOSU maintained the lead they built and won the game going away 79-70. The Bulldogs won their second game in a row and outscored Ouachita Baptist 45-37 in the second half. SWOSU was efficient on defense, as they recorded nine steals, and scored 15 fast break points. Ouachita Baptist did have 16 turnovers, which helped the Bulldogs score quickly in transition.

The Bulldogs shot well from the field and from beyond the arc. SWOSU shot 50.9 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the arc, going 10-of-20 from deep. Smith scored 22 points for SWOSU. Gipson and Damion Thornton each scored 10 points. The bench played quite well, as they scored 26 points for SWOSU.

SWOSU improves to 9-12 and moves back to .500 in Great American Conference play with a



conference record of 8-8. They'll return to the floor, 7:30 p.m., Tuesday at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center and will host rival Northwestern Oklahoma State. The game was originally scheduled to be played February 8th, but because of the snowstorm it was postponed.

## Late Run Seals Victory for SWOSU Women's Basketball

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

When the game got tight, the SWOSU Lady Bulldogs basketball team came together and won at Ouachita Baptist, 80-56, closing the game on a 22-6 run.

SWOSU dominated the first quarter and led 19-8. The second quarter was not much different, as the Lady Bulldogs continued to build their lead and gathered momentum going into halftime up 36-21. Ouachita Baptist recorded 17 turnovers in the first half, and in transition, SWOSU scored 18 points off of those turnovers. Makyra Tramble scored 13 points in the

first half.

Despite the slow offensive start in the third quarter, SWOSU managed to hold onto its lead. They were outscored 19-18 in the third quarter, but still led by double digits going into the fourth quarter. Ouachita Baptist got within single digits, but SWOSU closed the quarter on an 11-5 run.

Ouachita Baptist would not go away and cut it to single digits midway through the fourth quarter. SWOSU finally took control and closed the game on a 22-6 run and won the game 80-56. To begin the run, SWOSU's defense clamped down and did not allow Ouachita Baptist to score in over three minutes of

game time.

Tramble finished 19 points and recorded five steals. Bethany Franks scored 17 points and was one rebound shy of a double-double. Lauren Ramey and Karly Gore notched 11 points apiece. The Lady Bulldogs did get some help from the bench with 16 points combined from reserves.

SWOSU improves to 21-4 and 15-2 in Great American Conference Play. They'll return to the floor, 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center and will host rival Northwestern Oklahoma State. The game was originally scheduled to be played, February 3, but because of the snow storm it was postponed.

## Smith and Baxley Named Bulldogs of the Week

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU baseball's Zach Baxley and men's basketball's Ben Smith have been named the latest Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of SWOSU Athletics on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Smith (Edmond, Okla.) got the nod in the starting lineup for just the six and seventh time this season over the weekend and posted back-to-back season highs in scoring for himself. He notched 16 points against Henderson State and then outdid himself with 22 points against Ouachita Baptist two days later. Not only did he score, but he was also efficient. In two games, Smith shot 60% (12-of-20) from the field overall and 60% (6-of-10) from the three-point line. The Bulldogs won both games on their road trip to Arkansas and have won six of their last nine coming into the final leg of the regular season.

Baxley (Wichita, Kan.) finished a four-game series with Adams State batting 9-for-14 (.643) with a triple and three walks, putting his on-base percentage at .706 for the weekend. His nine hits were over double the

next best hitter for the Bulldogs, as they had two other players collect four hits on the weekend. He also was 3-of-4 on stolen base attempts. SWOSU won three

out of four against Adams State to win the series and move back to an even 4-4 on the season heading into conference play this weekend.

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# Agricultural Services & Sales



## Local producer has deep roots

In the red soil and rolling plains just southwest of Leedey, Oklahoma, you will find the Quartermaster Creek Ranch, home to Mike and Annie Switzer. Just like the sagebrush, roots run deep for this couple.

The Switzer's pride themselves on raising cattle that will work for most ranches. Once the calves are weighed and weaned, they are turned out on wheat, and back on grass until early fall.

120 days prior to their annual bull and female sale in February, the cattle are shipped to a grow yard in Hereford, TX and fed a grow ration. Thirty days prior to the sale, the bulls are shipped back to the ranch. At the ranch they receive dry hay and cattle cubes up until to the day they are sold as two-year old bulls ready to work.

Prior to their annual sale, Mike stated that he is always nervous and doubtful not knowing if the buyers will come. When the sale is over, he is always humbled by the number of repeat and new buyers that attend.

Mike said he once heard the quote, "the best fertilizer for any business is the owners' footsteps." This simple quote reminds him daily that in order to be successful he needs to continue to be hands on and never stop working to improve his operation.

Mike and Annie take pride in their land, cattle and their roots. It is because of these roots or where they came from, families with strong work ethics, integrity, honesty and the love of the land, that they feel they owe their success. Annie said her biggest joy is seeing the new babies hit the ground and all the previous year's hard work coming to life. While Mike, finds joy in seeing the two-year-old heifers calving knowing that this process actually started three years back.

As with any operation, the Switzer's face the day-to-day struggles all ranches face, weather conditions, income vs. input, lack of help, etc. However, at the end of the day the couple feels blessed to be able to live the lifestyle they love.



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## USDA to Invest \$1 Billion in Climate Smart Commodities, Expanding Markets, Strengthening Rural America

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced last month at Lincoln University that the U.S. Department of Agriculture is delivering on its promise to expand markets by investing \$1 billion in partnerships to support America's climate-smart farmers, ranchers and forest landowners. The new Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities opportunity will finance pilot projects that create market opportunities for U.S. agricultural and forestry products that use climate-smart practices and include innovative, cost-effective ways to measure and verify greenhouse gas benefits. USDA is now accepting project applications for fiscal year 2022.

"America's farmers, ranchers, and forest owners are leading the way in implementing climate-smart solutions across their operations," said Vilsack. "Through Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities, USDA will provide targeted funding to meet national and global demand and expand market opportunities for climate-smart commodities to increase the competitive advantage of American producers. We want a broad array of agriculture and forestry to see themselves in this effort, including small and historically underserved producers as

well as early adopters."

For the purposes of this funding opportunity, a climate-smart commodity is defined as an agricultural commodity that is produced using agricultural (farming, ranching or forestry) practices that reduce greenhouse gas emissions or sequester carbon.

Funding will be provided to partners through the USDA's Commodity Credit Corporation for pilot projects to provide incentives to producers and landowners to:

- Implement climate-smart production practices, activities, and systems on working lands,
- Measure/quantify, monitor and verify the carbon and greenhouse gas (GHG) benefits associated with those practices
- Develop markets and promote the resulting climate-smart commodities.

How to Apply:

A range of public and private entities may apply, including:

- County, city or township governments
- Special district governments
- State governments

The primary applicant must be an entity, not an individual.

Funding will be provided in two funding pools, and applicants must submit their applications via Grants.gov by 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on:

- April 8, 2022, for the first funding pool (proposals from \$5 million to \$100 million), and
- May 27, 2022, for the second funding pool (proposals from \$250,000 to \$4,999,999).

Proposals must provide plans to:

- Pilot implementation of climate-smart agriculture and/or forestry practices on a large-scale, including meaningful involvement of small and/or historically underserved producers;
- Quantify, monitor, report and verify climate results; and
- Develop markets and promote climate-smart commodities generated as a result of project activities.

USDA is committed to equity in program delivery and is specifically seeking proposals from entities serving all types of producers, including small or historically underserved producers. Providing sufficient incentives to encourage producer participation and generating both verifiable greenhouse gas reduction and carbon sequestration benefits are critical to project success and will be considered in the evaluation criteria.

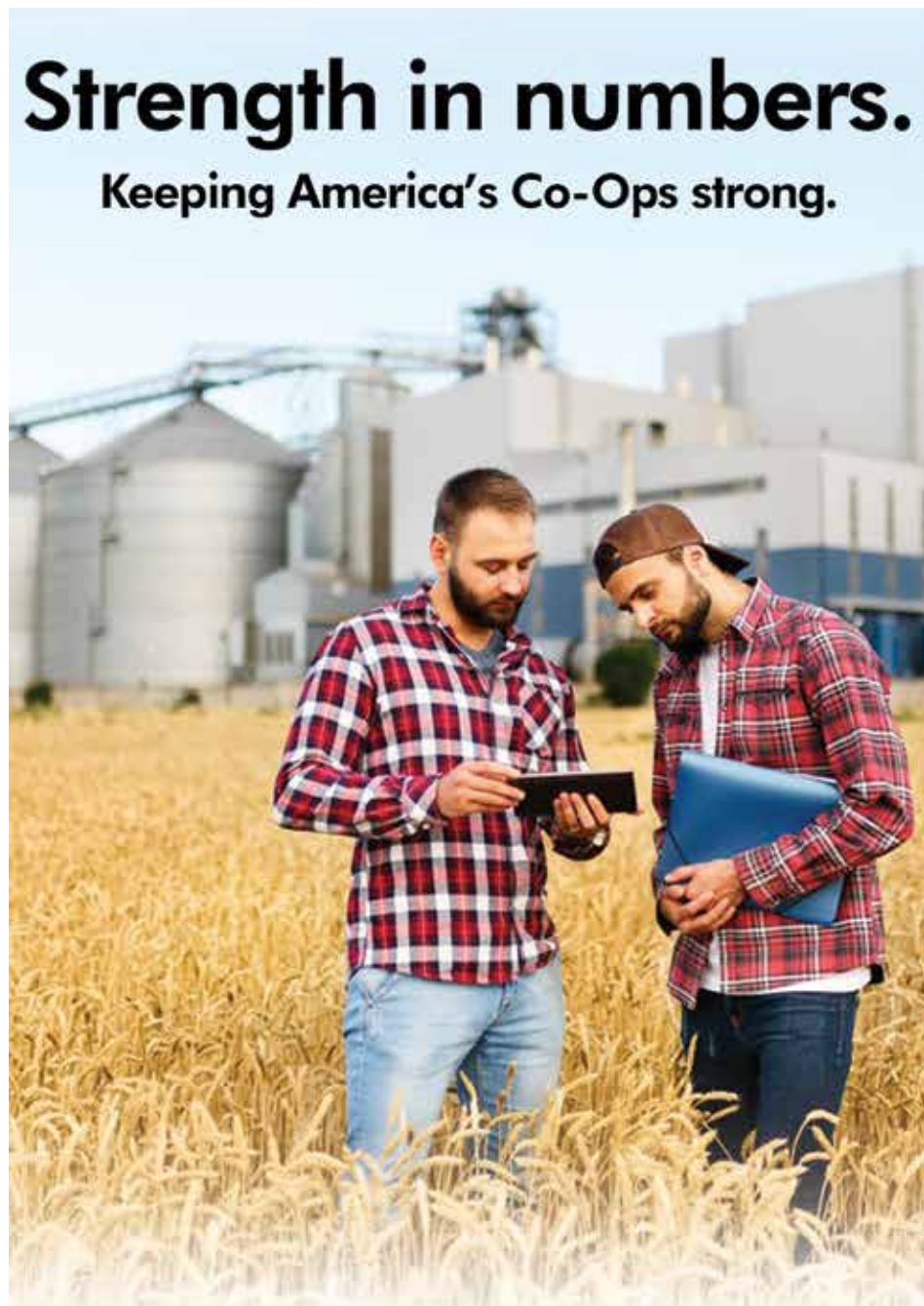
The USDA published a Request for Information in September 2021 seeking public comment and input on design of this new initiative and used the nearly 400 comments received to inform this funding opportunity.

Visit [usda.gov](https://usda.gov) for additional information, including details on Partnerships for Climate-Smart Commodities and resources to support your application.

Under the Biden-Harris Administration, USDA is engaged in a whole-of-government effort to combat the climate crisis and conserve and protect our nation's lands, biodiversity and natural resources including our soil, air and water. Through conservation practices and partnerships, USDA aims to enhance economic growth and create new streams of income for farmers, ranchers, producers and private foresters. Successfully meeting these challenges will require USDA and our agencies to pursue a coordinated approach alongside USDA stakeholders, including State, local and Tribal governments. For more info visit [USDA.gov](https://usda.gov).

2021-22 SWOSU RODEO SCHEDULE				
Date	Time	At	Opponent	Location
September 17, 2021 (Friday)		Away	Colby Community College	Colby, Kan.
September 30, 2021 (Thursday)		Away	Southeastern Oklahoma State University	Durant, Okla.
October 7, 2021 (Thursday)		Away	Oklahoma State University	Stillwater, Okla.
October 28, 2021 (Thursday)		Away	Northwestern Oklahoma State University	Alva, Okla.
February 18, 2022 (Friday)		Away	Kansas State University	Manhattan, Kan.
March 11, 2022 (Friday)		Away	Fort Scott Community College	Fort Scott, Kan.
April 1, 2022 (Friday)		Away	Garden City Community College	Garden City, Kan.
April 7, 2022 (Thursday)		Home	49th Annual SWOSU Rodeo	Weatherford, Okla.
April 15, 2022 (Friday)		Away	Fort Hays State University	Hays, Kan.
April 28, 2022 (Thursday)		Away	Oklahoma Panhandle State University	Guymon, Okla.
June 12, 2022 (Sunday)		Neutral	College National Finals Rodeo	Casper, Wyo.

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## Oklahoma Youth Expo scheduled March 8-19



The Oklahoma Youth Expo is the World's Largest Junior Livestock Show and truly is The Greatest Show. Every March more than 7,000 4-H and FFA members bring more than 13,000 head of cattle, sheep, pigs, goats and ag mechanics projects to

Oklahoma City to exhibit their projects.

OYE places these young future leaders under the spotlight, allowing them to showcase their projects and months of dedication, allowing them to compete head-to-head with fellow exhibitors for the title of Grand Champion.

The Oklahoma Youth Expo is open to all Oklahoma 4-H and FFA members ages eight to 19. OYE along with 4-H and FFA create opportunities for our State's youth to build life skills, which extend far beyond the showing, the barn or the shop. They learn how to care for something other than themselves. They are committed to completing a project, understanding that the more effort they put into their livestock or mechanics projects, the better the outcome in the end. They also learn to value teamwork.

Together, these skills not only serve them well during their time showing livestock and fabricating projects in the barn or shop, but these skills also make them highly sought

after once graduating. These life skills shape, for many, the perfect employee. They're dedicated, committed young adults who understand and appreciate the value of hard work, determination and ingenuity.

The Oklahoma Youth Expo annually awards nearly \$2 million to exhibitors, more than \$300,000 in academic scholarships and has a \$25 million economic impact on the Oklahoma City Metroplex.

The Oklahoma Youth Expo has grown and evolved for more than a century, providing opportunities for Oklahoma's ag youth. In 2002, a group of visionaries came together and formally established a 501c3 nonprofit, naming it the Oklahoma Youth Expo Inc. Among those visionaries were Mr. Bob Funk and Mr. Jimmy Harrel. Together, along with a committed board of directors, the Youth Expo grew and today has become the leader in livestock shows.

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To date, more than \$4 million has been raised to help support the Youth Expo's mission in providing Oklahoma

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The above pictured quarter is an example of his artistry. John McCloskey influenced many collectors to assemble coins from the hand of John Reich.

The coins were made on a screw press operated by raw, physical power of mint workers. The above is an 1804 Draped Bust quarter certified by the Numismatic Guaranty Corporation as a Very Good 10.

It sold at auction for \$7,200.

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## Custer County 2022 Jr Livestock Show



The Custer County Livestock Show will start a three-day run on Sunday, February 27th. The show will conclude on March 1st with the Premium Auction Sale.

Events at the show will include five species: beef, sheep, goats, broilers, and swine.

The Donor Reception will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the evening of March 1st. The Awards Presentation and Premium Auction Sale will follow. We would encourage everyone to come to the Livestock Show and Premium Auction to support the 4-H and FFA youth of the county.

### Sunday, February 27th

- 9:00 a.m. Barns will open
- 2:00 p.m. Weigh Sheep and Goats ~ Mouth Ewes ~ Broiler Chickens in place
- 3:00 p.m. Sheep Judging
  - Ewes - Market Lambs
  - Goat Judging (Immediately after Sheep Judging)
  - Does - Wethers
  - Broiler Judging (Immediately after Goat Judging)
- 6:00 pm Swine will be entered online (online entries will open @ 6pm to 8am)

Classes will be broke and weigh backs will happen during show

### Monday, February 28th

- 8:00 a.m. Swine & cards must be entered and in place
- 9:00 a.m. Swine Judging
  - Gilts - Barrows
- 2:00 p.m. Beef Cards Due - Check Heifer Papers - Weigh-In
- 3:30 p.m. Beef Judging
  - Heifers - Prospect Steers - Market Steers

### Tuesday, March 1st

- 9:00 a.m. Livestock Judging Contes
- 7:00 p.m. Donor Reception ~ Clinton Frisco Center ~ Jigg's Smokehouse Catering

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## Cattle producer has long family history

The Davis family started as cotton farmers, but then transitioned into raising just cattle more than 40 years ago. They have been selling Black Angus bulls for 49 years. Davis Angus consists of Jim and Debbie Davis, their daughter, Jordan Cook, her husband, Nocona, as well as Jordan and Nocona's two sons, Denton and Baylor.

The Davis Difference People want to add value to their herd and gain a better profit, Jim Davis said. We believe the best way to do this is through value genetics, which we strive to provide to our customers. The Davis family wants to help other beef producers have successful operations, and they hope their bulls help others accomplish that goal. Jim said, "We don't just sell cattle," Debbie said, "We sell information." It is important we provide information to our customers, so they can make a proper bull selection for their herd, she added. We stand behind what we sell and want the customer to have the opportunity to make an informed decision.

The Davis family weighs their cattle at birth, weaning, and yearling. They also perform DNA tests and ultrasounds. Every calf that goes through the shoot at Davis Angus has a DNA blood card, Debbie said. They send in their samples for each calf to the American Angus Association who has an extensive database.

Davis Angus also focuses on feed efficiency, calving ease, and carcass traits. The Targeting the Brand is the program that the American Angus Association has for those cattle that are eligible for Certified Angus Beef, Debbie said. This helps producers target high quality beef. Your bulls have to meet certain requirements such as marbling and dollar grid values to become CAB.

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## National FFA Grows Future Leaders Through Give FFA Day



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For the seventh year, during National FFA Week, individuals will have an opportunity to step up and

support FFA and agricultural education through Give FFA Day on Thursday, Feb. 24. Funds raised support various programs on local, state and national levels. During the 24 hours of giving, donors will have options to donate to the state FFA associations of their choice and National FFA.

In February, we will celebrate FFA, advisors and members, as part of National FFA Week. One key part of the week is celebrating the organization by giving

back, during Give FFA Day.

For more than 90 years, the National FFA Organization has strived to make a difference in students' lives. Donations help FFA grow the next generation of leaders. Through FFA, students can find their path to success.

With a membership of more than 735,000, there is a need for sustained funding to provide valuable programs, events, skills training and more; through generous supporters like those on Give FFA Day, FFA members can thrive. "FFA is like one big ohana [family], and it's amazing that you can share your passions in agriculture with people across the country," stated Kayla Nguyen, a Waipahu Intermediate FFA member.

This year, the organization has a goal of achieving 1,600 donors during the 24 hours of Give FFA Day. FFA hopes to achieve this by challenging everyone to contribute throughout the day.

Thanks to the generous support of Carhartt and Successful Farming, along with American Family

Insurance, Bayer and John Deere, donations to FFA on Give FFA Day can unlock a matching donation to National FFA. Matching details will be announced throughout the day.

"Donors at every level ensure we continue to grow the future leaders of agriculture and the world," said Kimberly Coveney, annual fund manager of the National FFA Foundation. "Give FFA Day is an opportunity for each FFA supporter to magnify their impact on the lives of young people when they join other donors across the country. Every gift makes a difference."

To prepare for Give FFA day, visit [FFA.org/GiveFFADay](http://FFA.org/GiveFFADay). See how you can give back to the organization and encourage others to do the same.

The National FFA Organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization of more than 735,000 student members as part of 8,817 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Oklahoma History: Dugouts

Chase Wright  
Staff Writer

When picturing the first homes and settlers in the west, one might conjure images of farm homes, barns, and cabins - sturdy staples of life on the plains and in the wild. However, if you were to travel through Oklahoma and the like back then, you would not see ranch-style buildings scattered throughout. You may not see much at all that would have you believe people were living out there. But direct your eye down to the soil and you may begin to notice seemingly out of place materials: wooden poles and logs poking out of the ground and small roofs jutting out of hills - Dugouts.

These homes, cleverly named, were truly dug out of the ground with rooftops supported by a series of logs or poles. Rectangular in shape with a "front" comprised of sod and wood, these homes were affordable and easy to construct in the Great Plains where the availability of forests and trees was scarce. They could also be dug out quickly which led them to be the first choice of many settlers as they struck their land claims.

Dugouts are the unsung homes of the past. They could be found on the eastern part of the U.S., in the Salt Plains

of Utah, and, for Oklahoma, in the central and western sections of the state. Not only were they affordable, they were practical and safe. They protected their occupants from the blistering wind in the winter, from tornadoes in the spring, and with walls of cool soil, from the heat during the summer. They were so effective as an early home, that according to the Oklahoma Historical Society, "in numerous instances, dugout schools and dugout churches were also built."

What made Dugout homes so useful to combat the elements also contributed to their status as 'temporary' homes. The lack of ventilation kept them warm in the winter but oppressive for long periods. There was also a problem with flooding, insects, lighting, and the feeling of living like an animal in a hole in the ground. There was a sort of expectation to live in a crafted



frame home, and with access to better materials with trade routes, their popularity began to decline.

For Oklahoma, few were made going into the start of the 1900's, and those that were had their status as a primary home, replaced by the title of cellar or storm shelter.

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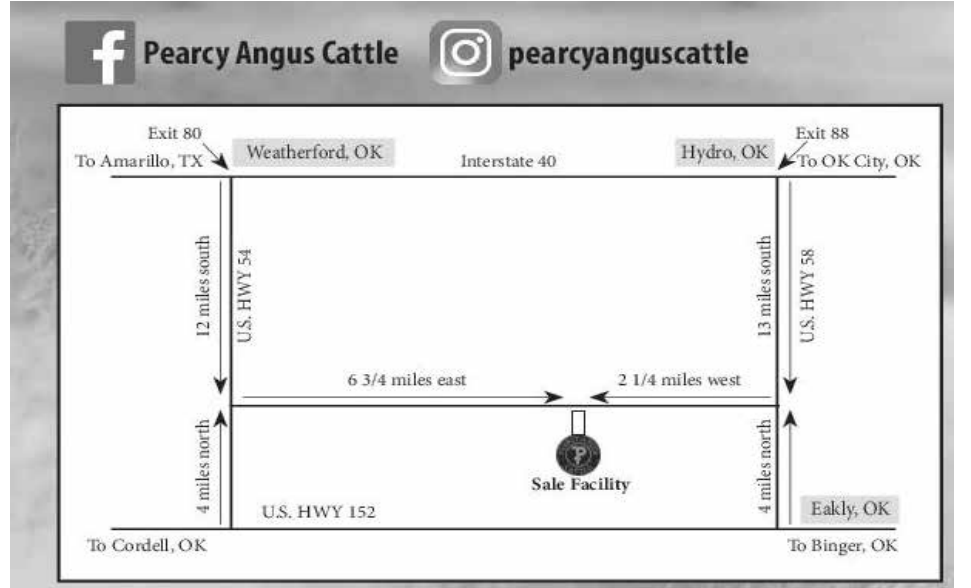
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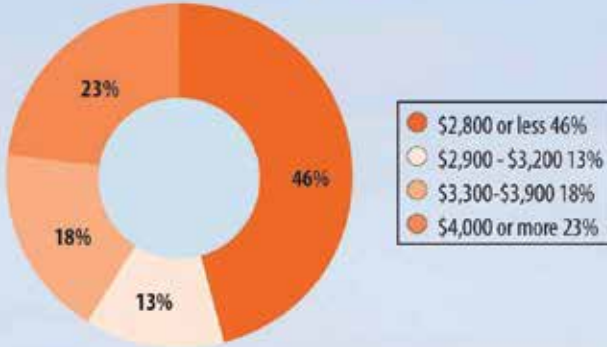
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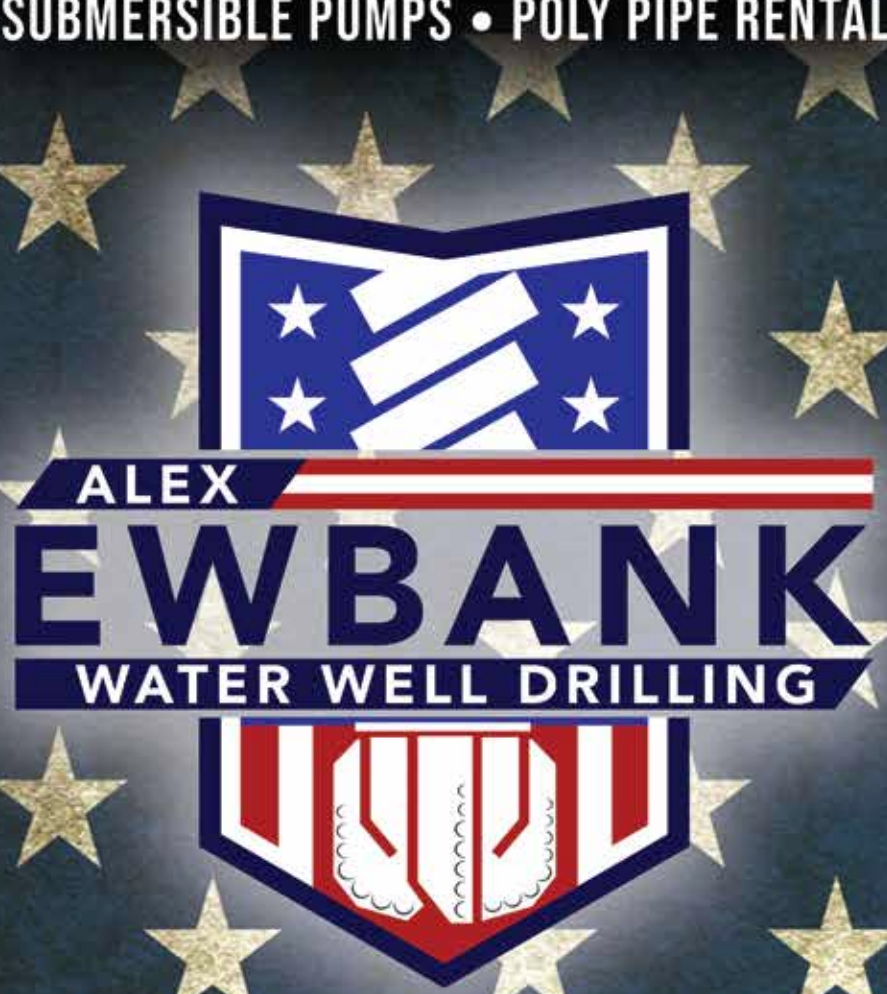
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