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SWOSU Unveils Completed Hodge Pharmacy Center in Private Event



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A display case commemorating Jerry Hodge at the SWOSU College of Pharmacy's new Rural Health Center. It features a few paragraphs detailing his contributions to SWOSU and the field of pharmacy.



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The SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement's Executive Director, Garrett King, gives his opening remarks in front of a wall containing various pharmaceutical memorabilia.

Nearly four years since breaking ground, SWOSU held a dedication ceremony for their recently finished Jerry and Margaret Hodge Pharmacy and Rural Health Center this past Thursday, March 12th. The center promises to expand SWOSU's Nursing, Allied Health and Pharmacy programs as well as the community health services offered by SWOSU's Center for Rural Health.

Leaders from across Western Oklahoma gathered in the newly opened Hodge Center to speak on what the future holds for SWOSU and the Hodge Center.

"For a hundred and twenty-five years, Southwestern has provided services and prepared professionals to serve where they're needed, most often in rural communities that we call home." Said SWOSU's

Interim President Joel Kendall, "this facility builds on that legacy. We will use this facility to train healthcare professionals. We'll use it to expand healthcare access for citizens, and we're gonna use it to increase the viability and visibility of Western Oklahoma."

"For rural Oklahoma, healthcare access remains one of our greatest challenges," said Kalie Kerth SWOSU's Director of Rural Health. "Many communities face shortages of healthcare professionals and limited access to service. The center represents an investment in solutions by preparing future pharmacists and healthcare professionals who will serve communities like the ones many of us call home."

Almost 36% of Oklahoma's residents live in rural communities according to the United Health Foundation and over the past decade more than 100 rural hospitals have closed, according to the Center for Healthcare Quality and Payment Reform. Along with these hospital closings only about 12% of the United States physicians work in rural communities of which these rural communities comprise roughly 20% of The United State's Population, according to the WWAMI Rural Health Research Center. The Hodge Center seeks to address these compounding issues regarding access to healthcare for rural communities and SWOSU is positioning itself to better serve the communities that provides many of it's student base.



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Maude Washa

Maude Jean (Wahnee) Washa was born to Myers and Maggie Tahome (Poolant) Wahnee on October 9, 1952, in Anadarko, Oklahoma and passed away on March 5, 2026, in Oklahoma City, OK.



Maude was one of 7 children in the Wahnee family. Many years of Maude's childhood were spent in Pawhuska, Oklahoma before the family moved to Anadarko in 1963. She was active in the high school marching band and was a member of the Indian Club at Anadarko High School, graduating in 1970.

After high school, Maude studied Art at Southwestern State College. This is where she met Jasper Homer Washa and they were soon married. The couple made their home in Weatherford and welcomed two sons, Jasper, Jr. and Stephen. Maude worked at 3M until they moved to Oklahoma City where she was employed with Walmart. In 1991, they moved back to Weatherford and drove semi-trucks for a brief time. Maude soon became a homemaker and also took care of her nephew, Cameron. Maude loved sewing, going to the casino and playing bingo. She was also a part of her grandchildren's lives and enjoyed time spent with family.

Maude was preceded in death by her parents, Myers and Maggie Wahnee; husband, Jasper Washa, Sr.; son, Jasper Washa, Jr.; sister, Blanche Wahnee; brother, Stuart Wahnee; and grandparents, Stephen James and Metah Jane (Goombi) Poolant. She is survived by her son, Stephen Washa; sisters, Wanda Priddy and Joy Wahnee; brothers, Myers Wahnee, Jr. and Ernest Wahnee; grandchildren, Nickolas Washa, Ailill Washa, Alexander Washa, Connor Washa, Braden Washa; and nephew, Cameron Yazzie.

Dale Taff

Dale Ray Taff was born in Carnegie, Oklahoma on January 11, 1949 to Earl and Opal (Smith) Taff and passed away in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on March 5, 2026 at the age of 77.



Dale was raised in Eakly and graduated from Eakly High School in 1967. Following high school, he earned an Associate's Degree in Business from Southwestern Oklahoma State University. From 1969-1975 he was in the National Guard. It was during this time that his father, Earl, passed away and Dale returned closer to help run the family farm.

Dale met Neva Jo Clear and they were married on April 16, 1971 at Eakly Methodist Church. The couple made their home in Eakly and welcomed 3 children - Robyn Renee, Brady Shane and Dusty Shaun.

Dale was a farmer and rancher and spent his whole life in Eakly on the farm. He enjoyed raising cattle, gardening and his famous dog "Cookie the Cowdog" and not to mention, his baby "Peewee the Weenie Dog". Dale was also known to meet his coffee drinking buddies everyday, often several times a day.

He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Robyn Harris; grandson, Kelby Harris; and brother, Ivan Earl Taff.

Dale is survived by his wife, Neva Jo Taff of the home; son, Brady Taff of Weatherford, Oklahoma; son, Dusty Taff and wife, Lyndi of Jasper Texas; grandchildren, Kody Harris, Cutter Taff, Cooper Taff, Kasten Taff, Kynli Taff and Keagan Taff; sister, Mona Jean Suter; bonus children, Lance Harris and wife, Elizabeth, Gregg Clear and wife, Mikka and Jacob Jewell and wife, Bethany.

Kathy Hollister

Kathy Hollister was called to her heavenly home peacefully in her sleep on Thursday, February 26, 2026. The family lost their beloved Mother, Wife and Grandma. Kathy was a dear friend to all.



Kathy was born on November 22, 1957 in Fullerton, California to Ronnie McCartin and her mother, Bernadine (Amanda) Waters Lopez. She was the youngest of 5 children and the only girl. She grew up a tomboy and loved being outdoors, and near the water.

Kathy was the proud mother of her two children, daughter, Jamie (Davis) Thomas, and son, Michael Davis. Pursuing a better job opportunity, she moved her family to Tucson, Arizona where her mother and step-father were living.

Kathy met Hilon H. Hollister, III during an adventure tubing down the Salt River in Arizona. They were introduced through his mother, Nina Taylor, who worked with Kathy at IBM. The couple married on December 11, 1986, in Tucson, Arizona. They were surrounded by family and loved ones in the living room of their family home. The family continued to make several trips each summer to tube along the river and camp, cherished memories they will carry forever.

For over 3 decades, Kathy worked as a production supervisor for a data manufacturing company. This job is what brought the family to Weatherford, Oklahoma. She was a boss that would get out on the production floor and work alongside her employees. Leading by example, staff would trade amongst each other to join her crew. She was known for being hardworking, fair, but having a little fun with her onery flair, while getting the job done. Over the years, she gained the respect of all those who worked for her and alongside her. Kathy started out at IBM, later 3M, and had the joy of working alongside her husband for two decades. Later, when 3M became Imation, their son, Michael, began working there with his parents as well.

In early 2000, Imation started closing as it transferred overseas. Kathy then started her adventure working at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in July 2008. At SWOSU, Kathy held many positions. She was voted favorite staff member by the students of the dorm she was assigned. She retired on June 30th, 2019 as the assistant manager to the University's cafeteria. She loved working with the students and being a host to the International Students for holidays, always inviting those without family to come celebrate with her own family.

After retirement, Kathy enjoyed spending time with her family, and her dogs: basset hound, Janis and her protector, Sig, a rottweiler, who were both spoiled beyond measure. The family enjoyed camping at the lake often. Kathy and Hilon would pull the camper to the lake and the kids would come and visit. She always loved being near the water. Kathy had a green thumb and enjoyed gardening and having flowers around the house. The couple also enjoyed riding on their Harley-Davidson Fat Boy motorcycle. They took yearly trips to Laughlin, Nevada to visit Hi's mother and step-father, going to motorcycle rallies. Their son, Michael, would often join them on these trips. Kathy and Hilon celebrated 42 years together in December.

Kathy was loved by all who encountered her. She would always make it a priority to include everyone and she never met a stranger. Making sure everyone was having a good time and getting fed was a priority to her. Kathy and her husband were known locally for their garage gatherings on Friday nights. "If the garage lights are on and the door's up, stop on by". And a good time was sure to be had by all who stopped.

Kathy was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Lorne Lopez; older brothers, Terry and Carey Hunt; father and mother-in-law, Marshall "Gene" and Nina Taylor; father-in-law, Hilon H. Hollister II, and his mother, Romaine Hollister. She was greeted by many other friends and family members who passed during her time with us.

She is survived by the loves of her life, her husband of 42 years, Hilon, of the home in Hydro, Oklahoma; daughter, Jamie (Davis) Thomas; son, Michael Davis of Hydro, Oklahoma, his daughter and her beloved granddaughter, Michaela Davis and her husband Dakota of Yukon, Oklahoma; brother, Kevin McCartin in Tucson, Arizona; and oldest brother, Barry Hunt and his wife, Pam of Lake Tahoe, California. Kathy also has several nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly, along with their children, living in Montana, Arizona, and New York. Her extended family also survive her, mother-in-law, Brenda Hollister and sister-in-law, Jada Hollister and husband Edwin, their children Emmerie and Elijah (Kathy's buddy).

Her many friends and coworkers will all grieve her sudden loss as well as all those who met her and loved her on this journey.

Lord our hearts are heavy with sorrow, but we take comfort in knowing you are with her. We thank you for the gift of our Mothers life. We are grateful for her selfless love, her sacrifices, and the lessons she taught us. May her memory be a blessing. May her soul rest in peace and her light continue to shine through us.



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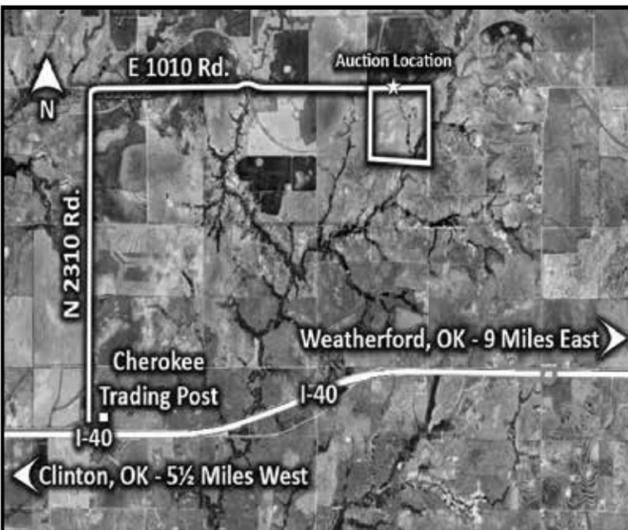


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**Thomas-Fay-Custer High School Announces
 Valedictorians & Salutatorians for Class of 2026**



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TFC High School has named seven Valedictorians. Pictured, from left: Preston Payne, Jaelyn Koontz, Macy Bidy, Shelby Ridenour, McCartney Lisle, Jorgen Stewart, and Griffin Payne.



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TFC High School has also named four Salutatorians. Pictured, from left: Collier Luetkemeyer, Taylor Ridenour, Makenzie McGuire, and Brayden Cowan.

Rep. Moore Given Legislative Advocate Award



Heston Wright / WM

The Select Oklahoma Board has presented the Select Oklahoma Legislative Advocate Award to State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton on Tuesday, March 10, at the State Capitol. "It meant a lot to me from such a great group that touches every corner of Oklahoma. I did not see that coming," expressed Moore.

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“WORKlahoma,” Work Ready Oklahoma’s touring job fair, is setting up for their bi-annual networking event in Weatherford on Thursday, April 16, from 11AM - 2PM. It will be hosted at SWOSU’s Pioneer Event Center (900 N 7th St).

This will mark the fifth WORKlahoma Job Fair since Work Ready Oklahoma set up their Weatherford branch in 2024. Organizers have reported up to 150 job seekers ready to learn about your business and career opportunities.

Worklahoma seeks to prepare job seekers by providing mini-interview opportunities with hiring businesses. The event will also be offering free headshots courtesy of *Jessy Frizzell Photography*

for your LinkedIn, resume, and elsewhere.

Workshops will also be available throughout 2026, providing help with resume-polishing and interview skills. Their next workshop will be held from March 23-27 at their Weatherford office (1501 Lera Dr., Suite 5).

To register, please scan the QR Code above or visit www.jotform.com/260274165401146. All events hosted by Work Ready Oklahoma are free to the job-seeking public.

For more information, find them on Facebook at “Work Ready Weatherford” or visit their website at WorkReadyOklahoma.com. Any other questions may be sent to Shandi Coleman at 580-302-9707 or by emailing shandi@wro-weatherford.com.

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PUGH / SUPERINTENDENT - Senate Education Committee Chair Adam Pugh spoke at the most recent Weatherford Rotary meeting, where he announced his plans to run for State Superintendent of Public Instruction. “I’m running for this position because I want to lead this agency,” explained Pugh. “It’s a skill set I learned first and foremost in the military, how to lead a super diverse organization.” Senator Pugh emphasizes the importance of improving literacy rates and supporting teachers as key components of his campaign.

ELK CITY / PROJECTS - Three major projects in Elk City have been completed. City Manager Tom Ivester said projects at the airport, police and fire departments are complete, with a downtown project entering the wrap-up phase. “The Main Street project with Oklahoma Department of Transportation should be completely done within the next 30 days. That’s about an 18-month project that’s coming to an end.” Additionally, Ivester revealed the city is about one-third of the way complete on a 2 mile waterline replacement project.

CLINTON / LEGISLATIVE LUNCH - The Clinton Chamber of Commerce will hold a legislative lunch next month. The event will feature speakers include State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton and Senator Darcy Jech of Kingfisher. The luncheon will be held inside the Frisco Conference Center, April 3rd, beginning at noon.

CUSTER COUNTY / SULFATE - Custer County OSU Extension Director, Larry Bryen, says sulfate levels have been discovered in many areas of western Oklahoma, including water wells and ponds. “When [sulfate levels] get over 2,000 mg/L, it’s not good for livestock or human consumption, basically, which is due to the water table being slow,” explained Bryen. Normal rates for the area run up to 1,200 mg/L, which “can be a laxative to cattle, but once you’re used to it, we’re in pretty good shape.” High sulfate rates are also being.

WEATHERFORD / PORKAPALOOZA - Porkapalooza returns to Weatherford on April 17th, but with some changes from previous years. “It is not going to be a sanctioned tournament. This will be more of your homegrown barbecue champions, and we want to see what you got and invite everyone out to participate,” says Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kim Silman. “We’ll have live music, the SWOSU spring football game, a beer garden, vendors, and food trucks.”

ELK CITY / MEAL PROGRAM - Elk City Schools Superintendent Mike Sparks says district students are already getting free breakfast and lunch. The district has also recently been approved to offer a third meal during after school hours. “[Thanks to] the USDA, all children in our community, ages 2 to 18, they don’t have to be Elk City students, can now get a third meal from 3:15 to 4:30 at our elementary school cafeteria for free,” explained Sparks. “Since we became a CEP eligible school, the number of students that we are feeding, we’ve seen a really significant increase in our academic performance.” March 16 marked the fourth week since the district began offering its after-school meal program. An average of 95 students are taking advantage of the third meal.

WTC / NEW SUPERINTENDENT - Jay Edelen has been named as Western Technology Center’s superintendent for the 2026-27 school year. The announcement was made by WTC’s Director of Marketing Sarah Hirshman. Edelen currently serves as the superintendent for Arapaho-Butler Public Schools.

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Oklahoma History: Beatlemania in the Sooner State (and the Nation)



Provided by "The Beatles Bible"

The Beatles with Ed Sullivan in behind-the-scenes photos from the February 9th, 1964 episode of "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

On a cold Sunday evening in early February 1964, televisions across Oklahoma flickered to life as families tuned in to CBS's The Ed Sullivan Show. Families huddled in front of black-and-white screens. In Studio 50 in Manhattan, a mere 728 people sat waiting for four unknown lads from Liverpool. The band who was taking the world by storm, were The Beatles, and the performance was legendary. Seen by an estimated 73 million viewers in 23.24 million homes, The Beatles' first American broadcast was the largest audience in television history at that time. For the hour show, four out of every five televisions were watching the same thing.

That first appearance on February 9, 1964 immediately became the cultural hinge of the early-1960s. Nationally, the shows delivered extraordinary audience numbers (commonly reported at roughly three-quarters of the U.S. TV audience on Feb 9, with a similarly massive turnout on Feb 16). It began with Ed Sullivan introducing the group with a telegram sent by Elvis Presley and his manager Colonel Tom Parker:

"Congratulations on your appearance on The Ed Sullivan show and your visit to America. We hope your engagement will be a successful one and your visit be pleasant. Give our best to Mr. Sullivan."
Sincerely, Elvis & The Colonel.

They sang 'All My Loving,' 'Till There Was You,' and 'She Loves You' for the first half of the show, followed by guest interviews with Georgia Brown & Oliver Kidds, Frank Gorshin, and Tessie O'Shea. At the end of the show, The Beatles returned on-stage to perform 'I Saw Her Standing There' and 'I Want To Hold Your Hand.'

During the rehearsal before, George Harrison was unable to perform, feeling ill, and their road manager Neil Aspinall took over for the debut.

"I stood in for him so that he could mark where everyone would stand, I had a guitar strapped around me. It wasn't plugged in - and it was amazing to read in a major American magazine a few days later that I 'played a mean guitar.'"

Also before the evening debut, they recorded another performance for coming weeks broadcasts before they'd be heading back to Liverpool.

The legendary performances almost never were as Ringo Starr famously mentioned the difficulty of tuning for the show,

"The main thing I was aware of when we did the first Ed Sullivan Show was that we rehearsed all afternoon. TV had such bad sound equipment [and then] it was really bad - that we would tape our rehearsals and go up and mess with the dials in the control booth. We got it all set with the engineer there, and then we went off for a break.

The story is that while we were out, the cleaner came in to clean the room and the console, thought, 'what are all these chalk marks?' and wiped them off. So our plans went out the window. We had a real hasty time trying to get the sound right."

But they did, and their performances continue to live on with new generations able to watch the performances and recording online like through YouTube, with the iconic opening from Ed Sullivan, "Ladies and Gentlemen. The Beatles!"

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Feeding site applications are now open for the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma's Summer Feeding Program. Through the Summer Feeding Program, children up to the age of 18 can receive free, nutritious meals and snacks when school is not in session.

"During the summer months, thousands of Oklahoma children lose access to healthy, nutritious meals they need to thrive," said Stacy Dykstra, chief executive officer of the Regional Food Bank. "This program helps ensure no child has to worry where their next meal will come from."

The Summer Feeding Program will begin on June 1 and will run through Aug. 8. This is a federal nutrition program managed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and distributed through the Oklahoma State Department of Education. Interested sites must be in an area where the assigned school attendance has at least 50 percent of children receiving free or reduced-price lunches. Sites may be at schools, nonprofits, churches, community centers, libraries or parks and recreation locations, and must be located apart from other Summer Feeding Program sites. These sites must be approved by both the Regional Food Bank and the Oklahoma State Department of Education.

Congregate and non-congregate site applications are available. Congregate sites must have an appropriate place for children to eat and must choose mealtimes approved by the Regional Food Bank. Any changes to mealtimes must be pre-approved by the Regional Food Bank.

Non-congregate applications are available for rural areas where no congregated meal service is available. Non-congregate meal distribution consists of meal pick-up. These include pre-packaged meals for children to take home. Examples of meal pickup include grab and go or curbside service.

These sites must have an appropriate place for meals to be handed out such as a drive-thru setup for grab and go or designated parking for families to use to enter the building for meal pick-up.

Non-congregate applications will stay open through Friday, April 10, and congregated applications will close on Friday, April 17.

Apply to become a congregated or non-congregate feeding site by scanning the QR code above. You can also learn more about the Summer Feeding Program by visiting rfbo.org/summermeals.

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About the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma

The Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma is leading the fight against hunger in 53 counties in central and western Oklahoma and envisions a state where no one goes hungry. Founded in 1980, the Regional Food Bank is the state's largest domestic hunger-relief 501(c)(3) nonprofit that distributes food through a network of community-based partner agencies and schools. The majority of people served by the Regional Food Bank are chronically hungry children, seniors living on fixed incomes and hardworking families struggling to make ends meet. The Regional Food Bank is a member of Feeding America, the nation's network of food banks. To join the fight to end hunger, visit rfbo.org.

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Arapaho-Butler's Lillian Roush Pages for Pro Tempore Anthony Moore



Tricia Pemberton
House Republican Comms

Lillian Roush, a senior at Arapaho-Butler High School paged for House Speaker Pro Tempore Anthony Moore, R-Clinton, from March 2-5 at the State Capitol. It was her second time to serve as a House page for Pro Tem Moore.

Lillian is the daughter of Rusty and Chandra Roush of Arapaho.

"Lillian is a very gifted young woman who demonstrates her leadership everywhere she goes. It was great to have her back to serve in my office again this year," Moore said. "I'm glad to be able to give her this additional opportunity to meet and interact with peers from across the state and to gain greater depth of experience in state government and shaping legislative policy. I'm proud of Lillian's accomplishments and know her family, school and community are as well."

While serving in the House, pages attend committee meetings and legislative sessions in the House chamber. They perform tasks in the office of the legislator for whom they are serving. They also participate in a mock session, in which they learn legislative procedure and how to write and present legislation. Lillian's academic achievements include being valedictorian, achieving a 4.0 grade point average, serving as the senior class president and taking concurrent college classes.

Roush is a member of FFA, a state 4-H ambassador, a member of Student Council and plays on her school's golf team. She also serves on the Agriculture Youth Council for the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry. Her plans after high school are to major in agriculture business at Oklahoma State University and then to have a career that informs agriculture policy.

Jim Loomis Eagle Classic Soccer Tournament Kicks Off March 27 - 28

BOYS

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SAND SPRINGS vs ELK CITY
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3RD PLACE
SATURDAY, MARCH 28
4:30 PM - LOOMIS FIELD

WEATHERFORD & TEAMS ON TOP OF BRACKET ARE HOME TEAM

Alexander Shook
WOK Contributor

District playoffs for High School Soccer will be preceded by the annual Jim Loomis Eagle Classic Tournament, which will run from March 27 - 28. A full bracket for both boys and girls match-ups is pictured left.

The event will be hosted in Weatherford at Rader Park. It will feature eight schools, whose boys and girls soccer teams will face off in a four-round bracket.

The Weatherford Girls hold a perfect winrate after four non-district games (4-0), while the Weatherford boys have two win and two losses (2-2) under their belt for this season.

Please visit wright.media/one to stream the finals of the tournament live or on-demand. More information can be found at ossaaiillustrated.com/soccer

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Lady Bulldogs Secure First GAC Series Victory



Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Softball secured its first conference victory of the season Friday, sweeping a doubleheader against Arkansas-Monticello.

The Dawgs received strong pitching throughout the day and paired it with timely offense to secure both wins. However, Arkansas Monticello's lone run in the sixth inning of game three held up, handing SWOSU Softball a 1-0 defeat on Saturday in the series finale. Despite the loss, the Bulldogs pick up their first GAC series victory of the season.

The Bulldogs, now winners of four of their last seven series, will face Newman in a road midweek doubleheader before traveling to face a ranked Southern Arkansas squad in Magnolia, Arkansas next weekend.

Game One - SWOSU 6, UAM 0

The offense provided an early cushion with a five-run second inning as Alexis Taylor cruised to a complete-game shutout in the circle.

Taylor struck out a career-high 13 batters and walked just one. She carried a one-hitter through six innings before UAM collected three hits in its final at-bat to finish with four.

Emily Wedel delivered the big blow in the second inning, tripling home three runs. Maddie Rahon followed with an RBI single. The rally began when Taylor McMahon singled with one out before UAM committed an error on a sacrifice bunt attempt.

A hit-by-pitch loaded the bases for Wedel, who cleared them with the triple. Josie Oakley added an insurance run with an RBI single in the sixth.

SWOSU outhit the Blossoms 11-4. Rahon finished a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate, while McMahon and Sierra Woods each added two hits and combined to score three runs.

Game Two - SWOSU 3, UAM 2

SWOSU trailed through the early and middle innings of the second game after the Blossoms scored an unearned run in the second and added another in the fifth.

Trailing 2-0 in the bottom of the fifth, the Bulldog mounted their comeback in an inning sparked defensive miscues from UAM. Two errors allow SWOSU's first run to score before Josie Oakley t the game with an RBI single. Maddie Rahon sco on the play after reaching earlier on a single a advancing to third on an outfield error.

One inning later, Landry Bayless delivered a tri that set up the go-ahead run, which scored shor after on a Sierra Woods single.

Alexis Taylor entered in the seventh to earn 1 first save of the season. Blaire Gentry started a pitched four innings before Jaycee McKee (W, 2 took over in the fifth.

SWOSU again outhit UAM, this time 9-6. Sk McPhillips went 2-for-3 with a double, while Rah and Oakley each added two hits.

Jackson, Rahon Named Bulldogs of the Wee...

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Ben Jackson (men's golf) and Maddie Rahon (softball) have been named the Bulldogs of the Week, presented by Wright Media—the official partner for SWOSU athletic livestreams and radio broadcasts.

Jackson (Brisbane, Australia) was named the Great American Conference Men's Golfer of the Week last week after his runner-up finish at the Hillcat Classic. His performance helped lift the Bulldogs to a team victory at the tournament.

Jackson shot five-under par across three rounds with scores of 68-71-72 at Bailey Ranch Golf Club in Owasso, OK.

Rahon (Placentia, Calif.) was SWOSU's hottest bat last week as the Bulldogs posted a winning record in five games, including a GAC series victory over Arkansas-Monticello. She went 9-for-17 at the plate with four doubles, four runs scored, and two RBI. Rahon recorded multiple hits in four of the team's five games.

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