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## 2022's SWOSU Athletic Auction to be Hosted in the Skyview Suite

The 16th annual SWOSU Athletic Auction will open its online bidding from August 1st - August 18th. Featuring another year of spectacular items and memorabilia, the auction has been a staple of SWOSU athletic fundraising and has always served as the beacon that the newest year of Sports is beginning!

On Friday, August 19th, following the live auction, the Hall of Fame Banquet will be held in the Skyview Suite in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center at 5:30pm. Three inductees will be honored into the Class of 2022, Mark Bay (Football), Clarke Hale (Men's Basketball), and Carly Zak (Volleyball).

Mark Bay played during the 1987-1990 seasons as a linebacker, racking up 308 total tackles, First Team NAIA All-American honors, and was named Defensive Player of the Year for District IX.

Clarke Hale was a record setter during his basketball career in the last 2000s, and set alone as the all-time

scorer for SWOSU until this last season. Hale earned a spot on the All-Lone Star Conference (North Division) Team every season and was named MVP for his team in the Conference Tournament in 2009.

Carly Zak was a breakout star in the world of collegiate volleyball from day 1 and was named the GAC Freshman of the Year in 2013. Zak's legendary prowess on the court was unmatched, and she became the first SWOSU volleyball player named 4 times to the All-GAC, the first player to earn an All-Region Selection, and led the team to the first appearance for SWOSU in the women's volleyball NCAA tournament. She continues to hold the current SWOSU career record for kills, and even held the record for the conference as a whole during her competitive years.

The year events end with the annual live auction and dinner on August 20th. Beginning at 5:30pm, the dinner starts with a cocktail hour, dinner, and a live

auction featuring exclusive items only available to the live attendees.

Hall of Fame Banquet tickets, and tickets for the live auction can be purchased at [www.SWOSUathleticauction.com](http://www.SWOSUathleticauction.com). All auction proceeds go to benefit the entirety of SWOSU Athletics and the student athletes in every program.

Here are just some of the over 100 auction lots for this year's 2022 auction showcases:

- Autographed OKC Thunder Jersey (signed by Shai Gilgeous-Alexander)
- 2 days of West Texas dove hunting (for 5 people)
- 2 tickets to the OU vs Baylor game on November 5th in Norman (50 yard line seats)
- \$500 Nabors Shoe Center gift card
- 1 Year Family Membership to the Great Plains Family YMCA (Weatherford location)
- John Deere Gun Safe

## Reignite Your Christian Faith at the "Stir Up the Fire" Conference

The Stir Up The Fire Conference comes to Weatherford, OK from September 30th to October 1st, and is hosted by the Weatherford First United Methodist Church. Registration for the conference is open early for \$105 before September 1st, \$60 for students, and \$120 for registration after September 1st. Groups that register together will receive a \$10 discount each. Church sponsors can earn 5 registration spots and free concert admission for \$500.

The conference is a time of igniting religious passion aimed at stirring up inspiration and revitalizing pastors and church teams. The conference features religious leaders, speakers, and musicians who all strive to refill the conference goers with drive and unleash "the gift of god that is within you".

On Thursday, September 29th, there will be a healing prayer workshop, pre-conference dinner for pastors and leadership teams, and worship at the First United Methodist Church in Weatherford.

During the conference, opportunities for worship, connects and to hear the speakers will be held at either the First United Methodist Church or the Weatherford Performing Arts Center.

Following the conference, on October 1st, a picnic with food trucks and live music will be held at Rader Park in the evening. Bios of the speakers, conference details, registration, and event times/locations can all be found at [StirUpTheFire.com](http://StirUpTheFire.com).



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**David Mark Goucher**

David Mark Goucher was born June 1, 1957, in Oklahoma City to Raymond and JoNell (Boschert) Goucher and passed away at home, in Moore, surrounded by his family on Friday, July 22, 2022, at the age of 65 years, 1 month and 21 days.



David was raised and attended school in north Oklahoma City where he went to Northwest Classen High School and started building houses. He attended Foster Estes Vo-Tech to be a machinist. On May 22, 1999, David married Peggy McDaniel in Edmond where they made their home. He worked for Fundom Enterprises for 20 years. David was a huge racing enthusiast of almost anything racing. He raced motorcycles, go carts, induro carts, etc.... David enjoyed fishing and spending time with family and friends.

David is survived by his wife of 23 years, Peggy Goucher of their home in Moore; one son Kyle Williams and wife Rachel of Lee's Summit, Missouri; one daughter Lindsey Mata of Moore; one sister Jeannie Goucher of Parker, Colorado; and seven grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; granddaughter, Lorien Mata; aunts and uncles: Charles and Pat Goucher and Allen and Carolyn Goucher; nephew Colin Kennard and a cousin Shawn Murray.

**Robert Allen Tripp**

Robert Allen Tripp was born August 30, 1954, in Indio, California to Ernest Lyle and Heide Ann (Klaeger) Tripp and passed away Friday, July 22, 2022, at his home in Carnegie having reached the age of 67 years, 10 months and 22 days.



Robert was raised and attended school in California. After graduating high school, he attended college where he studied to be a horticulturist. He enlisted in the US Army with the Armored Tank Division and was stationed in Germany. During his service he was wounded by a tank round inside of the tank. On June 28, 1981, Robert married Vonda June Holman in Las Vegas, Nevada, and made their home in Canute. Robert was a carpenter for many years—working alongside his wife, building and remodeling houses. He traveled extensively and would gather orchids that he continued to raise for years. Robert was devoted to his children and grandchildren. He never missed a game or any event for any of his kids or grandchildren. He had a passion for animals and would never turn away a stray. Robert loved horses and all of God's creatures. Robert was dedicated to serving God and was bold in his faith—sharing God's Word with everyone he came across. He wanted everyone to have the same peace he had, so he shared the Word of God with the world and helped out as many people as he could along the way.

Robert is survived by his wife of 41 years, Vonda Tripp of their home in Carnegie; three sons: Bailey Tripp of Carnegie; Stewart Tripp of Weatherford and Ryan Tripp; two daughters: Brittany Glover and husband Richard of Carnegie and Danah Kliewer and husband, Joshua of Corn; eight grandchildren: Riley, Josiah, Braxtin, Madelyn, Gracie, Eli, Logan, Ethan, Genevieve and one on the way; one sister Margaret Louise Tripp; and three brothers: David Lyle Tripp, Gerald Edward Tripp and Steve Root Tripp. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers Ernest Lyle Tripp, Jr. and Michael Keven Tripp.

**Joseph Mark Quintana**

Mark "Voohve" (Morning Star, Cheyenne name) was born on March 7, 1976, in Clinton, OK to Joseph Eagle Quintana and Karen Rose (Washa) Yeahquo. He passed away on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, at the OU Medical Center in Oklahoma City, at the age of 46 years, 4 months and 12 days.



Mark was raised in Cochiti Pueblo, New Mexico. He graduated from Santa Fe Indian High School with the class of 1995. Mark moved back to his family homestead in Weatherford, OK, shortly thereafter. He worked at the pet food plant in Clinton, then worked as a Security Officer and Operations Manager at the Lucky Star Casino-Clinton from 2009-2015.

Mark took part in the Cheyenne ceremonies & the Kiowa Gourd Clan. He sang with the World Champion Drum Group, Bad Medicine, as well as Yellow Jacket and Red Stone. In 2009, he and his brothers formed the group Bad Company, which consisted of singers of Western Oklahoma and Colorado. As he always said "It wasn't just a name, it was a lifestyle." He also enjoyed watching OU football, traveling to powwows, beading & woodcarving. He was also known to "terrorize" and make people laugh. Although, he was very serious at times, he could be very humorous as well.

Mark is survived by three sons: Kayne Quintana of Phoenix, Arizona; Nakoma Quintana of Calgary of Alberta, Canada; and stepson Kyce Hamilton-Iron of Fort Collins, Colorado; two daughters Amaya Katherine Rose Quintana, Mariah Tina Ann Quintana; stepdaughter Jayla Hamilton-Iron of Fort Collins, Colorado; stepfather Alan Yeahquo of Carnegie, OK; three aunts: Judy (Christian) Sheridan of Weatherford; Rose (Mark) Washa Clayborn of Lawton; and uncle Tallsun Washa of Weatherford.

Mark was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents

Max and Clara Silverhorn, four uncles: Mike Washa; Dean Washa; Ross Washa; Oscar Washa and Aunt Tina Washa.

**Tommy Lynn Ladd**

Tommy Lynn Ladd, 73, Clinton resident passed away Friday, July 22, 2022, in Clinton, OK. Tommy was born July 20, 1949, to Augusta Tom Ladd, Jr and Lila Mae (Hicks), Ladd in Booneville, AR.



Tommy's request was to be cremated with no formal funeral service. His family is honoring his request but will greet friends and family at the Kiesau-Lee Funeral home 6:00 P.M. till 8:00 P.M., Monday, July 25, 2022.

Tommy moved to Clinton, OK with his parents at about the age of four. He attended Clinton Schools and graduated in 1967. He continued his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, OK. He soon enlisted into the U.S. Army and served a three-year stint. He worked on Duty Ships and was honorably discharged at the rank of Specialist E-5.

He married Cynthia Ann Everhart in 1974 in Clinton. His parents owned and operated the local taxi service, and he helped in that adventure. He was also employed with the Kellwood Factory, Wilson and Cummins Dealership, Hertz Rent-a-Car. He spent 13 years working for the 3M Company/Imation Company. For the past 20 years, he was employed with the Red Rock Behavior Unit and was the Senior Administrative Assistant.

He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and sister Sharron Ladd.

He is survived by son Tommy Ladd, II and wife Lori, Clinton, OK; two sisters: Carla Sutor, Clinton, OK; and Carolyn Bradley, of Arkansas, brother Charles Ladd, Cowden, OK.

He is also survived by four grandchildren: Kylie Eaton, Ethan Eaton, Ryan Eaton and Aliyah Fleming and several nieces and nephews including Micaela Marquez and husband Joel, Arapaho, OK; and Bobby Sutor and wife Rhonda, Stanford, TX.

**Carrie Sue Doolittle**

Funeral Services for Carrie Doolittle, 48, Elk City resident and formerly of Clinton, were held 10:00A.M. July 21, 2022, in the Church of Christ, officiated by Patrick Peters and Richard Phillips and under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.



Carrie Sue Smith Doolittle was born January 18, 1974, to Rollie Smith, Jr., and Geneva (Adams) Smith in Clinton, OK and passed away Monday, July 18, 2022, in her Elk City home.

Carrie was raised in Clinton and graduated from Clinton High School in 1993. She married Ross Doolittle on November 23, 2001, in Granbury, TX. She had made her home in TX and later moved to Conway, AR where she managed a Truck Stop. While living in Clinton she worked for the Grace Living Center in the Kitchen.

She is a member of the Church of Christ; she enjoyed traveling, and spending time with family and especially her grandchildren. She loved helping others and serving the Lord, and her ministry was helping the homeless.

She is preceded in death by her mother Geneva Adams Smith and a nephew Zachary Taylor.

She is survived by her husband of the home; four daughters: Britny McDonald, Indiana; Brooke Daniels, Conway, AR; Andrea Knittel and husband, Michael, St. Louis, MO; and Blare Miller and husband, Jacob, Conway, AR; two sisters: Stacy Ralston, Clinton, OK; and Sherry Eaton and husband, Tony, Clinton; sister in law Amy Doolittle, OKC, OK; four brothers: Rollie Smith, III, Clinton, OK; Sidney Smith and wife, Cym, Weatherford, OK; and Carsen Smith and Kyler Smith, both of Clinton.

She is also survived by seven grandchildren: Haley, Thomas, Emily, Danyelle, Lindsey, Levi and O'Cyruis and a host of nieces, nephews and friends.

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### Creative Homemakers Honored at OHCE State Meeting

Exchanging ideas, networking with one another, recognizing achievements of its members and having a good time were all part of the agenda for the 87th Oklahoma Home and Community Education organization's state meeting that took place recently in Oklahoma City.

There were 230 OHCE members registered for the meeting, including Karon McCubbin and Jackie Wilson of Custer County. This year's theme was All Aboard with OHCE.

Kathy Fentress, who stepped into the OHCE president role, said she is looking forward to a great year with her members.

"As the new president, my goal for this year is to continue positive progress by promoting excitement about OHCE," Fentress said. "I hope my theme, G.R.E.A.T. - Get Really Excited About Today - will encourage members to stay positive and stay excited about OHCE each day."

OHCE members are great contributors to their counties and a variety of educational workshops offered at the state meeting will help members continue to do so. Some of the topics included home security, popularity of charcuterie, benefits of chocolate, protecting yourself from scams, women's health, quilting and more.

"It's great to see OHCE members come together from across the state to learn and celebrate the incredible work they do in dozens of communities in Oklahoma," said Lesa K. Rauh, Custer County Family & Consumer Sciences Educator.

A special awards presentation took place to recognize individual members and clubs for their hard work over the past year. Those winning awards from Custer

County include Twila Griffin, Family Issues Local Award, First Place.

The state meeting also provides an opportunity to recognize those who have been members for 50, 60 and 70 years. Creative Homemakers OHCE from Weatherford was recognized as an OHCE 50-year group, and Barbara Messmer and Twila Griffin, 50-year members. Gina Peek, associate dean, Extension engagement and continuing education; and assistant director, Oklahoma State University Extension, Family and Consumer Sciences, serves as the liaison to the OHCE board.

"OHCE members are living their commitment to making an impact in Oklahoma," Peek said. "Their good work makes a difference. Extension and OHCE will continue to work as a team and grow, together."

Fentress is looking forward to her term as OHCE president and all the good things members will be doing across the state.

"OHCE is such a great organization, and I love being a part of it," Fentress said. "I know if our members get excited about life-long learning and serving our communities today, both OHCE members and the communities we serve will have many better tomorrows to come."

For more information about OHCE, contact the local OSU Extension county office. There are more than 3,200 members statewide with groups active in all 77 counties. Since its formation in 1935 when local groups were called Home Demonstration clubs, OHCE has worked to make families more resilient, with a greater ability to adapt to change. Early lessons dealt with food preservation, safe and healthy meal preparation, family relations, family finances, and children's education - all of which remain relevant today.

### "The Coin Guy" 2022 Dated Half Dollars Are in Circulation



Trent Boesen

Due to the wisdom of the Federal Reserve, it seems a need for Kennedy half dollars exist. The Federal Reserve ordered millions of these coins to be put into circulation channels in 2022.

A spokesman, for the U.S. Mint, stated that 3 million Kennedys from Denver and 2.2 million Kennedys from Philadelphia were shipped to the Federal Reserve.

Separate shipments of 3.08 million Kennedys from both Denver and Philadelphia were sold to collectors.

Rolls of 2022-P Kennedys have been located by collectors from their individual banks. The Kennedys are shipped to banks via Loomis Armored Services.

Are you interested in collecting coins but don't know what to do? Call The Coin Guy at 580-890-8076 for any help you may need. Thanks for reading.



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Ethan Downs recently declared Weatherford's Great Plains Family YMCA as his home gym (pictured, from left: Gabby Dube, Krystal Milkeraitis, Ethan Downs, Megan Cleveland, Chelsea Rhodes).

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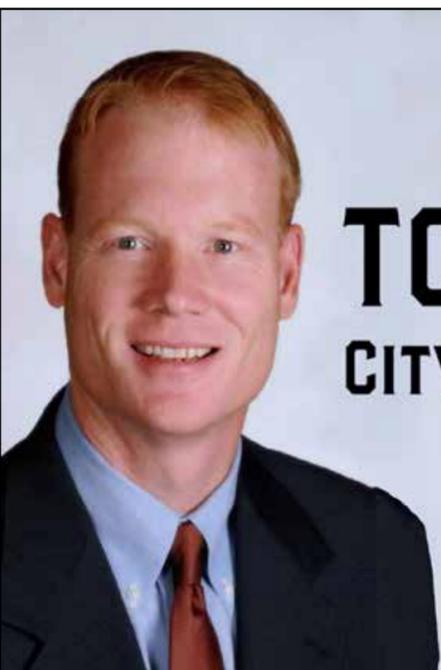
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### CITY MANAGER, ELK CITY

Elk City manager Tom Ivester recently gave updates on two major construction projects in the city. Ivester said the \$12.5 million activity center is expected to open in the next 30-40 days. He said construction started a couple of months ago on a \$9 million aquatic center.

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**HINTON FD/NEW OFFICERS** - At its recent fire meeting earlier this month, members of the Hinton fire department voted on three new officers. Effective September 11th, chief Toby Brookshire will retire from the department. Bubba Coats also resigned as assistant fire chief and has plans to retire next June. Andy Walsh has been selected and appointed by the town council to serve as fire chief, beginning September 12th. Joe Peck was selected to serve as assistant fire chief. Josh Burns will serve as captain of the department.

**NEW ENROLLS** - Enrollment of new students was held for Weatherford Public Schools. Superintendent Jill Henderson said 136 new students have been enrolled for the upcoming school year. Henderson said the district continues to grow in numbers, and officials are looking to the future and what it means for the district to accommodate the growth of student population.

**BANK MERGER** - Blue Sky Bank and First National Bank and Trust of Weatherford have jointly announced the anticipated merger of First National Bank into Blue Sky Bank. First National Bank CEO Herschel Brewster said First National will continue to operate as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Blue Sky Bank, and the combined banks will have over \$850 million in assets. The merger is subject to final shareholder and regulatory approval.

**YMCA CEO SEARCH**- The search for a new Chief Executive Officer of the Great Plains Family YMCA will begin soon, after the recent resignation of Tami Kellar as of July 21st.

**WRH/COVID UPDATE** - During a meeting of the Weatherford Hospital Board, Chief Executive officer Brian Denton said twenty-six positive cases were reported from the hospital lab in the past week.



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## SWOSU Volleyball Awarded Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant

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SWOSU Volleyball partnered with Bulldog alumni and program supporter Jason Hughs to pick up trash from local parks around the town of Weatherford as part of the Allstate Foundation Helping Hands Grant Program.

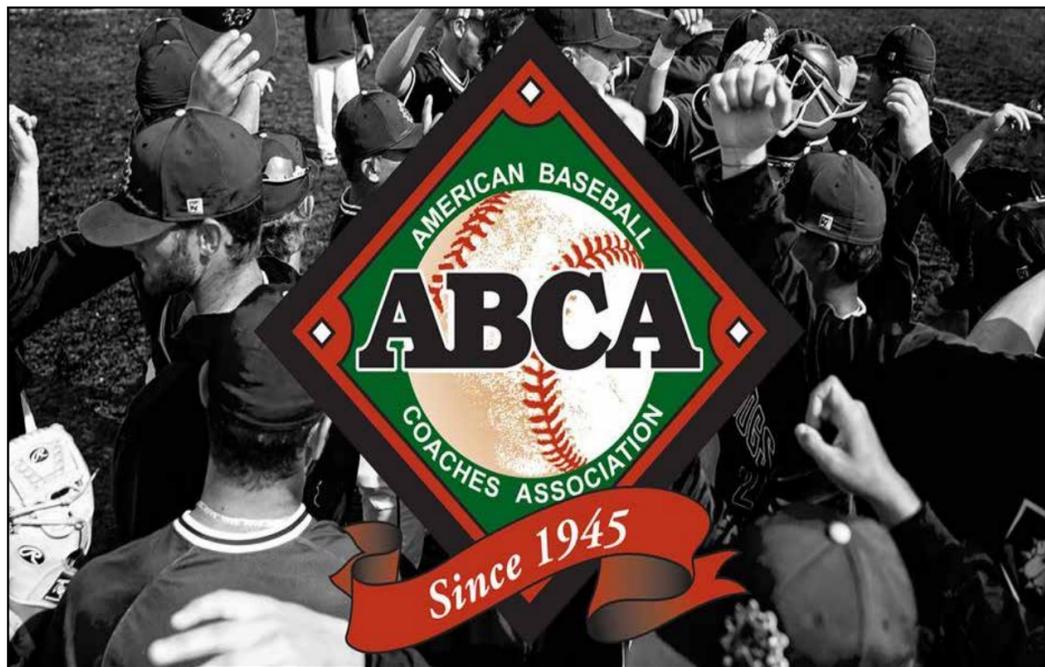
Hughs has deep ties to SWOSU as a 1999 graduate and a former student-athlete and coach in tennis and golf respectively. He is now a financial representative with Allstate Financial Services and selected SWOSU

Volleyball to be the recipient of the grant. "It feels good to support a program that supports the local community," Hughs said. "I am very pleased to be able to award the grant to the SWOSU Volleyball team. I truly believe they deserve it."

Hughs also stated he wanted to be sure to highlight the continued support from his agent partners. "Thank you to Micha Hughs, Micah Anderson, Jim Shortridge, Cody Diffe, Chris & Tiffany Hill, Ben Osenga, Brian Henshaw, Josh Nelson, and Thurman Lynch."

Head coach Josh Collins, eight members of the volleyball team, and Hughs embarked on a Tuesday morning cleanup effort around Weatherford and made stops at three prominent parks in town.

Collins was especially appreciative for the support from Hughs and Allstate. "I can't thank Jason enough for his support of our program. Meaningful community service, especially in this special community of Weatherford, has always been a staple for the culture of this program. To be recognized for it is just a bonus."



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SWOSU Baseball was named a Team Academic Excellence Award winner by the American Baseball Coaches Association, the ABCA announced recently. Teams from every level of college and high school baseball were honored with this year's award, which highlights programs coached by ABCA members that posted a GPA of 3.0 or above on a 4.0 scale for the entire 2021-22 academic year.

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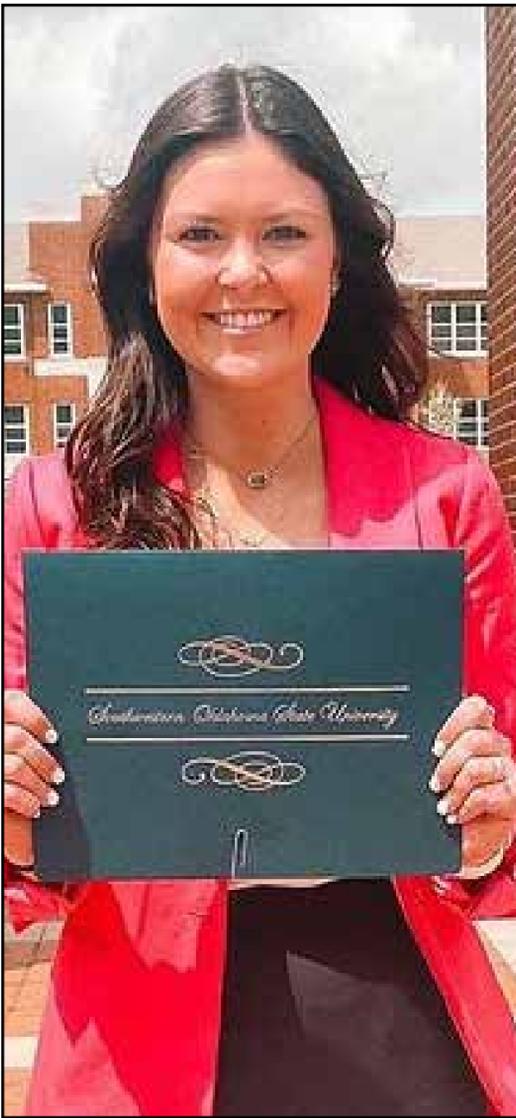
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## SWOSU Names Annual Foundation Scholarship Recipients

**Dr. Boone Clemmons**  
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The Academic Year 2022-23 Melody Ashenfelter Scholar is Bailey Hunter of Arapaho, Oklahoma. The Ashenfelter Scholarship is awarded annually to a business student at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

Hunter is a graduate of Arapaho-Butler High School. She is a junior at SWOSU pursuing a degree in Accounting.

“My future plans are to become a Certified Public Accountant and open my own accounting firm in Western Oklahoma,” said Hunter. “I am grateful to Dr. Ashenfelter for her lifetime of service to the accounting profession and to our shared alma mater.

A native of Gotebo, Dr. Melody Ashenfelter, CPA, retired from SWOSU in 2019 following an academic career of over 31 years at the institution. Ashenfelter previously taught accounting at Eastern Oklahoma State College in Wilburton. Ashenfelter earned her doctorate from Oklahoma State University.

Logan Whaley is the Academic Year 2022-23 recipient of the Dr. John Hays Memorial Scholarship at Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU).

Whaley is a graduate of Davis High School. He is a senior at SWOSU majoring in International Business.

The Dr. John Hays Memorial Endowment was started in 2021 by the Hays family and friends of the late Dr. John M. Hays. The endowment provides financial assistance to SWOSU students who demonstrate financial need.

Hays, president of SWOSU from 2001-2010 and a 1969 SWOSU accounting graduate, died on October 9, 2020. The Weatherford resident worked 30 years at SWOSU, having served as assistant business manager, comptroller, assistant to the president, vice president for administration and executive vice president for administration before being named president.

The SWOSU Foundation, Inc. was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy, award scholarships, and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU. The Foundation currently stewards over \$37 million in assets for the benefit of SWOSU. For more information about the Melody Ashenfelter Scholarship Fund or any SWOSU Foundation funds, please contact 580-774-3267 or visit [www.SWOSUFoundation.com](http://www.SWOSUFoundation.com).

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## Reclaim a Generation



Most authorities who gauge such things agree that the younger generation is less knowledgeable about the Bible and are less likely to take time worn- values seriously. Many drift away from their faith when they leave home. While there are many exceptions to this, it is true that we as believers would do well to “Reclaim a Generation.”

This is the title of a prayer guide authored by Cheryl Sacks. The subtitle is 21 Days of Prayer for Schools.”

Mrs. Sacks is a former school teacher and administrator, author of many books on prayer, and nationally known conference speaker. She outlines a 21 day journey of prayer which

is broad enough to include students, teachers and support groups, parents, school board members, churches, etc. It is a challenging charge to put into action our concerns about this generation that is facing confusing claims and half truths about their identity, traditional values and their place in the world. We dare not sit back and complain when the power of prayer is at our disposal. This is a concern that churches of various backgrounds can unite on.

The booklet presents various suggestions and prayers for the different groups that affect our students. For example one quote from her 21 days to pray for High Schools is as follows:

“High School can be an incredibly intense time for teens as they navigate dating and romantic relationships, friendship struggles, identity crises, bullying, exposure to drugs, alcohol, sex, immense peer pressure, and much more. It is no wonder that almost 70% of Christian youth leave the Church after high school. It’s one of the most volatile seasons of life for young people, and we must pray to cover our nation’s high schools with God’s presence.”

“Reclaim a Generation” is available at [Prayershop.org](http://Prayershop.org). The total cost is \$14.95, which includes tax and shipping and handling charges. This is about what

you would pay for a meal out in a nice restaurant. Surely this next generation is worth that investment.

Educators often speak of “at risk” children and surely some are more at risk than others. But, every child is at risk in today’s confusing world of misplaced values and misinformation. I pray that individuals in churches would rise up and assume leadership roles to meet the challenge of praying 21 days for our children and those who influence their lives.

Recently, while visiting for VBS prospects, I was amazed at the number of single parents, mostly moms but some dads. Most are struggling from paycheck to paycheck, often having little time or energy to give attention to each child’s needs, or to encourage academic excellence. Not only do they need our prayers, they need someone to come alongside to share their burdens, to mentor, and to listen to their pain. Oh, I know how busy you are! But, maybe your child wouldn’t be stunted for life if you missed one of his soccer games (whatever sport or event) We tend to have time for those things that we think are important or that we enjoy. This generation of children will shape our future. We must rise to the task. To comment: [jhm82@outlook.com](mailto:jhm82@outlook.com).



## SWOSU's Dr. Bo Pagliasotti Appointed to the NCAA Management Council

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Assistant/Media Relations

Southwestern Oklahoma State University's own Faculty Athletic Representative (FAR) Dr. Bo Pagliasotti was appointed to the impressive role of NCAA Division II Management Council this past school year and will serve a term through 2026.

The Management Council reports directly to the Presidents Council and is charged with recommending administrative policy and regulations that govern the division. The Management Council reviews and acts on recommendations from the Division II committee structure and from Division II representatives to committees with Association-wide functions. The Council also is responsible for appointing Division II representatives to those committees.

The committee must include at least four Athletic Directors, at least four Senior Woman Administrators, at least four FARs and at least one conference commissioner.

"I am very honored to serve on the NCAA Division II Management Council," said Pagliasotti. "I take this responsibility seriously and I am excited to represent the SWOSU family and every university, team, and athlete in the Great American Conference on a national level."

Pagliasotti is the lone representative for the Great American Conference on the Management Council and is one of only 28 members total.

He is in his sixth year as the Bulldog's FAR – a role he was appointed to during the 2017-18 school year by former SWOSU President Dr. Randy Beutler – and is also the chair of the Kinesiology Department

at SWOSU and the Sports Management Master's Program Director. In addition to Management Council, he serves as one of seven members on the NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship Committee which awarded 1.24 million dollars to student athletes pursuing graduate degrees this year.

Prior to his administration efforts, Pagliasotti spent 10 years coaching at SWOSU where he started the Bulldog Volleyball program in 2005 and served as the head coach until 2011.

"We are being represented by the best and we know Dr. Pagliasotti is going to do a great job representing the Great American Conference," SWOSU Athletic Director Todd Helton said. "We are also very appreciative of his willingness to serve on this extremely important committee during the restructure of the NCAA DII constitution."

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