TWO ONLINE COURSES ADDED FOR SPRING

Southwestern Oklahoma State University-Sayre recently expanded its spring schedule with two additional online courses. World Cultural Geography will be offered in the online format next semester, and a second online English Composition II course was added as well.

"We're trying to meet the needs of our busy students, many of whom must juggle school with work and family responsibilities," said SWOSU-Sayre Dean Sherron Manning. SWOSU-Sayre looks to increase its online course offerings in future semesters so that students can eventually earn an Associate's Degree—half the requirements for a Bachelor's Degree—completely online.

Manning cautions students not to expect online courses to be easy, however. "Southwestern's online courses are as rigorous as... (Continued on page 10)

‘TIS THE SEASON OF GIVING WITH THE ANGEL TREE

By Alicia Crum

The Christmas Season is all about giving! Throughout the busy hustle and bustle of the holiday season, don’t lose track of the real importance of Christmas. The Angel Tree will help children in our area to have a more fulfilling and blessed Christmas.

The Angel Trees are sponsored by the Beckham County DHS and Child Welfare. Small Christmas trees are set up around the community, bearing the names and ages of children. Some of the cards on the tree have specific gift items that are needed for the child, such as clothing or shoes.

The children listed on the cards come from disadvantaged homes, and for some, the gift they receive through Angel Tree may be the only gift they will be given this Christmas.

To give someone a gift, select a card with a child’s name and age from the tree. Place the gift of your choice in the sack (gift sacks are preferred), and attach your child’s card to the sack. Return the gift to the school or business and place it under the Angel Tree. The packages are picked up daily and the deadline for the drop-offs is December 17th.

Nancy Sanders of the Financial Aid office says, “Remember why we celebrate Christmas by sharing with the children of our community.”

"There is no happiness in having or in getting, but only in giving." —Canadian poet Henry Drummond
ELF ON THE SHELF IS A FUN CHRISTMAS TRADITION

By Kristin Archer

A wonderful holiday tradition involves a mischievous elf, and if you and your children haven’t met him, it’s time you do!

Every day from Thanksgiving until Christmas Eve, each family’s scout elf watches over the children and then at night, once everyone goes to bed, the elf flies back to the North Pole to report back to Santa about what activities, good and bad, took place throughout the day. Before the family wakes up each morning, the scout elf flies back from the North Pole and hides. By hiding in a new spot each morning around the house, the scout elf and the family play an on-going game of hide and seek.

The book The Elf on the Shelf, which comes complete with a toy elf, explains that elves get their magic by being named. In the back of each book, families have an opportunity to write their elf’s name and the date that they adopted it. Once the elf is named, the scout elf receives its special Christmas magic which allows it to fly to and from the North Pole. However, the magic might go if touched, so the rule for The Elf on the Shelf states: “There’s only one rule that you have to follow, so I will come back and be here tomorrow: Please do not touch me. My magic might go, and Santa won’t hear all I’ve seen or I know.”

Although families aren’t supposed to touch their scout elf, they can talk to it and tell it all their Christmas wishes, so it can report back to Santa accurately.

This charming story was written by a mother and daughter who tried to publish it for years. Finally in 2005, they published it themselves, and since then, they have sold millions of copies. Now the Elf on the Shelf can be found in many homes, making every day until Christmas even more exciting.

GET YOUR SWOSU WEATHER APP NOW!

By Kristin Archer

Have you ever woken up to a winter wonderland and wondered if campus would be closed? No need to leave the snuggly confines of your blankets—just check your weather app!

SWOSU mobile app is free and very easy to use. This helpful app has everything: view your grades, check financial aid statuses, add or drop classes, intruder danger alerts, and the list goes on.

This app’s weather alerts are very helpful, especially this time of year. If the campus is going to be closed because of snow, icy conditions, or anything else, it will send you a text message immediately with its Emergency Notification System.

It offers an easy way to receive urgent text messages from SWOSU to all students, faculty, and staff.

Students are strongly urged to register. Once registered, you may add an email address or an additional phone number so that a friend or family member also receives the notification.

Only emergency or other urgent messages, including weather-related closures, will be sent via SWOSU Alert. You must be registered to receive a SWOSU Alert, so go to www.swosu.edu to see the procedure. Though the system is free, you may have to pay fees associated with your text messaging service, according to your own plan.
Two Honored at SSPO Annual Reception

The Support Staff Personnel Organization held the Annual Recognition Reception on Thursday, November 29, in the Baptist Collegiate Ministry Building on the Sayre campus. SWOSU President Randy Beutler was present to honor the award recipients, along with many staff and faculty members.

Two employees were honored for their many years of service. Susie Campbell, administrative assistant in the Business Office, has been employed here for 15 years, and Alan Shockey has provided 20 years with security and maintenance on the Sayre campus.

Both of these employees know what it is like to work full time and go to class at night, so they can both relate to the busy students we have on campus. Both have had the drive and determination to continue their education and achieve worthy goals. They are key components that help make up the special family that is SWOSU. Here are their stories.

**Campbell loves art and business**

Few people work harder than Susie Campbell. She's a master of schedule juggling. Never one to just work eight hours and go home to relax, it seems Campbell has always been doing two things at once.

For years she put in a forty-hour work week and also went to college, earning her BA in history with a Minor in business management. Then she continued working and taking classes until she completed her Masters in Social Sciences in 2005! She has also been an adjunct instructor, and for a decade, she taught as many as three classes a semester, in addition to her full-time employment in the Business Office.

It meant working through lunches, taking interactive classes, taking night classes, then teaching both during the day and at night, but she loved it.

A graduate of Canute High in 1980, she had worked in sales and bookkeeping for Terry's Furniture, and also as a Vet assistant. She had a few other jobs before coming to the college in February of 1997, when she was hired at the college by Dean Don Roberts. It was Roberts that encouraged her to work on getting an Associates Degree by taking advantage of the opportunity to take classes. She worked in the Registrar's Office for two and a half years, then applied for the secretary job in the Business office.

**Alan Shockey— The Man in Blue**

Alan Shockey was commissioned as a police officer in June of 2007 and completed his CLEET certification in September of that year. He had been employed as a maintenance man for the campus since 1992, but was willing to strap on a gun and go back to class to help improve the college.

“We had been trying for a while to improve campus security,” he said, and so he was willing to take the position of top cop if the school would send him for certification. He had to complete the course on his own time, though, so he continued working maintenance forty hours a week, plus he spent nights and weekends studying and attending class, and even going to the shooting range in the pouring rain. Sometimes the training lasted from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.!

His office in the gym serves as a central location so that students can find help when they need it. In addition to walking a beat, Sayre’s security is also riding high with a new police vehicle that is easy to spot as it cruises around campus. The white Nissan Exterra came from Weatherford’s campus; it is detailed with a blue swooping SWOSU logo, and a very visible POLICE sign on top.

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MED TECHS DISCUSS THEIR FAVORITE HOLIDAY TRADITION

By Blake Cuevas

The students in medical technology share their favorite holiday memories:

“I go to my mom’s to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas then go with whoever invites me. Free food is my favorite food. The day after Christmas, I’m going to Colorado to snowboard.”

By Kristina Rhoades

“For my family it’s all about the tree. The day after Thanksgiving, we put it up. My sons look forward to this so much because they get to buy the year’s new ornaments and hang them up.”

By Dani Farrell

“Christmas Eve all of the family gathers for dinner, and the little kids get to decorate their own tree. We set around and tell stories of Christmas past. Then Christmas day we get together and open gifts, eat lunch, watch TV and let the kids enjoy their new gifts.”

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“Christmas morning we open presents with my parents and then my Dad fixes breakfast. After breakfast we go to my grandparents’ house, open gifts and then eat lunch. After lunch we play games like bingo and catchphrase. Then everyone usually takes a nap. We will wake up from naps and eat again for supper. Then we head back home with our car full of gifts and bellies full of food and have a good night’s sleep!”

By Marie

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By Barbara

“Every Christmas my family gathers at my grandparents in the morning to open gifts which all the grandkids buy for each other and all the adults buy for each other. Then we clean up, cook and eat, and then be lazy for the rest of the day. Christmas is the only time my grandma makes her homemade fudge.”

By Alizabeth

“Most memorable holiday event was when we got together with my aunt and uncle. My aunt would make my uncle sit at the kids table. My uncle had a way of entertaining with his jokes, expressions that we kids hated to grow older and move to the adult table. So one year all the kids moved the adults to the kids table and uncle and us took over the adult table.”

No name given

Rad Techs sound off about special holiday memories

By Carissa Greene

The students in radiologic technology share their special holiday traditions.

My Favorite Christmas Memory is just every Christmas with my Family. There is never a dull moment. I just love being around loving and caring people who are in the spirit of giving and that’s what it should be about.

-Shyanne Pullum

My Favorite Holiday Memory is when my family and I gathered at my Grandmas house for Christmas Eve. We had hamburgers and milkshakes and opened presents. I had a blast with my family laughing, joking and enjoying life.

Jeremy Valenzuela

The Grinch Keeps Stealing My Christmas. (ha-ha)

-Matt Nichols

My Favorite Holiday Memory is last year on Thanksgiving day. I went to Wal-Mart at 10:00 p.m. for shopping, and I find I am stuck there because of the rush of all the people moving around me, and so I got back at 12:00 a.m. (name withheld)

My Favorite Christmas Memory is the first time we had Christmas with my son Dominic, Wife Rebecca, and step children Nichole and James.

-Alejandro Aldav

Every Christmas is better then the last because as you get older you realize that it’s the family time that is the greatest.

-Brent Brinkley
ARE YOU READY TO SUCCEED IN COLLEGE?

By Ashley Brewer

For some students, success in school comes naturally. For others, being a successful student takes a little more effort. Now that you are in college, you may find skills that served you well in high school aren’t enough to keep you where you want to be in college. However, anyone can succeed in school if they arm themselves with a few basic tips: Get Motivated, Get Organized, Develop Good Study Habits, Get Help, Stay Healthy, Believe in Yourself.

Get Motivated

Students who are intrinsically motivated are more likely to engage in the task willingly, as well as work to improve their skills, which will increase their capabilities. To be motivated in any endeavor, students need to see its practical value. As a student, what is the practical value of school? It will help acquire wisdom. It can help develop common sense and sound judgment. Mixing with a variety of people at school gives them plenty of opportunity to master different qualities, such as self control, tolerance, respect, and empathy-traits that will serve them well into the future. School can teach the value of having a strong work ethic, which will help them get a job and keep it. Since an education is needed, it will do little good to dwell on what they do not like about it. Their best bet is to get motivated!

“Challenge yourself everyday to do better and be better. Remember, growth starts with a decision to move beyond your present circumstances.” -Robert Tew

Get Organized

Getting organized will save you the stress of forgetting things, running late, and never seeming to have enough time for other priorities. Remember to do all your homework and to turn it in on time. Make sure you know all the specifics of all assignments and their due dates. It is easy to say, “I’ll do my homework later.” Do not procrastinate. It is better to do your homework as soon as possible. Organize your schoolbag neatly and orderly so that you can find things more easily. Develop a schedule that works rather than one that you are constantly having to battle. Go to school every day. Students that attend school have a higher success rate and can obtain important information that will make their assignments and classes easier to follow.

Develop Good Study Habits

Arm yourself with good, helpful, and positive study habits. Study a little bit each day. You should avoid waiting until the last minute. Ah, yes, back to do not procrastinate and get organized! It’s funny how these subjects will just turn up throughout the rest of your life in so many different areas of life. For now, however, the subject matter is still on the many ways to succeed in school. Take good notes. Create a good study space with little distraction. Study and do homework when you are at your mental and physical best. Studies have shown that people do not keep good focus for very long periods of time, so take micro-breaks; these often can re-energize your natural thinking. Stick to a study schedule. Set aside time to review notes and do homework every day. Read thoroughly, and read ahead so you have a better understanding and can ask questions in class.

Knowledge is power!

Get Help

Ask for help if you need it. Your teacher wants you to be successful and wants to help you if you run into any difficulties. You can either ask questions during class or can ask your teacher to help you outside of the set class time. Make friends with good studious classmates and ask them for help if needed. Remember, there is no question too small or too stupid. If you wait to ask for help, you will more than likely get more confused as class goes on. Then, as the class moves forward, you get left behind and continue to get further and further behind until what could have been a simple fix is now a frustrating mess that leaves you stressed and could leave you feeling discouraged. Many times, students who get too stressed and frustrated let their discouraged thinking pull them in an unhealthy direction. So remember, there is nothing wrong with asking for help.

Stay Healthy

Taking care of your health is an important part of how well you succeed. Being aware of your health can improve your performance at school. If possible, try to go to bed at the same time each night. Organize your schedule in a way that will improve your performance all the way around. This includes most of your everyday habits. Skimping on sleep can not only make you look haggard but can make you feel lethargic, confused, and even depressed. Getting sufficient sleep will give you more energy. It can also accelerate your physical growth, improve your brain function, boost your immune system, and enhance your emotional well-being. Eating healthfully on a regular routine will also give your body what it needs. Do not skip breakfast; “fueling up” before class will improve your ability to concentrate and will help your short term memory.

Believe in Yourself!

In order for anyone to succeed they have to believe in themselves and their abilities. Think positively, be confident, and tell yourself you can do it! If you think that you can’t succeed, or if you allow past failures and mistakes to keep you from trying, you’ll never get anywhere! Of course it will take hard work, personal focus, personal restraint and a strong personal drive to succeed, but it is a reachable goal. School becomes more meaningful and more enjoyable when you stay focused on your own accomplishments and ability to grow. Everyone has a personal goal to succeed: To become better. If your self belief is strong enough, the possibilities are endless and school might just the beginning!

“Keep your dreams alive, understand to achieve anything requires faith and belief in yourself, vision, hard work, determination, and dedication. Remember all things are possible for those who believe.” - Gail Devers
When asked to nominate students for a leadership award, the names of two students stood out to me. The two are quite different, but both represent what is best about our little campus—Brady Greer and Kayleigh Reed.

Kayleigh is fresh out of high school; Brady is married with children and has served in the military.

Kayleigh, a freshman, was a reserved student at Elk City High. She was a hard worker and studious, but didn’t really step into the limelight to shine. She was athletic, going to State in track and cross country, and she played trumpet in band. But since coming to SWOSU-Sayre, she has stepped up to the plate. She ran for president of the Student Government Association and won!

Brady, a senior taking night classes at Sayre, is no stranger to leadership. An Erick native, he spent four years in the U.S. Army, where he was an Honor Graduate and selected into the “Fast Track” program for advanced individual training. He and wife Kristy have two daughters, Makayla and Cody Lynn. While juggling family and full-time employment, he has maintained a 4.00 GPA, been named to the Dean’s Academic list and was named a Who’s Who recipient. In addition to these activities, he is running for a seat on the 2013 Erick Public Schools Board of Education.

Kayleigh has had a busy semester. As SGA president, she has already led her team through two successful school events—the Medieval Fair and the Wicked Wednesday celebration. She organized game tables and made sure student volunteers signed up to man the booths. She brought supplies and even bought items with her own money to complete the activities. She came early and stayed late to see all was accomplished as planned. She also organized a can food drive for campus. She went to area stores, got donations, collected Toys for Tots, and participated in the Angel Tree project.

As the epitome of giving, our serviceman Brady Greer says, “I believe voluntarily giving unto others is a fundamental principle we all should embrace as a core virtue.” He is a member of an organization that has donated several hours of service to charities. He has volunteered to do landscape work at Hensley Nursing Home in Sayre and packaged food at the Regional Food Bank in Oklahoma City. He and his family also contribute monetarily to the United Way and sponsor Memosa, an underprivileged child who lives in South Africa.

As for Kayleigh, it is a beautiful thing to see someone young step into the role of leadership and into the lime-light—she is blossoming in the college atmosphere. On the other hand, Brady best represents the other side of the spectrum of students—those who find later in life that they desire a college education and are willing to do whatever it takes to juggle schedules and balance all their priorities in order to succeed.

The names were submitted, and Brady Greer was chosen to represent our campus as a candidate for the George and Donna Nigh Leadership Academy. He is in the running to earn a $1,000 scholarship and join scholars from around the state in having the opportunity to continue building leadership skills and also to participate in an intellectual exercise discussing the major issues of the state, nation, and the world. The Nigh scholars meet with the Nighs—the former Oklahoma governor and first lady—and also with current Oklahoma Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and other state leaders, prominent business people, and scholars.

Only one student from each 2- and 4-year Oklahoma higher education institution is eligible to attend. I know Brady will be an excellent candidate! It was my pleasure to nominate two such deserving people, who represent two winning aspects of our campus.
Dean Cindy Dougherty visits with Sayre students . . .

FACEBOOK EXPOSED IN PRESENTATION

By Julie Olson

The presentation of “Facebook: Fact, Fiction, and Function” was presented by Cindy Dougherty, Weatherford Dean of Students on Wednesday, Nov. 28th at noon in the Conner Building on the Sayre campus. Free pizza and pop were served. Dougherty gave a lively presentation on the pros and cons of our favorite social media.

The Sayre students had a lot of positive comments to say about the event.

Kayleigh Reed said, “In the Facebook and illegal downloading presentation, I learned a lot about how the internet can affect you. If you download illegal music or videos, you can get charged up to $5,000 per song and jail time. We learned that if we stop today, we would have greater chances of the charges getting dropped. Mrs. Dougherty also talked to us about how having pictures on your Facebook of you doing illegal things could result in a denied request for a job. Posting threats or messaging them could get you into legal issues as well. Once you send something you can never take it back. I learned a lot about all the legal issues we face through the internet. I’m glad I saw this presentation!”

Leslie Aldaz stated, “I had no clue that the government could go in and track people that are illegally downloading so easily. I was amazed on how easy it was to figure out where it was being done at and how much money people would have to pay for it. Something I thought was really cool was how if you showed the police that after listening to the presentation you didn’t illegally download anymore, the charges could be dropped. Overall I enjoyed the presentation and thought it was neat to hear all the true life stories of real students.”

Rebeca Clannahan Dobbs was impressed with the presentation: “Two things that honestly even fair? I do believe everyone should be punished, but you can’t spank a puppy 15 minutes after he potties and has walked away because he has already forgotten by then and won’t learn anything. If you make a mistake at 15 and now you’re 25, chances are you knew if you were wrong and no longer need to be punished for anything. College students may have already made their mistakes, and it’s scary to think there is nothing that can be done about it now. Good luck to younger children, and I hope they accept what they are being told when the Dean (of Students) visits. I really enjoyed her coming. I learned quite a bit.

Alyssa Friesen said, “I learned that there is really no delete, once you put something on the web, like Facebook, and you delete it from Facebook, that still doesn’t completely take it off the internet.”

“I liked that she was not a boring speaker,” commented Victoria Brose. “She kept the attention of everyone in the room. It just amazes me how much people will do just to make the another person hurt. Why do we do this to each other as a society? We should band together. But the most useful thing I got out of it, is that the employers will go that far back in your life just to make sure nothing has been done wrong. That is astonishing, and it just makes me wonder what all I had done when I was that age…”

Kayla Klassen noted: I learned that every thing we delete is not actually deleted. It is permanently available in cyber space. This fact really scared me! It also scares me that employers can use information you post against you. I thought it was so awful that those three girls were not hired because of something they did in junior high. I learned to be more cautious and safe when I am online and to never download anything illegally.”
Kim Seymour, our Registrar of 26 years, will be retiring February 1 of 2012. Fun plans include travel with friends and mom.

When Seymour came to work at the college in 1987, Sayre Jr. College had just merged with Southwestern at Weatherford, and she remembers that everything was really strained. “It was hard in the beginning, but we managed,” she recalls.

She worked as an assistant to Pat Tignor, Registrar, who retired in 1997. Then she applied and moved up. Things have changed a lot over the years, office spaces have moved around, remodeling occurred that turned dorms into offices and classes, and landscaping has taken place. It may have been hard to give up autonomy, but everyone appreciated the new look to the campus after merging with SWOSU.

Seymour recalls the computer system has been the biggest change. Everyone had to change and grow and keep up with the latest technology. She was here when the Student Union/Book Store was built, making a very beautiful addition to the campus, and she recalls when the walking trail and park were designed put in in the back. That area had formerly been a softball field. One change she didn’t like was “discontinuing the yearbooks, which I miss,” she stated. Back when yearbooks were made, the student body was around 150, but now it is usually 450-500 now, so yearbooks were too big of a task.

“Speechless,” she recollected. “They are not nearly involved in fun stuff as they used to be. We had a play day each spring with tug of war and volleyball and an egg toss. The students spent days preparing fancy floats for all the parades. The Student Government as really involved,” she remembers.

Another striking memory was when the Conner Building burned and the school float was destroyed!

Seymour worked under many, many deans, some for years and some months, she recalls. They came and went, but she remained.

She and her husband, Billy, have four children: Robert and wife Carrie, who have daughters Blake and Bailey; Richard and wife Jennifer who have one son Jason; Nick Newsom, of Lubbock; and Katie and Matt Lucas who have given her a “grand-dog” named Molly.

“Sayre has been good to me and my family,” Seymour said. “I mean, I moved from Lubbock, a big city girl, and it was kind of a culture shock, but now I’ve lived here over half of my life. BUT, I’m still a Red Raider!”

What does a Registrar do? One can read the job description that is posted on Sayre’s website, seeking a new Registrar, and it is a long, long list of tasks.

Seymour said she laughed, too, at all that responsibility when she read the job description.

“Wow! I do all that? I deserved a raise,” she quipped.

Yes, she loved her students that were veterans and took good care of the boys and girls in uniform. Career Day is an event that the Registrar coordinates, and Seymour did a fantastic job seeing that it was always well-attended by area schools. Recently, home-schooled students and vocational students also attended, and some public school students came from as far away as Vici.

“In the larger campuses, a person does one job, but we here at Sayre wear so many hats,” Seymour noted. “They may do one job and do it often, but often we do many things and sometimes rarely, so it can be difficult to do it all!”

The best to Mrs. Seymour as she enjoys a well-deserved retirement.
DOLL COLLECTION ON DISPLAY IN MACKEY HALL

By Chasity Dyer

Dolls have been in existence for thousands of years. People use to keep them for playing purposes, but now a lot of people like to collect them from all around the world. Collecting dolls helps us to learn about other parts of the country like how they dress and act. In Mackey Hall, a display case that has been used for numerous things, but right now it includes Mrs. Terry’s Ford’s doll collection. She started with a Nutcracker brought from Germany by her 9th grade boyfriend, and a gift from a neighbor lady of a bride and bridesmaid.

She collected POLYNESIAN dolls from when she lived in Oahu, Hawaii, and when her parents visited Kona. The indigenous people who inhabit the islands of Polynesia were experienced sailors and used stars to navigate during the night. Polynesia is generally defined as the islands within the Polynesian Triangle, drawn by connecting the points of Hawaii, New Zealand and Easter Island.

After Mrs. Ford had a daughter, she began picking up a doll on each vacation. There are PUEBLO INDIAN dolls from trips to New Mexico, and Navajo dolls from Arizona and Colorado. Navaho dolls often feature a 3-tiered dress.

One funny baby is the Kewpie Doll, based on a comic in Ladies Home Journal 1909. Plastic ones were made in 1949.

One special item is an native AMERICAN INDIAN doll from the Field Museum in Chicago, a gift given to Mrs. Ford from Mrs. Hught. While the two were visiting the Sam Noble Museum together, Mrs. Ford purchased a rag doll Hand made by women in Africa.

One of the most recognized and collected doll in the world, Malibu Barbie, made the collection—a gift from a sister-in-law, as did the Apache girl from an American company that distributes giftware. The company was initially formed in 1989 by illustrator, Samuel J. Butcher.

Paper dolls have been around as long as there has been paper, and Raggedy Ann, Andy, and LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE and Sandy are in the collection. Milton Bradley brought paper dolls to America in the 1920s and their popularity grew through the 1950s although these came out as “retro” in the 1980s. Raggedy Ann & Andy were started in 1915. ANNIE and her dog Sandy are from the musical, which came from Little Orphan Annie, a daily American comic strip created by Harold Gray and syndicated by Tribune Media Services. The strip made its debut in 1924.

Also on display are porcelain dolls, one from 1992 and another from 1948, inherited from a great-aunt. Colloquially, the terms porcelain doll, bisque doll and china doll are sometimes used interchangeably. But collectors, when referring to antique dolls, make a distinction between china dolls, made of glazed porcelain, and bisque dolls.

Joining Mrs. Ford’s collection are a few dolls of Mrs. Judy Hught’s—a Matryoshka and a Shirley Temple. During the bleak years of the Great Depression, the lovable Shirley Temple became a symbol of happiness and hope for audiences around the world. By the end of the year, Temple would be featured in seven films, and would become the top-grossing box office star in the world. The Matryoshka, also known as a Russian nesting doll, is a set of wooden dolls decreasing in size and placed one inside the other. First carved in 1890, the outer layer is traditionally a woman dressed in a sarafan, long shapeless Russian peasant jumper dress. Other dolls inside can be of either gender, with the smallest being a baby carved of a single piece of wood.

SWOSU-Sayre Instructor “Amplifies” Local Radio for Civic Group

SWOSU-Sayre instructor Landry Brewer recently spoke to the Sayre Kiwanis Club, but the topic wasn’t higher education.

Brewer moonlights as a morning radio talk show host. He and his brother, Nathan, co-host “The Early Morning Show” on KECO Radio each weekday morning from 7 to 8.

“A Southwestern colleague asked me to speak to the Kiwanis Club about local radio,” Brewer said. “I was happy to oblige.”

Brewer spoke about programming decisions and advertising. “The age, gender and occupation of listeners help determine what shows are offered and when they’re offered, plus advertisers want to know when customers and prospective customers are listening,” Brewer said.

An example is Brewer’s show. “After seven years of doing the show, experience tells us that our listenership is made up mostly of adults getting ready for work, parents taking their children to school, and retirees,” Brewer said. “So local business owners who want to target those demographic groups advertise during the show.”

Brewer also explained the value of local radio as a source of information. “People don’t read the local newspaper or listen to local radio to learn about events in the Middle East,” Brewer said. “They want to find out who won last night’s basketball game between Cheyenne and Hammon, who won the sheriff’s race, and if the school board re-hired the superintendent.”

According to Brewer, the presentation was well received. “The attendees appreciate the value of local media, and I appreciate the value of good chicken fried steak, which was graciously served by the Kiwanis Club,” Brewer said.
BULLDAWG OF THE MONTH IS KATIE CURRELL

By Julie Olson

This month’s featured student is Katie Currell, of Elk City. Katie was born there on July 30, 1992. She graduate from Elk High in 2011.

Her favorite food is Italian and she is especially fond of pizza. Her favorite color is black. Her likes and interests include Elk City Community Theatre and art. She has two sisters, Leslie and Tiphani. Her parents own Currell’s Do-It Center in Elk City. She is also a fan of all the Harry Potter series and an avid reader. She loves the OKC Thunder.

If you haven’t met Katie, she is a delightful young woman and loves making new friends.

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Our on-campus courses," Manning said. "In fact, because they require the discipline to complete coursework without an instructor's in-person oversight, online courses can actually be more challenging than on-campus courses."

Manning encourages serious, motivated students to consider SWOSU-Sayre's online courses as a way of earning a college degree, which is increasingly important for professional advancement and earning potential. The average college graduate with a Bachelor's Degree will earn $1 million more over a working lifetime than someone with only a high school diploma.

Enrollment is underway for the spring semester. Anyone interested in online or traditional, on-campus courses should call the SWOSU-Sayre Registrar's Office at (580) 928-5533. Financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Susie Campbell, continued

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Shockey graduated from Hammon High in 1984 and enrolled at Southwestern in 1985, but laughs that he majored in fun. He attended Devry University in Dallas for a bit, but enjoyed working the ranch more than school. When he married Deidra, he had to get a real job, so he came to Sayre as maintenance.

He and Deidra have two children, Taylor, who is attending college here, and Dylon, a junior in high school. Shockey’s favorite pastimes are deer hunting, golf, and watching his kids play ball.

Students can feel safe and secure with Alan Shockey being their man in blue.

Shockey is an avid hunter and sports fan.

Proud of the art her students produced, Susie Campbell—adjunct instructor and administrative assistant in the Business Office— often exhibited the students' works in the O.H. McMahan library on the Sayre...