

Literary Festival and Medieval Fair Planned April 15 at SWOSU Sayre Campus

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A Literary Festival and Medieval Fair are planned Friday, April 15, on the SWOSU-Sayre campus.

The event is free and open to the public.

The Festival will offer a varied agenda, including:

- Workshops by noted authors, editors, photographers, educators and publishers from western Oklahoma
- Musical entertainment that will feature songs from the Junior Actors Guild's upcoming production of *High School Musical*.
- A Medieval Fair, sponsored by the Student Government Association, which will offer food, games and photo booth.
- An open mic session in the evening where anyone can share original poetry, recite memorized poetry, read an excerpt from a book, or even play guitar and sing. (This will be held off campus at The Brick coffee shop, located in downtown Sayre at 109 East Main Street).

Vendors are welcomed to participate in the event. Authors are invited to set up tables to sell and autograph their books. Booth reservations and additional information is available calling 580.928.5527 extension 128. Vendors and booths will be set up starting at 9 a.m. in the grassy square at the center of campus. (In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors to the gymnasium).

All workshops will be held on the SWOSU-Sayre Campus and will begin at 10 a.m. The line-up for the workshops is:

- At 10 a.m.
 - # **Lisa Conard-Frost**, historian from the Washita Battlefield National Site
 - # **Sam Hagan**, renowned photographer from Erick
 - # **Carol Marvin Palmer**, fiction writer, originally from Elk City, who has published his first novel: *Lover, Friend and Muse*
- At 11 a.m.
 - # **Alden Whiteman**, V.P. for Development & Planning for the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal College
 - # **Dr. Fred Alsberg**, published poet and member of the faculty at SWOSU in Weatherford
 - # **Jeff Kelly**, young adult fiction author and educator from Reydon
- At 1 p.m.
 - # **Jeanetta Calhoun Mish**, author, editor and publisher from Albuquerque, N.M.
 - # **Connie Ferrero**, newspaper associate editor and chief of advertising - *Sayre Record*

Deborah Carpenter, computer instructor and member of the faculty at Sayre.

Terry Ford said the event promises to be an exciting event-filled day that will celebrate the writing and culture of western Oklahoma.

"It's an event where music, poetry, photographs, fiction and non-fiction helps define our cultural heritage and tells the story of our region," Ford said. "It will be a terrific mix of education, entertainment and fun."

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