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## Clinton Red Tornadoes advance to semi-finals



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Clinton Red Tornadoes advance to the next round of playoffs defeating Bristow 30-7. Clinton will face Elk City Elks Friday November 26th with kick-off at 7:30 on Flex-Chem field at SWOSU. The Red Tornadoes faced Elk City in the regular season defeating them 34-0. Catch all the action at wright.media on Torndao TV or tune in to 97.3FM The Score.

## SWOSU Trio Earns Reach Higher Scholarships



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Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) students (from left) Marisha McDaniel of Crawford, Tryston Morgan of Oklahoma City and Rhonda Bennet of Anadarko each have received a \$1,000 Reach Higher scholarship from the SWOSU Foundation. Dr. Todd Wigger is on the far right.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) students Rhonda Bennet of Anadarko, Marisha McDaniel of Crawford and Tryston Morgan of Oklahoma City each have received a \$1,000 Reach Higher scholarship from the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., on the Weatherford campus.

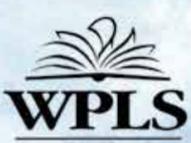
Reach Higher is a degree-finishing program designed for adults that have successfully completed some college coursework but have not yet finished a college degree. The program of study results in a Bachelor of Science degree in Organizational Leadership with an area of focus in general business.

"The Reach Higher program has been such a blessing for me to reach my goal of graduating college," McDaniel said. "Having a college degree has been a goal that I set for myself years ago, and I

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**Karen Rose Yeahquo**

On November 8, 2021, Karen Rose Yeahquo went home to our heavenly father. Karen, Cheyenne name, Woesta (White Crane Woman), was born August 16, 1956 to Porfirio and Clara Belle (Bull Bear) Washa.



Karen was a well-known traditional dancer among the Cheyenne and Arapaho & Kiowa people. She was given the honor on several occasions of bringing young girls into the arena. She always served as a wonderful head lady dancer. Even when she lived out west, she made it a point to come home to fulfill her duty.

Karen was the 1974 Cheyenne Tribal Princess. She later served as the Cheyenne Tribal Director at the American Indian Exposition. During her tenure, she gave many young ladies the honor of being the Cheyenne Tribal Princess, representing the Cheyenne people during the Indian Fair in Anadarko, Oklahoma. She was on the Cheyenne and Arapaho Labor Day Pow Wow Committee. Karen was also a member of the Thomas Service Club and the Native American Church. She practiced the Cheyenne Sundance ceremonies and was a team member with the Challengers Handgame Team.

Karen made the most beautiful dresses, shawls, and regalia that reflected our Cheyenne and Arapaho people. She would set up her arts and crafts booth, selling her goods all throughout the United States. She was a certified gemologist, expert in identifying gemstones. She was a contemporary Native American Clothing Designer which allowed her to be an accomplished buyer for major wholesale and retail companies in the western United States. She also made men's regalia, blankets, sashes and bandoleros. Karen earned many awards through her career in creating and designing Native American and Cultural regalia. Through Karen's special talents of making tradition regalia and at the request of Commander Tugger Palmer, she was blessed with the honor to make Kiowa Black Leggings attire which consist of the traditional red cape and men's breast plate that is on permanent display at the Kensington Palace at the Royal Residence in London England.

Karen is survived by her husband Alan Yeahquo of their home in Carnegie; one son Mark Quintana of Weatherford; two brothers: Oscar Washa and Tallsun Washa of Weatherford; two sisters, Judy Sheridan and husband Christian of Weatherford and Rose Clayborn and husband Mark of Cyril; and five grandchildren, Kayne, Amaya, Tina, and Nakoma Quintana; and Nizhoni Norwood of Fort Collins, CO; one Goddaughter Kay Kay Franklin of El Reno; one adopted daughter Jessica Lookout Schulze and husband Ethan of Pawhuska; she was the adopted daughter of Dr. Henrietta Mann.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers: Mike, Dean and Ross Washa and one sister Tina Washa.

**Terry Donald Smith**

Terry Donald Smith was born December 8, 1947, in Okeene to Jesse Buell and Cleo Jean (McClung) Smith. Terry passed away, Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at his home in Weatherford, at the age of 73 years, 10 months and 24 days.



The Smiths lived in several states and made their home in southern California. He attended Anaheim High School and graduated with the Class of 1965. After high school he attended Fullerton Junior College. Terry married Janet Broberg on November 15, 1976, in Farmington, NM. They moved to southern California in 1977 where they made their home until 2014. Terry worked for Heller Companies for 35 years.

Terry is survived by his wife of 44 years, Janet Smith of their home in Weatherford; one daughter Sonja (Matthew) Doyle; four sons: Dennis (Jennifer) Shaw, Koben (Mary) Smith, Jason Shaw and Bryan Smith; his siblings: Pam Edwards, Janie (Richard) Gibbons and Tim (Denise) Smith; Terry's brother at heart Michael (Jana) Smith; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents.

**Robert Lee Penner**

Robert Lee Penner was born on June 21, 1942, in Clinton, OK to Arthur Lee and Clara Mae (Penny) Penner and passed away October 27, 2021, at St Anthony's Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK, at the age of 79 years, 4 months and 6 days.



Robert was raised and attended school in Custer City, OK where he graduated from Custer City High School in 1960. On September 5, 1963, Robert married the love of his life Leona Echols in Clinton, OK and made their home in Weatherford, OK. Robert worked for A.J Sawatzky for a couple of years before venturing out on his own-creating Penner Plumbing and Electric. He continued working and enjoyed helping others until his untimely passing. Robert enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, always working, help others and his church life.

Robert is survived by his daughters Laura Hopper and her husband Mike of Weatherford; Jana Hodge and her husband Dean of Moore; a son Robby Penner and his wife Tori of Fay; a brother Garry Penner and his wife Donna of Weatherford; sister-in-law Darlene Moore of Fayetteville, TN; sixteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and family friends: Karen Mason and her husband Jim of Roosevelt, OK and Chuck Franz of Weatherford, OK. He was preceded in death by his two sisters: Glenda Briesch and Dorothy Pieper; two brothers: Mike Penner and Art Penner; and two daughters: Carol Patterson and one in infancy.

**Jane Joy Purdum**

Jane Joy Purdum was born October 15, 1932, in Miami, OK to Leon "Beedey" and Leona (Gamble) Bedell and passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at Maple Lawn Manor in Hydro, OK, at the age of 89 years and 19 days.



Jane was raised and attended school in Miami, OK and graduated from Miami High School in 1951. Jane attended NEOA & M College for 2 years. On May 9, 1954, she married Jerry Robert Purdum in Miami where they made their home. They moved to Oklahoma City in 1965 where they remained. Jane enjoyed reading, attending Al-Anon and playing bridge. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Shepherd Home Health Care and Hospice, 525 S. 30th St., Clinton, OK 73601.

Jane is survived by three sons: Steven Gregory Purdum and wife Debbie of Fayette, MO, Michael Allen Purdum and wife Debra of Weatherford and Jeffrey Robert Purdum of Arlington, TX; twelve grandchildren; and nineteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and her brother.

**Nancy Ann Rhoads**

Funeral Services for Nancy Ann Rhoads, 71, Clinton resident were held 1:00 P.M., Tuesday, November 9, 2021, in the Clinton Indian Community Building, officiated by Pastor Gerald Panana and Pastor Wilma Jackson. Burial followed at the



Colony Indian Cemetery in Colony, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home. A Traditional Wake Service were held 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., Monday, November 08, 2021, in the Clinton Indian Community Building. Nancy Ann (Haury) Rhoads was born August 24, 1950, to Christopher Kerns-Haury and Mary Louise North in Clinton, OK and passed away Wednesday, November 3, 2021, in the Oklahoma University Medical South in Oklahoma City, OK. Nancy Ann was raised near Buck Creek in Colony before moving to Taos, NM and the family settled in Weatherford where Nancy graduated from Weatherford High School in 1969. She married Ransel Rhoads in 1969, and they made their home in Clinton. She was employed as a waitress at the Log Cabin Restaurant while in high school in Weatherford. She was also employed for several years with Safeway/Homeland Store, and she worked for the Wichita Tribes, and she had worked with the WIC Program for the past 43 years. She was a member of the Host Ministries and a member of the Native American Church. She was a member of the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; she attended Pow Wows, church meetings, and she enjoyed collecting guns and knives along with Ransel; she loved her animals and going to the Casino. She is preceded in death by her husband, parents, two sisters: Loraine Lee Armstrong and Ida McHaffey. She is survived by sister, Margaret Heap-of-Birds; three nieces: Janice Beasley and husband Henry; Mary Curtis, both of Clinton and Darla Ocenar, Pooler, GA. She is also survived by Many WIC grandkids; a host of nieces and nephews and a host of nieces and nephews.

**Emma Lou Vogt**

Funeral Services for Emma Lou (Little) Vogt, 93, Clinton resident, were held 10:00 A.M., Monday, November 15, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel, officiated by Doyle Kinney. Burial followed at the Clinton Cemetery under the direction of the



Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home. The family greeted guests from 5:00 till 7:00 P.M., Sunday, November 14, 2021, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel. Emma Lou (Miller) Little-Shephard-Vogt was born August 17, 1928, to Lester Pete Miller and Lena Rivers (Been) Miller in Clinton, OK and passed away Thursday, November 11, 2021, in the Canadian Valley Integris Hospital in Yukon, OK. Emma Lou was raised in Arapaho and graduated from Arapaho High School in 1946. She was married to Odis Little on July 3, 1947, in Wheeler, TX. Mrs. Little attended Southwestern State College and was in the last class to graduate from Southwestern Cosmetology School. She owned and operated a beauty shop for several years; she also operated a Merle Norman Studio retail shop. She received her cosmetology instructor's licenses and taught classes at Burns Flat Vo-Tech and Arleen's Beauty Academy for several years. She held her cosmetology license for 71 years. She was a longtime faithful member of the First Christian Church; she was a member of BPW, Junior Service League; the Red Hat Ladies and spent many hours volunteering at the hospital; she enjoyed gardening, and she loved to collect rocks. Her passion was spending time with her family and helping with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by husbands Odis Little, Donal Shephard and Paul Vogt; son Larry Little, son-in-law Gary Conkling, sister Iris Baumwart and a brother Buddy Miller. She is survived by daughter Linda Conkling, Yukon, five grandchildren: Brian Aneshansley and wife Shane, Jill Blevins and husband Jason, Kimberly Brown and husband Chris and Chad Conkling; four great-grandchildren: Landon Aneshansley, Maya Blevins, Claire Aneshansley, Eric Blevins and Keaton Brown and a host of nieces and nephews.



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## SCHOLARS

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never felt I would be able to complete that goal. This program has helped me to become more confident in myself and has given me the motivation to be able to complete my degree.”

McDaniel said that her long-term goal was to become a certified high school teacher.

“The Reach Higher program is allowing me to work full-time while working towards a bachelor’s degree that will help me progress in my current company and open up other opportunities in the future,” Morgan said. “I have had nothing but positive experiences with all the professors teaching the courses in this program. Without this program, I may not have been able to finish my degree.”

Morgan believes that his success in completing this degree will inspire his brothers to attend college. Following graduation, Morgan plans to move into the field of project management.

Bennett echoed Morgan’s sentiments about inspiring family members.

“I am completing my degree for the satisfaction of knowing I finished what I started. I also want to set an example for my daughters,” Bennett said. “As a working adult, wife, mom, grandma and wearer of many hats, it was a difficult decision to return to school. Dr. Wiggen (Todd) reached out with a letter of support through the Reach Higher program, which was just the encouragement that I needed. A person can feel insecure in returning. Dr. Wiggen was encouraging and reassuring.”

Bennett is hoping to open a new business that will provide a positive, encouraging workplace for people in the community.

Dr. Todd Wiggen, the coordinator of SWOSU’s Organizational Leadership program (Reach Higher Flex Finish), said the Reach Higher adult-friendly degree completion options through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education encourage adults who have earned some college credit to successfully complete their degrees.

“The program is really geared to working adults by offering flexible enrollment and online options. Students can go as fast or as slow as they want and are able,” Wiggen said. “I have students who only take a class or two a semester due to their other obligations, and others that will take five to six classes to finish as rapidly as possible. It is truly up to the individual to set a pace they are comfortable with.

The Reach Higher/Organizational Leadership program is currently enrolling for the 2022 spring semester at SWOSU. Additional information is available by contacting Wiggen at todd.wiggen@swosu.edu or at leadership@swosu.edu.

## SWOSU Announces Administration Appointments



(From Left) Jonna Myers SWOSU Dean of Enrollment, Dr. Chad Kinder SWOSU Acting Assistant Vice President for Strategic Partnerships, Garrett King Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Chief of Staff to the President, Jason Barr Acting Director of Residence Life.

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced several key updates to the institution’s administration and leadership.

SWOSU President Dr. Diana “Diane” Lovell has made the following appointments.

Effective January 1, 2022, Jonna Myers, director of graduate programs in the Dobson School of Business & Technology, will become Dean of Enrollment, reporting to the vice president for student services. In this role, Myers will use best practices and sound, data-driven direction to centralize SWOSU’s admissions, financial aid and residence life into a comprehensive enrollment team. This unification of SWOSU’s enrollment management departments will enable SWOSU to optimize and improve its recruitment of undergraduate, graduate, transfer and online students.

Myers holds degrees in College Services Personnel (Arkansas Tech University) and Communication Arts (SWOSU). She is currently in the dissertation phase of a doctorate in Human Resources and Workforce Development (University of Arkansas).

Effective January 1, 2022, Dr. Chad Kinder, Dean of the College of Professional & Graduate Studies, will become Acting Assistant Vice President for Strategic Partnerships. In this role, Dr. Kinder will continue his efforts to forge and strengthen cooperative agreements and working alliances that lead to more opportunities for SWOSU students, increased enrollment and revenue for SWOSU and a stronger overall institutional impact on Oklahoma’s workforce. Kinder will continue to oversee the crucial expansion of SWOSU’s services and programs into the most populated part of the SWOSU service area, Canadian County, and will focus on creating and sustaining academic arrangements that benefit SWOSU.

Kinder holds undergraduate and master’s degrees in Education (SWOSU) and a Doctor of Education (Oklahoma State University).

Effective immediately, Garrett King, assistant vice president for institutional advancement, will become Vice President for Institutional Advancement & Chief of Staff to the President. In this role, King will continue serving as SWOSU’s chief philanthropic/fundraising officer and leading the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Additionally, as chief of staff to the president, King will coordinate the president’s office and cabinet and assist the president in the tracking and implementation of key projects and priorities. King will also serve SWOSU as the institution’s primary point of contact and liaison to elected officials and government agencies.

King holds an undergraduate degree in political science and a master’s degree in Education (both SWOSU) and is currently a doctoral candidate in History (Swansea University).

Effective immediately, Jason Barr, assistant director of residence life, will become Acting Director of Residence Life and oversee SWOSU’s provision of quality, affordable and safe student housing services.

Barr holds an undergraduate degree in Speech Communications (SWOSU) and a master’s degree in Sports Management (Texas A&M University).

“SWOSU is committed to meeting its mission to the public to deliver an accessible, workforce-aligned, quality, affordable public education,” Dr. Lovell said. “Our administrative team is working with intention and focus to grow our enrollment, improve our retention, and to provide students and faculty with better service. I am grateful to Ms. Myers, Dr. Kinder, Mr. King, and Mr. Barr for stepping up to these important leadership roles here on the Hilltop.”

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## Western Oklahoma Christian School Hosts Samaritan's Purse Drop-off Site



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Darcy Funk of Clinton and Emy Rice of Corn, second grade students at WOCS, fill Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes with crayons, toothbrushes, and toys. November 15-22 is National Collection Week. Through Friday, the community may drop off boxes from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Hours on Saturday are 1-3 p.m. and Sunday 2-5 p.m. WOCS is located south of Clinton off Highway 183 at 22381 E. 1070 Road.

Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS) is a drop-off site for The Samaritan's Purse project Operation Christmas Child which collects shoeboxes filled with toys, school supplies and hygiene items. The boxes

are delivered to needy children around the world to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way. National Collection Week is November 15-22. More than 9.7 million shoeboxes were collected worldwide in 2021.



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The Cookiebots of Weatherford holding their state qualifier trophies. (Back row from left) Coach Dr. Lori Gwyn, Laila Freeborn (8th Grade), Ada Smith (6th grade), Coach Jessica Smith. (Front Row from left) Leah Cline (1st grade), Evie Freeborn (2nd grade), Hannah Cline (2nd grade), and Savannah Daniel (2nd grade).

## Cookiebots to Compete in State Championship

Two Weatherford Lego Robotics teams are going to state competition. Cookiebots and Cookiebots 2.0 are Girl Scouts robotics teams that compete in the First Lego League. Saturday, November 6th the girls attended a state qualifier against teams across the state.

Cookiebots 2.0 are a First Lego League Explore team. They presented their research project about transportation and cargo and also demoed their robotics to a panel of judges. They were awarded the Core Values Award and invited to compete at the state championship in December.

Cookiebots are a First Lego League Challenge team. They presented their research project about transportation and cargo to a panel of judges. The team was awarded second place for their research project. Saturday the cookiebots also won first place in the robot game where they were timed and had to complete challenges to earn the highest points. The cookiebots were also invited to compete in the state championship in December.

Both teams are coached by Dr. Lori Gwyn and Jessica Smith.

**CLINTON CITY COUNCIL/WATER STUDY-** Clinton and Weatherford officials met with engineers regarding the feasibility study for a water pipeline between the two towns. Clinton city manager Robert Johnston said the meeting was to provide background information to the engineers. Johnston said that the engineers report from the feasibility study could be out early in 2022.

**CLINTON SCHOOL BOND ISSUE-** Clinton schools superintendent Tyler Bridges said the district is in the early stages of preparing a bond issue that could be on the ballots in April next year. Bridges said there will be opportunities for people to come and hear the improvements plans and provide feedback.

**CUSTER COUNTY/NEW JAIL CELL-** The Custer County Commissioners discussed building a holding cell in the east side of the county jail. Custer county clerk Melissa Graham said the cell will be used to transport inmates to and from the courthouse during a break in a trial. The cell will also be equipped with cameras. The estimated cost of the cell is \$300.

**SWOSU RESEARCH-** Southwestern Oklahoma State University's research and scholarly activity committee announced that the 29th scholarly and activity fair be-

gan Thursday, November 18, and ends Friday, December 3rd, on the symposium virtual platform from Foragerone. This virtual event gives students the opportunity to present their research and scholarly activity in poster or presentation formats. Viewing of the posters and interacting with the students is free, and the public is invited to participate. Viewing of scholarly posters and presentations will be available, beginning November 18 at 8 a.m. Area residents are free to interact with the students by asking questions regarding their research poster until December 3.

**PINNELL/TOURISM-** In an exclusive interview with Oklahoma Lt. Governor Matt Pinnell, the Lt. Governor spoke about tourism in the state. Pinnell said fall is a prime time for tourism. Pinnell urges Oklahomans to shop local as often as possible, which helps small communities through sales tax revenue.

**CORDELL SCHOOLS/OVERTON RETIRES-** Long-time Cordell schools superintendent Brad Overton said he plans to retire at the end of the current school year. Overton has been with Cordell schools for 15 years. The Cordell school board of education has already started the process to find a successor.

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## Nine from SWOSU Soccer Named to All-GAC Teams



SWOSU Volleyball superlative award winners (from left): Makenzie Benoit, GAC Newcomer of the year; Josh Collins, Coach of the Year; Allie Hoang, Setter of the Year. Benoit and Hoang were also selected for the First Team-GAC.

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

SWOSU Volleyball claimed three out of a possible six superlative awards at the 2021 Great American Conference Awards Banquet on Wednesday evening after Allie Hoang was named Setter of the Year, Makenzie Benoit was named GAC Newcomer of the Year, and Josh Collins was named Coach of the Year.

In addition to the specialty awards, Benoit and Hoang were both named First Team All-GAC selections while MacKenzie Harless earned an Honorable Mention nod.

Collins' coach of the year title is the second of his career. SWOSU's winningest coach was also named coach of the year back in 2018.

Hoang (Plano, Texas) averaged 9.75 assists per set which puts her third in the conference and just half an assist away from the top spot. The senior also ranks third in service aces on the year with 35. Hoang broke SWOSU's all-time assists record earlier this season. She has now been named to the first team all-conference list in back-to-back seasons and has made the all-conference team each year since her sophomore season.

Benoit (Bedford, Texas) led the conference in hitting percentage (.357) and finished top-10 in the league in blocks and points. The senior is SWOSU's top offensive threat, totaling 275 kills on the season.

Harless (Brownsburg, Ind.) finished in the top 20 in the conference in hitting percentage (.226)

and was second on the team in blocks with 36.

SWOSU also had four individuals chosen as Distinguished Scholar Athletes. The scholar athlete awards recognize those that excel in the classroom as well as on the field. To be eligible for the award, a student-athlete must be competing in the championship and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.70 or higher and at least 70 hours of credits. Hoang and Harless picked up this academic distinction, alongside Maicee Morgan and Sophia DeSantiago.

In the 10-year history of the Great American Conference, SWOSU has now had 31 individuals garner All-GAC awards and 13 earn the Distinguished Scholar Athlete distinction.

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# Petrino and Hoang Named Bulldogs of the Week

**John Chidester**  
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A pair of Great American Conference end-of-year superlative winners have been named 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.'

Nicole Petrino, of SWOSU Soccer, ended the season as the GAC Defensive Player of the Year for a Bulldog Soccer squad that claimed the regular season conference title after finishing 10-1-1 in league play. Petrino helped anchor the defense that allowed a GAC-best .94 goals per game. She is the third player in SWOSU Soccer history to be named the defensive player of the year and is now a two-time all-conference selection after earning a first team nod this fall and an honorable mention nod during the spring season. Soccer ended their season 13-7-1 after suffering a 1-0 defeat to No. 1 seed Central Missouri in the NCAA Central Region Quarterfinals.

Allie Hoang, of SWOSU Volleyball, was named the GAC Setter of the Year which is the first setter of the year conference accolade in school history. Hoang averaged 9.75 assists per set which put her third in the conference and just half an assist away from the top spot. She also ranked third in service



aces on the year. Hoang now holds SWOSU's all-time assists record after breaking the previous school record earlier this season. She has been named to the first team all-conference list in back-to-back seasons and

has made the all-conference team each year since her sophomore season. Volleyball ended their season 20-8 after suffering defeat to Arkansas Tech in the GAC Semifinals. Tech went on to the win the tournament.

## SWOSU Soccer Season Ends in NCAA Regional Quarterfinals

SWOSU Soccer fell to the No. 11-ranked Central Missouri Jennies on Friday in the opening round of the national tournament following a low-scoring 1-0 contest.

The Bulldogs finish the season 13-7-1 and still claim pride as the 2021 Great American Conference Regular Season Champions for the fifth time in school history. Excluding the 2020 shortened Covid season, SWOSU has won at least 12 games every year since 2015.

In Friday's match, the Dawgs had opportunities for an equalizer goal – but not many. SWOSU put three shots on goal, but all three were saved by the UCM goalkeeper. Micaela Swain got two kicks off on goal and Brenna McGuirk added another.

The Jennies were on the attack for much of the match and finished with 14 total shots, though only six of those managed to be on target. Goalkeeper Ashley Hughes finished with five saves in the match.

UCM's lone goal came in the 8th minute of the match following a well-placed corner kick that found the foot of a crashing Jennie attacker. From there, the Bulldog defense tightened up and did not allow another score all afternoon. This kept the match close and gave SWOSU continued hope to tie things up – but ultimately that tying goal never came.



The future remains bright for Bulldog Soccer to continue its tradition of success, as SWOSU currently

has over 20 players listed as freshman or sophomores heading into the 2022 season.

## Volleyball Ousted by Arkansas Tech in GAC Semifinals

SWOSU Volleyball was eliminated from the Great American Conference Championships on Friday following a 3-1 defeat at the hands of Arkansas Tech in the semifinals.

The Dawgs found themselves in a hole they could not quite dig out of after dropping the first two sets of the match. With their backs against the wall, SWOSU battled and survived the sweep with a 25-20 third set victory but were unable to build off that momentum.

When they needed it most in the fourth set, the offense could not conjure up enough firepower to keep things going. The offense finished that fourth set with a negative hitting percentage and 10 errors, while Tech steadily collected points to build their lead and close out the match.

Handling Tech's serves was a problem for SWOSU all afternoon, as the Dawgs allowed 11 service aces compared to just two aces they were able to collect.

Chezney Nielsen finished with a double-double

with 10 kills and 15 digs. Terez Chavez also finished with a double-double with 41 assists and 14 digs. MacKenzie Harless tallied the most kills for the Bulldogs, after posting an efficient 14 kills (.312 hitting percentage) and adding a couple blocks to her stat sheet.

The Bulldogs finish the season 20-8 for their third 20-win season in program history. SWOSU has now also had four consecutive winning seasons.



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# Oklahoma History: Wiley Post

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

On November 22nd, 1898, Wiley Post was born in Corinth, Texas, a modern-day ghost town, located near Canton, Texas. When he was five years old, Post's family moved to Oklahoma and settled on a farm in Maysville, Oklahoma by early 1920. Post grew up fascinated by airplanes and wished to serve as a pilot in WWI, but the war ended before he completed his training. After the war, he did a variety of oilfield work in Oklahoma until he was severely injured in an oil-rig accident when a metal shard pierced his left eye, permanently blinding it; he usually concealed it with his famous eyepatch.

As a side gig during his oilfield days, Post performed a parachute act with the flying circus Burrell Tibbs and His Texas Topnotch Fliers as part of the daredevil tricks performed by stunt pilots during the "Roaring Twenties." After his metal shard accident, Post bought his first aircraft with the settlement money and became the personal pilot of two wealthy Oklahoman oilmen, Powell Briscoe and F.C. Hall. In 1930, Hall bought a high-performance single-engine craft he dubbed the Winnie Mae, after his daughter. The Winnie Mae would go on to become one of the most famous record-breaking aircraft of the 1930's. Hall let Post use the plane in several competition derbies, and Post gained national notoriety when he won the National Air Race Derby – from Lost Angeles to Chicago. Around this time, Post met Will Rogers, and the two became fast friends.

Post's fame and confidence grew over the year, and on June 23rd, 1931, Hall let Post and Gatty take the Winnie Mae on their signature voyage around the world. Their flight plan would take them through Harbour Grace in Canada, Flintshire in England, various cities in Germany and Russia, to Alaska, back into Canada, and finally through Cleveland, Ohio, to the finish back on Roosevelt Field in Long Island, New York. After multiple stops, involving propeller repairs, the pair arrived back on July 1st, having traveled 15,474 miles in a spectacular 8 days, 15 hours, and 51 minutes. Alongside their awe-inspiring speed, they also managed to be the first to successfully circumnavigation in a single-engine monoplane; a feat thought near impossible at the time. On July 7th, they were invited to the White House for lunch, had a parade in their honor in New York City the next day, and were honored by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America at a banquet at the famous Hotel Astor. Following the flight, Hall struck a deal with Post, giving him the Winnie Mae. Later, Post and Gatty published accounts of their journey in a work titled "Around the World in Eight Days," Will Rogers gave an introduction in the piece. Trying to ride the excitement of the flight, Post set



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Oklahoma Aviation pioneer and one-eyed legend Wiley Post stands beside "The Winnie Mae" which he famously piloted across the United States and then around the world.

out to open his own aviation school but could not build up enough financial support. Many of the would-be backers doubted his ability for education, citing his rural background and limited formal education as problematic. To prove himself again, Post announced he would attempt a solo flight around the world and that he would also break his previous speed record. Over the next year, Post assisted on an autopilot device in development and radio detection finder that would allow him to find bearings to precise locations. In 1933, he took off with the autopilot, and a compass, and finished the world circuit to a crowd of 50,000 people. His time: 7 days, 18 hours, 49 minutes. He did it again, and he set another record as the first to pull off the world flight alone.

Filled with the desire to push the limits of aviation again, Post spent the next years researching and developing a way to perform high-altitude long-distance flights. The Winnie Mae lacked a cabin capable of being pressurized. So, Post had to find another way to maintain body pressure at high altitudes. Working with the B.F. Goodrich Company, he developed what would be the world's first pressure suit. During testing, the first suit ruptured. The second suit passed but the helmet became so tight they had to cut Post out of it, destroying the suit in the process. Their last redesign was successful on all fronts and could even fit earphones and a microphone.

On his first flight with the suit on September 5th, 1934, Post flew up to 40,000 feet above Chicago, then up to 50,000 feet. As he reached his peak, he reported a substantial shift in airflow, describing fast flowing currents that put his ground speed substantially faster than his air speed. During other pressurized test flights, he reported similar experiences. Unbeknown to him, he had partially discovered the jet stream. Likewise, some meteorologists around the world were reporting unusual reactions to their weather balloons at high levels of the atmosphere. The official understanding of the jet stream did not come around until multiple pilots in WWII reported high tailwind speed when traveling certain directions. Post is often credited as one of the few to discover its existence.

Post's last flight would be with his good friend Will Rogers during their testing for mail-and-passenger air routes. Post was interested in the potential investment of two-part air routes between the U.S. and Russia. Rogers, who was looking for new material for some of his radio shows and books, was eager to join him. The pair made several stops in Alaska in a modified floatplane until the engine failed on takeoff at low altitude. The low speed caused the nose-heavy plane to lose control and plunge into the lake; it quickly became inverted. Both men died instantly. Post and Rogers received a well-deserved host of honors and tributes. Post was buried in Memorial Park Cemetery

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## Christmas In Corn

Chase Wright  
Staff Writer

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There will be free carriage rides, kiddie train rides, and museums. Santa's helpers have set up a North Pole Mailbox for kids to get their letters written and sent in officially! The jolly man himself will be donning his red suit and swinging by for photos.

If you're in need of some warming food and drink, there will be fried Oreos, hot drinks & schnetka (free), and \$5 options at the Cafe - chicken noodle soup, borscht, zwieback, drink.

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