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## Musick Departs SWOSU for Head Coaching Job at Oral Roberts

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

SWOSU Athletics has officially announced that 13-year head women's basketball coach Kelsi Musick has accepted an offer to become the head coach at Oral Roberts University, an NCAA Division I institution in Tulsa.

"I will forever be grateful to SWOSU for taking a chance on a small-town Oklahoma girl with big dreams," Musick said. "I hope I have made this town and university proud and brought back the amazing tradition of SWOSU Women's Basketball. Thank you to all my former players for believing in our vision. I'm excited about this new opportunity but will forever be blessed for my time in Weatherford and with Bulldog Nation!"

Musick was known for an exciting brand of basketball that led the Lady Bulldogs to seven NCAA Division II National Tournament appearances, including visits in each of the last five seasons, and eight 20-win seasons. Her tenure was highlighted by a 35-2 mark in 2019 that saw SWOSU finish as the national runner-up.

Under Musick, the women's basketball program captured five regular season Great American Conference championships, four conference tournament titles, and had five separate All-Americans – most recently with Makyra Tramble, who was named the National Player of the Year in 2022.

Musick earned GAC Coach of the Year five times during her tenure. She finishes at SWOSU with a career record of 259-125.



"Kelsi Musick has been the model of consistency and success for Southwestern Oklahoma State University and SWOSU Athletics for the past 13 years," Athletic Director Todd Helton said. "She returned the historic Lady Bulldog basketball brand to a national level of prominence and did so while recruiting high-caliber student-athletes, who excelled both on the court and in

the classroom. We would like to thank Coach Musick for her tireless efforts in building this program. She has earned the opportunity to lead a Division I program and we wish her and her family all the best as they move on to Oral Roberts."

Further information related to the search concerning the new Lady Dawgs coach is forthcoming.

## Dine Out Against Hunger set for Thursday, April 28th



Another great opportunity to "fight hunger & feed hope" in western Oklahoma with Connections Food & Resource Center is by going out to your favorite food destinations during Dine Out Against Hunger on

Thursday, April 28th! Participating restaurants will be donating 15% of their sales from the day to Connections.

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- Dominos C-Stores (9am - 8pm)
- White Dog Hill (5:30pm - 8pm)

Thomas, OK:

- Heart & Home Bakery (6am - 4:30pm)
- Okie J's (11am - 6pm)
- Oklahoma Street Grill (11am - 9pm)

Hinton, OK:

- Pecina's Mexican Cafe (11am-9pm)

Weatherford, OK:

- All Star Shaved Ice (2pm - 9pm)

- Double 6 Diner (6am - 9pm)
- Downtown Diner (6am - 8pm)
- Dubtown Dawgs (11am - 7pm)
- Nickels Point (11am - 8pm)
- Pecina's Mexican Cafe (11am - 9pm)
- Pizza Hut (11am - 10pm)
- Rx Brew Coffee & Donuts (7am - 4pm)
- The BBQ Shed (11am - 8pm)

Connections Food & Resource Center has been a leader in example as they continue to serve an average of 1,200 people and distribute 25,000 pounds of food per month. They serve the communities around Arapaho, Butler, Clinton, Colony, Corn, Custer City, Eakly, Fay, Hammon, Hydro, Thomas, and Weatherford.

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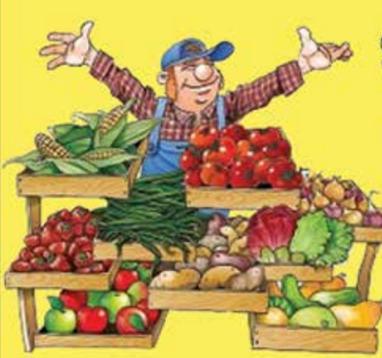
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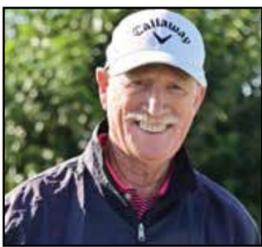
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**A.M. Levi Robison**

A.M. Levi Robison was born April 11, 1941 in Borger, TX and joined his Heavenly Father and family on April 13, 2022. Levi has been described as an angel that lived among us on earth. He was a servant leader, fully engaged wherever he was, making everyone feel special and loved. He enjoyed many great relationships in his life and genuinely demonstrated his loyalty and dedication. Levi served his country in the US Army, assigned to the 24th engineering battalion, 4th armored division. He was a true “jack of all trades” starting out as a dock hand as a young boy, then working as a farm and ranch hand on the Bergner Ranch in Stinnett, TX. He then entered the business world where he had successful careers in the automotive industry and was currently working part time at Western Technology Center. Levi was an avid and competitive golfer, qualifying to represent Oklahoma in the National Senior Games. He shared his love for golf by helping others learn to play the game. Levi and his wife Cathy Bell Robison, were true sweethearts. They treasured being together, golfing together, and living life to the fullest. Levi’s legacy of respect, compassion, love and generosity inspires those he leaves behind. May we all strive to live like Levi lived: let’s love unconditionally, be generous with our time, talent, and treasure and build others up with words of encouragement. That is what Levi would want.



Please join us for a Celebration of Life party at the Prairie West Golf Course in Weatherford, OK on Sunday, May 29 at 5:00pm.

Mounts in Clinton. They made their home in the Sickles area where she worked alongside her husband on the family farm. They moved to Weatherford in 1971. Faye enjoyed sewing, gardening, frying chicken, her church activities and spending time with family and friends.

Faye is survived by her daughter Joan Edge and husband James of Oklahoma City; her daughter-in-law Donita Bryan and husband Kendall of Weatherford; her brother Elmer Phillips and wife Sue of El Reno; her sister Ellen Johnson of Bismarck, Arkansas; seven grandchildren: Michael Edge and wife Tracie; Michelle Alexander and husband Eric; Duston Mounts and wife Tina; Ryan Mounts and wife Haley; Jonathan Mounts; Lisa Harrison and husband Paul; Jeff Bryan and wife Amy; and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; two brothers: Earl and Oliver; and two sons: C.B. and Dennie.

**Karla Kay Megli**

Karla Kay Megli was born May 1, 1951, to Jerry Lee and Irva Jean (Appleman) Megli and passed away Sunday, April 17, 2022, at Mercy Hospital in Oklahoma City, at the age of 70 years, 11 months and 16 days.



Karla was raised and attended school in Oklahoma City and graduated from Putnam City High School. When Karla was growing up, she spent summers with her grandparents Irvin and Myrtle Appleman on the farm north of Hydro which had been purchased by her great-grandparents O.F. and May Appleman in 1937. She moved to that farm in Hydro in 1977. Karla worked for Bokay’s by Nina for a total of 12 years, delivering flowers. She would always leave you with a smile. She enjoyed fishing, spending time with friends and taking her “boys” for a drive. Karla loved all her dogs, especially Cinnamon.

Karla is survived by two nephews: Scott Wright and son Tayden Wright of Bethany and Kelly Wright and wife Jamie, and sons Braylen and Brody Wright. Karla was loved by all of Hydro and Weatherford. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother Ricky Megli and her sister Toni Wright.

**Derek James Nelson**

Derek James Nelson was born September 11, 1960, in Los Angeles, California, to James Robert and Barbara Sue (Jones) Nelson and passed away Sunday, April 17, 2022, at his home in Weatherford, having reached the age of 61 years, 7 months, 6 days.



Derek was raised and attended school in Anaheim, California, graduating from Anaheim High School in 1978. He raised his family in Weatherford. Derek worked for County Builders for 7 years. He enjoyed sports and played baseball. Derek loved OU Sooners, music, fantasy football and spending time with his grandson, family and friends. Memorials may be made to Calvary Baptist Church.

Derek is survived by his son Travis Nelson and fiancé Shelbi Mann of Chickasha; his daughter Ashley Dickens and husband Joshua of Weatherford; his sister Shelley Hoerber and husband Steve of Moreno Valley, California; and one grandson Jeremiah. He was preceded in death by his parents.

**Shawn Michael Cashman**

Shawn Michael Cashman, 34, a resident of Weatherford since 2015, passed away Friday, April 15, 2022. He was diagnosed with diabetes at age 16, and he was on dialysis for the past two years. Shawn was the husband of Cherokee (Leonard) Cashman.



Shawn was born in Oklahoma City, February 23, 1988. He was the son of the late Margaret (Gordon) Novotny. He graduated from Wichita High School West, in Wichita, Kansas, in 2006. In 2007, Shawn graduated from Wichita Area Technical College. He worked as a main banker at Casino Oklahoma in Hinton until he became disabled.

On July 6, 2017, Shawn married Cherokee at the Canadian County Judicial Building in El Reno, and they made their home in Weatherford. He was Cherokee’s best friend, heart, and soulmate.

Shawn enjoyed collecting Pokemon cards, Transformers, and Power Ranger figurines. He loved spending time with his nephew Hayden and his niece, Emmalyn. He also loved history and he watched anime, specifically, “Dragon Ball Z” and “Naruto.” He was a big fan of Star Wars, Star Trek, Batman and Joker.

Besides his wife, he is survived by his aunt and uncle, Patricia and A.G. Howell, his sisters Stacia Williams Garcia and Shannon Hardy, and his niece Gabrielle Williams. He was preceded in death by his mother, his grandparents Willie and Virgil Gordon and his uncle Ernest Cashman.

A memorial service will be planned at a later date for family.

**Lois Lucille Lenaburg**

Lois Lucille Lenaburg was born on November 8, 1925, to C.F. Winn and Gertrude (Blankenship) Winn in Watonga, OK. She was the second of nine children (Clemon, Naomi, Ray, Margaret, Bill, Floyd, Wayne, and John). Being the oldest girl, Lucille



helped to raise her younger brothers and sisters. Their family resided in the Hinton area where she graduated from high school. On February 19, 1946, she was married to Herbert H. Lenaburg, of Lookeba. They enjoyed 56 years together and had two daughters, Sharon and Linda.

The couple started out farming, but Herb soon felt called to become a medical doctor. He, Lucille, and their two small girls, moved to Shawnee where he attended OBU. The family also attended the Baptist Church, located across from campus. After three years, the family relocated to Oklahoma City where Herb attended the OU School of Medicine, and the family became members at the First Baptist Church in downtown Oklahoma City. Upon graduation in 1962, Herb, Lucille, and their family moved to Mangum. Herb established a family practice, which he continued for the next 20 years. The family became active members of the First Baptist Church of Mangum where Lucille helped to organize their annual Vacation Bible School. She served on the Mangum Beautification Committee and also contributed handmade afghans to the annual Cancer Bazaar, at which she worked. Lucille was very particular, and felt the need to keep her home immaculate and her yard in pristine condition. She worked very hard at this and received many well-deserved compliments!

In 1982 Herb decided to slow down. He moved his practice to Granite where he and Lucille built a new home. They became active members of the Granite First Baptist Church and enjoyed spending time with Linda and Dean and granddaughters (Marisa and Tressa) – attending gymnastics meets, ballgames, stockshows, and various other school activities. They also enjoyed traveling to visit Sharon and Gary, and grandsons (John and Nathan) in Boliver, MO, and later in Dallas, TX and Wake Forest, NC. Lucille remained in Granite until 2009 when she moved to Abingdon, VA where Sharon and Gary looked after her. She drew joy from visits and phone calls from her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren (David, Benjamin, Annabella, Gabriel, Trenton, Ryman, Lincoln, and Oaklyn), as well as from her brothers and sister.

Lucille enjoyed 96 years of life. She passed away peacefully as she slept in her own bed, in her own home, on April 14, 2022.

Lucille is survived by her brothers: Ray Winn (of Olive Branch, Mississippi), Bill and wife Wynona Winn (of Claremore, OK), Floyd and wife Jean Winn (of Edmond, OK), Wayne and wife Alice Winn (of Stratford, OK), and John and wife Sheryl Winn (of Weatherford, OK); brother-in-law J.R. Weathers (of Hinton, OK); daughters Sharon and husband Dr. Gary Galeotti (of Wake Forest, NC), and Linda and husband Dean Graumann (of Granite, OK); grandsons Dr. John and wife Amanda Galeotti (of Pittsburgh, PA) and Nathan Galeotti (of Wake Forest, NC); granddaughters Marisa and husband Kevin Calhoun (of Granite, OK) and Tressa and husband Kyle (of Edmond, OK); great grandchildren David, Benjamin, Annabella, and Gabriel Galeotti, Lincoln and Oaklyn Calhoun, and Trenton and Ryman Brewer; a host of nieces and nephews; and her much-loved and loving cat, “Frisky.”

Lucille was preceded in death by her parents and her husband Dr. Herbert Lenaburg; sisters Naomi Bright and Margaret Weathers; brother Clemon Winn; sisters-in-law Mildred Winn, Loretta Winn, and Cora Belle Lenaburg; brothers-in-law Vernon Lenaburg and Max Bright; nephew Scott Lenaburg; and nieces Beverly Kilburn and Pam Olstad.

**Faye Odessa Mounts**

Faye Odessa Mounts was born February 21, 1917, near Binger to William Burton and Anna Laura (Meyers) Phillips and passed away Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in Thomas, at the age of 105 years, 1 month and 29 days.



Faye was raised west of Binger on the family farm and attended Willow Creek Rural School. She worked on the family farm and Cherry Dale store. On December 31, 1939, Faye married Charlie Marion

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## Lankford, Colleagues Urge OMB to Lower Prescription Drug Costs for Seniors

Senators James Lankford (R-OK), Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV), and Jon Tester (D-MT) sent a letter urging the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to move forward quickly with review of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services' (CMS) proposed rule to lower out-of-pocket prescription drug costs for seniors by bringing so-called pharmacy direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fees under control. The senators are urging OMB to review this rule so that these important reforms can be implemented as quickly as possible. CMS issued the rule following a letter from the senators to either work with Congress to eliminate DIR fees to help lower prescription drug prices for Medicare Part D beneficiaries or take administrative action to address the problem.

"Finalizing CMS' DIR fee reform proposal will help save Medicare Part D beneficiaries more than \$20 billion in prescription drug costs, while also providing increased transparency and predictability for pharmacies and the communities they serve. We urge you to move forward with review of this rule so that these important reforms can be implemented as quickly as possible," wrote the senators.

DIR fees, which are often levied on community pharmacies retroactively by middlemen companies known as Pharmacy Benefit Managers (PBMs), increase the cost of prescription drugs for older Ohioans at the pharmacy counter and make it harder for local pharmacies in Ohio to serve their communities.

CMS' proposed rule would improve price transparency and competition in the Medicare Part D program, thereby reducing out-of-pocket costs for the nearly 2 million Part D beneficiaries in Ohio. The rule would require Part D plans and their PBMs to apply all discounts they receive at the point of sale so that those paying for drugs at the pharmacy counter can benefit from those discounts. This policy is estimated to reduce prescription drug costs for Part D beneficiaries by \$21.3 billion over the next 10 years.

In their letter, the Senators also encourage the Biden Administration to take additional steps to ensure the comprehensive reform and transparency requirements necessary to address any remaining anticompetitive tactics employed by supply chain middlemen that could threaten beneficiary access to care in the future.

In October, the senators sent a letter urging CMS to either work with Congress to eliminate DIR fees to help lower prescription drug prices for Medicare Part D beneficiaries or take administrative action to address the problem. CMS committed to taking action in its response to the Senators' letter, and the proposed rule released on

January 6, 2021, represents its formal proposal to address this issue. OMB is now reviewing the CMS proposed rule. The full text of the letter is available [HERE](#) and below.

*Dear Director Young:*

*We write in support of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) proposal to help lower the cost of prescription drugs for Part D beneficiaries through certain pharmacy direct and indirect remuneration (DIR) fee reform in Medicare, included in its proposed rule for Contract Year 2023 Policy and Technical Changes to the Medicare Advantage and Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit Program (CY23 proposed rule), which is now at the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review. Comprehensive DIR fee reform will help to lower costs for the more than 48 million beneficiaries enrolled in Medicare Part D, which is why we urge you to prioritize and efficiently review CMS' CY23 proposed rule, particularly the provisions related to DIR fee reform, so that CMS can finalize and implement DIR reform for the FY23 contract year, helping to both lower costs for Medicare beneficiaries and provide certainty for pharmacies and the communities they serve.*

*According to the CMS, pharmacy DIR fees grew more than 107,400 percent between 2010 and 2020. As these fees have increased in size and scope, they have contributed to the rising cost of prescription drugs costs for patients and the closure of hundreds of pharmacies in communities across the country. Pharmacy DIR fees applied after the point-of-sale artificially increase patients' out-of-pocket costs for Part D drugs, which is why CMS' proposed reforms to bring these fees to the point-of-sale are expected to reduce seniors' out-of-pocket prescription drug costs by \$21.3 billion over 10 years. CMS' proposed policy will also ensure additional transparency and help provide pharmacies with the certainty they need to provide high quality care for underserved and at-risk communities. Finally, the CMS proposal would help prevent retroactive pharmacy DIR fee claw-backs and provide certainty for pharmacies and patients at the point of sale. Allowing CMS' proposed pharmacy DIR fee reform proposal to move forward will not only lower costs for seniors and individuals with disabilities across the country; it will help sustain beneficiary access to pharmacies and the essential services they provide. We urge you to review the CY23 proposed rule as quickly as possible so that CMS has time to finalize and implement pharmacy DIR fee reform in the Medicare program in advance of contract year 2023 and help put an end to post-sale concessions charged to pharmacies, including those assessed in the Medicare*

(See MEDICINE, page 7)

## "The Coin Guy"

Rare Coin Collection Moving from Colorado Museum



Trent Boesen

A coin collection by Harry W. Bass, Jr. has been on loan to the Money Museum in Colorado since 2000. It will leave this summer (2022) and the collection will be sold at auction with 100% of the sales going to philanthropic efforts to help with literacy education.

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## SWOSU Associate Professor Receives Fellowship to Join The Prairie Project

Dr. Zach Jones, associate professor in the College of Graduate and Professional Studies at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, has been named to the 2022-24 education team of The Prairie Project.



The Prairie Project is a collaborative effort among research, extension and teaching faculty from several Southern Great Plains universities. Collaborating with ranchers, students and teachers from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and Nebraska, the overarching goals of the project are to maintain and improve livestock production while addressing critical ecosystem processes

in the face of increasing wildfire frequency, woody plant encroachment and extreme climate events.

During the two-year fellowship, Dr. Jones will participate in an active learning community across the Southern Great Plains to develop and implement experiential learning projects into natural resources management courses that involve research and impact assessment protocols aimed at understanding and managing production in grassland systems.

Jones joined the SWOSU faculty ranks in 2015 and is a grassland conservation scientist teaching courses in the Allied Health Sciences and Parks and Recreation Management departments. As part of the project, he will receive \$3,000 in stipends and student supplies for project development, as well as travel expenses to conferences where outcomes, assessments, results and discoveries will be presented and shared.

**MOORE/MARIJUANA BILL-** State Representative Anthony Moore of Clinton has received passage of Senate Bill 1697 in the Oklahoma House. The bill, authored by Senator Darcy Jech of Kingfisher, would require all applicants for a medical marijuana commercial grower license and commercial grower licenses to file with the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority a bond in an amount of no less than \$25,000 for each license sought or held that covers the land where the licensee will conduct grow operations. The bill will now be sent to the governor for review and approval.

ment with Circuit Engineering District 7 to complete a bridge safety report for the City of Clinton regarding the railroad bridge at Acme Brick Park. The agreement for the bridge inspection is not to exceed \$1000.

**ODOT/HINTON AREA CLOSING-** The Oklahoma Department of Transportation says U.S. 281 will be closed about one mile north of Interstate 40 near Bridgeport and Hinton in Caddo County beginning at 6am Tuesday, April 26 and will remain closed through early may for repair work at the tower bridge. All traffic will be detoured to I-40 and U.S. 281 spur.

**WEATHERFORD PD/POOR PURSUIT-** A Weatherford man has been arrested by police after a pursuit while he was riding a four wheeler Saturday evening. Police Detective Matt Bartel says Cody Allen Johnson Poor got into a pursuit with officers before stopping his four-wheeler. Poor faces charges of Attempting to Elude an Officer, Unlawful Possession of Marijuana, Unlawful Possession of Paraphernalia and Failure to Stop at a Stop Sign.

**CUSTER CO DIST COURT/FIKKER-** A California man will be sentenced June 13th in Custer County District Court after pleading guilty to a charge of Trafficking Illegal Drugs and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Forty-one year old Csa-ba Rudolf Fikker was found in possession of 97.5 pounds of a green leafy substance that tested positive for THC during a traffic stop on Interstate 40 at Weatherford in January of 2021.

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# SPORTS *Presented by:*

## SWOSU Men's Golf Heads to Ninth Consecutive NCAA Regional

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

For the ninth consecutive season, SWOSU Men's Golf has qualified for the NCAA Regionals after coming in at No. 8 in the final region rankings on Friday.

The NCAA announced the field of 80 teams and 32 student-athletes competing as individuals that were selected to participate in the 2022 NCAA Division II Men's Golf Championships.

Tournaments will be conducted at four regional sites with regional pairings as follows:

- Atlantic and East
- Central and Midwest
- South and Southeast
- South Central and West

The Central Region is joined by the Midwest Region to make up a Super Regional, which will be held on Thursday, May 5 – Saturday, May 7 at Purgatory Golf Club in Noblesville, Indiana. At a minimum, the top three teams and the top two student-athletes not with a team from each regional will advance to the finals May

16-20 at TPC Michigan in Detroit, Michigan.

The Bulldogs are coming off a strong performance at the Great American Conference Championships where they finished second following a dramatic playoff hole that decided the tournament.

The Bulldogs will now participate in their ninth consecutive NCAA Division II Central/Midwest Regional, having qualified in every season since 2013, a date which coincides with the arrival of head coach Brad Fleetwood. The Bulldogs have had five top-10 finishes in the regional tournament and they



The SWOSU Mens' Golf Team posing in front of Duke the Bulldog

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advanced to the National Championships in 2013 and 2015. Last season, SWOSU narrowly missed the cut for the national tournament after finishing fourth.



## Baseball Surrenders Seventh Inning Lead

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SWOSU Baseball led Harding 8-5 heading into the seventh inning on Saturday in the final game of the series but allowed seven unanswered runs to score including six in the top of the seventh and eventually fell to the Bisons 12-8.

Miguel Soto and Zach Baxley had big days at the plate, each finishing 3-5 with extra-base hits. Soto also homered in the game for his third of the season. SWOSU outhit Harding 12-11 but went cold the final three innings when a comeback was required.

SWOSU's seventh inning woes can be attributed to free bases and a costly error. The Dawgs issued five free passes in the inning – four walks and one hit-by-pitch. Add an error on a ball thrown to home plate trying to get the lead runner and stop a run from scoring, and it was a recipe for a long inning.

The offense jumped out to a quick start after plating three runs in the first inning. The Dawgs led 3-0, 3-1, 4-1, 7-5, and 8-5 through six innings – but could not string together runs after the lead changed one final time in the seventh.

Ernesto Hidrogo got the start on the mound and pitched 5.0 innings. He exited with a lead but did not earn a decision after the score shifted in the seventh inning. Rafael Perez-Guzman pitched 1.0 innings and Grant Ewy took it home with the final 3.0. Ewy and Hidrogo both struck out four Bisons.

Next week will conclude the regular season. SWOSU travels to the University of Science & Arts of Oklahoma (USAO) on Tuesday for a midweek contest before hosting Northwestern over the weekend for one finale GAC series. The seniors will also be honored on Saturday with Senior Day.



## Harding Scores Three Runs Late to Slide Past SWOSU

**Jon Chidester**  
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SWOSU and Harding were tied 4-4 in the sixth inning of Saturday's contest, but it was

the Lady Bisons who pushed three runs across in their half of offense and went on to defeat the Bulldogs 7-4 to close out the series.

The Bulldog bats came alive Saturday, as the offense

tallied 10 hits on the afternoon and were led by a trio of players who each finished with two hits apiece. Skye Tilley finished 2-3 with two RBI, while Breanna Simmons and Kaylee Barkley both finished 2-4.

Both sides scored in twos through the first five innings. SWOSU started the scoring with two runs in the first inning but was immediately answered by Harding who plated two in the bottom half.

Dani Carmo and Hannah Franklin drove in runs in the first, Carmo with an RBI groundout and Franklin with an RBI single. Simmons and Maddie Rahon collected hits in their earlier at-bats to get the inning's momentum started.

Tied 2-2, the Lady Bisons grabbed a 4-2 lead in the bottom of the fourth. That margin did not last long, thanks to a Tilley two-RBI single with two outs in the top of the fifth.

Back-to-back walks in the sixth to start the inning came back to haunt SWOSU. Harding would go on to deliver three-straight at-bats that drove in a run – making the score 7-4 in what was eventually the final.

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# Jewell Lee and Miguel Soto Named Bulldogs of the Week



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Jewell Lee and Miguel Soto have been awarded Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Radio, the voice of SWOSU Athletics heard on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Lee (Yukon, Okla.) led the softball lineup last week with five hits and a .600 on-base percentage. She finished the weekend at Harding 5-for-9 with a run scored and had at least one hit in every game of the series. Lee currently ranks second on the team in season batting average, sitting at .322 through 39 games.

Soto (El Paso, Texas) had a strong weekend at the plate, finishing 7-for-12 (.583) with a pair of doubles and a home run in SWOSU's three games against Harding. In two of the three games, he racked up three hits and he finished with a 1.000 slugging percentage and six runs scored and four RBI.

## SWOSU Welcomes Dr. Wendy Yoder As New Dean of Students

Dr. Wendy Yoder has been named Dean of Students at Southwestern Oklahoma State University with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon.

Having worked in higher education since 2006, Yoder has led campus initiatives in victim advocacy, academic advising and student retention. She has served SWOSU students in several capacities including teaching College Success and SWOSU Connect courses, sponsoring a student organization, and serving as an academic advisor for undecided students.

In addition to her membership on many campus and community committees, Yoder serves as an officer of the Weatherford branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and is a member of the National Academic Advising Association's (NACADA) steering committee for Advising First-Year Students.

Originally from Southern California, Yoder earned her B.A. in psychology from the University of Colorado before completing her Master of Education degree from SWOSU. Her doctorate is in higher education

administration from Texas Tech University. Her research interests include supporting student retention through academic advising and promoting first-generation student success.

Yoder has been serving at SWOSU as director of the Academic Support Center and activities director of a Title III grant.

Yoder's office at SWOSU will be in Room 214 of the Stafford Center on the Weatherford campus. She begins her new duties on June 1.

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## MEDICINE

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to work closely with CMS to ensure the final rule includes the comprehensive reform and transparency requirements necessary for CMS to address any remaining anticompetitive tactics employed by supply chain middlemen that could threaten beneficiary access to care in the future.

Finalizing CMS' DIR fee reform proposal will help save Medicare Part D beneficiaries more than \$20 billion in prescription drug costs, while also providing increased transparency and predictability for pharmacies and the communities they serve. We urge you to move forward with review of this rule so that these important reforms can be implemented as quickly as possible.

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Compelled by Love



Jim Morrison

Giants are not always noted by their physical stature. The Apostle Paul was a spiritual giant in his day and remains so through his letters to this day. What so caught his attention? What called him out of a highly favored position among the religious leaders of his day and thrust him into a lifetime of challenging painful torture, rigorous physical journeys; in his words, "often without food," stoned, and imprisoned; all in the name of the gospel that he had once tried to destroy. That to me is one of the greatest proofs of the resurrection. He had seen the risen Jesus. Perhaps a simple statement he made to his friends in the Church at Corinth gives us some insight. II Cor. 5:14. "For Christ's love compels us because we are

convinced that one died for all, and therefore all have died." One commentator describes this way. "It is as if Paul while walking through his journey is hemmed in by walls on each side from which he hears the echo "I love you, I love you." And that love from the Father and to the Father urges him on.

It was the kind of love that George Matheson described in his hymn, "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go." Matheson was a brilliant scholar, but he became blind at the age of 19. He was engaged and deeply in love with a young lady. When informed of his blindness, she replied, "I do not wish to be married to a blind man." He never married and carried this rejection through his life. On the eve of his sister's wedding, he was alone and the memories of his lost-love flooded back to him. But he was moved by another love that would not let him go and in five minutes wrote the words to this beloved hymn. Unfortunately you will probably not hear it sung in today's world but here is the first verse. "O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow, may richer fuller be."

There are many voices that call for our love and attention. We tend to get confused and wander about seeking a new direction, a new pleasure, a new gadget

or toy that will amuse us for the moment. Quaker Theologian, Elton Trueblood said, "A Christian is a person who confesses that, amidst the many confusing voices heard in the world, there is one Voice which supremely wins his full assent, uniting all his powers, intellectual and emotional, into a single pattern of self-giving. That voice is Jesus Christ. " Paul said one result of his surrender to Christ is that he began to see people from God's perspective. He use to see people from the world's point of view; how can he/she meet my needs, for fellowship, for pleasure, or for profit? We tend to measure people on the basis of how we compare with them, will they accept or like me, etc. But we must realize that every person is extremely valuable in God's sight. If that is true then we are called to love them like God does. When we become followers of Christ, we forfeit the right to choose whom we will love. If today you would like Christ to be the driver on your journey of life, in simple surrender and as an act of your will would you today simply bow your head and say to God, "As best I know how, I want to turn my life over to you. I turn from my selfish desires, wanting life on my terms, seeking to please people instead of you. Help me to live for you instead of for myself. Jhm82@outlook.com 580-302-1142

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