

SWOSU-Sayre Literary Festival Planned October 25

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The seventh annual SWOSU-Sayre Fall Literary Festival is Wednesday, October 25.

The festival is a mix of presentations, workshops, panel discussions, book signings, vendors, and student entries to view.

“The Literary Festival is an opportunity to showcase talented local writers, and we’re excited to bring people to campus for the event every year,” said festival coordinator and SWOSU-Sayre Instructor Terry Ford.

At 9 a.m., retired SWOSU-Sayre Language and Literature Instructor Judy Haught will discuss her non-fiction book *Heroes in our Midst*, which details combat experiences of Western Oklahoma veterans.

Also presenting at 9 will be SWOSU-Sayre History Instructor Landry Brewer. Brewer will present his research about the Cold War nuclear missile sites in southwest Oklahoma that inspired a paper that is scheduled to be published this fall by the Oklahoma Historical Society, and the placement of a historic marker at the Willow missile site in Greer County.

At 10, Paul Joseph, award-winning news director for Paragon Communications in Elk City, will discuss his career in journalism, and SWOSU faculty member and published author Fred Alsberg will explore the craft of writing as both teacher and practitioner.

One 11 a.m. session will feature novelist and Oklahoma native David Eric Tomlinson who will discuss his novel *The Midnight Man*, which explores issues leading up to the 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah federal building in Oklahoma City.

Every year in conjunction with the festival, SWOSU-Sayre releases its anthology, which features students’ stories, poems and photographs. At 11, student anthology contributors will discuss their works.

“We expect several high school and college students to attend, but the general public is also invited, and admission is free,” Ford said.

Attendees will enjoy free lunch at noon.

Booth space remains available for authors and vendors.

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