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# SWOSU's Spring 2025 Graduation Ceremonies Commenced May 9-10



from Wright Media Commencement Livestream

SWOSU President Dr. Diana Lovell acknowledged three distinguished alumni on Saturday. Pictured, from left: Melissa "Missy" Guard, NASA's International Space Station (ISS) Chief of Staff; Brent Gibson, an accomplished architect and home designer; and the late Rick Skinner, co-founder of the Weatherford Cabinets brand whose award was accepted by his eldest son, Ryan Skinner.



Aside from Dr. Joel Kendall (Academic Affairs VP) and Dr. Diana Lovell (President), opening remarks were also given by SGA President Landry Freeman (left) and Faculty Senate President Jared Edwards (right).



The National Anthem and a special music interlude were performed during all three commencement ceremonies. Pictured chronologically, from left: Kimberly Berkenbile, Madeline Mitchell, and Meghan Stevens.



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#### **Michael Rogers**

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Michael Aaron Rogers was born April 9. 1964, in Lordsburg, New Mexico, to Forrest G. Rogers and Elaine Lois (Ward) Brunnert and passed away Tuesday, April 29, 2025, at home in Weatherford, at the age of 61 years and 20 days.



Michael was raised and attended school in Allison, Texas, and later moved to Merritt, OK. While there, he graduated from Merritt High School with the Class of 1982. At the same time, Michael also graduated from Vo Tech with an industrial electronics degree.

Michael received his bachelor degree from SWOSU in 1989 in general industry. He worked for Innovative Technology doing computer repair before moving on to work in the oilfield. Michael graduated Cleet school earning his Cleet Certification before working at the SWOSU Police Department.

While working at SWOSU, he met his wife, Christy Leanne Lambert in 1998. On May 27, 1999, they were married at Calvary Baptist Church. In 2000, they moved to Roger Mills where he was Sheriff Deputy and later moved to Woodward holding the same position.

Michael worked in security in several different counties. In 2012, he became the Chief of Police in Cheyenne, OK, and held that position until 2018, when he retired from Law Enforcement.

Michael and Christy moved their family to Weatherford, where he worked was an inventory control manager at Miraclon until he retired due to his health in 2021.

Michael loved spending time with his youngest son, family and friends, though being "Poppy", as his grandchildren called him, was his favorite role. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, swimming, vacations, gardening and reading.

Michael will be remembered for never meeting a stranger because he could talk to anyone and could make you laugh.

Michael is survived by his wife of 25 years, Christy Rogers of their home; three children, Alec Rogers and fiancée, Shaylee Herbert, Candace Rogers and fiancée, Christ O'Canas and Logan Rogers.

He is also survived by five grandchildren: Jennifer Herbert, Autumn Rogers, Tatum Rogers, Hadley Page and Judith O'Canas; and father-in-law, Charles Lambert and wife, Becky.

#### **Roger Duncan**

Roger Oscar Duncan was born on April 11, 1942, and passed away at his home, surrounded by family, on Friday, May 2, 2025, at the age of 83 years and 21 days. He was the son of Oscar and Jessie (Singletary) Duncan, longtime

resident of Weatherford, OK.

Roger took great pride in his family. His father, Oscar, was a rural mail carrier and an airplane flight instructor. His mother, Jessie, was a school teacher and businesswoman. Together, they founded and taught at the Duncan Flying School on Airport Road, where many students learned to fly, including astronaut Tom P. Stafford.

As Roger's love for aviation grew, his father taught him to fly. He later earned his Private Pilot License with an Instrument Rating. His flying activities included both personal and business travel in his Cessna airplane. His love of flying was only overshadowed by his love of family.

Roger began his education in Weatherford Public Schools and graduated High School in 1960, continuing his education at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy in 1964 and later received an Honorary Doctorate. He worked for several years in the field of pharmacy, including at Humpty Drug in Ada, Allen Pharmacy, and United Drug in Weatherford.

Roger enjoyed many hobbies including flying, boating, snow skiing, water skiing, scuba diving, tinkering, visiting the Et Cetra shop, sports, music, and most of all, being a devoted father and grandfather. He had been a member of several organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, Oklahoma Pharmaceutical Association, American Pharmaceutical Association, Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association, National Carwash Council, Pi Kappa Alpha, Beta Tau Beta, Kappa Psi Pharmaceutical Fraternity, and served multiple terms on the Board of Directors for the Kiwanis Club over his 40+ years.

He built, owned, and operated car washes for over 45 years on Main Street in Weatherford. He began with a location next to Jerry's Restaurant before building a second across from Edie's Shamrock. Roger took pride in continuously self-upgrading his car wash with cutting-edge technology for its time, such as No-Spot rinse systems and computercontrolled monitoring. He loved his work and especially enjoyed interacting with his customers. Roger married Ruth Schoelen of Kingfisher, where he lived at the time, later moving to Ada where they had a son, Roger O. Duncan II. Roger Sr moved back to Weatherford in time for his son to start school and continue through high school, as his dad Oscar did. Later, Roger II had two daughters, Sierra Catherine Duncan and Tatum Jessie Duncan, who also continued the tradition of graduating from Weatherford schools. The girls became a part of their Grand Dad's heart. Known as "PaPa" to the girls, it became the name adopted and loved by many. Some of his most enjoyable moments occurred with his granddaughters, especially the overnight trips boating and camping. When opportunity came for the oldest, Sierra, to live with him, it provided a revisiting of the joys of raising a school-aged child. He of course was well known as the man with the camera shooting activities of his son and granddaughters. Roger was a devoted Christian, having accepted Jesus Christ many years ago. He was a regular churchgoer, receiving the Word at the First Baptist Church of Weatherford, and was re-baptized alongside his youngest granddaughter, Tatum. Before the death of his father, he was reminded of the scripture: "Confess Jesus is Lord before Man and believe God raised him from the dead and you will be saved" (Roman 10:9). These words his father followed and so did he. The family takes great comfort in knowing that PaPa was loved by all who knew him and is now reunited with his beloved mother. Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church, 1510 E. Davis Rd., Weatherford, OK 73096. Roger is survived by his son, Roger O. Duncan II, and his wife, Lisa, of Creede, CO and his granddaughters, Sierra Duncan and Tatum Duncan, of Weatherford, OK. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar and Jessie Duncan.

#### **Glenda Garner**

Glenda Fay Garner, 79, of Moore, OK, was born on November 29, 1945, in Shawnee, Oklahoma. She is the daughter of Glenn Irving and Lois Preberly (Tigner) Carter. She went to hold the hands of her Lord and Savior on Thursday,



May 1, 2025, at her residence, in Moore, OK, surrounded by her loving family.

Glenda married Raymond Jerald Garner on May 4, 1991, in Elk City, OK. He preceded her in death on March 23, 2009.

Glenda's hobbies included sewing, reading, and painting. She enjoyed going to the casino, playing pool, and watching the Oklahoma City Comets baseball team.

Most all she loved spending time together with her grandchildren, family and friends. Glenda will be deeply missed and greatly remembered, her kindness and love will continue to inspire and influence all who knew and loved her.

Cherishing her memory is her son, Edward McNelly and his wife, Anita of Moore, Oklahoma; one daughter, Michelle Acosta and her husband Ashley of Edmond, Oklahoma; one step-son, Ray Garner and his wife, Eun Joo of Allen, Texas; one step daughter, Teresa Brooks and her husband, Billy of Hinton, Oklahoma; one brother-in-law, Gerald Wilmeth of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; one sisterin-law, Wynona Carter of Bethel Acres, Oklahoma;

She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren, as well as many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Glenda is preceded in death by her parents, Glenn Irving and Lois Preberly Carter; one brother, Bobby Carter; two sisters, Wanda Wilmeth, JoAnn Conway; one brother-in-law, Phil Conway; and one stepdaughter, Connie Lipe.

Memorials can be made to the Elk City Animal Shelter in care of Martin-Dugger Funeral Home and Cremation Services, P.O. Box 707, Elk City, OK, 73648.

#### **Desiree Arnett**

Desiree Dawn Arnett was born on March 1, 1989, in Weatherford, Oklahoma, to Michael and Kelly Cleola (Warren) Arnett. She passed away on Monday, May 5, 2025, at the Integris Hospice House in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, at the age of 36. Desiree grew up in the Hydro and Weatherford area, where she lived her entire life. She graduated from Hydro High School, where she was honored by her classmates as "Most Likely to Be in Vogue" her senior year. She later attended Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford. Creative and kind-hearted, Desiree had a love for all things crafty-especially beadwork-and cherished time spent with her nieces and nephews. She was active in her faith and participated in various churches throughout her life, including the youth group at The Rock of Restoration Church. She is survived by her father, Michael Arnett of Amarillo, Texas; her brother, Toby Arnett and wife Tiffany of Burns Flat, Oklahoma; and her sister-in-law, Denise Arnett of Texas. She was a beloved aunt to Makayla, Lola, Landen, Cullen, and Dallas. Desiree is also survived by her cousin Amelia McPherson and her children, as well as her aunts and uncles: Diane Fulps and husband Ray of Canton, Texas; Susan Bonner and husband Tom of Grapeland, Texas; Henry Warren and wife Amy of Hinton, Oklahoma; Sandy Keeton and husband Bob of Hydro, Oklahoma; and Lisa Phillippi and husband Todd of San Antonio, Texas. Desiree was preceded in death by her mother, Kelly Arnett; her brother, Derick Arnett; her cousin, Paul Schwab; and her aunt, Debbie.



He was preceded in death by his parents, and step-father, Eugene Brunnert.

#### **Gary Keeton**

Gary Eugene Keeton, 82, of Midwest City, OK, was born on June 9, 1942, in Oklahoma City, OK. He is the son of Jack Ray and Mildred Keeton. He went to walk the heavenly streets of gold with his Lord and Savior on Friday, April



25, 2025, at his residence, Midwest City, OK, surrounded by his loving family.

Gary married his best friend and soul mate, Lucy Haggy in June 1976. They raised their family and enjoyed many wonderful years of marriage together. Gary was a man of few words, but he loved Lucy loudly. She preceded him in death on November 9, 2022.

Gary loved more than anything, spending time with his wife, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. He could be found fishing, playing poker, drinking beer, and holding down the table. Gary also enjoyed watching television, going on road trip, drinking coke with peanuts, and making his famous gumbo. He was a simple man whose memory lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved him.

Cherishing his memory is three sons, Allen Williamson of Hinton, Oklahoma, James Keeton and wife, April of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Sammy Keeton and wife, Kelli of California; three daughters, Nichole Keeton of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Stormy Muns of Shawnee, Oklahoma, Cathey Standridge of Elk City, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Ryder Keeton, Logan James, Brandy Standridge, Brittany Smith, Reagan Keeton, Deanna Sullivan, Adleigh Jones, Astryd Wenner, Carmmah McFarland; six great grandchildren, Brooklynn Smith, Camden Smith, Cooper Newberry, Wrangler Standridge, Maya James Martinez, A'Vionna Sullivan; and many other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his wife and love of his life, Lucy Keeton; his parents, Jack and Mildred Keeton; two brothers, Jack Keeton Jr., Billy Ray Keeton; four sisters, Shirley Craft, Ethel "City" Campbell, Betty Jo Sprouse, and Ann Ross.





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### **CASA Enrollment Opening, Volunteers Sworn In**



from Kelley Schmidt Photography

Honorable Judge Michelle Kirby-Roper of Beckham County swearing in new CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Volunteers Jeff Johnson of Sayre, Kellie Hurtgam of Elk City, and Keeley Sanders of Sayre. Each volunteer saw the positive influence that CASA Volunteers can make in children's lives in their lives and wanted to advocate for them and be a part of changing their stories.









This past Thursday our nation celebrated a National Day of Prayer. "If ever this nation needed to hear from God, it is the present time." I suppose that statement has been repeated almost every year. The National Day of Prayer Task force sets about to challenge every village, hamlet and church to engage in

specific, intentional prayer.

These series of articles began in 2009 as an effort to encourage individuals and churches to "effective, fervent prayer" as James describes it in James 5:16. I have observed in my church and I suspect in most churches, prayer has been reduced to praise and thanksgiving with little intercession involved. Certainly, praise and thanksgiving are vital and biblical but as you study the prayers of Paul and others you find that the major content of their prayers are intercessory in nature, calling on God to intercede, to change hearts and lives, and to transform our character to conform to the image of Christ.

There are many examples of earnest prayer in the Scriptures but I would suggest that you study the prayers of the Apostle Paul. These are found in Eph. 1:17-19; 3:16-19; Phil. 1:9-11, and Col. 1:9-12. Note the things that are on Paul's heart. We need to learn to pray thoughtfully and Biblically. Ask yourself the question, "From what I know about God and his desire for us, what does God want to see happen in this situation, event, or person's life?" Then, pray slowly and fervently toward that end. Too often we rush through our prayers as if we need to get on to other things that are more important. Space does not permit a full study off prayer. It is sufficient to

from Kelley Schmidt Photography

Honorable Stephanie C. Jones of Custer County swearing in new CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) Volunteer Steven Parks of Weatherford. Steven and his wife Kaci (CASA Volunteer) saw the positive influence that CASA Volunteers can make in children's lives in their lives and wanted to advocate for them and be a part of changing their stories.

#### Tamra Misak

Volunteers of CASA CASA Training Specialist (Court Appointed Special

Advocate) are concerned citizens who are trained to be the eyes and ears of the juvenile court judge. These everyday heroes interview the children, their families and anyone who has information regarding the family. They read and study all reports pertaining to the families then report their findings to the court and make recommendations concerning the best interest of these children who have been abused and/or neglected.

CASA of Western Oklahoma is dedicated to improving the lives of the children in the Oklahoma foster care system in Beckham, Custer, Dewey, Roger Mills, and Washita Counties. Our specially trained volunteers strive to become a positive, stable influence for children while ensuring they have a voice in the courts and the services they need for a stable future.

Executive Director, Jackie Aaron, stated that in 2023, 69 CASA of Western Oklahoma volunteers served 200 children on 90 cases in our service area. Unfortunately, this number represents only a percentage of the children that are currently in the foster care system in our area. We are seeking individuals that might be interested in becoming a CASA volunteer to help close this gap while serving the needs of these children.

Each CASA volunteer dramatically improves the lives of children experiencing foster care by working with the child until they are placed in a safe, permanent home. CASA volunteers often become the one constant adult presence in the child's life. CASA of Western Oklahoma worked with over 200 children in 2023 and the need remains great for more volunteers.

CASA Volunteers must be 21 years of age, be willing to commit to at least a year of service, participate in a free in-depth training, and pass an OSBI and national background check. CASA volunteers come from a variety of backgrounds and circumstances. Many work full-time along with volunteering as a CASA while others work part-time, are retired, or are college students. The common thread that links all volunteers together is the desire to make a difference in the life of an abused child.

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say; we are commanded to pray, God desires to hear our prayers, and it is our greatest source of power in order to live a mature and abundant life in Christ.

I read of one couple that reserved 30 minutes each Saturday evening to spend time in prayer for the Sunday morning services. They though about each facet of the service and the responsibilities of each staff member. They remembered the different age groups, meeting to study the Scriptures and the issues that they would bring to the groups. The senior citizens, the middle age group still working, now loving on their grandchildren, each with differing struggles. The teachers of the little ones, often needing patience and the capacity to love unconditionally were held up in prayer. The youth and young people so easily distracted by their desires and things of the world much in need of divine guidance. And on-and-on.

But the primary concern was for those in the congregation who come with their problems as they listen to the preaching. I haven't heard much crying out for the power of the Holy Spirit to be poured out, that hardened hearts be softened; that repentance would come, lives changed, and a renewed passion for the lost be awakened.

Too often we come not really expecting God to do anything and we get what we expected. Would the day come that our churches would once again be known as praying churches, calling upon God to speak to our hearts, desperately seeking to know Him and see Him act in a powerful way. We need some Daniel 9:17-19 prayers: "Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of your servants. For your sake, O Lord, look with favor on your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, O God, and hear; open your eyes and see the desolation of the city (church) that bears your Name. We do not make requests of you because we are righteous, but because of your great mercy. O my God, do not delay, because your city and your people bear your Name."

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Weatherford: Girls Soccer Advance, Track & Field Members Prevail



from Steve Wheeler

For the third year in a row, the Weatherford Lady Eagle soccer team has advanced to the semifinals after defeating the Catoosa Indians 2-0. Their semifinal game was hosted on Tuesday, May 13 at 7pm at Holland Hall. The game was broadcasted live and is available on-demand at wright.media/one. from Melissa Navarre

Among Weatherford's many accomplishments at the 2025 State Track & Field Meet, Weatherford's Jace Rosenkrantz was named the State Champion for Class 4A. Additionally, Weatherford's Shyla Navarre (pictured) was named the Class 4A State Champion in the girls' pole vault.



**ELK CITY / INCENTIVE PACKAGE -** Members of the Elk City Commission recently approved an economic incentive package to attract a potential manufacturing business to locate in the Beckham County Community. "It's a manufacturing company that could potentially [bring] up to 50 jobs, but we're looking probably to start off with 15 to 20," said Elk City Manager Tom Ivester, adding the facility will most likely be located "out in the Merritt Rd. area." Ivester says the company has identified some property which they are interested in using as a location. However, it's not confirmed where the prospective company will be located in Elk City.

**MOORE / CORPORAL PUNISHMENT -** A bill prohibiting the use of corporal punishment on students with disabilities recently passed in the Oklahoma House. "This does not prevent parents from deciding what's best for their kids [and] this does not prevent local control," expressed State Rep. Anthony Moore (R-Clinton), the Speaker Pro Tem and the legislation's author. "It just protects kids with Cerebral Palsy, Asperger's, or other severe conditions...from receiving corporal punishment that they don't understand, that they don't respond to. A parent still has the right to go to a school [to discuss discipline] if that's what they choose." The bill now moves to the desk of Governor Kevin Stitt

CLINTON / CREDIT APPROVAL - The Clinton City Council and the Clinton Public Works Authority each approved a \$1 million line of credit to the Clinton Hospital Authority. The credit will provide critical financial support as Clinton Regional Hospital transitions to new ownership under Rural Hospital Solutions. City Manager Robert Johnston addressed the funds at a recent city council meeting. "As part of this request by the hospital, [we have] moved the deadline for the asset purchase agreement from November 7th, 2025, up to no later July 31st, 2026, to keep going forward," said Johnston. "In order to get us to the finish line, the request has been that we issue this last line of credit between the two of them, totaling \$2 million." Johnston says the credit lines are a temporary, but necessary, step to keep the hospital afloat to ensure uninterrupted healthcare services as the sale process continues.

WEATHERFORD / MAYORAL CANDIDATES Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown announced he doesn't plan to seek re-election at the end of his current term. In a recent interview with Wright Wradio, Brown discussed who might be a viable candidate for the job. Brown's archetype for a suitable successor is someone who's concerned about the future of Weatherford, but not to the point that they overload the city with new projects. "I think that people have to make sure that their work schedule [is flexible]," added Brown. "The mayor's job is a little bit different in that they classify it as "full time," even though I'm not there in the Office from 8 to 5." Brad Yoder, who told Wright Wradio that he is considering running for Weatherford mayor, has also been floated as a potential candidate.

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for his consideration of signing it into law.

CLINTON / FRIENDS ON FRISCO - Friends on Frisco is making its way back to Clinton this summer says Clinton Chamber of Commerce President Julie Caldwell. The events will be held on June 12th and August 14th in downtown Clinton from 6PM to 9PM. "We're only going to do two [events] this year, so it'll be June 12th and August the 14th and now," explained Caldwell. "We'll have live music and lots of vendors and evening shopping." Caldwell expressed that these events offer another way to bring the community together under the summer sky.

WEATHERFORD / GPF YMCA UPDATE -Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown revealed the city of Weatherford will learn more about the drawings surrounding the new community center in Rader Park. Kelly Kay of the greater Oklahoma City YMCA will be the guest speaker at the next Weatherford Economic Development Foundation meeting. There, he will provide drawings and pictures of what the facility should look like at that meeting. Brown reported that there are some challenges surrounding the project. The estimated 60,000 square foot facility was originally quoted to cost \$25 million. However, U.S. tariffs are expected to raise the price by a currently unknown amount. Current estimates could raise the price to upwards of \$35 to \$40 million. Brown stated he expects the project to go out to bid in the last quarter of 2025, with construction beginning some time in 2026.

**CUSTER COUNTY / BUTLER SPEEDING** 

- Law enforcement in Custer County warned motorists not to speed in the Butler area. The Custer County Sheriff's Office has already begun to crack down on speeding near the oil fields. Sheriff Dan Day emphasized that speeding will not be tolerated, and citations will continue to be issued. Semi-trucks travelling on country roads have especially caught the ire of the office. "A couple of them could very well lose their license," expressed Day. "There's a lot of oil field activity out there, and there's a lot of semis [that are] just going too fast." Day adds that just last week one of his deputies pulled over a semitruck clocked at 90 mph. He says the department is taking this seriously and drivers should consider this their warning.

**WEATHERFORD / CUSTER STREET BRIDGE** The Weatherford City Commission recently approved a bid from Central Bridge Company for just over \$522,000 for the Custer Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project. Weatherford Mayor Mike Brown announced the city has remaining ARPA funds to also help pay for the project.



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Happy Birthday Wishes for May 14 - Martha Buckner, Trey Chervenka, Michelle Hamlin, Melvin Lancaster, Nolan Louthan, Zitlalli Olguin, Randy O'Connell, Margaret Pebley, C.B. Perkins, Whitini Root, Tony Stobbe, Megan Ulrich; May 15 - Taylor Boyd, Whitney Roper, Anthony Sperle; May 16 - Ray Bagby, Chris Gregston, Buddy Holman, Katrina Howry, Carrin Klien, Jay Moore, Beth Perkins; May 17 - Hannah Austin, Robert Crain, Deanna Davis, Andy Gonzales, Monty McCrary, Riane McNaught, Peggy Sellers, Joselyn Sperle, Susan Thomas, Elijah Yoder; May 18 - Jenisa Atha, Tina Magpie, Florence Miller, Isaac Rhoads, Sharon Streck, Robert Toahty; May 19 - Michael Bowman, Carol Christensem, Miranda Sebastian, Cheryl Wedel, Hath Whitefield, Noel Williams; May 20 - Jeremy Biswell, Marlen Lehman, Addison Miller, Garrett Payne, LuCretia Schapansky, Chris Tackitt, Alexis Talamante, Elsie Thomason.

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### **Oklahoma History: Diego Ortiz Parrilla and the Battle of the Twin Villages**



A photograph of a Texas Historical Marker (left) detailing the later 1766 exploration led

by Diego Ortiz Parrilla (right), providing context to his military activities in the region

Courtesy of the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History The official emblem of the Wichita Tribal History Center in Anadarko, OK, featuring traditional Wichita symbolism.

**Chase Wright** 

Trouble had been brewing for years between Spanish

Texas and the Native nations of the southern plains. Spanish authorities in New Spain were alarmed at the growing influence of France among tribes north of their frontier.

In 1757, Spain planted Mission Santa Cruz de San Sabá on the Texas frontier (near present-day Menard, TX) to convert the Lipan Apache and stake a claim in Apache-Comanche territory. But this encroachment provoked a fierce response. On March 16, 1758, a force of perhaps two thousand allied Wichita, Comanche, and other warriors descended on Mission San Sabá.

The force overwhelmed the small guard and the Mission, along with two Franciscan friars were destroyed. The destruction angered the Spanish Texas officials and they demanded a punitive response to chastise the tribes responsible.

In the fall of 1759, a Spanish military force led by Colonel Diego Ortiz Parrilla marched into the rolling plains north of San Antonio. Their destination was the Red River, near today's Oklahoma-Texas border. Their mission was simple: punish the tribes who had burned a Spanish mission the year before. Instead, they stumbled into one of the most decisive defeats ever dealt to Spain in North America.

The place they marched toward was no ordinary village. On opposite banks of the Red River stood two large Wichita settlements known as the Twin Villages-one in present-day Montague County, Texas, and the other just across the river in what's now Jefferson County, Oklahoma. These were the home of the Taovaya band of the Wichita, and they were ready for war.

Parrilla's force numbered around 600 men. It included Spanish regulars, militia from Texas settlements, and over 100 Lipan Apache warriorstraditional enemies of the Wichita and Comanche. The column hauled supplies, livestock, and two small cannons across difficult terrain.

after the Twin Villages battle.

The target of their anger was clear. The Wichita and Comanche had grown powerful in the region, bolstered by trade with French Louisiana. Their villages were defended by palisades, earthworks, and French firearms. Spanish officials believed they could crush the resistance in a single campaign. They were wrong.

As Parrilla approached the river in early October, his men overran a smaller outpost-possibly a Yojuane camp-and took around 150 captives. That success emboldened the column. But when they reached the main settlements on October 7, the tone shifted.

The Spanish emerged from the trees and saw the Twin Villages fortified and flying French flags. Estimates of the defending force vary, but it was clear they were evenly matched, or worse, outnumbered. Wichita fighters stood behind palisades. Comanche riders circled beyond the walls. Muskets were loaded. The Spanish set their lines.

The battle lasted most of the day. Parrilla ordered his cannons to fire, but the shots barely scratched the thick timber walls. Meanwhile, mounted warriorssome supported by foot soldiers reloading extra muskets-harassed the Spanish flanks and rear, threatening to surround the attackers. The cannons fired again, barely splintering the wood and reports wrote that Wichita defenders laughed loudly at how little damage it dealt. Some Spanish allies began slipping away into the woods.

By nightfall, Parrilla gave the order to retreat. The Spanish abandoned their supply wagons and both cannons. The Wichita hauled the artillery into their village as proof of their victory.

Parrilla returned to San Antonio weeks later with

wounded men, empty hands, and no illusions. Spain had tried to assert dominance in the Red River Valley, and the land had answered back.

Courtesy of the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History

After the retreat, no more Spanish expeditions pushed that far north. The mission system shrank. The military strategy changed. And instead of war, Spain turned to diplomacy.

In the decade that followed, a Frenchman named Athanase de Mézières entered the picture. After France ceded Louisiana to Spain in 1763, Mézières took service under the Spanish crown. Fluent in native languages and respected by tribes, he began building relationships the hard way-through travel, negotiation, and trust.

Mézières met with the Taovaya years after the battle. He visited the old battlefield and persuaded the village to return the cannons they'd claimed from Parrilla's failed campaign. He even named the site San Teodoro, hoping to bind it to Spain through diplomacy. But the Wichita stayed independent, and the Comanche never agreed to meet him there.

The battle's legacy stretched far beyond the Red River. It marked a boundary-political, military, and cultural. Spain would never again try to plant missions or forts in that part of the plains. The Wichita and Comanche continued to control the region through strength, trade, and alliance.

Even decades later, when American settlers found the remnants of the northern village, they mistakenly believed it had once been a Spanish fort. That myth stuck, and the Texas town of Spanish Fort carries the name to this day. But no Spanish flag flew therenot for long. The land belonged to those who fought for it and held it.

This was the largest military engagement ever fought in what is now Oklahoma during the 18th century, and its outcome effectively halted Spain's northward expansion on the Southern Plains.







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Southwestern Oklahoma State University (SWOSU)

alumni and friends were welcomed at the prestigious Oak Tree National Golf Course in Edmond on April 14, where 25 teams played in the Dobson Bulldog Classic.

Established in 2015, the sold-out tournament raised \$110,860 for the SWOSU Men's and Women's golf teams and other SWOSU athletic programs. This popular philanthropic event was initiated by Everett Dobson (SWOSU Class of 1981) of Edmond in partnership with the SWOSU Athletic Association.

Dobson was inducted into the SWOSU Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999. He has endowed the Everett Dobson Chairs in Business, Marketing, Management, and Finance in the Everett Dobson College of Business & Technology at SWOSU and provided the private investment necessary to construct the Everett Dobson Golf Training Facility on SWOSU's Weatherford campus. In 2015, Dobson was inducted into the SWOSU Presidential Order of Merit in recognition of his 25 years of service on the SWOSU Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees, where he served as Investment Committee Chairman.

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# **SWOSU's Drew Dodgion Qualifies for Nationals**



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SWOSU Women's Golf wrapped up its season with

a seventh-place finish at the NCAA Central Region Championships, competing against 18 qualifying teams from three conferences. While the team's season has ended, senior Drew Dodgion's journey continues after she tied for fourth individually.

The top four teams and two individuals not on qualifying teams advanced to the NCAA Championships. Dodgion's performance allowed her to slide into one of those two individual spots.

The senior's strong opening round on Monday helped carry her. She shot a two-under 68, thanks to six birdies, and followed up with a collective +5 over her next two rounds to maintain solid positioning on the leaderboard throughout. She finished the tournament with nine birdies, tied for second-most in the field.

Freya Sala was two shots back of Dodgion, tying for ninth overall. Sala's best round came in Monday's second round, where she shot even par 70 with three of her five tournament birdies.

She had success playing even, recording 39 pars through three rounds, tied for third-most among golfers. Sala also finished collective -4 on the nine par-5s she played.

Ashlyn Acosta edged Sala in birdies with six and had a strong showing in the second round with a 72, where she was even on the back nine. Her overall tournament score was +12.

London Wilson's 72 (+2) in the second round gave SWOSU a significant scoring boost. She sandwiched it between an 80 and 81, finishing +23 overall. Four of her five birdies came in round two. Lucia Rivas rounded out the team with scores of 81-79-84.

SWOSU wraps up another successful season, highlighted by winning the Diffee Ford/Lincoln Invitational in March and qualifying for its 11th regional tournament in 12 seasons. Dodgion becomes the second Lady Bulldog to compete at nationals as an individual and will make her second national tournament appearance after the team advanced in 2024.

The national tournament will take place May 13-17 in Boulder City, Nevada, at Boulder Creek Golf Course





