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## Miss SWOSU Pageant Begins January 14, 7pm

**Debbie Brown** Miss SWOSU Organizer  
Twelve Southwestern Oklahoma State University co-eds will compete for the title of Miss SWOSU at this year's competition, Saturday, January 14, at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the Weatherford campus.

Tickets are available from any of the candidates as well as the SWOSU Public Relations/Marketing Office in Administration Building 205. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$5 for individuals with an SWOSU I.D. card. All tickets at the door will be \$15.

There are six candidates ages 13-18 competing Saturday night for the Miss SWOSU's Outstanding Teen title, and twelve college students ages 19-24 vying for the title of Miss SWOSU following the Teen Pageant at 7pm.

A full roster for the competing co-eds can be found on page 7.



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**Kent Hamburger**

Kent Allen Hamburger was born November 24, 1963, in Roswell, New Mexico, to Dale Leroy and Neta Kay (Cochran) Hamburger and passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, at the age of 59 years and 20 days.



Kent was raised and attended school in Kaw City and Ponca City and graduated from Ponca City High School. After high school, he enlisted in the Army, serving in 3 combat tours, Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom. Kent went on to earn an Associate Degree in welding. He settled on the family farm in Weatherford. Kent specialized in tank welding, traveling all over the country. He worked at WW Steel until he retired in 2008. Kent was a member of the Boiler Makers Union and VFW Post 6142.

Kent was preceded in death by his father Dale Hamburger; mother Neta Kay Cochran; and daughter Brenda Jo Hamburger.

He is survived by his brother Keith L. Hamburger; stepmother Eileen Hamburger; step-sisters Debbie and Stephanie; step-brother Mike; and numerous cousins that loved him dearly.

**Debra Nicholson**

Debra Lee (Goucher) Nicholson was born May 15, 1959, in Clinton, Oklahoma. She was the loving daughter of Ernest Lee Goucher and Audrey Mae (Hutton) Goucher. Debbie entered her eternal home, Tuesday, January 3, 2023, surrounded by those she loved.



Raised in Clinton, Debbie attended Clinton Public Schools, then transferred to Arapaho where she graduated in 1977. She continued her education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Oklahoma, receiving a degree in marketing.

She spent her early life as an employee and then became the co-owner of Pepsi Cola Bottling Company of Clinton.

On October 5, 1990, she married Mark Nicholson, and they began their life together. During Levi and Baily's youth, the family drove endless miles to American Quarter Horse shows, baseball games, and equestrian meets.

As a family they experienced the best of times through the windshield of a Chevy, always returning to their home in Arapaho.

The most important things in Debbie's life were her family, faith, and friends. She enjoyed Southern Gospel music, quilting, animals, painting, scrapbooking, bird watching, interior designing, and gardening. She was a world-famous cook and an award-winning chocolatier. If you truly knew Debbie, then you know she was an extreme organizer.

Above all, her favorite thing was being called Granny. She loved spending all the time she could with her six grandchildren doing activities like moon-watching, baking, crafting, picnicking, watching movies, and having sleepovers.

Debbie's hope was built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. Her faith was never shaken during this past season of her life because she accepted and knew Jesus as her personal Lord and Savior.

She was a loyal and faithful member of the Stafford Missionary Baptist Church, where her love will forever shine through the beautiful stained glass windows she crafted.

Debbie was preceded in death by her parents Lee and Audrey Goucher and grandson Remington Lee Kauk.

She is survived by her husband Mark of the home; son Levi Nicholson and wife Sara; daughter Baily Kauk and husband Clay; six grandchildren: Audrey, Hutton, Harper, Maverick, Asher, and Hazel, all of Arapaho, Oklahoma; Father and Mother-in-love Buck and Doris Nicholson of Clinton, Oklahoma.

She is also survived by her four-legged friend Simon Peter, as well as numerous other family and friends.

The family suggests memorial contributions be sent to Spreading the WORD Ministry, PO Box 244, Clinton, OK 73601.

**Mary Lou Clift**

Mary Lou (Howe) Snider-Clift was born June 16, 1933, to Jennie (Parrish) and Fred Howe in Clinton, OK, and passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the River Valley Nursing Home in Clinton.



Mary Lou was raised on the farm east of Clinton and attended Red Rock Country School for five years. She continued her Junior High and High School Years in Clinton attending Wilson Jr. High School and Clinton High School. She married Mr. Dean Snider in 1949 and to this union two daughters and a son was born. She always had so much love and pride for her children and often said, "I was so young, I just grew up with the kids".

She lived on the farm but moved into Clinton and worked various jobs. She wanted to return to school, she applied and was accepted into nursing school. She received her Practical Nursing License in 1973. She moved to Shattuck, OK, where she nursed at the Newman Memorial Hospital, known as "The Little Mayo Clinic of the Northwest," for almost 18 years. She moved back to Clinton and continued her nursing career at the Clinton Regional Hospital. She loved nursing and found it to be quite rewarding. She was honored to be the recipient of the "Florence Nightingale Award" for the high achievement of her work in 1992.

She made Butler, OK, her home in 1996 and soon met and married Don Clift in 1999. She continued to work at the Clinton hospital. She loved country life and felt that she had returned to her roots, as she helped on the farm with the cattle and other numerous chores of farming and ranching. She had a special love for all animals, raising all the little orphan calves on the bottle and rescuing any stray dog or cat that came along. She had a passion for dogs. During her childhood, she brought home every stray dog to be given away. Until her dad said, "No More!"

She was preceded in death by her husband, Don Clift, in 2016. She continued to help with the cattle but still found time to garden and worked at having a pretty yard.

She is preceded in death by her parents; husband; brothers Bill and Charles; and sister Marjorie.

She is survived by three children: DeAnne Shelton and husband, Sam of Butler, OK; Connie Armstrong and husband David of Sunset, TX; and Larry Snider and wife Patricia; two brothers: Olan Howe and wife Phyllis; and Nolan Howe, both of Missouri; sister Betty Bonny of Clinton; six grandchildren: Gregg Kauk of Arapaho; Eric Shelton and wife Lora of Thomas, OK; Angela Gittins of Yukon, OK; Tracy McCullough and husband Gene; Chris Kauk and wife Michelle; and Kristi Glance and husband Neil, all of Clinton; 18 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

**Naida Meyer**

Naida Jean Meyer was born October 22, 1930, to John Barton and Josie Pearl (Krows) Cathey and passed away Monday, January 2, 2023, at Brookdale Assisted Living in Weatherford, at the age of 92 years, 2 months and 10 days.



Naida was raised in the Vici area, where she graduated from Richmond Rural High School in 1948. On March 28, 1948, she married Maurice Gerold Meyer in Woodward and made their home in the Vici area. In 1968, they settled in Weatherford where she worked at Security State Bank, United Community Bank, and BancFirst before retiring in 1994. While the boys were growing up, she was Cub Scout Den Leader. Naida enjoyed going to the lake, traveling to south Texas in the winter and Colorado in the summer, and spending time with family and friends.

Naida was preceded in death by her parents; husband; son Chuck; and brothers Darrell and Duane.

She is survived by her son Rick Meyer and wife Sheila of Woodward; daughter-in-law Robin Meyer of Weatherford; sister Eula Farmer of Oklahoma City; sister-in-law Jan Cathey of White Deer, TX; seven grandchildren; and twelve great-grandchildren.

**Jerry McKeivitt**

Gerald Patrick "Jerry" McKeivitt was born August 26, 1942, in Dallas, TX, to Edwin Patrick and Esther (Condon) McKeivitt and passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at the Oklahoma Heart Hospital - North in Oklahoma City, at the age of 80 years, 4 months and 2 days.



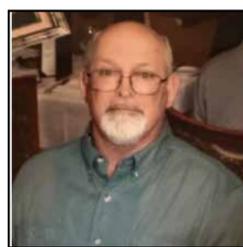
Jerry was raised in Oakcliff, and as a teen, they moved to Dallas. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Dallas. After graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force. On February 21, 1970, Jerry married Rebecca Jane Bridges in Dallas. Jerry later worked for Emery Worldwide for over 30 years before retiring in 2000. They moved to Weatherford in 2017 to be near their son, Brian, and his family. Jerry enjoyed tinkering with cars and small engines, walking and being outdoors, and going to garage sales. Memorials may be made to St. Eugene Catholic Church.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents; wife; sister, Donna; brother-in-law, Jan; nephew, Jim; and sister-in-law, Barbara.

He is survived by his son Brian McKeivitt and wife Courtney of Weatherford; sister Suzanne; three grandchildren: Mackenzie, Kynlee, and Rhett; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Isaac Crawford**

Isaac Crawford was born August 31, 1953, to Claude Preston Crawford and Joy Rebecca (Jantz) Crawford in French Camp, CA, and passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in his rural Custer City home.



Isaac was raised in Manteca, CA, where he graduated high school in 1972. He moved to Oklahoma to farm and settled in the Custer City area in 1975. He worked for various farmers in the area and was working for Harry Jantz when he met the love of his life, the farmer's daughter, Cheryle Jantz. They were married on July 17, 1976, in Custer City, OK.

He continued to farm but also was employed with the Kellwood Factory, Morton Buildings, and the United Super Market in Clinton and Weatherford. He later began a career with Texas Oil and Gas, later named One OK, and retired with them in 2016.

He was a member of the Baptist Church, the Masonic Lodge, and the Custer County Cattlemen's Association. He also served as Boy Scout Master.

Isaac was preceded in death by his parents, parents-in-law Harry and Louise Jantz, and sisters-in-law Regina Crawford and Diane Jantz.

He is survived by his wife Cheryle of the home; two sons: Jason Crawford and wife Jennifer of Mannford, OK, and Erik Crawford and wife Amber of Hinton, OK; four brothers: Roger Crawford and Wife Betty of Stockton, CA; Fred Crawford and wife Pam of Tucson, AZ; Mike Crawford of New Castle, OK; and David Crawford and wife Lorraine of Medford, OR.

He is also survived by five grandchildren: Gabriel Crawford, Brooklynn Crawford, Dakota Crawford, Payton Crawford, and Alexis Crawford.

Memorial contributions can be made to Custer City Masonic Lodge #258, PO Box 82, Custer City, OK, 73639

**Amanda Veal**

Amanda Kathleen (Eaton) Veal was born June 1, 1977, to Tony Lee Eaton and Kathleen (Bowman) in Pomona, CA, and passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Weatherford Regional Hospital in Weatherford, OK.



Amanda was raised in Riverside, California where she started her schooling. When she was 15 years old the family moved to Custer City, OK where she graduated high school in 1995.

She received her Certified Nurses Aid Certificate and worked in various nursing homes. She also worked in fast-food restaurants. She loved to cook, collect Knick knacks, fish, and watch television.

She is preceded in death by her dad and her stepson Ryan Weeks.

She is survived by her husband Joseph Weeks of the home, three daughters: Katelynn Caler and wife Ocean Bone of Weatherford; Peyton Veal of Elk City, OK; and Jessica Veal of Weatherford, OK; mother Kathy York of Wagner, OK; brother Jason Lee Eaton and wife Megan of Wagner, OK; three grandchildren: Isidro Ruiz, Braylee Ruiz, and Atticus Reyes; niece Serenity Eaton; and nephew Gage Eaton.

**Joella Poauty**

Joella Denise Poauty passed away Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in Yukon.



Joella was raised in Thomas, OK, where she graduated from high school in 1986. She received her Certified Nurses Aid Certificate and worked in several nursing home facilities as well as working in food service.

She was a member of the OK Kiowa Tribe. She enjoyed going to the Casino and listening to Pow Wow Music.

She is preceded in death by both of her parents.

She is survived by her companion Joe Yellowe; daughter Shayla Cully; and two sons: Kylan Cully and Skylar Cully, all from Yukon, OK; sisters: Danell Rivers, and Latisha Gibson and husband Calvin of OKC; and brothers: J.W. Whitetail and wife Keri of Guthrie, OK; Perry Fraser and wife Ann of Weatherford, OK; and Mike Poauty of Lexington, OK.

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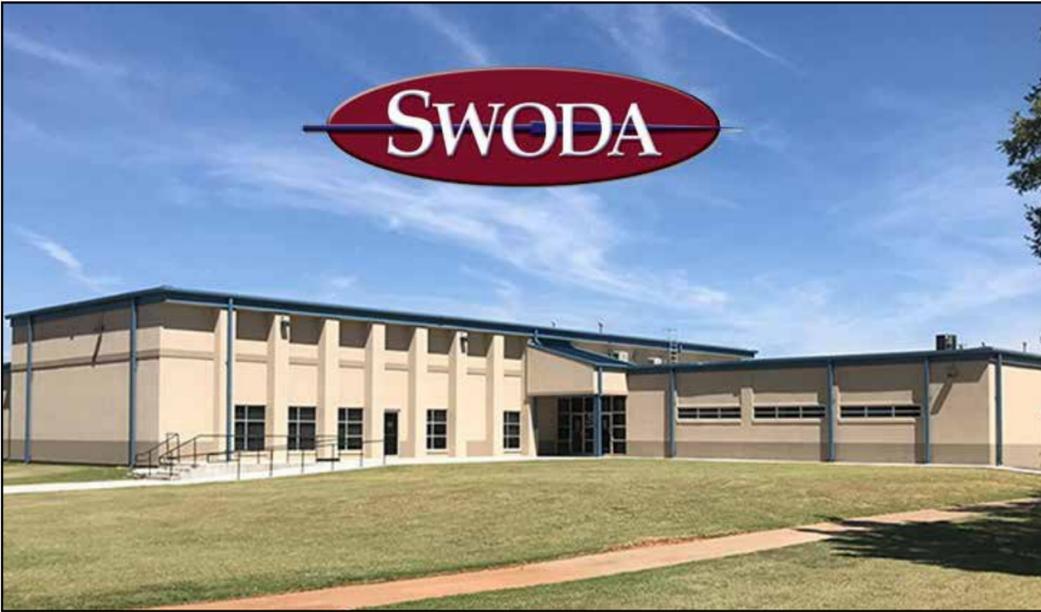
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## Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma Now Providing for Unique Services

**Joanie Swanson**  
 SWODA Info Specialist

The Masonic Fraternity of Oklahoma is once again partnering with the South Western Oklahoma Development Authority (SWODA) Area Agency on Aging (AAA), along with other Area Agencies on Aging across the state, to assist with funding direct services for people 55 years of age and older in need of some type assistance not otherwise provided by other agencies.

Some of the types of services include dentures and/or dental work, minor home repairs, wheelchair ramps and heaters and/or heater repairs.

There is an application and funds will be used on a first come, first served basis until they are all utilized. Funding for each type of service will be limited. Those who have desperate or unique needs should file an application because those situations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Assistance will be available once per person every three years.

The SWODA Aging Services Information Assistant receives calls daily from older people and/or their caregivers with needs, and many are

told nothing is available to help. This Masonic funding enables AAA staff to assist many callers with resources not available previously.

This funding “will not only help Oklahoma’s older population but will also relieve some of the stress placed on caregivers whose older relatives are continually turned down because of the lack of resources for needed help,” said Anita Martinez, SWODA director of Aging Services.

Counties covered by the SWODA AAA are Beckham, Custer, Greer, Harmon, Jackson, Kiowa, Roger Mills and Washita. The SWODA AAA has in-depth working knowledge of current government programs that are available to older Oklahomans, as well as knowledge of the existence of service gaps or non-covered needs of Oklahoma’s older citizens.

To learn more about this and other available services, call the SWODA AAA Information and Assistance Specialist, Joanie Swanson at 1-800-627-4882, ext. 126 or call the statewide toll free Senior Info Line at 1-800-211-2116.

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## Heroes of the Faith

I suppose all of us have heroes; those who have suffered bravely or who stood tall in the midst of criticism and personal loss. George Washington Carver, William Wilberforce, Corrie Ten Boom, and Joni Eareckson Tada are just a few that have inspired and encouraged me at times and convicted me of my feeble efforts as well. But in the field of missions there is one individual who, for me, stands out among many who have labored fearlessly and with deep devotion for the sake of Christ.

Hudson Taylor was a missionary innovator and founder of the China Inland Mission in the mid 19th century. Much to the dismay of his fellow missionaries, he chose to dress in Chinese clothing

that included wearing his hair in a long pigtail. He felt it would give him acceptance among those he was trying to reach. His methods often brought criticism from his friends and fellow workers. His faith in God to provide for his needs is legendary.

Unselfish to a fault, on one occasion he found himself broke just two weeks before his wedding. He had given everything away to 60 or 70 victims of the famine. He gave his fiancé permission to withdraw from the commitment if she wished. Her parents had died when she was a child so she replied, “Don’t forget that I was an orphan in a faraway land. God has been my Father all these years. Do you think I shall be afraid to trust Him now?” Their relationship was full of love and affection.

Their ministry, although successful in many ways was not without its problems. In 1867 their fifth child died of hydrocephalus. A few weeks later, he wrote his mother in England, “I know not how to write. Our dear little Gracie! How we miss her! As I take the walks I used to take with her tripping by my side, the thought comes anew like a throb of agony, is it possible that I shall never more feel the pressure of that little hand, and yet, she is far holier, far happier than she could ever have been here.”

But the tragic death seemed to unify the mission effort as those who had been critics rallied around the young couple.

Later after moving inland to the city of Yankchow, they faced mobs and riots that caused them to flee for their lives on one occasion. Often Hudson would become depressed to the point of considering suicide but his wife was his source of strength. Then the ultimate loss, his dear wife, Marie, who had borne eight children in twelve years, died of Tuberculosis. Later he married a dear friend who loved and cared for the children and enabled him to be absent for months at a time, visiting and encouraging the outlying mission posts.

Hudson died at the age of 73, having founded the China Inland Mission which utilized the services of 825 missionaries. On one occasion he said, “God chose me because I was weak enough. God does not do his great work by large committees. He trains somebody to be quiet enough, little enough, and then God uses him.” Do yourself a favor by going to your public or church library and read the story of this great man of faith.

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**MEGAN GOLD**  
**MISS OKLAHOMA 2022**

**Miss Oklahoma to Perform at SWOSU Pageant**

**Debbie Brown**  
Miss SWOSU Organizer

Megan Gold, Miss Oklahoma 2022, will perform at the Miss

SWOSU Competition on Saturday, January 14, on the Southwestern Oklahoma State University campus in Weatherford.

The competition is at 7 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center. Tickets are on sale and available from any of the candidates as well as the SWOSU Public Relations/Marketing Office in the Administration Building 205. Tickets are \$10 for the public and \$5 for individuals with an SWOSU I.D. card. All tickets at the door will be \$15.

Gold will also be spending extra time in western Oklahoma during the first part of the week, January 10-12. She is scheduled to talk with several organizations and schools in the area about her efforts to end senior hunger. When her grandfather could no longer prepare nutritious food for himself, he was placed on the list for Mobile Meals. Through Mobile Meals he received a hot, nutritious meal each day along with a visit from a volunteer. Megan was touched by the kindness of the Mobile Meals volunteers, and she continues to advocate for ending food insecurity for older adults. She presents

an engaging program to students and adults about the importance of giving back to the community, making healthy choices and the importance of staying alert when severe weather is in the forecast.

Gold has worked as a television meteorologist in Texas, Missouri and Oklahoma. She can be seen on weekend mornings on News on Six in Tulsa. Gold's early interest in the weather led her to the University of Oklahoma where, in addition to being involved in many campus activities and organizations, she earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and a minor in Broadcast Journalism.

Gold is a talented musician and has played the flute for many years. She used her performing skills to begin competing in the Miss Oklahoma's Outstanding Teen Competition in 2013. During her four years competing as a teen she was named the rookie talent and overall activewear winner and a Top 5 finalist. She continued in the Miss Oklahoma Competition where she held local titles of Miss Bethany, Miss Tulsa and Miss Bricktown. As Miss Bricktown, she received preliminary awards for onstage question and social impact pitch, red carpet and talent and was named Miss Oklahoma 2022.

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**CUSTER COUNTY / HL** - The Custer County Board of Commissioners met as the Board of Trustees of the Custer County Law Enforcement Center and reviewed repairs paid for by the trust. District 2 Commissioner Bruce Walker highlighted the roof repairs and a grease trap repair. The payment for roof repairs was made at approximately \$420,000 and was originally bid at \$386,000. Walker was also elected as Chairman for the Law Enforcement Center Board of Trustees with District 3 Commissioner Lyle Miller being elected as Vice Chairman. Commissioners also said they would move their inspections of the jail from yearly to quarterly.

**HYDRO FD / CALLS FOR SERVICE** - The number of calls for service for the Hydro Fire Department increased significantly in 2022. Fire Chief Kirk Hartman said the department had 316 calls for service in 2022 compared to 235 calls in 2021.

**CLINTON CC / TRADEWINDS** - During a special meeting yesterday, Clinton City Council approved a funding request of \$550,000 from the Clinton Economic Development authority for the acquisition and demolition of the Tradewinds property. Spokesperson Russ Meacham says there will be additional costs for asbestos abatement and demolition. He says the transaction is expected to close on Friday.

**CLINTON / BLUEPEAK** - During a Clinton City Council meeting, the council under the consent agenda acknowledged a notice of rate adjustment by Bluepeak for commercial video service, starting in February. In a letter to the city of Clinton, Bluepeak said depending on your plan, adjustments will increase anywhere from \$5-\$8 per month. Bluepeak officials said the reason for the increased cost for tv service is that traditional cable channel, broadcast networks, and sports channels have continued to raise their rates roughly every year.

**WEATHERFORD CC / LIFT STATION** - The Weatherford City Commission has approved a change order for the Weatherford business and technology north park lift station. Water Superintendent Trent Perkins says the cost of the change order to the city is just over \$46,000.

**WEATHERFORD CC / ENGINEERING** - The Weatherford City Commission recently approved an agreement between the city and Myers Engineering for engineering services on the Lyle and Lawter Road projects as required by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. The engineering services would be on an as-needed basis during construction.

**CUSTER COUNTY / BEEF SEMINAR** - A four-county beef seminar will be held in the month of January at the Custer County fairgrounds in Clinton. Custer County OSU Extension Agriculture/4-H Educator Larry Bryen says the event will be held January 18th starting at 9 a.m.

**WEATHERFORD / YMCA** - The annual fundraising campaign for the Great Plains Family YMCA in Weatherford is right around the corner. Spokesperson Megan Cleveland says the fundraising campaign begins in February.

**WRH/EMERGENCY ROOM PATIENTS** - An increase of emergency room patients have occurred recently at Weatherford Regional Hospital. Chief Executive officer Brian Denton said typically a busy day in the ER was treating some 30-plus patients in a day, now the number has been hovering in the 40's and 50's consistently. Denton attributes the spike to the temporary closure of Clinton Regional Hospital. Denton said Weatherford Regional Hospital is working to accommodate additional chemotherapy patients in connection with the temporary closure of Clinton Regional Hospital.

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Senior (Music Education)  
Talent: Violin



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Talent: Fiddle/Vocal



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Talent: Jazz Vocal



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## Russell-Murray Hospice's Caring For Generations Gala Event Coming to El Reno

Russell-Murray Hospice's (RMH) first annual Caring For Generations Gala is coming up on January 21st. The gala will be held at The Palace Event Center in El Reno, Oklahoma, with a cocktail hour at 6pm to start the evening; dinner and a live auction will begin at 7pm.

The gala is a wonderful opportunity for RMH to raise additional proceeds to ensure that they can continue to serve anyone with a life-limiting condition and to aid in their mission to "enrich the lives of individuals and families".

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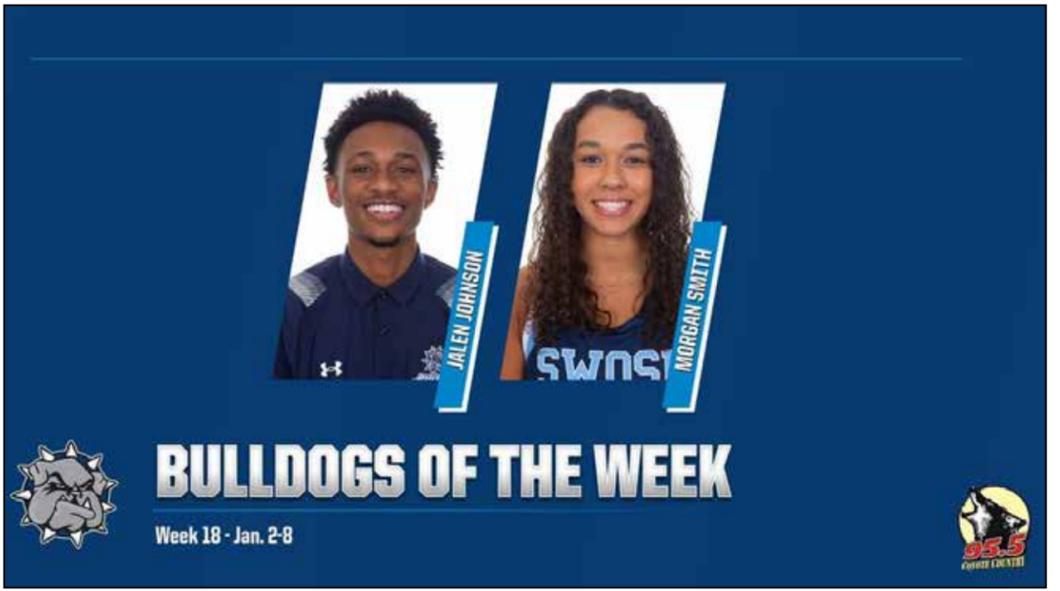
# Johnson and Smith Earn First Bulldogs of the Week for 2023

**Grant Kopycinski**  
SWOSU Sports Assistant

Jalen Johnson (men's basketball) and Morgan Smith (women's basketball) are 2023's first Bulldogs of the Week. The award is brought to you by Wright Wradio, the official partner of SWOSU Athletics for both livestream and radio.

Johnson (Oklahoma City, OK) had one of his best performances of his career this past week. He scored 16 points (6-9, 1-2 from 3) in 17 minutes off the bench to help the Bulldogs secure a victory against Arkansas-Monticello. A spark plug off the bench, Jalen has now scored double digits in four of the ten games he has played.

Smith (Plano, TX) put in a career high day against Southern Arkansas. She put up a career high 32 points on 13-21 shooting which led the Lady Dawgs to a second straight win on Saturday afternoon. Her weekly totals came out to 47 points, eight rebounds, four assists, and five steals. These totals gave the Lady Bulldogs their first winning streak of the season.



## Recent Oklahoma Graduate Assists With NASA Mission

With NASA's Artemis I's returned to Earth, Southwestern Oklahoma State University has been given the greenlight to reveal that a recent alumni was involved in the historic project.

Colton Parkinson graduated in May of 2022 with a Bachelor's of Science degree from Southwestern Oklahoma State University's accredited Manufacturing Engineering Technology program, with his Certified Manufacturing Technologist certification.

During his time at SWOSU, Colton was involved with Physics Club/Rocketry, but he was primarily involved as an officer in the Society of Manufacturing Engineers. He was also involved with the Rover Dawgs, SWOSU's team that builds moon rovers and competes nationally.

"I was really drawn to SWOSU because of their accredited Engineering Technology program," said

Parkinson. "I was maxed out in my career field and the program really excited me with its versatility and hands-on approach to engineering. SWOSU really is a gem and specifically their engineering department. The university is large enough to have some major pull with industry, but also, I feel I received a top-notch education due to its comfortable class sizes."

While completing his degree, Colton had multiple internship opportunities including three to NASA - National Aeronautics and Space Administration at the Kennedy Space Center. Upon graduation, Colton was offered jobs with NASA, Boeing, and Northrop Grumman. In the end, he decided to stay local and is currently the Facility Engineer and Collections Manager for the Stafford Air & Space Museum. This allowed him to give back to the community and maintain his family cattle operation on the side, while

still working with NASA and aerospace hardware.

"SWOSU's Engineering Technology degree has prepared me fully to step into the multi-roll I play at the museum. It also set me up for success in the aerospace field which is why NASA sought me for employment."

Although Colton chose to stay local, he has been fortunate enough to participate in many of NASA's projects during his time at the Prototype Development Laboratory. Some of these projects even had a direct impact on the Artemis I mission!

After receiving news of Parkinson's achievement, SWOSU's Press Archive commemorated his achievements with this short quote: "Outstanding work, Colton! We couldn't be prouder of the work you've done, the impact you've had, and the way you represent SWOSU!"

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