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WPLS Director named Oklahoma Library Association president elect



Tim Miller

The Oklahoma Library Association is pleased to announce the election of its 115th President, Western Plains Library System Director Tim Miller. Miller will serve as President-Elect of the 600-member association from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022. On July 1,

2022, he will assume the Office of President and will serve until June 30, 2023.

Miller is a long-term member of OLA, first joining the Association while a graduate student in 2002. He also has extensive leadership experience in OLA, being elected Secretary of the Association in 2009.

In 2010, Miller was elected OLA Treasurer and subsequently re-elected to this position in 2012. In 2014,

he was elected as OLA's representative to the Mountain Plains Library Association Board.

Miller is a long-standing member of the OLA Budget, Audit, Advocacy, and Leadership Committees. He served as Chair of the Advocacy Committee from 2015-2017 and served as Chair of the Audit Committee from 2017-2019. Nationally, Miller has served on the Public Library Association Budget & Finance Committee since 2016. He has been a member of the Clinton Noon Lions Club since 2014 and has served as its Treasurer since 2018.

Receiving his undergraduate degree in history from Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 2001, he received his Master's in Library and Information Studies from the University of Oklahoma in 2004. A 2007 graduate of the OLA GOLD Leadership Institute, Miller furthered his leadership skills by graduating from the Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute in 2014.

Miller joined the staff of WPLS in 2004, originally serving as the Acquisitions Coordinator responsible for the purchase of all library materials. Serving in a variety of leadership positions at WPLS, he was named Assistant Director in 2008. In 2013, he was hired as the Executive Director of WPLS.

Miller's presidential responsibilities will include appointing the Chairs of twelve OLA Committees and planning the 2023 Annual Conference. The 2023 OLA Conference will also be a joint-conference with the Mountain Plains Library Association. Approximately 200 librarians from the 12-member states of MPLA will join their Oklahoma colleagues in Norman for a conference.

About his new duties, Miller said: "I am humbled to be elected President of an Association that I have belonged to and served for almost 20 years. I look forward to the challenge of leading OLA and planning a conference that will be relevant to librarians from across the region."

Dr. Joel Kendall Named Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs at SWOSU



Dr. Joel Kinder

Dr. Joel Kendall has been selected as the new provost and vice president of academic affairs at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford and Sayre, according to incoming SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell and current President Randy Beutler. Kendall has been serving as SWOSU's associate provost since 2018.

"SWOSU, for many years, has enjoyed an outstanding academ-

Kendall in this important position as we continue that long-standing mission of the university," Lovell said.

As vice president of academic affairs, Kendall is chief academic officer at SWOSU. The appointment is subject to Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) regents' approval.

Kendall has been employed at SWOSU since 1998. As associate provost, he has led the university in implementation of a new strategic plan and efforts to improve student retention and completion. He spearheaded the university's successful 10-year re-accreditation with the Higher Learning Commission in 2020.

He has provided oversight for four academic affairs departments – Academic Support Center, Center for Assessment and Testing, Institutional Research and Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.

Prior to his role as associate provost, Kendall served as chair of the Department of Art, Communication and

Theatre. He also served as professor of mass communication for 20 years at SWOSU, and in that role published research, acquired various grants for the institution, and taught courses in journalism, public relations and communications.

Kendall graduated from Mooreland High School and received a B.A. in Journalism from Oklahoma State University in 1994, an M.A. in Journalism from Indiana University in 1996, and a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration from the University of Oklahoma in 2005.

Kendall is active in the Weatherford Kiwanis Club and serves as a deacon at First Baptist Church of Weatherford. He is a member of the American Conference of Academic Deans. He and his wife, Allison, have two sons: Lane, 23, and Ethan, 20.

Kendall takes over for Dr. James South, who is retiring from SWOSU having served as provost since 2013.

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Donna Grace Chasenah

Donna Grace Chasenah was born July 7, 1950, in Oakland, California, to Donald Floyd and Lenora Faye (Hart) Ross and passed away Saturday, May 8, 2021, at OU Health Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the age of 70 years, 10 months and 1 day.



Donna was raised in Weatherford and attended Deer Creek and Mulberry Country schools then went on to finish high school at Weatherford High, graduating in 1968. She was baptized April 22, 1962, at the Deer Creek Mennonite Church. She finished college and received her B.A. Degree from UCLA and her M.A. Degree from Berkley U.C. in public health. She married Gerald Chasenah in the fall of 1998, and together they made their home in Oklahoma. Donna worked for the State of Oklahoma for 30 years. Donna Chasenah (Eh'seh'nah ha-neh) Inside Killer descends from Scalp Shirt, White Buffalo Standing, Medicine Standing, Walking Woman, Peak Heart, Homer Hart and Lenora Hart.

Donna is survived by her husband Gerald Chasenah; two daughters: Lorraine English and her companion Matt Hayes, and Jeanna Ford and husband Rick; two step-children: Ben Chasenah and Brennah Henson and husband Ronnie; thirteen grandchildren: Isaiah and his fiancée Jami Deever, Gabriel, Jackson, Emily, Marianne, Angelica, Silas, Sage, Ezra, Asher, Sadie, Sophie, and Jude; her sister Nancy Ross and husband Wade Carter and their son Aaron Carter and his fiancée Alysha Alverson; her brother Don Ross and two daughters Katherine and Victoria; and step-mother Larrie Ross. She was preceded in death by her parents and her two brothers Michael Holliman and Patrick Holliman.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Robert Salinas for his care and support.

She loved family, friends, serving in her church at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church south of Hydro, going to red-hatters, variety club, rook club, judging county fairs, bowling, gardening, bus tours, and cruises to make her life complete. But some things you didn't challenge like beauty shop day and getting first pick in the corn patch. Those things were saved just for Joyce.

Joyce was preceded in death by her husband L.B. Wyatt in 1978; son Ronnie Wyatt in 2005; daughter Barbara Lindamood in 2019; grandson Clint Wyatt in 2004; her father and mother L.V. and Ruby Otey; brothers: Jay, Vaughn, Larry and Delbert Otey.

Joyce is survived by her sons: John Wyatt and his wife Sandy of Hydro, Mike Wyatt and his wife Cindy of Hydro; daughter Kay Villines and husband Dan of Weatherford; son-in-law Robert Lindamood of Weatherford; daughter-in-law Carla Wyatt of Hydro; one brother Dale Otey of Cement; sisters-in-law: Janet Otey of Maysville, Phyllis Otey of Chickasha, Freida Michael of Ardmore, Lawanda Wyatt of Chickasha; and many special nieces and nephews; and thirteen grandchildren: Christy Gammon and husband Justin of Seiling; Jason Wyatt and wife Cassidy of Yukon; Micah Cole and husband Jeff of Taloga; Shawn Wyatt and wife Carrie of Hydro; Shalen Wyatt and wife Jaysa of Hydro; Greg Wyatt of Hydro; Heather Miles of Weatherford; Heidi Macha and husband Jeff of Edmond; Holly Stutzman and husband Brandon of Weatherford; Colby Lindamood and wife Jennifer of Weatherford; Casey Lindamood and wife Candace of Weatherford; Colin Lindamood and wife Liz of Weatherford; Katie Walker and husband Lane of Edmond; along with thirty-two great-grandchildren.

FL; Ron Harris of Scottsdale, AZ. She was preceded in death by her parents George and Maxine Harris and one daughter Heather DeHaven.

Alvin Moore

A Memorial Service for Alvin Moore, 66, Clinton resident will be held 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 18, 2021, in the Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church in Arapaho, OK, officiated by Pastor's Wendell Folsom and Hoyt Phillips under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Alvin Ray Moore was born February 22, 1955, to Charlie Clinton Moore and Rosie Florence (Blackburn) Moore in Erick, OK and passed away Monday, May 10, 2021, in the Baptist Integris Hospital in OKC, OK.

Alvin was raised in the Arapaho and Clinton area and graduated from Arapaho High School in 1973. He was married to Sarah Darnall October 12, 1992, in Custer County. He has been a trucker and most recently worked for and retired from Bison Trucking.

He is a member of the Arapaho Gospel Tabernacle Baptist Church; he enjoyed fishing, gardening, wood projects and spending time with family.

He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Patsy Morgan.

He is survived by his wife Sarah Moore of the home; daughter Crystal Davison Greg Gilliam, Burns Flat, OK; son Billy Craft and Gary Humphreys and wife Jamie Krebo; six sisters: Dolly Clymer, Vera Herring, Helen Strong, Judy Langdon and husband Joe, Kay Bomhoff and husband Louie, and Mary Moore; three brothers: Charles Moore and wife J.T., Kent Moore and wife Liz and J.C. Moore and wife Tara.

Vicki Jean Harris

Vicki Jean Harris was born on July 31, 1946, to George and Maxine (Chittenden) Harris in Thomas, OK, and she left her earthly home on Monday, May 10, 2021, in Weatherford, OK having reached the age of 74 years, 9 months 10 days.



Vicki was raised in Thomas and was a member of the 1964 graduating class of Terriers. After high school, Vicki married her high school sweetheart Bill Litsch on October 2, 1964. The couple was happily married for 56 years! The couple made their home in Oklahoma City for two years. During this time, Vicki attended cosmetology school. When the couple returned to Thomas in 1966, Vicki opened a beauty shop where she worked for 10 years. She was a member of the Thomas First Baptist Church. In October of 1968, Vicki went to work for the City of Thomas as the Economic Development Coordinator and later for the Chamber of Commerce. During her time in this role, Vicki brought in over 2 million dollars in Economic grants for the City of Thomas. She was instrumental in the construction of the new Fay Bridge, the Thomas ballfields, and bringing countless new business to the community. She was active on the Thomas Economic Development Association board, the Director of the Thomas Sr. Citizens, and responsible for annual Community stew and chili supper. She was also known for her role as the Easter Bunny at the annual egg hunt for the last 37 years. She officially retired in 2011 from this role but remained active in community activities. As much as Vicki thrived in this role, her most prized role was that of mom and Nana. She loved her children fiercely and would do anything to make their lives easier or embarrass them. Vicki was not only mom to her children but countless others. She and Bill served many years as class parents and supported the Terriers any way possible. Vicki was frequently called upon to sew costumes for the school plays and any other task that needed to be completed. Vicki was a huge Terrier fan and hated missing any event her children or grandchildren were in. Vicki was known as "Nana V" to countless other children and supported them in any way she could. She was always the first to help anyone in need with food, clothing, or running errands for them. She was a superhero to some and a legend to others, but definitely one of a kind to all. She will be greatly missed.

Vicki is survived by her husband Bill of the home, four sons: Sid Litsch of Thomas, Shane Litsch of Edmond, Slade Litsch, and Marcus Litsch and wife Mercedes of Thomas; three grandchildren: Jimmie Litsch, Levi Stewart and Kade Litsch; four great grandchildren: Oakley and McClayne Litsch and Treyton and Trew Pool; two brothers: Sam Harris and wife Paula of Coral Springs,

Joyce Wyatt

Joyce Wyatt was born April 2, 1930, in Verden to Leonard and Ruby (Rawson) Otey and passed away Sunday, May 9, 2021, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro, at the age of 91 years, 1 month and 7 days.



Known as Joyce, Mom and Grandma Joyce all of her life, she was the oldest and only daughter who grew up in a 2-bedroom home on a farm near Vern, OK with her five brothers: Jay, Vaughn, Dae, Delbert and Larry Otey. Joyce attended Prairie View school near Verden during her 1st grade through 8th grade years. She loved school and had to either walk or ride the horse across the pasture to get to school. She then attended Pioneer School at Verden her 9th grade through senior year, graduating as Valedictorian of her class in 1948.

After graduation, Joyce began working as a telephone operator for Southwestern Bell, taking the greyhound bus from her home in Verden to Chickasha. She then met the love of her life Lewis Burton "L.B." Wyatt, who had just returned home from the Navy. Joyce and L.B. were married on September 30, 1950, in Chickasha and made their way to the farm south of Hydro in 1952 where they spent the next 27 years farming wheat and peanuts and raising cattle with the help of their five children: Ronnie, John, Mike, Kay and Barb. L.B. had a heart attack and passed away in 1978, leaving Joyce and the boys to carry on the family farm operation. With sons and daughters, fourteen grandchildren and thirty-two great-grandchildren, and all the spouses of the grandchildren, the Wyatt Farm produced seventy Wyatt's. Joyce remained on the farm up to the age of 90 when her health failed, and she went to Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro.

Living life to the fullest was no challenge for Joyce.

Harold Doss Powers

Funeral services for Harold Doss Powers, 86 year-old Hydro resident, will be held Thursday, May 20, 2021, 2:00 P.M. in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home with Earl Stephenson officiating. Burial will follow in Clinton Cemetery.



Harold was born December 5, 1934, on a farm northwest of Lone Wolf, to James and Addie (Law) Powers and passed away Thursday, May 13, 2021, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro. Harold was raised and attended school in Lone Wolf, graduating with the Class of 1952. He attended

Oklahoma State University in Stillwater studying veterinary medicine. Harold joined the United States Army in 1957 and was trained as a mechanic and in vehicle recovery. While in the Army he earned a medal for Expert Marksman with a rifle. After the Army, he attended Southwestern State College in Weatherford where he completed his Bachelor of Science in Education in 1961.

On December 22, 1961, he married Eleanor Carol Vineyard in Weatherford. They lived in Sentinel from 1961 to 1964 where he taught high school biology and chemistry; and farmed near Lone Wolf. They moved to Weatherford in 1965 where he taught biology and chemistry at the high school. Harold earned his Master's in Education in 1970 from Southwestern State College and continued to teach both high school and jr. high until 1984. He continued to farm at both Lone Wolf and Foss for many years after and was also very active volunteering and helping while his son was involved in Vo-Ag and FFA.

Harold enjoyed fishing, shooting, tooling leather and gunsmithing. He had a special place in his heart for horses and dogs, but especially for his two grandsons.

Harold is survived by his son Zachary Powers and wife Rhonda; two grandsons Gunner Powers and Cabbet Powers all of Weatherford; two nieces Jimmie Kay Powers of Fort Worth, TX and Darla Knight and her husband John of Oklahoma City; and nephew Terry Vineyard and his wife, Karin of Eakly. He was preceded in death by his parents James and Addie Powers; his two brothers James Powers and Israel Powers; his sister Ida Mae Uptergrove; and three nephews: Jerry Graumann, Darrell Graumann and Butch Powers.

Harold touched many lives throughout his career and will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.



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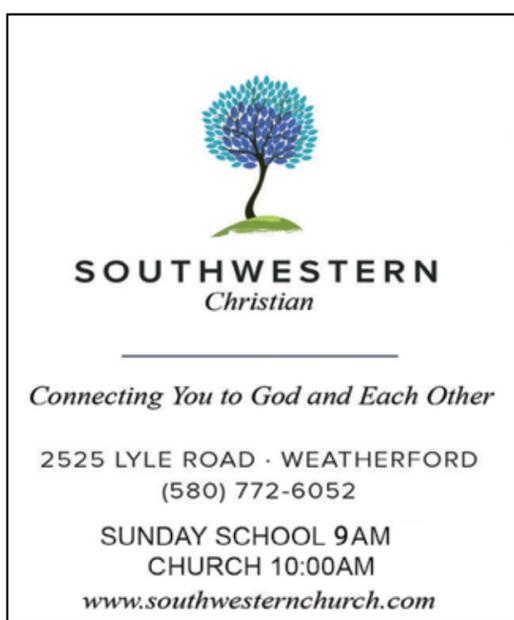
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Player of the Year Alex Bedard Leads SWOSU's All-GAC Performers

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The Great American Conference office announced Thursday the All-GAC Baseball awards, which included six players from SWOSU being honored, led by 2021 GAC Player of the Year Alex Bedard.

2021 All-GAC Baseball Teams

In addition to his top honor, Bedard also earned a spot on the GAC All-Defensive Team and was a First Team All-GAC selection. He was joined on the First Team by Drew White, while Keyshaun Smith and Zach Baxley earned Second Team honors and Nate Postlethwait and Miguel Soto received Honorable Mention.

Bedard (Levis, Quebec) earns his second career All-GAC selection and becomes the first Bulldog to be named the leagues Player of the Year following a stellar senior campaign. He leads the conference with 57 runs scored and ranks second with five triples and 64 total hits and he's ranked second nationally with 30 stolen bases, which establishes a new single-season school record for the NCAA Division II era. Bedard finished the regular season with a .398 batting average and 57 runs scored with 10 doubles, five triples, six home runs and 37 RBI in 38 games. In the field, Bedard has patrolled center field for the Bulldogs with a .964 fielding percentage and 53 putouts.

White (Moore, Okla.) picks up his first all-conference selection following a stellar season at the plate and at first base. He leads the Bulldogs with a .406 batting average and 46 RBI, which ranks fourth in the conference. He's also second on the team with 13 doubles and fourth with five home runs.

Smith (Canute, Okla.) played his senior season in Weatherford and earned his first his first All-GAC selection after hitting a team-leading 12 home runs while playing 32 games in the outfield. For the year, Smith is hitting .315 with 25 hits, including nine doubles and one triple, and 28 RBI.

Baxley (Wichita, Kan.) has split time at multiple



positions and earned his first All-GAC selection as a utility player. He's third on the team with a .370 batting average and he leads the Bulldogs with 13 doubles while also totaling four triples, four home runs and 33 RBI. He's also second on the team at a perfect 9-for-9 on stolen base attempts.

Postlethwait (Wichita, Kan.) has made 11 starts on the mound this year and he enters the postseason with a 6-2

record and a 7.50 ERA. In a team-high 54.0 innings of action he has allowed 63 hits and recorded 60 strikeouts, which ranks among the leagues best.

Soto (El Paso, Texas) earns his first all-conference selection following a junior season in which he hit .306 with 44 hits, including nine doubles, two triples and three RBI and he's ranked second on the team with 38 RBI.

HIGHER GROUND

Growing in Retirement



Jim Morrison

Some of you have experienced the problem of forgetting what you have written or said. This is common to those of us in the so-called "golden age." I have been writing this for 12 years so if I repeat myself just chalk it up to old age. You probably wouldn't remember it either.

When I retired from campus ministry, I knew that didn't mean retirement from ministry itself. So as I was driving away from the truck stop on the east side of Weatherford, I glanced over my shoulder and noticed the yard full of trucks. The thought came to me that each of those trucks most often represented a family. I had read somewhere that as a group truck drivers are the largest unreached people group in the nation. They are often on the road on Sunday, unable to attend church, and unavailable for week-day ministries or conferences. Many spend 2-3 weeks away from their family. They are subject to many temptations. Yet,

while we often gripe about them on the highway, they provide a tremendous service to us. Think about empty shelves on the grocery and hardware stores.

So, for the past 18 years I have been spending about 45 minutes each Saturday morning trying to minister to a few drivers. They are made in the image of God and deserve our love and attention. With the consent of management, I set up a book rack in the entrance and provide free Christian books for them. The Et Cetera shop is kind enough to provide used books at no cost.

The major part of the ministry is making direct contact with a few each time. I prepare a "goodie" bag. This bag usually contains an apple and some Ritz crackers to munch on. But the emphasis is on the spiritual materials. I give them a copy of a Daily Bread devotional book along with a CD of Greg Laurie's testimony. I also prepare some printed materials dealing with growth in Bible Study, prayer guidelines, family ministry, etc. I also give them a copy of Rick Warren's classic, "Purpose Driven Live." I also get these free from Tom Pace's ministry. I include a copy of my testimony inside the book. But perhaps the most important part is when I ask them how I can pray for them. For many, this may be the first time they have

been asked this question. So their responses are usually pretty shallow. Their thinking is, "I'm healthy and I've got a job so I'm okay." But I probe a little about family and safety. I have yet to have someone say, "I've got a problem with pride or lust." I get most upset with the "Pharisees" who say, "give it to someone who needs it," as if they have it all together.

But this gives me a chance to pray for them. Very few have a problem with this. In a prayer you can ask God to give them a deeper understanding about how God loves them. I pray that their children will grow up to know and live for God. Of course, I pray for their safety. I have looked up to see tears in their eyes. Many have gripped my hand and said, "Thanks, I needed that" or, "You made my day" "Thanks for being out here." Once an older African/American couple said, "come on up here in this cab and let's pray!" They knew how to pray. It is chance to be the presence of Jesus to some lonely souls that see mostly the dark side of life. It is a seed-sowing ministry, praying that the Holy Spirit will bring a harvest. So on Saturday mornings, as you think of it, "Pray...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ..." Col. 4:3 To comment: jhm82@outlook.com or 580-772-2311

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Bulldogs Fall 3-2 at ATU in GAC Opening Round



The tough luck for SWOSU in the Great American Conference Baseball Tournament continued on Friday evening as they dropped a hard-fought 3-2 contest against Arkansas Tech at Baswell Field in Russellville.

Arkansas Tech scored twice in the bottom of the third inning and added a run in the bottom of the fourth to build a 3-0 lead, but the Bulldogs quickly answered with two runs of their own in the top of the fifth. Tyler Bengé got the scoring started with a leadoff home run – his first of the season – before Drew White powered a sac fly out to center, scoring Marc Gonzales from third to make it a one-run game.

Both teams got strong efforts from their bullpen to close out the game, which saw 20 runners left on base between the two teams. SWOSU had two runners on

when the eighth inning concluded and GAC Player of the Year Alex Bedard was hit by a pitch in the ninth and stole second – his 31st stolen base of the season – to move into scoring position, which is where he was stranded as the season ended.

SWOSU managed just four hits off First Team All-GAC starter Patrick Miner of ATU, who struck out nine in 6.0 innings of action, and managed just two walks from Nick Kovar in the final 3.0 frames. Bedard, Bengé, Miguel Soto and Ryan Dos Santos had the hits, while Bengé and White were credited with RBI in the contest.

Three pitchers saw time on the mound for SWOSU, with Noah Chapin (1-3) starting and taking the loss after allowing three runs on five hits in the first three frames. Dakota Jones relieved him in the fourth but faced just four

batters before giving way to Ryan Hildner, who went the rest of the way and struck out three while allowing three hits and keeping ATU scoreless the final 4.1 innings.

"We knew we needed to score some runs tonight to stay in the game with a great offense like Arkansas Tech and our pitching really gave us a chance," SWOSU Head Coach Zack Saunders said following the game. "I'm proud of our guys, this group gave us everything they had and they had chances to win a ballgame tonight, which is all you can ask for in the postseason."

SWOSU concludes the 2021 campaign with a record of 21-18, the eighth winning season in 10 years under the tutelage of Saunders.

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CADDO COUNTY FATALITY- A Weatherford woman died at OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, following an accident on State Highway 58, 3 miles west and 3 miles south of Eakly in Caddo County. Seventy-year old Donna Chasenah was a passenger in a vehicle that left the road after the driver, 23-year old Jami Deevers of Weatherford, turned to speak to Chasenah. The vehicle rolled twice, ejecting Chasenah. Deevers, and a second passenger in the vehicle, 24-year old Isiah Harjo of Weatherford, were treated and released from Weatherford Regional Hospital.

District Court to a charge of first degree manslaughter. Twenty-six year old Jaime Eleazar Borunda Jr., was given five years probation after he pleaded guilty to driving with a suspended license from the State of Texas and tested positive for various substances, including fentanyl at the time of a Washita County vehicle crash last June that killed a passenger in his vehicle.

WEATHERFORD PD DRUG BUST- A Flint, Michigan, man has been arrested on drug related charges by Weatherford Police during a traffic stop on Interstate-40. Detective Matt Bartel said Billy Smith was apprehended during the incident after authorities discovered crystalized marijuana and cocaine in the vehicle. Smith was arrested for drug trafficking and possession of a firearm in commission of a felony.

CLINTON MASK UPDATE- The Clinton School Board of Education decided to remove the current mask mandate for all students and staff members Pre-K thru 12th grade. District superintendent Tyler Bridges said while restrictions such as masks will be removed, Clinton Public Schools staff will continue cleaning protocols, grouping students for contact tracing, social distancing where possible, limiting visitors and will maintain several other precautions currently in place.

WEATHERFORD ELEMENTARY UPDATE-The Weatherford School Board of Education received an update on construction of the two new elementary schools. Interim superintendent Steve Callen said crews are making good progress on both schools. Callen said the track and turf projects at the high school football field are also underway. Meanwhile, bids opened last week for the track fieldhouse and concession project.

SAYRE MAN ARRESTED- A Sayre man was arrested in connection with the death of a one-year old child. Officials with the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation said 30-year old Taylor Lambert was arrested in connection with the November 2020 death of Kashton Ashley. Authorities said autopsy results showed the baby's death was the result of a homicide. Lambert was the boyfriend of the child's mother at the time of his death. Lambert faces a charge of murder in the first degree-child abuse. Lambert is being held in the Beckham county jail.

WEATHERFORD SALES TAX- It was another uptick in sales tax revenue for March sales in the city of Weatherford. Treasurer Dana Ratcliffe said the city collected just over a million dollars in sales tax receipts for the month, up more than 19% compared to last year. Sales tax receipts year-to-date in the city of Weatherford are up 7.95%.

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Megan Brown Selected to WGCA All-Region Team

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The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) has announced the 2020-21 student-athlete and coaches regional awards for NCAA Division II Women's Collegiate Golf, which includes SWOSU's Megan Brown.

The All-Region teams consist of the Top 10 players in each region and are selected by the WGCA Division II Awards Committee, with the winner of each regional tournament receiving an automatic selection.

Brown earns a spot on the WGCA Division II All-Central Region Team, following a standout freshman season that included four top-10 finishes, highlighted by an individual championship at the Newman Spring Invitational. Brown transferred to SWOSU after spending the COVID-shortened 2019-20 season at Midwestern State and she claimed the Great American Conference Freshman of the Year award along with being named First Team All-GAC. She followed that up with a third-place finish at her first GAC Championships appearance and she helped her team to a sixth-place finish at the Central Regional, where she placed 16th.

"I am extremely proud of Megan and everything she has accomplished this season," SWOSU Head Golf Coach Brad Fleetwood said. "Being named to the All-Region



Team is a huge honor and I am so happy she can add this to her list of awards this season!"

Brown becomes the fifth Lady Bulldog to earn a spot

on the WGCA All-Central Region team, joining Ashlyn Hall (2013), Ana Gomez (2014), Elin Wahlin (2017, 2018) and Gloria Choi (2017, 2018, 2019).

Makyrta Tramble and Alex Bedard named SWOSU athletes of the year

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

The SWOSU Athletic Department concluded the 2020-21 athletic season with a Virtual All-Sports Banquet, which ran on social media from last week.

Each head coach had a chance to speak and reflect upon their season before naming their Team MVPs. The department announced the top honors of Female & Male Athlete of the Year and Female and Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Claiming the top honors for the year were Lady Bulldog Basketball standout Makyrta Tramble and SWOSU Baseball's Alex Bedard, who were named the Athletes of the Year, while Makynna Koper of SWOSU Track & Field and Bulldog Football player Brock Mason were chosen as the Scholar-Athletes of the Year.

Makyrta Tramble (Shawnee, Okla.) had a standout sophomore season as she led the Lady Bulldogs to a share of their fourth consecutive Great American Conference regular season championship along with a fourth consecutive berth in the NCAA Division II National Tournament. She was named the GAC Player of the Year and a First Team All-GAC selection after leading the conference in scoring, rebounding, steals and three-point field goals made while also ranking in the top ten in the league for assist:turnover ratio, blocked shots and assists. She also recorded 10 double-doubles and was a four-time GAC Player of the Week before being named Third Team All-American by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association.

Alex Bedard (Levis, Quebec) becomes just the second repeat winner of the SWOSU Male Athlete of the Year award, which dates back to the beginning of the NCAA Division II era in 1997. After having his 2020 season cut short due to COVID-19, he picked up and continued on his All-America pace as the driving force behind the GAC's second-ranked offense. He leads the conference



in runs scored while ranking second in hits and triples and he finished the regular season with a batting average of .398. Bedard has become one of the most feared base runners in the country, ranking second in NCAA Division II with 30 stolen bases, which is a new single-season school record for the NCAA era. He's also ranked second on the team with six home runs and third with 37 RBI.

Makynna Koper (Weatherford, Okla.) has competed as a member of the SWOSU Track & Field and Cross Country teams over the past four years and maintained a stellar GPA along the way. As a senior she competed primarily in Pole Vault and she was named a Distinguished Scholar Athletes at the 2021 Great

American Conference Championships. This spring, Koper earned a degree in Chemistry from SWOSU with a 3.95 grade point average.

Brock Mason (Tuttle, Okla.) was a two-year starter on the SWOSU Offensive Line and became a team captain and a leader both on and off the field. In addition to his athletic prowess, Mason is also a member of the SWOSU Physics and Engineering Club Rocketry Team, which earned a second-place finish at the Argonia Cup, a national competition held earlier this spring. Mason has earned a degree in Engineering Physics with an unblemished grade point average of 4.00.

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SWOSU Receives first ever U.S. Patent



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently obtained its first United States Patent and one of the inventors is (middle) SWOSU Department of Chemistry and Physics Chair and Bernhardt Professor of Chemistry Dr. Tim Hubin. Congratulating him are (left) SWOSU Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. James South and SWOSU President Randy Beutler.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford recently obtained its first United States Patent, making it one of only four universities in Oklahoma that hold U.S. Patents.

The inventors named in the patent are SWOSU Department of Chemistry and Physics Chair and Bernhardt Professor of Chemistry Dr. Tim Hubin; former faculty member in SWOSU Pharmaceutical Sciences M. O. Faruk Khan; and collaborators Babu Tekwani at the University of Mississippi and Steve Archibald at the University in Hull (United Kingdom).

The patent includes the synthesis of a large class of novel macrocyclic compounds, originating in the labs of Hubin and Archibald. These compounds contain multiple nitrogen atoms arranged in ring structures that are further structurally reinforced by additional carbon-chain bridges between nitrogen atoms. These structures allow extremely strong binding to transition metal ions like iron, copper, manganese and many others.

SWOSU Provost Dr. James South said the university enthusiastically supports the research efforts of its students and faculty and provides many opportunities for those involved in research. SWOSU has never had a U.S. Patent assigned to it since its founding in 1901.

SWOSU President Randy Beutler and South were in strong support of the patenting of this work. SWOSU's Intellectual Property Committee and Office of Sponsored Programs approved and supported the patent process. Oklahoma City law firm Dunlap Codding were instrumental in navigating the patent application process, in particular Kathryn L. Hester, PhD, registered patent agent and risk manager and life sciences practice group leader.

Hubin said hundreds of related compounds, either with or without metal ions bound, were tested for the ability to inhibit growth of fungal pathogens, parasites like malaria and leishmania, and bacterial infections. The strongest effect was found to be against several fungal species that cause problematic and often deadly infections such as fungal meningitis, particularly in people with weakened

immune systems. Additional strong effects were seen against the parasites that cause malaria, leishmania and schistosomiasis.

Currently, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has only approved four classes of antifungal drugs, and fungi have been quickly developing resistance to all four types of antifungal drugs. The most recently FDA-approved antifungal drug was approved in 2001, and no new ones have been approved in the past 20 years.

The March 1 issue of Chemistry and Engineering News, nearly coinciding with the February 23 grant of this patent by the U.S. Patent Office, points out the lack of antifungal medications and calls for the study of new antifungals. Hubin and his colleagues hope to find collaborators and to establish licensing agreements with companies interested in exploring their newly patented technologies.

Hubin has published over 50 peer reviewed journal articles and has seven other U.S. Patents from previous work at the University of Kansas and the California Institute of Technology (Caltech). He has received several statewide and national awards for his teaching and research, including the Oklahoma Foundation for Excellence Boren Outstanding Mentor, Oklahoma Medal for Excellence, Henry Dreyfus Teacher-Scholar Award, DaVinci Fellows Award, and SWOSU's Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award.

The same team of inventors has a second patent pending on related work. Hubin and Archibald will soon be submitting at least two additional patent applications dealing with the uses of related compounds as medical imaging agents and cancer therapeutics.

The patent owned by SWOSU was initially filed in 2016, and after much time and effort put into the project by Drs. Hubin, Beutler and South, SWOSU now has its first ever U.S. Patent.

Other universities in Oklahoma that have patented ground-breaking scientific research include the University of Oklahoma, Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma.

"The Coin Guy" New Eagle Design Adopted by U.S. Mint



Trent Boesen

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Oklahoma History: Tornado Season

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

It's storm season in Oklahoma, and its storms have been known to be some of the worst in the country. As part of Tornado Alley, a strip featuring central U.S. states that is known for severe weather and frequent tornadoes, Oklahoma is no stranger to devastating storms. These frighteningly powerful twisters have impacted many lives in Oklahoma – let's take a look back at some of the biggest.

Going back to 1905, the Snyder Tornado struck the town of Snyder, Oklahoma and killed 97 people. The storm merged with a previous tornado near Wichita Falls, Texas, and grew after dark when it reached Snyder. The north and west parts of town were demolished completely: reports estimate that 100 homes were leveled and 150 were severely damaged. An additional 9 missing people were unaccounted for over the following days. At the time, only emergency and recovery crews had issues due to telephone and telegraph communication damages which meant that many neighboring towns sent aid and volunteers to walk the area in search of survivors. The tornado was retroactively categorized as an F5 and was recorded as the deadliest in Oklahoma at that time. For the country, the Snyder Tornado was the second deadliest F5 tornado ever. In 1947, a deadlier tornado out of Woodward County took its place, but the Snyder tornado is still listed as the 2nd deadliest in the state.

The 1947 Woodward County tornadoes spawned as part of a supercell out of Texas. The storms traveled through Oklahoma and Kansas causing a "total damage estimate [of] \$747,850,000." When the storm reached the Texas-Oklahoma Border, 69 were reported dead and many others injured (a couple who was together when it struck, were found 3 miles apart in its wake). The tornado hit its most devastating portion in Oklahoma, where it became the state's deadliest storm. As it reached the town of Woodward, it killed an estimated 107 people and was reported to be two miles wide. It took out 100 city blocks, lifted and threw a 20-ton steel boiler tank a block and a half. The tornado seemed to never end all the way to Topeka, Kansas, which left meteorologists to categorize it as a single tornado. Eventually they swapped their beliefs and are calling it a family of eight or nine tornadoes. The Woodward one became known as the Glazier-Higgins-Woodward Tornado, and it is "blamed for most of the damage and all the deaths...as it traveled nearly 125 miles from Texas to Oklahoma". It is still the 6th deadliest in U.S. history with a death toll of 181 people and 970 injured.

In 1999, Oklahoma was ransacked with tornadoes as an outbreak, also affecting Kansas, Nebraska, Texas, and Arkansas, recorded 154 tornadoes that touched down during a week. The outbreak had the highest wind speeds – with some reaching over 300 mph. Oklahoma had the most prolific part of the outbreak with a total of 72 tornadoes resulting in: 36 deaths, 8,000 destroyed homes, and \$1.5 billion in damage. Affected cities included Chickasha, Bridge Creek, Moore, Del City, Tinker Air Force Base, and Midwest City. On May 3rd, President Bill Clinton signed a federal disaster declaration for eleven Oklahoma counties. A reported 9,5000 Oklahoma residents applied for federal aid.

The largest tornado outbreak hit in 2011 between May 21st – 26th. Luckily for Oklahoma, this sequence of



Anadarko tornado



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storms stuck to the central and east side of the state and traveled through quickly. A total of 241 tornadoes were recorded, with the deadliest hitting Joplin, Missouri. Joplin was the hardest hit city with 158 deaths and over 1,000 injuries, making it the deadliest since the 1947 Woodward County tornado took 181 deaths. This sequence of tornadoes became second in the country behind the 2011 Super Outbreak that struck the eastern U.S.

During May 18th – 21st, 2013, another outbreak of tornadoes went through the Midwest. This outbreak featured many large, slow-moving cold fronts that all

culminated when weather from the Rockies mixed with storms from New England and the Gulf Coast to produce "1,967 reports of severe weather: 101 for tornadoes" from the Storm Prediction Center. One of the worst tornadoes of the outbreak hit South OKC and Moore where the National Weather Service in Norman, "estimated 13,500 people were directly affected". The sheer destruction of neighborhoods and businesses led many to believe it would be extremely deadly. However, thanks to a 16-minute notice from the National Weather Service in Norman, fatalities were very low for the damage, a total of 24 people lost their lives.

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