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## Elk City Rodeo of Champions scheduled this weekend

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Staff Writer



The Elk City Rodeo of Champions will be held on September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th! The rodeo runs each night at the Beutler Bros. Arena in Ackley Park with adrenaline pumping performances beginning at 8pm. On Saturday, September 3rd, the Rodeo's parade will run through downtown Elk City at 10am. Tickets for bleacher seating (\$11 in advance; \$12 at gate) and grandstand seating (\$15 in advance; \$18 at gate) go on sale Monday, August 29th at the ticket office at the Beutler Bros. Arena and at Circle A Western Wear in Elk City; tickets for box, chute, and skybox seating will only be available at the ticket office at the arena. Tickets will also be available at the gates on rodeo nights. Kids under 5 y.o. get in free for bleacher seats and all other kids can get bleacher seats for \$9 in advance and \$10 at the gate.

The rodeo kicks off with Dr. Pepper night on Friday, September 2nd. That night, every kid, 12 y.o. and under, will get in for free with a Dr. Pepper can (bleacher seating only). On the last day, Sunday, September 4th, attendees are encouraged to wear pink for Tough Enough to Wear Pink night for cancer awareness.

The 2022 Rodeo once again features many world and circuit champions, top-of-the-line talent, and the best entertainers in the business. Each night will pit the toughest cowboys and cowgirls as they compete in events like steer wrestling, tie-down roping, barrel racing, bull riding, bareback riding, and team roping.

Competitors have their work cut out for them as the Beutler Bros. are bringing some of their best animals as the stock contractor. The family-run group has been supplying the rodeo scene for decades, and from 1928, have had many of their bucking bulls and horses win pro rodeo awards. The family lives and bleeds for the rodeo with Pro Hall of Fame inductions for Bennie, his dad Jiggs, Grandad Elra, and great-Uncle Lynn.

Each night will feature the specialty act of Bullfighting - "the most dangerous 60 seconds in sports"! Three times nights, the best fighters in the business will square off, man vs. beast, with TWELVE-HUNDRED pounds of muscle as they compete for the top score. On Sunday, finalists from Friday and Saturday will compete for prize Monday and the ultimate title of Elk City's best BFO Bullfighter.

The Rodeo of Champions is excited to welcome the multi-talented Cody Sosebee, barrelman, who transitioned from bareback riding to being a rodeo clown where he's worked as entertainment at huge rodeos like the Wrangler National Finals and Cheyenne's Frontier Days. Sosebee knows the power of entertainment and knows there's nothing else like the rodeo, "pro rodeo is still the best bang for the buck."

The duo of notorious bullfighters Chuck Swisher



Provided

Burcham Elementary teachers, staff, and students hold up their parade sign last week at the Route 66 Nights back to school bash parade!



Provided

Dude the therapy dog, Kelly and Michelle welcomed WPS students and families at the Back to School Bash and Parade

and Weston Rutkowski are coming back to entertain and keep bull riding competitors safe. The pair have worked at some wild rodeo finals and continue to operate at the top of their field. Swisher has done work at several Prairie Circuit Finals Rodeos and has worked at the 2014 National Finals Rodeo. Rutkowski is a 4-time freestyle bullfighting world champion through Bullfighters Only, the premier professional league for freestyle bullfighting.

With a colorful cast of competitors, livestock, and entertainers, there's only one announcer who can call



Provided

Head Coach Reagan Roof recently spoke at Rotary and gave updates on the upcoming football season.

the rodeo - Wayne Brooks! Brooks is back for his 14th year at the Rodeo of Champions. Brooks is a veteran of the sport where he competed as a bareback rider until he made the swap to the microphone. As a 5-time PRCA Announcer of the Year, Brooks has announced at the National Finals Rodeo ten times and at the Canadian Finals Rodeo sixteen times. With his experience at some of the largest rodeos, he continues to name the Elk City rodeo as one of his favorites, "the best part of the Elk City rodeo is the loyalty of the fans."

For additional info on the rodeo, its history, the people who make it possible, and past results, visit elkcityrodeo.



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**Viola Wolfe**

Viola Wolfe from Dill City, Oklahoma, was called home to the Lord on August 18, 2022, at age of 94 at the Willows on Citation in Lexington Kentucky.



She was born on January 25, 1928, in Claude, Oklahoma, to Robert E Lee Black and Amanda Mae (Bryant) Black. She married Robert Henry Wolfe on March 1, 1955.

Viola worked in restaurants and food service. She was employed by Robertson factory in Cordell, Oklahoma, for 18 years. Her calling in later years was doing home health, cooking and keeping house for others.

Viola is survived by three children: Sharon Hudon, Midway, Kentucky; James Martin, Dill City, Oklahoma; and Nancy Wolf Newcastle, Oklahoma.

She is also survived by three grandchildren: Ristine Richards, Rane Williams and Brandi Wolf; three great-grandsons: Carson Fichtner, Brandon Talbot and Kade Baird; two great-great grandchildren: Lily and Lincoln Fichtner as well as many nieces and nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents Robert and Amanda Black, her husband Robert Wolfe and eight brothers and one sister.

There will be a viewing at Kiesau-Lee Funeral home in Clinton, Oklahoma, on August 25, 2022.

Funeral Service was held at 1:00 P.M. Friday August 26, 2022, at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Clinton Oklahoma. Officiated by Pastor Dale Nease and Bo Vowell. Burial will follow in South Burns Cemetery, Dill City, Oklahoma.

**Josie (Buller) Slagell**

Josie (Buller) Slagell was born September 14, 1933, at home, near Waka, TX to David Edward and Sarah (Kroeker) Buller and passed away Monday, August 22, 2022, at Homestead of Weatherford in Weatherford, OK at the age of 88.



At the age of 10, her family moved to Cleo Springs, OK where she attended school until her high school days and then transferred to Oklahoma Bible Academy until graduation. She moved to Dinuba, CA to help her brother Vernon and his wife who were expecting a baby. She also worked at Kings View Home in Reedley, CA as a nurse aid, assisting physicians and doing laundry. While working at Kings View, she met Daniel Slagell, who was on assignment there for voluntary service. He saw Josie walk by a door, pushing a laundry cart one day and told the guys "I like the looks of her." Josie taught Daniel how to do the laundry, and that's where their life together began. On March 18, 1955, they married and made their home north of Hydro. As a teenager, Daniel had carved in sand rock, in a local canyon, "For sale, one Daniel

Slagell. After their marriage, he finished it with "Sold to Josie Buller. They had 5 children, Eugene: Dwight, Kathy, Dwayne, and Byron. While raising their children, Josie had various jobs, helping milk cows, chopping cotton, hanging wallpaper, and cooking at the school. After her children were gone from home, she served as dietary manager at Maple Lawn Manor for many years. They attended Pleasant View Mennonite Church where she taught Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Josie enjoyed hosting Sunday meals, holidays, and opening her home to the youth group. She was known in the community for her homemade cinnamon rolls and bread. Together with Daniel, they spent several weeks each summer camping with their children. As a couple, they enjoyed traveling, with two of their favorite trips, being to Alaska and a train trip to Canada and Virginia. In June of 2022, she moved to Homestead of Weatherford where she enjoyed the company of others and touching lives through conversation. She was loved and adored by many, including her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Josie is survived by four sons; Eugene Slagell and wife Merri Kraemer, of Ayr, Ontario, Canada; Dwight Slagell and wife Joanna, of Hydro, OK; Dwayne Slagell and wife Kerry, of Hydro, OK; Byron Slagell and wife Catherine, of Grottoes, VA; one daughter Kathy Thomas and husband Devert of Hydro, OK; eleven grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; one sister Ruby Regier, of Cleo Springs, OK; sisters-in-law Nelda Buller Dorothy Slagell and Roberta Slagell. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Daniel Slagell; three brothers: Vernon, Eldo, Ralph; six sisters: Ida, Evelyn, Albu May, Francis, Emily, Clarine and two sisters in infancy/toddlerhood, Alvina and Delores.

Memorials may be made to Pleasant View Mennonite church ~Kitchen fund or to Homestead of Weatherford ~Activity fund.

**Dean Ragsdale Brown**

Dean Ragsdale Brown, 70 year old Weatherford resident, was born September 20, 1951, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, Jack Edwin Brown and Nadine (Young) Brown and passed away at Homestead of Weatherford on Tuesday, August 23, 2022, in Weatherford, Oklahoma.



Dean was raised and attended school in Weatherford, graduating with the Weatherford High School Class of 1969. He married Susan Thiessen in Corn on February 21, 1969, and they made their home in Weatherford. Dean attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University, for 2 years before going on to Fire Protection School and later graduating from Oklahoma State University graduating in 1973. Dean and Susan lived in Stillwater and Dallas before returning to Weatherford. Dean started serving as a volunteer fireman and joined the family business - Brown's Floor Covering. Dean was active as a fireman from 1974-2001, becoming Chief in 1984. Dean volunteered for the Weatherford Parks and Recreation Department and was dedicated to the development of what is now The Radar Park

Sports Complex. Dean enjoyed dressing up with the Firefighting Clowns and participating in Fire Prevention Week in the school systems. Dean loved his family and was always active in children's and grandchildren's activities. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, OU football, and Rv'ing in Colorado. Dean loved vacationing with his grandchildren and loved taking them on Roller Coasters. Memorials may be made to the Weatherford Fire Department.

He is survived by his wife Susan Brown of the home in Weatherford; two sons: Robbye Brown of Edmond, and Mike Brown and his wife Mylissa of Weatherford; one granddaughter Maicie Brown, and two grandsons Tyler Brown and Ryan Brown; two brothers; Jack and his wife Kathy of Edmond and Kim Brown of Weatherford.

**Paul Majeune**

Paul Majeune, 64, former 15+ year resident of Weatherford and father of Logan Majeune of Thomas, passed away in Colorado on August 15 after a hard-fought battle with ALS.



Paul worked in the oil industry and for Imation/3M in Weatherford, while raising two young sons, before moving to New York/New Jersey, where he established a successful career in luxury automobiles sales (Jack Daniels Motors and Benzel Busch in New Jersey, and Manhattan Motors in New York). He was a certified Porsche representative. ALS forced his retirement in 2020.

A native of Boston and young boy in Chagrin Falls, Ohio, he later graduated from Morgan Park Academy H.S. in Chicago and Lake Forest College, Illinois. Those who knew Paul will miss his sense of humor, storytelling, love of rock and roll, drumming, cars and cycling, his interest in psychology and WWII, as well as his hard-work ethic, and his generous love for his children and grandchildren.

His son Bryant Parker Majeune died in 2008. He leaves his son Logan Majeune, daughter in-law Destiney Majeune, grandchildren (AvaLynn, Alivia, Kai and Kam) of Thomas, OK, and former wife Sheila Steele with whom he shared a special understanding through their grief in the loss of Parker. Paul is also survived by his mother Joan Majeune and sister Renee Majeune, both of Arvada, CO, sister Michele Majeune (Renny Fagan) of Golden, CO, and nephews Mattew and Riley Majeune-Fagan of Denver, CO. His father Gaston Majeune and sister Monique Majeune (O'Hara) preceded him in death.

Anyone who wishes is invited to send a gift to the ALS Assoc., Rocky Mountain Chapter (Westminster, CO), whose assistance was invaluable. Funeral arrangements through Lockstone Funeral Home, 210 N. Custer, Weatherford, OK. Visitation: 6:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, August 25, and Celebration of Life 10:00 AM, Friday, August 26 at the Lockstone Chapel, followed by burial at Mound Valley Cemetery, Thomas, OK.

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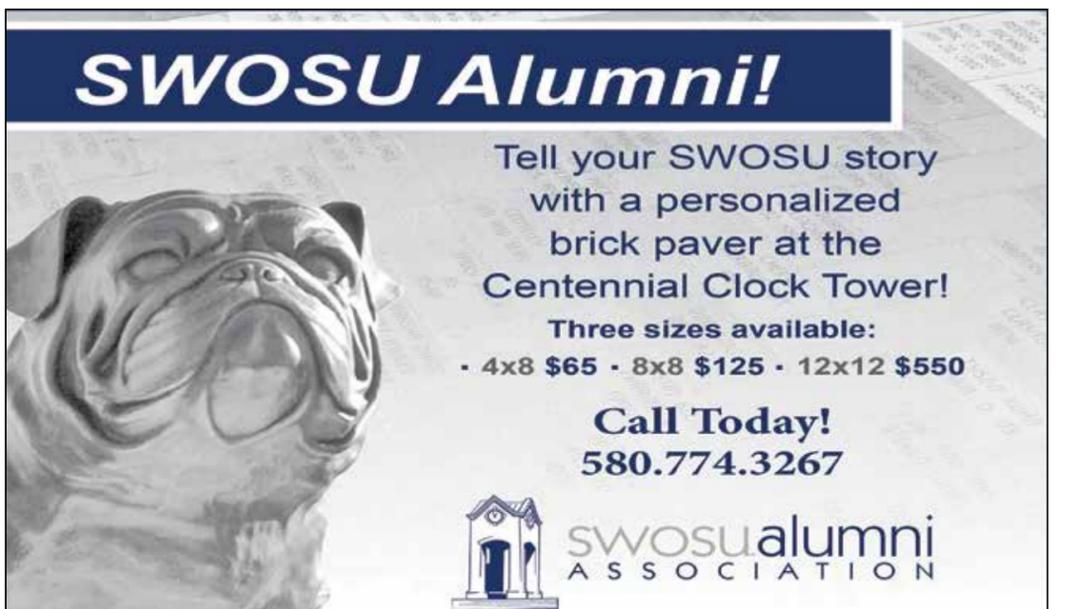
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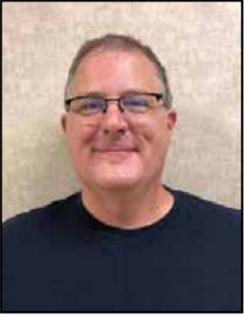
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## Dr. Stephen Burgess Named Chair of SWOSU Psychology Department



Dr. Stephen Burgess

Dr. Stephen Burgess has been named chair of the Department of Psychology for Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) in Weatherford. Burgess is a Professor of Psychology and has taught on the Weatherford campus since 1997. Burgess replaces Dr. Randy Barnett, who will continue to serve as

Associate Dean for the School of Behavioral Sciences and Education. Burgess earned his master's degree in Psychology from Hollins College and Ph.D. in Experimental Psychology from Florida State University. He has served as secretary/treasurer and president of the Faculty Senate and has been a

long-time sponsor of the Psychology Club. He has been active in research examining literacy development in young children, adult literacy, and the effects of video games with over 25 publications. He is a supporter of student research at SWOSU and has sponsored over 100 student research presentations at various conferences.

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## SWOSU Computer Science Department Hosts Secondary Computer Teacher Workshop



Dr. Hayden Harrington shares about the exciting world of esports.

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The SWOSU Computer Science Department hosted a workshop for secondary computer teachers the week of July 18, 2022. High School and Junior High computer instructors from the state of Oklahoma participated in the first annual workshop focusing on the computer and technology needs of their students in preparation for entry into higher education and the workplace.

Dr. Brian Rickel of the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology coordinated the event and faculty from Engineering Technology, Computer Science, and Art provided instruction and resources. Sessions included esports, coding, graphic design, cybersecurity, STEM, computer hardware, and Microsoft Office. Faculty who led sessions included Dr. Hayden Harrington, Dr. Karen Sweeney, Dr. Jeremy Evert, Kim Zachary, Dr. Sherry Westmoreland, Kandy House, Angela Keeler, Brett Chase, Kuuleimana Johnson, and Dr. Brian Rickel.

It is the hope of the Everett Dobson School of Business & Technology and the Computer Science Department to build upon this workshop and make it an annual event. All Oklahoma Junior High and High School teachers are invited to contact Dr. Sherry Westmoreland (580-774-3214, sherry.westmoreland@swosu.edu) throughout the year to be added to the mailing list and receive information regarding future workshops.

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# LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



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## 2022 SWOSU Athletic Auction & Benefit Dinner Raises Over \$150,000

The SWOSU Athletic Association is happy to announce that the 16th annual SWOSU Athletic Live Auction & Dinner held August 20 in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center raised over \$150,000.00 in support of the university's student athlete scholarships and athletic recruiting.

The spirited event treated over 250 guests to a cocktail hour, dinner and live auction facilitated by SWOSU alumnus Corky Heard of United Country Heard Auction & Real Estate. Jaylen Dorsey, AKA DJ Lite Brite, also a SWOSU alumnus, served as emcee for the auction.

Longtime SWOSU benefactor Pioneer served as underwriting sponsor for the gathering which is SWOSU's largest on-campus fundraising event each year.

SWOSU alumni, emeriti and friends generously donated dozens of auction items for the fundraiser. Some of these items were auctioned prior to the August 20 event via an online auction format. The online auction has gained in popularity in recent years as it allows donors, regardless of location, to bid and support SWOSU athletes. This year's online auction saw 168 bidders from 13 different states placed 1,457 bids.

The live auction featured eighteen different donated packages and experiences ranging from a Mexico golf trip to an Oklahoma City progressive dining



experience to a VIP visit to a Chicago Bulls game.

Jett Distributing Company and Ben E. Keith Company served as hospitality sponsors for the event. Wright Wradio Network and United Country Heard Auction served as the event's presenting sponsors.

"The SWOSU Athletic Auction is a great example of the charitable community that surrounds our university," said SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell. "We are truly grateful to all those who donated items, who placed bids, and who attended the event. Your support is so important to the success of our student athletes and programs."

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**CORDELL-** During a special meeting, the Cordell city council decided to put a change on the ballot for this fall that would make the positions of marshal, treasurer and city clerk, within the city, appointed rather than elected. The question will appear on the November ballot.

**CLINTON HOSPITAL AUTHORITY-** The Clinton City Council, acting as the hospital authority, held a special meeting in which they met in executive session.

After reconvening to the open meeting, they passed a motion to authorize legal counsel for the authority and the city manager to negotiate with Mercy Hospitals as a transition manager for the Clinton Regional Hospital and for the mayor to execute any agreement negotiated with Mercy. The motion does not constitute an agreement with Mercy but is meant to initiate the management transition process.

**CORDELL/PROJECTS-** Cordell Mayor Jerry Beech said the city has received several thousand dollars in ARPA monies that officials hope to use for future projects. Beech said it has been a challenge, getting a clear understanding of guidelines on how the money can be spent. However, he said the city would like to use the funds for drinking water and sewer lagoon projects.

**ELECTION RUNOFFS-** State Senator Darcy Jech has won re-election to the state senate Dis-

trict 26 seat by getting just over 52% of the vote over challenger Brady Butler in the runoff election.

In other races, Todd Russ of Cordell has moved on to the November general election, getting 55% of the vote in the Republican runoff for state treasurer over Clark Jolley. Russ will face challenges from Democratic and Libertarian candidates in the fall.

Ryan Walters wins the Republican runoff for state superintendent of public instruction. Markwayne Mullin wins the Republican runoff for U.S. Senate to succeed Jim Inhofe. Walters and Mullin both move on to face opponents in November. Meanwhile, the Elk City schools transportation bond failed to get a super majority of 60%, getting only 54.5% support.

**BLAINE CO SHERIFF/DRUG BUST-** Authorities in Blaine County discovered over 150 pounds of marijuana and over 12 pounds of mushrooms during a traffic stop on a U-haul box truck. The Blaine County Sheriff's department said the truck was traveling from Los Angeles, California to the state of Pennsylvania. Blaine County deputies were assisted by Watonga police officers during the traffic stop and the discovery of the illegal narcotics.

**CUSTER COUNTY COMMISSIONERS-** The Custer County Commissioners voted to begin the process to buy the building they currently rent for the Custer County election board. Commissioners said the property appraises at around \$105,000.

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## Soccer Falls at No. 6 UCM in Season Opener

The SWOSU soccer team opened their season tonight on the road against No. 6-ranked Central Missouri. The Lady Dawgs would lose a close game 3-2.

These two teams are familiar with each other having played twice last season. SWOSU was looking to avenge its season ending loss to the Jennies in the 2021 NCAA Tournament.

It was a slow first half, with the score tied 0-0 after the first 45 minutes of play. Central Missouri came out of the gate more aggressive, outpacing the Dawgs in shots (8-4) and shots on goal (4-2) in the first half.

SWOSU held the first lead of the game when junior forward Brianna Benitez scored a 67th minute goal to go on top 1-0. Central Missouri would answer quickly though, with two goals in the next five minutes to take the lead. SWOSU wouldn't give up so easily.

Ruth Vasquez scored 13 seconds after Central Missouri took the lead, to tie the game once again at 2-2. That would not last long. The decisive goal would come from Central Missouri's Kate Hermelink in the 74th minute.

All five of the game's goals came in an eight-minute scoring spurt.

Brianna Benitez led the Lady Dawgs with three shots on goal and one goal. Ruth Vasquez started her



SWOSU career off well with one goal and two shots on goal. Goalkeeper Ashley Hughes recorded six saves in the box.

SWOSU will look to bounce back on August 27 when they travel to Tahlequah to take on the Riverhawks of Northeastern State at 5 p.m.

## Dawgs Battle, Drop Five Set Season Opener

SWOSU Volleyball took Missouri Southern the distance in the season opener, even battling back from a 10-5 fifth set deficit, but could not fully overcome the margin and fell to the Lions in game one of the Missouri Southern Lion Classic.

The Dawgs will not have much time to dwell on the result with two more games tomorrow in the round robin tournament. SWOSU will take on Truman State at 9am and Newman at 3pm to cap off the busy day.

Things looked good after the first set on Thursday, as SWOSU controlled the flow and jumped out to a 1-0 set lead following a comfortable 25-18 score.

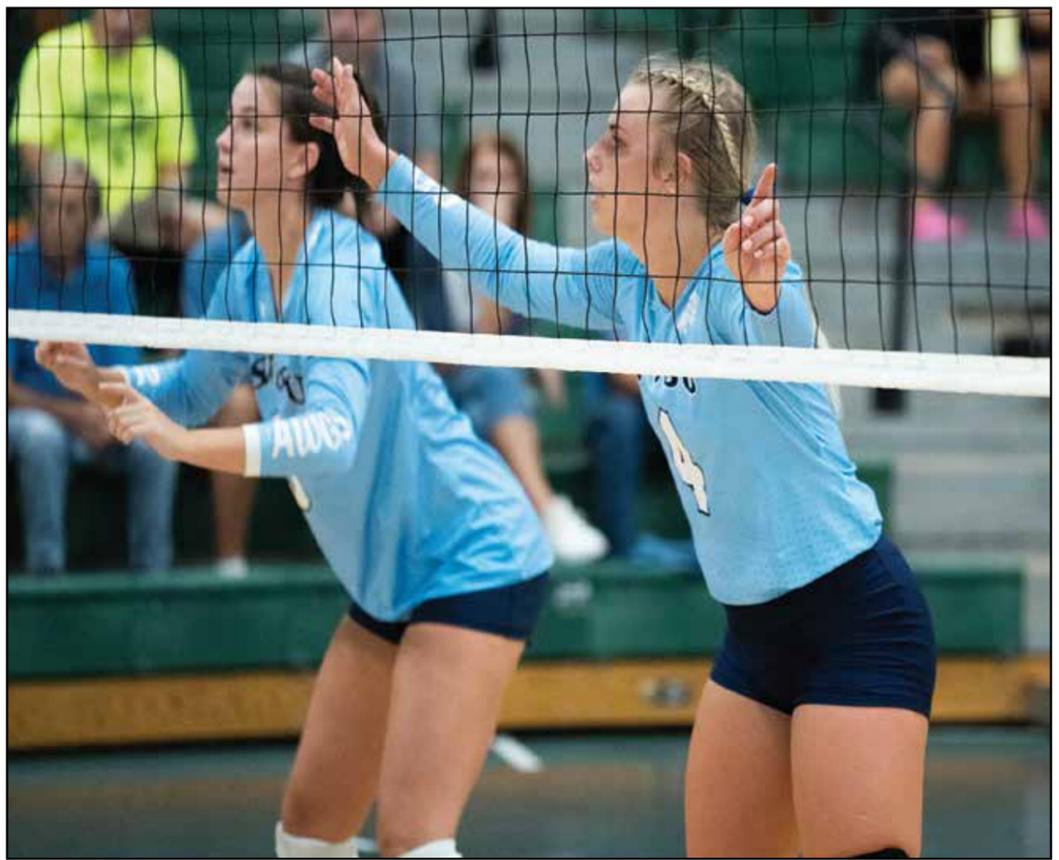
MSSU responded with close wins in sets two and three – edging out the Dawgs in both sets by the required two points. (25-23, 27-25)

In the fourth, SWOSU cruised out to a 22-12 lead before the Lions attempted a comeback. MSSU got within three at 24-21, but inevitably dropped the set. Despite losing the set, the comeback perhaps was added momentum for them heading into the fifth set where they would lead wire-to-wire to win the match.

SWOSU outthit MSSU with a .286 hitting percentage compared to .209 from the opposition. Lacy Mott led the offense with a career best 23 kills (.300) followed by Maicee Morgan with 15. Mott also led the defense with 21 digs – one shy of tying her career high.

Terez Chavez posted 53 assists from her setter position.

MSSU notched nine services aces, while the Dawgs managed five.



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## Women's Golf Slated to Finish Second in Preseason Poll

The 2022 Great American Conference Coaches' Poll for Women's Golf was released Tuesday with the Lady Bulldogs tabbed to finish second in the conference.

SWOSU came in with a total of 50 coaches' points. Henderson State was picked as the preseason favorite with 64 total points. Harding and Arkansas Tech finished close behind in third and fourth, with 49 and 48 points respectively.

The Lady Dawgs are coming off back-to-back fourth place finishes at the GAC Championships and a run of a few consecutive NCAA Tournament appearances. SWOSU is bringing back a majority of last year's team including two All-GAC selections Megan Brown (First Team) and Mikaela Rindermann (Second Team).

Rindermann and Rebecca Lau are three-time WGCA All-American Scholars. Both will return looking to become the first four-time winners of this prestigious honor in SWOSU Women's Golf history.

The start of the 2022-2023 season kicks off September 6-7 when they will be traveling to Blue Springs, Missouri to compete in the Central Region Fall Preview.

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- Other appraisal uses include; legal disputes, such as a divorce or a land division, such as a partition suit. The settlement and basis computation for an estate may require an appraisal. Most of these types of appraisals do not require a licensed individual.

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### Co-habitation/Marriage--- The Changing Roles

Jim Morrison

Co-habitation/Marriage---The changing roles. When I visit living quarters in connection with church outreach, or seeking prospects for Vacation Bible School, I have found that when a young couple is involved, the more accurate assumption is that they are not married. Cohabitation has become, in many areas, the accepted norm. (Has your pastor dealt with it lately?) In his book, *The Ring Makes all the Difference*, Glenn Stanton shares that since 1960 the number of cohabiting couples in the US has increased fifteen-fold. In 2010, (the date of the book was published) more than 60 percent of all marriages are preceded by some form of cohabitation. I'm sure the percentage

is much higher today.

The subtitle of Stanton's book is *The Hidden Consequences of Cohabitation and the Strong Benefits of Marriage*. Space does not permit me to go into any detail but the book shows that aside from biblical teachings on traditional values, social scientists have observed through various studies that it is not a healthy approach to a long-lasting marriage.

Why such a sudden change? There are many factors involved. Some have come out of painful home situations and fear the prospect of failure in their marriage. Others want to "test drive the car before they buy it. Let's see if we are compatible before we take the plunge." The truth is that most partners in marriage are incompatible at first. It takes time and commitment to work out the issues that make a marriage a success.

Contrary to expectations, studies from leading authorities, have found that people with cohabiting experience who marry have a 50-80 percent higher likelihood of divorcing than married couples who never cohabited. Not only is this true but the relationship with the cohabitants is more likely to lead to more domestic violence, conflict, less sexual satisfaction, and communication difficulties than those who never

cohabited. One authority calls cohabitation one of the most "robust predictors of marital dissolution"—making living together first one of the worst things you can do for your marriage. All this comes from non-religious sources. Maybe God knew what was best after all.

One of the most basic issues that cause the problems for those who live together before marriage is the lack of commitment. No matter how much they say they love each other, there is always in the back of their minds is the recognition that, "I can just walk away without any legal consequences."

Of course, for those of us who acknowledge the Lordship of Christ, the primary thought is what is the desire or will of God in this matter. The Bible places a high value on marriage. God in his creation, noted that it is not good for man to be alone. So he created woman and said that they should leave their mother and father and cleave to one another. A statement before God and man to love and serve the other is no small statement. It carries with it huge responsibilities and consequences. Children and families for generations to come are affected by it. The Psalmist was right when he said, "Unless the Lord build the house, its builders labor in vain." To comment jhm82@outlook.com

# Taryn Galt and Ruth Vasquez Named the First Bulldogs of the Week for 2022-23

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

Taryn Galt and Ruth Vasquez have been named the first Bulldogs of the Week for the 2022-2023 athletic season. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the home of the Bulldogs over the airwaves on both 95.5 'The Coyote' and 100.3 'Coyote Classic.'

Galt (Amarillo, Texas) tallied 30 kills in the SWOSU volleyball's four-game stint in Joplin this past weekend. In the first match of the season against Missouri Southern State, she totaled four blocks in five sets. The Bulldogs played some tough opponents in Missouri, going 1-3 to kick off the season.

Vasquez (Wichita Falls, Texas) had a promising start to her SWOSU soccer career. The freshman accumulated a goal in both of the Dawgs' first two games. She is the early season leader in goals for the team. Vasquez also averaged 2 shots per game during this stretch.



# Men's Golf Picked to Finish Second in Preseason Poll

The GAC Preseason Men's Golf Coaches' Poll was released earlier today, with SWOSU picked by the coaches to end the year in second place.

SWOSU earned 57 total points and three first place votes. Henderson State, the preseason women's golf favorite, edged out SWOSU with 59 total points and five first place votes. Harding rounded out the top three with 48 total votes.

SWOSU is coming off a year that saw them barely get beat out by Henderson State in a team playoff to finish as the conference runner-up at the GAC Championships. They are also on a streak of nine consecutive NCAA regional tournament appearances.

SWOSU graduated three key members of the team from last season including two All-GAC selections but will look to continue the consistency that has been a part of the program for the past decade under Coach Brad Fleetwood.

The 2022-2023 Men's Golf season will begin September 19-20 at the NSU Men's Classic in Muskogee, Okla.

# Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Rose State College announce transfer partnerships

Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) and Rose State College have partnered to promote educational attainment and degree completion for students in several high-demand fields. The new partnership will streamline the transfer experience for Rose State students completing their four-year degrees at SWOSU.

"This partnership will assist many students pursuing associate degrees in pre-education and allied health to smoothly transition from Rose State to SWOSU to obtain their bachelor's degree," Rose State President Dr. Jeanie Webb said. "We are committed to going beyond simply providing an education by ensuring students have guidance at every level to further their education right here in Oklahoma."

SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell and Rose State President Dr. Jeanie Webb signed the partnership agreement in the Rose State Student Union on Monday, Aug. 22.

Through the partnership, Rose State and SWOSU will increase the number of transfer agreements between the two institutions and develop academic pathways for these programs to further enhance the ease of transferring.

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