

Have an Adventure at SWOSU Literary Festival in Sayre

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The SWOSU Fall Literary Festival will be held Wednesday, October 8, on the Sayre campus of Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and an impressive lineup of activities is planned throughout the day.

The theme for this year's event is *#AdventureBound*.

The festival is a mix of presentations, workshops, panel discussions, book signings, vendors, and student entries to view. Every year in conjunction with the festival, SWOSU-Sayre releases its anthology, which features stories, poems and photographs submitted by college students. Presentation is at 9 a.m. in Mackey Hall with Patti Macumber of Sayre as moderator for the event.

At 10 a.m., a special collection of ladies affectionately known as the "Truck Stop Poets" will discuss their work—*Red Dirt Roads*—which won the 2014 Oklahoma Book Award for poetry.

"After many months of meeting at the Cherokee Truck Stop in Clinton," said one poet, "our poetry group discovered that our poems were speaking to each other about the extraordinarily rich life of western Oklahoma where farmers, professors, artists, lawyers, cattle breeders, ballet masters—all sorts of strong-minded folks—flourish."

The ladies are Yvonne Carpenter, Nancy Goodwin, Catherine McCraw, Clynell Reinschmidt and Carol Waters.

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This year, noted author and physician Dr. Wade McCoy, and Dr. Henry Kirkland (the first black professor hired at SWOSU) will be the featured guests at 11 a.m. The touching book published about their friendship and Dr. Kirkland's adventure-packed life is entitled *A Rainbow in the Dark*. Oklahomans will enjoy the rich history, murder mystery, and coming-of-age tales in this true book.

Vine Videos prepared by high school and college students will be judged at 9 a.m. and prizes will be awarded.

A free lunch will be provided by the Sayre Rotary Club. Lunch will include entertainment in the Administration Building at noon. Macumber of Sayre's Community Theatre will perform a dramatic monologue, and Tiphani Currell of the Red Carpet Theater of Elk City will perform a song from an upcoming production.

Following lunch, Currell will present a theater workshop. She has been involved in theatre since the age of 4, has won numerous awards, performed in many states, directed dozens of plays, and volunteers her time with youth interested in theatre.

Gallery@112 in downtown Sayre is working with the festival organizers to host a photography competition based on the *#AdventureBound* theme. There will also be

an Open Mic session at Gallery@112 that evening from 5-7 p.m. to help close out the festival.

Booth space is available for authors and vendors. Please contact Judy Haught at SWOSU-Sayre via e-mail at judy.haught@swosu.edu or by phone at 580...-928-5533.