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Dr. Brooke Gildon Wins Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award at SWOSU



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Dr. Brooke Gildon (left), professor in the College of Pharmacy at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, is the winner of the Bernhardt Academic Excellence Award for 2022 at SWOSU. With her is SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell, who made the presentation.

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

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Westcentral Oklahoma Literacy Coalition to offer ESL Classes to Non-English Speaking Adult Students



Westcentral Oklahoma Literacy Coalition (WOLC) is offering adult English as a Second Language (ESL) Classes for Beginning and Intermediate non-English speaking adults who want to learn to

will be held at the Western Technology Center campus in Weatherford from 6 to 7 p.m.

WOLC will also offer an ESL class on Wednesdays beginning, April 7, 2022, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Hinton. All of these ESL classes will break for the summer and classes will resume on August 2, 2022. In June WOLC will offer a weekly conversational class in Weatherford and Hinton. This class will focus on verbal communication skills.

To attend these ESL classes, all non-English speaking adult students will need to pre-enroll and have their current English-speaking skills evaluated. There is no cost to students to attend the classes. Students will pay a \$10 workbook fee.

For more information contact Lockstone at the WOLC office in Weatherford by calling 580-774-2541 ext.1001, or call/text Cindy Lockstone at 580-330-0299 or email her at wolcliteracy@yahoo.com. Interested adults can also check the Westcentral Oklahoma Literacy Coalition Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/wolcweatherford> for information or send a message on Facebook Messenger to WOLC.

The WOLC office is located inside the Weatherford Public Library, located at 219 E. Franklin Street, and is open on Mondays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 4 to 6 p.m., and on Saturday, March 12, 19, & 26, from 1-3 p.m.

speak, read and write in English.

"The classes are designed for adult students who want to learn basic English skills and want to start communicating in English," said WOLC Director/Coordinator Cindy Lockstone. "The classes will focus on teaching students English vocabulary, phrases, and useful sentences."

Lockstone added all adult students, 18 years and older, who want to learn English are welcome to attend. ESL Intermediate students will also benefit from these classes by continuing to learn English language skills that might have been interrupted by the Covid-19 Pandemic restrictions.

"This series of classes were made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services," added Lockstone.

Lockstone said the classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday through April and May beginning Tuesday, April 5, and Thursday, April 7, 2022. Both weekly classes



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The First Baptist Church

For more information or to enroll contact:

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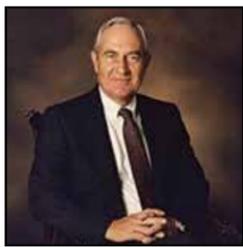
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Floyd August Dalke

Floyd August Dalke was born to August Dalke and Lena (Penner) Dalke on March 2, 1931, on a farm near the Washita River, west of Corn, Oklahoma. He died Sunday, March 13, 2022, in Oklahoma City at the age of 91 years and 11 days.



Floyd's mother passed away when Floyd was 17 months old. His Father remarried. He married his first wife's sister Clara Penner.

Floyd attended school through the 7th grade at McKinley, a one-room school house located southeast of Cordell, Oklahoma. In December of 1944, he moved with his parents and siblings to the old Henry Penner farm, located southwest of Corn where his grandparents had lived. He then began attending the Corn Grade School and graduated from Corn High School in 1949.

On May 16, 1948, Floyd was saved and then baptized in the Herald Mennonite Church. He married Bertha Hook on November 17, 1950, in the Mennonite Brethren Church in Corn.

Floyd and Bertha made their first home in Clinton where Floyd worked for Oklahoma Natural Gas Company for 10 years. His tenure was interrupted by service in the United States Army for 2 years, of which 13 months were served in Korea. Also while working for ONG Company, Floyd attended and graduated from Southwestern University in Weatherford, Oklahoma in May of 1957.

The Lord blessed Floyd and Bert with 71 years of marriage, in which time two children were born: a daughter Patti Lynn and a son Gregory Alan.

Floyd was a "people person" and would easily adapt to numerous jobs during his life time. He began his last career in 1983 when he went to work for C.S.C. Credit Services until his retirement in 1998.

After retirement he became an avid golfer. He loved the game and played often. He also loved meeting his "Breakfast Buddies" at Lake Hefner Grill.

Floyd is survived by his wife Bert of their home in Oklahoma City; his children: Patti Madoux and husband Lamar of Oklahoma City, Greg Dalke of Las Vegas, Nevada; his siblings: Vonita Unruh of Clinton, Arthur Dalke and wife Wanda of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Caroline Roof of Thomas, Oklahoma; and Deloris Wilson and husband Warren of Clinton, Oklahoma. He was preceded in death by his mother Lena and his parents August and Clara Dalke.

Memorials may be made to Corn Bible Academy, P.O. Box 38, Corn, OK 73024.

18 days.

Donnie was raised and attended school in Colony, graduating from Colony High School in 1964. He went on to attend Oklahoma State University where he earned his Bachelor degree in 1969. After college he returned to the Colony area where he farmed and ranched. On March 15, 1985, Donnie married Rita Jones in Van Buren, Arkansas, and made their home in Colony. He worked with Axtell Roofing for 5 years and later worked for Marty Hollan and Brent Payne, installing flooring and continued farming and ranching. Donnie enjoyed gardening, loved cats and dogs, and spending time with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Colony Baptist Church.

Donnie is survived by two daughters: Kianna Anderson and husband Ronny of Mineral Wells, West Virginia; and Cherolyn McCammack and husband Edwin of Garland, Texas; two step-daughters: Kim Steinly and husband Scott of Weatherford and Julie Girard and husband Jason of Oklahoma City; two step-sons: Tim Grubbs and wife Leslie of Dacula, Georgia and Greg Grubbs and wife Melissa of Ponca City; sixteen grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers: Verlin and Dale; and two sisters: Florene and Darla.

Junior Dickerson

Funeral services for Ralph Junior Dickerson, 93 year-old Cowden resident, were held Saturday, March 19, 2022, 2:00 P.M. at First Baptist Church in Weatherford with Earl Stephenson officiating. Burial followed in Sappington Chapel Cemetery, south of Cowden, under the direction of Lockstone Funeral Home. Visitation was Friday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. at the Lockstone Funeral Home Chapel.



Ralph Junior Dickerson was born November 25, 1928, west of Cowden, to Ralph and Ruth Priscilla (Sappington) Dickerson and passed away Monday, March 14, 2022, at home in Cowden.

He grew up going to Valley View Baptist Church and lived through the Dust Bowl as a child. This experience led to a lifelong practice of generosity in a multitude of ways. He went to Cowden School and graduated in 1947 having not missed a day in 12 years—though he often told stories of sneaking out the window once attendance had been taken. On December 18, 1948, he married his best friend and love of his life LaVonna June "Muggs" (Morris) Dickerson. Together, they lived in Cowden, OK, farmed, and raised 2 children. They attended First Baptist Church in Weatherford for over 20 years and loved serving their church family there. He taught Sunday School for over 50 years and impacted countless lives. He enjoyed gardening and sharing the produce with friends, neighbors, and strangers. He loved his people deeply and made sure you knew. There is an African proverb that says "when an old man dies, a library burns to the ground," and anyone who knew Junior knows this is especially true. He was ornery, loving, faithful, and encouraging to the end, and he will be extremely missed by so many people.

Junior is survived by one daughter, Daneille Schmidt

and husband Phil of Weatherford; one son Danny Dickerson and wife Sandra of Edmond; one brother Kenneth Dickerson and wife Peggy of Custer City; four grandchildren: Angie Dickerson of Edmond, Kristi Gabriel of Edmond, Kayla Clark and husband Coulter of Tulsa, Kyra Schmidt of Owasso; and two great grandchildren: Gavin and Grant Gabriel. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Muggs; and one brother Ronald. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Sappington Chapel Cemetery, % Audrey Jones, 23709 E. 1220 Rd. Cordell, OK 73632.

Billy Ray Bartosovsky

Billy Ray Bartosovsky, 80, passed away peacefully Sunday, December 5, 2021, at Corn Heritage Village Weatherford. Graveside funeral services will be held 2:30 pm Wednesday, March 23, 2022 at Anadarko Cemetery at the gravesite of Walter Craig, Billy's Grandpa.



He was born in Chickasha, Oklahoma, on October 1, 1941, to William and Mary Dorah (Craig) Bartosovsky, attended Broxton School District and graduated in 1959 then attended Cameron University. On March 31, 1962, he married Janis Chlouber, and together they had 4 children. Billy was a skilled sheet rocker and carpenter and enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing and hunting, and loved spending time with family and friends. He was known to many builders as "Monkey Arms" because of his ability to hold a 4X12 foot piece of sheetrock up against the ceiling and nail it in with the other hand. They appreciated his strength and speed. He was able to sheetrock a 2500 square foot home in one day by himself. Because of his skill, he worked on many homes and businesses in a 5-state area. Harold Cole, a local builder, said that Billy framed several homes for him faster than a 3-man framing crew could. He really appreciated Billy's work ethic. Several times when work was short, he would travel to either coast to find work. There was hardly a home or business in Custer County that he didn't work on in one fashion or another. Billy worked a lot first for Bob Ervin and later for Bob's sons Danny and Gary Ervin. He loved them like a second family, and they, in turn, loved him. They shared many adventures on jobs in various states and while hunting and fishing in Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado. Billy was not a rich man in terms of money, but he was wealthy in terms of friends and people and organizations he helped. He was very generous with his time and resources in helping churches and church camps and people in need. He loved to laugh and tell jokes even to his doctors and nurses.

He was preceded in death by parents William and Mary Dorah Bartosovsky; wife Janis; son Brent; daughter Traci; four brothers: Bobby, Paul, Dale, and William Bartosovsky; and six sisters: Corrine Erman, Lois Young, Juanita Bergdorf, Alice Bradley, Lola Bartosovsky, Anna Muse, and good friend Carol Almon.

Survivors include sons: Bryan, of Beaumont Texas; Todd and wife Peggie, and grandkids: Meghan, Maggie and Keenan of Grapeview Washington; Brent's wife Dawn and granddaughter Brenda of Puyallup, Washington; sisters: Addie Hawkins of Oklahoma City and Norma Bickford of Noble; and his good friend Loretta Webb and numerous nephews, nieces and friends.

Lawrence Williams

Lawrence Williams was born June 2, 1953, in Sentinel, OK and passed away March 16, 2022 at his home in Mustang, Oklahoma. Lawrence was a part of the graduating class of 1972.

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Donald Ray "Donnie" Melton

Donald Ray "Donnie" Melton was born December 22, 1945, in Carnegie to Keith Orton and Frances Lucille (Parks) Melton and passed away Thursday, March 10, 2022, at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City at the age of 76 years, 2 months and



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SWOSU Awarded \$1 Million from the USDA to Implement Telemedicine and Telehealth for Rural Oklahoma

Through a grant from the United States Department of Agriculture, the Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) College of Pharmacy Rural Health Center (RHC) in Weatherford has been awarded a \$1 million grant to buy equipment to implement telemedicine in LeFlore County and western Oklahoma counties over the next three years.

The award was made March 11 at a luncheon on the SWOSU campus with U.S. Representative Frank Lucas on hand to make the presentation.

Dr. Randy Curry, director of the RHC, said in the first year of the grant, SWOSU is collaborating with Eastern Oklahoma Memorial Center (EOMC) in Poteau (LeFlore County) by putting telemedicine equipment in six rural public-school locations in LeFlore County. The use of telemedicine equipment to provide medical services to schoolchildren and faculty in rural communities will be instrumental in improving healthcare concerns in the rural setting.

The total population of the towns that are being served is over 15,000 people with 2,500 students. They include Bokoshe, Cameron, Hodgen, Monroe, Panama and Whitesboro.

“Bridging the digital divide isn’t just convenient for our communities—it’s necessary if we’re going to ensure our rural neighbors have the same access to health care, learning opportunities, and economic growth as our suburban neighbors. As Congress and federal agencies like USDA continue to invest in rural America, it’s programs like USDA’s Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant program that are critically important to expanding medical and educational access across our communities,” said U.S. Congressman Frank Lucas. “I’m proud to join Southwestern Oklahoma State University in announcing a \$1 million grant that will help students in our state’s schools tap into the enormous potential of modern telemedicine tools and



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expand upon the endless teaching opportunities for those going into healthcare. I applaud the leadership of Dr. Diana Lovell and Dr. Randy Curry at SWOSU and the SWOSU Center for Rural Health, and I look forward to continuing to support and advocate for the bridging of America’s digital divide.”

SWOSU will also have telemedicine equipment on the Weatherford campus in the School of Nursing, College of Pharmacy and the Health & Wellness Department to provide student training and opportunities. Through the purchase of telemedicine equipment, SWOSU will expand its resources to serve more students and communities, helping to reduce the shortage of healthcare providers in rural areas and provide the university’s Diabetes Prevention Program to the state of Oklahoma. This equipment will allow the Health & Wellness

Department to provide telehealth visits with medical providers and opportunities for training with SWOSU students.

In the second and third years of the grant, SWOSU’s goal is to serve 18 rural schools in western Oklahoma counties. The total population of the towns that are being served is over 50,000 people with over 12,000 students. The towns include: Arapaho, Arnett, Burns Flat, Cheyenne, Clinton, Cordell, Elk City, Erick, Fargo, Hydro, Reydon, Sayre, Shattuck, Sweetwater, Taloga, Thomas, Vici and Weatherford.

“SWOSU looks forward to bringing telemedicine/telehealth resources to Oklahoma’s rural communities,” said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. “The university is so appreciative of this amazing grant that will assist our SWOSU College of Pharmacy Rural Health Center.”

AWARD

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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.

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SWOSU Sets North Family Lecture & Friends of Crowder Lake Dinner for March 25

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon has announced that the 2022 North Family Endowed Lecture in Parks & Recreation Management will be held at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 25, in the North Family Building at Crowder Lake University Park south of Weatherford.

The 2022 North Family Endowed Lecture will be delivered by SWOSU alumnae Brooke Wheelock of Phoenix (AZ). A native of Woodward, Wheelock holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from SWOSU.

Wheelock is currently a partnerships coordinator with the United States Forest Service and is based at Tonto National Forest in Chandler (AZ). In this role, she is responsible for serving as program manager for contracts and agreements with external agencies, corporations and non-profits. She also manages partnerships and advises staff on appropriate agreements and initial project planning conversations. She is also a public information officer with the Service's Southwest Incident Management Team #5, assisting the service in disseminating public information and coordinating communication and media.

Previously, Wheelock served as a park ranger with the United States National Park Service at the Oklahoma City National Memorial and the Big Thicket National Preserve where she coordinated community outreach and served as a guide. She has also served as a park ranger with the United States Army Corps of Engineers at Fort Supply

Lake in northwest Oklahoma.

The North Family Endowed Lecture in Parks & Recreation Management is made possible by the North Family Endowment at the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The North Family Endowment was established in 2021 by longtime SWOSU benefactor and 1980 alumnus Mike North of Oklahoma City and his wife, Marilyn Flinchum.

Those who wish to attend the lecture are asked to RSVP to Jessica Heard-Perry, , 580-774-3267.

The 2022 Friends of Crowder Lake Members-only cocktail hour & dinner will take place at Crowder Lake immediately following the lecture. Catered by Blue Mountain Smoke, the cocktail hour/dinner is exclusively available to members of the SWOSU Friends of Crowder Lake organization. Those who wish to attend the cocktail hour and dinner may join the Friends of Crowder Lake and take advantage of the many benefits of membership.

The Friends of Crowder Lake organization and the North Family Endowment are administered 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.

For more information, please call the SWOSU Office of Institutional Advancement at 580-774-3267.

SWOSU E-SPORTS ARENA/OKLAHOMA STATE CHAMPIONSHIP- Southwestern Oklahoma State University will be hosting the first ever Oklahoma Scholastic E-sports state tournament in the E-sports facility on the Weatherford campus. The tournament begins April 1st and will feature area schools such as Weatherford, Clinton, Arapaho-Butler, Canute and Elk City. Other schools with teams in the tournament include Blair, Laverne, Altus, Lomega, Davis, Cyril and Guymon.

ceived 354 calls from customers reporting scams or attempted scams. PSO urges customers to be alert to common signs of scams such as the caller claiming to be with PSO, demanding an immediate bill payment, insisting on a specific form of payment, asking for personal or account information and providing an unfamiliar 800 or 888 number. The federal trade commission urges anyone suspicious that they are talking to a utility scam artist to hang up and call their utility.

BECKHAM CO DIST COURT/LOPEZ- An Elk City man is charged in Beckham County District Court with various charges, including first degree rape. Thirty-year old Mauricio Evaristo Lopez is accused of sexually assaulting and raping a 17-year-old juvenile inside his vehicle and then threatened to have her and her family killed if she snitched on him. Court records show Lopez is a convicted sex offender for a previous conviction in 2019 and reportedly failed to register in Washita county where he resided for over two years.

ODOT/ROUTE 66 BICYCLE ROUTE- At its monthly meeting, the Oklahoma Transportation Commission approved designation of historic Route 66 in Oklahoma as a new bicycle route and authorized the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to apply for the route to be incorporated into the U.S. bicycle route system. A map, provided by ODOT, shows the bicycle route will cut through Custer, Washita and Beckham counties in western Oklahoma.

ELK CITY PD/FUGITIVE CAPTURED- Elk City Police said a fugitive, wanted out of Albuquerque, New Mexico as a serial shoplifter, has been captured in western Oklahoma after getting into a pursuit with authorities. Police chief Eddie Holland said 23-year-old Brianna Garcia fled from Beckham County officers when they noticed a suspicious vehicle parked in a secluded area. Police said Garcia was driving a stolen vehicle out of New Mexico and led authorities on a high-speed pursuit that went into the city of Sayre and then into Elk City at speeds as high as 120 miles per hour. An Oklahoma Highway patrol trooper performed a TVI maneuver on the vehicle at the diamond interchange, which ended the pursuit. Reports out of New Mexico said Garcia would fill a basket full of items and then pull out a gun, sometimes firing shots, and then would run out of the store.

BECKHAM CO DIST COURT/ERNST- A Clinton man has pleaded guilty in Beckham County District Court to a charge of robbery with a weapon. Twenty-one-year old William Carl Ernst pleaded guilty to using a .38 caliber handgun to threaten employees during the hold-up of the McDonald's restaurant in sayre in January 2020. Ernst told the court he got about \$1200 during the robbery. Ernst will be formally sentenced May 11th, following the completion of a pre-sentence investigation.

PSO/SCAMS- Officials with Public Service Company of Oklahoma are urging customers to protect themselves against utility scams. In 2021, PSO re-

CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS/LAW-TER ROAD- Custer County commission chairman Bruce Walker said there has been another delay in the Lawter Road project. Walker said that a pipeline, previously owned by Invenergy, was sold to Energy Transfer l-p. Walker said that with the sale, the process of acquiring right-of-way has to start over. Walker said that the project will now let for bids in November of this year.



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Men's Golf wraps up play at local Oak Tree Invitational

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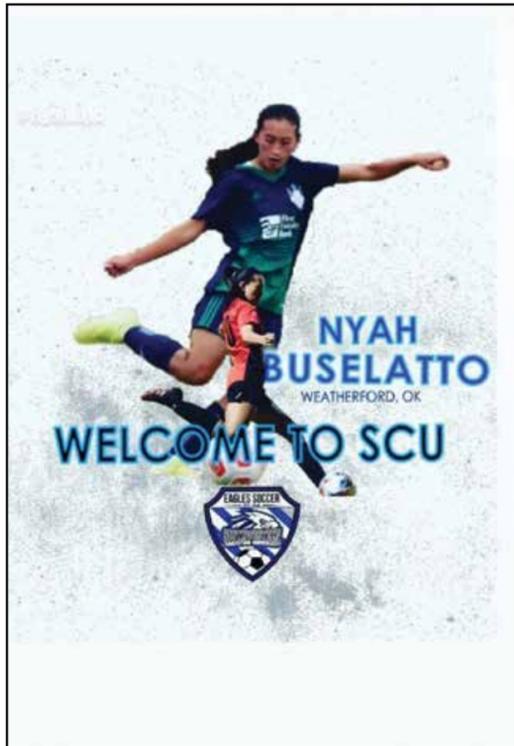
SWOSU men's golf finished eighth at the Oak Tree Invitational in Edmond. With events so far this season in Missouri, Kansas, Texas, and northeastern Oklahoma, this week's tournament was by far the closest the Bulldogs had to travel to compete.

Oklahoma Christian won the event by 13 strokes over Cameron who came in second.

Compared to Great American Conference competition, only Henderson State placed higher than SWOSU. The Reddies finished fourth, while Southern Nazarene finished 12th and Southern Arkansas 13th.

Conner Boydston led the team with back-to-back 71s in his final two rounds. He finished nine-over par overall after a slow start in his opening round.

The team will be back in action March 21-22 at the Lion Invitational hosted by Texas A&M Commerce at the Trophy Club Country Club in Texas.



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Nyah Buselatto a Weatherford High School Senior recently signed with Southwestern Christian University in Bethany to play soccer.



Men take home title at Fort Scott Rodeo; Women take third

Jon Chidester
SWOSU Assistant AD/Media Relations

The SWOSU men's rodeo took home the team title at the Fort Scott Rodeo over the weekend for their first event win of the season, while the women's team placed third for the second consecutive event.

Coming into the weekend, the men had only recorded one top-five finish (third) so far throughout the season which came back in the fall. They were able to edge out Fort Scott, who hosting the event, by 35 team points to hold onto the win.

First-place finishes in the average from Marley

Berger (calf roping) and Tim Troyer (saddle bronc) helped lead the way for the team.

On the women's side, barrel racer Sadie Wolaver posted a 12.54 second time in the long round that carried her to a win in the average. The team placed third, but only 25 points behind the winner, Panhandle State.

SWOSU will ride again April 1-3 at the Garden City Rodeo, before returning to Weatherford for the 49th annual SWOSU Rodeo.

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Dawgs collect first series sweep of season

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SWOSU Baseball picked up its first conference series sweep of the season after taking game three over the Crimson Storm 8-7 on Monday.

It was a back-and-forth game that featured six lead changes, but SWOSU's three-run sixth inning gave them the lead for good and an insurance run added in the eighth proved to be the difference maker.

For the third straight game, the offense finished with double digit hits – today's total being 11, including doubles from Taylan Mullins-Ohm and Griffin Larsen.

Alongside the hitting, was effective baserunning. SWOSU stole six bases to move runners into scoring position and make it easier to drive them in.

Trailing 6-4 in the fifth inning after a costly error allowed two to score for SNU, Alex Rice, Miguel Soto, and Marc Gonzales pieced together three RBI singles in a row to retake the lead.

Now leading 7-6, another Soto RBI single added additional breathing room heading into the final inning.

SNU got a run back with two outs in the ninth and had the tying run at first base, but reliever Grant Ewy buckled down to strikeout the final batter and end the threat and the game.

Soto led the way with three hits, followed by Griffin Larsen, Gonzales, and Rice who each had two.

Bryson Armstrong got the start on the mound and threw 5.0 innings. Matt Hopkins took the ball next,



pitched two outs, and gave way to Ewy who finished the game out and ended up earning the win and moving to 4-1.

SWOSU won't play any midweek contests over spring break this week and will return to action next weekend on the road against Ouachita in Arkansas. Game one is currently set for Friday (March 18) at noon.

SWOSU Swept by Southern Nazarene

SWOSU Softball dropped the opening game of Monday's doubleheader with Southern Nazarene 8-3, before falling in a hard-fought extra-inning battle in the series finale 7-6.

The Bulldogs return home this upcoming weekend to host Ouachita at the SWOSU Athletic Complex. Assuming weather cooperates, games will be played on Friday and Saturday.

Game One – SNU 8, SWOSU 3

Both sides played a scoreless first four innings, before a five-run fifth inning by SNU broke the game open.

Bailey Bradley answered with a two-RBI double in the sixth, but the Crimson Storm got those runs back in the sixth with a pair of RBI hits.

Jordyn Wadley capped off SWOSU's scoring with an RBI in the seventh, but the margin was too great to overcome.

Alisa Friesen pitched the first 4.1 innings until she got into trouble in the fifth. She was relieved by

Kaylee Barkley who threw the rest of the way.

Maddie Rahon and Breanna Simmons both had two hits apiece.

Game Two – SNU 7, SWOSU 6 (9 inn.)

Trailing 6-3 and down to their final three outs, SWOSU rallied to force extra innings by scoring three runs in the top of the seventh.

Hannah Franklin and Caitlin Delany both plated runs in the inning on back-to-back doubles.

After a scoreless eighth inning by both sides, SWOSU could not find a way to score Dani Carmo in the ninth despite getting on with a leadoff double.

They paid for it in the home half, when SNU walked it off with a one-out double.

Carmo and Delany both finished the game with two hits each – Delany doubling twice, Carmo once.

Brianna Cryer pitched the entire game and picked up the tough decision loss. She absorbed 15 hits, but competed all afternoon to keep the Dawgs in the game until the very end.

Five record personal bests at Hendrix Invitational

SWOSU Track & Field traveled to Arkansas this past weekend to compete at the Hendrix Invitational. No team score was recorded, but five Bulldogs posted personal bests at the meet.

Marleigh West (discus), Courtney Williams (1500m), Giselle Zavaleta (5000m), Zalee Tapia

(1500m, 800m), and Caroline Whitefield (400m) all came away with new top performances for themselves.

The team will take next weekend off before returning to action at the OBU Invitational hosted by Oklahoma Baptist in Shawnee March 25-26.

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Bonventre and Delaney Newest Bulldogs of the Week



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Enzo Bonventre and Caitlin Delaney have been named the latest Bulldogs of the Week, brought to you by Wright Wradio – the voice of SWOSU Athletics heard on both 95.5 ‘The Coyote’ and 100.3 ‘Coyote Classic.’

Bonventre (St. Clair Shores, Mich.) batted an even .500 against Ouachita in SWOSU’s GAC series on Friday and Saturday, which included a pair of home runs and a double. The senior transfer raised his batting average nearly 100 points thanks to his hot weekend and now sits just shy of the .300 mark at .297. After going hitless in the series opener on Friday, Bonventre drove in a run with a double in game two and finished a perfect 4-for-4 in the series finale with home runs in the second and seventh inning.

Delaney (Mustang, Okla.) posted the highest series batting average of any player for SWOSU Softball after finishing 5-for-9 against Ouachita in three games, good for a .556 weekend average. The freshman had a hit in every game, including a 3-for-4 performance in the series opener. She also had three RBI, two runs scored, and two walks in the series. The Bulldogs went on to take 2-of-3 from the Tigers in the series to claim their second consecutive home GAC series victory.

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Triumph in Tragedy



Jim Morrison

In the unfolding tragedy of Ukraine, comes the hope and assurance that God will show Himself strong in behalf of his people. Some comparison could be made in history. Out of the horror of the Holocaust came the nation of Israel. The Jewish people found a homeland after almost 2000 years of wandering and persecution. Could it be that as millions of prayers are offered up in behalf of the Ukrainian people, both the refugees and those left behind, that those pleas could spark a great spiritual awakening among the Baltic nations that could spread across Europe. God’s supply is not limited. Let me share some prayer thoughts that you might find helpful.

1. Pray for the widows and orphans.

“Lord, out of your mercy and grace would

you sustain and give faith to those who have lost husbands and fathers. May they realize that you are a father to the fatherless and the protector of those who call on your name; be their refuge and strong tower, give wisdom and discernment. Draw their hearts to you, knowing full well that nothing can separate them from your love.”

2. “Father, would you give courage and protection for those still fighting for their freedom. Give them wisdom and guidance. I pray that their faith will be strong in what appears to be a hopeless cause.”

3. “Lord, I pray for those still trying to escape. Keep them under the shelter of your righteous right hand.” May they make good decisions and fill their hearts and minds with your promises. Give strength to the weak and nourishment to those who hunger.

4. Lord, many are suffering for the lack of food, clean water, and medical supplies. Sustain them, Lord. Keep them alive until help comes. I pray that in the midst of suffering they will turn to you and not lose faith. May they sense your presence and hear your voice. Hear their cries for help and in your mighty power would you keep them in your mighty hand.”

5. “Lord, you have alerted hundreds of groups who are meeting the refugees with hope and help.

May they sense your mighty presence and draw them together. I pray for healthy organization and discernment in utilizing all the resources that are pouring in. I pray that your Holy Spirit will give them strength; physically, emotionally and spiritually. Touch hearts and souls to render the help needed. Thank you for those living in the area, as they open their homes and hearts to the refugees.

6. “You are the God of the impossible, the God who calmed the sea, who rolled back the walls of Jericho, and brought back Jesus from the grave. You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow. We pray that you would show yourself strong. Bring Spiritual awakening across the land. May there be such a movement of the Spirit that it could only be explained as the act of a mighty God and that You would be exalted. Give wisdom, love and power to the Churches and Christian workers in the area that they would respond with love and grace, bringing many to seek your face and worship you.”

7. “Lord, I pray that churches, small groups, S.S. Classes and homes across our land would recognize the nature of this period of history and spend time in prayer. Give us courage for the facing of this hour.”

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