

SWOSU to Host Session on Route 66 Museum

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Area residents have the opportunity to learn more about Oklahoma's Route 66 Museum in Clinton at a session being held at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford on Wednesday, April 25.

Pat Smith, director of the museum, will discuss the museum's purpose, its origins, collections and upcoming Oklahoma Centennial activities at 3 p.m. in the Al Harris Library Instruction Room. Her appearance is sponsored by the Al Harris Library.

The museum is operated by The Oklahoma Historical Society. The museum was originally opened to the public in 1968 as the Museum of the Western Trails and was operated by the Oklahoma Industrial Trust and Recreation Department, which later became the Oklahoma Department of Tourism and Recreation.

In 1993, plans began for a redevelopment of the museum to focus on transportation and Route 66. The museum officially opened in 1995 as the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.

Smith has been director of the museum for the past eight years but has worked at the museum for about 20 years.

Everyone is invited to attend the session. Admission is free.