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Bulldog Baseball Receives Continued Support from Weatherford Sonic



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SWOSU head baseball coach Zack Saunders receives donation from Tommy Sims owner of the Weatherford Sonic

The longtime relationship connecting the Southwestern Oklahoma State University baseball team and Sonic Drive-In of Weatherford has been extended as Sonic owner Tommy Sims was on campus recently to present SWOSU coach Zack Saunders with his 2021 contribution for Bulldog Baseball program.

Sims has donated thousands of dollars to the SWOSU Baseball program, making a donation each year for more than two decades as a part of the Sonic Corporation partnership program. Saunders said this year's generous gift from Sims will help his program with facility upgrades and other summer projects at the SWOSU Athletic Complex.

"The continued generosity of Tommy Sims and Sonic of Weatherford is very appreciated by the SWOSU Baseball program," Saunders said. "Through the years, his contributions have allowed us to make great strides to help improve facilities, fund scholarships and drive excellence at SWOSU and we are deeply grateful to Tommy for that."

Saunders recently completed his 10th season as the head coach of SWOSU Baseball and the Bulldogs finished 21-18 this spring, which marks their eighth winning season of the past decade.



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Ray Blatnick a 2021 graduate of Weatherford High School signs his letter of intent to play football for the Crimson Storm at Southern Nazarene University. Pictured with Ray are his parents Monte and Tammy Blatnick.

31st Annual Heartland Cruise scheduled

Chase Wright
Staff Writer



31st annual Heartland Cruise Car Show will be held over Father's Day Weekend in Rader Park in Weatherford. On Friday, June 18th, grab a spot on Main and swing by the Towne Center from 6 PM - 9 PM for a welcome party with cash prizes and cruise.

Many of the downtown businesses will be open for some Father's Day and Summer shopping.

On Saturday, June 19th, the car show will kick-off at 9 AM with a full day of burnout & exhaust contests, a poker walk, 50/50 raffle, and best in show cars in 22 different classes. There will also be vendors, a craft fair, and live music all day until 3 PM. Admission is free; so, come out, see some cool cars, and support the Weatherford Police Department's D.A.R.E. Program.

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Wayland Dwayne Sweeney

Funeral Services for Wayland Dwayne Sweeney, 87 year old Corn resident and former Hydro resident, were held Wednesday, May 26, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. at Hydro United Methodist Church with Taylor Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Hydro Masonic Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Wayland was born on July 5, 1933, in Thomas, to Lionel Dage and Elsie (Lubinus) Sweeney and passed away Saturday, May 22, 2021, at Weatherford Regional Hospital. He was raised and attended school in Thomas later moving to Hydro, graduating from Hydro High school in 1951. After he graduated, he went on to get his Bachelor of Science at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in 1957. He married to Yvonne Quattlebaum on February, 22, 1957, they made their home in Stillwater and later moved to Leadville, Colorado. He had lived in Bartlesville, Midwest City, and Nicoma Park before moving back to Hydro in 1971. His wife passed away in 1971. He later married Barbara King Edwards on November 30, 1976. They made their home in Hydro, OK. He retired in 2009 and moved to Corn with Barbara. He enjoyed OSU sports, traveling, taking pictures, fishing, hunting deer and quail, and collecting coins. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Hydro Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 281, Hydro, OK 73048 or to Hydro United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 426, Hydro, OK 73048.

Wayland was survived by his wife Barbara Sweeney of the home, in Corn, OK. His son and daughter-in-law Steve and Brenda Sweeney of Apache, OK. His sons Randy Sweeney of Binger, OK, and Scott Sweeney of Hydro, OK. One step-son Christopher Edwards of Yukon, OK and one brother Richard Sweeney of Houston, TX. four grandchildren: Chandra (Sweeney) Stanfield and husband Shane, their children Layne and Lily, Challie Sweeney, Taylor Sweeney and Colby Sweeney. One step grandchild Cheyenne Edwards. He was preceded in death by his parents, his first wife and one brother L.D. Sweeney his daughter Marty Devonna and his grandson Aron Rhea Sweeney.

Raymond Harold Cole, Jr.

Raymond Harold Cole, Jr was born June 6, 1937, in Hobart to Raymond Harold Cole, Sr. and Erma (Eberhart) Cole and passed away Monday, May 24, 2021, at Cordell Christian Home, at the age of 83 years, 11 months and 18 days.



Raymond was raised and attended school in Hobart until his senior year the family moved to Fowler, California where he graduated in 1955. He served his country in the Air Force. On June 3, 1961, Raymond married Barbara Briggs in Hobart and where they made their home. In 1963, they moved to California and in 1975 moved to Weatherford to make their home. Raymond worked for 3-M for 31 years before retiring in 1993. He married Minnie Wyatt and they made their home in Sentinel. Raymond enjoyed reading, traveling, all kinds of music and crossword puzzles.

Raymond is survived by five sons: Kevin Cole and wife Mary of Woodlands, Texas, James Cole and wife Tanja of Weatherford, Robert Cole and wife Sharina of Rogers, Arkansas, Jerry Wyatt of Cape Coral, Florida and Mike Wyatt of Amarillo, Texas; one daughter Sherri Schreck of Sentinel; one brother Jim Cole and wife Burna

of Houston, Texas; fifteen grandchildren; and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; wives; one brother Vernon; one sister Patricia; one son Stephen; one daughter-in-law Chris Wyatt; and one grandson Bryce.

Carol Lee

Funeral Services for Carol Lee, 71, Cordell resident was held 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, May 26, 2021, in the Calvary Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Roy Dewees. Burial concluded in the Lawnview Cemetery in Cordell, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Carol Lynn (Dawson) Lee was born February 24, 1950, to Leon and Lorene (Denker) Dawson in Clinton, OK and passed away Friday, May 21, 2021, in the Cordell Regional Hospital in Cordell, OK.

Carol was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1968. She married Danny Lee on July 5, 1968, in Clinton. She made her home in the Clinton area until moving to Cordell in 1979. She was employed with Farm Rail retiring in 2017.

She enjoyed reading, doing crossword puzzles, camping and music.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Danny; brother Ronnie Dawson and grandson Jeremy Shields.

She is survived by two sons: Russell Lee and Amy Beaty, Arapaho, OK; and Ryan Lee and wife Ashley, Bessie, OK; sister Patsy Hileman, Cordell, OK and brother Larry Dawson, Wickliffe, OH.

She is also survived by five grandchildren: Ryan Kolten Lee, Faith Clingenpeel and husband Matt, Cassie Lee, Hope Lee, Braxton Shields and two great-grandchildren, Zaylen and Coraline Clingenpeel.

Donnie TwoHatchet

Funeral Services for Donnie TwoHatchet, 66, Clinton resident were held 1:00 P.M., Thursday, May 27, 2021 in the Host Ministries Church, officiated by Pastors Wilma Jackson and Jessie Musick. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Donnie TwoHatchet was born August 6, 1954, to Spencer and Peggy (Payahsape) TwoHatchet in Lawton, Oklahoma and passed away Sunday, May 23, 2021 in his Clinton home.

Donnie was raised in Carnegie, OK with five brothers and four sisters. He moved to Clinton, OK in 1965. He soon met the love of his life, Catherine Mixon. They were married August 18, 1974, in Clinton. Donnie worked various jobs in Clinton, including Kellwood Factory, Clinton Ice Company, Bar-S Foods and several other jobs sites in Clinton. He was forced to medically retire early due to ill health.

Donnie enjoyed watching Westerns and other movies. He enjoyed talking and helping others when opportunity aloud. He loved to joke and play with his grandchildren and visiting with his daughters and other family.

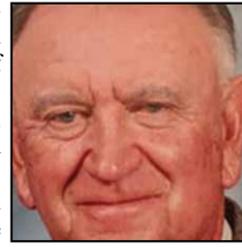
He is preceded in death by his wife, Catherine, daughter, Rhonda Michelle TwoHatchet; granddaughter, Caitlin Michelle TwoHatchet; and grandson, Zachariah TwoHatchet; four brothers, Gerald "Cook" TwoHatchet, Lewis "Frank" TwoHatchet, Cecil TwoHatchet, Van "Slick-o" TwoHatchet; four sisters, Victoria TwoHatchet, Donna Sue TwoHatchet, Rosie TwoHatchet and Sandra TwoHatchet.

He is survived by daughters Francis TwoHatchet, Anchorage, AK, Sherri TwoHatchet and husband William Brown, Clinton, OK, Lorrie Brown and husband James Brown, Thomas, OK, Kimberly Banuelos and husband Israel, Thomas, OK; son Donnie Paul TwoHatchet and wife Saina, OKC, OK; brother Spencer "Tune" TwoHatchet, Jr., and wife Dorothy, Lapwai, ID.

He is also survived by grandchildren: Ashley, Brenden, Annika, Uriah, Samuel, Felicity, Daisha, Maisie, Kiara, Donovan, Josiah, Macaiah, Jordan, Timothy, Elisha, Stevie, Sophia, Silas and Geronimo and numerous nieces and nephews and other family.

Marvin Fred Martin

Marvin Fred Martin was born October 5, 1935, in Hotchkiss, CO, the son of Fred and Hazel Lung Martin. Fred grew up in Montrose, CO and Custer City, OK and passed away May 23, 2021. Following graduation from Custer City High School, he played baseball in Oklahoma City which ended with an injury that led him to Pueblo, CO to receive training as a railroad telegrapher. He worked for the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad for 42 years (1955-1997) retiring from the Topeka office.



On May 7, 1955, Fred married Barbara Diane Hammans in the Christian Church in Custer City, OK. Fred was devoted to his wife, family, friends and church; passing on his legacy of faith in Christ and moral values. He served as Elder and Deacon and was a member of Southwest Christian Church in Topeka. Fred served several years on the Syracuse High School Board, Syracuse, KS. His passions were baseball, golf and fishing.

Survivors include his daughters, Sherry Brenneman and husband, Gene, Topeka, Terry Powell and husband, Tim, Garden City, KS; son, Gary Martin and wife, Michelle, Wichita, KS; four grandsons; three granddaughters; nine great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson arriving soon; a brother-in-law, Jack Hammans and wife, Oneta, Austin, TX; along with several nieces and nephews.

Fred was preceded in death by his wife Diane Martin. Visitation was 10-10:30 a.m. Thursday, May 27, at Southwest Christian Church, 5747 SW Huntoon St, Topeka KS 66604. Funeral service followed at 10:30 at the Church.

Graveside service was held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, June 1, in the Masonic Cemetery, Custer City, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home in Clinton, OK.

Memorial contributions may be sent to Southwest Christian Church or to Midland Care Hospice, 200 SW Frazier Cir. Topeka, KS 66606.

Condolences may be sent online to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

Annette Yvonne Dahlgren

Memorial services for Annette Yvonne Dahlgren, age 95, Cordell resident, was held Tuesday, June 1, 2021, 10:00 A.M. in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home with Margo Vestal officiating.



Annette passed away peacefully May 23 at Cordell Christian Home. She was born April 22, 1926 in San Jose, CA. She was married to Charles Dahlgren who preceded her in death. She moved to Weatherford, OK in 2000.

Annette was artistic and enjoyed creating decoupage and ceramic works of art. She restored a carousel horse and other antiques that she enjoyed collecting. She loved working in her beautiful flower and vegetable gardens. While in Weatherford she became involved with the creation of the Heartland Museum. She restored many of the antiques on display today, and created several of the room displays. After the opening she served as a docent and organized the rotating exhibit.

She is survived by her son Rick Dahlgren of Weatherford, granddaughter Janna Dahlgren of Yukon, and granddaughter Sarah Dahlgren of Fort Worth, TX, her sister Wilma Dethke, niece Michelle Elliott both of Antioch, CA and niece Andrea Casillas of Mission Viejo, CA.

Annette was kind, loving, and always happy to lend a helping hand, she will be missed by all who were blessed to have known her.

Larry Don Merkey

Larry Don Merkey was born on June 29, 1955, in Thomas, OK to Samuel and Jo Ella (Murray) Merkey and passed away on Monday, May 24, 2021 in Clinton, OK having reached the age of 65 years, 10 months 5 days.

Larry was raised in Thomas and attend school at Thomas schools, graduating in 1973. He was married and they made their home in Thomas. He worked several jobs for Dobbins Brothers Implement, worked for his grandad in Cordell, and Manuel Hansen. Larry did sheet metal work in Watonga for 40 years and was still currently working. He enjoyed fishing and rebuilding small engines. In lieu of flowers donation maybe to the Independence Cemetery % Duane Nicholas 8717 Hwy 183, Custer City, OK 73639.

Larry was survived by two sons: Corey and Chris Merkey of Thomas; three brothers: Kenneth Merkey and his wife Margie of Edmond, OK, Richard Merkey and his wife Donna of Thomas, Darrel Merkey of Thomas, OK; one sister Margaret Holmes of Thomas, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother Teddy one sister, Judy.



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Alex Bedard Becomes SWOSU Baseball's Third NCAA All-American



On Thursday, the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) unveiled their 2021 NCAA Division II All-America teams, which included SWOSU senior centerfielder Alex Bedard as an honorable mention selection.

Bedard becomes just the third NCBWA All-American for SWOSU as an NCAA institution, joining Michael Felton, a Third Team All-American in 2010, and Alex Pimentel, a Second Team selection in 2018.

This is the first All-American selection for Bedard, who has previously been named First Team All-Central Region by the NCBWA and D2CCA. He was also previously named the Great American Conference Player of the Year, First Team All-GAC and earned a spot on the GAC's All-Defensive Team. Bedard is also a two-time SWOSU Male Athlete of the Year after repeating as the winner of award this spring.

As a senior, Bedard started every game in center field and hit leadoff, where he batted .396 with 65 hits – including 10 doubles, five triples and six home runs – while scoring 57 runs and recording 37 RBI. He had at least one hit in 34-of-39 games this season and once reaching base, he was one of the most feared baserunners in the country. Bedard finished his senior season 31-for-34 on stolen base attempts to rank second in NCAA Division II for stolen bases with a total that also represents a new single-season school record.

Bedard joins Felton and Pimentel as SWOSU Baseball's lone All-Americans of the NCAA Division II era and he becomes the Bulldogs' second All-American to play under head coach Zack Saunders.

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Be Smart this Summer



Jim Morrison

Unless you are a farmer, summer days are often considered a time to lean back a little and enjoy the lazy days that come with warm evenings. My memories of growing up on a cotton farm are of getting the hoes sharpened, then spending every day except Sunday in the cotton patch. We didn't complain.

It was just something that had to be done. Thankfully, those days are passed, but the lessons I learned have enriched my life in terms of character traits such as perseverance, a strong work ethic, and leaning to do hard things that needed to be done.

What are your plans for the summer? I hope it includes some efforts that will prepare you for fall opportunities. In my "golden years" I am able to continue in ministry because of a lifetime of preparation. I learned to study and I learned to pray. These are disciplines that will prepare you for those times when your physical body slows down. The mind is a terrible thing to waste. One Christian television channel has a slogan that it repeats

several times during the evening. "Think deeply, act differently." Too often, our thoughts only reflect the culture around us and what we hear from our peers. Real thinking, beyond the surface, does not come easily. A lazy thinker fails to ask questions such as Is that really true, or does it come from a personal bias or prejudice? He fails to consider alternative opinions and why others might think differently.

I received a letter from a former student, requesting assistance in his plans to spend a month in Kenya, ministering in a refugee school. He will be helping them buy school supplies, medical supplies, desks, school uniforms, etc. He states, "I will also be looking to meet whatever needs the Lord prompts my heart to meet." I thought, "What a good way to spend some of that stimulus money that I didn't need." I am just using this as an example, not asking in his behalf.

Maybe you may be able to volunteer to help in a church camp, a VBS, go on a mission trip or intentionally include visiting a mission/ministry on your vacation. But two things that you can do that are very inexpensive; you can study and pray. Why not select a couple of Paul's letters and spend the entire summer studying them. I say study, not just read. Use a pen and paper and ask questions of the text. The shortest

pencil is better than the longest memory. What are the teachings or truths in this passage? (10-12 verses) How can I apply this truth to my personal life? Write out a short prayer relating to the passage. Choose a verse that speaks to you and write it down on a small card and commit it to memory. If you have questions, google commentaries to help you understand. Maybe you would like to choose a partner with whom to study.

Also, choose to read a biography of outstanding Christian leaders of the past or present. My small group has just finished reading Eric Metaxas books 7 Great Men, and the sequel, 7 More Great Men. I highly recommend them. They inspired and challenged us, and informed us of the tremendous contribution made by these men. Metaxas is currently writing another book about Great Women; I look forward to that one.

Secondly, take some intentional time to pray. Ask a friend to be a prayer partner or get in a small group and take some time each week to cry out to God for our nation, our churches, for our families. Mary and I will be hosting such a small group on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at our home, 1219 Elm Street. We start June 16, lasting for six weeks, or more if the groups desires. Call if you are interested. 580-772-2311 or email jhm82@outlook.com

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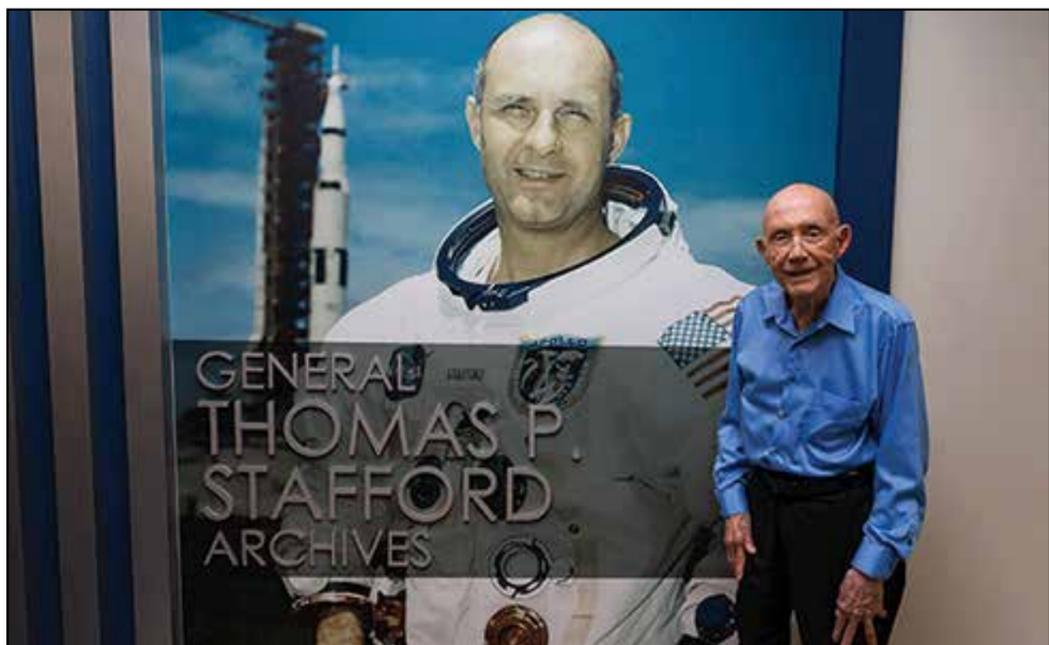
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Mike Smith
News Director



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General Thomas P. Stafford visited the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford this week to get a sneak preview of the Gen. Stafford Archives that will be housed in the Al Harris Library. The collection will highlight the achievements of Gen. Stafford and feature a collection of his papers and other items donated by the retired astronaut. Here, Gen. Stafford poses next to his 1969 Apollo 10 photo.

KINDER TAKES ON NEW ROLE- Dr. Chad Kinder has been named special assistant to the president for strategic partnerships at SWOSU in Weatherford effective July 1st. Kinder will continue his duties as dean of the SWOSU College of Professional and Graduate Studies. In his added role, SWOSU incoming president Diana Lovell and Kinder will continue his innovative work at enlarging the opportunities for more students to obtain a great SWOSU education by establishing creative partnerships with other organizations such as school districts, workforce and technical centers, and institutions of higher education.

WEATHERFORD 4-WAY STOP- There's a new 4-way stop sign in the city of Weatherford at the intersection of College and Caddo streets. Police chief Louis Flowers says accidents and near misses resulted in the need for the 4-way stop sign.

WEATHERFORD MURALS- We're learning more details surrounding some murals that will be painted around the community of Weatherford. Mayor Mike Brown says one mural will be located at the former fire department site on Kansas and the other on a wind turbine blade near city hall.

SWOSU MASK MANDATE LIFTED- Southwestern Oklahoma State University no longer is requiring the use of masks and social distancing on campus locations or at any SWOSU-sponsored activity. However, unvaccinated individuals are strongly encouraged to become vaccinated. SWOSU officials say those plans can be adjusted based on the status of the pandemic, and in accordance with CDC and Oklahoma State Department of Health recommendations. As announced earlier, SWOSU looks forward to a dynamic and engaging return to more normal operations in the fall semester.

WEATHERFORD WALMART FIRE- An electrical incident at Walmart in Weatherford Sunday prompted a visit from the Weatherford Fire Department. Fire chief Mike Karlin says employees used several fire extinguishers prior to the arrival of firefighters. He says the use of fire extinguishers resulted in the store having to close while extinguisher powder was cleaned up.

WFRC NEW COVERAGE AREAS- Beginning June first the Weatherford Food and Resource Center will expand its coverage areas. The new service areas include Geary -- Hinton -- and Lookeba zip codes. Food and resource executive director Lori Flansburg says to receive service please provide a picture ID and a proof of address -- which can be a utility bill -- rent receipt or lease agreement.

WEATHERFORD JUST JOY ACTIVITY CENTER- Just Joy Activity Center for adults with special needs is planning an August 1st opening in Weatherford. Board President Ben Ervin says the organization will have a table with information about the activity center during this year's car cruise, planned for next month.

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SWOSU Announces Establishment of Allen B. Pease Memorial Endowment for Men's Golf

Doug Self
SWOSU Sports Information Director

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre has announced the establishment of the Allen B. Pease Memorial Endowment for men's golf.

The endowment will provide scholarships and departmental support in perpetuity to the SWOSU men's golf program.

The late Allen B. Pease of Oklahoma City made the creation of the endowment possible through a designated gift to SWOSU in his estate plan.

"A United States Navy veteran, philanthropist, and lifelong lover of the great game of golf, the late Allen B. Pease made an incredibly generous gift to SWOSU through his estate planning," said SWOSU Foundation,

Inc. Executive Director Garrett King. "This endowment is the first of its kind here at SWOSU and will provide invaluable financial resources to our student-athletes and coaches. The prestigious SWOSU golf program will be enhanced and its rich heritage built upon by Mr. Pease's thoughtful charitable provision. We are deeply grateful."

Pease died in September 2020. He will be posthumously named to SWOSU Tomorrows, SWOSU's society for planned gift donors.

SWOSU is especially appreciative to a longtime friend of Pease—SWOSU alumnus Gaylan Adams of Oklahoma City—and to former SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Executive Director Jim Waites of Weatherford for their assistance in the stewardship of Pease's benevolence.

"We are excited and honored to receive such a generous gift from the Allen B. Pease family," SWOSU Head Golf Coach Brad Fleetwood said. "This endowment will be a huge benefit for our program and will hopefully help us build on the success that SWOSU Golf has been fortunate to experience!"

The Allen B. Pease Memorial Endowment for men's golf is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., which was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. Located on the Weatherford campus in the historic Burton House, the Foundation currently stewards nearly \$30 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information on the Foundation, call 580-774-3267 or visit www.SWOSUFoundation.com.

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SWOSU Baseball Has Three Selected to D2CCA All-Central Region Team



Doug Self
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The Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA) has announced the 2021 All-Central Region teams, which included a trio of First Team All-Region selections for SWOSU Baseball in centerfielder Alex Bedard, first baseman Drew White and utility player Zach Baxley.

The D2CCA All-Region teams are voted upon by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) from the region. The Central Region consists of 39 baseball teams from the Northern Sun (15 teams), Mid-America (12 teams) and Great American (12 teams) conferences. In all, 16 teams were represented with seven teams gaining multiple selections.

SWOSU is one of five teams with three players earning All-Central Region distinction and they join Central Missouri as the only other team with three First Team selections. This is the second time that SWOSU has had multiple players chosen to the D2CCA All-Central Region team and the first time with three players earning a selection.

Bedard picks up his second All-Central Region honor after also earning a spot on the NCBWA team. He was previously named the Great American Conference Player of the Year, First Team All-GAC and he earned a spot on the GAC All-Defensive Team in addition to being named SWOSU's Male Athlete of the Year for the second consecutive spring. As a senior, he hit .396 with 65 hits – including 10 doubles, five triples and six home runs – to go along with 57 runs scored and 37 RBI. In addition, he set a new single-season school record with 31 stolen bases, which ranks

second in NCAA Division II, and did so while also recording a .965 fielding percentage while patrolling in center field.

White and Baxley both claimed their first All-Central Region nods after excelling for the Bulldogs on the diamond this spring. White led the team with a .406 batting average and previously earned a First Team All-GAC selection after finishing with 13 doubles, five home runs and 47 RBI. Baxley was a Second Team All-GAC pick, and he truly defined his role as a utility player by starting games at five different positions: catcher, first base, second base, third base and shortstop.

"This All-Central Region selection is a well-deserved honor for each of these three young men," SWOSU Head Coach Zack Saunders said. "It shows you what hard work, determination and focus can do. We are incredibly proud of these young men and they embody everything that we want in our program."

SWOSU Baseball has now had seven players earn a selection to the D2CCA (formerly Daktronics) All-Central Region team, but the trio joins Alex Pimentel (2018) as the only other Bulldog to earn a First Team selection to the team. Other SWOSU Baseball players selected to the D2CCA All-Central Region team include Jon Chidester (2016; Second Team), Jacob Spring (2016; Second Team) and Shane Martin (2013; Second Team).

Each of the 16 D2CCA All-Central Region First Team selections will now be listed on the D2CCA Baseball All-America ballot, which will be voted on by the CoSIDA Division II membership with the announcement of those All-American teams expected Friday, June 4.

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Trent Boesen

A new coin was released in April 2021 showing General George Washington crossing the Delaware during the Revolutionary War.

This coin is a one-year issue. The reverse design will change in 2022 thru 2025 dedicated to historic American

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John Flanagan, the designer of the Washington quarter, intended for the above design to be on quarters from 1932 to 1998. U.S. Mint officials have not released the production figures for the new coin. They will be struck at the Denver and Philadelphia mints.

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Oklahoma History: Tulsa Race Massacre

Chase Wright
Staff Writer

May 31st marks the 100th anniversary of “the single worst incident of racial violence in American History”(Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture). The Tulsa Race Massacre, also known as the Greenwood Massacre, took place over May 31st and June 1st, 1921, in the Greenwood District – a vibrant neighborhood with local newspapers, library, churches, and many small businesses. For the time, Tulsa was a full population city with over one hundred thousand people, but like many cities around the nation, most of their African American residents were living in a specified location, almost all of the ten thousand segregated residents were in Greenwood. The nightmarish eighteen hours began as the nationwide racial tensions began to culminate due to the rising growth of the second Ku Klux Klan and the increased resistance of African Americans to attacks on their communities.

At first glance, Tulsa was like any modern city - growing, ambitious – however, underneath it was a deeply troubled town. Its crime rate was frighteningly high, and vandalism was coating the city. Additionally, racial violence was at an all-time high with incidents like the lynching of a white teenager accused of murder, by a white mob in August of 1920. Reports exposed that the Tulsa police had allowed the lynching victim to be taken from his jail cell at the county courthouse.

Tensions were strained over the next eight months until the breaking point on May 30th, 1921 involving a shoe shiner and an elevator operator. The common story is that Dick Rowland, an African American shoe shiner, entered an elevator in the Drexel Building with a white elevator operator named Sarah Page and stepped on her foot, causing her to scream; he was picked up by police. The following day, The Tulsa Tribune reported that Rowland had attempted to rape Page. Early that evening, talk of lynching filled the streets.

At 7:30 PM that night, hundreds of white locals gathered outside the courthouse and demanded they hand over Rowland; the sheriff refused. By 9:00 PM, reports of the unrest reached Greenwood where a group of armed African American men, many with experience in World War I, went to the courthouse to offer the authorities aid in protecting Rowland. They were sent home.

Upon seeing the armed men, many members of the white mob attempted to break into the National Guard armory but were turned back by the local guardsmen. At 10 PM, a rumor circulated in Greenwood that members of the white mob were storming the courthouse. So, a second group of African American men, around seventy-five, went back to the courthouse but were sent away again. While leaving, a white man dashed at one of the black veterans to disarm him and a shot



Greenwood district 1921

was fired. The eighteen-hour riot began.

The first six hours were filled with chaos as angry white citizens began targeting African Americans in general. An unarmed African American man was murdered in a downtown movie theater, carloads of armed white mob members began performing “drive-by” shootings in African American residential neighborhoods, and a hate-filled fight broke out along the railroad tracks. The African American commercial district was in flames by midnight and there were talks of a dawn invasion into Greenwood.

Local authorities did nothing to stop the crisis, with many eyewitnesses from both sides reporting that many police officers began deputizing members of the lynch mob with instructions to “get a gun and get a...”. The National Guard was mobilized but was stationed in white neighborhoods for the night to protect them from a, nonexistent, “black counterattack”.

When light began to break on June 1st, thousands of armed whites were gathered outside Greenwood and poured into the district. They began looting homes and businesses and setting them on fire. They were responsible for the murder of A. C. Jackson, a renowned surgeon, who surrendered but was shot. Reports list many personal weapons used by the lynch mob, including a machine gun. Several eyewitnesses reported airplanes with white assailants who fired rifles

and dropped firebombs on buildings and families. While there were several confirmed planes present, there has been no concrete evidence shown to back this claim. Archives picked up by the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture describe the planes dipping low and the “sounds of hail” on rooftops. By the time the National Guard arrived at 9:15 AM, most of Greenwood was on fire.

Martial law was called, and when the fighting stopped, more than 800 people were in the hospital and 6,000 African American residents were interned at large facilities for days. 10,000 of the Greenwood District were left homeless and were forced to spend the next winters in tents. Greenwood began the process of rebuilding, but the city tried to keep silent about the tragedy. It was omitted from local, state, and national histories until a commission formed in 1996 to study the event. Their final report published in 2001 was only able to confirm “39 dead, 26 Black and 13 white...[but an] estimated range of 75 to 300 dead.” The report also stated that “the city had conspired with the mob of white citizens against black citizens.” Oklahoma passed legislation to establish scholarships for descendants of the survivors and encourage the continued development of Greenwood. In 2010, a park was dedicated to the memory of the victims of the massacre, and in 2020 it was officially added to the Oklahoma school curriculum.

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