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OKLAHOMA CITY INNOVATION DISTRICT  
**INNOVATION WEEK**  
*"Discovering the World of STEM"*



Dr. Boone Clemmons/SWOSU

The following Biology students participated as educators at the event under the direction of Dr. Rickey Cothran: Alexa Benedict, Maicie Brown, Molly Byers, Payden Farnsley, Camille Goerend, Taylor Javorsky, Michael Knabe, Peyton Land, Kyla Langstraat, Abigail Rice, Nathan Walker and Tatum Yost.

## SWOSU Participates in First Annual Innovation Week in Oklahoma City

The SWOSU College of Pharmacy and the Department of Biological Sciences recently participated in the first Annual Innovation Week, Sept. 13 - 15.

The Oklahoma City Innovation District hosted the event and provided 900 junior high and high school students with an opportunity to engage in hands-on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) activities facilitated by colleges and local industry partners.

The College of Pharmacy faculty and interns introduced students to pharmacy careers by discussing what pharmacists do and how they can help patients. The College of Pharmacy also introduced innovation week participants to the management of chronic disease states through discussion about diabetes.

The Department of Biological Sciences provided an activity where students learned about how aquatic invertebrates inform scientists about the quality of water

resources. Students searched for aquatic invertebrates in small trays and explored the animals in detail under microscopes.

This event provided SWOSU students with an opportunity to give back to the community and showcase the quality of STEM education available at SWOSU. Faculty in both SWOSU programs look forward to being involved in future events hosted by the Oklahoma City Innovation District.

## Blankenship Scholarship for Teacher Education Announced by SWOSU

William "Bill" Blankenship of Blue Hill, Nebraska has provided a generous gift to the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Department of Education.

Blankenship, himself a 1970 SWOSU Department of Education graduate, has endowed the William P. Blankenship Scholarship to assist SWOSU students who will pursue a career in education.

Blankenship came to SWOSU from his hometown of Upper Sandusky, Ohio. After graduating, he moved with his late wife, Connie, to Smith Center, Kansas. In Smith Center he was a classroom teacher for 5 1/2 years and finished his career as a high school counselor for 26 years.

"I think education is the backbone of our country. It is a noble profession," said Blankenship when asked about his scholarship gift. "Now there is a shortage of teachers. People who become teachers don't do it for the money but for the children. Students are our greatest resource."

The William P. Blankenship Scholarship Fund is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. For more information about the Blankenship Scholarship Fund or any SWOSU Foundation funds, please contact 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com



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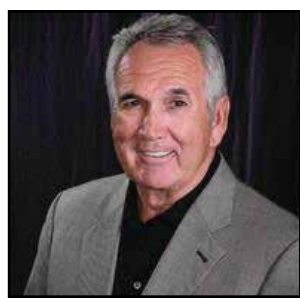


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### Dan Williams

Wallace Dan Williams went home to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, September 17, 2022, at 10:25 pm in Thomas, Oklahoma.



Dan was born on October 20, 1942, in Vian, Oklahoma, to Wallace Ray Williams and Betty Jean (Horn) Williams. Dan was one of five children. The family lived in Vian where he attended Vian Elementary School and Vian High School for all twelve years. He graduated with honors with the class of 1960. Dan loved sports, and he was a high school All-Conference end in football. He was an active boxer in high school and college. Dan was a proud member of the Cherokee Nation, and he was awarded a Cherokee Nation four-year scholarship at Northeastern State College. Dan was quite ambitious and loved working. Some of his jobs in high school were baling hay, cutting meat at Brockman's Store, and working at J.D. Hamilton's gas station on the weekends while attending college. Dan was a very active member of the Vian First Baptist Church while growing up. He attended the Weatherford First United Methodist Church and more recently the Weatherford First Baptist Church.

As a young adult Dan graduated from Northeastern State College with a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics Education in July 1964. He was the Chairman of the Mathematics and Science Department for two years at Muldrow High School as well as their Mathematics and Science Teacher. While at Muldrow he was chosen as one of Oklahoma's Outstanding Science Teachers along with one of his students being chosen as one of Oklahoma's Outstanding Science Students by the Edison Corporation. Dan was a counselor for the United Methodist Boys' Ranch in Gore, Oklahoma, in 1965. He was a math teacher at Vian High School from 1966-1967. He received a National Science Foundation Grant to study mathematics education at the University of Arkansas where he received his Master of Arts degree in Mathematics in 1969. Dan and his family then moved to Weatherford where he was a professor of math at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He participated in the Upward Bound Program at SWOSU for several summers. In the summer of 1972, he received a National Science Foundation Grant for Top 25 Outstanding Calculus Teachers in the Southern United States to study at the University of Montana. In 1995 Dan retired from SWOSU with 26 years of dedicated service. After retirement, Dan was the business service director of Quality Lifestyles in Oklahoma City for a short period of time and then became the owner and real estate broker of Dan Williams Real Estate.

Dan loved his family most of all. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He will be missed by his soulmate and loving wife Debbie; sons Danny Williams and Brandon Williams of Oklahoma City; their mother Ruth Ann Williams of Guthrie; stepson Kyle Wager and wife, Aubrey of Yukon, stepdaughter Kelsey Pugh and husband, Riky of Weatherford; stepdaughter Ti Anna Pugh and husband Robert of Dadeville, AL; his grandchildren Jaxon and Kamdyn Williams of Weatherford, Michael and Cory Bashore of Florida; and four great-grandchildren: Beau and Knox Williams, Emeri Bradshaw, their mother Randilyn Bradshaw all of Perry, and Kinsley Howell of Weatherford; one brother Ned Williams and wife, Carolyn of Pawnee; sisters: Pamela Jones and husband Ron, of Muskogee, Barbara Price of Tulsa; Aunt Dixie Ann Edwards of Sherman, TX; nephew Grant Williams and wife Christy; two great nephews: Gage and Grahm Williams; both of Morrison; father-in-law Dwight Peterson and companion Georgie Ford; brother and sister-in-law Donnie and Tanya Peterson; nephew Daniel Peterson all of Roosevelt. Dan was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Paula Kay Williams, grandson, Jarred Williams, wife Kay Williams, brother-in-law Jim Price, and mother-in-law Janis Peterson. A special thanks is extended to Sandy Baldwin, his "angel" caretaker, Donnie, Tracy, Robin, Crystal, Carolyn, and Rhonda at Shady Pines (Thomas); Good Shepherd Hospice, especially Kim, Shebli, Tressa, Regina, Leigh Ann, Sherri, and Sarah; and Dr. Blake Badgett, all of whom tirelessly cared for Dan and enriched his final months and days. We can never thank you enough nor express what a help and source of comfort you have been to Dan and our family.

At Dan's wishes, there will be no funeral, but we would like to invite all family and friends to join together in celebrating his life on Sunday, September 25th, at our home at 112 Stablegate Lane in Weatherford. It will be a casual come-and-go celebration from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm.

Dan was a very giving person and never wanted to accept gifts for himself. In lieu of flowers, we know that he would encourage everyone to donate to the Weatherford First Baptist Church, the United Methodist Boys' Ranch in Gore, Oklahoma, or a charity of your choice on his behalf. Thank you for the many comforting texts, phone calls, cards, Facebook comments, and food.

### Gordon Gathright

Gordon Ray Gathright was born on his mom's birthday in Sentinel, Oklahoma, to Wilma and David on April 14th, 1954. The youngest of four children, he was full of energy and frequently underfoot. He grew up surrounded by family with grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins, all living within a few miles. He did well academically, attending Dill City schools until the family moved to Fort Supply in 1970.



After graduation he followed his dad's footsteps, joining the Navy in 1972 where he supported long range patrols, engaging in anti-submarine warfare during the Vietnam War. He completed his tour in 1976 and returned to Fort Supply, Oklahoma. He and Valorie met shortly after his return through mutual friends. Six months and three proposals later (yes three, although she said yes, all three times), they were married on April 2, 1977.

He entered OSU in the fall of '79 where he was able to finish both his B.A. and ultimately his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1985. Nolan joined the family later that year and Gordon started a veterinary practice in Burkburnett, TX. Looking for a more secure way to support his growing family, Gordon joined the Army in late 1986 and Russell, Katie, and Kelley came along in the next few years and across a few different states.

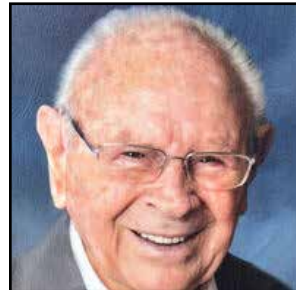
In 1995, he returned to school to pursue a Master of Public Health from OU and was able to be closer to his family roots in Oklahoma before working abroad in Germany for several years. After making lots of new friends, the family moved to TX where he finished his Army career in 2003 at the rank of Major. He became the attending Veterinarian for the National Wildlife Research Center in Colorado until 2016 when he switched to part time consulting and training work. He gained two extra children when Russell found Erin in 2013, and Katie married Brent in 2020.

Gordon was honest, and loyal, and cared deeply for his family and friends. He spent his free time playing his many instruments, fixing cars, or engineering a solution to whatever problem he could find. He loved camping, hiking, kayaking, snowshoeing, and generally spending time out in nature. He and Val were quite the travelers, going on trips around Central America and Europe.

Gordon passed away on September 14, 2022. He will be deeply missed by many including his wife Valorie; his mother Wilma; his siblings: Sue, Dave, Anita, Clay, and Flo; and his "babies": Nolan, Russell, Erin, Katie, Brent, and Kelley.

### Richard Waters

Richard John Waters was born just north of Hydro on October 30, 1928, to John and Rose (Grieser) Waters and received salvation and baptism at an early age. He joyfully entered into God's presence on Friday, September 16, 2022, at the age of 93 years, 10 months, and 17 days.



Richard lived a kind and generous life that reflected his love for the Lord. The family is thankful for his Godly wisdom and leadership through the years. He made an important choice to have a good attitude, no matter the circumstances. As a boy, he spent many hours roaming the canyons and South Canadian River. He attended Hopewell Country School through 8th grade, went to Jabbok Bible School in Thomas, and finished his last two years at Hydro High School, graduating in 1946.

Richard married Lois Stutzman in September 1948. It was hot and dry in Oklahoma making it difficult to make a living farming, so they moved to LaJunta, CO, where he worked on a dairy farm. They also lived in Atmore, AL for a year. After moving back to Hydro, he worked as a mechanic for Buckmaster Automotive, the IH dealer in Weatherford, and did custom cotton harvesting while also being a seed dealer through the years. His real love was farming, and he was a pioneer in the area of no-till and low-till farming and received many awards and honors, including an honorary agronomy degree from OSU, and in 2002 was named Oklahoma Farmer Stockman's Farmer of the Year. There were numerous magazine articles about his no-till and crop management practices.

Richard was very humble about the accolades and mentored many young farmers and always had a listening ear to everyone, no matter how busy he was. He was a "hands on" dad, spending hours with his children, teaching life lessons through work and play. They did lots of things together, each encounter bringing teachable lessons without preaching. His wisdom was interwoven through everyday life experiences. He sowed 60 wheat crops in his lifetime, retiring at age 86. He had many interests including getting his private pilot's license, photography, archery, learning new things, and reading every day until he was 93. Music was a big part of his life, and he played violin and guitar during his teen years and sang with his family through the years. He loved singing with the Slagell Quartet and men's chorus at Pleasant View Church.

Richard married Marilyn Hamburger in October 1990, and they enjoyed 32 years filled with fun and laughter. He was a loving, Godly, gentle, and always happy man who made you want to be like him.

Richard is survived by his wife of 32 years Marilyn; daughters Gerri Hutchison of Thomas, Dixie Yoder and husband Galen of Thomas; son Rod and wife Chris of Hydro; seven grandchildren: Kevin Yoder and wife Tasha, Jason Yoder and wife Tracy, Ash Hutchison and wife Melissa, Regina Gray and husband Bryan, Brandon Waters and wife Kelly, Nick Waters and wife Eladah, and Jacobey Post; twelve great-grandchildren: Katie Flores and husband Ivan, Caleb Yoder and fiancé Brenna Glasscock, Nathan Yoder and Kiersten Yoder, Elizabeth and Zachary Gray, Finn Hutchison, Barret, Ryker, and Britton Waters, Amaria Musick and Oakley Waters and many other people who loved him. Richard was preceded in death by his wife of 40 years Lois; his parents John & Rose Waters; sister Viola Bond; and son-in-law Albert Hutchison, and a great-grandson Keenan Musick.

Memorial Donations may be made to a charity of choice or Infinite Grace Ministries.

### Irene Adler

Irene Ruth Adler enjoyed 90 years on this earth and will now enjoy her permanent home in Heaven. She was the greatest Mom to Brian Adler and Cheryl Adler Nix, and both said they were fortunate to have her in their lives for so many years. She passed on September 20, 2022.



Irene was strong-willed (and could be stubborn) and always liked to have fun. She never knew a stranger and always liked striking up conversations with anybody around. She loved her family and enjoyed a reunion. 'Mema' always planned festive holiday meals and enjoyed decorating her home for the family. Irene (Sauer) Adler was born May 3, 1932, to Adam and Elizabeth (Lizzie) Sauer. She grew up on the family farm southwest of Weatherford and was the baby of nine siblings and the only remaining sibling of the family. Irene graduated in 1950 from Weatherford High School. She worked at Owl Photo Company for 37 years. She married LeRoy Adler on May 28, 1955, in Weatherford. During their marriage, they had three children—Gary, Brian and Cheryl. Gary was diagnosed with leukemia and passed away in August, 1961 at the age of four years and 10 months. LeRoy was diagnosed with cancer in November, 1984 and passed away in January, 1985, at the age of 59.

Irene was a life-long member of Zion Church (now known as CrossPointe Church) and a member of the 1947 Confirmation Class. After retiring from Owl Photo, she met Linda Sullivan Olson, who was hired as the first director of the new Pioneer Senior Citizen Center in Weatherford. Irene helped Linda as a volunteer and then helped the center's second director—Callie Waldrop. Both were special friends. Irene served as a volunteer at the Pioneer Center for 25 years before declining health in 2016 forced her to stop serving. She enjoyed seeing and visiting with many of the folks who frequented the center.

Irene was preceded in death by her husband, one son and long-time companion Harvey Black. She is survived by son Brian Adler, Weatherford; daughter Cheryl Nix and her husband Von Nix, of Edmond; two grandchildren and their spouses: Trevon and Jordan Nix of Edmond and Jordan and Chris Ganz of Dallas (TX); two great-grandchildren—Lucy Nix and Adler Nix; sister-in-laws Faye Adler, Wichita (KS); Mildred Wood, Sayre; Joan Balkcom and husband Don, Albuquerque (NM); as well as numerous nieces/nephews.



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# LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



**Mike Smith**  
News Director

## SWOSU Family Day Features \$10,000 Scholarship Giveaway

Many activities are planned for Family Day at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) on Saturday, October 1. The day includes a pancake breakfast, various tours of SWOSU labs, and a football game against the University of Arkansas at Monticello at 2 p.m. on Flex-Chem Field at Milam Stadium. A full list of Family Day events is available at [www.SWOSUFamilyDay.com](http://www.SWOSUFamilyDay.com)

SWOSU students will have the opportunity to win

one of ten SWOSU scholarships valued at \$1,000 each by participating in a drawing facilitated by 29 local, partnering businesses.

SWOSU students may enter to win one of ten \$1,000 scholarships by visiting the merchants listed above on Saturday, October 1. For more information, please contact the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267, [Foundation@swosu.edu](mailto:Foundation@swosu.edu).

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**CUSTER CO / REAP GRANT (HL)** - Cindy Gerhardt with Custer County Conservation District 88 presented a request to the county commissioners to apply for a rural economic action plan grant through the Southwest Oklahoma Development Authority for a new tree saw to replace their old one which is sixteen years old. The cost of the new saw is just over \$17,000. Commissioners approved the action, and the grant application will be submitted by the due date. SWODA will notify if the grant request was approved sometime later in the year.

**OSBI / SUSPECT ID** - The identity of the man shot and killed by law enforcement in Weatherford has been released by the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation. OSBI officials said 39-year-old Colby Aaron Archer of Clinton was shot and killed by authorities in the area of Eads and Washington after he fired at law enforcement. Archer was pursued by authorities after he reportedly brandished a weapon at a local business. OSBI said one trooper was treated for minor injuries at the hospital. No bystanders were injured.

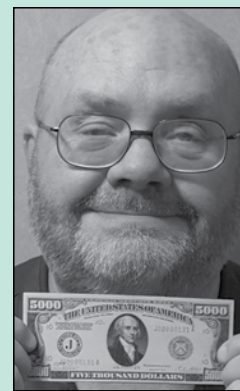
**CUSTER CO DIST COURT / TASSO** - A Clinton man is charged in Custer County District Court with robbery or attempted robbery with a dangerous weapon and conspiracy. Court records show 39-year-old Teddy Ray Tasso allegedly entered a Weatherford apartment in June and struck an occupant with a closed fist. Two other males entered the apartment with guns and told the victim on the floor to empty his pockets and give them his money.

**SAFE OKLAHOMA / GRANTS** - Attorney General John O'Connor said the 2023 safe Oklahoma grant has distributed \$2 million among 58 state-wide law enforcement agencies. Of the 58, the Weatherford Police Department is getting \$20,000. The Elk City Police Department received just over \$15,000. O'Connor said the grant continues to help both rural and metro-area agencies with basic policing necessities as well as advanced technology.

**W'FORD / SWIMMING POOL** - Weatherford Economic Development director Yolanda Creswell said a swimming pool grant obtained by the City of Weatherford will help fund repairs to the pool. However, Creswell said there are some issues to address before work can begin. The city is getting \$500,000 from the state, \$250,000 from the city and another \$250,000 in YES Weatherford monies to make the upgrades. Creswell said officials hope to have the work done by next summer.

**CADDO CO DIST COURT / GLENN** - A Hydro man is due back in Caddo County District court next month for a blind plea in connection with child pornography charges. Twenty-two-year-old Austin Glenn was arrested and charged in October 2020 after agents from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation assisted by the Caddo County Sheriff's Office and Hydro Police served a search warrant in the 100 block East Main Street in Hydro. The case originated when the national center for missing and exploited children forwarded a cyber-tip they received from an electronic service provider to the OSBI.

## "The Coin Guy" Bank of England to Design New Currency



Trent Boesen

Shortly after the passing of Queen Elizabeth II news outlets published outlandish reports concerning Great Britain's currency status.

The Bank of England, after giving their condolences, issued the following statement: "Current bank notes with the image of Queen Elizabeth II would continue as legal tender". After the period of mourning more news about the bank notes would be given.

NBC news reporter, Hoda Kotb, stated that England will have to take the Queens' portrait off the One Pound note. Obviously, Hoda was ill-informed the One Pound note was replaced with a One Pound coin in 1983. In 1988, all One Pound notes were taken out circulation.

It will take time for the Bank of England to design and print new notes bearing the likeness of King Charles III.

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**Happy Birthday Wishes for September 28th** - Kayla Albert, Beth Bendure, DEBBIE DEHN, Pam Garrison, Mark Mapel, Margaret Meek, Marylou Mejia, Debbie Mosburg, Tracy Murray, Craig Price, Ginger Reed, Kaila Royalty, Hannah Sandoval, Lexi Shepherd, Kaye Soddors, Garla Wisdom; **September 29th** - Darrell Coit, Westyn England, Bayley Forbes, Randy Goucher, Garret Graybill, Logan Guthrie, Nicole Horn, Shawn Lindsey, Ruth Mogg, Lars Sittingbear, Triniti Sparks, Tiara Tripp, John Yelloweagle; **September 30th** - Karen Bragg, Carlos Diaz, Kim Hicks, Danny Lenaburg, John Nutry, Charlotte Perry, Sharon Snider, Charlene Tanner, Randy Wynn; **October 1st** - Emma Brown, Bill Bursosky, Lexi Hamilton, Myron Luffield, Jerald Stelling, Tracy Watkins, Joseph Whiteskunk; **October 2nd** - Cody Barrera, Mandi Bozarth, Lyla Bridgeman, Doris Brittain, Gage Butcher, Jolena Elisondo, Megan Hanna, Jeanna Hines, Grant Lee, Karen Melton, Harold Miller, Rose Millsbaugh, Kenneth Teek, Barbara Walker; **October 3rd** - Lynn Broadbent, Leon Evans, Rodney LaGrange, Steve Millsbaugh, Jimmy Ridgeway, Dustin Rose, Jordan Stark, Kim Suter, Jeffery Thomas, Nell Walker, Linda Young; **October 4th** - Kennedy Aispuro, Sharon Beach, Kenli Brooks, Christy Freeman, Trevin Gilliam, Kortney Hawthorn, Vicki Isaak, Oliver Lackey, Ranae Martinez, Gavin Nailon, Ryan Sandlin.



# SPORTS

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## Streak Snapping: Bulldogs Rally in Fourth, Overtake OBU in OT

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

SWOSU Football trailed Oklahoma Baptist 31-20 on the road in the fourth quarter before scoring 11 unanswered points to force overtime. The Bulldogs went on to defeat the Bison 38-31 in the overtime period, snapping a 17-game win streak OBU carried against in-state opponents. The win moves SWOSU back to an even 2-2 on the year heading into next week's home matchup with Arkansas-Monticello on Family Day. Oklahoma Baptist had not lost a game to a school based out of Oklahoma since November 4, 2017. That streak was finally put to bed tonight, by the visiting Bulldogs.

It was a tight contest the entire way. No team led by more than one score until OBU extended their lead to 31-20 with 10:35 remaining in the fourth quarter.

The defense stepped up in a big way on Saturday. SWOSU ended the night with eight sacks after having seven through the first three games. Many of those came when the team needed it most, including a third-down sack in the fourth quarter when the Dawgs were fighting to get the ball back and on the comeback trail. OBU was held to 221 yards of total offense including just 19 yards rushing.

On offense, SWOSU had success on the ground all night

and racked up 234 yards rushing on 56 attempts. The run opened up the pass, as the Dawgs still threw for over 200 yards and finished with 467 yards of total offense.

Gerald Palmer had a great game running the football. He finished with 24 rushes, 131 yards, and one touchdown to lead the way. Troy Henderson notched 28 carries, 98 yards, and one touchdown.

Quarterback Tylan Morton finished 26-38 through the air for 288 yards and two scores.

The Bulldogs led 17-10 in the first half before OBU scored right before halftime to keep things tied up at the break. SWOSU got a Jaren Van Winkle field goal to open the game's scoring up, followed by touchdowns from Cameron Hairston on a 47-yard reception and Gerald Palmer on a 1-yard run to get to 17 points.

Out of the halftime locker room, it was Van Winkle again for a 28-yard field goal to give the Dawgs a 20-17 lead with 10:35 to play in the third quarter.

From there, both teams' defenses tightened up and nobody would score the rest of the third quarter.

OBU took the lead with a long drive to start the fourth quarter that ended with a touchdown. Following a three-and-out from SWOSU with nothing doing, the Bison

struck again on a 40-yard touchdown pass that put the margin at 31-20. With 10:35 left in the game, the Dawgs dug in and did not go away. SWOSU went on a 14 play, 75-yard drive to get back within one score that was capped off by a Jalen Lampley touchdown reception from 28 yards out. Following the score, the Dawgs went for a two-point conversion and got it to inch within a field goal at 31-28. The defense got off the field quick after three plays and got the ball back to the offense with 3:23 left to play in the game. Though they could not get the go-ahead touchdown, SWOSU kicked a game-tying field goal (Van Winkle) that forced overtime.

In the overtime period, SWOSU got the ball first and wasted no time. A 17-yard pass to Isreal Watson put the Dawgs in business and three plays later SWOSU's Troy Henderson punched it in from the one-yard line.

Defense took it from there. Jameon Mitchell intercepted a pass on 2nd and 20 in the endzone to seal it. 38-31 Dawgs.

Mitchell ended the game with his interception, the only turnover on the night, and led the team in tackles with seven. Rece Wilhelm finished with 2.0 sacks, followed by Carter Norrie who had 1.5.

## Defensive Battle Results in Tie at East Central

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

SWOSU Soccer continued GAC play today, as they traveled to Ada to take on East Central. The contest ended in a 0-0 tie.

Both teams came into the game with the same record and tied in the GAC standings. After 90 minutes of play, neither of those things changed. This game would truly be a defensive struggle. Both teams were held to two shots in the final 26 minutes of the game.

ECU had five corner kicks within two minutes of each other midway through the second half, but the SWOSU defense would step up like they did all

game and keep them out of the goal.

These five corners did not turn into a single shot for the Tigers.

SWOSU had nine total shots with seven of those coming from three Dawgs. Ruth Vasquez led the way with three shots and two shots on goal. Alimata Rabo and Desiree Rodriguez both came in with two shots also. Ashley Hughes had four saves on the day. This is her second shutout of the season, with both coming in GAC play.

SWOSU moves to 1-4-2 on the year and stays tied for second in the GAC standings with the tie. Their next match will be on September 29 at home against Harding at 4:00 pm.

## W'ford Softball Update with Chuck Ramsey

**Chuck Ramsey**  
WW Sports Director

The Weatherford Lady Eagles managed to clinch a district championship last week with a win over Cache on Tuesday 5-3 and a win over Anadarko on Thursday 13-3.

Weatherford is 24-6 on the season and finished their district with only one loss to Tuttle on August 16th, which they avenged on September 6th with a 4-3 victory.

The Lady Eagles pitching and defense has been a staple for this team. Head Coach Rick Morris says his girls are competitive and have a strong desire to win.

"I've told the girls all year, 'give me two or three innings where we can score runs and with our pitching and defense, it's going to work.'"

The Lady Eagles will host a Class 4A Regional Tournament at the Weatherford Softball Complex beginning October 5th. The teams participating will be determined by the final seeds in each district.

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## Bayer Fund Partners with Farmers in Effort to Direct Funds to Local Nonprofits, Schools and Ag Programs

Bayer Fund's America's Farmers Grow Communities program is once again teaming up with farmers across the country to find and fund the organizations and institutions that keep their communities thriving. From August 1 to November 1, eligible farmers can enroll for the chance to direct a \$5,000 donation to a local eligible nonprofit organization, school or youth agriculture program.

Since its inception in 2010, America's Farmers Grow Communities initiatives have awarded more than \$65 million to thousands of schools and nonprofit organizations across the country. Farmers have played a key role in identifying and directing funds to programs and organizations that contribute to their communities' health and vibrancy, such as food banks, schools and agriculture programs.

"Grow Communities is a special program because we work closely with farmers to find and fund nonprofit organizations that make a positive impact in their communities," said Al Mitchell, Bayer Fund President. "Every year, we hear from farmers and Grow Communities recipients who tell us the dollars are

making a difference. Because of this feedback, the Bayer Fund team is excited to continue to help strengthen rural communities through this program."

Farmers are eligible to enroll in Grow Communities if they are 21 years of age or older and are actively engaged in farming at least 250 acres of any crop. To enroll in or learn more about Grow Communities, including program eligibility and rules, farmers can visit [www.AmericasFarmers.com](http://www.AmericasFarmers.com) or call 1-877-267-3332 toll-free. Winners will be announced February 2023.

America's Farmers, sponsored by Bayer Fund, is focused on strengthening rural America through community outreach programs that partner with farmers to make an impact in communities where farmers live and work. The programs have given more than \$65 million to rural America since 2010.

Bayer Fund is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening the communities where Bayer customers and employees live and work by providing funding for food and nutrition, education and community development projects.



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## Oklahoma Pork Council Partner Donates 1,000 Pounds of Ham to Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma for Hunger Action Month

Seaboard Foods, in partnership with the Oklahoma Pork Council and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, has donated 1,000 pounds of ham to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma to raise awareness of Hunger Action Month.

"With pig farms and a pork processing plant in Oklahoma, we're glad to partner with the Oklahoma Pork Council to donate hams to the Regional Food Bank for Hunger Action Month," said Peter Brown, Seaboard Foods chief executive officer. "We're hopeful these hams will provide a good source of protein for our Oklahoma neighbors facing food insecurity."

Hunger Action Month is held each September as members of the Feeding America network of food banks across the country mobilize the public to take action on the issue of hunger. The campaign brings attention to the reality of food insecurity in the United States and promotes ways for people to get involved in the movement to help end hunger.

"The agricultural community is no stranger to the toll rising food costs can take on individuals and families," said Blayne Arthur, Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture. "The generous donation made by Seaboard Foods will allow many Oklahoma families

facing food insecurity to keep nutritious protein on their tables. I commend Seaboard Foods for their generosity and continued dedication to providing Oklahoma and the rest of the world with a delicious and healthy protein."

The donation will be made available to the Regional Food Bank's network of partners in 53 counties across central and western Oklahoma.

"We are so grateful to have the support of pork farmers and producers across central and western Oklahoma," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "This donation will help provide much needed protein to Oklahoma families living with hunger."

Oklahoma Pork Council Executive Director Kylee Deniz said Oklahoma pork producers care first about their communities and the need to address food insecurity in our state.

"We appreciate the collaboration between the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry, Seaboard Foods and the Regional Food Bank to offer a premium protein source to Oklahomans during Hunger Action Month," Deniz said.

Learn more about the Regional Food Bank and the fight against hunger in Oklahoma by visiting [rfbo.org](http://rfbo.org).

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2. Another reason for needing an appraisal, could be pricing your property for sale. Many times, if you are listing the property with a Realtor, they will provide what is called a market analysis, which can be a form of an appraisal. Keep in mind, not all real estate personnel are qualified to appraise real estate. Their training is mostly dedicated toward the ethical handling of sales.
3. Other appraisal uses include; legal disputes, such as a divorce or a land division, such as a partition suit. The settlement and basis computation for an estate may require an appraisal. Most of these types of appraisals do not require a licensed individual.

The cost of an appraisal will vary with its use, size and time to secure the needed data. You can always ask for an estimate of cost before engaging an appraiser. Remember, experience in appraisals can be critical to good methodology.

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Lord, this is a new day. May I treasure it as one more evidence of your grace. It will be unique in many ways yet similar to the past. May I see it as one more opportunity to put you on display. As the Apostle Paul challenged the Colossian church, may I walk worthy of the calling you have given me.

Thank you that as a child, you put into my heart the desire to know you and live for you. I look back and marvel at the ways you have guided me, saved me, and brought me through difficult times.

I thank you for the life companion you placed by my side and the children and grandchildren that have come from that union.

I could never have imagined having a job in which I never dreaded going to work, the young lives you brought into my circle of influence, and the world of brokenness that I have been allowed to address.

Indeed, you are a good, good Father.

Now, as I have come to the home stretch, or the last quarter as some would say; I say with the Psalmist, "I was young and now I am old, yet I never have seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread." Psalms 37:35

Yet, Lord there is a bit of concern that may hint of pride. The question comes; "What will it be like when I am no longer useful, when people see me as a relic of the past, one whose day is done and now only waits for the night to come. I sense a bit of that and fear only the increase. Yet, I fight that thought and long to be useful still. Others younger than I have passed from

the scene and you still bless me with opportunities each day. I only pray that I will not become cynical and disgruntled because things are not as they once were, or perceive that people think that I am no longer in touch with reality.

Lord, may I never be satisfied with things as they are. Give me a Holy Discontent with the way Satan is still at work in obvious and subtle ways to distort the truth, bringing death and destruction.

"Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, O God, til I declare your power to the next generation, your might to all who are to come." Psalm 71:18

"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, fill my spirit with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit so that I can prevail with you and for You with holy prevailings and mighty intercessions. (Weley Duewell)

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# Mitchell and Palmer Win Bulldogs of the Week

Jameon Mitchell and Gerald Palmer (SWOSU Football) have been named the latest Bulldogs of the Week. This award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Mitchell had a career day to lead the Dawgs to a 38-31 win over Oklahoma Baptist on Saturday night. He led SWOSU in tackles with seven total (four solo, three assisted) with one tackle for loss. He also ended the game with an interception in the endzone to stop the Bison in overtime. This is his first career interception.

Palmer also had a career day on the ground for the Dawgs this week. He carried the ball 24 times for 131 yards and one touchdown. It is the most rushing yards by a player this season for the Bulldogs. Worth the shoutout, he also had an impressive block on a pass rusher that allowed Tylan Morton time to throw a 47-yard touchdown for SWOSU's first touchdown of the game.



## 2022 SWOSU Charitable Hunt Raises \$67,000

The 3rd Annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Charitable Hunt was held on September 16 in Devol, Oklahoma. The Hunt raised over \$67,000 for the benefit of the SWOSU Department of Parks and Recreation Management.

"This event is so unique and allows alumni and friends to gather for a worthy cause—our Parks & Recreation Management program," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. "We are so very grateful to all who participated, donated and bid to make SWOSU's third annual Charitable Hunt a resounding success!"

Proceeds from the Hunt will be allocated to the Dr. Ken Rose Memorial Fund, which exists to help SWOSU produce the next generation of conservationists, wildlife law enforcement officials, park rangers and other outdoor and wildlife career professionals.

For the third consecutive year, Kandi and Rick Nagel of Norman served as the Hunt's presenting sponsor and major underwriters. Kandi is a 1998 SWOSU alumnae and past president of the SWOSU Alumni Association.

Longtime SWOSU benefactors MA+ Architecture also generously joined the Nagels as presenting sponsor for this year's event.

Flex-Chem served as shotgun case sponsor. Flex-Chem founder Bryce Conway (Class of 1995) currently serves as a SWOSU Foundation, Inc. trustee.

Hunt hosts and co-hosts included: Everett Dobson,

Corky Heard, Carl Hook, Homer Ryan, Randy Nance & GE Johnson

The Hunt was facilitated by BlackOak Farms, a full-service hunting operation that is integrated with traditional agriculture practices of farming and ranching.

The event kicked off with a skeet shooting competition sponsored by Mike North and Ron Oldfield. The competition was followed by a late afternoon dove hunt.

After hunting, participants and guests were treated to a cocktail reception and dinner sponsored by Jared Jones of First National Bank of Weatherford, Jett Distributing, and Butcher's Wine and Spirits.

Dinner was followed by a fundraising auction facilitated by Corky Heard of United Country Heard Auction & Real Estate.

The event concluded with a concert by No Justice lead vocalist Steve Rice and keyboard player Bryce Conway.

The 3rd Annual SWOSU Charitable Hunt was organized by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy 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 nearly \$41 million in assets. For more information on the Foundation, please call 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com)

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**JENA NELSON**  
CANDIDATE FOR STATE SUPERINTENDENT

Jena Nelson, The Democratic candidate for State Superintendent of Public Instruction, gave an exclusive interview with Wright Wradio about the upcoming election. Nelson said there are differences between her and her opponent when it comes to vouchers. Nelson is facing republican Ryan Walters in the November General Election.



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Trevor Igo (left) and Terry Igo served up some "gopher" on a stick at the 5th annual CASA golf tournament.

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