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## Rotary Clubs of Clinton, Weatherford Looking for New Members



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**Weatherford President Garrett King (left) and District 5750 Governor Jeanean Jones (right).**



**Alexander Shook**  
WW Contributor

The newly appointed Governor of Rotary District 5750, Jeanean Yanish Jones, recently was invited to attend the most recent Weatherford Rotary meeting.

While there, she took some time to address the future of her district, specifically plans on recruiting new members.

Jeanean Jones took over as District Governor on July 1st. She succeeded Dr. Deena K. Fisher who had held the position of District Governor since July 2022.

"We have 32 clubs in our district with about 1,700 members," says Jones. "Most recently we added Ponca City Trail Blazers so we now have two clubs in Ponca City."

Jones' game plan for expanding membership within the organization involves reaching out to younger generations, specifically high school students.

With Epic Schools recently being converted from a private institution to a charter school, she believes targeting the organization's focus on those students will garner a more active and involved community.

Jones explains "We're in the process of starting an interact club which is for high school students. Epic Schools recently went through a big transition. They're under Oklahoma Public Schools now, with about 38,000 students statewide. So, we're working with the other districts to launch the interact club statewide, but it'll be headquartered in our district because that's where the headquarters for Epic Charter School is."

Internationally, Rotary is still fighting the battle of polio and working to eradicate it worldwide. This is a project that was started in 1980, but its been more difficult than originally thought, and there are still pockets in some parts of the world.

Rotary is a service club made up of thousands of local clubs around the world. The group is founded upon the motto of "Service Above Self."

Through contributions made by Rotary members ranging from loose change to formal contributions, the organization continue to administer vaccines for major diseases in third world countries.

Rotary District 5750 includes many western Oklahoma towns like Clinton and Weatherford. Both clubs meet Wednesdays at 12 p.m, with Weatherford members attending at Lucille's Roadhouse, and Clinton members attending at the Days Inn Hotel.

If anyone is interested in joining their local chapter, they need to contact a Rotary member in their community.

Any additional information can be found by visiting [www.Rotary5750.org](http://www.Rotary5750.org) or by finding your nearest city's club on Facebook.

## Sayre Chamber of Commerce Hosts Fishing Derby at City Park



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The Sayre Chamber of Commerce saw a massive turnout for a recent fishing derby. The event was held August 12 for ages 15 and under and lasted from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Sayre City Park. Funding for prizes was made possible by Great Plains Bank of Sayre, and Chris Rhodes at Texoma Tires & Auto provided additional support and bait for the young competitors.



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Mikel Bohannon shows off a great catch made during the event.



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**Harvey Penner**

Harvey Jay Penner was born February 2nd, 1939, in Okeene, OK to Henry B. and Carrie (Wahl) Penner and passed away at the age of 84 years, 6 months and 2 days, on Friday, August 4, 2023, west of Corn on the tractor, doing one of the things he loved.



Harvey was raised and started school in Okeene before the family moved to a farm south of Corn. He graduated from Corn Bible School and Academy in 1956. He attended Southwestern Oklahoma College in Weatherford and graduated in 1960 with a degree in Industrial Arts. He also earned his Master of Industrial Arts Education from West Texas State University in 1969.

On June 24, 1962, Harvey married Kaylin Bergman in Corn. They lived life side-by-side, seemingly inseparable in the last decade.

Harvey taught Industrial Arts at Wilson Junior High School in Tulsa, OK, Hereford (Texas) High School, and Tarleton State University in Stephenville, Texas. He moved the family back to Oklahoma in 1978, making their home in Weatherford from that point forward. Here he put his passion for woodworking to use, starting his own construction business, hiring mostly nephews and other relatives to work for him (even his son and one grandson). He built many custom homes, but his passion was for cabinets and trim-work. He was very meticulous, and it showed in the quality of his work. He finally retired from building in 2015 at the age of 76, but he continued farming until the moment of his passing.

As much as he loved woodworking, farming, and his family, he loved his Savior all the more. Following in the footsteps of his three older siblings and parents, he accepted Christ at an early age and was baptized shortly after. Throughout the rest of his life, he would always be involved in church life, teaching Sunday school classes for young married people as well as a men's class and eventually senior adults, not to mention holding multiple positions of leadership from Sunday School Superintendent to deacon to overseer.

In the mornings, he could be found in the living room, sitting in his recliner reading his Bible, devotional booklets and praying. The day could not start without it. Something he has passed on to his children.

Harvey was also a member of Gideons International, and the Clinton Campas as president for several years.

He loved the Bible, seeing it as more than just a book but the Word of God which can, and will, transform lives.

Harvey is survived by his wife of 61 years Kaylin of their home in Weatherford; One son Hal Penner and wife Geneva of Weatherford; two daughters: Jan Dewbre and husband Ross of Oklahoma City; Kaysa Pierce and husband Matt of New Braunfels, Texas; one sister Maralea Kliewer of Corn; and six grandchildren: Holtan (Suzanne) Pierce, Kelsey Dewbre, Trevor (Haven) Pierce, Halle (Dakota) Clayton, Jamie Dewbre and Harrison Penner.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two older brothers Marion and Wayman.



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**Thelma Romero**

Thelma Yvonne Romero was born on April 6, 1927, in Briartown to O. and Wilma (Reid) Hilton and passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023, in Corn.



Thelma was raised on the farm in Briartown until the family moved to Weatherford, OK in 1945. Thelma attended Weatherford High School and graduated with the Class of 1947. She attended Southwestern Beauty College after high school and began cutting hair.

Thelma and her twin sister Velma opened a beauty shop which they operated together for over 40 years.

In June of 1979, she married David "Chico" Cerilo Romero in Weatherford where they made their home.

Thelma loved cooking and enjoyed sharing all of her recipes with family and friends. She was a longtime member of Grace Assembly of God Church.

Thelma is survived by her husband David Romero of their home in Weatherford; three sons: Maurice Wade and wife Rhonda, Dennis Wade, and Mark Wade and wife Joann; five grandchildren: Jennifer Robinson, Devin Husted, Jeffery Wade, Matt Wade, and Chesney Snyder; 10 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

Thelma was preceded in death by her parents; one brother Desmond Hilton; and two sisters Flora Tye and Velma Atkinson.

**Timothy Wassana**

Timothy Charles Wassana I was raised in Seminole, OK, Weatherford, OK and Colony, OK and graduated from Strothers High School. He has been a resident of the Clinton, OK area since 1993. He was a landscape architect, mechanic and steel fabricator by trade.



He was a member of the Cheyenne/Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma; he was artistic and enjoyed arts and craft, doing beadwork, making Dream Catchers; he also enjoyed refurbishing old vehicles, doing mechanic work, re-upholstering vehicles, collecting hot wheels, collecting rocks, playing pool and gambling.

Timothy was preceded in death by his father Truman Wassana, stepfather Jimmy Warledo, three brothers: T.C. Wassana, Jr., Terance Wassana and Homer Wassana.

He is survived by the mother of his children and forever best friend Charlene Wassana of Clinton, six daughters: Mimi Wassana, Brittany Wassana, LaNessa Curtis, Brooke Curtis, all of Clinton, Stacy Wassana, Deanna Wassana, both of Santa Rosa, CA; three sons: Timothy Wassana, II, Shawn Spotted Wolf, Jr., and Damon Dunbar, Jr., all of Clinton, OK, and his mother Geraldine Warledo of Weatherford, OK.

Timothy's memory will also be cherished by his eleven surviving siblings, including four sisters: Reva Wassana of Elk City, OK; K. C. Warledo of Clinton, OK; Alexis Warledo of Weatherford, OK; and Ashely Warledo of Weatherford, OK; and seven brothers: Jimmy Warledo of Cuba, NM, Vanhorn Warledo of Weatherford, Emilio Warledo, Colony, OK, Craig Wassana of Weatherford, OK, Reggie Wassana of Weatherford, OK, Andy Wassana, of Colorado and Marcus Horn of Hydron, OK.

He is also survived by 18 grandchildren and numerous other family and friends.

**Lindy Rivalal**

Malinda Pat Rivalal was born on December 31, 1957, in Oklahoma City to Richard Heilman and Shirley (Bunyard) Heilman, and passed away July 28, 2023, in the Weatherford Hospital.



"Lindy," as she was known, was raised in the Oklahoma City area, going to school at Capital Hill Schools; she was in the graduating class of 1975.

Lindy was a professional waitress, and worked at Del Rancho, Montana Mikes, and spent the last five years at Opportunities Inc. to name a few. She was a faithful member of the EDGE church in Clinton. She enjoyed being with her family and doing church activities.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brothers Rick and Mike Heilman, and sisters Tonya Bolton and Nonie Heilman.

She is survived by three daughters: Tabatha and her husband Chris Heard of Clinton; Melissa Espinosa of Clinton; and Kayla Anderson of Clinton; sister Teresa Heilman of Oklahoma City; nine grandchildren: Christian Herrera, Maddie Herrera, Angela Jacobson Christian, Cyle Heard, Madison Heard, Cameron Herrera, Hunter Herrera, Abigail Heard, Cara Herrera, Cassie Herrera, Eli Anderson, and Laney Anderson; two great-grandkids: Leighton Herrera and Raynor Herrera; two nieces: Wendi Glass and her family Jeff, Miles, Amberelle; and Mia, Lorraine Luttun and her family Heaven; and two nephews: Kevin Bolton and Jason Bolton.

**Scott Sumpter**

Scott Curtis Sumpter, 65, began his journey to the big Cheyenne camp on August 5, 2023, in Clinton after a lengthy illness. He was born December 8, 1957, to Colleen Rhoads Sumpter and Curtis Sumpter.



Scott grew up in El Reno and Clinton Oklahoma. He attended both El Reno High School and Clinton High School. He graduated from Clinton High School in 1976. In 1984 he relocated to Reno, Nevada. Throughout his time in Nevada, he worked on construction and roofing. He traveled Indian Country and played fastpitch softball and basketball and made many friends throughout the United States. He also picked up the craft of being a cowboy where he attended ropings and brandings.

He enjoyed sharing his craft with anyone. He coached various youth and high school basketball and softball teams. He loved powwows, gourd and war dancing. He was a Golden State Warriors fan and would talk NBA with you whenever he could.

He is survived by wife Janet Davis of the home, granddaughter Kya Flores, daughter Keri Romo, Chops his dog, son Justin Sumpter and grandsons Kingston and Raleigh of Oklahoma City, daughter Melissa Sumpter of Kansas, siblings; Dena Fanning of El Reno, Caroline Rhoads and Mitchell Sumpter of Clinton, and Kathryn Cometsavah of Oklahoma City, niece Brienne Sumpter of Oklahoma City, nephews: Marshall Franklin of Yukon, Christopher Sumpter of Colorado, and Sean Sandlin of Clinton, and granddaughter Kya Flores.

Preceded in death by grandparents Isaac and Sophia Goodblanket Rhoads, Scott and Eloise Sturm Sumpter, parents Curtis Sumpter, Colleen Rhoads Cometsavah and Laird Cometsavah Jr., brothers: Frank Goodbear and Elgin Rhoads, Butch Everett Power, sister-in-law Linda Rhoads, son Jon Paul Sumpter, nieces: Sondra Rhoads, Marisa Tiger and Feather Campuzano, favorite horse Super Dave, and favorite dog, Max.

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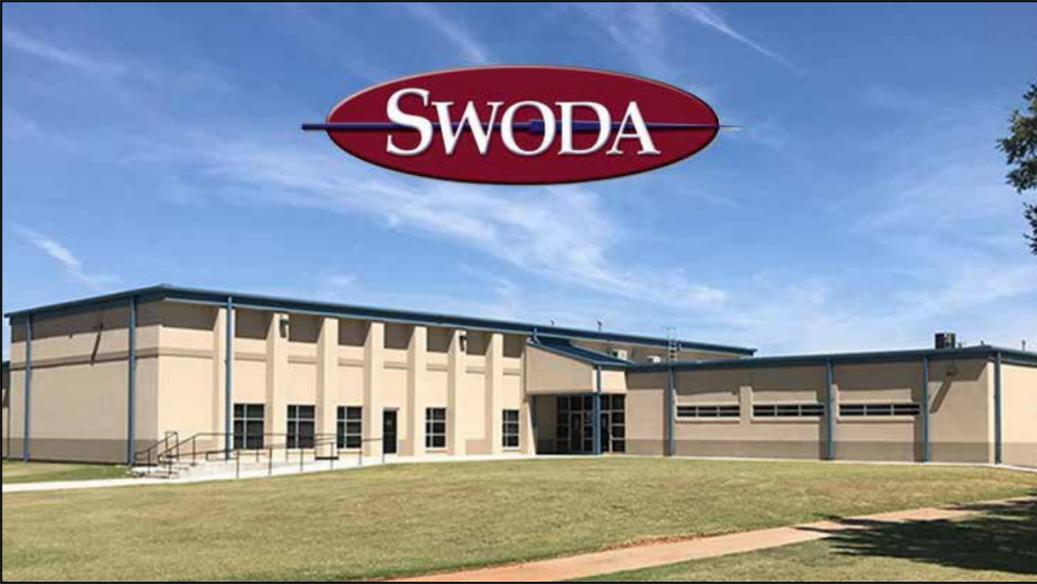


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## Spend Time With Us: The Loneliness of Long-Term Care Facilities

**Cherrie Nutley**  
SWODA Ombudsman

When asked the question what could be done to address loneliness many residents and consumers stated simply “spend time with us.”

In Western Oklahoma, we currently have 24 long-term care facilities full of people who would love to spend a little time with you. Even if you don’t have friends or relatives in these facilities but you have some time to spare, a visit would be great for you and for them! Do you have hobbies you can share or talents? Residents love to listen to music. Dust off your song books and your ukelele and make a visit to your local long-term care facility today!

Chronic loneliness is associated with multiple adverse medical and mental health conditions. It can increase the risk of developing dementia by nearly 50% in older adults and is a risk factor for deaths from all causes.

Loneliness and isolation are a public health crisis with profound consequences. Twenty five percent of Americans over the age of 65 are socially isolated. Additionally, 43% of Americans over the age of 65 report feeling lonely. This problem can be even worse in a long-term care setting. One study found that more than half of all residents in nursing homes suffer from loneliness. Scientists are emphasizing the need to prioritize social connections to promote both individual health and community wellness outcomes.

Social isolation can be a choice that people make. There are people who choose to be socially isolated and remain content and happy. When it’s not a choice it can lead to loneliness and have negative psychosocial and physical effects. It can also lead to neglect and abuse, including for individuals living in long-term care settings.

**There are three dimensions to loneliness:**

**“Personal loneliness”**  
- when a person loses a significant other like a spouse, partner, or close friend.

**“Absence of sympathy group”**  
- when a person loses a part of the small group that they’re used to connecting with regularly, such as a book club, bridge club, or quilting group.

**“Lack of an active network group”**  
- when a person loses a large community that offers support through inclusion, like a religious group.

If you have questions or concerns about a facility or regarding a loved one, please contact Cherrie Nutley, LTC ombudsman supervisor for Western Oklahoma, at 580-562-5032.

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# HIGHER GROUND

## School Days



Outside of the first day of the Major League Baseball season, few things are as anticipated as that first day of school. For the young mother sending her first born off to kindergarten is like cutting the umbilical cord. For me it was more like getting to wear new clothes, checking out any cute girls who had moved in, and hoping we had some reinforcements for our needy baseball team.

Next week the doors will open to new experiences—a fresh start, the beginning of a new dream for some. But for many it will only be repeating a cycle of failure, of disappointment, and a reinforcement of feelings that somehow they don’t quite measure up.

These are our young people, the treasures of moms and dads, the hope of the future, and the leaders of tomorrow. We are all involved in a partnership of nurture, of maturation, and hopefully of love. Yes, our taxes help to make the system happen, but far more than that we are involved in the community of raising our children to become responsible adults. We will be there to cheer on the teams, but by our example at those games we are modeling character traits that are not lost on impressionable young minds.

What else can we do? Let’s talk about prayer. You knew I would come to that eventually. There are those who develop prayer support groups who meet regularly either in person or by phone to pray for particular schools. Others simply meet with another person as a prayer mate to pray specifically for students or teachers. Again, most things work best if planned intentionally. Think specifically of a particular school or class, picturing in your minds those children and the issues they face. Visually a teacher trying to maintain control, help a slow student, and at the same time trying to challenge the brighter student to strive to achieve his highest potential.

There are forces out there who are working diligently to steal a dream, to destroy a future, and kill ambition.

The family of believers, who above all should be concerned, should be praying for walls of protection against the evils of the world. Too often, I have listened to inmates at the county jail share how they dropped out of school, laying themselves open to the temptations of easy money, and now face a tragic future.

Here are some areas you can pray about. There are strongholds of rebellion against authority. There are the persistent problems of drugs, alcohol, and peer pressure. Many come from broken and troubled homes. Pray for every home, that the parents will themselves be teachable and involve themselves in the lives of their kids. Pray against the rising tide of sexual immorality.

Pray for teachers and administrators. Ask the Father to give them wisdom as they deal with problem students. Ask that God would grant them the self-discipline to be prepared and the ability to train and encourage students. Pray that they will seek patience and wisdom as they deal with parents of students.

Don’t pass a school without offering up a prayer that God would bless and guide each life and home involved.

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# LOCAL AND AREA NEWS



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From 1971 to 1978 The U.S. Mint produced the Eisenhower dollar. The new coin was issued to honor General Eisenhower of WWII fame. After his death in March 1969 people believed he should be honored on a new numismatic planchet.

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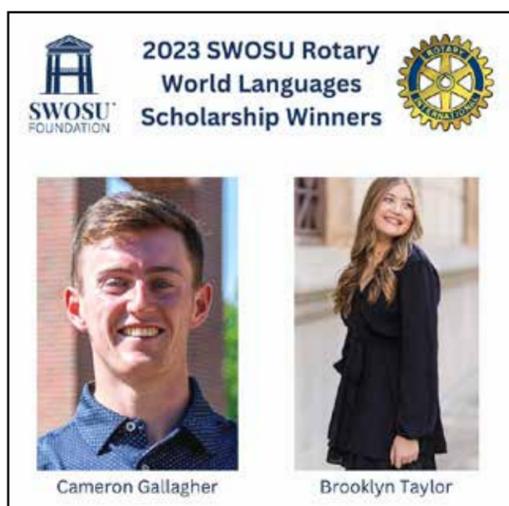
By 1977, all Eisenhower dollars minted were clad. The dollars minted in silver were too expensive to make. The giant size was not popular with the general populace.

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## SWOSU & Weatherford Rotary Name Gallagher and Taylor as Newest World Language Scholars



Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU) with locations in Weatherford, Sayre and Yukon along with the Weatherford Rotary Club have jointly announced that Cameron Gallagher and Brooklyn Taylor have been named the institution's newest SWOSU-Weatherford Rotary Club World Languages Scholars.

Gallagher is a senior at SWOSU from Longniddry, Scotland. He is majoring in chemistry and minoring in world languages and chemistry. He is also a member of the SWOSU Men's Golf Team. Gallagher plans to pursue medical school after graduation.

Taylor is from Oklahoma City. She is a freshman at SWOSU majoring in nursing, and minoring in world languages. Taylor was recently elected as the vice president and secretary of the SWOSU World Languages and Cultures Association.

The SWOSU-Weatherford Rotary Club World Languages Scholarship was proposed by Dr. Tugba Sevin, world languages coordinator in the SWOSU Department of Language & Literature, and established through joint funding provided by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc., and the Weatherford Rotary Club.

The scholarship benefits students studying in the Department of Language & Literature who have designated world languages as a minor degree component.

“Our World Languages studies are a dynamic part of what we offer students here in the SWOSU Language & Literature Department,” SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell said. “We are so grateful to Weatherford Rotary and the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. for making this financial assistance to our students possible, and we are thrilled to congratulate Cameron Gallagher and Brooklyn Taylor on being named the newest SWOSU-Weatherford Rotary Club World Languages Scholars.”

The SWOSU-Weatherford Rotary Club World Languages Scholarship is stewarded by the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. The foundation was established in 1977 to promote philanthropy and distribute funds to support the activities and programs of SWOSU.

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The Weatherford Chamber of Commerce hosted a Ribbon Cutting for Jamie Cameron DDS, now operating under the name "Southwest Dentistry & Cosmetics," after relocating her business to Main Street in Weatherford.

**CORDELL / STORM DAMAGE** - Weatherford and Clinton were not the only communities affected by tree damage from severe storms over the summer. Cordell Mayor Phil Kliewer says the street department has been busy picking up storm debris. Mayor Kliewer says the debris was transported to the old landfill site.

**CLINTON CC / GRANT** - Clinton City Council recently accepted a grant agreement with the midwestern Oklahoma development authority for a \$25,000 matching grant, says City Manager Robert Johnston. MODA recently approved awarding the grant to Clinton.

**HYDRO / RODEO** - The Hydro Free Fair will begin on August 17th at the Hydro Fairground. Spokesperson Charlie Wheelen talks about one part of the fair's livestock show, which will include a 3-in-1 event. In this show, three individuals must rope, pen, and mug (forcefully milk) three cattle. All performers are confirmed to be locals who live within a 60-mile radius of Hydro.

**WEATHERFORD / VOTER DEADLINE** - Friday, August 18th, is the deadline to apply for voter registration to be eligible to vote in the September 12th municipal election in Weatherford. Those who are not registered or need to change their registration may apply by filling out and mailing an Oklahoma Voter Registration Application form in time for it to be postmarked no later than midnight Friday, August 18th. Applications postmarked after that time will be accepted and processed, but not until after September 12th.

**WEST OK / SALES TAX** - It was an up-and-down month for sales tax collections in the month of June for western Oklahoma municipalities. The City of Weatherford was up just under 4% at 1.103 million dollars. Elk City also had an up month by 3.15% at 1.246 million dollars. The City of Clinton was down by 4.5% collecting just over \$542,000 and the City of Cordell was down 10.5%, collecting more than \$93,000.

**BURNS FLAT / FAA** - The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) recently awarded the Premium Aerospace Center in Burns Flat a certificate that authorizes the company to approve aircraft to return to service after receiving required maintenance. Spokesperson Jose Gonzalez says the Premium Aerospace Center will hire 450 employees for the Burns Flat-based aerospace business in the next four years. In July 2022, the Premium Aerospace Center signed a 20-year lease for Hangar 233 at Clinton-Sherman Airport. Three months later, the company signed a lease for Hangar 234.

**WEATHERFORD / JECH** - Senator Darcy Jech was recently a guest speaker at an economic development meeting in Weatherford. Senator Jech says he will conduct three interim studies this fall. Senator Jech says the other two interim studies will deal with common education school insurance and various rules surrounding the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

**WEEKLY SHOUTOUTS!**

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## Great American Conference Preseason Poll Ranks SWOSU Soccer #2



GAC		2023 WOMEN'S SOCCER PRESEASON COACHES POLL	
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1	OUACHITA BAPTIST	31	3
2	SOUTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE	27	3
3	OKLAHOMA BAPTIST	24	1
4	NORTHWESTERN OKLAHOMA STATE	24	-
5	SNU SOUTHERN NAZARENE	19	-
6	HARDING UNIVERSITY	13	-
7	EAST CENTRAL	9	-

**Jon Chidester**  
SWOSU Media Relations

SWOSU Women's Soccer was slotted for a second-place finish in the 2023 Great American Conference Preseason Coaches Poll.

The Bulldogs picked up three of the seven first-place votes from GAC coaches but were narrowly edged out by Ouachita for the top spot. Aside from SWOSU and Ouachita, Oklahoma Baptist received the final first-place vote and finished third overall.

The final spots of the poll, in order, were Northwestern, Southern Nazarene, Harding, and East Central.

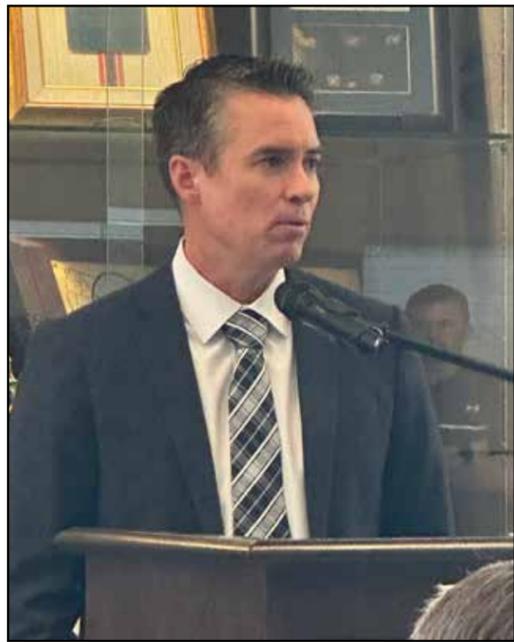
The Bulldogs have been crowned regular season conference champions in three of the last four years and have won the postseason tournament twice in that same span.

Last season, SWOSU made it a clean sweep of both titles after finishing 7-0-5 and without a loss against a league foe.

Overall, the Dawgs went 9-5-7 and eventually fell in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament to perennial Central Region power Central Missouri to end the year.

The new 2023 campaign kicks off August 31 at home against Emporia State. SWOSU will play its first two matches at home before traveling away from Weatherford in four of their next five. Four-time GAC Coach of the Year Mark Persson enters his 15th season at the helm.

## SWOSU Athletics Introduces New Head Coach at Public Meet & Greet



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Pictured left: In front of the newly constructed basketball display in the Pioneer Cellular Event Center, a crowded lobby of supporters and media members gathered for a meet & greet to welcome Brett Weiberg as the new head men's basketball coach at Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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Pictured right: Brett Weiberg (center) poses with a SWOSU jersey alongside President Diana Lovell and Athletic Director Todd Helton.

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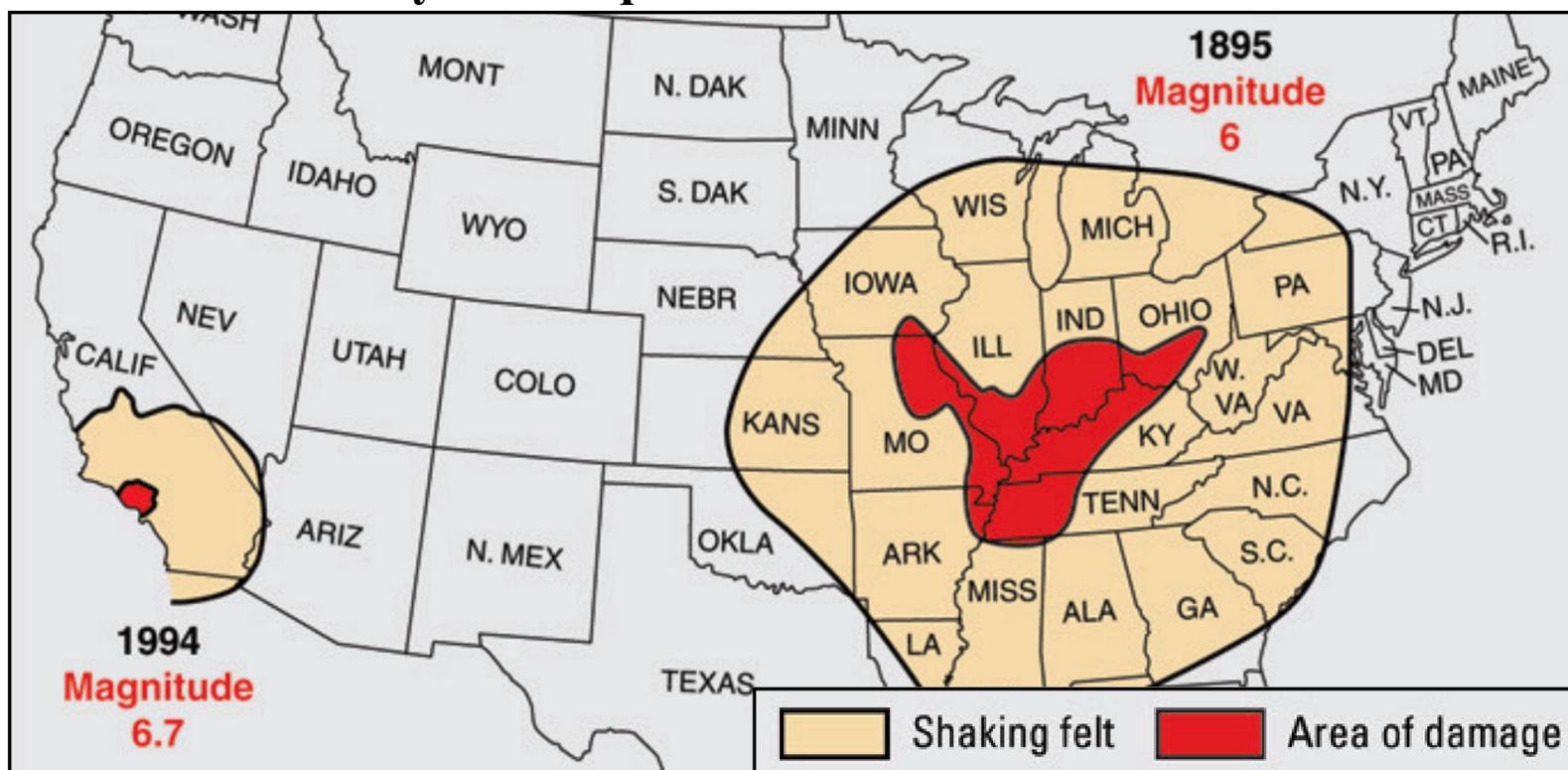
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# Oklahoma History: Earthquakes and the New Madrid Seismic Zone



Courtesy Oklahoma Historical Society

A map comparing the 1994 Northridge Earthquake in Los Angeles to the 1895 Charleston Earthquake that hit Oklahoma and 24 states.

**Chase Wright**  
Staff Writer

One of the strongest earthquakes in state history startled Oklahomans on October 13th, 2010. An earthquake, measuring as a moderate 4.3 on the Richter scale by the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) rattled the state but caused no major damage or injuries. Centered eight miles southeast of Norman, the quake would soon be passed by an earthquake near Pawnee, OK in 2016 that hit a magnitude of 5.3. And there was potential for that number to continue to increase.

Oklahoma is right on the inside edge of a seismic zone, known as the New Madrid Seismic Zone. This zone has produced the “most powerful earthquakes to hit the contiguous United States east of the Rocky Mountains in recorded history” according to the USGS.

Named after a series of earthquakes that hit in 1811-1812, the seismic zone could be the site of an earthquake that would result in “the highest economic losses due to a natural disaster in the U.S.” (Federal Emergency Management Agency, 2008).

Beginning on December 16, 1811, a series of earthquakes and seismic aftershocks, measuring between 7.2-8.2 began. Two additional earthquakes with the same level of intensity were felt on January and February of 1812. Right on the Mississippi River line, northeast of Arkansas, the earthquakes were believed to have been felt strongly over an area of 50,000 sq miles and passively felt over an area of 1 million sq miles.

Compared to the famous 1906 San Francisco earthquake, which reached a magnitude of 7.9 and had an moderate degree of feeling over an area of 6,000 sq miles, the earthquakes of 1811-1812 were on a whole new level.

Each earthquake emanated from an epicenter near New Madrid, Missouri, and ultimately in February 1812, the town of New Madrid was destroyed. Researchers believe the series of fault lines centered around New Madrid is part of an ancient geologic feature buried underneath the Mississippi River. These ancient and reactivated faults are believed to be full of igneous rock and magma that has shifted and failed leaving a “scar of weakness” deep below the surface.

Since 1974, the USGS has recorded 4000 earthquakes and has attributed them to the zone. In 2008, estimates were published that believe within the next 50 years, “a repeat of a major earthquake like those that occurred in 1811-1812, which likely had a magnitude between 7.6-8.0 is possible.” Other reports have state that an earthquake of 7.7 or higher in that region could cause damage to tens of thousands of structures and infrastructure.

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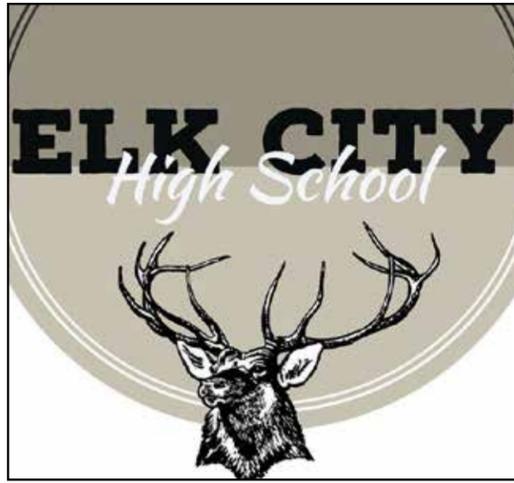
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SWOSU faculty from the Sayre and Weatherford campuses will teach college classes at Elk City High School for concurrently enrolled juniors and seniors this fall.

"Elk City Schools reached out to us and asked if we'd be willing to teach classes on the high school campus," said SWOSU-Sayre Site Coordinator and math faculty member Bill Swartwood. "We're happy to make higher education more accessible for Elk City students and provide in-person instruction there."

SWOSU faculty members have taught classes at various Elk City locations in the past, but this is the first time that classes have been offered at the high school specifically for ECHS students.

U.S. History to 1877, English Composition I, College Algebra, and Medical Terminology are the SWOSU classes offered at ECHS this fall.

Several SWOSU classes are also scheduled to be offered at ECHS in the spring.

Many classes taught at the SWOSU campus in Sayre are also broadcast live via Zoom for students who can't make it to Sayre, providing greater flexibility for busy college students.

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The list is comprised of more than 1,460 financial advisors nationwide, all under age 40. Bartmann ranked No. 2 in Oklahoma. Bartmann has served area investors for the past 11 years.

"This is an incredible honor, one I could never have achieved without the tremendous support from my branch team. And I am forever indebted to my clients for the trust they have put in me and the relationships we've built as we work toward the financial goals that give them the freedom to live life on their terms," Bartmann said. "This work inspires me because I know that, for years to come, I can make a meaningful difference in the lives of my clients and colleagues, and in my community."

## Forbes Ranking Methodology

The Forbes Next-Gen Wealth Advisors Best-in-State rankings, developed by SHOOK® Research, are based on an algorithm of qualitative criterion (mostly gained through telephone and in-person due diligence interviews) and quantitative data.

Those advisors that are considered have a minimum of four years' experience, and the algorithm weighs factors like revenue trends, assets under management, compliance records, industry experience and those that encompass the highest standards of best practices. Portfolio performance is not a criterion due to varying client objectives and lack of audited data. Neither Forbes nor SHOOK® receive a fee in exchange for rankings.

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