The Focus is You!

By Chasity Dyer

The Student Government Association (SGA) election of officers will be held today, September 19th from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. Bring your student ID and vote in the Registrar’s Office, located in the Financial Aid Office. Come on over and show your support for your fellow classmates and help elect the ones that will provide entertainment, activities and fun for YOU in the 2012-2013 school year. Here is your ballot:

Running for President:
- Kayleigh Reed
- Becca Sims

Running for Vice President:
- Jordan Roberts

Running for Secretary:
- Rebecca Ruiz
- India Scism
- Sutton Halferty
- Kayla Lyons

Running for Sophomore Representatives:
- Sandra Turner
- Colton Yates
- Shyanne Pullum

Running for Freshman Representatives:
- Alexis Fanshier
- Felicia Jones
- Naomi Leverett
- Macey McNaught
- Amanda Green

Sayre sophomore Kassi White checks out the candidates’ posters before she votes.

Best Dawg Day in Years?

By Kristen Archer

No one was left empty handed at this year’s Dawg Day. The SGA pulled out all the stops, providing dozens of prizes from area merchants, backpacks filled with free gifts, and a chance to win a 15.5” Dell Inspiron laptop. Micah Tackitt of Merritt won the laptop, and Bonnie Smith of Sayre won two $100.00 gift certificates to the Bookstore with the Guestimation Jars.

Several new activities such as laser tag and a bungee run were enjoyed, and some favorites we’ve had before, such as the rock climbing wall.

The local businesses provided pens, pencils, back scratchers, stress balls and other free things, while the Election Board booth signed up voters. The Girling Home Health and Sayre Home Health both sought... (Continued on page 6)
Meet The New Computer Instructor

By Chasity Dyer

Renae Bagzis, mother of three, wife and teacher, was born and raised in Cheyenne, Oklahoma. She lived in Sayre for 15 years and now lives in Elk City with her husband, Michael Bagzis, and their 13-year-old son, Kyle. Her other two children are now married and having kids of their own. Mrs. Bagzis is a grandmother of one boy named Boone, and she has another grandchild on the way.

Mrs. Bagzis has taught junior high and high school students, and now is teaching college students at SWOSU in Sayre. She started her teaching career at Sayre Public Schools. She received her Associate of Science from SWOSU at Sayre in 2002. She then received her Bachelor of Science in Secondary Mathematics from SWOSU in 2004, then later on received her Masters of Science in Management with an emphasis in Accounting from SWOSU in 2012.

She loves being able to teach students that want to learn, and says there isn’t really anything she doesn’t love about teaching. That just goes to show that she really cares about her students’ education. She loves being a part of helping someone change his or her life, and teaching lets her do that.

Don’t Miss Gallery Showing of Student Art

On the west end of Main Street in Sayre is the Gallery@112. The featured artists for October 6-20 will be SWOSU students, along with Sayre High School students. Don’t miss this new addition to town.

The limit is two entries per student. Both must be either framed or matted, ready to hang. Bring your artwork to the Gallery@112 no later than October 5. Call 928-0002 at the gallery or 928-8856 for Suzanne Hylton for more details.

The showing is in conjunction with the Literary Festival on Oct. 10, sponsored by the college.

The photo at right by SWOSU sophomore Meagan Thompson in one that will be submitted.

Take A Test and Earn Cash!

Want to earn cash? Earn $20 just for taking a test. Earn $100 for having the highest score in your group! Eligible SWOSU juniors and seniors can register for and take CAAP tests. There are two CAAP test components: Critical Thinking and Writing Essay. Both tests can be scheduled by appointment. Students may register by calling 774-3084, 774-7084, or 774-7184 or by going online to the following address:

http://www.swosu.edu/resources/evaldata/caapreg.htm

All participants will receive $20 for participation in an appointment that occurs outside of class time.

PLUS, 32 cash prizes will be awarded for the highest scores:

1. Examinees will be grouped in four categories according to current GPA: a. 2.0 - 2.5, b. 2.51 - 3.0, c. 3.01 - 3.51 and d. 3.51 - 4.0

2. Students with the four highest scores in each group, per test, will be awarded $100, $75, $50, or $25 respectively. In the case of test scores that tie, cash achievement awards will be split appropriately.

Test results are intended as evidence that SWOSU is doing a good job educating our students,” explained Jan Noble, Director of Assessment for SWOSU, who added, “Thank you for your help!”
Sayre to Host Literary Scholars on Oct 11th

Below is the agenda for the Literary Festival “Much Ado about Words” on Wednesday, Oct. 10 on the Sayre campus. The public is welcome. Admission to all events is free. Students are encouraged to attend sessions and participate in the many events..

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Big Bang Theory Star Coming Sept. 20 to SWOSU

Kunal Nayyar, known as “Raj Koothrappali” on The Big Bang Theory TV show, will speak at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Thursday, September 20, to kick off the university’s Panorama series.

Nayyar will give a lecture titled “From New Delhi to Hollywood—Navigating Life Through Humility.” The lecture, which has great humor to it, addresses his life story about going from London to New Delhi to Portland (OR) to Hollywood.

“Kunal emphasizes accepting life’s challenges and being on a continuous path to better yourself, following your passions in life and making sure your life is approached with a great deal of humor and humility and never forgetting where you come from on your way to where you are going,” said Brian Adler, chair of the Panorama Committee. “It should be an enjoyable program for everyone.”

Advance ticket prices are $5 for SWOSU students, faculty/staff and emeriti; $10 for others; and $20 for all tickets at the door. The event begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center on the SWOSU campus.

Tickets are available at the SWOSU Public Relations & Marketing Office, Room 205 of the Administration Building; SWOSU Business Office, Room 109 of the Administration Building; SWOSU Business Office at Sayre; and Weatherford Daily News.

Tickets can also be purchased with a credit card by calling (580) 774-3019.
Lit Festival planned for Oct. 10

By Alicia Crum

The SWOSU Sayre Campus presents MUCH ADO ABOUT WORDS, A Festival of Literary Proportions. This is the second year for Sayre’s literary festival, which hopes to become a tradition. It will be held on October 10th from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Sayre campus. Admission is free. Events will be held throughout the course of the day.

Oklahoma Writing in Mackey Hall

Activities will focus on the literary history and culture of western Oklahoma. During the festival, humanities scholars will give workshops and lectures on various subjects. SWOSU is pleased to announce the lineup of humanitarian scholars that will be speaking. Dr. Jerry Nye, retired English professor from SWOSU, will discuss Oklahoma writers and moderate a panel of our very own SWOSU students whose work has been published. Nye is a book reviewer, author, and newspaper columnist. Next, Fred Alsberg, a scholar and published poet, will discuss writing poetry and share some of his passages with the audience. He has published numerous poems over the years in a variety of magazines and journals, including the Louisiana Review, Oklahoma Today, the Greensboro Review, the Southeast Review, and Rhino. A collection of poems, Harry the Hack has appeared recently (2012) published by Pudding House. And a chapbook, Reassembling Dust, was published in 2007, also by Pudding house. Alden Whiteman, Vice President of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal College is a Tribal Liaison for the Corporation for national and Community Service. He is an expert on Native American Literature, and his insights delight any Oklahoman.

Local authors, you are invited to bring your books! Talk to students about writing and/or have a book signing table.

Renaissance Fair

There’s “much ado” about words from the past, too! A Renaissance Fair will be sponsored by the SGA to honor those writers to whom we all owe a great debt—Shakespeare, Chaucer, Cervantes and more! There is much medieval fun to be had with silly games and lots of prizes. FEEL free to dress up as a fair maiden or a brave knight like Don Quixote and have fun showing your love for this wonderful literary and artistic period. A photo booth with take pictures of you in front of a castle.

Book Signing and Selling

Local authors, you are invited to bring your books! Book signing events will include any authors who wish to present their works for our enjoyment and purchase. Shopping on the Square will be enjoyed by all as area vendors set up on campus—outside if the weather permits, or inside the gym if the weather is poor. Notice to all vendors—the booths are free, so for more information or to reserve a table, contact Nancy Sanders at 580-928-5533 x128.

Gallery Art Show

On the west end of Main Street is the Gallery@112. The featured artists for October will be SWOSU students and Sayre High School students.

For more details on the festival, please see the swosu.edu, Sayre site, Links, and click the link for “Literary Festival” or scan this to go straight there on your phone.

For more information about the festival, contact Judy Haught at 580-928-5533 x159 or email her at judy.haught@swosu.edu.
Share your talents at Open Mic Night

Y’ALL COME to SWOSU’s second annual open mic session at The Brick, celebrating our talented community! In the cozy confines of Sayre’s mod java hut, we will sip our specialty drinks and revel in our own “artsyness.”

Read your poem or short story or a favorite blog. You can play us a song on your guitar, sing for us, spin a yarn, and tell a joke—or come just to listen. Please share your talent from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on October 10th. The Brick is located on the first block of East Main Street in downtown Sayre.

The Open Mic session is being held in conjunction with the Literary Festival, which is sponsored by the English Department on campus.

Language Arts Instructor Judy Haught was brave enough to go first last year. Following her, students and other faculty shared writings and one lovely young lady sang for the small crowd.

Bulldog Café Closed For Good

By Blake Cuevas

As you may have noticed when you had arrived on the first day of college, the Bulldog Café is still closed, but you may not have known that there are no plans to reopen it.

Sherron Manning, Dean of the College of Associates and Applied Science, said the reasons for not reopening it are that it had lost $52,000 last year and is in lack of use. She said they are discussing putting the Administrative offices in that building and possibly turning the Registrar’s office into a student lounge. The advantages of closing the café would be saving money and using the money for repairs and updates to the whole campus.

Students are having to find other places in town to go eat. The Brick on Main Street is a quaint coffee house that serves muffins. For quick service Hutch’s C Store and Jack’s serve breakfast and lunch. Sonic has a full menu. For a sit down meal the Star-BCM (Baptists Collegiate Ministry) offers food and fellowship from 11-1:00 on Wednesdays.

The lines across the window adds a foreboding emphasis to the fact that the café won’t be opening again. Photo by Blake Cuevas.
Bonnie Smith of Sayre was the closest guesser and won $100 gift cards for guessing the number of gumballs and coins in the jars. Sponsored by SGA.

Chasity Dyer of Sayre reaches for the sky!

Staff members Nancy Sanders and Ron Kistler passed out free gift bags which included USBs and other gifts, and gave away hundreds of dollars in prizes from sponsors such as Hutch’s, Stardust, Pizza Barn, Sonic, Pedro’s, Hog Trough, Auto Bath, The Brick, West Main Diner, and more.

The Weatherford C.A.B (Campus Activities Board) brought over t-shirts for sale, and the SWOSU “Fanbulance” Code Blue played music across the campus. Free to all students were C.A.B.’s newly designed t-shirts with the SWOSU dog appearing as characters of The Avengers.

“Dawg Day is always fun,” stated one instructor, “but the turnout and prizes made this the best year ever.”