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## Elk City to host Block Party

The Elk City Chamber of Commerce is hosting a June Block Party & Car Cruise on Friday, June 11th from 6 PM - 9 PM. So, head on downtown for some fun with vendors, food trucks, activities for the kids (including inflatables), the car cruise, and live music featuring: The Tone Junkies and the Tyler Wilhelm Band. Many of the local shops will also be open until

8 PM for some summer shopping. The Block Party officially kicks off the Route 66 Festival which follows on Saturday, June 12th. The Route 66 Festival will have festivities going on from 9 AM - 5 PM, with a Cornhole tournament, Car Show, and entertainment and activities for all ages. Before the festival, a 5K and fun run benefiting the Elk City Animal

Shelter will begin at 7 AM; a 1-mile "fur run" option is available where participants can bring their pets and kids along for the run. The car show will offer cash prizes for the top spots in car, truck, and motorcycle categories. All festival activities will be held downtown in the retail district. Don't miss out on a great weekend of fun in Elk City!

## Karcher and Davis to Represent SWOSU at Miss Oklahoma Pageants



**Miss SWOSU Natalee Karcher**



**Miss SWOSU Outstanding Teen Peyton Davis**



**Miss SWOSU Little Star Jaylee Moore**

Miss SWOSU Natalee Karcher of Midland (TX) and Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen Peyton Davis of Cache will represent Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant set for June 7-12 in Tulsa.

Also going to Miss Oklahoma as Miss SWOSU's Little Star will be Jaylee Moore of Weatherford.

The pageants will be held at the River Spirit Resort in Tulsa.

Miss and teen pageant preliminary competitions will be Monday-Friday with the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Pageant finals on Friday, June 11, at 7:30 p.m. and the Miss

Oklahoma Pageant finals on Saturday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Karcher, a senior at SWOSU majoring in biology, is competing in the Omega group. She will have her interview session on Monday, talent on Tuesday, on stage interview/social pitch on Wednesday and the red carpet event on Thursday. Karcher's talent is singing "Feeling Good." Karcher is the daughter of Arron and Becky Karcher.

Davis, a junior at Cache High School, will be in the Teen Omega group. She will do interview on Wednesday, active wear and on-stage interview/evening wear on Thursday, and talent on Friday during

preliminaries. Davis' talent is tap dancing to "Tap Dat." Davis is the daughter of Jason and Julie Davis.

The winners of the pageants advance to the Miss America Pageant and Miss America's Outstanding Teen Pageant later in the year.

Moore, a third grader at Weatherford East Elementary School, is the daughter of Jay and Kelly Moore. This will be Moore's second year going to Miss Oklahoma as Miss SWOSU's Little Star. She enjoys coloring, swimming, snow skiing, playing with her friends, working out, eating ice cream and looking for treasures at her cabin in Colorado.

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June 18, 2021  
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Clocktower at Centennial Plaza

Refreshments will be served & attendees will have the opportunity to leave a written message of thanks & support for President Beutler.

President Beutler has requested "no retirement gifts, please."

The President Randy L. Beutler Endowment has been established at the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. to support SWOSU students and faculty in honor of President Beutler. You may contribute to the Beutler Endowment by visiting [www.GiveToSWOSU.com](http://www.GiveToSWOSU.com) or calling 580-774-3267. Checks made payable to "SWOSU FOUNDATION" with "Beutler Endowment" noted in the memorandum line may be mailed to 100 Campus Drive, Weatherford OK, 73096.

Questions may be directed to the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267.

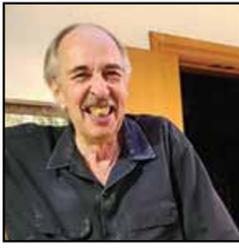


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### James Allen Rasco

James Allen Rasco was born January 18th, 1958 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to Eddie James Rasco and Virginia (Giddens) Rasco and unexpectedly passed away on Thursday, May 27th, 2021 at his home in rural Hydro, Oklahoma.



Allen attended most of his schooling in Amarillo, Texas before moving and graduating from Coldwater High School in Coldwater, Kansas. Following graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he worked in military surveillance as a photo processing specialist, during his service he was awarded the AF Longevity Service Ribbon, the AF Outstanding Unit Award and the AF Good Conduct Medal. After being released from the Air Force, he began working in the computer industry. He worked in the Oklahoma City and Dallas area for many years before retiring early due to health reasons. He then moved to Hydro, Oklahoma in 2020 to live with family. He enjoyed music of which he had a large collection, photography, drawing, watching movies of all kinds, and computers. He had a very unique talent with technology and could perform almost any task that was asked of him by his family and friends. Allen or "Unca Allen" was the laid back "cool uncle" who truly loved his nieces and nephews. He tried not to show it but they knew. He gave the most unusual gifts at Christmas and everyone wanted him to draw their name. He loved his family and would just show up and surprise them with random visits. He will be missed.

Allen is survived by his mother, Virginia Jesseph of Hydro, OK; four brothers, Gary Rasco and wife Beth of Garland, TX, Jeffrey Jesseph and wife Tena of Gould, OK; Jimmy Jesseph of La Vernia, TX, and Mike Jesseph of El Dorado, KS; one sister, Anita Eichelberger and husband Doug of Hydro, OK; a brother-in-law, David Lay of Choctaw, OK; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Eddie Rasco; his stepfather, W.A. Jesseph; and his sister, Julie Lay.

### Konea Ann (Hendrix) Jones

Konea Ann (Hendrix) Jones was born December 15, 1935, in Canton, Oklahoma to Albert Foster and Mary L. (Waggoner) Hendrix. She entered the world during a blizzard, so life was exciting from the beginning. Konea passed away peacefully on Thursday, May 27, 2021, surrounded by family and the wonderful, caring nurses at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro at the age of 85 years 5 months 12 days.



Konea began a love affair with music at age 7 when her mother signed her up for violin lessons from a man going door to door hoping to start a studio. She would have preferred to play piano, which is why her daughter studied piano for 13 years. As a teenager in Enid she participated in the high school and Phillips University orchestras and qualified for All State several times. She also "carried" a tuba in the marching band though she never said she could play it.

After her graduation from Enid High School in 1953, the family moved to Stillwater where she attended Oklahoma A & M College and participated in the orchestra. She graduated in 1957 with a degree in Business. As an adult she performed with the Southwestern Oklahoma State University orchestra and in the Clinton Playhouse production of Fiddler on the Roof.

Konea enjoyed sharing her music with people of every age. For many years she led the children in Opening Exercises and Vacation Bible School at First Christian Church. There are countless adults who grew up singing "Dem Bones Gonna Rise Again". She was a member of the church for 64 years and also played the organ. One of Konea's favorite activities was to join impromptu musical gatherings wherever they broke out. She didn't know a stranger when it came to playing her fiddle.

As important as music was, it paled in comparison to her family. She loved nothing more than to be present for everything they did.

Larry became a part of her life during a six week stint in junior high at Thomas. They later reconnected at Oklahoma A. & M. He was smitten from the beginning as evidenced by his driving over a curb and up several steps while watching his object of affection instead of the road. She was a bit more fickle but was eventually won over by his persistence. They married on June 24, 1956. Just days before her passing, Larry comforted her by saying, "This is a hard thing we're going through, but we'll get through it together." That perfectly describes their sixty-four years, eleven months of marriage.

The couple's first child, Jackie, was born August 25, 1957. As an expectant mother, Konea suffered from a great deal of morning sickness. On her doctor's recommendation, she was to drink beer to alleviate the symptoms. One day prior to a visit from her mother-in-law, being embarrassed and afraid the beer would be seen, she put it in the freezer. You can imagine the disaster that turned out to be.

Ron, the youngest child was born March 25, 1959. He was an athlete from the beginning, playing every sport that was offered. He also raised and showed cattle. At that time it was popular for the calf's tail to be poofed into a ball prior to showing. Most exhibitors tied on a fake one but not Konea's son. Before each event she was right there at the back end with her ratting comb and hair spray. When she was done, it was perfect.

Konea next set her sights on grandchildren, though she felt it was taking much too long. One year during Christmas shopping, she told Jackie, "If you don't have a baby before next Christmas, don't bother to come home!" The threat worked because Season was born nine months later. Konea had a very difficult time deciding what to be called, but Season solved that problem by mumbling "memememe". That was it, and MeMe became her preferred name for the rest of her life. Austin followed two years later and recently surprised his grandmother by playing Amazing Grace on the violin. No one else in the family can manage a note.

Konea is also survived by her sister, Sue Steger of Benson, Arizona, a daughter-in-law, Leah Graves of Piedmont, and three great-grandchildren, Cassie Gabehart, Justen Hunnicut, and Lane Foust. She was preceded in death by her parents.

spend time at her home away from home in the cabin at Red River, NM. Her passion was being GAGA and spending time with her three grandchildren, Ellie Jean and the twins, Clair and Elijah.

She is preceded in death by her mother Marva Dupree. She is survived by her husband Rod Kinney, of the home; daughter Kaitlyn Watkins and husband Logan, Cashion, OK; son Lane Kinney of Clinton; dad Darrell Dupree of Butler; and three brothers: Randy Dupree and wife Vicki of Elk City, OK, Danny Dupree and wife Canda of Clinton, OK and Ronnie Dupree of Clinton, OK.

She is also survived by her Uncle Curtis Walker and wife Judy of Butler; and sister-in-law, Diana McClendon and husband, Mike, Clinton, OK and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other family.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Clinton Public School Foundation or The American cancer society.

### Corlett "Cory" Blindwomen

Funeral Services for Corlett "Cory" Blindwomen, 43, Anadarko resident were held 1:00 P.M., Wednesday, June 2, 2021, in the Clinton Indian Community Building officiated by Pastor Gerald Panana. Burial followed in the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



A traditional wake service was held 6:00 till 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, June 1, 2021, in the Community Building.

Corlett "Cory" James Blindwomen was born October 11, 1977 to Gabriel Littlecalf and Vergenta (Blindwomen) Littlecalf in Kingfisher, OK and passed away Wednesday, May 26, 2021, in the Anadarko home.

"Cory" was raised in Kingfisher and the Ashland Montana area. He attended the St. Labre Catholic High School and graduated in 1995.

He worked as a cook in an Assisted Living Center and in the reservation head start.

He is a member of the Catholic Church and the Native American Church.

He enjoyed all sports.

He was preceded in death by his dad, grandmother, Minnie Blindwomen and granddad, Thomas Blindwomen, III and his aunt Lilita Coffey.

He is survived by a son, Dominic Blindwomen, Anadarko, his mother, Vergenta Littlecalf, sister, Sybil Belvin, Kingfisher and brother, Theodore Blindwomen, Ft. Collins, CO.

He is also survived by four nephews and a niece and a special niece, Amauna Whitewomen.

### Darla Kinney

Funeral Services for Darla Kinney, beloved wife, mother and Gaga 56, Clinton resident were held 1:00 P.M., Saturday, May 29, 2021, in the First Christian Church, officiated by Doyle Kinney and Jeff Johnson. Burial followed in the Butler Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Darla Dawn (Dupree) Kinney was born July 13, 1964, to Darrell and Marva Jean (Walker) Dupree in Clinton, OK and passed away Wednesday May 26, 2021 in the Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, surround by her family.

Darla was raised and attended school in Butler. Before graduating high school in 1982 she was active in school, she was an outstanding basketball player, softball player, active in Future Farmers of America and showed pigs, and was voted the FFA Sweetheart. She continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. She moved to Oklahoma City and attended Cosmetology School. She worked for T.W. Shears, The Hair Palace and in 2007 she established and operated Darla's Painted Door until the present.

She married Rodney Kinney September 20, 1986, in Clinton. They have made their home in Clinton since that time. She was active in her children's school activities from primary school through college.

She was a longtime member of the First Christian Church and Jr. Service League. She loved to travel and

### Mary Crenshaw

Funeral Services for Mary Crenshaw, 76, Burns Flat resident were held 1:00 P.M., Saturday, June 5, 2021 in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Pastor Ernest Kellum, Jr. Burial followed in the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Mary Lee (Brown) Crenshaw was born September 11, 1944 to Major Brown, Jr. and Lillie Belle (Trumble) in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, May 27, 2021 in the Hillcrest South Hospital in Tulsa, OK.

Mary was raised and attended school in Clinton. She married Everett Crenshaw in 1968 in Custer County. She worked at various jobs through the years including, Collins/Aikman, 3-M Company, NTSU, and Wal-Mart. She was a hard worker and did not depend on anyone.

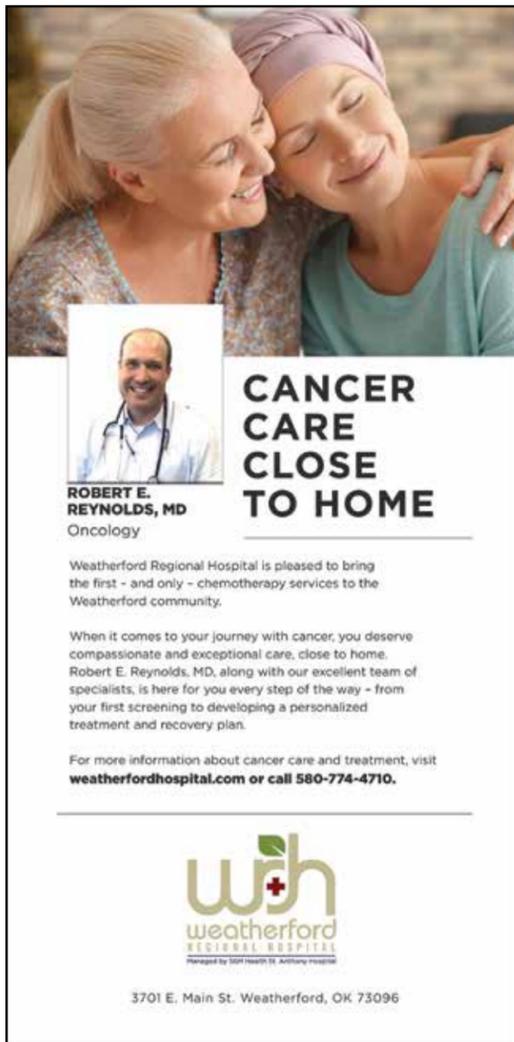
She loved life no matter what came her way. She held her decision and stuck to them. That is what a real fighter does. Even during her last days, she spoke of the fight till the end. She had a wonderful smile that meant she may have meant she needed a hug, or you better save yourself and run.

Mary loved all children unconditionally and helped raise her siblings and other family members. She also had grandchildren and great-grandchildren that she dedicated her life to help raise and spoil.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three brothers, Gerald, Wayne, and Henry as well as two sisters, Janice and Pauline.

She is survived by two daughters, Kim Kellum and husband, Jose, Tulsa, OK and Dayna Munoz and husband, Jason, Ft Worth, TX; Carlos Crenshaw and wife, Julie, Denton, TX; six sisters, Annie Callins, Mangum, OK, Linda Kaye Randle Flanders, Wilma Jackson and husband, Leonard, Betty Richardson and husband, Kenneth, and Kaye Randle, all of Clinton; Theodoris "Poochie" Reed of Oklahoma City, OK and Aline Butts, Stockton, CA, three brothers, Joel James Brown, Houston, TX, Ervan Randle and wife, Bonnie, Weatherford and Richard Randle, Lufkin, TX.

She is also survived by grandchildren, Verl LeFlore, Danielle Crenshaw, Tiffany Crenshaw, Brittany Crenshaw, and Eric Crenshaw; great grandchildren, Kendrick, Asia, Hosea and Chance, Chyanne, Chyna and Eli.



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# SWOSU Announces Establishment of North Family Endowment

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) has announced a major gift from longtime SWOSU benefactor and 1980 alumnus Mike North of Oklahoma City.

The North Family Endowment has been established to provide ongoing support to the SWOSU Department of Parks & Recreation Management (PRM).

North and his wife, Marilyn Flinchum, are enthusiastic and generous donors to many SWOSU causes including the SWOSU President's Leadership Class and the SWOSU Charitable Hunt. They are also Founder-level investors in the SWOSU Bulldog Angels Fund, which provides assistance to SWOSU students facing crisis.

"The North Family Endowment is a transformative gift for the students, faculty and programs of the SWOSU Parks & Recreation Management Department," said SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler. "We are delighted to partner once more with longtime benefactors and friends Mike North and Marilyn Flinchum to help enhance learning, develop skills and strengthen our university. The entire SWOSU community is deeply grateful for this generous philanthropic investment."

In addition to providing substantial, much-needed scholarship support to PRM students on an annual basis, the North Family Endowment will celebrate and award the outstanding PRM graduate each year via the North Family Medal recognition. The North Family Endowment will also offer the local community annual public information on PRM issues and developments through the North Family Endowed Lectureship in Parks & Recreation Management.

Additionally, the Parks & Recreation Management faculty will have the opportunity to style one of their number as the "North Family Endowed Chair in Parks & Recreation Management."

In recognition of the magnitude of this generous gift to SWOSU, Beutler has asked the Regional University System of Oklahoma (RUSO) Board of Regents to formally designate the primary instructional facility at Crowder Lake University Park as "The North Family Building."

"I am very thankful for the education my family members and I received at SWOSU," North said. "I hope that this donation will make a positive difference for students and faculty."

The North Family Endowment is so named to honor the rich heritage of the North Family at SWOSU—in addition to North and his grandmother, the late Lucille North, his brother and sister-in-law, Joe and Julie (Classes of 1979 and 1980 & 1994, respectively) and their daughters, Kayci (Classes of 2007 & 2008) and Ali (Class of 2008) are all proud SWOSU alumni. Additionally,



Mike North and Marilyn Flinchum (center) were recently welcomed to Crowder Lake University Park by SWOSU President Dr. Randy L. Beutler (left) and SWOSU Dean of the College of Professional & Graduate Studies Dr. Chad Kinder.

Provided

North's aunt, Margaret A. (North) Wrucha, is a 1965 & 1968 alumnae of SWOSU.

North was born in Tacoma (WA) and raised in Weatherford. Following graduation from Weatherford High School in 1973, he served his country in the United States Navy, being honorably discharged in July of 1977. He began his undergraduate work at SWOSU in 1977 where he studied accounting and economics. North worked in public accounting for two and a half years before entering the real estate development and syndication business. He passed the Certified Public Accountant (CPA) examination in 1983.

In 1986, North purchased a small childcare center and over the next 25 years developed and built the enterprise into 11 large childcare centers with the capacity to serve 1,750 children. In 2011, North sold the childcare business and began Okie Express Auto Wash, which has 11 locations in the Oklahoma City metro area.

Lucille North was born September 25, 1905, in Indian Territory. She grew up in Weatherford and attended Weatherford Public Schools. Lucille earned a degree in education from the then-Southwestern Normal School in 1927. While attending what became SWOSU, Lucille belonged to the "BullPups" (a cheer

group), Tri-J Sorority, and Forensia. After graduation, Lucille taught at Okeene and Corn before marrying Roy North in 1931. Lucille went on to earn her Master of Education degree in the mid-1950s and then taught third grade in Weatherford's East Elementary school until her retirement in 1971.

Lucille was very proud of Weatherford and SWOSU and participated in numerous volunteer organizations: Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, Meals on Wheels, and many other causes that benefitted from her civic commitment. While a septuagenarian, Lucille drove other senior citizens to doctor appointments and grocery store visits. In 1990, at the age of 85, Lucille received the "Volunteer of the Year" award from the Weatherford Chamber of Commerce.

The North Family Endowment 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](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).

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**SCHOOL BOARD-** The Weatherford school board met in special session to accept Randy Henderson as the new ag teacher.

**RIGSBY TRIAL-** A Custer County murder defendant is trying to delay his November trial. Thirty-seven year old Dennis Ray Rigby Jr. has filed several motions seeking to represent himself or have his charges dismissed. Each motion has to be evaluated by a judge. He presented three more hand written motions alleging listing violations of his rights. A hearing on his latest motions is set for August 24th.

**WEATHERFORD BROWN RECOGNITION-** Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown was recognized at the Weatherford City commission meeting for 25 years of service with the city. Oklahoma municipal league executive director Mike Fina was on hand for a special presentation. Brown has served 7 years on council and 18 years as mayor.

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**HOSPITAL BOARD-** The Weatherford Hospital Board met in regular session and CEO Brian Denton talked about the hospital's updated visitor policy. The hospital will now allow two visitors for in-patients and two visitors for emergency room patients. While the hospital is now allowing visitors there is still temperature screening and a mask policy that Denton said the hospital will keep until the CDC changes its recommendations.

**WEATHERFORD HOTEL & MOTEL-** The Weatherford City commission approved three grant recommendations from the hotel/motel committee. One of those grants is for \$9800 for a youth basketball tournament. The other grants are \$1500 for the great plains family YMCA Weatherford triathlon and \$5600 to the Southwest Alliance for girls enrichment in science, technology, engineering, arts & humanities and mathematics camp at SWOSU.

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## White, Bedard Garner ABCA All-Region Honors

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SWOSU Sports Information Director

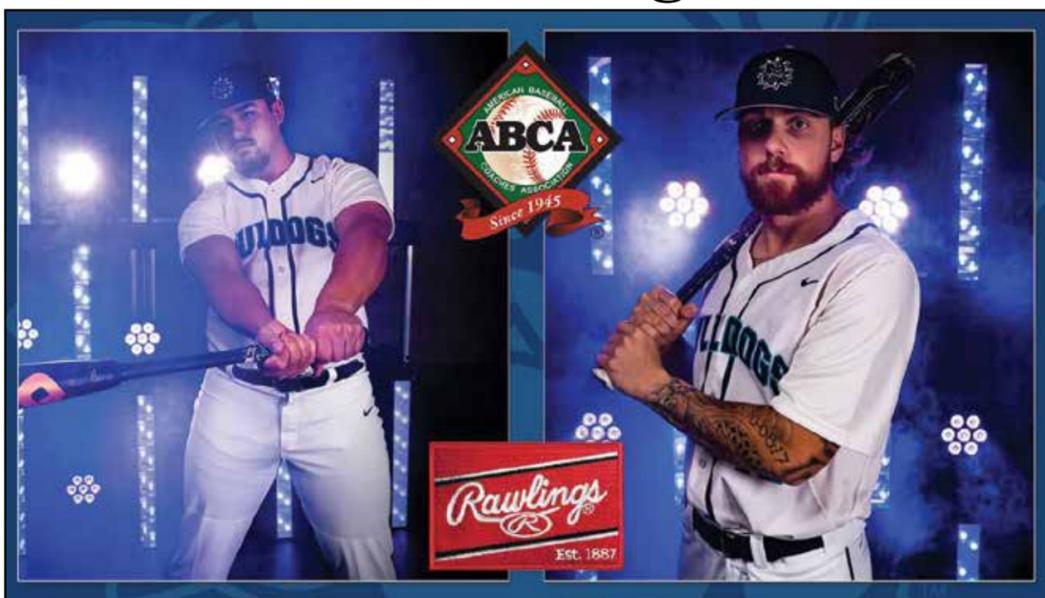
SWOSU Baseball had a pair of players add another All-Region selection on Wednesday after Drew White and Alex Bedard earned First Team selections to the 2021 ABCA/Rawlings Division II All-Central Region team.

The teams are voted on by members of the American Baseball Coaches Association and the process is led by the ABCA NCAA Division II All-America Committee. ABCA/Rawlings All-Region First Team selections are nominated for ABCA/Rawlings All-America honors. The ABCA/Rawlings NCAA Div. II All-Americans will be announced on Friday, June 4. The ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove teams for all divisions will be announced Wednesday, June 23.

The ABCA All-America team was first recognized in 1949 and now includes nine divisions: NCAA Divisions I, II and III, NAIA, NJCAA Divisions I, II and III, Pacific Association Division, and high school. ABCA/Rawlings Gold Glove teams were first recognized in 2007.

This is the second All-Central Region selection for White, who also earned a First Team selection from the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA), while Bedard completes the All-Region trifecta with First Team honors from D2CCA and the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA).

White led the Bulldogs with a .406 batting average and earned First Team All-GAC honors after finishing the year with 13 doubles, five home runs and 47 RBI. Bedard capped off his decorated career as the 2021 GAC Player of the Year and earned a spot on the GAC All-Defensive Team in addition to being named SWOSU's



Male Athlete of the Year for the second straight year. This season, he hit .396 with 65 hits, 57 runs scored and 37 RBI while setting a new single-season school record with 31 stolen bases.

SWOSU Baseball has now had seven players earn All-Region honors from the ABCA during the NCAA Division II era. White and Bedard join Rafael Villela (2019; Second Team), Alex Pimentel (2018; First Team) and Shane Martin (2013; Second Team) in earning the honor in the Central Region while Jake Dillard (2002; First Team) and Michael Felton (2010; First Team)

previously claimed the distinction while SWOSU competed in the South Central Region.

The ABCA, founded in 1945, is the primary professional organization for baseball coaches at the amateur level. Its over 13,000 members represent all 50 states and 25 countries. Since its initial meeting of 27 college baseball coaches in June 1945, Association membership has broadened to include eight divisions: NCAA Division I, II and III, NAIA, NJCAA, Pacific Association Division, High School and Youth.



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# Lorie Benson Fusco Named to SWOSU Planned Giving Society



Lorie Benson Fusco

Dr. Randy L. Beutler, president of Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford and Sayre, is pleased to announce that Lorie Benson Fusco of Oklahoma City has been named to the SWOSU Tomorrows

partners like Lorie Benson Fusco,” Beutler said. “We are honored that Fusco chose to invest in SWOSU by including our institution in her estate planning. Her generosity will enable SWOSU students far into the future to pursue higher living and higher learning and to help make the world a better place.”

To better equip those who choose to remember SWOSU in their estate planning, the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. has launched [www.SWOSUTomorrows.com](http://www.SWOSUTomorrows.com), a comprehensive website with updated information about how planned gifts of any size and type can be made to SWOSU. Donors who choose to record their planned gifts to SWOSU will be named as part of the SWOSU Tomorrows giving society and recognized according to their wishes and preferences, joining a special place of honor amongst the university’s many benefactors. Former SWOSU Presidents Dr. Joe Anna Hibler and the late Dr. John Hays served as honorary co-chairs of the SWOSU Tomorrows effort under the guidance of the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees.

The SWOSU Tomorrows planned giving program is coordinated by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The Foundation 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 information on how to make a planned gift to SWOSU or to notify SWOSU that a provision has been made for the university in estate planning, please contact the SWOSU Foundation at 580-774-3267; e-mail to Executive Director Garrett King at [garrett.king@swosu.edu](mailto:garrett.king@swosu.edu); or by visiting [www.SWOSUTomorrows.com](http://www.SWOSUTomorrows.com).

planned giving society.

Fusco has generously made provision for SWOSU in her estate planning. Her thoughtful investment in SWOSU will be used to provide substantial endowed facility and scholarship support to the SWOSU community and to pay tribute to her son, the late Andrew Jacob Fusco.

“My life has been defined by my personal faith and by my belief in the power of public education,” Fusco said. “I consider it a privilege to assist SWOSU and facilitate the institution’s mission to provide quality learning experiences and opportunities for all.

Fusco is a 1978 SWOSU alumnae and says that she has fond memories of SWOSU emeritus faculty member Marion Prichard. In 1979, she earned a Master of Public Health from the University of Oklahoma and in 1994 she was certified as a Registered Record Administrator by the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA).

Fusco says that her personal motto is “Obey the Lord and leave the consequences to Him.”

She is the daughter of the late Laryus L. “Larry” Benson and the late Waneta (Stermer) Benson.

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## SWOSU Plans In-Person & Virtual Enrollment Sessions for Incoming Freshmen this Summer

Southwestern Oklahoma State University will now offer face-to-face New Student Orientation sessions for incoming freshmen on the Weatherford campus.

The sessions will allow soon-to-be SWOSU freshmen the opportunity to enroll for the 2021 Fall Semester. In-person sessions are planned June 21, June 29, July 20 and August 11.

The sessions were originally planned to be held virtually because of the pandemic, but university officials made the decision on May 24 to no longer require the use of masks or social distance on campus. And SWOSU is returning to more normal operations this fall semester.

Taler Alexander, coordinator of SWOSU’s NSO, said students can keep virtual session

options if they desire during the weeks of June 7, June 14, July 12 and July 19. If a student has already enrolled through a virtual session earlier in the year, they are welcome to attend face-to-face NSO sessions to hear information from departments and tour campus.

Students must apply and be accepted to SWOSU before they can attend an enrollment session. Each of the enrollment sessions offers students the chance to meet current SWOSU students and new freshmen, visit and enroll with a faculty advisor within the major they have selected, and obtain answers to any of their questions.

For more information, visit [www.swosu.edu/nso](http://www.swosu.edu/nso) or contact New Student Orientation at (580) 774-3233 or [orientation@swosu.edu](mailto:orientation@swosu.edu)

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# Oklahoma History: Shopping Cart

**Chase Wright**  
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One of the unsung heroes of the modern era, the shopping cart has been a time (and back) saver for the shopper since its inception in 1937. Today, you'll find baskets strewn across parking lots, in front bays of stores, and in the hands of many customers as they browse around. It's hard to picture shopping without them, but their early years were a little rocky.

Introduced on June 4th, 1937, in the Humpty Dumpty supermarket chain in Oklahoma City, the cart was receiving negative feedback. Men viewed the cart as "effeminate" and women felt as if they were pushing a baby stroller. Inventor Sylvan Nathan Goldman, owner of the Humpty Dumpty chain, ended up hiring male and female models to push the carts around his stores to demonstrate their effectiveness, and he posted greeters at the front of the stores to explain their usage. People quickly began to see the appeal. They were soon in every store in the nation.

Goldman grew up around stores. Born in Oklahoma, Goldman helped his father in various dry food stores owned by his mother's family. After serving in WWI, Goldman opened a fruit and produce store in Texas with his brother; and they were very successful until the oil boom crashed. The pair moved to California where they eventually planned to open a chain of whole food stores, but their uncle offered them a chance to open the stores in Oklahoma instead - they agreed.

When they got to Oklahoma, they had fresh ideas on the new California stores called "supermarkets" and founded the state's first supermarket The Sun Grocery Company on April 3rd, 1920 in Tulsa. Within a year, they had 21 markets in the state; within 3 years, they had 57 stores.

After buying the failing Humpty Dumpty chain, they merged their brands into the Standard-Humpty Dumpty. To help women shoppers who had to handle the children and the groceries, the first spark of the shopping cart was born.

Basing the design off the foldable wooden chairs,



**Photo: Sylvan Goldman with Humpty Dumpty Shopping Carts**

he enlisted the help of mechanic Fred Young and built a metal frame with baskets and wheels. They hired another mechanic, Arthur Kosted, who invented an assembly line that could mass produce the baskets. For years the carts' popularity grew.

In 1946, another design for "nesting" carts was published by Orla Watson that allowed the carts to "nest" by shoving them together instead of relying on disassembly like Goldman's carts. Goldman patented his own "nest-kart" a year later but had to relinquish his rights for counterfeit damages. In return, Watson gave Goldman the rights to mass produce the carts. Today, the telescoping carts form the basis of what we see in markets around the world.

## HIGHER GROUND

Looking at our scars



**Jim Morrison**

This week we have been commemorating the 100 year anniversary of the Tulsa Race Riot. Certainly, it is not a celebration. It is a reminder of a blot on our past that reveals the depths of man's inhumanity to man. As we read of the atrocities of the event we are prone to question, "How could a civilized city of upright citizens stoop to such evil?" We can't imagine ourselves being a part of such a thing! We have grown in our understanding of the truth that all men are created equal. But there was a time in our history that lasted far too long, in which the black race was seen as somehow inferior or even subhuman. Even as late as 1900 some thought that blacks were decedents of apes. They were not allowed to sit on juries and could only vote with extreme difficulty. Of course the Jim Crow law as well as segregation was strongly exercised

One of the root causes of the riot was the fear that Black people were calling for equality and were not staying "in their place." Of course one of the greatest fears was that mixing of the races would lead to bi-racial marriages. So extreme measures such as lynching without any trial was used if any supposed inappropriate contact was made between the sexes—black and white.

So much is being made of the massacre this week is because for 90 plus years it was whitewashed, excused, ignored and deleted from history books. We were ashamed to look at the past. Some say "that is all in the past. I am not responsible, why bring that up?" We need the facts of history to see where we've been and to allow for change and growth. We should celebrate all that has been done to bring change. But we should not be so prideful that we feel we have arrived and realize that change should be an ongoing process in which we examine our thoughts and hearts, and seek to see that all men are created in the image of God and therefore to be loved and respected. There should be an intentional about our efforts to change. We should have honest conversations to discuss our feelings and misunderstandings. To gain understanding read books about black history, or of the contributions of great men like George Washington Carver and Booker T. Washington.

On the other hand, it is hurtful, not helpful to make everything a racial issue, to constantly point fingers and induce unnecessary guilt. Three things I challenge you to pray for each morning. (1) Lord, make me an instrument of righteousness (Roms 6:13). (2) Lord, let me be an agent of reconciliation, (2 Corinthians 5:19 ) (3) Help me to be an ambassador of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. 2nd Corinthians 5:20

In the past, the church has been more a complicit to racial division instead of an agent of change. We would be better if we would heed this purpose statement developed by Rick Warren, founder of Saddleback Community Church. (We will make a great commitment to the great commandment, "Thou shall love the Lord thy God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. (Matt. 22:37-40) Then your great commitment should result in following the great Commission, 'Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you, And surely I am with you always to the very end of the age.)' Let's pray for our people and our nation. To comment jhm82@outlook.com or call 580-772-2311

## Alex Bedard Earns Second All-America Honor



**Doug Self**  
SWOSU Sports Information Director

SWOSU Baseball's senior centerfielder Alex Bedard capped off the postseason award season on Friday with an Honorable Mention All-America nod from the NCAA Division II Conference Commissioner Association (D2CCA). A total of 48 student-athletes were named to either the first, second or third team All-America squad while 16 were named honorable mention.

The D2CCA All-America and All-Region baseball teams, which are selected by College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA) members from schools playing Division II baseball, were first established in 2007. This is the sixth year in which the program is solely sponsored by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association.

Bedard becomes the third Bulldog to earn D2CCA All-America honors during the NCAA era, joining

Third Team selection Alex Pimentel in 2018 and Second Team selection Michael Felton in 2010. This is his second All-America accolade after he previously earned Honorable Mention from the National College Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA). The 2021 Great American Conference Player of the Year also recently completed the Division II media triple play by earning All-Region honors from D2CCA, NCBWA and ABCA.

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.

The Division II Conference Commissioners Association encourages and promotes Division II athletics and high standards of sportsmanship as important elements of higher education. The CCA is a key communications link among the conferences as they discuss views, policies and regulations that impact Division II intercollegiate athletics and works closely with the NCAA as a communications channel to NCAA Division II member colleges and universities. The online nomination and voting processes are provided by Presto Sports.

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