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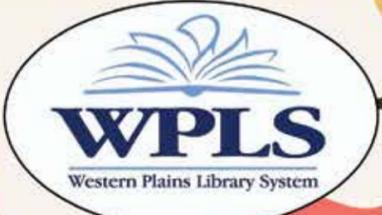


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**Judy Earlita Pitt**

Judith Earlita "Judy" Pitt was born November 4, 1942, in Weatherford to Earl Ambrose and Leona (Dunnington) Johnson and passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, at the age of 79 years, 3 months and 19 days.



Judy was raised and attended school in Hydro, graduating from Hydro High School. She earned an associate degree in business. Judy worked in the administrative office at the Oklahoma State Capitol in Oklahoma City. She returned to Hydro in 1964 where she worked at the Bank of Hydro and later Davis Insurance Company. She transitioned to working with her father and brother at the Johnson Peanut Company until 1995. She then worked at Golden Peanut Company in Anadarko until retiring in 2005. Judy enjoyed watching her grandchildren in all of their activities; was an avid reader; and loved cooking for family and friends. She was highly respected for her knowledge in the peanut business. Judy was an active member of the First Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to the Hydro First Responders or to St. Jude's Hospital.

Judy is survived by her two daughters: Becky Hart and husband Chad of Kingfisher and Charlotte Perry of Hydro; two sons: H.D. Pitt and wife Holly of Owasso and Terry Pitt of Hydro; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren with one on the way. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Ronnie Johnson; son-in-law Terral Perry; and maternal grandmother Mable Dunnington.

**Bryan Duane Stewart**

Funeral Services for Bryan Stewart, 50, Rocky resident will be held 10:00 A.M., Thursday, March 3, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial Chapel officiated by Daniel Mosburg and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Bryan Duane Stewart was born November 28, 1971, to Dwayne and Diane Cooper in Calgary Alberta, Canada and passed away Wednesday February 23, 2022, in the Oklahoma University Hospital in Oklahoma City.

Bryan was adopted around 1975 by Roger and Treva Stewart and raised and attended school in Cement, Oklahoma where he graduated from high school in 1990. He enlisted into the United States Army and after his discharge he worked in the oil fields and he was a self-employed mechanic. He also did poultry auctions in Sayre. He married Melinda Marie Aldrich on September 25, 2018, in Sayre, OK and they made their home in Rocky.

He enjoyed the outdoors, Halloween, riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle, four wheelers and going to the Sand Dunes in Waynoka, OK. He loved going on adventures with his wife, traveling and going to Mexico and spending time with his children and grandchildren.

He is preceded in death his father, Roger Stewart. He is survived by his wife, Melinda, of the home, daughters, Bryanna Sperle and husband, Koby, Clinton and Sadie Stewart, Ponca City, OK, mother, Treva Stewart, Cement, OK, sister, Tracy Duncan and husband Tommy, Cement, OK, brother, Ryan Bartel and wife Sarah Marie, Canada, Stepsons, Braedon Pipkin and Connor Pipkin, both of Rocky, OK.

He is also survived by his grandchildren Levi and Piper Sperle

**Larry Don Kliever Jr.**

Larry Don Kliever, Jr was born August 10, 1960, in Fairview to Larry Don Sr. and Patricia Irene (Hoffman) Kliever and passed away Saturday, February 26, 2022, at OU Health Edmond Medical Center, at the age of 61 years, 6 months and 16 days.



Larry was raised in Fairview, attending school and graduating in 1978. While attending high school, he was active in FFA and marching band. After high school he attended college at SWOSU in Weatherford, pursuing a degree in Music Education. Larry had been a member of Phi Mu Alpha, and Kappa Kappa Psi. After college he had worked at 3-M Company, Imation, Progressive Windows, City of Weatherford and many other jobs through his life. Larry was an avid gardener and musician who played in many local venues, including nursing homes as well as Allan's Country Show Place. He loved to learn, constantly studying cooking, gardening, music and many other topics.

Larry is survived by his father Larry Kliever, Sr. of Fairview; his wife Kandy Kliever of Weatherford; his daughter Emily Smith of Hydro; his brother Danny Kliever and wife Kathy of Fairview; two grandchildren: Prudence and Jude; his niece Amy de la Torre and husband Eduardo; his nephew Jeremy Kliever and wife Sarah of Yukon; and step-children: Chanda Douglas of Yukon, Norman Harrall of Apache and Cecil Harrall of Geary and their spouses; and several step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his mother Pat Kliever.

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**Betty Joann Hammond**

Funeral Services for Joann Hammond, 88, former Clinton resident were held 10:00 Wednesday, March 2, 2022, in the Kiesau Memorial, Chapel, officiated by Doyle Kinney. Burial will follow in the Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, OK under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Betty Joann (Rexer) Hammond was born February 27, 1933, to Paul Eugene Rexer and Lillian (Evans) Rexer in Conway, AR and passed away Wednesday, February 23, 2022, in the Oklahoma Heart Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

Joann was raised partially in Little Rock, AR and California. She was married to Theodore B. Hammond in Las Vegas, NV on November 18, 1961. They moved to Clinton in 1977 and owned and operated a Saltwater disposable Company in which she was the bookkeeper.

She enjoyed painting, listening to music, reading, and traveling with her daughter. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, and son Paul Hammond.

She is survived by a daughter Jeanne Hammond, OKC, OK and two sons: Mike Henry and wife Pam of Prosper, TX; and Ted Hammond, both of Texas.

**Juanita Audine Harrall**

Juanita Audine Harrall was born June 20, 1933 to Carey and Malta (Pullen) Mogan in Weatherford, OK and passed away Wednesday, February 16, 2022, in Stephenville, Texas having reached the age of 88 years, 7 months and 27 days.



Juanita moved to Gentry, MO where she attended 4th and 5th grade. She then moved to Wichita, KS until she moved back to Weatherford, OK where she attended high school and graduated in 1952.

Juanita married Ivan Harrall June 11, 1952, and she moved with him to Baltimore, MD where Ivan was stationed in the Army. She worked as an order reader for Montgomery Wards and later worked as a telephone operator from 1953 to 1955. They moved back to Weatherford, OK where she was a stay-at-home mom until 1970 when she worked as a nurse assistant at Clinton Regional Hospital in Clinton OK. During mid 1970's she decided to work beside her husband at their business Harrall Meats until they sold in 1996.

Juanita was preceded in death by her parents; husband Ivan; brother Don Mogan; and two grandsons: Caden Coltharp and Luke O'Daniel. She is survived by family and many friends.

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## SWOSU Panorama Series Celebrating 30 Years

Almost 200 programs during the past 30 academic years and the Panorama Series continues to flourish at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

Thousands of people have attended the events over the years, featuring such shows as The Avett Brothers, George Carlin, Carrot Top, Jeff Dunham, Lewis Black, Jack Hanna, Bill Cosby, STOMP, Daymond John, Pauly Shore, Peking Acrobats, The Second City, Gabriel Iglesias, Ken Jeong, Nicholas Sparks, Parker McCollum, Colin Jost, Ben Rector and many more.

Another event is planned March 25 when the Panorama Series teams up with the SWOSU Student Government Association to present SWOSUpalooza, a concert featuring the Randy Rogers Band, Triston Marez and Cam Allen. Advance tickets are \$15 and available at stubwire.com. All tickets at the door, if any remain, will be \$25.

Brian Adler, long-time chair of the Panorama Committee who is retiring this summer, said the Panorama Series started when Dr. Joe Anna Hibler was president of the university. The first year featured a performance by a New York company production of King Lear and talks by Linda Ellerbee and George Plimpton.

The successful series continued under SWOSU presidents Dr. John Hays, Dr. Randy Beutler and current President Dr. Diana Lovell.

“The Panorama Series has brought many people to SWOSU and Weatherford, and a lot of those people

maybe would have never come to western Oklahoma if it wasn't for the Panorama events that took place,” Adler said.

One of Adler's favorite stories was when a large group of Southern Methodist University and Texas Christian University students from the Dallas/Ft. Worth area came to SWOSU for The Avett Brothers concert. Adler asked them after the concert what they thought about SWOSU and the Pioneer Cellular Event Center where the concert was held.

“They said we had no idea what to expect coming to a small city in western Oklahoma,” Adler said. “They thought SWOSU had an incredible concert venue and was so impressed with the area. The concert brought them to SWOSU when, most likely, they would have never visited the area.”

Of course, the university has only had the Pioneer Cellular Event Center since 2014 so Panorama programs were previously held in the Fine Arts Center, which sometimes would completely sell out for events such as The Peking Acrobats, Bill Engvall, and Colin Mocherie and Brad Sherwood from Who's Line is it Anyway? The event center now allows for bigger crowds.

Adler said the Panorama Series is a great marketing tool for the university and Weatherford. He said it is amazing to see people come from many states for events.

“If people like a certain person or group, they will



travel,” Adler said. “That's good for the economy of western Oklahoma.”

Many members of the current Panorama Committee have served many years on the committee. The 2021-22 committee is comprised of: Adler as chair, Dr. Allen Boyd, Dr. Brian Campbell, Dr. Jonna Myers, Dr. Scott Long, Dr. Patsy Parker, Steve Strickler, Jason Barr, Jamie Collins, Nate Downs, Bryce Wood, Kaylee Wendt, community representative Phillip Reid, and students Natalee Karcher, Riley Smith, Ryan Agyemang, Kaitlyn Clark and Conner Belknap.

## SWOSU Receives Major Gift from Elk City Rodeo Committee

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced the receipt of a major charitable gift from the Elk City Rodeo Committee.

The gift will provide an invaluable financial boost to the SWOSU Rodeo program.

The Elk City Rodeo Committee made the gift to SWOSU in memory of the late Randy E. Hutchinson, who passed away in 2005. He was a longtime, devoted

member of the Elk City Rodeo Committee.

“We are deeply grateful to the Elk City Rodeo Committee for making this incredibly generous gift to the SWOSU Rodeo student-athletes in memory of Randy Hutchinson,” said SWOSU President Dr. Diana “Diane” Lovell. “These resources will be put to good use furthering our incredible rodeo program and activities here at SWOSU.”

The gift from the Elk City Rodeo Committee to

SWOSU is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. An institutionally-related charitable entity, the Foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships 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 \$37 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU.

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# LOCAL & AREA NEWS



## Rush Twins, Odom and White Win Top Honors at SWOSU Student Talent Show



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(From left) The Rush Twins (Austin Miller of Tuttle and Ryan Minden of Marlow), Garren Odom of Elk City and Amy White of Tipton were the top three winners at the recent Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldog Blitz Talent Show held on the Weatherford campus. The Rush Twins won first place and \$1,000, Odom was second and winner of \$500 and White took third place and \$250.

The Rush Twins (Austin Miller of Tuttle and Ryan Minden of Marlow), Garren Odom of Elk City and Amy White of Tipton were the top winners at the recent Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldog Blitz Talent Show held on the Weatherford campus.

The Rush Twins performed an original beatboxing act and won first place and \$1,000. Second place winner of \$500 was Odom, who performed a Tae Kwon Do skit. White won third place and \$250 for her solo performance of Stay by Rihanna.

Ten finalist acts performed at the show. The Collegiate Activities Board (CAB) and the Dean

of Students office led by Jordan Selman sponsored the annual event and had nearly 30 acts tryout for the show.

At intermission, the crowd was entertained by a Chinese Dragon Dance performed by the Asian American Student Association at SWOSU.

Hosts for the evening were SWOSU 2022 Homecoming King and Queen Ryan Agyemang and Natalie Kinder. Judges for the evening were Brian Adler, Taler Alexander, Lesley Alvarado, Kendra Brown, Todd Boyd, Eunice Lonebear and SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell.

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**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/INVENTORY-** Custer County Commissioners discussed road repairs as part of the Invenergy wind turbine project with Invenergy spokesperson Seth Wilts at a meeting. District two commissioner Bruce Walker and Invenergy have not come to terms on how many miles of roads need repair. Walker said that the road-use agreement between the county and Invenergy calls for roads to be repaired to pre-construction conditions. Wilts said he is willing to review the disputed miles with the county. The county will continue working with Invenergy and try to come to an agreement.

**WEATHERFORD SCHOOLS ALL DAY PRE-K-** Weatherford Public Schools Superintendent Jill Henderson said next year the school district will have all day pre-kindergarten. Henderson also mentioned that the new Stafford Elementary building will be open at the start of next school year and East Intermediate school will open after Thanksgiving of next year.

**CORDELL/INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES-** Cordell Mayor Jerry Beech said the city of Cordell is looking to make some infrastructure upgrades, mainly to its water system. Beech said the city is heading toward a \$2.4 million water project. Beech said the south side of the city is where the project will start. He said the city is seeking another \$600,000 grant for more pipe.

**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/INDUSTRIAL ACCESS ROAD PROGRAM-** The Custer County commissioners approved a resolution, stating jurisdiction of a portion of 1060 Road just south of Clinton at a meeting as part of the process to apply for funds from the industrial access road program. District one commissioner Wade Anders said that the road program could help the county improve roads to industrial property on the road. Anders said if the county received funds from the program, it would be one time funds.

**WRH/AUDIT REPORT-** The Weatherford Regional

Hospital board heard a detailed report on the annual audit, ending September of 2021. Robins said hospital revenue was up, but expenses were also higher. She said the operating loss was down from \$1.4 million in the previous audit compared to just over \$500,000 for the year ending September 2021.

**CLINTON/FATALITY VICTIM ID-** The identity of the person killed in an accident, involving a vehicle and motorized bicycle, at 15th and Hunt in Clinton has been released. Police Chief Paul Rinkle says the victim has been identified as 29-year old Mathew McComas of Elk City. The incident remains under investigation.

**WEATHERFORD SD/NEW CONSTRUCTION-** Weatherford Schools Superintendent Jill Henderson said work continues on the two new elementary school buildings in the district. Stafford Elementary is expected to be complete in August and East Intermediate will be ready for move in a few months later.

**BECKHAM COUNTY/FATALITY-** The Oklahoma Highway Patrol has released details, surrounding a semi vs vehicle fatality crash in Beckham County. The patrol said 32-year old Travis Lee Gartner of Sayre died at the scene of the accident at the intersection of a Beckham county road, approximately 6 miles west and 2 miles south of Elk City. Troopers said Gartner and the driver of the semi, 29-year old James Ramirez of Willow, Oklahoma, impacted at the intersection, pinning Gartner inside his vehicle.

**CLINTON CC/SOCCER BOOSTER CLUB-** Clinton City Council approved a grant application of \$5000 for the Clinton High School soccer booster club to host a tournament later this month. Chamber of commerce board chairman Billy Goodwin said the tournament will bring teams to Clinton that will raise funds to benefit the soccer program and will be an economic development shot in the arm for the city in the way of generating sales tax dollars and overnight stays by participating teams.

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## Women's Basketball Secures GAC Tournament Title

**Jon Chidester**  
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SWOSU Women's Basketball is the Great American Conference Champions as they defeated Arkansas Tech 89-68 Sunday afternoon in Shawnee.

This is SWOSU's fourth GAC Tournament Championship and first since the 2019 season when SWOSU ended the season as the national runners up.

SWOSU outscored Arkansas Tech 35-14 in the third quarter after only being ahead by one point at halftime.

"In the second half, we knew we had to change the pace," coach Kelsi Musick said in her post-game press conference. "Our defense was a bit lax in the first half. We knew we had to speed the game up and get them running. We did that and it swung the momentum. We did what we did best, which was play fast and score."

SWOSU struggled to score early on but closed the first quarter on a 10-6 run and led 14-10 at the end of the first quarter. Macy Gore led the way with six early points.

Arkansas Tech managed to tie the game up at 17-17 early in the second quarter. SWOSU found its groove in the last two minutes of the quarter and closed the half on a 6-2 run. The Lady Bulldogs had a narrow one-point lead at halftime, 25-24.

In the third quarter, SWOSU picked up the pace and began to click. They outscored Tech 35-14 to break the game open and distance themselves from the Golden Suns.

Karly Gore was hot in the third quarter, as she scored 11 of her 17 points in the third quarter while Makyra Tramble scored 10 of her 22.

The Lady Bulldogs shot 83 percent in the second half

from the three-point line, going 10-of-12. They also shot 67 percent from the field, going 24-of-36

SWOSU had five players who scored in double digits. Ramey had a double-double, as she scored 11 points and recorded 10 rebounds.

"Shoutout to my teammates and my coaches for preparing me for this moment," Ramey said. "I was excited once I achieved this and I am happy I was able to play well."

Macy Gore and Morgan Smith finished with 11 points each in the game.

SWOSU also had help from their reserves, thanks to 20 points combined from the bench.

Ramey and Macy Gore made the GAC all-tournament team and Tramble was the all-tournament MVP. Tramble wins the championship in her hometown of Shawnee.

"Being the MVP is great, but I give all the credit to my teammates and coaches," Tramble said. "They push me so hard in practice and I know I have to perform well for all that hard work to be worth it."

SWOSU improves to 29-4 and qualifies for the NCAA National tournament. With this conference



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**Makyra Tramble drives into the lane taking on three defenders against Southeastern. Tramble's efforts during the Lady Bulldogs GAC Tournament run helped name her the GAC all tournament MVP.**

championship, SWOSU has made this tournament five seasons in a row. Riding a 14-game winning streak, SWOSU earned the No. 2 seed in the NCAA Central Region Tournament and will take on

"We are extremely excited and playing great basketball right now," Musick said. "I felt like we got cut a bit short last season and did not play up to our full potential. It gave us experience and a burning desire to make a run. We have big goals to set and want to represent the GAC. We will have to turn it up another notch this week in practice to be ready."

## Bulldogs Cap Off Historical Tournament Run with Championship

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

For the first time in Great American Conference history, SWOSU claimed the conference title after defeating Southern Nazarene 66-58 Sunday afternoon in the championship game.

"I am so excited and super proud of the way we have played throughout this tournament," coach Terry Evans said in his post-game interview. "The way these guys stormed back before halftime was just incredible. We hit some big shots and were able to wear them out in the end and we are GAC champions because of it."

SWOSU started the game ice cold, going 4-of-11 from the field in the first nine minutes. SWOSU also had not knocked down a single three-point shot and trailed 16-8.

The Dawgs got right back in the game by using an 11-4 run.

SWOSU trailed 32-29 at halftime and got a huge stop off an inbounds play with 0.7 seconds left. SNU threw up a lob, but Damion Thornton intercepted the pass right as the buzzer sounded.

In the first half, SWOSU shot 75 percent from the foul line, going 6-for-8. This helped keep the Bulldogs in the game.

SNU struggled to hit free throws in the first five minutes, going 2-of-6 from the foul line and SWOSU took advantage. Jaylan Williams gave SWOSU a one-point lead after he knocked down a three pointer with 12



minutes to play, making the score 42-41. After this play, SWOSU went on a 10-6 run and led 52-47 with seven and a half minutes to play.

As the game went along, SNU continued to score and make small pushes towards changing the momentum, but SWOSU seemed to always have an answer. SWOSU got huge stops on defense with Thornton and Mason Hart each taking a charge on different possessions.

"We made some great defensive stops," Evans said. "We not only got big charges, but we also had some big deflections on their passes. We rebounded the ball very well down the stretch and when we got those stops, we hit shots. Kamden and Damion both made big plays off the screen and roll."

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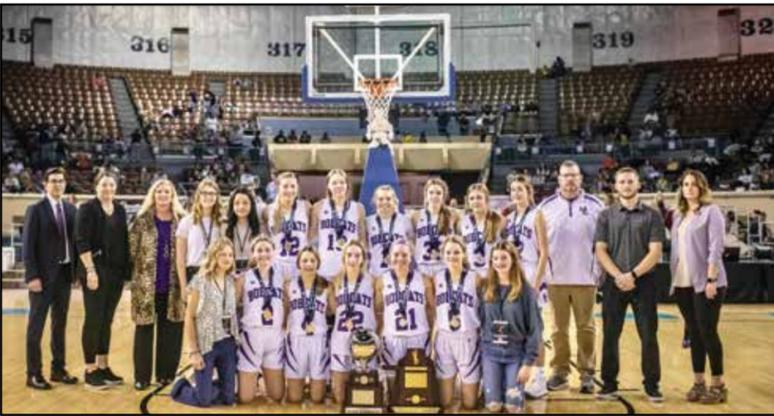
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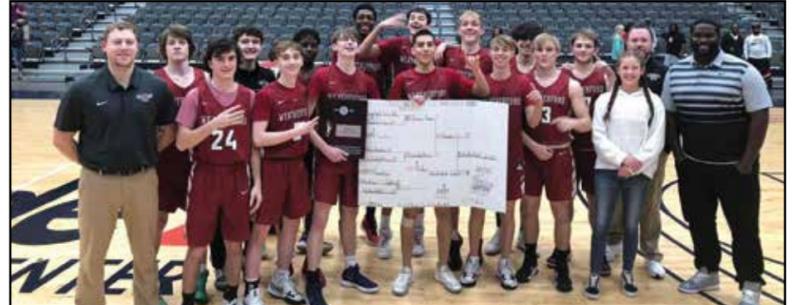
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(Top) The Hydro-Eakly Lady Bobcats basketball team took Runner-up in the Class A State Championship along with being named Academic State Champions. (Bottom) The Hydro-Eakly Bobcat Boys Basketball team took home the Class A Academic State Championship title at the Big House this past weekend.



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(Top) The Weatherford Lady Eagles took home another Area Tournament title and are on their way to the big house for the Class 4A Basketball State Championship. (Bottom) The Weatherford Eagle boys won the Area Consolation Tournament also punching their ticket to the Class 4A State Basketball Tournament.



## VICTORY

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SWOSU would not go away, as they cut it to six with a minute and a half to play. However, DeAngelo Adkins got an offensive rebound with 34 seconds left. Thornton was fouled and made both free throws, giving SWOSU a 64-56 lead with 31 seconds to play. SWOSU hung on and won the game 66-58, giving SWOSU their first GAC Championship in school history and its second NCAA Division II postseason berth.

SWOSU shot 61 percent from the field and shot 55 percent from the three-point line in the second half. SNU

shot 39 percent from the field and went 0-of-9 from the three-point line in the second half.

"I want to thank all the teams in our league for beating us this season," Evans said jokingly. "We've been able to learn and grown so much this year from some hard losses and adversity. All the teams in our league are good and we had to step up just to make the tournament. Kudos to everyone in our conference."

Thornton scored 17 points and Gipson scored 14 points. Thornton was the MVP on the all-tournament team and Gipson made the all-tournament team.

"I give all glory to God," Thornton said. "He took control of the whole tournament and my play. I give all glory to him."

SWOSU improves to 14-16 and will take on top seeded Augustana in the NCAA Tournament.

"We knew we could beat any team in our conference," Gipson said. "Now we were not consistent all season, but we knew once we got in the tournament, we could play with anyone, and we did. We still control our own destiny and are ready to make some noise in the tournament."

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Believing is Seeing



Jim Morrison

It may be that you thought I had it backward. We more commonly hear the phrase as "Seeing is Believing." While that might be true in many cases I feel that in the spiritual realm it is more accurate to read it as "Believing is Seeing." The Scriptures accurately say, "We live by faith, not by sight." For the Apostle Thomas, his doubts led him to say, "Unless I see the nail prints in his hands I will not believe."

None of us in today's world have seen Jesus, unless he has revealed himself in a dream or vision, as is often reported in Moslem countries where the Bible or the gospel is not accessible. Often we do not see opportunities in front of us. We are so caught up in our world that we don't see though

the eyes of faith. Or, if we see them we are sure that our activities or responsibilities are more important than the needs of others.

The Apostle Paul spoke of his change of eyesight in 2 Corinthians 5:16. Speaking of his new found vision of his life in Christ. He says, "We no longer regard men from a worldly point of view." This begs the question; "How did he previously see men (people)?" He had been a persecutor of Christians, feeling that they were false teachers who were bound to upset his upward mobility in the Pharisaical chain of command.

We frequently see people as interrupters or obstacles in our busy life. Let me share a story that may illustrate a point. One of my privileges while working at the truck stop on Saturday mornings is that I sometimes encounter people who face problems beyond their ability to navigate.

On one morning as I was getting gas at the pump I noticed a young oriental couple setting on a bench in front of the store. She was talking on the phone and he was looking forlornly into space. Something about the situation told me they needed help. So I approached them and asked if they had a problem. The young man began sharing their story. They were traveling across country to California. Their car had suddenly stopped

running and they were able to glide into the station. They had no idea what the problem was and how to get help. He said that they had Triple A, (roadside assistance) but they were told they needed to contact a nearby garage, but they assured them that none would be open on Saturday; suggesting that they should get a motel for two nights until Monday opening. I knew that this was not true, that they could likely get help at a local gas station that also provide car repair. The young man and I drove to the station to check out the possibilities. As they discussed the situation, the mechanic surmised that the problem was simply the alternator and if they could get the car to them they could repair it quickly and send them on their way. I drove him back to his car. They were able to get the car towed to the station and I went on my way. I had left a copy of a book with my phone number. Shortly after getting back to my house, he phoned and thanked me profusely. His gratitude was so touching that I almost wanted to go back out to see if anyone else needed help! The point is, don't be so caught up in yourself that you miss the opportunity to see people that God places in your path. The reward might be greater than the effort and kindness shone. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com) or 580-302-1142 Jim Morrison

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# Historic SWOSU Basketball Teams Awarded Bulldogs of the Week

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

Following a historic weekend for the entire SWOSU Basketball program, both teams have been named Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of SWOSU Athletics on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Both the men's and women's teams earned GAC Tournament championships this weekend, making Southwestern Oklahoma State University the first school in conference history to claim both championships in the same year.

SWOSU Men's Basketball completed an improbable

run as the No. 7 seed in the GAC Tournament to capture their first tournament title in school history. The Bulldogs upset two seeded Oklahoma Baptist in the opening round and followed that up with wins against (6) Southern Arkansas and (4) Southern Nazarene. SWOSU also made its first championship game appearance since the first year of the conference's existence, 2011-12. As champions, the Dawgs earn an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament for the just the second time in Division II history and the first time since 2005. For their efforts, Kamden Gipson and Damion Thornton were placed on the All-Tournament

team, with Thornton being named Tournament MVP

SWOSU Women's Basketball racked up three GAC Tournament wins by an average margin of nearly 18 points and extended their win streak to 14 games en route to claiming their fourth tournament title in conference history. The Lady Bulldogs were awarded the No. 2 seed in the Central Region and will make their fifth straight appearance in the national tournament. SWOSU had three placed on the All-Tournament team, Makyra Tramble, Lauren Ramey, and Macy Gore. Tramble was named Tournament MVP.

## OCTAFest to be Held in Weatherford in March

The Oklahoma Community Theatre Association Festival (OCTAFest) is a state-wide play festival that is the organization's signature event. In accordance with OCTA's mission to encourage excellence in theatre arts, the festival provides an opportunity for theatres to present their best artistic productions to the state, be adjudicated by nationally known theatre experts, and for audiences to see the best of community theatre performances. This year's OCTAFest will be in Weatherford, Oklahoma and take place from March 17-19, 2022. It will be held at the Weatherford Performing Arts Center, 1500 N. Washington.

The event opens with a 7 p.m. Thursday, March 17, performance by Oklahoma Arts Council Teaching Artist, Al Bostick, Fabululous Fibs, Fables, and Folklore. Friday brings a 1:30 workshop conducted by the Oklahoma Arts Council on grants, and a 3:30 p.m. performance of Exit Laughing, by Duncan Little Theatre and a 7 p.m. performance of Commensing, by Untitled Popup Theatre, Elk City. Saturday brings a 3:30 p.m. performance of Altered Memories, by PlumBlum Productions, Commanche. Tickets are available at the box office prior to each performance for the public.

Each entry will have 10 minutes to set up its production, 60 minutes to perform, and 10 minutes to strike its set for everyone to watch. They are adjudicated and at the close of the festival, one entry will be selected to compete at the next level of AACT in April 2023.

This year's OCTAFest introduces its first Technical Olympics Event. Fully realized theatre productions would not be possible without the technical staff to



build and implement the scenery, properties, costumes, sound, and lighting. There are some basic skills every good technician should learn and practice to be a well-rounded theatre maker. The purpose of this Olympiad is to test their knowledge of some of these basic skills. The combination of team and individual events underline the principle that theatre technicians work alone and in ensemble groups depending on the required task in order to make the production successful. Each timed event will be available for all to witness and definitely entertain.

OCTAFest is done with the grant assistance from the City of Weatherford Hotel Tax. For more information or to register checkout [www.oktheatre.org](http://www.oktheatre.org).

## "The Coin Guy" Early Silver Coins of Massachusetts



Trent Boesen

A New England shilling from the 17th century made an appearance at auction for the first time since 1976. The auction was on February 14, 2022, by Ira and Larry Goldberg Auctioneers.

It is certified by the Professional Coin Grading Service as an Extremely Fine 45. It was stated by the auctioneer that it is a specimen of only 16 known examples of which many are in museum collections.

Its pre-auction estimate was \$150,000. When the hammer fell it realized \$198,000.

Are you looking for someone to help you sell a coin collection? Call The Coin Guy at 580-890-8076 to make an appointment. Thanks for reading.



## Father Son Duo Focuses on Quality Pest Control

CFour Spraying is western Oklahoma's premier pest and yard control company. Locally owned and operated, CFour Spraying is a family run business by Derek Chisum and his father Tyler Chisum. Covering an extensive range of locations, CFour's missions is to ensure that "you enjoy your home to the fullest extent by providing expert pest control services". Part of the way they deliver on that promise is by adopting a mindset and lifestyle that truly places the customer first. With online contact options, and an always-answer phone line, new and existing customers can quickly and easily get in touch with Derek and his team. Derek described his philosophy about how they are not selling a service, but rather, they are selling a solution. "No matter what, I answer my phone. We understand the urgency", Derek explained.

So, what is their solution? CFour Spraying, uses a variety of expert level methods for removing pests. These include pet and child friendly chemicals, non-intrusive perimeter control, and prevention maintenance that ensures pests get out and stay out. Their control services cover pests ranging from: Termites, rodents, spiders, ants, bed bugs, mosquitoes, cockroaches, and flea and tick control. Results are quick, generally as early as one week after treatment (depending on pest), and the results remain, meaning maintenance services are spread out quarterly on average as opposed to monthly.

They approach their lawn care spraying service with the same mentality as they do for pest control – less is more. By using the lowest amount of chemicals possible, CFour has found techniques to keep lawns happy and healthy.

CFour Spraying is not new to the game, with over 20 years of rodent control and 10 years of lawn care expertise, the techniques they use give our yards and homes back to the people in them, including everything inside. For example, when bed bugs are found, common practice before required getting rid of mattresses, couches, furniture, etc., but today, CFour uses treatments that can get rid of them without the need to replace anything. You can keep all your stuff, even the mattress!

Contacting CFour Spraying is easy by going to their

website, [cfoursprayingllc.com](http://cfoursprayingllc.com), to request a consultation, or by calling 405-545-0548. CFour begins by giving a rough estimate of cost depending on what types of bugs are being seen. Then, they quickly get on site and do a thorough check and explain the strategy they'll use to remove the pests before finalizing. No one expects pests, and to help, payment plans are available for bed bugs,

roaches, and termites. They provide follow-up services if pests are still being seen or you want them to come back out before a scheduled appointment. Maintenance and preventative plans are available where they focus on stopping pests on the edge of your property to prevent your home from becoming a target. This strategy offers continuous protection throughout seasons.

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## SPRING INTO ACTION

### HOME MAINTENANCE TIPS

Winter can be hard on your home, so spring is the perfect time to make important repairs. Not only can repairs beautify your home but they can also help you avoid more expensive work later.

- CHECK ROOF SHINGLES AND YOUR CHIMNEY**  
Let's start at the top. Snow, ice, freezing and thawing can damage roof shingles, causing them to buckle or loosen. Missing or damaged shingles should be replaced by a qualified roofer to prevent further water damage. Ask your roofer if he or she is also qualified to inspect your chimney for cracks and to fix/repair them as needed.
- CLEAN AND INSPECT GUTTERS**  
Clogged or damaged gutters can let water seep into walls or get into the basement instead of directing it away from the home. Clean debris from gutters and downspouts and replace damaged sections.
- FIX CONCRETE CRACKS**  
Cracks in concrete driveways and pool decks can worsen over time. To prevent further damage, and avoid tripping hazards, power-wash the area then seal with crack filler or silicone caulk.
- SERVICE AC UNITS**  
Air conditioning units get a workout during the summer so use the spring to get them ready. A qualified HVAC technician can clean the system to help it operate more efficiently. You should also prune nearby plants that could block airflow.
- PAINT TOUCH-UP**  
Touching up cracked or peeling paint not only makes your home look better, but protects it from the elements as well. While inspecting outer walls for paint needs, also check for wall damage or openings that developed over the winter and ask a licensed contractor to repair them.

Spring is also a great time to spruce up your homeowners insurance. As your home changes, your insurance needs change as well. Contact your independent insurance agent to make sure your home insurance grows with you.

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## Roof Maintenance Often Overlooked

An often forgotten or overlooked component to owning a home or business goes right over our heads, literally. Roofs are important structures to protect us from the elements - like heat, rain, hail, wind, and the cold, but sometimes knowing when they need repairs, fixes, or replacements is tricky due to how out of reach they are. Typically, we don't find ourselves milling about on top of our homes and businesses so spotting issues before they become costly is tough. To make things easier Axtel Roofing focuses on whole roof prevention, repair and replacement with free consultations.

Similarly to how you may get your car tuned and checked before or after a long trip, your roof needs the same attention. Before

storm season hits and after hail storms, it's a great idea to get a professional opinion on steps you may need to take to ensure your roof is up to the job.

Axtel Roofing, owned and operated by Jamie Axtel, has been covering residential and commercial properties since 1930. Family owned and begun, Jamie described their history from his grandfather's start in Hobart, to his father's move in 1964 to Weatherford, into Axtel's coverage today - a coverage that spans the state of Oklahoma and the Texas panhandle. "We started as a personalized service and we want to keep it that way," Jamie says. "We've been doing roofs for people and families for years, we've gained a lot of great friends". Part of the quality care

Axtel Roofing provides is the peace of mind that comes with experienced and qualified services. Axtel Roofing is commercially endorsed with high insurance coverages so customers can be confident in their installations and repairs. Every employee with Axtel is part of the Axtel family, so work is never subcontracted. When a client calls for a consultation, they can be on site within the same day or the next, and you know that the people who will be working on the roof are unified.

Jamie views the business in a unique way, "we're more like a family than a company. We take care of our own, whether they're an employee or a customer".

To contact Axtel Roofing, please call (580) 331-7450.

## SPRING SAFETY

- Spring Cleaning tips:**
  - Discard medicines, chemicals and cleaning products which are out-of-date and not clearly labeled
  - Separate newspapers, rags and other combustible material from fireplaces, dryers and other heating elements to prevent fire
  - Change smoke detector batteries at daylight savings time
  - Clean up garage clutter and store tools safely away from a child's reach
  - Inspect ladders for loose rungs before climbing, and keep them secure and level when in use

*\*You can search online for a Spring Cleaning checklist*

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## Vegetable Growing Tips For New Gardeners



**Start with the Soil!** Good garden soil is crumbly and full of organic matter. It is home to an array of organisms, including helpful bacteria and fungi, and insects of all sizes. It retains water yet drains well. Grab a handful of your garden soil and squeeze it. If it holds its shape, yet crumbles easily when you drop it, you're off to a good start. If it stays in a ball or crumbles as soon as you open your hand, add compost. This will correct poor drainage, and help your soil retain water and nutrients. Add about 3 inches of compost to your problem soil, and gently work it in with a garden fork.

**Start Small.** Tilling up an area that is so large that you won't have the time to keep the weeds under control will lead you to feel discouraged. If you're busy (and who isn't!) start with a single raised bed or a 4-O by 8-O plot. This is enough to plant a couple of tomatoes, basil, salad greens, maybe a row of beans. This may seem obvious, but plant what you want to eat, and concentrate your early efforts on those plants. A salad and herb garden is a good choice for beginners. As you become more comfortable with plant habits and growing techniques, you can add to your growing space.

**If you're Growing in Containers, Make Sure They're Big Ones.** It may look odd in spring to have a small tomato seedling in a 5-gallon container, but by mid-summer, the roots of that fast-growing plant will completely fill the pot. Why plant in large containers? The larger the container, the less the likelihood that it will dry out if you skip a day of watering. Plus, as your plant grows large and productive, it will need the nutrients contained in the soil mix. This is true no matter what you grow in pots. Salad greens, peppers, tomatoes, and even cucumbers can produce a satisfying harvest in containers, provided that you fill them with a water-retentive, well-draining soil mix that is meant for containers, and treat them every two weeks with a balanced, soluble fertilizer. Filling pots with soil you've dug from your garden is a bad idea. It is much more dense than a container mix, and will not drain well.

**When Sowing Directly in the Soil, Pay Attention to Spacing.** Many seeds can be sown directly in the garden once nighttime temperatures are consistently above 50°F (10°C), including salad greens, beans and peas, root vegetables, and many flowers. Vegetable seed packets generally tell you how close your plants should be in the garden. Try to sow seed sparingly, following the packet instructions, and when your seedlings are about 2 inches in height, thin them to the recommended spacing. This is important with all vegetables and flowers, but particularly so with root vegetables. If grown too close together, carrots will end up tangled, beets will be spindly, and radishes will bolt prematurely.

**Have a Ready Supply of Mulch, and Fertilize Regularly.** Mulch does double duty in the vegetable garden. It helps keep weeds under control as it conserves soil moisture. Use mulching materials that will readily break down and over time they will improve the soil as well. Half rotted straw, shredded leaves, pine needles, shredded paper, cardboard, or any combination of these are good choices for the vegetable garden. Wait until your plants are several inches tall and your garden is well watered. Then put mulch down around your plants, keeping it an inch or two away from your plant stems. This doesn't have to be done all at once. One or two-inch layers can be added over the growing season.

To ensure a good harvest, vegetables grown in well-drained soil should be

fertilized every 3 to 4 weeks with a balanced organic fertilizer. This is particularly important with heavy feeders, which include brassicas (broccoli, cauliflower, etc.), tomatoes, eggplants, squash, and melons.

**Diversify!** Flowers belong in or near the vegetable garden for a number of reasons. They attract pollinators, and they bring in predator insects that will help keep insects such as cabbageworms and aphids in check. A diverse garden is a healthy garden. Good, easy-from-seed choices to plant near or within a vegetable garden include marigolds, sweet alyssum, zinnias, bachelor's buttons, cosmos, calendulas, nasturtiums, and California poppies.

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## Plan for Spring Now with Janie's Garden Center

“Spring is the time of plans and projects.” This famous line comes from renown author Leo Tolstoy and his highly praised novel *Anna Karenina*, which is held by many to be one of the greatest works of writing ever written. However, Tolstoy missed one other crucial component of Spring - the beauty of gardens and flowers! Luckily, those are exactly what Janie’s Garden Center is known for.

With locations in Weatherford, Clinton, and Elk City, Janie’s Garden Center is opening for Spring with beautiful, full, and healthy plants. Their greeneries

are colorfully eye-catching and their garden decor is unmatched. Janie’s has everything and the like: from annuals & perennials, to shrubs & trees, to vegetable plants. They also have all forms of pottery, iron stands, and hanging baskets to house your new Spring greens. Mulch and soil is also available at each location making Janie’s the perfect one-stop-shop as we usher in the season of sunshine and warmth. Gift cards are available as well if you’re looking to get that person with a green thumb the perfect present.

You can visit Janie’s Garden Centers at any of their

locations: at 721 Gary Blvd, in Clinton; at 303 N Madison, in Elk City; and from their new location in Weatherford - 127 S 8th Street, right across from the Old Armory Building.

Janie’s has always been synonymous with Spring and the family business is looking to continue their motto of bringing the best quality plants to western Oklahoma.

For store openings, times, updates, and more, keep an eye on and follow their page “Janie’s Garden Center” on Facebook.

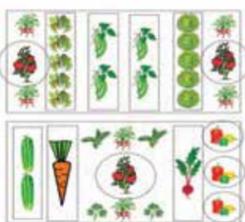


### Garden to Table: Growing Dinner

It doesn't take much. Two 4-foot by 8-foot beds, some herb and vegetable seeds, and a couple of hours a week can put dinner on the table for a full season: fresh spring salads, sweet summer fruits, and finally, the nourishing greens and roots of autumn.

#### Step 1 The Plan

A drawing will help organize your thoughts, and your garden. Plan for the entire growing season. First come the spring greens, radishes, peas, and other cool-weather crops. In most regions, the time to plant heat-loving tomatoes, peppers, squash, and beans is just as you begin to harvest baby lettuce. Fill late season gaps with a second planting of quick-growing greens.



This is a sample garden plan, if you prefer turnips to beets, kale to beans, or bush zucchini to cucumbers, make substitutions. It's your garden!

#### Step 2 The Soil

Start right, and put some effort into creating a deep bed of rich soil. Wait until the soil has dried to the point where a fistful squeezed in your hand will crumble apart, rather than stick together in a muddy ball. Add a one-inch layer of compost, and fork the soil to a depth of at least eight inches. Your bed does not have to be perfectly smooth and even, if fact, a few small rocks can only help by improving drainage.



You can buy bagged compost at many garden centers, or you can make your own.

Site your garden in full sun, and for best results, build raised beds. Vegetables require good drainage.

#### Step 3 Spring into Summer

Sow greens, radishes, and peas as soon as the soil can be worked; beets and carrots shortly after. Late spring, when night temperature consistently exceed 50°F (10°C), is the time to put tomato, pepper, and basil plants in the ground, and sow seeds of beans, squash, and cucumbers.

As you harvest spring vegetables, heat-loving summer plants are sizing up. This can work in your favor—head lettuces and baby greens appreciate shade cast by growing tomatoes. Some of your root vegetables can be harvested at baby size, allowing the rest room to grow.

Remember to secure trellises for cucumbers or squash and put stakes or cages around your tomatoes when plants are still small.



Spring salads, steamed bok choy, sweet baby carrots, tender young herbs are a few of the delicious rewards of the spring garden.

#### Step 4 Summer into Fall

Tomato plants grow quickly as the days lengthen, and take up the space left by harvested greens. Sow rows of bush beans in three-week intervals to extend their harvest time. By late summer you will be picking baskets of tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and beans.



Tomato sandwiches, roasted peppers, chilled gazpacho, and green bean salads will fill your dinner plates from mid-summer to fall.

Starting in late summer, sprinkle lettuce seeds in the empty spaces after you harvest carrots and beets. This fall crop will provide you with salads through the fall or in some regions, even into winter.

Always replenish the soil with compost between harvesting one crop and planting another. A sprinkling of organic fertilizer will also keep your soil productive.

#### Step 5 End of Season Housekeeping

First, congratulate yourself for growing your own food! Then, clean up the dead tomato and pepper stalks, and put your garden to bed. Some gardeners pile chopped leaves and lawn clippings on the soil, and allow the organic cover to break down over the dormant period. You can also plant a cover crop to keep soil healthy.

Cover cropping solves the problem of leaving garden soil bare during the winter when wind and frost heaving erode topsoil and leach out nutrients. The practice creates garden soil that is fertile with the best structure to grow healthy plants. Cover crop seeds can be purchased in garden centers, or from seed packet companies.



Oats and winter rye are often used as cover crops in the north. In warmer regions, choices include mustard and bell beans. Mixes of different seeds are also available.

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