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Veterans Day 2021 in Western Oklahoma



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The American Legion Veterans Memorial in Weatherford, Oklahoma stands as a reminder of all the men and women who've served in combat.

Delta Mu Delta Presented Star Chapter Award

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's chapter of Delta Mu Delta (DMD) on the Weatherford campus has been presented with the Star Chapter Award from the national office.

SWOSU is one of 14 chapters across the nation, honored by the international honor society in business.

Each year, top business students at qualifying universities are invited to join Delta Mu Delta. SWOSU's Omicron Sigma chapter received notification about the award from DMD Society President Kevin McCarthy. The award is based on the chapter's activities.

Faculty sponsors of the SWOSU chapter are Dr. David Kelly and Dr. Roxanne Davis.



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SWOSU Delta Mu Delta Officers are (from left): Cassidy Moore, Tuttle, treasurer; Rylie Fischer, Mustang, social media; Leticia Ortiz, Clinton, president; Thomasa Stegall, Vian, secretary; and Lauren Price, Minco, vice president.

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Randall Kent Jones

Randall Kent Jones was born on October 25, 1959, in Thomas, Oklahoma, to Sonny and Eloise (Passmore) Jones and passed away on Thursday, October 28, 2021, at McBride Orthopedic Hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 62 years, and 3 days.



Randy was raised in Weatherford and graduated from Weatherford High School with the Class of 1977. He was an Eagle Scout with Troop 355 and an avid FFA supporter. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University for two years after high school. On August 9, 1980, he married the love of his life Barbara Kitchens in Weatherford where they made their home. Together, they had two children. Randy worked in the oil field for 10 years as a salesman before joining Schwan's where he worked for 28 years until retiring. Randy enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren and attending their activities, being outdoors—hunting, fishing, and camping, OU Sports and traveling. Memorials may be made to the Weatherford Food for Kids program.

Randy is survived by his wife Barbara Jones of the home in Weatherford; one daughter Courtney Huff and her husband Robert and their children Brayden and Ella; one son Kyle Jones and his wife Katy and their son, Barrett; his father Sonny Jones; one brother Curtis Jones and wife Sharon; three sisters: Beth Hollan and husband Marty, Lisa Martinez and husband Ismael, and Dawn Hollander; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother Eloise Jones; and one brother, Terry Jones

Wilma May McKee

Funeral services for Wilma May McKee, 96 year-old Weatherford resident, were held Saturday, November 6, 2021, 10:00 A.M. at Bethel Mennonite Church in Hydro with Steve Entz officiating. Burial followed at Bethel Mennonite Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home.



Wilma May McKee was born March 30, 1925, to John Abraham and Elsie Bertha (Ewy) Entz. Wilma was born on the Svec farm which was located just north of the Bethel Mennonite Church, southeast of Hydro. Her two older siblings Clara and Harold were also born at this homestead. In 1926, the Entz family moved to the Rio Grande Valley and later to Edinburg, Texas. After several years, the family got lonesome for Oklahoma and moved home where the youngest of Wilma's siblings were born, Clayton and Roy. The family eventually purchased and settled on the Funck farm, west of Ghost Mound in 1938. Wilma was baptized as a believer and follower of Jesus Christ at Bethel Mennonite Church on June 12, 1938. During these years, Wilma attended country schools at Prairie View and Mound Valley. During her high school years, she attended Eakly High School and her junior and senior years at Colony High School, graduating in May 1943. Wilma won top academic awards during school and was considered a gifted writer. With the eventual blessing of her parents, in the summer of 1943, Wilma attended Cameron Junior College graduating from there in the spring of 1945 with a teaching degree. She began her career in education in 1945, teaching all eight grades at Mound Valley School. Wilma married Robert F. (Stub) McKee May 25, 1947. They lived on several farms until buying a home in Hydro in 1956. Wilma supported her husband as he was a printer for the **Hydro Review** and a renowned windmill repairman to all of western Oklahoma. During this time, Wilma also taught at Geary Public School and in 1959 started her own private kindergarten in her home which she continued for the next 11 years. In 1970, Wilma was hired as kindergarten teacher by Hydro Public Schools where she continued teaching until her retirement in 1990 – 36 years in education. If you were a student of Wilma McKee, you learned most importantly kindness to others, acceptance, fairness, an appreciation for birdwatching and all animals, and that you are loved and valued.

Wilma was a life long learner and writer. She completed her bachelor's degree in education at Southwestern Oklahoma State College and a master's degree in Guidance and Counseling at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. She is the author of several books, including *The Valued Child – Developmental Stages of Children*, *Heritage Celebrations*, *Growing Faith – a history of General Conference Mennonites in Oklahoma*, *Retreat Celebrations of 50th Anniversary*, *Jubilee Sunday School curriculum*, *McKee-Brown Genealogy* and *John and Elsie Entz Family History*. Her latest accomplishment was her autobiography, written at age 90 – on a computer! The book titled, **My Times are In Your Hands** is the story of Gods faithfulness and love to her as she turns to Him throughout life's highs and lows. Wilma was an active member of Bethel Mennonite Church, serving on committees, locally, and for Western District General Conference of Mennonite churches. She had a special interest in writing history, and because of this gift, she shared we are able to be witness to God's faithfulness throughout generations.

Wilma was always ready to answer the call to the Lord's service. In 1965, Wilma was appointed to the Oklahoma Mennonite Retreat committee. Helping young people understand God's love for them and salvation through Jesus Christ was a life's work for Wilma. She served at retreats until the age of 80 in many capacities, most importantly as retreat director, curriculum writer, counselor and resource speaker. Many lives were impacted for the Lord. Her service did not end when she entered Weatherwood Assisted Living in 2013. The teacher continued to teach and she continued to lead others to the Lord. She led a Book Study group in which she read books to residents, she

wrote a monthly article for the Weatherwood Assisted Living newspaper called Words with Wilma, and she facilitated a small group discussion every week where residents could share with each other about their lives, called Talk Time with Wilma. Wilma was very grateful for the loving care and friendships that she had while living at Weatherwood.

Wilma's Grandma Ewy wrote the following words to her when she was in college, "May you be happy, contented, and a blessing to others in the service for your Master and to mankind... with the Lord's help, you will be a success in whatever career you choose." Wilma's life reflected those prophetic words as she spent her life serving her Master Jesus Christ and pouring love into the lives of others.

Wilma returned home to her Heavenly Father October 28, 2021. A life well lived.

Wilma McKee is preceded in death by her husband R.F. (Stub) McKee, her sister Clara Bartel, brother-in-law Olen Bartel, brothers: Harold and Clayton Entz, sisters-in-law Gloria Jean Entz and Sherry Entz. She is survived by one brother Roy Entz of Muskogee, one sister-in-law Edith Entz of Hydro, an adopted daughter Elfrieda McKee and numerous nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be sent to Oklahoma Mennonite Retreat, c/o Bill Entz, 10178 CS 2460, Hydro, OK 73048.

Harvey Ingram

Funeral service for Harvey Hamilton Ingram, Jr., 76 year-old Weatherford resident, were held on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 2:00 PM in "The Chapel" of Lockstone Funeral Home with Chaplain Dennis King officiating. Burial will follow in Greenwood Cemetery under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. Harvey was born on October 25, 1945, to Harvey Hamilton Ingram Sr. and Edith (Tinsley) Ingram in Tuley, Oklahoma, and passed away Friday, October 29, 2021, at Corn Heritage Village of Weatherford.



Harvey was raised in Oklahoma City where he graduated from Star Spencer High School with the Class of 1964. After high school, he served in the US Army during the Vietnam War for 3 years. On July 9, 1966, he married Linda Sue McCowen in Cleburne, TX where they made their home. Harvey and Sue later moved back to Oklahoma, eventually settling in Weatherford where Harvey worked for 3M, Kodak, and Imation until retiring in 2001. Harvey enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, hunting, fishing, and gardening.

The family would like to thank Russell Murray Hospice and Corn Heritage Village for their care in helping with Harvey. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research or the charity of your choice.

Harvey is survived by his wife Sue Ingram of the home in Weatherford; two sons: Michael and Susan Ingram, and their son Trey McMican of Thomas, and Robert and Lynae Ingram and their children, Tré and wife Kayla Ingram, Riley, Tessa, and Hudson Ingram of Weatherford. He was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Arlin Ingram; and two sisters, Mildred Cobb and Lillian Walker.



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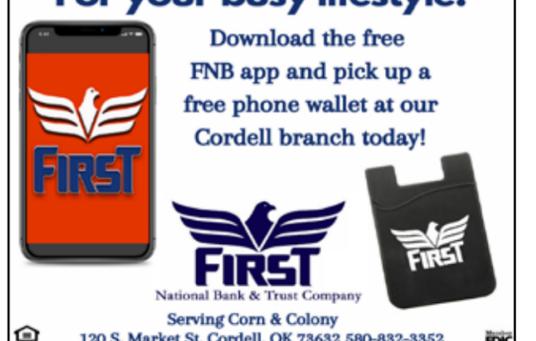
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SWOSU-Sayre Hosts High School Administrators, Awards Scholarships



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 Elk City High School Counselor Lauren Shelton won a \$2,000 SWOSU-Sayre scholarship to be awarded to one student at Elk City.

SWOSU-Sayre recently showed its appreciation for area high school administrators and their students at the second annual Celebrating YOU! event for high school officials.

The event featured information sessions, discussion with SWOSU students, lunch and scholarship giveaways.

Elk City High School Counselor Lauren Shelton and Reydon High School Principal Kristi Scrivner each won a \$2,000 SWOSU-Sayre scholarship to be awarded to one student at each school.

Superintendents, principals and counselors from 11 area high schools attended the event to learn more about SWOSU, the Sayre campus, and what their students need

to know about concurrent enrollment as well as SWOSU enrollment after graduation.

During lunch, SWOSU Esports program coordinator Hayden Harrington spoke about the massive growth of Esports and gave suggestions for high school Esports programs.

Attendees came from Arapaho-Butler, Burns Flat-Dill City, Canute, Cheyenne, Clinton, Cordell, Elk City, Erick, Merritt, Reydon and Sayre schools.



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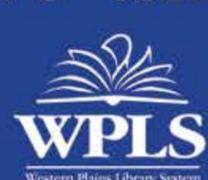
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SWOSU Names Jon Chidester Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations



Jacob Cope
SWOSU Media Relations

Jon Chidester has been named Assistant Athletic Director of Media Relations at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Chidester started his new post on November 1, according to SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton. Chidester is a two-time graduate of SWOSU, earning a bachelor's degree in business management in 2016 and a master's degree in sports management in 2018. He is a former baseball player on the Bulldog squad.

After graduating from SWOSU, he served two

years as a graduate assistant for Doug Self, the previous media relations director for athletics. Chidester then worked as a manager at Paycom.

"It's great to be back in Weatherford," Chidester said. "This is a place I called home for four years and was able to meet my wife. I am looking forward to being a part of the SWOSU family and being a small part of the SWOSU athletics brand."

He and his wife, former SWOSU softball player Courtney Chidester, have a newborn son—Callaway.

Chidester will be the main media contact for SWOSU Athletics while also helping promote the SWOSU brand.

Provided
SWOSU's New Assistant AD/Director of Media Relations Jon Chidester.

Bulldogs Crowned 2021 Regular Season Champs

John Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/ Media Relations

The SWOSU Soccer offense struck twice in the second half on Saturday and went on to defeat Southern Nazarene 2-0 to claim the Great American Conference regular season championship.

If you weren't careful, you would have missed the Bulldog scores as they came just 60 seconds apart from each other.

Tied 0-0 in the 70th minute, Desiree Rodriguez broke that score line with her third goal of the season in what ended up being the game winner. Exactly a minute later, Brianna Benitez extended the lead and gave the Dawgs some cushion. Both goals came off an assist from Brenna McGuirk.

It was only a matter of time for the Bulldogs to break through on the scoreboard though. SWOSU ended with 23 total shots in the game and was constantly on the attack. Nine of those were on goal, including the two scores.

On defense, the Bulldogs completed their sixth shutout of the season.

SWOSU (12-5-1, 10-1-1 GAC) now earns the right to host the GAC Postseason Tournament in Weatherford next week. The schedule for that has not been released yet, but games will be played on Thursday and Saturday.



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SWOSU Freshman Sola Tsuruta jumps to head a ball in SWOSU's win against Southern Nazarene

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	Bethany	W 49-0
	Mooreland	L 8-48
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WEATHERFORD/OLD HOSPITAL DEMO- The demolition of the former Weatherford Regional Hospital building is complete as crews work at the site to get it ready for construction of a new police station/911 center. Mayor Mike Brown said the project is expected to go out to bid after the first of the year.

D.A.R.E DONATION- The Weatherford Police Department received a \$17,000 donation from Weatherford Rotary to help fund the DARE program. Weatherford Police Chief Louis Flowers said they are looking to expand the DARE program in Weatherford to include Weatherford High School. The money was raised during the Heartland Car Cruise earlier this year.

WASSANA/RE-ELECTED- The Governor and Lt. Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes won re-election in the general election. Governor Reggie Wassana and Lt. Governor Gib Miles picked up 72% of the vote. The win makes them the first Governor and Lt. Governor to be elected to a second term, consecutively. Wassana and Miles will serve another four-year term as Governor and Lt. Governor.

THOMAS-FAY-CUSTER/SCHOOL DAMAGE- The superintendent of Thomas-Fay-Custer schools said the lower elementary recently suffered damage from a storm that caused roof and water damage to the building. Rob Friesen said he is hopeful that students can move into the new lower elementary building after Thanksgiving. In the meantime, 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade classes have relocated to a nearby church. Kindergarten has relocated to the high school.

CLINTON CC/AIRPORT UPDATE- Clinton City Council received an update on the recovery effort from tornado damage at the airport last month. Operator Tracy Yoder said sixteen aircraft were damaged and four of them were totaled. Yoder said the city continues to work with the insurance company. She said clean-up of the debris has been underway.

WEATHERFORD/BLOOD DRIVES- Blood donors will have two chances this month to help save a life by donating blood at Weatherford Regional Hospital. The blood drives will be held on back-to-back Wednesday's, November 17th and 24th from 9:30am-3:30pm. To schedule an appointment, contact the Oklahoma blood Institute by phone or visit them online at obi.org.

CC/JAIL ROOF- Representatives from Armko completed a walkthrough of the Custer County jail roof. County Clerk Melissa Graham said that the project will be open for bids on November 11th and the bids will be presented to commissioners at the November 15th commissioners meeting. There is still no timetable for the roof project.

WEATHERFORD/LYLE ROAD UPDATE- The Lyle road project in Weatherford continues to move forward. Mayor Mike Brown said only a few minor utility issues remain before the main road project can begin. The work is projected to take another year to complete.

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Rodriguez & Nielsen Named Bulldogs of the Week



Desiree Rodriguez of SWOSU Soccer and Chezney Nielson of SWOSU Volleyball have been named the latest Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of the Bulldogs over the airwaves on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Rodriguez played a strong role in soccer's undefeated week. The sophomore from Forney, Texas

scored the first goal of the match against Southern Nazarene on Saturday in what ended up being the game winning goal after the Bulldogs defeated SNU 2-0. Earlier in the week, Rodriguez started and played in all 90 minutes against Oklahoma Baptist—helping the team avenge their earlier season loss to the Lady Bison by defeating OBU 2-1. SWOSU is now on a six-game winning streak coming into the GAC Postseason Tournament.

Nielson averaged 11 kills over volleyball's two matches last week, highlighted by her 13-kill performance against Southern Nazarene. The senior from Roosevelt, Utah also added three service aces, six blocks, and 13 digs to her weekly resume. Volleyball added wins over Southeastern and Southern Nazarene last week to extend their season winning streak to nine games. That is the longest winning streak in the program's history.

SWOSU Women's Basketball Opens Season at Tipoff Classic

John Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/ Media Relations

The SWOSU Women's Basketball team faced off against stiff competition at the D2CCA Tipoff Classic hosted by West Texas A&M.

The Lady Bulldogs ended the round robin event 1-2, highlighted by their victory over preseason nationally ranked #4/6 Central Missouri. All three opponents SWOSU faced were either ranked or receiving votes in the first national preseason polls released this last week.

For their play, Makyra Tramble (sophomore) and Lauren Ramey (junior) both were named to the all-tournament team.

SWOSU (1-2) will take a break from action this next week and will make their home debut by hosting another round robin of their own—the GAC/MIAA Crossover on November 12-13 in Weatherford.

Game 1 (loss) - Drury 92, SWOSU 79—Friday, October 29th

SWOSU trailed last year's NCAA National Runner Up by just three going into the halftime locker room, but a slow third quarter put the Lady Dawgs too far out of reach in their season opener.

With 6:47 left in the fourth quarter, a Karly Gore score in the paint put SWOSU within six—but the deficit built was just too much to overcome as Drury answered back to push the lead to double digits where it remained for

the rest of the game.

Tramble led the way offensively with 22 points (8-for-14), four steals, and three blocks. Ramey (15) and Gore (14) were SWOSU's other double-digit contributors.

For Drury, Paige Robinson tallied 30 points. Robinson was the NCAA-II Player of the Year in 2020.

Game 2 (win) - SWOSU 86, Central Missouri 80—Saturday, October 30th

Three-point shooting was key in Saturday's victory over Central Missouri, as six different Lady Bulldogs knocked down at least one triple, including a combined 10 threes from Tramble and Ramey. As a team, the Lady Dawgs connected on 16-of-28 (57%) from deep.

SWOSU led by 19 points midway through the third quarter, but UCM chipped at the lead throughout the remainder of the game to make things interesting late.

The Lady Dawgs edged the turnover battle 16-14. Bethany Franks had a team high three steals, and added seven rebounds and four points.

Game 3 (loss) - West Texas A&M 81, SWOSU 68—Sunday, October 31st.

The offense went cold in the fourth quarter of the final game of the D2CAA Tipoff Classic, after getting outscored 26-12 in the game's final ten minutes. Up until the fourth quarter, both teams had combined for five lead changes and four ties in what was a back-and-forth contest.

Tramble tallied 20-plus points for the third consecutive



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Makyra Tramble dribbles to the hoop as the SWOSU Women's Basketball team played at the D2CCA Tipoff Classic hosted by West Texas A&M

game, ending with 21 alongside her team-leading eight rebounds and four steals. Macy Gore had 16 points, including 3-of-6 from deep. Avery Walker-Henry added eight points off the bench.

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Oklahoma History: Silkwood

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Classifications, counterintelligence, and coverups. They've been a thing for centuries, but in the era of worldwide communications and the period of Big Brother, concerns have grown, regarding who is watching. In the '60s and 70s, the concerns over domestic surveillance and violent ends to informers were so widespread that the government began believing that foreign agents were the cause. So, they developed programs that planted informers at protests over the Vietnam war, racial prejudice, and Corpo-espionage. As these informers were discovered and the digital age began, the public grew uneasy feeling as if every move they made was analyzed and recorded.

In 1974, a car crash in Oklahoma with questionable origins grew to become a worldwide affair that to this day still troubles experts. On November 13, 1974, Karen Silkwood had a fatal car accident north of Oklahoma City near Crescent.

What we know is that Karen worked as a technician at a plutonium plant, operated by the Kerr-McGee Corporation, and that she had been hypercritical about safety conditions and procedures taken by the Corp. Months earlier, Karen had filed complaints about the unsafe conditions to the Atomic Energy Commissions (AEC). Physicians and monitors from both the AEC and Kerr-McGee took samples from her work gear and her home. The Corporate monitors found negligible traces, and the AEC recorded higher concentrations of radiation on the sides of her arm and coveralls.

Silkwood continued to have tests done and kept notes, regarding her concerns. On November 5th, days prior to her crash, while working on plutonium that would make fuel rods, an alpha detector went off. The detector was set to warn when an alarming amount of plutonium was detected. The machine had warned that her right arm was covered, and after additional tests, the plutonium

was determined to have come from the inside of her protective gloves.

Doctors monitored Silkwood over the next week and an excrement sample test revealed that her bodily fluids were full of alpha activity. AEC Monitors found the same level of alpha activity in her apartment; an apartment that she shared with another worker at the plant.

Shortly after the test results, November 13th came. Silkwood attended a Union Meeting and got in her car after work. She never made it to her destination. When the police showed up at the scene, they were initially surprised because her car had crashed into a concrete channel. She was dead before aid arrived, but what kept them from reporting it as a tragic accident was the skid marks and rear bumper dent an investigator found at the accident. It seemed to be evidence that a second vehicle was involved.

Reports came out that Silkwood was heading to meet a Union Rep and a New York Times Reporter with a folder of documents that would prove that Kerr-McGee acted negligently with their safety systems. There was no reported folder at the scene.

Her autopsy also revealed some strange details. Apparently, Silkwood had taken a large dose of Methaqualone, a sedative, before she died which would lend support to the assumption that she fell asleep at the wheel. After her death, other measurements for alpha activity were taken and a high concentration was found again as if Silkwood had ingested the plutonium.

Experts were at a loss, regarding the strange nature of the case. Her father was



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Karen Silkwood's mangled car

unconvinced and sued the Kerr-McGee corporation. The company settled for \$1.3 million, and they closed their plant in Crescent in 1978.

To date, discussions are still held, regarding the circumstances and outcome of Silkwood's death. The highly unusual case led to worldwide coverage, and eventually, Hollywood produced a film titled Silkwood based on the events.

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