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Elk City's Rodeo of Champions Kicks Off the Labor Day Weekend



Alexander Shook / WM

A banner on the intersection of Route 66 and Main Street announcing the Elk City Rodeo's return, hung a few weeks before the event.

Alexander Shook
WOK Contributor

Elk City's annual "Rodeo of Champions" is returning for the 87th time this Labor Day Weekend, August 29th, 30th, and 31st. The event will be hosted at the Beutler Bros. Arena in Ackley Park, referred to on Google Maps as the "Elk City Rodeo Headquarters" (2251 West A Avenue, one block east of the Big Elk Football Stadium).

Stop by and watch some professional performers show off their skills for an adoring audience for 12 hours across three days. Events on display will include bull riding, barrel racing, steer wrestling, and roping. As always, Bennie and Rhett of Beutler & Son will act as the rodeo's stock contractors, providing bucking horses and bulls like they've done since 1938.

For his seventeenth year, Wayne Brooks will be reprising his role as the rodeo's announcer. Dusty Myers is also returning as the Rodeo Clown after first performing for Elk City in 2023. Bullfighters Noah Krepps and Ryder Rich will be filling in for Chuck Swisher and Weston Rukowski. Finally, following last year's rodeo trick rider Dusti Dickerson,

this year's specialty act is "Wisconsin FMX," a freestyle motorcross duo featuring James May alongside Weatherford native Cody Elkins.

As always, the Rodeo Parade will be held on the Saturday before Labor Day. The streets will close at 9AM, with floats lining up at 10AM. The route will start on Main Street just south of the Farmrail train tracks, visiting Third Street, Broadway, Jefferson, Seventh, Washington, and Twelfth. A detailed map is available on the Elk City Chamber of Commerce's Facebook page.

The arena gates open at 6PM on all 3 days, with the rodeo itself lasting from 8PM to 11PM. Tickets for admission can be purchased online by visiting tickets.ElkCityRodeo.com. General admission prices for adults (ages 13 and over) are \$12.50, while kids 6-12 are \$10.50, and kids 5 and under get in for free. Alternatively, Grandstand tickets are also available for presale, priced at \$16.50 per seat. The price will increase to \$20 - \$25 as the show draws nearer. Tickets are sold by attendance date.

For more information, visit their official website at www.ElkCityRodeo.com.

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Willa Switzer

Willa Mae (Bailey) Switzer was born to George and May (Taylor) Bailey on January 24, 1932, in Leedey, OK, and went to be with her heavenly home on Friday, August 15, 2025, in Weatherford, OK.



Willa was raised in Leedey and graduated with the class of 1950. After graduation, she moved to Weatherford and worked at Kelley Jewelers for many years.

On May 14, 1950, she married Roy James "Chick" Switzer in Leedey, OK, and they settled in Weatherford. Willa and Chick had two children, Kent and Drew, leading her to take a break from her job at Kelley Jewelers to focus on raising them. After her children were grown, she returned to Kelley Jewelers, where she worked for several more years.

Willa valued her social life and spending time with friends. She liked golfing, quilting in her free time and participating in bridge club. She enjoyed making quilts for all of her grandchildren. Willa had a great sense of humor and always told the truth, whether you wanted to hear it or not. She will be remembered for being a good friend and for her vibrant friendships.

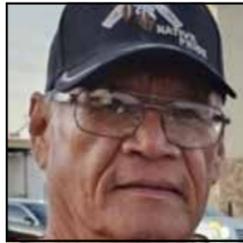
She was a longtime member of the Federated Church.

Willa is survived by her son, Kent Switzer, and his wife, Tammy of Tesuque, New Mexico; grandchildren, Barrett Brown, Blair Penn, Breck Switzer, and Berkley Smith; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, one son, Drew Allen; one brother, W.D. Bailey; and sister-in-law, Joyce Bailey.

Tony Reynolds

Tony Kim Reynolds, aged 63, was born on March 31, 1962, in Clinton, OK, and sadly passed away on August 20, 2025, at St. John's Medical Center in Tulsa, OK.



Tony's traditional Cheyenne name was Vohpenonoma'e (White Thunder). Tony was a beloved son of Roger and Janice (Oldcrow) Reynolds. Prior to his death, he was employed with Lucky Star Casino in Clinton, OK for over ten years. A passionate fisherman, he cherished moments spent at Black Kettle Lake, with his nephews, sharing his love for the outdoors and creating lasting memories. Family was of utmost importance to Tony; he found joy in spending time with his nieces, nephews and a special granddaughter, Bella Standingwater, making every moment special.

An avid music enthusiast, Tony enjoyed the sounds of The Eagles and The Who, and he had a deep appreciation for WWE Wrestling. Additionally, he loved exploring casinos and was a devoted fan of the Minnesota Vikings.

Tony is survived by his wife Karen Reynolds; adopted granddaughter, Bella Standingwater; brothers, Toby Standing Bird, Sheldon Reynolds and wife Jacqueline; sisters, Angeline Lime and husband Gary, Barbara Ann Reynolds; aunt, Viola Hines; uncle, Eugene Bearhead and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parent's Roger and Janice Oldcrow; brother, Alvin Reynolds; sister, JoAnn Reynolds.

Tony's spirit and warmth will be deeply missed by all who knew him. His legacy of love and laughter will forever remain in the hearts of his family and friends.

Jim Phillips

James Lewis "Jim" Phillips, 88 of Elk City, OK was born on June 25, 1937, in Elk City to Henry Edward and Mary Elizabeth (Yadon) Phillips. Jim looked upon the face of his Lord and Savior on Monday, August 18, 2025, at Great Plains Regional Medical Center in Elk City, OK.



Jim was a road and bridge maintenance worker for Roger Mills County, OK, for over 25 years. He treasured sharing the Lords Ministry through his music by playing the guitar and singing in harmony with quartets and choirs. He enjoyed riding horses, and as a young man he enjoyed jumping the train from Carpenter to Elk City.

Jim had a deep personal relationship with the Lord and was a member of the First Assembly of God, Elk City, Oklahoma, where he enjoyed singing in the choir. Jim enjoyed volunteering at Bell Avenue and other Nursing Homes, he would assist the residents with mobility and refreshments. He also enjoyed singing to the residence and felt like part of the staff at Bell Avenue. Jim loved spending time with his family and friends, he will be deeply missed and greatly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Cherishing his memory is his daughter, Tandra Weeks of Independence, Missouri; and three sons, David Phillips of Sayre, OK, Randy Phillips of Clinton, OK, Kevin Phillips of Elk City, OK; fifteen grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren, and many other relatives and friends.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Henry Edward and Mary Elizabeth Phillips; and one brother, Edward Phillips.

Bennie Reed

Bennie Albert Reed, 90 of Elk City, Oklahoma was born on June 25, 1935 in Boise City, OK to John Isaac and Lavada Mae (Fine) Reed. He looked upon the face of his Lord and Savior on Wednesday, August 20, 2025, at Great Plains



Regional Medical Center in Elk City, Oklahoma surrounded by his loving family.

Bennie married the love of his life, Norma Jean Laxson on March 20, 1954, at Boise City, OK. Together they spent many wonderful years of marriage together and raised four children, Davey, Christy, Phyllis and Johnny.

Bennie was employed at ElPaso Natural Gas for thirty-nine years retiring in 1994, After his retirement he worked for JMAC for twenty years.

He was passionate about working, and enjoyed hunting, attending air shows, going to auctions and collecting antiques. Most of all he truly loved his grandchildren and going to their sporting events.

Bennie had a deep personal relationship with God and was a member of Gateway Church, Elk City, Oklahoma. He treasured spending time with his family and friends, he will be deeply missed and greatly remembered by all who knew and loved him.

Cherishing his memory is his loving wife, Jean Reed of Elk City, OK; one son, Johnny Reed and his wife, Holly of Yukon, OK; two daughters, Christy Lamar of Smyrna, Tennessee, Phyllis Kinkead and her husband, Mark of Amarillo, Texas; six grandchildren, Craig Kinkead of Elk City, OK, Jason Kinkead of Bryan, Texas, Rachel Southammavong of Smyrna, Tennessee, Sarah Huston of Smyrna, Tennessee, Blake Reed of Cordell, OK, Brooklyn Torres of Yukon, OK; six great grandchildren; one sister, Georgia McMillon of Henderson, Nevada; and numerous other friends and relatives.

Bennie was preceded in death by his parents, John Isaac and Lavada Mae Reed; one son, Davey Reed, and one brother, Luther Lee Reed.

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Churches were losing more members than they were gaining. The chief Justice of the United States, John Marshall wrote to James Madison, "The church is too far gone ever to be redeemed." Only two believers were found in the student body in Princeton. Christians were so few on campus in the 1790's that they had to meet in secret, keeping their minutes in a secret code so that no one would know.

How did the situation chance?

A movement called the Union of Prayer swept through Great Britain. It crossed over the Atlantic to the United States. Issac Backus, a Baptist pastor, in 1794 called for the urgent need for prayer for revival to pastors of every Christian denomination in the United States. Soon the churches were united in a network of prayer on the first Monday of each month.

The frontier of Kentucky was a lawless territory where outlaws held the upper hand. A Scotch-Irish Methodist minister, named James McGready, who was so ugly that he attracted attention, promoted a concert of prayer every first Monday of the month. He got people to pray for him from sunset on Saturday evening until sunrise on Sunday morning. Then in the summer of 1800, came the great Kentucky revival. Eleven thousand people came to a communion service.

Orr writes that, "out of that movement came the call for the abolition of slavery, Sunday schools, Bible societies, and evangelistic fervor."

In the following two segments of Higher Ground I will share about other great prayer movements that changed the course of our history. Today, in most of our churches, fervent, heart-felt pray for conviction of sin and the call of repentance is seldom heard. Prayer is relegated to the beginning and ending of a service or class, and then only prayers for the sick or the offering of praise. These are important but intercession for the lost is not at the forefront. Corporate prayer is not a consideration.

I close with this prayer from Wesley Duewel, a great man of prayer. "Lord, teach me to pray, teach me to pray. Fill my heart with your hunger, my eyes with your tears, my soul with your hatred of sin. Fill my will with the strength to resist the devil in prayer, and fill my spirit with the mighty power of the Holy Spirit so I can pray with mighty prevailing prayer. Lord, teach me to pray."

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Space City's Astronaut Unveiled on Route 66



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The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce recently hosted a Ribbon Cutting & Dedication ceremony for the highly anticipated "Route 66 Spaceman," featuring speeches from Lieutenant Governor Matt Pinnel (pictured) and various chamber members.



Provided

An aerial shot taken during the "Route 66 Birthday Bash" showcasing a stage where Jaxen Mannering and the Road Dawgs played, Weatherford's new Route 66 Spaceman, and a slew of vendors.

CADDO COUNTY / FATALITY - The Oklahoma Highway Patrol (OHP) recently reported that a Weatherford resident died in a one vehicle accident on State Highway 58 in Caddo County. OHP says the deceased has been identified as 21-year-old Creed Kraus.

BECKHAM COUNTY / ACEVEDO - Jury trial for an Elk City man charged with murder has been scheduled for December 1st in Beckham County District Court. 38-year-old Jose Antonio Acevedo allegedly sold the deadly drugs that resulted in the death of another person. During an investigation, officers uncovered evidence linking Acevedo to the distribution of fentanyl-laced pills. Authorities say Acevedo allegedly sold the victim five fentanyl pills for \$50 just days before his death.

CORDELL / NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY The Cordell School Board of Education recently approved the creation of a National Honor Society (NHS) chapter for high school students in the district. "We really don't have an NHS chapter, but it's something that our kids can put on their transcript," High School Counselor Holly Campbell explained. "For the students (that) qualify, they can wear a stole at graduation. It also puts them in a line for higher scholarships." Campbell says the program will be open to students from their sophomore year through senior year. To qualify, students must attend Cordell High School for one semester prior to applying and maintain a 3.0 GPA.

SWOSU / LOFTIN DEATH - Officials with Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) say SWOSU Athletic Hall of Fame Women's Basketball Coach and five-time national champion John Loftin has died. He leaves behind a remarkable legacy of championships, mentorships, and lasting impact at SWOSU. Funeral services will be shared once available.

ARAPAHO / NEW RESOURCE OFFICER Custer County Deputy Sheriff Louis Flowers shared that the Arapaho-Butler school district has hired a new school resource officer. "He just graduated from their school this summer a couple of months ago. He's already up [at the] school three days a week." Flowers said the next step for Arapaho-Butler schools would be to begin a D.A.R.E. program for the district.

GEARY / HACK ATTEMPT - Officials with the city of Geary and its municipal court say due to an attempt to hack the online payment portal, they cannot process any type of payments including municipal court fines with debit or credit cards until further notice. However, personal and cashier's checks, money orders, and cash will be accepted. Check or money order payments must be made payable to the city of Geary.

CLINTON / ROUTE 66 FESTIVAL - The Clinton Chamber of Commerce is gearing up for its upcoming Route 66 Festival set for September. The event will feature a car show, a kid's area, and various vendors. "We're calling this the final lap [before] the Centennial. Everybody's pumped up for next year," shared Chamber President Julie Caldwell. The annual Route 66 Festival has been scheduled for September 13th in Clinton.

SWOSU / ENROLLMENT - After years of pandemic related struggles, Southwestern Oklahoma State University is seeing enrollment climb again, according to President Dr. Diana Lovell. "Our first-year class is absolutely massive. This includes quite a few concurrent [enrollments], but there are 12,155 in the freshman class. They're excited to be here. They're vibrant. You can just feel the difference. We're finally recovering as a society from COVID," expressed Lovell. The city of Weatherford has also seen remarkable growth during this time.

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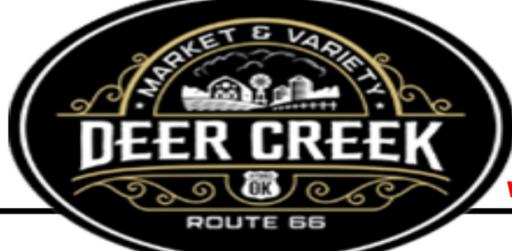
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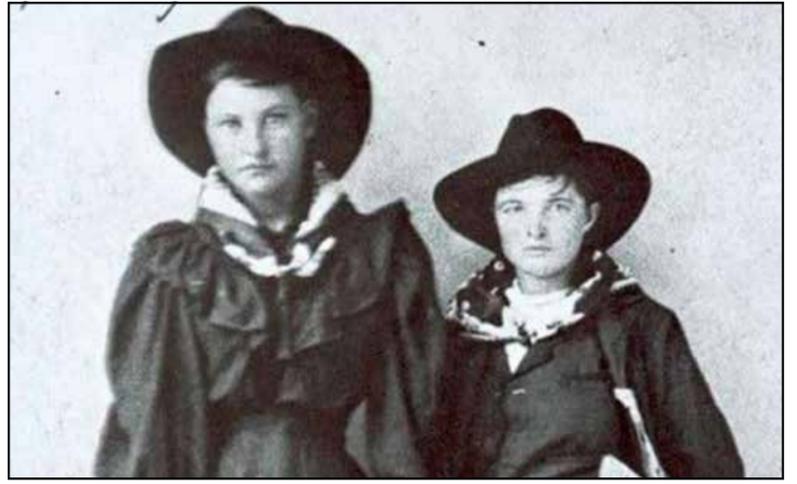
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The poster for 1981's "Cattle Annie & Little Britches."



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A photo of Anna "Cattle Annie" McDoulet (left) and Jennie "Little Britches" Stevens (right).

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Anna "Cattle Annie" McDoulet and Jennie "Little Britches" Stevens didn't fit the typical image of 1890s outlaws. Born in the early 1880s, they grew up on dime-novel tales of frontier bandits and were accomplished riders and shots by their early teens. Restless for adventure, the girls left home and drifted into Oklahoma Territory where Bill Doolin's Wild Bunch was making headlines. Newspapers soon dubbed Annie and Jennie the "notorious girl outlaws."

Their crimes were mostly opportunistic: they stole horses to support themselves, sold whiskey to Native Americans and, most notably, acted as lookouts, alerting the Doolin gang whenever lawmen were near. What set them apart was their audacity. They dressed in men's clothes, packed pistols on their hips and were widely admired for their marksmanship. One posse member later commented that, despite their youth, "they showed fight" during encounters with deputies. Their boldness caught the public's imagination; articles chronicled how the girls "roamed the Territory stealing horses and selling whisky" and boasted that both could "shoot like a man".

The girls' exploits reached a climax in August 1895. Little Britches had been arrested in Pawnee but, astonishingly, slipped away from her guard, tore off her dress, and galloped off on a deputy's horse.

A few days later a posse led by U.S. Marshal Bill Tilghman and Deputy Steve Burke tracked both girls to a remote cabin.

Little Britches burst out firing her Winchester and tried to flee again. Tilghman shot her horse from under her and, after a fierce scuffle, wrestled her into handcuffs. Cattle Annie was caught as she tried to climb out a cabin window; Deputy Burke grabbed her gun and hauled the 13-year-old back inside. The teen outlaws' run was over. Convicted of horse theft and bootlegging whiskey, the girls were sent east to the women's reformatory in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Jennie, tried under her married name Midkiff, was sentenced to two years but released after one for good behavior. Annie was paroled early because of poor health and briefly stayed in New England before returning to Oklahoma.

Their sentences marked the end of their brief outlaw careers. In later years both chose ordinary lives. Annie married twice, raised children in Oklahoma City, worked as a bookkeeper and lived quietly until her death in 1978 at age 95. Little Britches also married and is believed to have settled in the Tulsa area. Details of her later years are sparse but sources suggest she led a law-abiding life. Their notorious youth was largely forgotten within their own communities.

Yet the legend endured. Dime-novel writers and later Hollywood embellished their association with the Wild Bunch, implying they were Doolin's trusted scouts or partners in robbery. Historical records show their crimes were minor and that their capture owed more to local sheriffs and deputy marshals than to famous lawmen.

Still, the image of two teenage girls defying deputies and firing Winchesters left a powerful impression. Their story was dramatized in the 1981 movie Cattle Annie and Little Britches, which further romanticized their escapades and cemented their place in Western folklore. The film, starring Amanda Plummer and Diane Lane, portrayed the girls as spunky sidekicks to outlaw legends, like Doolin (played by Burt Lancaster, and introduced them to new audiences decades after their deaths.

The tale of Cattle Annie and Little Britches remains a small but impactful footnote to Oklahoma's lawless era. While their actual crimes were petty compared to those of the Doolin gang they admired, their youth and bravado captivated the frontier. Their story, though often exaggerated, continues to fascinate historians and Western-movie fans alike. For some entertainment into the past, definitely suggest checking out the movie on streaming services or the book Cattle Annie & Little Britches by Robert Ward.

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Lady Bulldogs Add 10 for 2025-2026 Season



Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU head women's basketball coach Jeff Zinn has announced that 10 new student-athletes will join the Lady Bulldogs for the 2025-26 season.

"We're thrilled to welcome a talented recruiting class of 10 young women who we believe can compete at the national level," said Zinn. "We're eager to get them on campus and start building chemistry with our five returning players — a key step to getting off to a strong start."

The incoming group includes six freshmen and four transfers. "Each of these student-athletes brings exceptional ability, and we can't wait to begin working with them," expressed Zinn.

SWOSU is coming off a 16-13 season that saw the Lady Bulldogs qualify for the Great American Conference Tournament for the second straight year, ultimately falling to Southeastern Oklahoma State — a team that went on to reach the championship game.



Landry Allen - Tuttle, OK
6'3 | Junior | Forward

Landry will be a huge addition, providing inside and outside scoring along with shot blocking, rebounding, and great vision passing. She played 46 OU games in two years, playing key role minutes for one of the best Division 1 programs in the country. At Tuttle High School, she was a two-time Super 5 selection, 2021 State Champ and 4A State Tournament MVP. She was a 4-Star Recruit and No.10 center in ESPN's 2023 class.



Payten Conde - Little River, TX (OBU)
5'10 | Junior | Guard

Payten is an elite shooter and a long defender. She brings some great GAC experience starting 28 of 29 games for an Oklahoma Baptist team who won 20 games and finished as the 3-seed a year ago. She shot 43% from the field at OBU and had a game where she went 6-6 from the 3-point line versus the Lady Dawgs."



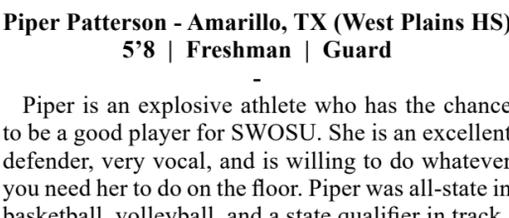
Kassidy Russell - McLean, TX
5'8 | Freshman | Guard

"Kasidy is the most well-rounded athlete in the class after playing four sports in high school and excelling in all of them. She scored over 2,000 points in high school all over the court and was all-state for basketball. In tennis, she advanced to the state semifinals. In track, she placed top-5 in the state in 300-meter hurdles. In rodeo she placed top-3 in the nation in breakaway roping."



Elle Papahronis - Edmond, OK (SFU)
5'11 | Sophomore | Guard

Elle brings a lot to our program including leadership, toughness, and versatility. She played in 31 games for San Francisco last year and was the WCC Conference Freshman of the Week after having an outing of 15 points and nine rebounds in one game. Elle is a 2-time state champion at Edmond North High School. She was an Adidas 3SSB All-American during her time playing summer basketball



Piper Patterson - Amarillo, TX (West Plains HS)
5'8 | Freshman | Guard

Piper is an explosive athlete who has the chance to be a good player for SWOSU. She is an excellent defender, very vocal, and is willing to do whatever you need her to do on the floor. Piper was all-state in basketball, volleyball, and a state qualifier in track.



Zoe Wittler - Fredrick, CO
5'6 | Freshman | Guard

We look forward to developing Zoe at the point guard position. She is a tenacious defender and has an excellent shooting stroke. She is an all-conference performer and Team MVP at Frederick High School.

Wrigley Adkisson - Sapulpa, OK
6'1 | Freshman | Forward

We are very excited to get to work with Wrigley. She adds great size, strength, and speed to develop into a great player at the forward position for us. She was an All-State basketball player and a contributor on the 2023 State Championship team.



Lacy Brough - Commerce, OK
5'3 | Freshman | Guard

Lacy is a terrific athlete who is very mentally and physically tough. She scored 1,766 points in her high school basketball career. She was all-state in basketball, cross-country, and earned 2 state medals in track.



Maddie Moeller - San Diego, CA
5'11 | Freshman | Guard

Maddie is a tall guard who brings strengths all around to the court. She was voted Second Team All-San Diego and led her team to a conference championship during their 2024 season. She also broke 1,000-points during her senior season.



Kiara Smith - Midwest City, OK (Lindenwood)
5'8 | Sophomore | Guard

Kiara is a strong addition to the guard position and will have the ability to play point guard or the off-guard position for us. She is extremely strong and athletic and excels at getting to the basket, passing, and defense. She logged some great minutes at Lindenwood prior to injury. Kiara was rated the #1 combo guard in Oklahoma while playing for Douglas High School.



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72 Bulldogs Named D2 ADA Academic Achievement Award Winners



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The Division II Athletic Directors Association (D2 ADA)

announced the 2024-25 recipients of the D2 ADA Academic Achievement Awards. In its 18th year, the Academic Achievement Awards is a program that recognizes the academic accomplishments of student-athletes at the Division II level.

SWOSU had 72 student-athletes earn the honor this year. SWOSU's softball program led all Bulldog teams with 12 recipients, followed by baseball and volleyball with 11 apiece.

To qualify for this honor, the following must occur: The AD must be a current dues-paying member of the D2 ADA; Student-athlete must have: a cumulative Grade Point Average of 3.5 or higher on a 4.0 scale; have attended a minimum of two years (four semesters) of college level work; and have been an active member of an intercollegiate team during the last academic year

The following Bulldogs were recognized for 2024-2025:

Garrett Coiner - Baseball
Ryan Dugas - Baseball
Ty Eastwood - Baseball
Eric Foufoulas - Baseball
Kellen Frizzell - Baseball
Zane Leonard - Baseball
Philip Sanders - Baseball
Kael Shelite - Baseball
Marshyl Stennett - Baseball
Trey Thomas - Baseball
Rusty Wortman - Baseball
Breegan Barnett - Track & Field
Samantha Kuzma - Track & Field
Jaci Shelton - Track & Field
Makenlee Shieldnight - Track & Field
Marleigh West - Track & Field
Delaney York - Track & Field
Makenlee Shieldnight - Cross Country
Kenneth Daughy III - Men's Basketball
Kaysen Gipson - Men's Basketball
Ryan Carlisle - Men's Golf
Caspar Graf - Men's Golf
Otto Heden - Men's Golf
Lukas Hendricks - Men's Golf

Sutton McMillan - Men's Golf
Mariano Racca - Men's Golf
Julie Andersen - Women's Soccer
Fallon Brock - Women's Soccer
Elise LaForge - Women's Soccer
Ashlyn Stigall - Women's Soccer
Ruth Vasquez - Women's Soccer
Kaylee Barkley - Softball
Rees Berkey - Softball
Chesnie Hewitt - Softball
Jadyn Hook - Softball
Riley Lusk - Softball
Jaycee McKee - Softball
Taylor McMahon - Softball
Shallen Mershon - Softball
Kylie Morton - Softball
Maddie Rahon - Softball
Kirsten Sudderth - Softball
Sierra Woods - Softball
Rees Berkey - Women's Basketball
Chloe Cantrell - Women's Basketball
Lanie Gooch - Women's Basketball
Mason Jones - Women's Basketball
Maebry Shields - Women's Basketball

Averi Zinn - Women's Basketball
Layni Zinn - Women's Basketball
Libbi Zinn - Women's Basketball
Ashlyn Acosta - Women's Golf
Drew Dodgion - Women's Golf
Lucia Rivas - Women's Golf
Freya Sala - Women's Golf
Bodie Boydston - Football
Logan Monroe - Football
Baylor Nash - Football
Elijah Reed - Football
Zack Roberts - Football
Rodney Tai - Football
Maddie Clark - Volleyball
Lauren DeSantiago - Volleyball
Keke Holloway - Volleyball
Jenna Houk - Volleyball
Libbie Hughs - Volleyball
Samantha Kuzma - Volleyball
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