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## WOCS to Host Family Fun Night and Running on a Prayer

Chase Wright  
Staff Writer

We're kicking-off spring right with the annual Family Fun Night and Running on a Prayer 5K Run-Walk on March 25th and 26th! Held by Western Oklahoma Christian School (WOCS) and hosted at PBAR Farms, the double-dose of community fun is open fully to everyone with plenty of entertainment.

On Friday, March 25th, the Family Fun Night will be held from 5pm – 9pm with a variety of activities, including face painting, a dunk tank, bouncy houses, and a corn hole tournament by H2O Baggers. Make sure to save some room for dinner because Nol's mobile kitchen will be on site with their signature seasoning and spice! Race day packets can also be picked up at Family Fun Night - grab & go packet pickup available.

Race day begins Saturday, March 26th, at 8:30 AM with the One Mile Fun Run and at 9 AM with the Retro 5K Walk/Run. This year's optional dress theme is 80's Retro; so, dig into the back of those closets, dust off those neon colors, and style-up for some fun! Virtual options to race will be available so you can race anytime and anyplace with leaderboards and a personalized certificate! An overall male and overall female winner will receive an award, along with winners in various age groups. Goodie bags and a limited number of event shirts are available for early registers!

Registration online can be done through okc.enmotive.com. Entries are \$30 for the Virtual 5K and \$30 for the 1 Mile Fun Run. The 5K Walk/Run is \$45 per entry. A big thanks to 2022 sponsors Matt's RV and Great Plains Regional Medical Center.

All proceeds will benefit WOCS and greatly benefits the school in ways that keep tuition affordable for families in western Oklahoma. As a non-profit school, fundraisers like these are a tremendous help to ensure communities around their campuses in Weatherford, Clinton, and Elk City can support their children's spiritual, academic, and physical growth with an elementary education system that holds those traits as their Core Values. WOCS's purpose is to "assist in that education [by] working together with the family and the church".



Back row, left to right: Justin Tharp, Kyle Slagell, Michael Ryburn (Treasurer), Dr. Geo Kelly (Vice President), Seth Adams (President), Dr. Randy Curry. Front row, left to right: Radonna Sawatzky, Traci Earles, Crystal Hamons (Secretary), Jenny Hemingway, Dr. Amanda Haggard, Dr. Karen Travis

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## Connection Food and Resource Center Announces Four New Board Members

Connections Food & Resource Center announced today the appointment of four new members to the board of directors.

Traci Earles, Dr. Amanda Haggard, Justin Tharp, and Dr. Karen Travis have stepped up to a 3-year commitment of ensuring Connections Food & Resource Center operates at its best to serve clients and is a good steward of donations received.

"The new board members will be a great asset to Connections Food and Resource Center. They have already hit the ground running by bringing ideas to the table and putting in work that needs to be done to make this charity successful in helping others," said Crystal Hamons, Board Secretary.

Traci Earles resides in Hinton and is the owner of The Finishing Touch in Hinton. Dr. Amanda Haggard is a resident of Weatherford and is employed as a pharmacist with Clinton Indian Health Center. Justin Tharp lives in Weatherford and is an attorney with Tisdal & O'Hara

of Clinton. Dr. Karen Travis is a resident of Custer City and is retired from SWOSU as a professor of education.

New board member Traci Earles said, "I am humbled and overwhelmed by this organization and the impact it makes on the surrounding area. There are many people in need, and the programs offered are incredibly well organized and cover a vast array of needs. I am looking forward to working with this servant-hearted group of individuals who serve on this board and the wonderful people who run this organization."

Connections Food & Resource Center offers a client choice food pantry provides fresh produce, non-perishable, refrigerated and frozen food, nutrition information and instruction, and help in connecting clients to additional services. Connections Food & Resource Center's service area includes Arapaho, Butler, Clinton, Colony, Corn, Custer City, Eakly, Fay, Geary, Hammon, Hinton, Hydro, Lookaba, Thomas, and Weatherford.

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**Jimmy Charles Scott**

Jimmy Charles Scott was born April 17, 1945, in Colony to Delmar Claude and Virginia Loraine (Cosper) Scott and passed away Thursday, March 3, 2022, at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, at the age of 76 years, 10 months and 16 days.



Jimmy was raised and attended school in Colony, graduating with the Class of 1963. He worked as a bulldozer operator. On July 1, 1966, he married Janice Luekenga at Fairview Country Church. In 1967, they moved to Oklahoma City where he worked as a bulldozer operator and mechanic for several years and later had a tire shop. Jimmy and his family moved to the Gracemont area in 1998 where he did dozer work as well. Jimmy became a salesman for Green Energy Service, retiring in 2013. He was a deacon and worked with the Royal Ambassadors program at South Lindsey Baptist Church. He also participated with the Fisher's of Men Bass Club. Jimmy enjoyed bass fishing, fishing tournaments, going to coffee shop to visit with his friends, and spending time with family. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church in his name.

Jimmy is survived by his wife of 55 years, Janice Scott of their home in Weatherford; two sons: Jimmy Tod Scott and wife Elizabeth of Hoxie, Arkansas; and Devin Charles Scott and wife Tomara Wright of Oklahoma City; one daughter Torri Lyn Mays and husband Curtis Ray of Oklahoma City; one sister Kay Woods and husband Keith of Weatherford; thirteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Darrel Lynn and Larry Joe "Shorty."

**Elizabeth "Liz" R. McBrayer**

Elizabeth "Liz" R. McBrayer was born on April 27, 1935, in Louisville, Mississippi, to Murdock and Sula (Wilson) Robertson and passed away on Friday, March 4, 2022, at Brookdale Senior Living in Weatherford, Oklahoma, at the age of 86 years, 10 months and 7 days.



Liz was raised in Kemper County, Mississippi. She graduated from Linville High School in 1951. On June 13, 1953, she married Cecil McBrayer in De Kalb, Mississippi, where they made their home. Liz and Cecil also lived in Pickens and Yazoo City, Mississippi. In 1981, they moved along with their family to Weatherford, Oklahoma. Liz enjoyed spending time with her family—especially her grandchildren. She also enjoyed trips back to Mississippi, alongside her husband, and traveling to Branson. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church.

Liz is survived by one son Gene McBrayer and his wife Linda, of Cheyenne, Oklahoma; two daughters: Angie Mackey and Tangie Winn and husband Shawn of Weatherford, Oklahoma; two sisters: Dorothy Kitchens of Rome, Georgia; and Shirley Hailey and husband Levi of Macon, Mississippi; seven grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren. Liz was preceded in death by her parents; husband Cecil; one brother McRae; and one sister Ann.

A special thank you to the staff of Brookdale Senior Living, Mabelle Sims and Russell Murray Hospice for your care, love and understanding.

**Charles Richard O'Hara**

Charles Richard O'Hara, 76 year old Paden, OK resident, formerly of Weatherford, was born February 22, 1946, in Elk City, OK to John Anderson and Anna Faye (Clapp) O'Hara and passed away, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at home in Paden, OK, at the age of 76 years and 16 days.



Richard was born February 22, 1946, in Elk City, OK to John Anderson and Anna Faye (Clapp) O'Hara and passed away, Tuesday, March 8, 2022, at home in Paden, OK. Richard was second of four boys in his family. They grew up on a cotton and livestock farm east of Elk City. The hard work on the farm gave them the motivation and determination to excel and work hard in life. In his high school years, he played football, basketball and baseball and was an all-around athlete and an all-stater in all three sports. Richard graduated from Elk City High School in 1964. He enrolled at SWOSU where he played basketball and baseball for the Bulldogs all four years, making several championship honors and was inducted into SWOSU Sports Hall of Fame in 2019. On October 3, 1969, he married Melva Kimble in Ft. Sill, OK and made their home in Elk City, OK. Richard earned his Bachelor degree in 1968 from SWOSU, his Master's in 1971 from SWOSU, and Superintendent Certificate in 1981 from O.S.U. His 40-year working career was made in education from coaching, Principal, Adjunct Professor, Superintendent and served on many boards. He enjoyed retirement and spending time with his grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: <https://central-oklahoma-camp-conference-center.snbll.com/>

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Richard is survived by his wife of 53 years, Melva O'Hara of their home in Paden, OK; one son C.R. O'Hara of Cheyenne, WY; two daughters: Gina Kardokus and husband Matt of Weatherford, OK and Nikki Witt of Jenks, OK; one brother Tommy O'Hara and wife Diane of Sentinel, OK; sister-in-law Sandra Boardman and husband Duane of Edmond, OK; and nine grandchildren: Kolton Kardokus and wife Haley Keaton Kardokus and wife Lori; Kinzie Kardokus, Jaxon Witt, Lanie Witt, Walker Witt, Cagney O'Hara, Calvert O'Hara and Rhett O'Hara. He was loved by many nieces, nephews, teachers, former students and players. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers John B. and Ronnie O'Hara.

**Patsy Jane Dalrymple**

Patsy was born June 9, 1940, in Stafford to Vance and Pauline (Sharp) Kenney and passed away Saturday, March 5, 2022, at OU Health Center in Oklahoma City having reached the age of 81 years, 8 months, 28 days.



Patsy was raised southwest of Butler and graduated from Butler High School in 1958. She attended OSU in Stillwater and earned a Bachelor Degree in Home Economics in 1962. She was a Home Economist with OSU Extension Source until 1965 and also did clerical work for a few oil companies in Ardmore. On July 21, 1962, she married Ronald Leon "R.L." Dalrymple in Kingfisher. They moved to Ardmore in 1962 until 2001 when they moved to a farm in the Thomas area. Patsy enjoyed traveling, reading, family activities, and raising her family. She was a tremendous daughter, sister, grandma, mother-in-law and wife.

Patsy is survived by her husband R.L. Dalrymple of Thomas; daughter-in-law Cathy Dalrymple of Davis; three grandchildren: Dillon Dalrymple and his wife Brittni, Hannah Dalrymple and Sarah Busby and her husband Hunter; and one great-granddaughter Masyn Busby. She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers: LeRoy and Bill; and two sons: Chad Dalrymple and Branden Dalrymple.

**Raymond "Red" Stonecalf**

Funeral Services for Raymond "Red" Stonecalf, Jr., 74, Clinton resident were held 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 9, 2022, in the Emergency Response Center (Indian Community Building), officiated by Woodrow Kinney, Donnie Ahhaitty and Toni Ruiz.



Burial will follow in the Clinton Indian Cemetery under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Raymond L. "Red" Stonecalf, Jr., was born March 17, 1947, to Raymond L. Stonecalf and Eldine (Fire) Stonecalf in Clinton, OK and passed away Friday, March 4, 2022, in the Integris Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma City, OK.

"Red," as he is known by family and friends, was raised and attended school in Clinton. Soon after his schooling, he enlisted in the U.S. Marines where he served both in Korea and Vietnam. After being honorably discharged, he returned to Oklahoma and worked both at the Riverside Indian School and Concho Indian School, assisting with the young men and coaching. He retired after 29 years of service. He also worked in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Smoke Shop.

He was a member of the Indian Baptist Church in El Reno, OK, he enjoyed traveling, watching basketball and was always available to help somebody out.

He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers: Gary Stonecalf, Carl Stonecalf and Tim Stonecalf and a sister Geneva Stonecalf.

He is survived by daughter Nicole Cobb, Lawton, OK; his longtime companion and friend Lois Franklin, OKC, OK; four sisters: Wanda Morgan, Sherrill Stonecalf both of Clinton, OK and Janice Salehi and Ranell Wilson, both of El Reno, OK.

He is also survived by three grandchildren: Logan Milne, Moira Stobbe and Isabella Appel; three great grandchildren: Illiana Milne, Anais Milne and Kai Stonecalf-Stobbe.

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## Veterans In Agriculture Have New Support

Veterans interested in farming and ranching now have a stronger support system in Oklahoma. The Farmer Veteran Coalition of Oklahoma, Inc. was formed as an official chapter of the Farmer Veteran Coalition (FVC) through a joint effort between the Oklahoma Department of Veteran Affairs and the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food and Forestry as well as private citizens.

The FVC is a national non-profit that helps military veterans pursue careers in agriculture. Headquartered in Sacramento, California, they service a network of over 30,000 veteran members nationwide. FVC works with the agricultural community, partners and sponsors to support those who served our country once by defending it, and now serve a second time as farmers feeding it.

“Our veterans put their lives on the line to protect us. It’s an honor to help them grow their operations so they can continue to feed their communities,” Jeannette Lombardo, Executive Director Farmer Veteran Coalition.

The Oklahoma chapter of the FVC will provide support for veterans currently involved in agriculture and those looking to make agriculture a career after

their service by providing connections to state and national programs and many opportunities to interact with service providers, other veterans interested in agriculture and industry professionals.

“It is exciting to find new ways to serve Oklahoma veterans,” said Joel Kintsel, Executive Director, Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs. “Agriculture is very important to Oklahoma’s economy, and I am proud of the work ODVA is doing to identify and support veterans involved in ag-related activities.”

Rooted in its strong belief that veterans possess the unique skills and character needed to strengthen rural communities and create sustainable food systems, the organization recognizes that agriculture additionally offers veterans purpose, opportunity, and physical and psychological benefits.

“The agriculture industry needs an abundance of skilled, dedicated labor and we hope we can provide the connections to help our veterans meet these needs,” said Oklahoma Secretary of Agriculture, Blayne Arthur.

If interested in learning more about the FVC of Oklahoma please contact MAJ (Ret) Doug Christerson, Vice President, Farmer Veteran Coalition, Oklahoma Chapter, 417-389-0980, dchristerson@hotmail.com.

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## Randy Rogers Band to Headline SWOSU Palooza



SWOSU Palooza on Friday, March 25, will be headlined by the Randy Rogers Band.

The annual concert in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford will also feature Triston Marez and Cam Allen.

SWOSU Palooza, sponsored by the Student Government Association and the Panorama Series, will begin at 7:30 with music by the Cam Allen Band followed by Marez and then the Randy Rogers Band.

Advance tickets on stubwire.com are \$15, and all tickets on the day of the show will be \$25. The concert is open to everyone.

Fronted by singer-songwriter Randy Rogers and featuring Geoffrey Hill (guitar), Jon Richardson (bass

guitar), Brady Black (fiddle), Les Lawless (drums) and Todd Stewart (guitar, fiddle, mandolin, keyboards), the Randy Rogers Band was founded in San Marcos (TX) and has spent the last 20 years bringing the Texas country tradition to dedicated fans around the nation and beyond.

With eight studio albums behind them, global streaming numbers in the hundreds of millions and a reputation for must-see country-rock performances, the band has charted seven singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs chart, two Top 10 hits at national Country radio and numerous Texas Country Radio chart #1s, securing its place in the pantheon of Texas musical giants.

For additional information about SWOSU Palooza, visit stubwire.com or call the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office at 580.774.3063.

## Johnny and Judy Beech Make Major Gift to SWOSU

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced the establishment of the Johnny & Judy Beech Endowed Scholarship Fund.

The fund has been endowed by a generous philanthropic investment from two longtime SWOSU supporters, Johnny and Judy Beech of Oklahoma City. Both Beeches are undergraduate alumni of SWOSU.

The Johnny & Judy Beech Endowed Scholarship Fund will provide much-needed financial support to SWOSU

students studying in the disciplines of management, accounting, and parks & recreation management.

“We received strong instruction in both technical and professional skills during our years on the SWOSU Hilltop, and we are honored to now give back to our alma mater to help the Bulldogs studying there today achieve excellence and contribute to a better society,” said the Beeches.

Johnny Beech is a past president and current director of the SWOSU Alumni Association and currently sits on the

Board of Directors of the SWOSU Athletic Association. He holds a Juris Doctorate from the University of Arkansas and a Master of Laws from Tulane University.

Johnny is currently of counsel with Spencer Fane. He has more than 30 years of experience as a litigator focusing on contracts, financial services matters and trust issues. He also serves as an adjunct instructor at SWOSU.

Judy Beech is vice president & director of finance at i2E, (See GIFT, page 8)

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**State House Representative Anthony Moore presents General Stafford with an honor from the Oklahoma State House of Representatives with US House Representative Frank Lucas observing.**

## SWOSU Dedicates General Thomas P. Stafford Archives

Southwestern Oklahoma State University held a dedication for the General Thomas P. Stafford archives this past week with several community leaders from the area in attendance. The Archives, which are housed on the newly renovated second floor of SWOSU's Al Harris Library, contain the writings of General Stafford as well as memorabilia and records of his testimonies to several federal bodies.

General Stafford has been a long time donor to SWOSU and his scholarship program, which shares his name, has provided over one hundred and fifty students the opportunity to attend SWOSU. The archives will serve to extend this legacy to future generations of SWOSU students.

## Dr. Brooke Gildon Wins Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at SWOSU

Dr. Brooke Gildon, professor in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU), is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2022 at SWOSU.

Gildon was presented the prestigious award at the annual Bernhardt Award banquet held March 10 on the Weatherford campus. She received a \$5,000 cash award, clock, pen and medallion.

SWOSU alumni Theta Juan Bernhardt and the late Dr. William Bernhardt of Midwest City are sponsors of the annual award that goes to an outstanding faculty member who exhibits exceptional achievement in teaching, scholarship and service.

Gildon is a faculty member in the Department of Pharmacy Practice, specializing in clinical pediatrics and based at The Children's Center Rehabilitation Hospital in Bethany. She received her Pharm.D. from SWOSU in 2007 and later completed a residency in pediatrics with the University of Oklahoma College of Pharmacy in Oklahoma City.

Gildon, who joined the SWOSU College of Pharmacy faculty in 2016, is a certified asthma educator, board-certified pharmacotherapy specialist and board-certified pediatric pharmacy specialist. She is an active member of the American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy, Christian Pharmacists Fellowship International and Pediatric Pharmacy Advocacy Group.

Her practice areas include pediatric ambulatory care, general pediatrics, pediatric asthma and drug research of drug pediatric complex care.

Gildon has an impressive record of scholarship. She has inspired students to acquire the skills and confidence needed to ask questions, identify emerging issues in the area of pediatric health and then design studies to solve problems and improve outcomes.

Her community service reflects her devotion to improving the quality of life and health of others, especially children. She has helped with the vaccination clinics at the university's Pioneer Cellular Event Center and volunteers for community pregnancy and adoption programs. She contributes time and expertise as a speaker at birth mother retreats and conferences.

Previous winners of the Bernhardt Award are (in order by year): Dr. Vilas Prabhu, Dr. Stuart Burchett, Dr. Gary Wolgamott, Dr. Terry Segress, Dr. James Hunsicker, Dr. Jill Jones, Dr. James Breckenridge, Dr. John Ludrick, Dr. W. Steven Pray, Dr. Les Crall, Dr. Peter Grant, Dr. John Hayden, Dr. Virgil Van Dusen, Steve Strickler, Dr. Mary Aspedon, Dr. John Woods, Dr. Scott Long, Dr. Charles Rogers, Dr. Tim Hubin, Dr. Brian Campbell, Dr. Patsy Parker, Dr. Tom Davis, Dr. Kevin Collins, Dr. Trisha Wald, Landry Brewer, Dr. Amanda Evert, Dr. Hardeep Singh Saluja and Dr. Howard Kurtz.

**CED 7/INDICTMENTS-** Four people have been indicted by a multicounty grand jury in Oklahoma City, charged with embezzlement and conspiracy surrounding Circuit Engineering District 7. Monte Goucher, Jerry Lynn Dean, Joe Don Dickey and Tim Bingham allegedly without authorization appropriated money in excess of \$2 million from C-E-D 7 and the State of Oklahoma when the money was legally obtained and entrusted to the defendants for specific purposes. Additionally, it's alleged the four men embezzled state funds and did orchestrate the management, construction and operation of 7 oil joint ventures with C-E-D 7, contrary to the provisions of Oklahoma statutes. The four defendants were arrested and have been released on bond.

**GEARY/GROUNDBREAKING-**A groundbreaking ceremony was held this week by the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes for a new emergency response center in Geary. Governor Reggie Wassana says the emergency response center will have a conference room, full kitchen and showers, and an open area for emergency personnel.

**SWOSU/CAREER FAIR-** The Career Exploration Office at Southwestern Oklahoma State University is hosting the business and technology career fair for 2022 in the Memorial Student Center, March 23rd from 10am-1pm. Coordinator Heather Hummel says it's a great opportunity to talk to prospective employers about their company and possible employment opportunities. Employers in attendance will be looking to fill full time, part time and internship positions.

**CLINTON PD/ALBA ARREST-** an investigation by Clinton Police has led to the arrest of a man on complaints of felony possession of child pornography, distribution of child pornography and violation of the Oklahoma Computer Crimes Act. 20 year old Nathan Alba was arrested after a Clinton Police investigator reviewed a cyber tip, generated by the national center for missing and exploited children. In November 2020, a social media platform had notified the national center of a user who had uploaded and distributed child exploitation material. Police say Alba was interviewed and admitted to possessing and distributing child pornography.

**CLINTON SCHOOLS/WATER DAMAGE UPDATE-** Clinton Public Schools Superintendent Tyler Bridges says work continues on the clean up of the high school after a fire suppression line froze and busted, causing water damage to a number of areas of the high school, including 14 classrooms. Bridges says the high school has been virtual since the incident. However, he says portable units have been secured to allow students to return to in-person, learning after spring break. Bridges says the restoration work inside the high school will take about 3 months to complete.

**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/LAWTHER ROAD UPDATE-** Custer County Commission Chairman Bruce Walker gave an update on the Lawther Road project at a meeting earlier this week, saying that a house had been torn down and utility relocation continues. Walker also said there is concern about the cost of materials for the project. Bids will be due for the project on May 22nd.

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## Lady Bulldogs Ousted from NCAA Tournament

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SWOSU Women's Basketball fell victim to a scorching hot Missouri Western team that shot a season best 64% and knocked down 15 three pointers and the Lady Dawgs went on to fall 111-77 to the Griffons in the NCAA Central Region Quarterfinals on Friday.

The Lady Bulldogs finish the season ranked No. 10 in the WBCA national poll, their highest ranking of the season, and with a 29-5 record. The 29 wins represents the second highest win total the program has seen in its division II history.

11 different MWSU players scored in the game, including six who finished in double figures. Nearly half of the points scored for the Griffons (53) came from players off the bench.

SWOSU fell behind early and stayed behind. The Lady Dawgs trailed 20-12 after the first quarter and 50-28 at halftime.

The game was tied up at 10-10 early, but Missouri Western finished the first quarter on a 10-2 run to build their lead and did not look back. From that point on, it was all Griffons.

Trailing by 22 at the break, and in need of a quick start in the third quarter, SWOSU instead had to endure a third

quarter that featured the Griffons scoring a game best 36 points in the 10-minute window on 14-of-17 shooting which included 6-of-7 from deep. The Lady Bulldogs scored 28 points in the quarter, their highest scoring total of the game, but it was overshadowed by MWSU who continued to extend their lead.

Entering the final quarter, SWOSU trailed 86-56 and was again outscored in the fourth.

Makyla Tramble was the bright spot on offense. She finished with a career high 34 points on 12-for-25 shooting and added five steals on defense.

SWOSU's defense forced 25 turnovers in the game and only committed 12, but got severely outrebounded 49-28 on the glass.

Karly Gore was the other double-digit scorer and finished with 12 points.

The program says goodbye to senior and five-year starter Bethany Franks who entered the game needing 12 rebounds to surpass program great Kelli Litsch on the all-time rebounding list. She finished with four and will end with 1,206 career rebounds and 1,467 career points. She and Litsch are the only two players in school history to notch 1,000-plus points and rebounds.



## Makyla Tramble Named D2CCA Central Region Player of the Year

**Jon Chidester**  
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Sophomore guard Makyla Tramble has been named the Central Region Player of the Year, announced by the Division II Conference Commissioners Association (D2CCA).

Tramble, now both a back-to-back GAC Player of the Year and unanimous first team all-conference selection, adds the 2022 region player of the year honor to her resume that continues to grow. As player of the year, she also lands on the D2CCA's First Team All-Region list. Last season, she was named a Team All-American by the D2CCA and appears on track to improve that title this season.

She currently ranks second in the NCAA in field goals made, third in both field goals attempted and steals, and fifth in assists. Around the GAC she ranks second in scoring, eighth in rebounding,



first in assists, first in steals, and sixth in blocked shots. She was also most recently named the 2022 GAC Tournament Most Valuable Player.

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# Bulldogs End Historic Season Against Augustana



**Jon Chidester**  
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SWOSU Men's Basketball had their historic postseason run come to an end on Saturday in the NCAA Central Region Quarterfinals after falling to No. 6/8 Augustana 83-64. Though the Vikings pulled away in the second half, the Bulldogs took a lead into the halftime locker room.

The Bulldogs end the season with a 14-17 record, but also with the title of Great American Conference Champions after becoming the lowest seeded team ever

to win the GAC Tournament.

By winning the conference tournament, SWOSU earned an automatic bid into the NCAA Tournament and the opportunity to battle Augustana on Saturday night. It was just the second time in program history SWOSU qualified for the NCAA Tournament.

In the game on Thursday, Kamden Gipson also became the third player in program history to notch 1,000 career points. He needed two points to get it done and knocked down a three-point shot late in the first half to reach his

milestone. Those would be his only points on the night.

At 54% shooting in the first half which included 7-of-15 from beyond the arc, the Dawgs in good shape to start the game and did not trail through the first 20 minutes. SWOSU led Augie 33-21 nearing the five-minute mark of the first half after a Mason Hart three ball, before the Vikings closed on a 19-8 run to tighten the game back up at the break. The Dawgs took a one-point lead into the break.

Though the offense were clicking, Augie also quietly finished at 50% shooting in the first half which allowed them to weather SWOSU's hot start.

Out of the halftime locker room, Augustana continued to build off the way they closed the half while SWOSU went cold. The Bulldogs faded, shooting just 7-of-35 overall (20%) in the final 20 minutes. Slowly, but surely, Augustana pulled away.

With SWOSU trailing 65-55 with 7:33 to play and in need of a final push, it was Augie who busted off a 13-2 run to seal it.

Tyler Riemersma, the NSIC South Division Player of the Year, led all scorers with 28 points.

Chris Braggs, Jr. finished as SWOSU's high scorer with 13 points. Ben Smith added 12, and Mason Hart 11. Though Gipson was held in check scoring, he did lead all players with nine assists. Damion Thornton led SWOSU on the glass with six rebounds.

Senior Jaylan Williams plays his last game in a Bulldog uniform. He finishes fourth on the school's division II list for three-point makes with 161.

## Women's Golf Captures First Top-Five Finish and Lau Wins GAC Golfer of the Week

The SWOSU Women's Golf team competed in Oklahoma City this week at the Diffe Ford-Lincoln Invite, where they finished at 5th place as a team. This competition was a two-day event hosted by Southern Nazarene University. It was also the Bulldogs best team finish of the 2021-22 season so far.

Central Oklahoma would win the tournament, collectively shooting a +19. Oklahoma Christian would finish second, with a +21. Oklahoma City finishes the top three teams, coming in at +25 as a team.

Rebecca Lau was the top finisher for the Dawgs, shooting a +8 for the tournament and finishing 15th. This is her second best tournament performance for the season.

Not far down was Megan Brown, who ended play at +11 and placed 17th over the two days. Anna Marksa and Mikaela Rindermann completed the event with identical positions and scores, +14 and T-25th. Rounding out the

SWOSU lineup is Zoe Morton, who finished +19 and T-40th.

Following the tournament SWOSU Women's Golfer Rebecca Lau was announced as the Great American Conference Golfer of the Week following her finish at the Diffe Ford/Lincoln Invitational.

Lau becomes the second women's golfer from SWOSU to earn the honor this season and makes it back-to-back weeks the Lady Bulldogs have had a golfer of the week after Megan Brown received the recognition last week.

Teeing off in Oklahoma City this week, Lau rebounded from a challenging first round to shoot a one-over 72 in her final round that placed her 15th overall in the field. She finished seven strokes off the lead to pace SWOSU.

Lau and the rest of the team will be back on the course March 21-22 at the Lion Invitational, hosted by Texas A&M Commerce.



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SWOSU golfers Rebecca Lau and Megan Brown celebrate after a 5th place showing at the Diffe-Ford Lincoln invite. Lau's performance helped earn her GAC Golfer of the Week.

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### Breathing Life into Scriptures



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We are often encouraged to read the Bible but seldom instructed as to how to let it sink into our heart with lasting effect. I have found it helpful to slow-read the scriptures, meditating on truths or principles as they form in my thoughts. This is especially true in the didactic or teaching passages so characteristic of the letters of Paul. However, the prophetic passages and Psalms also contain great truths. I have listed some of my favorite verses, with personalized prayers that I hope will be instructive as well as inspirational.

Isaiah 40:30-31 "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall, but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Prayer: Lord, I rest my weary soul in thee. I put

my hope and faith in your promises to hold me and guard my footsteps. O Lord, renew my strength. Give me courage to go on, to walk and not faint.

Isaiah 41:10 "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you for this precious promise. Give me a vision of your faithfulness, your love and power to protect and preserve. Today, I need a strong sense of your presence. O, hold me up with your powerful and righteous right hand, lest I fall.

Isaiah 48:17-19 "This is what the Lord says, your Redeemer, the Holy one of Israel: "I am the Lord your God, who teaches you the way you should go. If only you had paid attention to my commands, your piece would have been like a river, your righteousness like the waves of the sea, Your descendants would have been like the sand, your children like its numberless grains.

Prayer: O Lord, give me an obedient heart. May I be like a child who longs to please the parents he loves. Give me the peace that comes from an obedient heart. May I know the joy of obedience. Free me from spiritual laziness that settles for the plateau instead of climbing the mountain.

Psalms 116:12-14 "How can I repay the lord for all his goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation

and call upon the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people."

Prayer: Father, I know your salvation is not something I can earn, but help me to continually realize that I have been bought with a price. Therefore, I no longer live for myself but to bring honor and glory to your name.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." Thank you Lord, for the knowledge that you have good plans for me. I can live knowing that you have my best interest at heart and that I can trust you. Help me to fulfill those plans with a life of obedience and service. Give me a seeking heart, and a desire to know you more perfectly each day.

Matt. 6:33-34 "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."

Prayer: Lord, increase my faith to believe that if I put you first in all my relationships, activities and plans, you will truly provide and meet all my needs. Free me from worry about the material things of life as long as I follow Your leadership with my total being.

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# Maddie Rahon and Rebecca Lau are Bulldogs of the Week

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

Maddie Rahon of softball and Rebecca Lau of women's golf have been named the latest 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.'

Rahon (Placentia, Calif.) has racked up an impressive eight hits in her last 11 at-bats for

SWOSU Softball. Of those eight hits, two have been doubles and one has been a home run and she also drove in two runs and scored four last week. She currently is riding a seven-game hit streak and is leading the team in batting average at .420 through 16 games.

Lau (Puchong, Selagor Malaysia) is fresh off being named the Great American Conference Golfer

of the Week after being SWOSU's top finisher at the Diffe Ford/Lincoln Invitational in Oklahoma City. Lau became the second women's golfer from SWOSU to earn the honor this season and made it back-to-back weeks the Lady Bulldogs have now had a golfer of the week. She finished 15th overall in the tournament, highlighted by a one-over par 72 in her final round.



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(Top) Members of the Weatherford Eagles and Lady Eagles high school basketball teams play a game during a pep assembly held at WHS in celebration of both teams making it to the 4A basketball state tournament. (Right) Weatherford middle schoolers hold up a sign during the WHS pep assembly on Thursday, March 10.



## GIFT

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Inc. providing leadership for financial reporting, budgeting, cash management, audit compliance and human resources for the company and its subsidiaries. She has more than 25 years healthcare experience serving as controller/director of accounting at Tulane University Hospitals, Mercy Health System Oklahoma and Integris Physician Services. She holds a Bachelor of Science in accounting from SWOSU; a Master of Business Administration from the University of Arkansas; and is licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in the State of Oklahoma.

Judy is a current member of the Oklahoma Society of CPAs- Oklahoma City Chapter and served on the chapter's board of directors and as past president of the chapter.

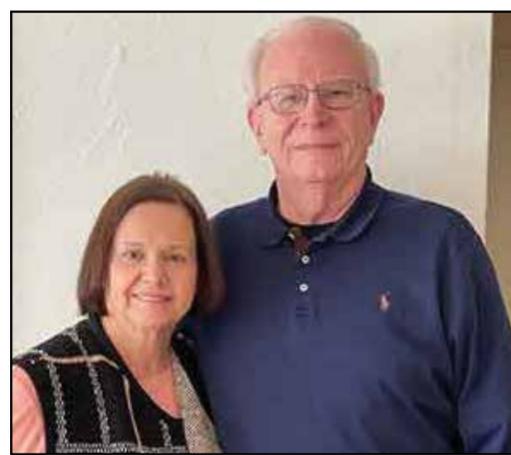
The Beeches are proud parents to Whitney (Beech) Hood, who attended SWOSU prior to completing her undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma and her Master of Business Administration at the University of Central Oklahoma; and Jordan Beech, who earned his Master of Education at SWOSU in 2015 following

completion of his undergraduate studies at the University of Oklahoma. The Beeches are also happy, devoted grandparents of three.

"We are truly grateful to longtime SWOSU supporters Johnny and Judy Beech for their thoughtful investment in student success at SWOSU," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. "Private giving and volunteer engagement is crucial to meeting our mission, and Johnny and Judy have been leaders for decades in helping SWOSU expand and enhance our programs and impact."

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The coin pictured above is an engraved half dollar from 1843. It honors Earl McMahan who died 1901 in Lansing, Iowa at the tender age of 14.

A token collector found it at a coin show on February 20, 2022. The collector researched and found the descendants of Earl McMahan by using online genealogical sources.

The engraving states, "EARL MCMAHAN BORN SEPT. 21, 1886, DIED MAY 16, 1901, LANSING IOWA". Earl was accidentally shot by his brother.

The collector returned the engraved coin to the surviving heir.

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