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## WHS Lady Eagles Track and **Field Crowned 4A State Champs**



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WHS Lady Eagles Track and Field team claimed their fourth State Track and Field Championship this past weekend in Catoosa. The Lady Eagles have taken the State Championship 4 times since 2018.

## Nine SWOSU Students Awarded NASA Oklahoma **Space Grant Internships for Summer 2022**

Nine Southwestern Oklahoma State University students have been awarded internships for the 2022 summer from the NASA Oklahoma Space Grant program.

According to Madeline Baugher, SWOSU's program coordinator for the NASA Oklahoma Space Grant, the nine students were selected by faculty in computer science and engineering technology and will work at NASA, two Oklahoma companies and the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

Engineering technology students Kaitlyn Schrick of Frederick and Thomas Klassen of Lookeba-Sickles will work with NASA personnel from Langley Research Center on a Photo Archives Data Project. The photo archives span over 500,000 photo negatives and dates back to 1921. Throughout the last 100 years there have been various information systems implemented to capture / track information about the negatives in various formats. This project focuses on consolidating, curating and validating information gathered from the multitude of informational sources associated with these negatives.

Computer science student Oscar Garcia of Hydro-Eakly and engineering technology student Riley Smith of Arnett will spend their summer with Delaware Resources Group, a world-class company for aerospace defense training. The company is based in Oklahoma City and is headed by a SWOSU alum, Philip Busey.

Four students will work with ASRC Federal providing services to the Federal Aviation Administration at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City. Alexander Broyles of El Reno, Anthony Kelley of Oklahoma City (Westmoore), Garrett Parmer of Apache and Caleb Patton of Perryton (TX) are all computer science majors.

Engineering technology major Grayson Butcher of Elk City will intern with the FAA Flight Operations Simulation Laboratory. He will be involved in cuttingedge research at the Mike Monroney Aeronautical Center in Oklahoma City. Lab services enhance flight operations, standards, capacity and aviation safety to all branches of the federal government.

## Friends on Frisco Scheduled for May 12th

**Chase Wright** 

Clinton, OK's Friends be done online at friendsonfrisco.com.

## Inhofe, Rogers: Pentagon Not **Doing Enough to Address Record-High Inflation**

U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.) and U.S. Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.), ranking members of the Senate and House Armed Services Committee, released the following statement after the Department of Defense responded to their March 17, 2022, letter. The letter requested detailed information on the effects of record inflation on the Department's budget.

"We appreciate the Department of Defense response to our March 17, 2022, letter, which sought to give us a better understanding of how the Department considers the effects of inflation in its budget process. Even though we're facing the worst inflation in 40 years under President Biden, it seems the Department of Defense has done little to address it.

'General Milley had it right when he told the House Armed Services Committee: the Department's estimations are 'obviously incorrect.' Even using the Office of Management and Budget's preferred metric for inflation (GDP chained price index), the fiscal year 2023 estimate is likely way off. The budget request revised 2022 inflation assumptions from 1.8 to 3.9 percent as measured by the GDP (chained) price index, but that metric is currently running at 6.4 percent though the first half of fiscal year 2022.

*Overall, we are concerned that the Department* is not taking a proactive stance to mitigate the harmful effects of inflation. At the very least, they should be collecting necessary data, establishing a governance framework and conducting regular touchpoints with all stakeholders. In particular, it doesn't seem that the Department has a good grasp on how inflation is hurting our service members and their families — and how this is in turn impacting recruiting and retention. Likewise, we are concerned that the Department does not have an adequate understanding of the challenges facing the industrial base.

"Remember: At the end of the day, getting the inflation number right is important, but it's only part of the story. If we want to protect our country and meet national security needs, we need 3 to 5 percent real growth above inflation. We plan to accomplish this goal in this year's NDAA."



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on Frisco is coming up soon and will host

"Clinton's largest corn hole tournament ever!" on Thursday, May 12th! The tourney will award \$1,000 in cash prizes, with \$500 going to first place and \$250 going to second and third place. The bracket kicks off at 6pm, free registration can

Friends on Frisco takes place on Frisco Avenue and features food trucks, local shopping, and music! Don't miss your chance to sign your team up for the tournament!

If you have any cornhole boards and bags to bring, that would help tremendously.



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### **Clifford Dale Jones**

Funeral Services for Dale Jones, 83, former Clinton City Councilmen, were held 11:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 10, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Doyle Kinney. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



The family greeted guests from 5:00 P.M. till 7:00 P.M.,

Monday, May 9, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel. Clifford Dale Jones was born August 21, 1938, to Clifford Dean Jones and Norene (McNutt) Jones in Hobart, OK and passed away early Wednesday morning in El Reno, OK.

Dale was raised In Clinton, OK and graduated from Clinton High School in 1957. While in high school, he was known for his fast cars and riding his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University where he received his BS Degree as well as his Master's in Education. He also attended Oklahoma University and had several hours toward his Doctorate He taught school for five years before serving as Superintendent of Schools in Colony, OK. He married Bertha Ann Yates-Watson on June 21, 1980, at the Holy City in Medicine Park, OK.

He was an entrepreneur involved in several businesses in the surrounding areas and built eight Social Security Buildings throughout Oklahoma and Texas. He built, owned and operated the Laundry World, Movie World and the Hair Palace. He was on the building committee and General Contractor of construction of the new building of the 28th street First Christian Church in Clinton.

He was a survivor of cancer for the past 18 years.

He was a longtime active and faithful member of the First Christian Church. He served his community as City Councilmen for eight years. He served his country by being a member of the Army Reserves. He has been flying airplanes since he was 14 years old. He enjoyed collecting ventage cars and motorcycles, traveling and going on cruises and enjoyed snow skiing. In years past he has been a member of the Lions Club, the Rotary Club and the V.F.W.

He was preceded in death by his parents, son Terry Jones, brother and sister-in-law Bruce and Georgia Jones, and granddaughter Kenda Renee Jones.

He is survived by his wife Bertha of the home, sons: Chris Watson and wife Sanundra, Clinton; and Kerry Dale Jones and wife Linda Kay, OKC, OK; daughter Juh-Ree Walker and husband Mark, Clinton; daughter in law Jane Jones-Talley.

He is also survived by six grandchildren: Kara Juh-Ree Crane, Leah Perry Oney, Kristy Renee Hulett, Amy Lynn Watson-Wick, Nicholas Watson, Blake Jones; 13 greatgrandchildren: Whisper Walker, Danny Gugle, III, Aurora Schumate, Waylon Oney, Jaxon Black, Hazel Crane, Gage Hulett, Lane Hulett, Audrey Wick, Presley Watson,

#### Marva Jean Davis

Marva Jean Davis was born on September 9, 1948, in Guthrie, Oklahoma, to Marvin and Betty Jean (Robinette) Howry. She passed away on May 2, 2022, in Elk City, Oklahoma, at the age of 73 years, 7 months and 23 days.

Marva Jean married Larry

Dean Davis in Wheeler, Texas, on December 22, 1970. They lived in Porum and Butler, Oklahoma before moving to the Elk City area to make their home. Marva Jean loved playing the piano, oil painting, sewing, gardening, canning, and cooking. She had a soft spot for stray animals and would rescue those in need. She enjoyed fishing at the lake with Larry and spending time with their family.

Marva Jean was preceded in death by her parents, husband Larry, 3 brothers: Neely Ray, Marvin Dale, and Melvin Monroe, 1 sister Mary Jane and 1 grandson Rodney Hagan.

She is survived by 5 daughters: Angie McBride of Lawton, OK; Lisa Lamar and husband of Edmond. OK; Cheleta Morton of Foss, OK; Robin Alford of Elk City, OK, Patty Carlton and husband of Butler, OK; 14 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, 1 brother Mark Allen Howry, Billings, OK, as well as a host of other relatives, longtime friends and neighbors.

### **Katherine Adeline Brown**

Katherine Adeline Brown was born on September 16, 1937, in Charlottesville, Virginia, to Roland and Nellie Virginia Lee (Melton) Pritchett. She passed away on April 27, 2022, in Corn, Oklahoma, at the age of 84 years, 7 months and 11 days.



Katherine lived in various places in western Oklahoma and had been in the Elk City area since 1985. She married Elmer Brown, and they lived in Elk City. Katherine enjoyed sewing, working in her yard, watching her grandchildren play baseball and taking them to the park to eat pizza.

She was preceded in death by her husband, 1 sister and 2 daughters: Denise Bogle and Rhonda Lovelace.

She is survived by 1 daughter Brenda Vincent and husband Rod of Lookeba, OK, 1 son-in law Robert Lovelace, Hammon, OK and 1 sister Ida Marusak of Ruckersville, VA, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren along with a host of other relatives and friends.

### **Ruth Ann Gauger**

Ruth Ann Gauger, 73, Clinton resident passed Thursday, April 28, 2022, in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK. The family is honoring her wishes and there will not be a service at this time. She is in the care of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home



She was preceded in death by her parents Gordon and Selma Travis, brother Larry Bassinger and two sisters Jo Ann Tracey and Alice Strickland.

She is survived by her husband of the home, two sons; Bob and wife Jackie, Temple, TX, and Travis Gauger, Clinton; brother J.D. Tavis and wife Wanda; half-sister Joyce McDaniel, Caney, KS; two half-brothers: Max Bassinger and Donnie Bassinger, both of Spokane, WA. She is also survived by two grandchildren: Logan

Gauger, Temple, TX and Angela Gauger, Clinton, OK

### **Randy "DuhDoe" Butler**

Randy "DuhDoe" Butler passed away peacefully on May 2, 2022, surrounded by family. He was born on December 12, 1956, to Bud and Rheda Butler in Hobart, Oklahoma. Randy attended school in Cordell and graduated from Cordell High School in 1975. After



high school, he attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University. Randy married the love of his life Ginger (Atkinson) Butler, on July 21, 1979. They made their home in Cordell and had three children: Blake, Brianna, and Blaire. Randy had a heart of gold and would always lend a helping hand with no questions asked. He could always be found tinkering outside. He enjoyed working in his yard, going to the mountains, being with his family, and making people laugh. But, his favorite thing was being the best "DuhDoe" to his grandkids.

Randy is survived by his wife Ginger Butler of the home. Son Blake Butler of Carbondale, CO. Daughter Blaire and husband Raleigh Wall of Cordell, OK. Grandchildren: Brennan and Cameron Butler of Carbondale, CO, Easton, and Jaci Wall of Cordell, OK. Siblings; Candy and husband Shawn Johnson of Mangum, OK, Lynn and Gayla Atkinson of Lawton, OK, Vicki and Alan Hull of Cordell, OK, Geri and Dyke Moffatt of Edmond, OK, and a host of Family and friends.

He is preceded in death by his daughter Brianna. Parents; Bud and Rheda Butler. father and mother-inlaw; Jay and Mary Ann Leeper. Two angel grandbabies.

### Wanda Bernice Moore

Wanda Bernice Moore, 86, passed away Monday, May 2, 2022, in Anadarko, OK. She was born March 10, 1936 in Anadarko, OK to Gerald and Edna May (Tackett) Bright.

Wanda grew up in the Anadarko area, attended Shamrock Country School



in Anadarko, OK. Then she attended and graduated from Anadarko Public School in 1954. She met and married Roland Gene Moore on November 25, 1955, at the Presbyterian Church, Anadarko, OK. They had one son Justin. Wanda loved working with flowers and loved cooking for her family. She is preceded in death by her husband Roland, parents Gerald and Edna May, and sister Lois Hammert. Wanda is survived by her son Justin Moore, Anadarko, OK, Daughter-in-law Jerri Bell, Anadarko, OK, Grandchildren: Autumn Moore, Anadarko, OK; Nikala Parks, Moore, OK; Aaron Moore, Edmond, OK; Alex Moore, Edmond, OK; Donnie Moore, Edmond, OK, nieces: Dee Barnes, Tulsa, OK; Janice Blasengame, Chickasha, OK; Rhonda Hammert, Anadarko, OK, Wanda was loved by numerous nieces, nephews, and a host of friends.

Meredith Watson, Annie Watson and Brady Watson.

The family has suggested those who want to make a memorial contribution may do so tothe Shriners Hospitals for children, 2900 North Rocky, Dr., Tampa Bay, FL 33607, or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 501 St. Jude, Memphis, TN 38105.



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Ruth Ann (Travis) Gauger was born January 27, 1949, and honored Gordon E. Travis and Selma (Sigle) Travis by being their daughter.

She was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1967 and attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. She married Roger Randal Gauger on March 1, 1968, in Clinton.

She is a member of the First Baptist Church, she loved to garden, do crafts and was an excellent cook.

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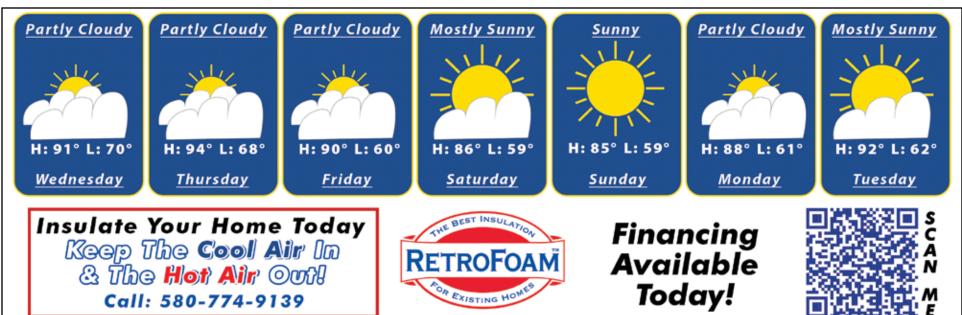
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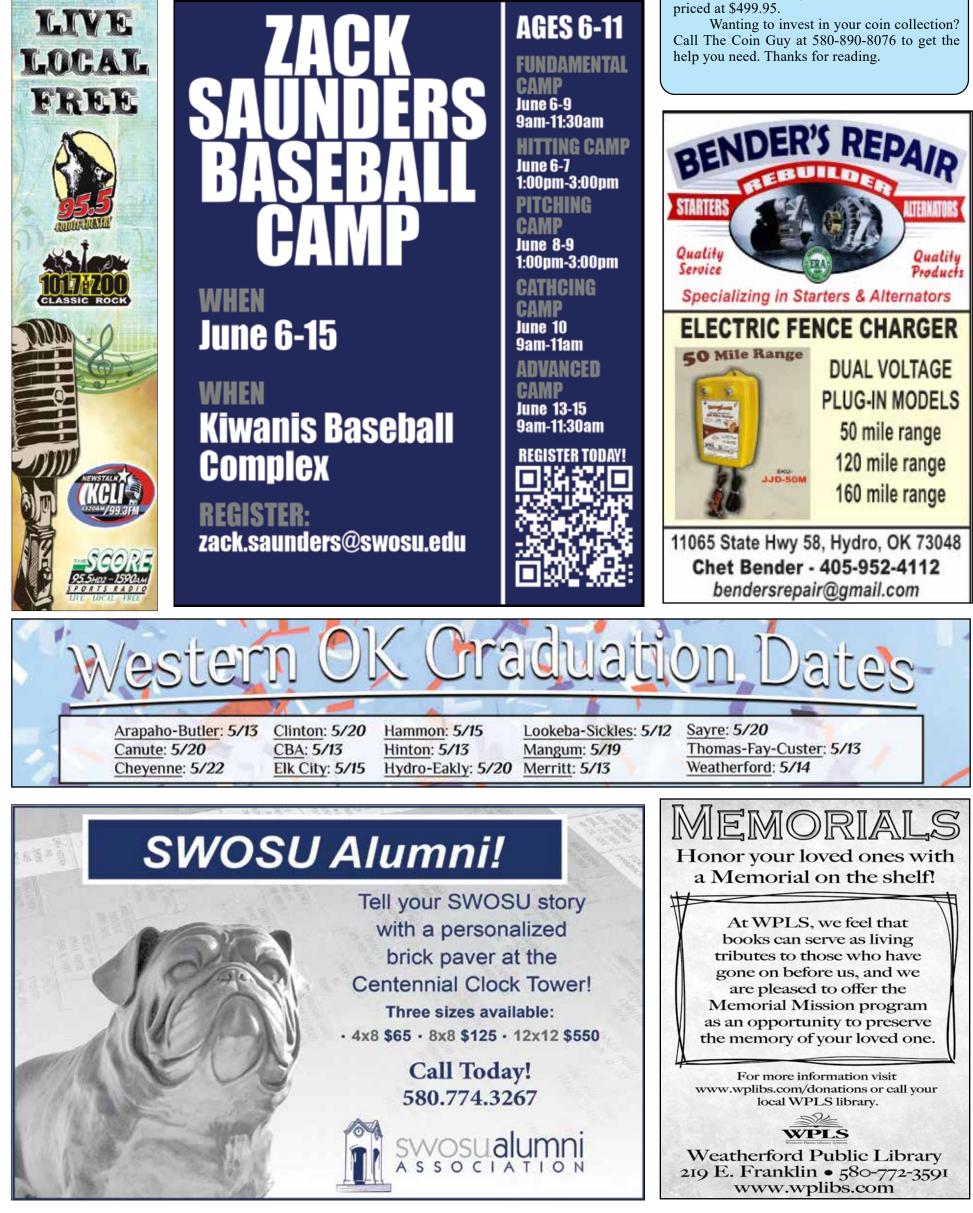


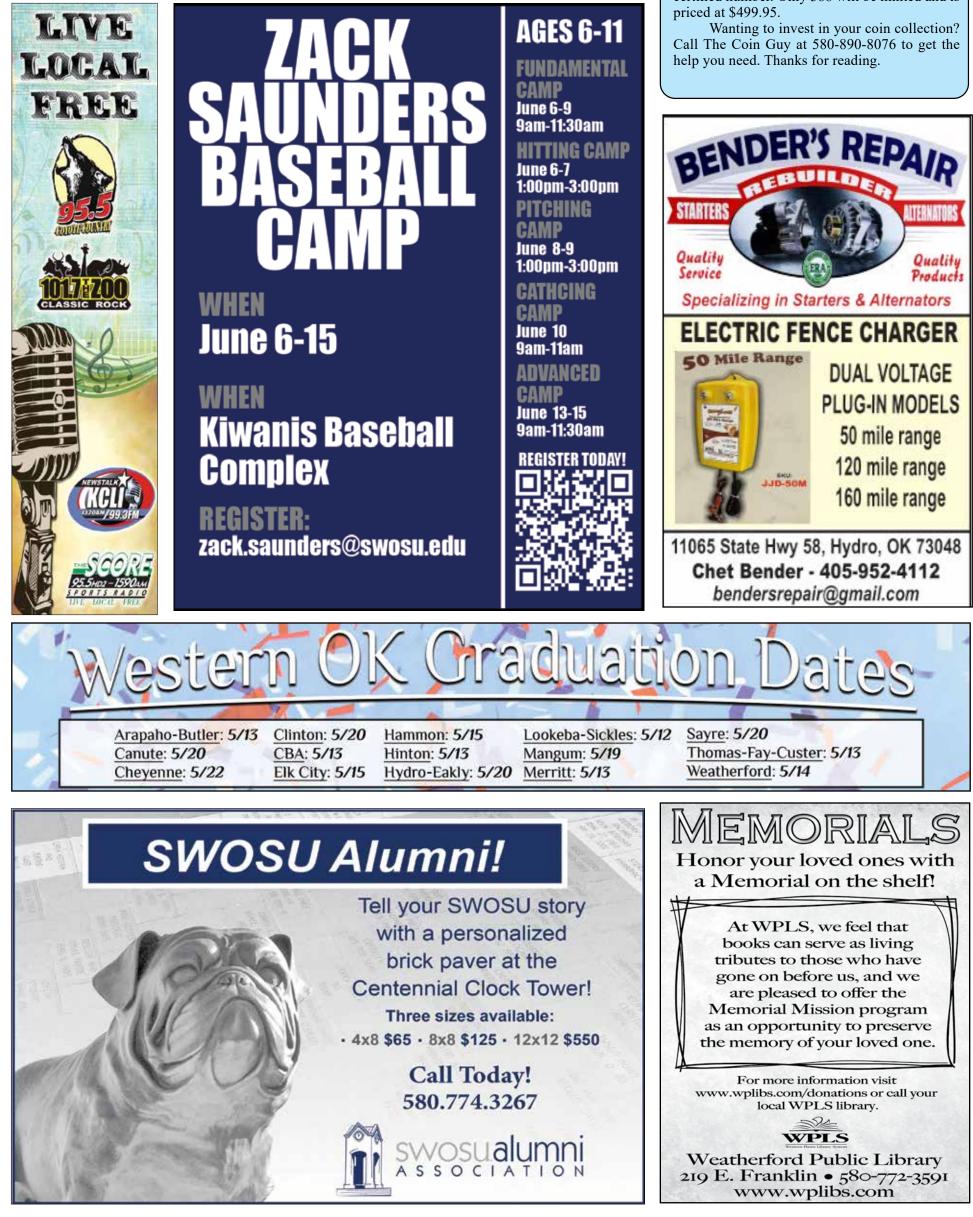


## **SWOSU Physics Students Honored with Awards**



Southwestern Oklahoma State University physics students were recently presented awards at an endof-year banquet held in Weatherford. Winning awards included (from left): Emma Bollinger, Stillwater, \$2,000 J.R. Pratt Scholarship; Tanner Smith, Erick, \$2,000 J.R. Pratt Scholarship; Tayler Valdez, Adams, J.R. Pratt Award for Outstanding Student in Physics and medallion presentation for graduating with honors; Andres Arrieta, Weatherford, \$2,000 J.R. Pratt Scholarship, Outstanding Midclassman in Physics Award and Sigma Pi Sigma induction; Chris Svebek, Siloam Springs (AR), \$1,250 Ray Jones Scholarship, \$750 McClelland Memorial Scholarship and Outstanding New Physics Club Member Award; and Raistlin Hiner, Anadarko, Sigma Pi Sigma induction.





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#KindnessforKamp. This past weekend The Weatherford Eagles little league baseball team dedicated a bench to honor the memory of their teammate Kamp Schreck.



Chad Gray/WW SWOSU Graduate students sit for their commencement ceremony at the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on the SWOSU campus. SWOSU held 4 graduation ceremonies in total.







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A retirement celebration was held last week for Brian Adler, Vice President of Marketing & Public Relations at SWOSU. Pictured from left to right are Jordan Selman, Brian Adler, & Debbie Brown.





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Happy Birthday Wishes for May 11th- Rosella Adler, Dana Brunner, Bryce Conway, Silas Dodgen, Kristi Fleece, Theresa Harms, Ridge Parsons, Autumn Phillips, Ron Russ, Darrell Stinson, Betty Taylor, Theresa Vargo, Ann Weaver; May 12th- Emma Ferrell, Diana Hawkins, Paula Howes, Susan Reinhart, Monte Smith, Debbie Suderman, Tiffany Tomelson Buckner; May 13th- Jamie Cupp, Scott Hoffman, Justin Mobley; May 14th-Martha Buckner, Trey Chervenka, Michelle Hamlin, Melvin Lancaster, Nolan Louthan, Xitlalli Olguin, Randy O'Connell, Margaret Pebley, C.B. Perkins, Whitini Root, Tony Stobbe, Megan Ulrich; May 15th- Taylor Boyd, Whitney Roper, Anthony Sperle; May 16th- Ray Bagby, Chris Gregston, Buddy Holman, Katrina Howry, Garrin Klien, Jay Moore, Beth Perkins; May 17th- Hannah Austin, Robert Crain, Deanna Davis, Andy Gonzalez, Monty McCrary, Riane McNaught, Peggy Sellers, Joselyn Sperle, Susan Thomas, Elijah Yoder

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## **Three Bulldogs Named to All-GAC Softball Team**

## Jon Chidester SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

The Great American Conference announced the 2022 postseason softball awards on Wednesday, with Jewell Lee, Breanna Simmons, and Dani Carmo all earning allconference recognition.

Lee was named to the second team, while Simmons and Carmo both garnered honorable mentions. It is the first time getting named all-conference for all three players.

Lee (Yukon, Okla.) led the Dawgs this season in many offensive categories including runs scored, doubles, triples, stolen bases, extra-base hits, slugging percentage, and on-base percentage. The senior finished with a .344 batting average, second highest on the team, and 19 extrabase hits including three home runs.

Simmons (Hendrix, Okla.) drove in a team high 27 runs this season and finished one home run shy (5) of the team lead. The senior finished as one of two players to start all 42 games for the Bulldogs. Simmons ranked second behind Lee in extra-base hits with eighth doubles, two triples, and five home runs.

Carmo (Placentia, Calif.) batted .266 this season as SWOSU's day in, day out catcher. She tied Lee for the team lead in doubles with 10 and was a tough out at the plate, striking out only 12 times all season - one shy of the team low. Carmo also threw out 14 base runners this season



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Jewell Lee (Yukon, OK), Breanna Simmons (Hendrix, OK), and Dani Carmo (Placentia, CA) we're all named to the ALL GAC Softball team for their efforts in the SWOSU Bulldog's 2022 softball season. The Lady Bulldogs went 11-22 in GAC conference play and 12-30 overall this past season.

## SWOSU Women's Golf Season Ends at NCAA Central Regional

#### Jon Chidester

SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU Women's Golf concluded their season on Wednesday with a ninth-place finish at the NCAA Division II Central Regional.

Henderson State, who hosted the tournament at Hot

#### Springs Country Club, won the region crown over Bulldog – a second-round 75 at three-over par. the rest of the field. Central Missouri and Rogers State followed up in second and third respectively to also earn trips to the national championships.

Rebecca Lau was SWOSU's top golfer during the event. She carded the lowest round of any Lady

Anna Marksa (first round) and Mikaela Rindermann (second round) also posted rounds under 80 in the tournament, both shooting scores of 78.

After a slow start in the opening round on Monday (See SWOSU GOLF on next page)

## **Coach Maher Steps Down as SWOSU Softball Head Coach**



#### Jon Chidester

SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

Southwestern Oklahoma State University Athletic Director Todd Helton has announced the resignation of head softball coach Kim Maher.

"I would like to thank Coach Maher for her commitment to the softball program over these past six years," Helton said. "We at SWOSU wish her the best in all of her future endeavors.'

Maher was the Great American Conference Coach of the Year in 2019 after leading SWOSU to its first postseason berth since 2013. She has led the program since the 2017 season and just concluded her sixth

year as head coach of the Dawgs. She has been a head coach for 14 years in total, with the first eight years of her career coming at Division I Purdue University from 2006-13.

"Due to family obligations, the time was right for me to retire from coaching and focus on those obligations," Maher said. "I want to thank the athletic department and the university for the opportunity to coach here over the past six years and wish nothing but success to the program for many years to come." Further information related to the search concerning

the new head softball coach is forthcoming.



Provided Kim Mahler, pictured above, served as SWOSU softball Head Coach for 6 years. Mahler resigned this past week, citing family obligations as her reason to depart.



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## **Rodeo Concludes 2021-22 Regular Season Circuit; Five Qualify for CNFR**



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the Lady Dawgs gained some momentum with improvement in round two, but a final round with no player shooting below an 81 (+9) hindered SWOSU's chances at making a move on the leaderboard.

SWOSU Women's Golf finishes the year with a pair of All-GAC selections in Megan Brown and Mikaela Rindermann and continues their streak of regional appearances having now made the postseason field in each of the last nine years.

Jon Chidester SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

The SWOSU rodeo team wrapped up the 2021-22 circuit at the Panhandle State Rodeo over weekend where the women finished third and the men eighth.

With the quality finish, the women's team secured the Central Plains Women's Reserve Championship as the No. 2-ranked team in the region. In doing so, they qualify to compete at the College National

Finals Rodeo (CNFR) in June. SWOSU will send Sadie Wolaver, Abby Hepper, Winter Williams, and Alli Masters to the national rodeo.

Wolaver was crowned the region champion in barrel racing following the completion of the OPSU Rodeo, while both Hepper (barrel racing) and Williams (breakaway) were named reserve champions.

Though the men's team did not collectively qualify, Marley Berger will compete at the CNFR after finishing the season atop of the region rankings in tie down roping.

The women's team had six top-3 finishes this season including wins at the Oklahoma State and Garden City Rodeos, while the men ended with three top-3 finishes and a win at the Fort Scott Rodeo.

The CNFR will be held in Casper, Wyoming June 12-18.

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### **Mighty Prevailing Prayer**



Last evening as I watched and listened as the National Day of Prayer Task Force hosted a 90 prayer special, I was touched as I heard one-after-another of God's faithful servants pour their hearts out for our nation. There was no political partisanship or critical dialogsimply men and women recognizing

Jim Morrison

our great need for revival and repentance as a country and as individuals standing in the need of God's powerful presence in our broken world and in our lives as his people.

I hope your church didn't ignore it or play it lightly. It was an example, I believe, of what we need to hear more of in the local church. We get so caught up in our routine that the Holy Spirit doesn't get a chance to slip in something unique and powerful in our search for God's good pleasure. I wonder what God might do if each church had a band of prayer mates who met regularly to cry out to God for our young people, for our young families, for a powerful movement of God's Spirit in our Churches; for those who are living lives of rebellion and disobedience with little thought for eternity.

I am reminded of the early church, after Peter and John preached in Solomon's colonnade in Acts 3. They were arrested and put in jail by the temple guard. They were warned to speak no longer of the resurrection and the name of Jesus. Peter and John responded in defense, "Whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

The two apostles reported the threats to their own people and they "immediately raised their voices together in prayer." After their prayer found in Acts 4; "the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of

God boldly."

So many of our people do not know how to cry out to God in brokenness. In our sophistication we pray polite prayers mostly for physical needs. Study the prayers of Paul and the Prophets and learn to pray the things that are on God's heart. The Apostle Paul had as his ambition that of "pleasing God." As you and I pray we would do well to first thoughtfully consider, "What does God want to see happen in this person's life, this situation, or this event." Then pray along those lines. Of course, we can only know the heart of God after we have saturated our hearts with His word.

Wesley Duewel in his book, Mighty Prevailing Prayer shared his heart in a prayer that has become my guide. "O Lord, teach me to pray! Lord, teach me to pray! Fill my heart with your hunger, my eyes with your tears, my soul with your hatred of sin, my will with your strength to resist the Devil in prayer, my spirit with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit so I can prevail with you and for you with holy prevailing and mighty intercessions." To comment 580-302-1142 or jhm82@outlook.com

## Men's Golf Battles Rain, Finishes Strong at NCAA Tournament



SWOSU Men's Golf Jon Chidester SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations shot their lowest team score of the NCAA Super Regional in the tournament's final round on Saturday and finished 17th overall to conclude the season. The Dawgs battled rainy conditions throughout the first two rounds of the tournament but played in improved weather in round three.

Three Bulldogs carded their best scores of the tournament on Saturday. Gregor Weck shot even par while Conner Boydston shaved six strokes off his first two rounds and ended with a one-over 73. Lukas Hendricks shot a 77 (+5).

For the tournament, Weck ended at three-over par through three rounds to lead the team and cracked the top-10 on the leaderboard.

Boydston (232), Hendricks (233), and Anders Strand (234) finished one shot behind each other, while Gustavo Tineo (240) rounded the team out in the No. 5 spot.

Central Missouri won the Super Regional over Grand Valley State after the title was decided with a playoff. Fellow GAC competitor Arkansas Tech finished inside the top six and was the only team in the conference out of five in the field to qualify for the National Championships.

Grand Valley State's Charles Delong captured individual medalist honors after posting a 1-under par 215 (69-71-75) and edging a University of Indianapolis golfer in a one-hole playoff.

SWOSU Men's Golf finishes the year with a pair of All-GAC selections in Gregor Weck and Heston Brown and continues their streak of regional appearances having now made the postseason field in each of the last nine years.

## **SWOSU Employees Honored with 2021-2022 Brandy Awards**

The Dougherty Award was named in the honor

Year. The first-ever recipient is Heather Hummel,



