Fall Festival slated for October 30

By Felicia Jones, SGA President

The Student Government Association has been assigned the task of making fall more fun.

The newly-elected group (see story below) has embarked on a Fall Festival. The Festival will take place on campus on Wednesday, October 30, 2013.

Activities will include pumpkin painting contest, a costume contest with multiple categories and prizes, and free food!

Six categories for the costume contest will be as follows: Best Super Hero, Best Villain, Scariest Costume, Best Renaissance Costume, Best SWOSU costume, and Best Over-All.

The SGA members are trying to get several vendors with different activities for students, as well as get instructors from different departments involved.

Many ideas are still pending and waiting for approval. The prizes have yet to be determined, but we are sure that everyone will enjoy participating.

If you have any questions or ideas, don’t be afraid to contact any of the SGA members. After all, they are here to serve!
By Erica Lynch

New flooring has been installed in a few of our classrooms for an updated look on our campus.

The materials came from S&S Carpet in Elk City. The cost for the improvement was about $8,600. Be sure to keep them looking nice!

Also, no more using that old wooden block to keep our windows sealed shut. NEW WINDOWS! These not only make for a better look, but will help with insulating the buildings, keeping the temperature we want in and the opposite out.

Student Rebecca Dobbs, stated that she admires Dean Sharon Manning for always wanting to pitch in on all the work being done around campus, even when it calls for some physical activity.

“I appreciate seeing her out and about,” stated Dobbs, “and doing great things for this campus.”

By Terry Billey

—A few days ago, the construction crew members who are renovating the old Bulldog Cafe into administrative offices found something interesting. Within the east wall, they found two sealed pipes. After breaking off the ends of the pipes, it was discovered that they were time capsules which were placed behind the Masonic plaque during construction of the building in 1993. Some of the items inside were a Bible, newspapers, coins, Boy Scouts membership list, Masonic documents, etc. It was mostly community-related items, but not much about the university.

New time capsules were made and the original contents replaced, with a note explaining that they were opened and returned to the wall for future generations to behold. In addition, we made a new time capsule containing information about the history of the building, cafe photos, a current personnel directory, Watchdawg, campus description, 2013 graduation program, campus map, community map, 2013 coins, and a few SWOSU trinkets. The new capsule was placed inside the wall with the others, so maybe someday it will be found and studied.

By Erica Lynch

Coming in the near future is a lounge for the students!

It will be located where the current Registrar’s Office will be. The Dean’s and Registrar’s offices will be moved to the site of the old Café, which is undergoing demolition now.

The employees’ offices are going to be placed in that building all together, which should make enrollment very easy, as all the major offices needed will be right together.

Meanwhile, the Registrar’s Office will become the new “hangout”/study pad with vending machines, pool table, and TV.

Dean Manning already has some neat ideas for special study tables.

Watchdawg photographer Chris Trent is chronicling the changes.

Dean Sherron Manning places new Time Capsules in the wall of what will be new offices.
Fun Activities to Enjoy in Fall Weather

- Stay at home and sleep
- Hiking at Quartz Mt. State Park
- Explore the vast underground system of Jester caves
- Explore the old town of Lugert
- Howl at the full moon on Oct. 18
- Get a deer with your bow, during bow season
- Go to Clinton water park
- Hunt for the hidden Spanish gold on the north side of the Wichita Mountain Range

Follow the Legend of the Gold

By Chris Trent

The legend goes, that before our forefathers settled this part of the country, the Spanish mined the Wichita Mountains for gold mainly in what is now called Greer County. This area was mainly inhabited at the time by Kiowa and Comanche Indians. Thus story goes that the indigenous Indians wouldn’t tolerate the Spanish stealing from their land and staged an attack that lasted three days and nights, not stopping until every Spaniard was dead. A few conquistadors hid the gold in the mountains before certain death. Not much is known about the gold’s whereabouts today; all that is known is what history can tell us. But as for me, I believe the treasure is still out there waiting to be discovered.
Hunting Season Arrives in Western Oklahoma!

By Clifton Keahey

As leaves begins to turn, our thoughts turn to hunting. Cooler weather promises a nice time in the deer stand.

“I am craving deer jerky.” says student Rowdy Cloud, of Elk City.

Archery season started October 1st and will go through January 15.

There will be many hunters out, as soon as the weather cools off. The hunting seasons are enjoyed by many people across the United States and around the world.

- **Muzzleloader** season follows Youth Deer Gun season, and it runs October 26th through November 1st.
- Then **Deer Gun** season starts on November 23rd and runs through December 8th.
- Then **Holiday Antlerless Deer Gun** season starts December 20 through the 29th.
- **Quail Season** starts November 9th and runs through February 15th.

**Turkey** season starts April 6th and runs through May 6th.

In our state many people enjoy getting out and spending time in the outdoors. It is also a good way to spend time with families, and get young people involved in the outdoors. It is great to see young people enjoying themselves in the outdoors.

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Did You Know? Fall Hunting Facts by Todd Garrett

- The contributions, in the form excise taxes paid on sporting firearms, ammunition and archery equipment, benefit every state and have generated approximately $5.6 billion for wildlife conservation since 1939. The contribution for 2009 is a record -- nearly $336 million, according to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, which recently announced the Wildlife Restoration apportionment.

- An average hunter spends $1,638 every year on the sport.

- Teenage girls are the fastest growing market in sport shooting.

- According to research, 72 percent more women are hunting with firearms today than just five years ago. And 50 percent more women are now target shooting.

- More than 38 million Americans hunt and fish.

- Hunters and anglers support more jobs nationwide than the number of people employed by Wal-Mart.

- Firearms are involved in less than 1% of all accidental fatalities. More Americans are killed in accidents involving vending machines than guns.

- More Americans hunt and shoot than play golf.

*Sources: US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS); 2001 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting, and Wildlife-Associated Recreation; National Shooting Sports Foundation.*
Hunting Survey Reveals…

A Pistol Packin’ Campus?

By Rowdy Cloud and Clifton Keahey

We, here at the WatchDawg conducted a survey to find out how many pistol, packin’ mamas were on campus and how many rifle, totin’ rednecks roamed the halls.

Approximately 36% of women surveyed enjoy hunting and 59% of the men. Only 14% of the women own a pistol but 53% of men own a pistol.

Our questionnaire surveyed sixty-three students in five different classes. Nineteen of the respondents were male and forty-four were female. Of the forty-four females, fourteen own a firearm, all fourteen own a rifle but only six own a pistol. While twenty-eight of the females don’t enjoy hunting, sixteen females do. Of the sixteen; three enjoy quail season, sixteen enjoy deer, five love dove season, seven like hog, one enjoys bear, three like elk, nine love turkey, and eight enjoy rabbit.

Fifteen of nineteen males own firearms. All fifteen own rifles, but only ten own pistols. Eight of the nineteen don’t hunt. Of the eleven males that do; four like quail, twelve love deer, five like dove, two like elk, one likes rabbit, eight enjoy turkey.

SWOSU student Erica Lynch shows off her trophy deer and early morning photography!

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Graph by Rebecca Dobbs
Fun and Learning at the Fall Literary Festival!

Above, the campus welcomed four distinguished speakers: Retired English Professor Dr. Jerry Nye, Librarian Archivist Jan Davis, Prolific writer/lawyer Bob Burke, and Poet/English Instructor/Actress/Storyteller Patti Macumber!

Below, Dr. Jerry Nye gives good advice to future writers.

SWOSU student writers talk about the inspiration for their newly published poems, photography, and stories!

Language Arts Instructor, Mrs. Terry Ford, was proud to introduce Bob Burke, an Oklahoman who has just passed Louis L’Amour in number of books written!
More of Lit Fest

The play’s the thing, and SWOSU instructor/playwright Landry Brewer didn’t fail to deliver! This humorous Elvis-inspired romp called “The Wedding” was superbly acted by the Western Oklahoma Homeschool kids.

Vendors lined Mackey Hall, and SWOSU student Belinda Graham’s home-baked creations from Willow Creek Farm were a crowd favorite.

Is Jarrod Manning signaling to “Hang 10” to Trent Mikles or discussing his personal narrative on how he broke his arm?

Below, SWOSU students Lee Houston and Trent Mikles were happy to win some of Bob Burke’s door prizes, an autographed photo of OU’s Blake Bell and the Thunder’s Kevin Durant, respectively. Burke has an extensive collection of autographs and gave away around 40 signed photos and autographed books while on campus.
Phi Beta Lambda Seeks More Members

By Abbey White

While going to class or talking to classmates you might have heard or seen about PBL. PBL is an organization offered for any student to join! Phi Beta Lambda is an association of post-secondary students who are preparing for careers in business.

PBL is organized on the local, state, and national levels and includes charted chapters in the U.S, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, U.S Territories, and Department of Defense Dependent Schools worldwide. Members participate in a broad range of projects and ventures including state and national conferences. Students have the opportunity to compete in state and national contests in their areas of expertise in things such as: interview skills, resumes, presentations, or business plans. Trips to the competitions are school sponsored and can bring notoriety to the school and to the student. A few of the past competitions have been to Orlando and Chicago.

Through participation in PBL, students are better prepared for careers, graduate school, and for life. At this time Belinda Graham is the only member from our school. Her reason for joining PBL was due to prior experiences in her career she found that when she joined organizations it helped with personal development & enhanced her leadership skills on the job. She thinks PBL is a great organization for students to join to develop leadership skills necessary to succeed in business.

Are schools advisor for PBL is Holly Hernandez, you can speak to her or Belinda if you are wanting, or interested in joining PBL. There is an information board on the southwest corner wall of the Mackey Hall.

Vine Videos were funny and literary

The first annual Literary Festival Vine Video contest was a success!

Five videos submitted, three from Merritt Public School students and two from SWOSU-Sayre students. Special thanks to Merritt High English teacher Judith Bollinger for allowing her students to participate!

The winners shared prizes and SWOSU apparel.

First Place went to Morgan Jones, Javehn Roberts, and Sydney Hanks of Merritt.- “If wishes were fishes, we’d all cast nets” by Frank Herbert, Dune. Here’s the link: https://vine.co/v/hXwPb9zdJFJ

Lauren Rhea C. and friends, from Merritt did “See how she leans upon her cheek” by Shakespeare https://vine.co/v/hXgK3bqIxuu

Nate Carr and company of Merritt had a crowd favorite with “Elementary, my dear Watson,” by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. https://vine.co/v/hXxrDmqXZpn

Dalton Kirtley, SWOSU “Out, damn Spot” by Shakespeare :https://vine.co/v/h6MPa2p1MK9

Madison Haley Ford-SWOSU—“Prepare a face to meet the faces that you meet,” by T. S. Elliot. https://vine.co/v/hX7hA3PxY0J

ACTION! Mrs. Ford helps create a Vine Video for the Literary Festival Contest. The video is a parody of Lady MacBeth’s famous line: “What? Will these hands ne’er be clean? Out damn spot, out I say!”

“Spot” was represented by Captain Maxwell, American Bulldog owned by student Rebecca Dobbs.

Photograph by Rebecca Dobbs
Quick But Delicious Recipes for Halloween

**Strawberry Ghosts**

**CHILI INGREDIENTS**

- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 package McCormick® Chili Seasoning Mix, Original
- 1 can (14 1/2 ounces) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 can 2 cans (8 ounces each) tomato sauce
- 1 can (15 to 16 ounces) kidney beans, undrained

**McCormick Quick Chili**

**INGREDIENTS**

- 30 fresh strawberries
- 8 ounces white baking chocolate, chopped
- 1 teaspoon shortening
- 1/8 teaspoon almond extract
- 1/4 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Wash strawberries and gently pat with paper towels until completely dry. In a microwave-safe bowl, melt white chocolate and shortening at 50% power; stir until smooth. Stir in extract.

2. Dip strawberries in chocolate mixture; place on a waxed paper-lined baking sheet, allowing excess chocolate to form the ghosts' tails. Immediately press chocolate chips into coating for eyes. Freeze 5 minutes.

3. In microwave, melt remaining chocolate chips; stir until smooth. Dip a toothpick into melted chocolate and draw a mouth on each ghost. Refrigerate leftovers. Yield: 2-1/2 dozen.

**DIRECTIONS**


2. Stir in Seasoning Mix, tomatoes and beans. Bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve with assorted toppings, if desired.
Win a $250 Scholarship!

Create a YouTube Video or a Vine Video.

Feature the SWOSU logo somewhere in the video.

By Erica Lynch

SWOSU is having a video contest to help the SWOSU logo go viral. The first place prize will be a Dean’s scholarship in the amount of $250. The second place prize will be a $100 scholarship.

To submit your videos to be judged, email your video’s link to instructor Terry Ford at terry.ford@swosu.edu.

Use your SWOSU email to ensure that it won’t be kicked to her junk mail. Now, get creative!

The deadline is October 31st!