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SWOSU's Annual Band Camp Returned for its 70th Year (July 12 - 18)



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Dr. Robert Pippin, SWOSU's Director of Bands, welcomes the audience to Friday's show. To watch the full concert, scan the QR Code above or visit www.youtube.com/Live/VeyV0kodeuA.



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As a newcomer to the SWOSU Band Camp Scene, Dr. T André Feagin (pictured, left) was tasked with conducting this year's Honor Band attendees.



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Mike Palmer (pictured, left) lead rehearsals for the Symphonic Band at SWOSU Band Camp. These students performed a number of Wind Ensemble pieces, including Kelijah Dunton's "Stillwater" (pictured, right)



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Staying Hydrated This Summer: You Need to Drink More than Eight Ounces of Water a Day



Mary Peck
Writer, The Sentinel Leader

Summer might be winding down, but temperatures are still climbing here in Oklahoma. As the heat lingers, staying hydrated remains critically important – especially for older adults. Dehydration is a common and serious health concern for seniors and is one of the leading causes of hospital visits among this population.

Warning signs of dehydration include dry mouth, fatigue, dizziness, dark-colored urine, vomiting, and muscle cramps. If left untreated, dehydration can lead to complications such as urinary tract infections, constipation, and kidney problems.

The best defense against dehydration is simple: fluid intake. According to the U.S. National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine, the daily fluid intake recommendation is 3.7 liters (appr. 15.6 cups) of water for men and 2.7 (appr. 11.4 cups) liters for women. While water is the best choice, all beverages count toward hydration, including juice, milk, and even soda.

Offering a variety of drinks throughout the day and incorporating hydrating foods like watermelon, cucumber, and lettuce can also help. Oral rehydration solutions are useful for balancing electrolytes, particularly during periods of high heat or illness. It's important that older adults and their caregivers are educated on the signs of dehydration and the many ways to stay safely hydrated throughout the day.

The Long-Term Care Ombudsman program advocates for residents in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, helping to ensure that their rights and quality of care are protected. Staying safe in the summer heat, including proper hydration, is part of our commitment to supporting the dignity and well-being of every resident.

If you would like to volunteer or have any other questions or concerns regarding the Long-Term Care Ombudsman program, please contact your local ombudsman supervisor, Chloe Nutley, at 580-821-4068 or chloe@swoda.org.

Sonic Drive-in & SWOSU Continue Partnership



Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

Sonic Drive-In of Weatherford's longstanding relationship with Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) Baseball continued in July when the owner visited the Bulldog ball field to present first-year head coach JR Head with his annual contribution.

This marked the first Sonic donation Head accepted as SWOSU's head coach. Sonic Drive-in Owner Tommy Sims has supported SWOSU Baseball for over two decades through Sonic Corporation's partnership program.

"SWOSU Baseball greatly appreciates our partnership with Tommy and Sonic, which directly supports the team, facility improvements, and scholarship funding," said Coach Head. "Personally, I'm also grateful he trusted me enough to continue his support in my first year as head coach."

HIGHER GROUND
Praying for VBS



I know many of you have already completed your Vacation Bible School. You can always pray in retrospect. I feel that we get so familiar with some things that we fail to take seriously the potential in each young life. Perhaps these guidelines will help you think and pray biblically and thoughtfully.

Parents:

Understand that parents have a part in helping children continue to grow. Pray that they would be faithful in preparing the children, that they would quiz the children about their experiences in VBS and build on their experiences.

Children:

Pray that they would be teachable...willing to listen with a heart and hunger that seeks to know God. Pray that the Holy Spirit would draw them to the Bible. Some children will be coming from homes where there is little Christian influence. Pray for their situation.

Teachers and Workers:

Pray that they would seriously pray for each child in their care; that they would prepare, prayerfully and carefully. Pray that God would cause them to love each child, seeking to understand, That they would be able to explain the Scriptures carefully and in a way that the children can understand.

Pray for follow up, that our church would follow up those homes from which the non-churched kids may have come. Pray that our church would have a greater burden for the marginalized kids.

2 Corinthians 10:4 - "The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."

On a personal note: there will be a book signing of my book, Higher Ground, on July 26, 2-5 p.m. It will be held at the BCM center, 719 N. Bradley, Weatherford. I will only have 45 copies due to those lost in the flood of S. Texas (my order of 200 were lost). They can be ordered on Amazon for \$16.95.

I will also have a good number of my personal books from my library. They will be free. I am trying to reduce the number. Also, a number of booklets on prayer, bible study, etc will be available for the taking. (Getting ready for the last roundup)

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Jim Morrison Hosting Book Signing for New Book Featuring 75+ Higher Ground Articles



Alexander Shook
WOK Contributor

For the last 12 years, Jim Morrison has been writing “HIGHER GROUND,” a weekly Christian article that has appeared in various newspaper across Western Oklahoma. After requests from his readers and colleagues alike, he has compiled his best editorials into a book, entitled “Higher Ground: Fresh Vision for Every Step of the Journey”

A book signing will be held on July 26, 2-5 p.m., at SWOSU’s BCM Center (719 N. Bradley, Weatherford).

“This book is written with the desire that readers will be challenged, inspired and encouraged to escape cultural Christianity and grow toward Christlikeness.” Morrison wrote on the book’s Amazon Page. “It is designed for those who do not like to read or feel they don’t have time to read. Each article stands alone, and can be read in 5 minutes.

It can be used and discussed in small group settings or for individual devotions.”

Only around 50 copies will be available at the signing following a flood in Texas that destroyed an order of 200. However, thanks to a few former students (and a reimbursement from the publishing company), Morrison feels fortunate that the book signing is still happening at all.

Jim Morrison lives with his wife Mary in Weatherford. He is a graduate from SWOSU with a Bachelor’s in Science Education and a Master of Divinity degree. He served as SWOSU’s Student Union Director for 37 years before retiring in 2002, but still worked as Chaplain at Custer County’s jail.

The book is now available for purchase online. To purchase a paperback or digital (Kindle) copy, visit www.amazon.com/dp/B0FCN3DT88 or scan the QR code above.

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WATONGA / LOOKOUT KITCHEN - The Oklahoma Tourism and Recreations Department, alongside the Lookout Kitchen, have reached an agreement to conditionally reopen the Lookout Restaurants in Oklahoma state parks, including Roman Nose in Watonga. Lookout was permitted 30 days to become compliant following the suspension of restaurant operations inside Oklahoma’s state parks on July 8th.

WEATHERFORD / NEW HIGH SCHOOL
The Weatherford School Board has approved contracts with Joe D. Hall for project manager and renaissance architecture for construction of a new high school. Superintendent Mark Harmon said he and other district officials recently toured two Class 6A high school sites at Yukon and Bixby. “We’re looking [for a facility] for roughly 1,000 students to plan for potential growth,” explained Harmon. “Next Wednesday, we’re going to go take a look at Tuttle and Newcastle. This just kind of gives us an idea of...what we think is a [good] jumping-off point.” Harmon commented that the recent tour of Yukon and Bixby high schools included viewing both traditional and modern high school designs.

CLINTON CC / RODEO GRANT - Clinton City Council, acting as the Industrial Authority, has approved a tourism grant for the Clinton Roundup Club. The amount of the grant was \$5,000. “This is their second year to have a professional rodeo. They’re expecting to have around 3,500 tenants over two days, with about 1,000 of those from around town.” explained Spokesperson Mark Nicholson.

CUSTER CO / MUNICIPAL CANDIDATES
Beginning July 28th at 8am, candidates for municipal office in the cities of Weatherford and Clinton and county municipalities may begin filing for declarations of candidacy. The filing period ends Wednesday, July 30th, at 5pm. Declarations of candidacy will be accepted at the Custer County Election Board office in Clinton for Weatherford City Commission seats in Wards 2 and 4 and Clinton City Council in Wards 1 and 3.

CLINTON / KNABE - Clinton School District officials say Melissa Knabe has been named Assistant Superintendent of Clinton Public Schools. Knabe has played a significant role in the district from leading major grant projects to supporting teachers, launching virtual learning, and shaping curriculum. She succeeds Nathan Meget who was recently named District Superintendent following the resignation of Tyler Bridges.

WEATHERFORD SB / CARRYOVER
Weatherford schools Superintendent Mark Harmon shared the district has a healthy \$3.6 million carryover of funds going into the next fiscal year. “We were very nervous about [our general fund] through the year,” expressed Harmon. “I didn’t know where we were going to land because of the stimulus money, [which is] revenue we are not going to receive this year. Although it’s down a little bit from previous years, we still feel like that’s a very healthy carryover.” The district received about \$600,000 in gross production revenue this past fiscal year, about double the amount previously projected.

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Happy Birthday Wishes! **July 23** - Micheal Austin, Andrew DeVoss, William Gentry, DeAnna Goosen, Tyler Jack Hoffman, Wanda Johnson, Donna Luttrull, Tyler Mullins, Astrid Olguin, Tracy Sanchez, Tyler Williamso; **July 24** - Megan Beasley, Hanna Boas, Kasey Boas, Sue Britton, Brandi Burazza, Charlotte Colby, Catie Disney, Tamara Hetherington, Mildred Jones, Rebecca Lynn Kubrak, Ashley LaGrange, Darrin Matz, Marvin Monaghan, Karen Stucker, Allan Taylor, Roxanne Ward; **July 25** - Randy Dowell, Christy Hall, Kenneth Keil, Robert Waldrop, Dylan Ward; **July 26** – Kathy Badalamente, Billy Bailey, Lance Carney, Jennifer Deffenbaugh, T. Kay Harrelson, Sherrill Lovelace, Joey Meyers, Josh Pitchford, Lisa Seibold, Dale Snider; **July 27** – Nicole Curtis, Bert Goodwin, Rylan Moore, Raul Perez Jr., Michelle Russel, Skyler Weaselbear; **July 28** – Kasey Barton, Pamela Burton, Brian Exenia, Brad Fry, Kalie Kerth, Mattie Mortimer, Jonathan Pigg, Rick Webster; **July 29** – Rene Bickle, Ryan Folks, Cammie Hodges, Dana Matlock, Lindey Smith, Aimee Stobbe, Stacy Twins

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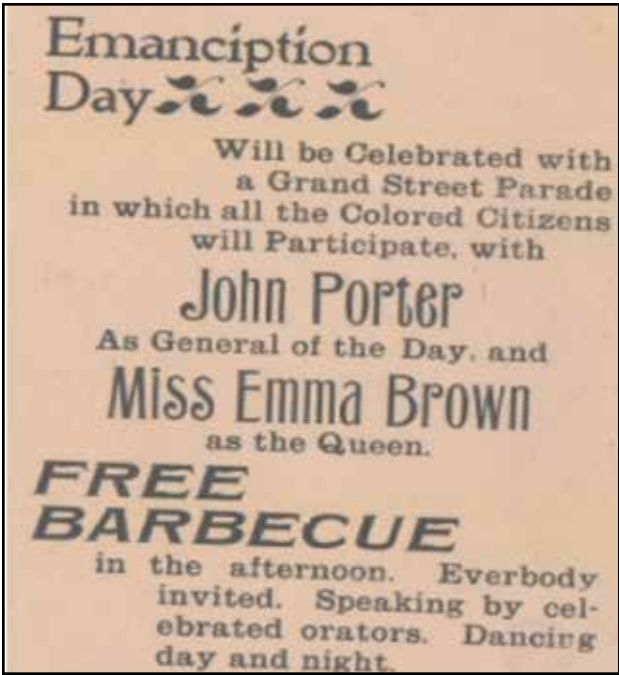
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Oklahoma History - August 4th, Tulsa’s Other Emancipation Day



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A flyer for an Emancipation Day event, from the late 1800s.



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A band of African American musicians performing with fiddles, guitar, bass, and clarinet during a Juneteenth Emancipation Day celebration in Austin, TX (circa 1900).



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In the years after the Civil War, long before Tulsa became known for its bustling Greenwood district, Black residents of Indian Territory were already gathering to celebrate freedom. As early as the late 1860s, African Creek Freedmen in the area set aside August 4 as Emancipation Day, marking the date their tribal council had granted them citizenship after emancipation. They organized lively picnics under the oak and pecan trees, parading down dusty country lanes and listening to community elders speak about the meaning of liberation. These early celebrations were modest and heartfelt – a chance for formerly enslaved people and their children to rejoice in a freedom that was still new and deeply precious. The tradition took root quietly on the frontier, nurtured by the memory of bondage and the promise that life in Oklahoma could offer a fresh start. By the turn of the century, Tulsa was still a small but growing town on the Arkansas River, attracting Black families from the Deep South. Many came from Texas – the state where the now-federal holiday “Juneteenth” was born – and they carried that holiday in their hearts. On June 19, 1865, enslaved Texans had learned of their freedom two years after the Emancipation Proclamation, and ever since, June 19th had been a day of jubilee for them. Those who migrated to Oklahoma brought the Juneteenth custom with them. In the warm summers of the 1890s, one could imagine Tulsa’s early Black residents pausing their toil to honor that day, gathering in churchyards or open fields to pray, sing, and remember. Still, during these years, the August 4th celebration remained popular too – a legacy of the Indian Territory’s unique emancipation story. Freedom was a reason to celebrate more than once a year.

As Tulsa’s Black community grew, so did the festivities. In August 1905, decades after slavery’s end, Black Tulsans held a grand Emancipation Day barbecue at a local city park. Neighbors from miles around came by wagon and on foot, dressed in their Sunday best despite the summer heat. Mothers spread checkered blankets on the grass, laying out home-cooked feasts of smoked meats, collard greens, and peach cobbler. Fathers lit up charcoal pits for the communal barbecue, the wood smoke mingling with laughter and gospel hymns. What had begun as a humble picnic had blossomed into a day-long celebration of freedom, faith, and the future. The memory of that 1905 barbecue lived on as proof that even in a segregated territory, Black joy could not be contained. Over the next few years, the Emancipation celebrations in Tulsa grew more elaborate. By 1906, Tulsa’s Greenwood district had begun to form, a burgeoning Black neighborhood fueled by oil boom opportunities and Black entrepreneurship. Greenwood Avenue quickly filled with Black-owned cafés, shops, and rooming houses, and its residents carried themselves with a confident air of self-determination. The annual freedom festival became a showcase of that confidence. By 1913, the community had shifted the celebration to the Juneteenth date of June 19th – joining Black folks across the region in marking the Texas anniversary as the universal emancipation holiday. That summer, an excited crowd gathered at Tulsa’s Midway Park for a spectacle that folks would talk about for years. Families packed the park grounds, strolling past booths selling lemonade, roasted corn, and barbecue.


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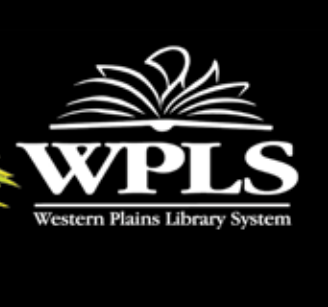



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TK Pro Rodeo bullriders were invited to put on a show for Clinton. Pictured, from left: Colt Raemhild, Cody Moseley, and Cody Taylor.

HISTORY

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A local jazz band played upbeat ragtime tunes on a makeshift stage, and young men and women danced in the grass in their finest clothes. In the late afternoon, all eyes turned upward as a hot air balloon rose above the treetops with a daredevil performer clinging to a trapeze. Gasps and cheers rippled through the crowd when the man suddenly leapt from the balloon, parachuting down in a slow drift of red, white, and blue silk. Children shrieked with delight, and their parents applauded in amazement as he landed safely and triumphantly tipped his cap. The pageantry and scale of Tulsa’s Emancipation Day festivities kept pace with the growing prosperity of Greenwood.

By the late 1910s, Tulsa’s Black population had swelled dramatically, and Greenwood was becoming known as “Black Wall Street” for its concentration of African American businesses and wealth. Emancipation celebrations became multi-day extravaganzas that drew attendees from all over northeastern Oklahoma.

In 1918 and 1919, amid the jubilation of the post-World War I era, the holiday gatherings were bigger than ever. There were parades of shiny Model T cars rolling down Greenwood Avenue, draped in American flags and banners celebrating “53 Years of Freedom.” The festive processions included lodge brothers in full regalia, church ladies’ societies in white lace, and the proud students of Booker T. Washington High School marching in cadence behind their brass band. At the crowded fairgrounds, one could find everything from horse races to pie-eating contests. Athletic events became a highlight – a reflection of Greenwood’s competitive and ambitious spirit.

In keeping with the other historic Emancipation celebrations in August, a Black entrepreneur and showman named Billy McClain established his entertainment headquarters as “The Palm Gardens” in Greenwood in 1919, and organized a spectacular boxing tournament as part of the Emancipation Day gala. McClain was a famous promoter who dreamed of making Tulsa a mecca for Black sports. He seized on Emancipation Day to crown a “Colored Heavyweight Champion.” He arranged special trains to carry fans from Greenwood to Tulsa’s Convention Hall, and more than 5,000 people turned out, packing the venue to witness top Black boxers compete for glory. The fights electrified the crowd. Through each passing year, Tulsa’s Emancipation Day celebrations wove the community tighter together. Black churches like Vernon A.M.E. (founded by pioneer O.W. Gurley) and Mount Zion Baptist (established in 1909) played central roles, organizing prayer meetings at dawn and community suppers at dusk.

Fraternal orders, women’s clubs, and the Negro Business League all lent helping hands. These occasions were more than just parties – they were family reunions, history lessons, and political rallies wrapped in the guise of a festival. Yet the overriding mood was one of hope and solidarity. Under the Oklahoma sun, grandparents told the young ones about slavery days so they would never forget the trials overcome. And as the community broke bread together, shared laughter, and lifted their voices in song, they were actively shaping the identity of Greenwood.

They were instilling in each generation a fierce pride in being Black and free in Oklahoma – a conviction that would give Greenwood its character as a place of achievement and resilience. By the early 1920s, on the eve of tragedy, Greenwood’s cultural identity was shining brightly, and Emancipation Day was its most cherished tradition.

No one knew, of course, that a darkness would descend in 1921, threatening to silence the merriment on Greenwood’s streets. The Tulsa Race Massacre would indeed destroy countless homes and lives in Greenwood, but it could not destroy the spirit that had been cultivated over years of celebrations and togetherness. In the aftermath, survivors drew on the same well of resilience and hope that every Emancipation Day had reinforced. They rebuilt their churches, businesses, and homes – and they continued to commemorate Juneteenth and Emancipation Day, albeit sometimes more quietly, holding onto the legacy of freedom celebrations as an act of defiance and remembrance.

Those early gatherings from the late 1800s through the early 1900s were not just festivities; they were the spiritual foundation of a community. The parades, feasts, speeches, and songs of Tulsa’s early Emancipation Day celebrations carried the promise of Jubilee from generation to generation, lighting a fire in Greenwood’s soul that would not be extinguished. It was a celebration of freedom that foretold the perseverance, cultural richness, and unbreakable solidarity that would forever define Greenwood, the Black Wall Street of America.

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Her single, MEEKU, was included on NPR Radio; CBC (Canadian Broadcasting Corporation); and Denver's 303 Magazine. As a musician, she has performed and collaborated with genres from rap to rock. Olivia is an alumni of NYC Sound Thinking Mentorship Program; a Native American Arts and Cultures LIFT grantee; and WAA's Performing Arts Discovery program.

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CLASS OF 2025



The 2025 Hall of Fame induction ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, August 8, at the Pioneer Event Center.

The event is open to the public, with tickets priced at \$25 per person. The 19th Annual SWOSU Athletic Auction will follow the ceremony on Saturday, August 9, where the inductees will be recognized again.

Longtime SWOSU benefactor Pioneer will provide key financial support for the SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame celebration and will underwrite the 17th Annual SWOSU Athletic Auction & Dinner.

"Pioneer's generous sponsorship allows SWOSU to bring alumni and friends together to recognize our new Hall of Fame inductees," said SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton. "Further, our partnership with Pioneer is a critical part of successfully raising much-needed scholarship dollars for our student athletes."

Silent bidding in the Auction will take place online at www.SWOSUAthleticAuction.com from July 28 - August 8. The main event on August 9 will kick off with a cocktail hour at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

Participants will be able to fellowship while bidding on "Super Silent" items prior to the live auction which will begin at 8:00 p.m. The live auction will feature a wide variety of premium items and experiences available to participants. Tickets and tables for both the Athletic Auction & Dinner and the Hall of Fame Banquet are on sale now. Single tickets for the Auction are \$100 and Tables of 8 are \$1,000. To make your ticket/table purchases or for more information, visit www.SWOSUAthleticAuction.com or contact please contact SWOSU Advancement Coordinator for Athletics Allie Hoang at 580-774-6330 or Allison. hoang@swosu.edu.

Athletic Director Todd Helton, on behalf of the SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame Committee, has announced the Class of 2025 inductees: Meghan (Browning) Harms, Ida (Hoffman) Martin, and Shane Martin.

Meghan (Browning) Harms has been a dedicated supporter of SWOSU athletic programs. As an enthusiastic and effective fundraiser and friendraiser, Harms has played an instrumental role in supporting SWOSU Athletics and the softball team. She was an initial donor to the SWOSU Softball Endowment, providing ongoing support for scholarships, recruitment, and team needs. Harms has also guided additional philanthropic efforts as a new board member of the SWOSU Athletic Association. Currently, she serves as a physician assistant for SWOSU sports medicine, providing sideline medical services for the Bulldogs with Mercy Orthopedic Associates, where she holds a Certificate of Added Qualification (CAQ) in Orthopedics, the first female in the state of Oklahoma to achieve this distinction. A four-year letterwinner for the SWOSU softball team from 2006-2009, Harms appeared in 86 games and was named a 2007 Lone Star Conference All-Academic honoree. She graduated with a degree in Allied Health Science in 2009 and later earned a master's degree in Physician Assistant Studies from Harding University, graduating Magna Cum Laude in 2012.

Meghan Harms is married to Landon Harms, a former SWOSU baseball player, and they have two children, Luke and Owen. Her contributions and commitment to SWOSU Athletics have earned her a place in the SWOSU Athletics Hall of Fame as a contributor.

Ida (Hoffman) Martin was a four-year standout for the SWOSU softball team from 2001-2004. During her career, Martin earned numerous accolades, including the 2004 Lonestar North Co-Player of the Year and three-time First Team Lonestar North selections in 2001, 2002, and 2004. She also received Second Team honors in 2003. Academically, she earned Lone Star Conference All-Academic distinctions three times from 2002-04 and was named an Academic All-District 6 Second Team selection by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) as a senior. Martin was a two-time SWOSU Softball Player of the Year (2003-04) and set multiple records in the SWOSU softball record books by the time her career concluded. She remains the all-time career leader in doubles (56), ranks second in hits (199), second in RBIs (107), and third in total bases (284). She set single-season program records for doubles (19) in 2003 and triples (5) in 2004 that held up for over a decade before finally being surpassed. During her time at SWOSU, Martin was part of two teams that qualified for the postseason. In high school, she was a four-time state tournament qualifier, a state champion in 1997, earned Oklahoma Softball All-State honors in 1999, and graduated as valedictorian from Adair High School in 2000. Martin earned a Doctorate of Pharmacy from SWOSU in 2007 and has worked as a pharmacist near her home of Adair, Oklahoma ever since. She continues to support the SWOSU softball program through the SWOSU Softball Endowment, which was established in 2022. Martin becomes SWOSU's first softball player to be inducted into the hall of fame for athletic achievements.

Shane Martin, a Weatherford native, pitched for the SWOSU baseball team from 2010-2013. He capped his collegiate career off with a ninth-round selection in the 2013 MLB Draft, the first Division II player taken that year. Martin was a unanimous 2013 First Team All-GAC selection and earned All-Region honors from the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA), National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA), and Daktronics that same season. He continues to hold multiple career records in SWOSU's Division II era, including appearances (53), innings pitched (235.2), wins (22), and strikeouts (171). His 11 victories during his senior season represent the most single-season victories in SWOSU's D2 history. Martin also earned All-GAC honors in 2012 as a junior and was a three-time GAC Pitcher of the Week in his career. After his collegiate career, he played professionally for two seasons before further pursuing his education. Martin went on to earn a bachelor's degree in the Science of Nursing from SWOSU in 2016 and a master's degree in the Science of Nurse Anesthesia from Arkansas State in 2022. He currently owns and operates Shanesthesia, providing anesthesia services nationwide, and resides in Hot Springs, AK.

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