

SWOSU Staging Pecos Bill and Slue Foot Sue Meet the Dirty Dan Gang Comedy

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The Department of Art, Communication and Theatre at Southwestern Oklahoma State University is set to present the children's theatrical production of *Pecos Bill and Slue Foot Sue Meet the Dirty Dan Gang* by Tim Kelly on April 14-16 in the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre on the Weatherford campus.

Reservations can be made starting April 5.

Performances are set Thursday and Friday at 7 p.m. and Saturday at 2 p.m. The 50-minute comedy is sure to please audiences of all ages, according to director Steve Strickler. He said the play is especially written for children, however the dialogue throughout the plot is quite fun for adult audience members.

The play is the saga of Pecos Bill (portrayed by Zachary Hokeah, Anadarko junior), who was raised by coyotes, and Slue Foot Sue (Micaelah Thompson, Elk City sophomore), who likes to ride down the Rio Grande on a catfish. They come to the dusty town of Prairie Dog to aid Granny (Kattie Snow, Oklahoma City freshman), who is being threatened by Dirty Dan (Justin Payne, Byng freshman) and his gang—bandits who quiver and shake whenever there's mention of soap and water: Fleas (Luke Fuqua, Canton freshman) and Boots (Alexsis Thain, Hammon freshman). They hatch a plan to trick Granny out of an unexpected fortune in gold.

All manner of wild complications follow, which leads to dialogue that is loaded with laughs and stage action that is fun and uproarious. Others members of the town of Prairie Dog include: Ole Timer & Widow Quackenbush (Aaliyah Crenshaw, Clinton freshman), Becky (Donna McCuiston, Cordell sophomore), School M'Arm & Mrs. Goodnews (Parker Russell, Tipton freshman), Lily Grouch (Corianne Fairchild, Leedey junior), and Blue Duck & Clever Coyote (Chante Randle, Oklahoma City sophomore).

Admission for the production is \$5 for adults, \$3 for non-SWOSU students and free for individuals with a valid SWOSU ID. For more information or to make reservations, call the SWOSU Hilltop Theatre Box Office at 580-774-6046. Box office hours are 4-7 p.m. Monday through Friday.