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James Mayfield

James William Mayfield, age 91, of Cordell, Oklahoma, passed away on March 25, 2026, in Weatherford, Oklahoma. He was born on June 4, 1934, in Enid, Oklahoma, to William and Edith Mayfield.



James graduated from Excelsior High School in Los Angeles, California, in 1953. Shortly after, he proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving twenty years as a jet aircraft mechanic. His dedication to service and his skill in aviation maintenance were sources of lifelong pride.

He married Lessie Wren Mayfield on September 13, 1965, in Wichita Falls, Texas. As a part of that union James became dad to six sons and one daughter. In later years he also became dad to granddaughter Cassie Vermillion Zeoli and grandson Chance Vermillion.

After retiring from the Air Force in 1973, James continued his career as a parts manager for twenty-two years at various dealerships in Cordell, Ok. He also spent four years as the General Manager of Inspiration Point Fine Arts Colony in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

A devoted sports enthusiast, James rarely missed a hometown high school game and held a pass that granted him a front-row seat to the teams he loved. He was an avid supporter of Sooner football and Women's basketball. His passion for athletics extended beyond the stands—he coached recreational soccer and also served as a referee, encouraging young athletes with patience and enthusiasm.

James had a deep love for classic westerns, especially those starring John Wayne, and he enjoyed the craftsmanship and nostalgia of vintage cars.

He rebuilt several vehicles, Chevy stepside pickup, 57 chevy and was the expert mechanic for many family members. He owned a BSA-650 motorcycle and others, reflecting his appreciation for adventure even into his 80's. Fishing brought James great joy throughout his life. He especially loved fishing for pike in North Dakota and spending time along the White River in Arkansas.

He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Edith Mayfield; wife, Lessie Wren Mayfield; infant daughter, Dora Jean Mayfield; sister, Shirley Dearin; brother, Leon Mayfield; sons, David Vermillion and Joe Vermillion; grandchildren, Keith Alan Vermillion, Sabrena Diane Vermillion, Orion James Mayfield, Jhace Ren Mayfield, Sylvia Lacefield; great grandsons, Chase Lee Vermillion and Reese Dawson Vermillion.

He is survived by his sons, Michael Mayfield and wife, Tammy of Cordell, OK; Dennis Vermillion and wife, Lynda of Cordell, OK; Rick Vermillion and wife, Kathy of Watonga, OK; Jack Vermillion and wife, Carol of Sapulpa, OK; daughter, Almeta Schneider and husband, Fred of Weatherford, OK. He was called "Papaw" by 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

Hazel Arbour

Hazel Ann Arbour was born on March 7, 1936, to Leon Pierre and Matilda A. "Tillie" (Friedrichs) Bordelon and passed away peacefully at Corn Heritage Village on March 15, 2026, in Corn, Oklahoma.



Hazel was born and raised in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. One of her favorite pastimes was rollerskating. It was at the rollerskating rink that she met the love of her life, John Kenneth Arbour. When asked about him, she would respond with how handsome he was and how he had the most beautiful blue eyes. Hazel and Kenneth were married on April 24, 1954, at the First Lutheran Church in Baton Rouge, while Hazel was a Senior in high school and right before Kenneth went into the Army. Hazel then graduated high school on June 2, 1954.

After the military, the couple welcomed five children - Arlene, Shari, John Kenneth, Jr. "Bo", Brian and Laura. Kenneth began working for Texaco and moved the family from state to state. Traveling to Baton Rouge was always a priority no matter where they lived, Kenneth had a large family and Hazel loved being a part of it. Along the way, the family met the Teagues and the Flamings with whom they remained lifelong friends.

Hazel was a stay-at-home mom up until the family moved to Weatherford, Oklahoma. At the time, she had 2 high-schoolers in the home and began working in the high school cafeteria. She also worked for the Weatherford First Baptist Church on Wednesday nights. After the death of Kenneth, Hazel started work at Walmart. She was hired to be the voice on the intercom because they liked her Louisiana accent. Hazel was always recognized by students and customers when she was out shopping around town.

She enjoyed traveling with family, reading, watching Murder She Wrote and doing jigsaw puzzles. Of all of her accomplishments, Hazel was most proud of her huge family she created and would often tell people all about them.

Hazel was preceded in death by her parents, husband, infant daughter, Sharon, brother, Leon Pierre, Jr. and grandson, Clayton Wade (9/21/1984 - 2/29/2004).

She is survived by her daughter, Arlene Betty and husband, Max; daughter, Shari Wanzer and husband, Randy; son, John Kenneth Jr. "Bo" Arbour and wife, Christie; son, Brian Arbour and wife, Beverly; daughter, Laura Arndt and husband, Dave. Hazel is survived by her grandchildren, Jennifer (Andy), Stephanie (Travis), Melissa (Mike), Amy, Hannah, Megan, Ashley, Christopher, Sara (Joel), Daniel and David. She is also survived by her great-grandchildren, Ryley, RaeAnn, Morgan, Reagan, Chandler, Alaina, Chase, Macy, Alyvia, Edison, Reid, Carter, Adler, Sovanna, Renley and Emily.

Victor Mendoza

Victor Ramon Mendoza, aged 43, of Thomas, OK, passed away March 24, 2026, in Oklahoma City, OK. Victor was born on March 18, 1983, to Ramon and Charlene (Lime) Mendoza, in Clinton, OK.



Victor dedicated his life to serving others, allowing his own journey to become a ministry of hope and encouragement. He founded Victor's Journey, a faith-based outreach created to support individuals facing addiction and those walking the path of recovery. He dreamed of establishing sober living homes and was passionate about teaching "Be Free" and "Breakthrough" classes. His love for Scripture was evident in the many Bible verses he committed to memory.

Victor developed a strong work ethic early in life, beginning his career in auto body work as a young man. He carried that same dedication into his years in construction and the oil field, where he was known for his reliability and determination.

He also pursued martial arts at Seighty Grappling in Weatherford, training in Jujitsu with the same focus he brought to every part of his life. He had almost earned his Blue Belt—a testament to his discipline, perseverance, and commitment to personal growth.

He was survived by his daughter, Izabella Selene Mendoza; son, Urijah Ramon Mendoza; his parents, Ramon and Charlene Mendoza, of Thomas, OK; brother, Robert Lime and wife Vivian of Clinton, OK, Travis Mendoza; sister Mary Burns and husband William Burns of Clinton, OK and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles and friends.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Jesse Mendoza; maternal grandparents, Robert and LaVerne Lime; paternal grandparents, Gonzalo and Petra Mendoza.

JoAnn Caballero

JoAnn Caballero, 48, of Oklahoma, was born on October 28, 1977, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, to Isidro Hernandez and Maria Rodriguez Hernandez. She passed away on March 26, 2026, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. JoAnn grew up in Lookeba, Oklahoma, and graduated from Lookeba High School. On April 18, 2015, JoAnn married Raul Caballero in Lawton, Oklahoma.



Together, they shared a loving life filled with family and friendship. She was deeply devoted to her family and shared close bonds with her sisters, cousins, nieces, and nephews throughout her life. An entrepreneur at heart, JoAnn had a Facebook page named Milo's Treats, where she created a variety of Mexican treats, including candied fruit, strawberries, and grapes. She took great pride in her work and enjoyed sharing her creations with others. JoAnn loved to dance and always enjoyed looking her best when going out. She had an incredible memory, especially when it came to numbers, birthdays, and special occasions. She especially loved Halloween. Known for her wonderful sense of humor, JoAnn had a special gift for making others laugh. She also enjoyed playing loteria, card games, and doing puzzles, and she was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Above all, she cherished her beloved fur babies. JoAnn will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

JoAnn is survived by her husband, Raul Caballero; her sisters, Arlene Kent of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Sheila Laguna and husband James of Hinton, Oklahoma; Nancy Haire and husband Jeff of Florida; and a special sister, Samantha Barillas and husband Carlos of Hinton, Oklahoma, her mother-in-law, Leonila Perez; her half-brothers, Phillip Hernandez and Hector Hernandez; her second father, Alvaro Cisneros; and Sheila's children to whom she was a second mother, her nieces and nephews, Victoria Morelock, Jasmin Garza, Benjamin Garza, Savanna Laguna, James Laguna, Jr., Ramiro "Buddy" Garza Jr., Nicole and Jantez Gray, Ashley and Andrew Weldy, and Allison Haire, along with many other cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family members, and friends.

JoAnn was preceded in death by her mother, Maria Hernandez; her grandmother, Simona Rodriguez; her second mother, Olga Cisneros; her grandfather, Sammy Rodriguez; and her uncles, Salvador Rodriguez, Sammy Rodriguez, and Joe Rodriguez, and her cherished furbaby Milo.

Services were held at the Turner Funeral Home Chapel in Hinton, OK, on Monday, March 30, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., with Reverend Charlie Newman officiating.

Services entrusted to Turner Funeral Home, Hinton, OK, Condolences may be sent to the family at turnerfuneralhomes@gmail.com, turnerfh.net, or on Facebook

Everett Oldcamp



Everett Louis Oldcamp of Broken Arrow, OK, passed away March 19, 2026, in Broken Arrow, OK. Everett was born December 28, 1965, in Talihina, OK, to Howard and Lena (Gould) Oldcamp. He married Linda Thomas on March 8, 2026, in Broken Arrow, OK.

Everett, a graduate of Clinton High School class of 1984, was a man whose passions brought warmth and joy to those around him. He had a deep love for traveling, particularly enjoying visits to the beach and South Carolina, places that brought him great happiness. Everett expressed his care for others through his cooking, delighting in preparing comforting home-style meals for family and friends. An avid bowler, he participated in a league and continued to enjoy sports throughout his life.

Everett was also a devoted fan of Elvis, a passion that added to his vibrant character. Above all, he treasured his family, especially the young ones who affectionately called him "Pop Pop." Everett's loving spirit and devotion to those he cared for will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

He is survived by his wife, Susie Thomas, of the home; sons, Jacob Oldcamp of Broken Arrow, OK, Michael Watkins and wife Tara of Broken Arrow, OK, Joshua Thomas, Devin Middleton of Broken Arrow, OK; daughters, Cayden Flud of Broken Arrow, OK, Kloe Flud and husband Morgan of Broken Arrow, OK, Megan Walker of Whitefield, OK, Marleta Fletcher of Clinton, OK, Elizabeth Pierson and husband Kyle of Tulsa, OK; sister-in-law, Chelle Flud of Broken Arrow, OK; grandchildren, Payge, Pyper, Jordan, Eli, Cheyanne and Ember and a host of nieces, nephews, family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Lena Oldcamp; brother, Neil Henry and sister, Leandra Bearshield.



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Weatherford Environment Group's Annual April "Earth Day" Recycling Event Returns



The Weatherford Environment Group (WEG) has announced its Earth Day Recycling events happening throughout the month of April. Please bring the items specified to the Weatherford Materials Processing Building, located at the 602 E. Clark St., two blocks south of Main St. on Illinois. These Weatherford Recycling Events are sponsored by WEG composed of volunteers working to keep our city green, clean, and beautiful. The recycling event is organized by the efforts of our Weatherford citizens and it not a City of Weatherford function. Earth Day is officially April 22 each year. We are participating as part of the Keep American Beautiful program. For more information about Earth Day, do a computer search for Earth Day 2026 and find out many ways you can support and know more about the planet on which you live. Contact Faye Henson, (580) 772 - 5984 if you have questions about recycling or if you would like to schedule a program for your organization or company. Thank you for your efforts to make Weatherford clean, green, and beautiful!

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- Non Working Electronic Items
- Old TVs and computer monitors. *(a \$10 donation is requested for each TV/monitor)*
- Fluorescent Light Bulbs (8', 4', spiral)
- LED and Incandescent Light Bulbs
- Lead Acid Batteries (found in cars and equipment)
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A new backpack policy has been introduced for students in the Mountain View-Gotebo school district. School officials explained students will be required to store backpacks and large bags in their lockers from 8:15 until 3:30. Backpacks will not be permitted in classrooms, the cafeteria, or any common areas during the instructional day. Students may access their backpacks before school and after dismissal. Accommodation will be made for medical needs and other special circumstances through the principal's office.

WEST OK / HOMELAND - Homeland is closing multiple stores in central Oklahoma, but Homeland is also consolidating some united stores it owns in western Oklahoma. Homeland will consolidate United Supermarket locations in Clinton and Elk City to Homeland. Homeland officials say they will do everything possible to place impacted employees into open positions within the company. The closures come amid financial strain facing the grocery chain.

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CLINTON / NEW T-1 CLASS - Clinton Public Schools Superintendent Nathan Meget spoke about the planned addition of a new transitional 1st grade at Nance Elementary for the 2026-2027 school year during a recent Board of Education meeting. "[The OSDE] wants to start holding kids back more in 3rd grade, and we want to get ahead of that; the earlier the intervention, the better," explained Meget. "This is the plan [for a] T-1 Class at Nance. It can be a parent or a teacher recommendation." School staff have developed a rubric to assess a child's need for t-1st based off several factors including academic performance and how they socialize with their peers. The school intends to utilize the T-1 program next year for approximately 15 current Kindergartners in hopes of preventing them from being held back later on.

CORDELL / OFFICE RELOCATION - Officials with the city of Cordell announced that City Hall will be moving to a new location at the former CK Energy electric office in Cordell at 120 W 1st Street. Officials say the transition will take place over the next few months. During the transition, services will continue. The city will use social media and post notices on the door for updates on when utility payments and customer service will begin at the new location.

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CLINTON / NEW OHP LOCATION - A lot of headway is being made by construction crews that are building a new Oklahoma Highway Patrol headquarters in Clinton. "The exterior has taken shape completely. Of course, the devil's in the details in the interior, but I think they may be ahead of schedule," expressed Clinton Mayor David Berrong. "I know that they said [the HQ may be finish by] June or so. It's a beautiful new look coming into Clinton." The new location of the OHP headquarters will be at the former Glancy Hotel site on Gary Boulevard.

HINTON / CORRECTIONAL ARREST - Officials with the Oklahoma Department of Corrections say a staff member of the Great Plains Correctional Center in Hinton has been booked into the Caddo County Detention Center and charged with one count of bringing contraband into a penal institution. According to officials, Connie Killman was observed pushing a cart in the parking lot of the correctional center in Hinton where she had hidden several cellphones. Killman was unaware that two cellphones had fallen out in the parking lot and then brought the other four into the facility.

HYDRO / WRH CLINIC - The Hydro Family Clinic recently celebrated its grand opening. "I live here in Hydro. For me, it's a very positive experience," shared Dr. Kirby Lamb. "Doing family practice, not being in the emergency room, having better hours, and having sane people come in-- it's a good thing." The clinic is owned by Weatherford Regional Hospital and specializes in family practice.

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CLINTON / READING PROFICIENCY - Clinton Public Schools Superintendent Nathan Meget spoke on the success of reading proficiency for Clinton students during a recent Board of Education meeting. The most standout statistic was among Nance Elementary first graders, with 88% of students testing at or above average. "Last year, 14.8% of our kids in 3rd - 7th grade were proficient or above in reading. This year, in the same classes, they're about 25.4% proficient or above. That's a huge jump, because last year's state average was 23.8%," explained Meget. "[These students] still have to sit down and take [the state] test, but we're seeing some good growth." Additionally, Meget spoke on Clinton High School eligibility, saying it is the lowest it has been all year at 12.8 percent this week.

WEATHERFORD / SEATBELT SAFETY Referencing two recent fatal motor vehicle accidents, one each in Custer and Beckham counties, Weatherford Police Chief Angelo Orefice urges drivers to wear seatbelts while commuting. According to the CDC, seatbelt use reduces the number of injuries and deaths caused by serious accidents by approximately 50%.

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CLINTON / RED WHEAT DRIVE CLOSING Officials with the city of Clinton announced, as part of the I-40/Gary Boulevard extension project, Red Wheat Drive will be closed between Chapman Road and the south entrance to the Sutherlands' parking lot. Until Gary Boulevard is completely connected to Chapman Road, traffic will need to use 28th Street or Neptune Avenue to reach areas south of I-40.

SWOSU / DAVINCI FELLOW AWARD Southwestern Oklahoma State University has named Robyn Randol as a 2026 DaVinci Fellow through the DaVinci Institute awards program. Randol is an instructor in the SWOSU Department of Education and is the director of the registered apprenticeship program at the university. Randol has been recognized for her efforts in helping develop Oklahoma's registered teacher apprenticeship pathway, which aims to expand entry points into the teaching profession for individuals already working in schools. Through this program, support staff members can obtain a bachelor's degree while still being employed within their districts.

BECKAM CO / OBN - The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics (OBN) says its marijuana enforcement teams served a search warrant this week at a Beckham County marijuana business for illegal cultivation. The search warrant was served at Ye Oriental Green in Sayre as part of an ongoing investigation. The investigation revealed the business has been cultivating marijuana without having obtained an OBN registration. Authorities say there is also evidence they have been trafficking marijuana onto the black market from the Sayre location. Agents seized more than 7200 plants and 181 pounds of processed marijuana. OBN officials say four people were arrested and a fifth person was taken into custody by ice agents.

WEEKLY SHOUTOUTS!

Happy Birthday Wishes for **April 1** - Kyle Bartel, Bobby Barton, Jason Barton, Kaitlyn Belanger, Dee Downs, Mason Folsom, Peter Fong, Bruce Lewis, Jason Martin, Sophia Martinez, Anthony Nail, Thomas Parker, Mike Purdum, Paisley Vickery, Tonya West, Raymond Wolf; **April 2** - Jackie Basler, David Cleek, Rita Dowty, Lauren Ellis, Angel Gorshing, Brandon Lee, Jordan Mahan, Stacey Purinton; **April 3** - Angie Brodrick, Mildred Cobb, Betty Easley, Terri Hines, Chris Johanning, Troy Oliver, Jay Snowden, Joi Wilson; **April 4** - Steven Austin, Jessica Bekas, Ted Boone, Kim Cook, Adam Hampton, Jessica Hinojosa, Josh McCollom, Edward Padelecki; **April 5** - Stephanie Bridgeman, Mike Davis, Jaden Harris, Mary Beth Henschel, Baleigh Hutchison, Jessica Lent, Kathleen Monahan, Brent Reed, Julie Ricks, Stacy Rannels, Dan Sanders, Amy Vaughn, Terri Villines, Cash Yoder; **April 6** - Scot Barker, Gary Bell, Arian Braswell, Cindy Hunnicutt, Krew Kirkland, Amber O'Neale, Loretta Pollman, Eric Ratterree, Billie Russey, Stacey Winters; **April 7** - Linda Boatwright, Heath Goodall, Joleen Jackson, LaWana Manos, Sandra Miller, Aaron Schantz, Lindsay Smith, Jimmie Lee Smith, Alice Switzer, Krissy Vaughn.

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Colonel Roaemary Hogan-Luciano (a Lieutenant at the time of this photo), recently rescued from Santo Tomas, gets new bars from Major Juanita Redmond.

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

Colonel Rosemary Hogan-Luciano, born in rural Alheatone, Oklahoma, served as an Army nurse in World War II and an Angel of Bataan.

Born on March 13, 1912, Hogan graduated as valedictorian and continued her education in Temple, Texas at the Scott & White Training School for Nurses. After graduation, Hogan joined the military to serve in emergency medicine.

In 1940, Hogan was stationed in the Philippines at Fort Stotenburg in the Commonwealth of the Phillipines. In addition to the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japan conducted coordinated attacks on the same day against other Allied bases and territories, including those in the Phillipines. There, she joined the brave cadre of nurses who became known as the "Angels of Bataan and Corregidor."

She became nurse in charge at a military hospital in Limay and led nurses in establishing a field hospital on Bataan to treat wounded soldiers, often under fire.

On March 30, 1942, during a Japanese bombing raid, Hogan was severely wounded by shrapnel but refused to abandon her post, for which she later earned the Purple Heart. As Bataan fell, she was among the group of American nurses captured by Japanese forces. Captured on her way to Australia to recover from her injuries, Hogan endured 999 days as a prisoner of war in the Santo Tomas internment camp in Manila, yet continued caring for fellow POWs and civilians, joining the other nurses in service despite malnutrition and danger. These exploits made her one of WWII's most honored nurses.

After liberation in 1945, Hogan's story didn't end; she continued her military career in the newly formed U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps. In the post-war era she became one of the first four women to attain the rank of full colonel in the Air Force. She served as chief nurse at major Air Force hospitals like Keesler AFB and the joint base in Langley.

Hogan earned additional honors like the Bronze Star and the Prisoner of War Medal. Hogan retired in 1962 after 26 years of service and passed away in 1964; fittingly, she was laid to rest in the nurses' section of Arlington National Cemetery. Rosemary Hogan's legacy was recognized posthumously as The Sheppard Air Force Base named Hogan Hall in her honor. Additionally, she was inducted into the Oklahoma Aviation and Space Hall of Fame in 1997 and the Oklahoma Military Hall of Fame in 2019.

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Brandt O'Connor and Cheyenne VandeStouwe of SWOSU Rodeo have been named the Bulldogs of the Week. This weekly student-athlete recognition is proudly presented by Wright Media — the official partner for SWOSU athletic livestreams and radio broadcasts.

O'Connor (Blair, Okla.) tied for second in the Team Roping average at the Garden City rodeo, matching his best finish of the season. Competing alongside a roper from Garden City CC, O'Connor

posted a 7.5-second run in the long round before clocking a 6.1-second time in the short go to tie for first in the round and secure a second-place finish in the average.

VandeStouwe (Inwood, Iowa) captured her third Goat Tying average title of the season at Garden City, recording runs of 6.7 and 6.0 seconds. Her 6.0-second performance in the short round earned her the round win and clinched the average title. She helped lead the SWOSU women's team to its fifth consecutive rodeo victory.



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SWOSU Women's Rodeo Claims 5th Consecutive Team Title in Lead-Up to Annual SWOSU Rodeo



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SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Women's Rodeo continued its dominant run over the weekend, capturing its fifth consecutive team title at the Garden City CC Rodeo. The men's team placed ninth.

Cheyenne VandeStouwe led the way, winning the Goat Tying average after taking first in the short round with a 6.0-second run.

VandeStouwe was one of eight SWOSU competitors to qualify for the short round — five from the women's team (VandeStouwe, Kari Hepper, Reagan McIntyre, Greeley Eastep, and Braylee Ward) and three from the men's side (Bob Walter, Heston Harrison, and Brandt O'Connor).

In Barrel Racing, Braylee Ward posted a 13.67-second run in the short round to finish third in the round and tied for sixth in the average. Kari Hepper placed fifth in the Breakaway average, highlighted by a 3.0-second run to tie for third in the short round.

Greeley Eastep and Reagan McIntyre delivered nearly identical performances in Goat Tying, finishing fifth and sixth in the average, respectively, with Eastep edging McIntyre by a tenth of a second in the short round.

On the men's side, Brandt O'Connor teamed with a roper from Garden City to finish second in the Team Roping average after posting a 6.1-second run in the short go. Heston Harrison recorded scores of 70 and 76 in Saddle Bronc, placing sixth in both rounds and the average. Bob Walter placed fifth in the Bareback long round with a 73 but did not record a score in the short round.

Three rodeos remain in the 2025-26 regular season. With the victory, SWOSU Women's Rodeo has now won five straight events. A sixth consecutive win would come at the 53rd Annual SWOSU Rodeo, scheduled for April 9-11 in Weatherford. The Lady Bulldogs last won their home rodeo in 2024, before that 2014.

Garden City Results | March 27-29, 2026

Women's Team

- SWOSU 305
- Murray 180
- Western 170
- NWOSU 155
- NEO 150
- SEOSU 130
- KSU 125
- OSU 110
- Pratt 95
- Ft Scott 85
- Garden City 10
- OPSU 0
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- Colby 0

Men's Team

- Garden City 545
- Ft Scott 425
- SEOSU 350
- Western 295
- NWOSU 285
- OPSU 195
- Ft Hays 185
- Connors 175
- SWOSU 155
- NEO 125
- Dodge City 110
- Murray 70
- KSU 60
- Pratt 45
- OSU 40
- Colby 0
- Coffeyville 0

SWOSU Track Starts Busy Stretch at OBU Meet



Haley Baalson
Freshman Track & Field Athlete

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Track & Field opened a busy stretch of the outdoor season at the Oklahoma Baptist All-Comers Meet over the weekend, posting improvements across multiple events. The meet marked the first of four consecutive weeks of competition. The Bulldogs will return to action at the Friends University Spring Invitational, scheduled for April 2-4.

Freshman Milly Hughes highlighted the weekend with SWOSU's top finish, placing second in discus

with a throw of 41.96 meters. Fellow freshman Haley Baalson added a fourth-place finish in shot put with a mark of 12.40 meters. Both were new bests from the first-year Bulldogs.

In distance events, SWOSU's 1500-meter trio of Makenlee Shieldnight, Canon Russell, and Madison Radke all recorded personal bests. Shieldnight led the group with a 10th-place finish in 5:11.62.

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