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Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- Women's Soccer at Randall University
Moore, OK, 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Randall University
Moore, OK, 3 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- Student Success Center Open House
North Annex, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Student Veterans Association Meeting
Faculty Lounge, Student Union- 12 noon
- Baseball at North Central Texas College
Gainsville, TX, 1 p.m.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- NATIVE Club Meeting
MSC Library, Tishomingo, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- Baseball at Grayson College
Denison, TX, 12 noon
- Women's Soccer at Eastfield College
Mesquite, TX, 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Bethany College
Lindsborg, KS, 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- Aggie Open Golf Tournament
Tishomingo Golf Course, 8 a.m.
- Men's Soccer at Central Christian College
McPherson, KS, 4 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



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Special News

Murray State College exploring opportunity to develop competitive esports team

Murray State College is making plans to develop an esports (short for electronic sports) program that will offer full-time students the opportunity to compete in tournaments and scrimmages in the online world of video gaming. Esports is the name for professional competitive gaming in which competitors play video games while being watched by a live audience in house and millions more online. The 2016 League of Legends World Championship finals attracted 43 million viewers.

Top esports players are recognized for their use of strategic thinking, mental agility, intellectual curiosity, creativity, problem-solving and critical-thinking skills.

“We have realized how monumental the wave of esports has become and want to prepare students and give them the opportunity to compete and be employed in this emerging arena,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Potential careers are varied in an industry that is estimated to produce over \$1 billion in revenue over the next two years. Positions include game development, professional player status and opportunities in performance coaching and training. Murray State is anticipating its first team to be in place by the fall of 2020. Team members will work individually and together to develop and improve their competitive skills while pursuing academic degrees.

Murray State College honors Ardmore’s Sharon Burris with professor emeritus designation

During a recent meeting of the Murray State College Board of Regents in Tishomingo, professor Sharon Burris was honored with the designation of professor emeritus.

Burris, who served as full-time faculty at the college from 2004 to 2017, continues to instruct students on a part-time basis. She holds two master’s degrees, one in journalism/mass communications from the University of Oklahoma/Norman and the other in English/creative writing from the University of Central Oklahoma/Edmond.

In addition to teaching Composition, Native American Literature, Science Fiction Literature, and British Literature, she also taught creative-writing classes. Burris currently teaches communications and humanities classes and is teaching the college’s first photojournalism course this semester at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma for MSC, where she also tutors students.

“Sharon Burris continues to serve Murray State College and our students so well.

While no longer a full-time member of the faculty, she continues to inspire students in the classroom and is the epitome of what it means to be a professor emeritus,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Burris and her husband Alan, long-time faculty member and head of MSC’s Art Department where he teaches Art Appreciation, Humanities, and various studio art classes, are highly active and respected members of the Ardmore-area arts community. She also is a frequent presenter in the Let’s Talk About It Oklahoma book series discussions at area libraries.



Murray State College Professor Emeritus Sharon Burris (left) displays the certificate of distinction presented by MSC President Joy McDaniel.

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Special News

Murray State College to host Chickasaw Nation musical review

The Murray State College Cultural Events Committee will host the Chickasaw Nation Performing Arts 2019 tour production of *Try to Remember: A Musical Revue* on September 14 at 7 p.m. in Tishomingo's Fletcher Auditorium. Tickets are \$10 and will be available at the door.

Since 2017, the Chickasaw Performing Arts division has taken their annual musical on the road to share performance art with Chickasaw citizens and others across the state.

"We are so excited to welcome the Chickasaw Nation and their outstanding performance art to the stage at Murray State College. It doesn't get much better than this for those of us who are fans of Broadway and musical theatre," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

This year's production will be a musical revue, featuring a live orchestra underscoring selections from such Broadway heavy hitters as *Into the Woods*, *Oklahoma!* and *Pippin*.

"We wanted to try something new and innovative. In the past, we have produced the typical story musical, and this year we wanted to do something different. I think people are in for a real treat," said Natalie May, performing arts manager for the Chickasaw Nation.

According to the Chickasaw Nation's Director of Performing Arts Corey King, who is also directing this year's show, "We have the best of the best in this production. This cast is stacked with talent." The cast is comprised of local talent: Catie Caton, Haley Miller, Mika Hinson, Jamie Davis, Zach Garcia, Kelsey Howry, Natalie May, Casey Long, Mitchell Galbreaith, Katie Vallandingham, Corey King, and Joe Thomas.

For more information call 580-387-7461 or email performance@chickasaw.net.



Better Together

Last week the column introduced the topic of pluralism and mentioned one goal of pluralism was for people of differing faiths to work together on common causes. Since 1991, The Pluralism Project at Harvard University has tackled this issue. The Pluralism Project was started by Diana L. Eck, a Harvard University Professor of Comparative Religion and Indian Studies and the Frederic Wertham Professor of Law and Psychiatry in Society. The group defines four principles that make up pluralism: 1) energetically engaging with diversity; 2) actively seeking understanding of those who are different; 3) holding our own beliefs in relationship to others; and 4) participating in dialogues.

Practicing pluralism takes work. We live in a diverse society, and learning to have open and honest conversations with each other is not always easy. Pluralism goes beyond tolerance, asking each of us to drop the half-truths, fears and stories that have created division and violence in the past and instead make efforts to learn about different faiths to gain understanding of them and help members of other faiths understand us. While pluralism encourages us to hold onto our own beliefs, we must be aware that we do not live in isolation but have relationships with many others who have different viewpoints. Finally, we must talk and listen to those who are not like us. This does not mean we have to agree with each other on everything, but it does mean we must be committed to trying to understand and making efforts to both obtain and share knowledge.

To achieve these goals, the Pluralism Project highlights news related to issues of pluralism, produces videos, publishes articles and books, hosts conferences, and holds events where people of different faiths can talk, eat, and have fun while learning about each other. Their website contains clearly-written information about a large number of religions and includes a section on the history of religion in the United States and explorations of various aspects of the expanding diversity now occurring in the US. If you want to know more about the Harvard Pluralism project you can browse their website, <http://pluralism.org/>

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Special News

Murray State College to celebrate Harvest moon festival September 12 in Ardmore

The Harvest Moon Festival (sometimes called the Mid-Autumn Festival) is an ancient Chinese festival which began about 1600 BCE, at a time when people worshiped the moon and other celestial bodies. Initially celebrating a good harvest, today the festival celebrates sharing, thanksgiving, and praying for children, family, and a good future. Currently, the harvest moon celebration is the second most popular festival in China, just behind Chinese New Year. In 2006, mainland China listed it as an “intangible cultural heritage” and because of China’s influence on regional culture over time, it is celebrated by most Asian cultures. During the festival, people gather to remember and talk about family, especially those that are far away or have passed away. In Taiwan, the festival is also known as the Reunion Festival because of its emphasis on family. The mid-autumn moon celebrations have also traditionally been a choice occasion to celebrate marriages and find a spouse.

Like included in most Chinese festivals, special food is eaten during Harvest Moon Festival events, mooncakes being the most popular because of the centuries-long tradition tying them to the celebrations. These treats are called mooncakes in part because there is often a salted duck egg yolk baked inside and when cut open, the yolk resembles a moon inside the cake. Pressed or stamped on the top of most mooncakes are auspicious Chinese characters and symbols for harmony, longevity and other notions tied to prosperity. In some cases, designs symbolize the festival itself by depicting the full moon, a jade rabbit on the moon, a moon goddess, or flower and vine patterns. Mooncakes are an essential and indispensable part of the festival and are given as gifts between family and friends. Some even come in elaborately decorated boxes and bags.

Murray State College will hold a Harvest Moon Festival celebration at the University Center in Ardmore on September 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. and a celebration in Tishomingo on October 14 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Both will be held outdoors, weather permitting. In Ardmore, attendees can meet at the main lobby and then go out to the circle patio at the northwest end of the University Center Campus to take part in the celebration under the moonlight. In Tishomingo, the event will be held in the sunken garden area near the Campus Center. The celebrations will include an assortment of mooncakes, pomelos, and a variety of teas from China and other Asian countries. Participants can sit under the moon surrounded by the traditional bright colored lanterns to eat, drink, and share stories of family and friendship. Organizers want to especially encourage international students to come remember and share stories of their distant family, friends, and homes. The event is being held in hopes of introducing those on campus and in the community to differing cultures. Those with children are also encouraged to bring them as this is very much a family celebration. Murray State College first celebrated the Harvest Moon Festival in 2017 thanks to a grant from the Interfaith Youth Corp. This year’s events are being supported by the Cultural Events Committee and all MSC students, faculty, staff and their families as well as the local community are invited to come enjoy the festivities.

Harvest Moon Celebration Mythology

An important part of the festival celebration internationally is recognizing the historical worship of the well-known lunar deity, Chang’e, the Moon Goddess of Immortality. Of the two stories that explain the origin of the lunar deity Chang’e, the happier version begins when ten suns rose in the sky causing havoc. Hou Yi, an astounding archer shot down nine of the suns, leaving one to give light. An immortal admirer of Yi sent him the elixir of immortality to honor him for this deed. Yi did not want to leave his wife Chang’e and be immortal without her, so he left the elixir with her. On the fifteenth of August in the lunar calendar, Yi was out hunting when one of his apprentices, Peng Meng, broke into his house and threatened Chang’e demanding that she give him the elixir. She refused, and to keep it from being stolen, she drank it and flew into the sky to escape. Wanting to stay as close as she could to her beloved husband, she chose to live on the moon. When Yi returned and discovered what happened, he was so saddened that he set out his wife’s favorite fruits and cakes outside their house and others began doing the same to honor her. Chang’e constant companions on the moon were a toad and the Jade Rabbit who is often depicted with a mortar and pestle used to create the elixir of life for her and other immortals. In Japanese and Korean versions of the story, the rabbit is pounding the ingredients for rice cakes, another food traditionally associated with the festival.

Another popular legend regals how mooncakes played an important role during the Han Chinese’s uprising against the ruling Mongols at the end of the Yuan dynasty (1280–1368 CE). Within the innocent looking mooncakes, the Chinese concealed notes spreading the message that they would lead a rebellion beginning on the first day of the harvest moon.

Aggie Athletics

MSC Women's and Men's Soccer continue winning streaks on the road

Following victories on the road versus Mountain View College on August 24, both MSC's soccer teams looked to continue their winning streaks on the road versus Cedar Valley College August 27.

Saying the MSC Lady Aggies came out strong in their game is an understatement as the sophomore trio of Melizza Hernandez, Shaya Claxton, and Alexis Sanchez each scored a goal in the first eight minutes of the game. Hernandez's goal came just two minutes after kickoff, followed two minutes later by Claxton's, then Sanchez's goal eight minutes into the game. Cedar Valley was able to regroup and hold the Aggies to just one additional goal in the first half, scored by freshman Louisa Boyes, her third of the season.



Murray State College continued to dominate in the second half, beginning with Sanchez scoring her second goal of the game within the first minute of the second half, expanding the Aggie lead to five goals. Subsequent goals by Claxton, sophomores Brisa Rivera and Katia Casanova, freshman Lucille Bluntschli and three goals by freshman Lucy Foye helped the Aggies finalize a 12 to zero victory to remain undefeated for the season.



The high-scoring win advanced the Lady Aggies to four wins and zero losses this season and catapulted Foye to 10th place and Sanchez to 19th place nationally in NJCAA Division I for number of goals scored this season. Following a cancellation of the Aggies' game versus Ecclesia College on August 30, Murray State looks to further extend their winning streak at Randall University September 3.

The MSC men took the field versus Cedar Valley College looking to remain undefeated as well. The Aggies got on the scoreboard first with a goal by freshman Luyanda Norenga midway through the first half. The Suns answered with a goal eight minutes later leading to a tie game going into halftime.

The Aggies fell behind early in the second half, trailing for the first time all season, but a goal from freshman Daniel Diaz helped equalize the score at two goals apiece. A defensive battle throughout and a late goal by Aggie freshman Ruben Carrasco allowed Murray State to pull ahead and hold on to secure a three to two goal victory. MSC's defense played another impressive game led by team captain Denin Spriggs and sophomore goalie Dan Huff, who had four saves in the game.

On August 30, the MSC men traveled to Springdale, Ark, to take on Ecclesia College of the National Christian College Athletic Association. The Aggies lead the Royals one goal to zero at halftime following a goal by Aggie freshman Claudio Tipote 28 minutes into the game. Murray State College extended their lead with 13 minutes left in the game as Tipote scored his second goal of the game to secure the two to zero victory. The offense-heavy game saw the Aggies record 15 shots on goal. Murray State College freshman goalie Ethan Farrow helped shutout the Royals, only the second shutout by the Aggies this season.

The win extends the Aggies winning streak to four games including its third straight win on the road. Murray State College is hoping to continue their momentum this week with three straight games on the road versus Randall University September 3, Bethany College (Kansas) September 6 and Central Christian College (Kansas) September 7. Go Aggies!

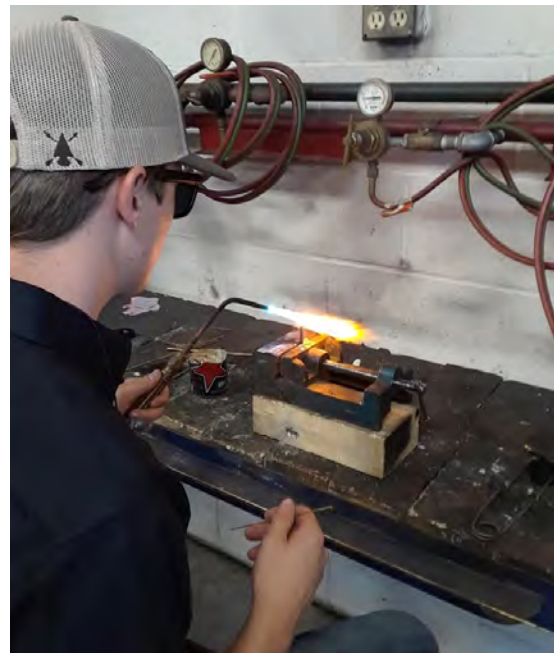
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Upcoming Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- UCO Recruiter on Campus
Student Union Lobby, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- Study Abroad-Greece/Italy Info. Session
Classroom Bldg. Room 104, 6:30- 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- SVA 9/11 Memorial Observance
Veterans Memorial Flagpole- 8 a.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Southwestern College
MSC Soccer Field, Tishomingo- 12 noon
- Women's Soccer vs. Redlands CC
MSC Soccer Field, Tishomingo- 2 p.m.



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- Baseball at Seminole State College
Seminole, OK- 2 p.m.
- Harvest Moon Festival- Ardmore
UCSO Lobby & Patio- Ardmore, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- Financial Aid Disbursement

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- Chickasaw Nation Musical Review
Fletcher Auditorium, Tishomingo- 7 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- Baseball - Region II Sophomore Showcase
ORU, Tulsa, OK- 9:30 a.m.
- Women's Soccer at UA-Rich Mountain
Mena, AR- 3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at UA-Rich Mountain
Mena, AR- 5 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Ardmore Harvest Moon Festival planned for Thursday, September 12

For the third year, Murray State College will celebrate the Harvest Moon Festival, a Chinese ceremony dating back 3,600 years. This festival focuses on sharing, giving thanks and offering prayers for babies, family, and a good future. The celebration will begin at 6 p.m. on September 12, 2019, at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma (UCSO) in Ardmore. Children are encouraged to attend. There is no charge for this event.



In 2006, mainland China recognized the Harvest Moon Festival as an intangible cultural heritage. Because of China's strong influence, the Harvest Moon continues to be celebrated by many Asian cultures. During the festival, people gather to remember and talk about family, especially family living far away or those not currently living.

This celebration at Murray State College is sponsored by the Cultural Events Committee and takes place the same day the rest of the world participates in the festival. The MSC celebration will include paper lanterns, an assortment of mooncakes, pomelos, and a variety of teas from China and other Asian countries to recreate the cultural significance of the event.

“Community members are encouraged celebrate along with our faculty, staff and students. There will be stories shared and we encourage everyone, especially our international students and community members, to come and talk about family, friends and homelands. It's a special evening,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

For information, contact Kathy Bowen, kbowen@mscok.edu or 580-387-7451/580-319-0310.

Murray State College to host artifacts from U.S. Space Program in September

Murray State College will be hosting a traveling trunk from the Oklahoma History Center at its campus in Tishomingo and at the University Center of Southern Oklahoma (UCSO) in Ardmore this September.

Oklahoma has a long, active history with the U.S. Space Program including several astronauts calling Oklahoma home base. Because of this, the trunk hosted by MSC contains objects highlighting the space program and its Oklahoma connections. Detailed models of early space vehicles, space food, and a replica space suit are all part of this semester's exhibit.

The display will be available for viewing September 15-20, 2019 at the Murray State College Library in Tishomingo and September 23-27 at UCSO in Ardmore.

“Attending an Oklahoma Historical Society trunk showing is a great way to get hands-on experience with artifacts typically reserved for museum viewing,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Items on display include an example of the Apollo space suit worn by Thomas P. Stafford, an Oklahoma astronaut who flew on both Gemini and Apollo missions. Other items available for close inspection are meteorite fragments, mission patches and a life support system backpack used on spacewalks. Also on display will be models of the Space Shuttle Discovery, Saturn V Rocket, Apollo 11 Command Module, Gemini IV Capsule, and Mercury Friendship 7 Space Capsule. Visitors may also view items specifically designed for space travel. Items include space food and blankets as well as a miniature Oklahoma flag similar to one Stafford carried on the Apollo 10 mission. Stafford's Oklahoma flag was the first state flag to be flown around the moon.



Admission is free to the public and all are invited to view the display. All visitors, including students, staff, faculty and community members, are asked to sign the viewing log which will be returned to the historical society. For information contact Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez at rjacobspollez@mscok.edu.

Special News

Reminder: Murray State College to host Chickasaw Nation musical review Saturday

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The cast is comprised of local talent: Catie Caton, Haley Miller, Mika Hinson, Jamie Davis, Zach Garcia, Kelsey Howry, Natalie May, Casey Long, Mitchell Galbreath, Katie Vallandingham, Corey King, and Joe Thomas. For more information call 580-387-7461 or email performance@chickasaw.net.



Enrollment/Information Party
Travel to Greece and Italy!
September 10th, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Classroom Building: Tishomingo Campus Room 104

Items covered:

- ◊ Enrollment Process
- ◊ Itinerary
- ◊ Discounts
- ◊ Scholarships Information
- ◊ Payment Plans



Better Together

The Interfaith movement has a history longer than most people realize. While there were sporadic interfaith movements at various times in the past, our modern interfaith ideas began with the World's Parliament of Religions held in Chicago in 1893, part of the World's Columbian Exposition. This was the first time faiths from around the world met to discuss diversity and universalism. Hindus, Buddhists, Jains, Jews, Protestants, Catholics, Unitarians, and adherents of the Shinto and Zoroastrian traditions met together, perhaps for the first time ever. It was also the first time many Americans ever heard Hindus or Buddhists speak about their own faith. It was not a perfect event. There were virtually no women or African American speakers and not one Native American was invited to discuss their religious beliefs. There were mixed opinions about the event. Some believed modern civilization was leading toward a new world and unity, while others believed discussions of religion would only lead to discord. Even with the shortcomings, the event began needed conversations. The Parliament of World's Religions still exists today and is very active. Today, they seek "to promote interreligious harmony, rather than unity." They have a website, parliamentofreligions.org and sponsor conferences, educational programs, and a weekly podcast, *It's About Time*. Along with United Nations, they also sponsor a World Interfaith Harmony Week.

In addition to the Parliament of Religions website, there are a number of other websites providing a great deal of valid information about interfaith issues. The Religion News Service features current news about religion, ethics, spirituality and moral issues. This award-winning site (religionnews.com) has a network of correspondents around the world allowing them to provide news from a vast number of belief systems and religious movements. While the program is no longer produced, Religion and Ethics Newsweekly still has a website with a great deal of information, www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics, and, of course, the Interfaith Youth Corp has an excellent website, www.ifyc.org, full of information and links to additional resources.

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Special News

Ardmore attorney & MSC Adjunct Professor Fred Collins to speak on Constitution at MSC

Mr. Fred Collins, Ardmore attorney and former district attorney for the 20th Judicial District, will speak on U.S. Constitution Day, Tuesday, September 17, at Murray State College. His presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

This presentation, which is open to students as well as the public, may be viewed on the MSC Tishomingo campus in Room 202 of the Student Services Building or in Room 219 of the University Center of Southern Oklahoma (UCSO). Collins serves as an adjunct faculty member at Murray State College, teaching criminal justice and speech courses.

“We are extremely proud to have Fred Collins as an adjunct professor at Murray State College. His education, knowledge and background offer students an extraordinary opportunity to learn more about criminal justice from someone with first-hand knowledge of a very complex system,” said Murray State College President Joy McDaniel.

Mr. Collins is a practicing attorney who served 12 years as District Attorney for the 20th Judicial District which includes Carter, Murray, Love, Johnston, and Marshall counties. The lecture and discussion should last approximately 30 minutes. Individual copies of the U.S. Constitution will be provided free to all attendees.

For more information about Collins’ presentation on Constitution Day, contact Kirk Rodden at kradden@mscok.edu or 580-220-2860.



MSC nursing students perform home care simulations to hone their observation skills

Murray State College faculty and staff strive to give students a thorough mix of academic knowledge and first-hand experiences to prepare them in their field of study. This is especially true in healthcare fields. Murray State College nursing faculty, with collaboration from students, staff and community members, assisted MSC freshman nursing students last week by participating in home-care simulations. Nursing students were able to hone their skills at identifying and discussing with patients their current health and identifying hazards in their homes.

When in the hospital or clinic environment, health care professionals can control and lessen safety hazards, but once patients go home, they enter an environment ripe with opportunities for falls and other hazards which may hinder recovery or cause additional health issues. Home visits can help nurses point out a loose rug in the living room or dim lighting near the stairs. Seeing the home environment first hand allows professionals to better support patients’ health and quality of life.

During the simulations, organized as part of the freshman nursing curriculum, students enter the simulated home of a patient, portrayed by a student or staff member they don’t know who is acting out a predetermined patient scenario. Student nurses are tasked with asking questions about medical history and recovery while also assessing surroundings for issues which may need to be discussed with the patient and their doctor.

Benefits of simulations go much further than assisting and helping to assess nursing students. Students from all majors, former students and friends of the program often volunteer to play the role of patients. Some may do it for extra credit or are considering a healthcare career. Others want a glimpse of the program, or they may be drama students who want to get practice immersing themselves in a role. Overall, everyone who participates benefits.



Aggie Athletics

MSC Women's and Men's Soccer continue unbeaten streaks on the road

Both MSC's soccer teams looked to continue their winning streaks on the road Tuesday, September 3 with games versus Randall University in Moore.

The Lady Aggies were the first to get on the scoreboard with a goal from sophomore Melizza Hernandez 12 minutes into the game. Murray State maintained their one-goal lead throughout the first half until sophomore Brisa Rivera scored on a penalty kick in the final minute of the first half.

The Aggies held Randall scoreless in the second half, extending their lead thanks to goals by freshman Loryn Courville, sophomore Katia Casanova and a pair of back-to-back goals by sophomore captain Alexes Sanchez. The six-to-zero win extended the Aggies' unbeaten streak to four games leading into their September 6th match versus Eastfield College.

The Aggie men's soccer team began their series of three away games last week with a victory over Randall University, extending their undefeated streak to five games. After an early Randall University goal, the Aggies answered with a pair of goals by freshman Jose Flores and Daniel Diaz to lead at halftime. Goals from freshman Luis Rodrigues and Claudio Tipote in the second half helped secure a four-to-one win.

On September 6, the Lady Aggies traveled to Mesquite, Texas to take on the Eastfield College Harvesters. The Aggies jumped out to an early lead with a goal by Sanchez seven minutes into the game followed by goals from freshman Louisa Boyes 10 minutes later and Hernandez in the waning minutes before halftime to lead three goals to zero. Aggie freshman goalies Cynthia De Leon and Erica Rey combined for five saves and only allowed one goal in the game to help the Aggies secure a four to one victory following a late goal by Aggie freshman Adriana Connor.

The Aggie men traveled to Kansas for a pair of games Saturday versus Bethany College and Sunday, September 7, versus Central Christian College. The Aggies, who came into the game undefeated after winning the past four games on the road, dominated the game from the opening whistle. Goals by freshman Ruben Carrasco, Jose Flores and sophomore Lethabo Kedijang helped Murray State lead by three goals at halftime. A second goal by Kedijang to start the second half led to a flurry of goals by freshmen Luis Rodrigues, Lindokuhle Zwane, Nang Khual and sophomore David Mbuyu to secure an eight to zero win for the Aggies.

Murray State College men carried the momentum from their eight goal victory the previous day into their game versus Central Christian College. Goals from Rodrigues, Carrasco and Kedijang in the first 15 minutes of the game helped the Aggies jump out to an early three-goal lead and set the stage for eight different Aggies to each score a goal on their way to an eight-to-one victory. Scoring additional Aggie goals were freshman Jose Flores, Claudio Tipote, Nang Khual, Ricardo Soto and Moises Mandujano. This win extends the team's undefeated streak to seven leading into regional play beginning later this week. The pair of high scoring victories this weekend helped propel the Aggies to rank second in the number of assists (29), fifth in the number of goals scored (30) and sixth nationally in the number of shutouts (3) so far this season.

Both Aggie teams return home Wednesday, September 11 as the women begin regional play taking on Redlands Community College at 2 p.m. and the men take on Southwestern College at 12 noon.



Aggie Athletics

Annual Aggie Open athletics fundraiser full of fun and competition

Murray State College hosted the annual Aggie Open Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 7 at Tishomingo's Golf and Recreation Club. The 18-hole fundraiser, which benefits athletic scholarships at Murray State College, began at 9 a.m. and included competitions for overall winning team, raffle for a driver and a contest where patrons attempted to guess the number of golf tees in a jar on the registration desk.

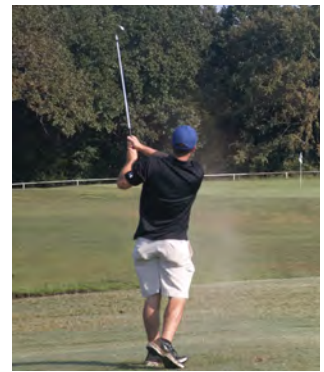
The overall winning team (pictured at right -from left) was Heath Hancock, Randy McCollom, Scott Hutchins and Tori Cellum with a score of 15 under par. Five teams tied for second place at 13 under par. Abner Akins won the driver and Van Stacey won the tee guessing contest.



Thank you to all staff, students and friends of Murray State College who helped make this year's event a success. A special thank you goes out to all our awesome sponsors!

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- Oklahoma History Center Trunk- Space MSC Library, Tishomingo

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- Constitution Day Lecture- Mr. Collins UCSO, Rm.219/SS-202, Tish.- 12:30 p.m.
- Baseball vs. East Central University The Ranch, Tishomingo- 4:30 p.m.
- Intramurals- Whiffle Ball Courts near Aggie Suites- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- Academic Advisement Meet & Greet Student Union Lobby- 11:15 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Voter Registration Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Student Veterans Association Meeting Faculty Lounge, Student Union- 12 noon
- Softball at USAO Chickasha, OK- 5 p.m.
- Baseball vs. SW Collegiate Prep The Ranch, Tishomingo- 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- Southeastern Okla. St. recruiter on campus Student Union Lobby, 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- SVA-POW/MIA Observance Ceremony MSC Cafeteria -12 noon
- Women's Soccer at Rose State College Midwest City, OK- 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at Rose State College Midwest City, OK-4 p.m.
- NATIVE Club Meeting MSC Library, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- Softball at OCU Festival Oklahoma City, OK

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- Softball at OCU Festival Oklahoma City, OK

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- Women's Soccer at NE Okla. A&M Miami, OK- 3 p.m.
- Men's Soccer at NE Okla. A&M Miami, OK- 5 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

MSC announces Distinguished Alumni and Athletic Hall of Fame inductees for 2019

Murray State College has announced its Athletic Hall of Fame and Distinguished Alumni inductees to be honored during campus homecoming festivities on Saturday, November 2, 2019. Inductees will be recognized and a luncheon in their honor will begin at 11:30 a.m. in the ballroom on Murray's campus in Tishomingo. Cost of the luncheon event is \$25 per person, and the public is invited to attend.

"At Homecoming we look forward to welcoming graduates and former students back to campus. It's a wonderful time to honor alumni for their outstanding achievements and contributions to the history of Murray State," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Distinguished alumni to be inducted this year are:

James Booker, Sr., Virginia Beach, Va., is a colonel in the Marine Corp. and Executive Pastor of the New Light Full Gospel Baptist Church. During his distinguished military career, Booker received many awards including the Navy Distinguished Service Medal, two Legions of Merit medals, two Meritorious Service medals, and two National Defense Service medals.

As owner of the Buck Cattle Company, **Jirl Buck** of Madill, Okla., is recognized for contributions to the bucking bull and show cattle industries. He is also identified for his commitment to agriculture education, along with his influence on the state's junior livestock programs.

Donald "Ducky" Day, Sulphur, Okla., has served Oklahoma as a teacher, coach, community leader and faithful volunteer. At Murray, he served as a dorm proctor, AggieLite news reporter, and member of the rodeo and football teams. He is recognized as shining example of giving back that has fostered growth and opportunity for new generations of Oklahoma's students.

Inductees to the Athletic Hall of Fame for 2019 are:


Dempsey Keach Ballard, III, Shawnee, Okla., is one of only three players named 1st Team All American from Murray State Baseball. He is also identified as one of the best and most important players on Murray's 2013 National Championship Team. He is a member of the coaching staff at Oklahoma Baptist University.

Buck Chatham, Lone Grove, Okla., will be recognized for his importance as a trainer to nationally ranked basketball teams at Murray State in the 1960s. A member of the Oklahoma Coaches Hall of Fame, he has served as a counselor for OK All-State athletic teams since the 1980s.


NJCC All-American **Nancy Washington Robinson**, Atoka, Okla., will be recognized as a member and leader of MSC's inaugural intercollegiate women's basketball team. Robinson helped guide the 1971-72 freshmen team in their first season of five-on-five competition to back-to-back national championship titles.

Bob Parkhill, Ardmore, Okla., will be recognized for contributions to offense and defense of Murray State's 1960s nationally ranked basketball teams. Parkhill retired after coaching for 30 years. Both Parkhill and Chatham were students of the late Coach Gene Robbins.

Tickets must be reserved by October 18, 2019. Contact Cheryl Phelps at cphelps@mscok.edu to reserve tickets. Tickets, at a cost of \$25 each, may be paid for at the event by writing a check to the MSC Foundation or mailing in advance to MSC Foundation, One Murray Campus, Tishomingo, OK 73460. For questions, call Cheryl Phelps at 580-387-7123.



Academic Advisement
Meet & Greet
11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Wednesday, September 18, 2019
Student Union Lobby



Special News

A Note of Thanks...

Thank you very much to the people who helped with the Harvest Moon Festival in Ardmore. Freshmen Eneida Ruiz and Sarah Annis did much of the hard work and also graciously assisted in serving tea and mooncakes. Thanks to Kathy Bowen for advertising, set up, clean up, and helping everything run smoothly. Thanks to Melanie Whitehead for helping set up and clean up. Thanks to the Media Center for printing and to Communication Department for advertising the event.

-Dr. Rebecca J. Jacobs-Pollez

Better Together

Last week we saw that one of the first interfaith efforts was started by the Parliament of the World's Religions. Recently the group issued a statement concerning the domestic terrorist attacks carried out against the El Paso, Texas and Dayton, Ohio communities earlier this semester. The following is a reprint of their statement about these events.

The Issue of Supremacy

Religion is often identified as a leading cause of conflict and violence around the world. Looking deeper, this statement is complex. Conflict that is branded as “religious” can, and usually does, have underlying political, economic, or social motivations that go much deeper than religious differences. But the reality of conflict, be it economic, political, or ideological, is that fundamentally it is a fight for the supremacy of one group over another.

Throughout history, and even today, we see nations, traditions, and people all over the world choose to fight in the name of their own supremacy rather than labor on the path toward harmony.

The *refusal* to grant refugee status to our neighbors fleeing violence and persecution around the world are statements made by nations that xenophobia and ethnocentrism are more powerful than the human right to a life free from the threat of violence.

The *persecution* of members of one faith tradition by another is a tragic acknowledgment of the perversion of unique faith and spiritual traditions in the name of ideological supremacy.

The *opposition* to common-sense climate protection regulations by nations and corporations around the world are a recognition that the economic superiority of a few corporations and individuals is more valuable than the survival of our planet and our humanity.

Our global community is constantly faced with conflicts motivated by notions of one group of people being superior to another. The challenge of our time is to proactively create solutions that place us on the path of harmony, cooperation, and understanding.

Fostering Harmony

At the heart of the global interfaith movement lies the belief that all human beings are equal in dignity which challenges any notion of supremacy. The Parliament condemns the concept that one group is superior to another. We condemn any act of hate or supremacy committed against individuals or communities.

We are committed to the principles of our foundational document, Towards a Global Ethic and invite others to commit to:

1. A culture of non-violence and respect for life.
2. A culture of solidarity and a just economic order.
3. A culture of tolerance and a life of truthfulness.
4. A culture of equal rights and partnership between men and women.
5. A culture of sustainability and care for the earth.

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Now more than ever we call upon our interfaith colleagues and all people of faith and conscience around the world to challenge supremacy in our daily lives, communities, and nations by working toward justice, peace, and harmony.

Special News

Murray State College family welcomes new staff and faculty this semester

Stephen Lowe, Women's Basketball Coach

Whitney Mandrigues, Custodial

Dona Graham, Cashier Services Specialist

Ashliegh Cole, Business Office Specialist

Rebecca Davis, English Instructor

Ashley Fly, English Instructor

Justin Shahan, Science Instructor

Emilie Dean, Nursing Instructor

Raymond Self, Gunsmithing Instructor

Lindsay Brantley, Supplemental Instruction Coordinator

Craig Kelley, Outreach Recruitment Coordinator

Kallie Crawford, Executive Assistant to the V.P. of Academic Affairs



TO OUR NEW STAFF!

**Welcome to the
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Family!**

Reminder: Ardmore attorney & MSC Adjunct Professor Fred Collins to speak on Constitution

Mr. Fred Collins, Ardmore attorney and former district attorney for the 20th Judicial District, will speak on U.S. Constitution Day, Tuesday, September 17, at Murray State College. His presentation begins at 12:30 p.m.

This presentation, which is open to students as well as the public, may be viewed on the MSC Tishomingo Campus in Room 202 of the Student Services Building or in Room 219 of the University Center of Southern Oklahoma (UCSO). Collins serves as an adjunct faculty member at Murray State College, teaching criminal justice and speech courses. The lecture and discussion should last approximately 30 minutes. Individual copies of the U.S. Constitution will be provided free to all attendees.



For more information about the Constitution Day presentation contact Kirk Rodden at kr Rodden@mscok.edu.

Artifacts from U.S. Space Program on display in MSC Library through Sept. 20th

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Special News

Chancellor of the Okla. State System of Higher Ed. Announces Plans to Retire in December 2020

Glen D. Johnson, the Chancellor of the Oklahoma State System of Higher Education for the past 12 years, announced today plans to retire from the leadership position in December 2020. His retirement at the end of next year will close a historic 38 years of public service in Oklahoma.

“I can’t think of a more fulfilling career than being a public servant,” said Johnson. “While there remains more than a year before I leave this position, I honestly can say it is a great privilege and honor to serve as Chancellor and work on behalf of the students, faculty, and staff across this great state.”

Johnson continued, “I never aspired to spend my entire career in public service until after a couple of years in the Legislature, when I recognized how working together we could make a positive difference in the lives of the citizens of this state. I am proud of my public service and grateful to have served with many wonderful men and women over the years who shared a common desire to build a better and stronger Oklahoma for the benefit of all Oklahomans.”

“This was Glen’s decision,” said State Regents’ Chair Jody Parker. “The State Regents are pleased with Glen’s leadership and were not seeking a change. He is a tireless and effective advocate for our system, and his dedication to carrying out his duties and responsibilities across this state and nation is well known and well regarded. In July 2019, he was selected by his system-head colleagues across the nation as the outstanding Chancellor in the country. We respect his decision and the fact he is giving the State Regents ample time to complete our succession planning process so that we can conduct a comprehensive national search next year for a new Chancellor and ensure a smooth leadership transition.”

Parker continued, “We will have an opportunity next year when Glen retires to properly thank him and his wife, Melinda, for their years of exceptional and unselfish service to our system and our state. We could not ask for a better leader than Glen Johnson. He adroitly steered our system through several years of unparalleled budget reductions and still ensured that Oklahoma’s colleges and universities remained accessible and affordable. He always puts what is best for the students, faculty, and staff ahead of everything else. He’s the consummate servant leader.”

“As former Speaker of the House, president of Southeastern Oklahoma State University, and Chancellor of Oklahoma’s State Regents for Higher Education, Chancellor Johnson has been a devoted leader and passionate advocate for education across our state,” said Governor Kevin Stitt. “I look forward to working together this next session on making Oklahoma’s higher education system the best in the nation.”

Johnson points to the bold initiatives developed through the citizen-led Task Force on the Future of Higher Education as a roadmap to modernizing, restructuring and strengthening the state system of higher education to meet the evolving workforce and economic challenges facing the state while still maintaining accessibility, affordability, and top quality educational opportunities for students.

“As I have noted in past comments,” said Johnson, “the State Regents and I look forward to working with Governor Stitt and legislative leaders, as well as our CareerTech and common education colleagues, to identify and implement educational priorities to move our state forward and improve our national rankings during the upcoming legislative session.”



-Reprinted from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education

Aggie Athletics

MSC's Lucy Foye nets four goals in Aggie win over Redlands Community College

The Murray State College women's soccer team faced their first regional opponent of the season, taking on Redlands Community College, September 11. The Aggies headed into the game undefeated after starting the season with five straight wins, including four road wins leading up to Wednesday's game.

Murray State College quickly took advantage of their speed on offense, getting on the scoreboard 10 minutes into the game with a goal by freshman Lucy Foye, following an assist from sophomore captain Alexis Sanchez. Less than two minutes later, Foye and Sanchez connected again resulting in Foye scoring her second goal of the game.



The Aggies maintained a two-goal lead through most of the first half before sophomore Louisa Boyes scored minutes before halftime to extend the Aggie lead to three. The Redlands Cougars, who were held to just six shots on goal for the game, compared to 16 for MSC, came out of halftime down by at least two goals for the fourth time this season. After a near goal was called back due to an Aggie player being offside, Foye scored back-to-back goals again within minutes of each other, the second on a header following a soaring cross by Sanchez. A late goal by sophomore Brisa Rivera on a penalty kick helped cap the Aggies' dominant win over the Cougars to net their first regional win of the season.

As a result of the six-to-zero victory, the Aggies have now outscored their opponents 32 goals to two this season, with Foye leading the Aggies in goals with eight, followed by Sanchez with six. Sanchez leads the Aggies in assists with seven, followed by Boyes with six.

The win over Redlands extended the Aggies' winning streak to six games leading into a September 15 road game versus University of Arkansas- Rich Mountain, a recent addition to NJCAA Div. I Region 2.

MSC soccer teams take winning streaks on the road versus Univ. of Arkansas-Rich Mountain

The Murray State College soccer teams traveled to Mena, Ark. September 15 for a regional match-up versus University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain. Going into the games, the first regional game for the men and second for the Lady Aggies, both MSC teams were looking to extend winning streaks and protect undefeated seasons.

The MSC women's team and Rich Mountain each had several defensive stands and surges of offense throughout the first half, but were unable to translate them into goals until sophomore Katia Casanova scored late in the first half to give the Aggies a one-to-zero lead. Both defenses stood strong for a majority of the second half until Aggie sophomore Alexis Sanchez was able to net the Aggies second goal of the game 27 minutes into the second half. The goal by Sanchez, who had six shots on goal in the final 20 minutes of the game, helped secure the Aggies' two-to-zero victory over the Bucks. The shutout win brings the Aggies' record to two wins and zero losses in regional play and to a seven and zero record for the season.

The match between the Aggie men and University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain was also a battle of defenses and included five saves by Aggie sophomore goalie Dan Huff. The regional opponents battled to a scoreless tie in the first half and, despite 12 shots on goal by the Aggies and eight by the Bucks, regulation time ended with the teams still tied at zero. The deadlock continued through a first, then second 10-minute overtime period with the Aggies recording a pair of shots on goal in each of the extra periods. The game ended in a zero-to-zero tie, bringing the Aggies' record to seven wins, zero losses, and one tie.

Next for both Aggie teams are tough road games versus defending regional champions Rose State College on Thursday, September 19.

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September 23, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- Men/Women's Golf- SW Christian Invit. Oklahoma City, OK
- Women's Soccer at NE Okla. A&M Miami, OK- 12 noon
- Men's Soccer at NE Okla. A&M Miami, OK- 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- Men/Women's Golf- SW Christian Invit. Oklahoma City, OK
- ACT Prep Workshop Admin. Bldg. Rm. 216, 9-11:30 a.m.
- Softball at Northeastern State University Tahlequah, OK- 12 noon

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- Voter Registration Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Baseball at Weatherford College Weatherford, TX- 1 p.m.
- Softball at East Central University Ada, OK- 3 p.m.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- Women's Soccer vs. NOC-Tonkawa MSC Soccer Field,- 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. NOC-Tonkawa MSC Soccer Field,- 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- **Financial Aid Disbursement**
- Baseball at Southeastern Okla. State Durant, OK- 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- Men's Soccer at SW Adventist University Keene, TX,- 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- NATIVE Club- Movie, Meet & Greet Ardmore, OK, 12 noon- 8 p.m.
- Women's Soccer at Seminole State College Seminole, OK- 2 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Attention Students: Fall Play Auditions scheduled September 23rd, 24th

Murray State College's Arts and Humanities Department will be holding open auditions on Monday, September 23 and Tuesday, September 24th at 7 p.m. in Fletcher Auditorium for all students interested in participating in this year's fall play.

The play, *Frozen* by British playwright Bryony Lavery tells a story of the disappearance of a 10-year-old girl, Rhona, and the crime's aftermath through the diverging stories of three main characters, the victims mother, the perpetrator and the psychiatrist investigating the evidence. Their stories begin separately, but gradually converge.

The play raises important issues in criminal justice including whether or not certain criminals are inherently evil or their crimes are only a symptom of illness. It also explores themes such as forgiveness and the long-lasting impacts of similar crimes.

First produced in 1998 by the Birmingham Repertory Theatre in Birmingham, England, *Frozen*, with its powerful emotional impact, has been an international success. In recent years it has been one of the most produced plays in the United States and has also been produced around the world in cities such as Dublin, Amsterdam, Madrid, and Paris.

Performances of the play at Murray State College are currently scheduled for November 14-16, so mark your calendars now and look for more details and ticket information.

For information or questions about the auditions or play, please call or email Susan Yeager at 580-387-7461 or syeager@mscok.edu.



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Special News

MSC NATIVE Club to hold multiple events in September/October

Following the success of its basket-weaving class on August 31, the Murray State College NATIVE Club will be hosting several events in September and early October.

On Monday, September 30 the NATIVE Club is hosting a beading class where participants can learn beading techniques and practice skills to make a pair of their own beaded earrings. The class will take place from 4-7 p.m. in Room 315 of the Administration Building in Tishomingo. The NATIVE Club and the Chickasaw Nation Retention and Recruitment Office are sponsoring the beading class and all materials will be provided. All students, staff, and faculty are welcome to attend. To RSVP, call Raven Tabbytosavit at 580-387-7589 ext. 589.

The MSC community is also invited to take part in the NATIVE Club's Indian Taco sale on October 4th at the Johnston County Fair Barn from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Delivery will also be available. Members of the group will be selling tickets around campus between now and the event or contact Raven for information and tickets. The \$8 lunch ticket includes an Indian taco, a drink and dessert.

These are just a few NATIVE Club events planned for this semester, so watch for future announcements in the Aggielite and around campus!

The purpose of NATIVE is to provide opportunities for students of MSC to develop a greater understanding and appreciation for traditional Native American culture and modern issues experienced by Native American students. The organization plays an active role in celebrating Native American culture and building cohesive student-centered activities for Native American and non-Native American students.



Better Together

Last semester, this column began discussing various religions with the goal of learning to accept various beliefs. Before we continue with those columns, we thought it would be interesting to look briefly at religious practice worldwide today.

According to a 2012 Pew Research Center Study of 230 countries and territories worldwide, more than eight-in-10 people identify with a religious group. Christianity, with 32% of world's population holds the largest number of practitioners, followed by Islam with 23%, and Hinduism with 15%. Seven percent of the world's population are Buddhist and 0.2% are Jewish. Folk or traditional religions, including Native American, make up 6% of practitioners. Everyone else falls into the slightly less than 1% of the global population. These religions include the Baha'i faith, Jainism, Sikhism, Shintoism, Taoism, Tenrikyo, Wicca, Zoroastrianism, and many more.

The study also found that about one-in-six people, or 16%, have no religious affiliation, making them the third-largest religious group worldwide. Many of the unaffiliated indicated that they do hold some religious or spiritual beliefs, they just do not identify with a particular faith.

As you might guess, the distribution of practitioners is not even. With its large population, the Asian-Pacific region accounts for the large number of Hindus, Buddhists, Muslims, and other faiths. Christians are the most evenly distributed. Seventy-three percent of the globe's people live in countries in which their religious group makes up a majority of the population. A little over a quarter of people, 27%, live as religious minorities. Also, 97% of Hindus live in Hindu majority areas.

In next week's column we will look at various religions in the United States.

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Aggie Athletics

MSC Soccer teams go one and one versus defending regional champions Rose State College

The Murray State College women's soccer team faced their toughest opponent this season as they took on defending regional champions Rose State College on Thursday, September 19 on the road.

The Aggies came into the game with seven wins and zero losses looking to avenge a two-to-one overtime loss to Rose State late last season. The close win helped the Raiders advance to the 2018 regional tournament, which they eventually won.

In Thursday's game, Rose State College took the lead early with a goal by their leading scorer, sophomore April Hill, four minutes into the game. The Raiders quickly extended their lead with a second goal minutes later.

The Aggie defense held Rose State scoreless for the rest of the first half until Raider sophomore Shannon Farnsworth scored a goal minutes before halftime. A goal late in the second half secured the Raiders' four-to-zero win over the Aggies, their first regional and overall loss this season.

The Murray State College men's team came into their game versus the Raiders undefeated after starting the season with seven straight wins and a scoreless tie with regional opponent University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain on September 15.

The Aggies scored first in the game on a goal by freshman Claudio Tipote, 17 minutes into the game. The Aggie lead stood for the rest of the first half and part of the second half when a Rose State College player scored a goal in the 63rd minute to tie the game at one.

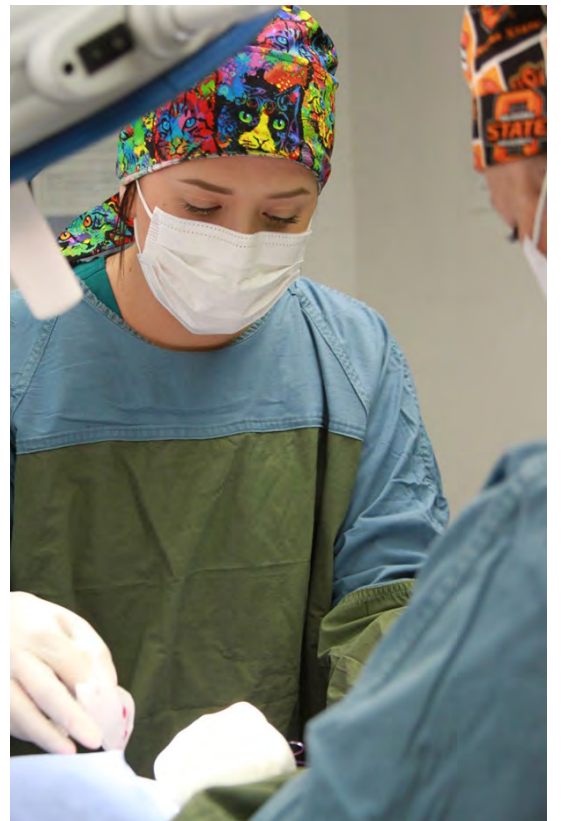
After going a man down due to a questionable red card on Aggie sophomore captain Denin Spriggs, the Aggies answered back with a pair of goals by freshman Jose Flores and Ruben Carrasco. A Raider goal midway through the second half brought the Aggie lead back to one goal, but the Murray State defense was able to hold off the Raiders late in the game to hand Rose State their first regional loss of the season and third loss in the last four games. The win improves the Aggies' record to two wins and zero losses in regional play and 8-0-1 overall this season.

Regional play was scheduled to continue for both Aggie teams with afternoon games versus Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College on September 22, but the games were postponed due to inclement weather. The Aggies will now travel to Miami today, Monday, September 23, to take on the Lady Norse and Golden Norseman. Both Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College teams enter the game with one loss and one win in regional play.

Later in the week, the Aggies will complete their string of road games and return home to Tishomingo Thursday, September 26 to take on Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa.



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September 30, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- NATIVE Club-Beading Workshop
Admin. Bldg., Rm 315 - 4 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- Softball at University of North Texas
Denton, TX- 5 p.m.
- Intramural Volleyball
Volleyball Courts by Dorms- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- Voter Registration
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Student Veterans Association Meeting
Student Union Faculty Lounge- 12 noon

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- Academic Advisement Meet & Greet
Sidewalk btwn. LS & CR, 9-11 a.m.
- Baseball- Brookhaven College (@SOSU)
Durant, OK- 10 a.m.
- Southeastern Recruiter On Campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 :30 p.m.

- Women's Soccer vs. Eastern Okla. St.
MSC Soccer Field- 2 p.m.
- Baseball -Carl Albert St. (@SOSU)
Durant, OK- 4 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. Eastern Okla. St.
MSC Soccer Field- 4 p.m.
- Softball at Rogers State University
Claremore, OK- 5 p.m.
- NATIVE Club Meeting
MSC Library- 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

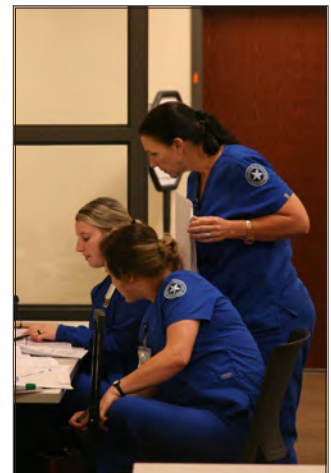
- Chickasaw Festival Parade
Downtown Tishomingo- 11 a.m.
- Softball at University of Tulsa
Tulsa, OK- 12 noon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- Women's Soccer at Redlands CC
El Reno, OK- 10 a.m.

Attention Students and Staff: The Fitness Center will close beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 16, 2019 for Fall Break. The center will reopen at 11 a.m. Monday, October 21, 2019.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Student Life celebrated National Voter Registration Day & pool night, volleyball planned Oct. 1st

Murray State College's Student Life Department held a pool and game night September 24 as part of celebrations for National Voter Registration Day. Over 50 students attended the event which took place in the MSC game room located in the Student Union.



In an effort to enhance student participation and enjoyment of the game room and other student-oriented activities, Student Life has purchased new pool cues and pool balls as well as revamping

the volleyball courts on campus by adding new sand. This Tuesday, October 1st, the Student Life Department will be hosting sand volleyball games, so students can try out the revamped courts beginning at 7 p.m.

Murray State College and Johnston County Chamber partner to advance economic development

Murray State College (MSC) President Joy McDaniel has appointed Johnston County Chamber of Commerce (JCCC) Executive Director Jordyn Frazier to serve as the representative for Murray State College to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Economic Development Council (EDC). Murray State has also agreed to make a financial investment in the JCCC to enhance economic development activities.

Frazier, a graduate of Murray State College, will attend EDC bi-monthly meetings and trainings to provide updates on activities and developments at MSC. She will also serve as an EDC team member to address issues in communities dealing with economic and workforce development and offer recommendations.

“The college and the Johnston County Chamber both want to assist in development of the local economy. That includes growing and strengthening economic development by appealing to industry leaders and enhancing our communities in ways that will appeal to business leaders. Mrs. Frazier will be a great addition to this process as a member of the team,” said McDaniel.



Murray State College President Joy McDaniel (left) and Johnston County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Jordyn Frazier meet to sign a partnership agreement and discuss economic development opportunities in Johnston County.

Local initiatives led by the chamber include activities such as the Chamber Bucks Program, production of a community map, coordinating with the Southern Workforce Board and Southern Oklahoma Development Association to gather data and develop strategies on growing the area, forming closer partnerships with local stakeholders, municipalities, industrial boards, and the Chickasaw Nation, promoting the community as a great place to live, work, and play, maximizing use of the JCCC website and economic development webpage to be a one-stop information hub for developers and investors, promoting MSC and its programs, strengthening partnerships with county schools and engaging them in workforce development tactics, and aiding in the planning of short- and long-term goals for economic development.

“This investment is huge for the JCCC. I believe it shows that the chamber is a trusted partner and that both entities want to see Johnston County move forward by planning for growth and being open and ready for business. We are grateful for the support and resources made available by Murray State College to work on economic and workforce development needs of our communities. We hope area citizens and businesses will support this effort and work with us to see these goals achieved,” said Frazier.

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Last week, the column discussed religious diversity worldwide. The United States is a religiously diverse nation, but to a lesser extent than you might think. According to a 2014 Pew Research Center study, 95% of Americans are either Christian or religiously unaffiliated. All other belief systems together make up the remaining five %. The U.S. is a moderately diverse nation, ranking 68th out of 232 countries and territories on the Religious Diversity Index. The U.S. has a vast number of Christian denominations, but this study treated all Christians as members of the same religion. If diverse denominations within the Christian faith were taken into account, the United States would likely rank higher on the diversity index. The Pew study also treated other major religions, such as Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, or Judaism, for example, as single religions even though all of these also have internal diversity in practices and beliefs.

According to a second Pew Research Center study, the number of Christians in the U.S. is declining in total and as a percent of the U.S. population. In 2007, 78.4% of U.S. adults identified with Christian groups, but by 2014 that percentage has fallen to 70.6%. Protestants no longer make up the majority of Americans. In 2007, 51.3% of Americans identified as protestant, but that had fallen to 46.5% by 2014. This might be in part because Americans change religious affiliation at a fairly significant rate. An additional effect of so many in the nation changing religions is the increasing number of Americans with no religious affiliation. The people who self identify as atheists or agnostics, as well as those who say their religion is “nothing in particular,” reached 22.8% of U.S. adults in 2014, up from 16.1% in 2007.

The most racially and ethnically diverse U.S. religious groups are Seventh-day Adventists, Muslims, and Jehovah’s Witnesses, while least diverse are the National Baptist Convention, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod.

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Aggie Athletics

MSC Soccer teams continue season with regional games versus NEO, NOC-Tonkawa

Coming off a tough road loss versus defending regional champions Rose State College, the Murray State College Women's Soccer Team traveled to Miami to take on Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on September 23rd.

Aggies came into the game with seven wins and one loss and two-and-one in regional play. A defensive battle throughout, the Aggies and Lady Norse finished the first half in a scoreless tie. The teams traded momentum multiple times in the second half and into a first overtime, but neither team was able to translate their momentum into a score. The goalless deadlock continued through much of the second 10-minute overtime. With a scoreless tie looming in the waning minutes of the final overtime, Aggie sophomore Alexes Sanchez broke away to score a game-ending goal with one minute left. The one-to-zero double overtime victory improved the Aggies' record to eight wins and one loss going into their September 26 home game versus Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa.

The Aggie men's team came into their game versus NEO with eight wins and a scoreless tie as the only blemish on their record. The first half of play ended with neither team able to convert any offensive runs into a goal, but 20 minutes into the second half Murray State freshman Luis Rodrigues scored to give the Aggies a one-goal lead. Rodrigues would net his second goal of the game a few minutes later, and the game flow changed from that point on. The Golden Norsemen offense struggled to maintain possession in their half of the field, increasing pressure on their defense and allowing Murray State freshman Daniel Diaz and sophomore David Mbuyu to each score goals in the final 20 minutes of the game. The four-to-zero Aggie victory left the Aggie unbeaten streak intact.

Both Aggie soccer teams returned home Thursday, September 26 to take on NOC-Tonkawa. The Aggie women, who have had several players battling injuries over the past week, took an early lead on a goal by sophomore Melizza Hernandez 15 minutes into the game. The one-goal lead stood though halftime and into the second half when Aggie sophomore Alexes Sanchez scored her ninth goal of the season to extend the Aggie lead. Despite a second half goal by NOC-Tonkawa a few minutes later, the Aggies were able to hold off the Mavericks late to secure a two-to-one victory and improve their overall record to nine wins and one loss. Aggie freshman goalie Erica Rey also recorded her second straight game with seven or more saves.

In their game versus NOC-Tonkawa, MSC men got on the scoreboard first with a goal from freshman Claudio Tipote midway through the first half. The Mavericks quickly answered with a goal a few minutes later to tie the game heading into halftime. The Aggies came out of halftime energized and quickly retook the lead with a goal by Ruben Carrasco three minutes into the second half. A late goal by the Aggies' leading goal scorer Daniel Diaz helped secure a three-to-one victory for Murray State and extend the Aggies' unbeaten streak to 11 games.

Next for both Aggie teams will be games at home versus Eastern Oklahoma State College on Thursday, October 3. Both Mountaineer teams are looking to improve their conference records after both teams' games versus University of Ark.-Rich Mountain ended in ties after two overtimes on September 26th.



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Upcoming Events

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- Men/Women's Golf- Dornick Hills Classic Ardmore, OK

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

- Men/Women's Golf- Dornick Hills Classic Ardmore, OK
- Baseball at Northeast Texas CC Mount Pleasant, TX- 1 p.m.
- Softball at Mid-America Christian Oklahoma City, OK- 2 p.m.
- FFA O/C Ceremonies Contest Various Bldgs.-Tishomingo- 4- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

- Voter Registration Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

- Baseball- Cowley County College (@UCO) Edmond, OK- 10 a.m.
- Baseball- Ft. Scott CC (@UCO) Edmond, OK- 1 p.m.

- Women's Soccer vs. UA-Rich Mountain MSC Soccer Field- 2 p.m..
- Men's Soccer vs. UA-Rich Mountain MSC Soccer Field- 4 p.m.
- Softball at Rogers State University Claremore, OK- 5 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11

- **Financial Aid Disbursement**
- MSCVT Potato Lunch Fundraiser Johnston County Fair Barn-11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Baseball vs. Grayson College The Ranch, Tishomingo- 12 noon

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

- Women's Soccer vs. Rose State College MSC Soccer Field- 2 p.m.
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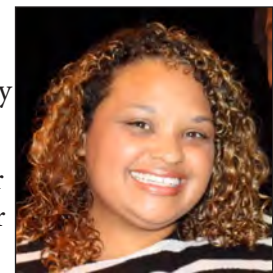
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Special News

MSC mourns the tragic loss of instructor, friend, and colleague

Students and staff at Murray State College are grieving following the sudden death of MSC math instructor Kendra Parker on October 2. While on her way to East Central University in Ada for a class in her master's program, she was involved in a fatal car accident on U.S. Highway 377 in Johnston County.



“Kendra was a valued member of the math department, as was Greg Boyd whom we lost earlier this year in the same tragic way. Our hearts go out to Kendra’s family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers over the coming days and weeks,” said Murray State College President Joy McDaniel in a letter to staff. “We, as well, will struggle to overcome another great loss of a valued friend and colleague. From my heart to yours, please know that Kendra’s loss will be felt for a long time to come and that she will be missed,” wrote McDaniel.

Grief counseling was made available at MSC campuses in Ardmore and Tishomingo last week and additional grief counseling services can be requested by contacting Vice President for Student Affairs Michaelle Gray at 580-387-7131 or mgray@mscok.edu.



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BUDGET CLASSES
Presented in partnership by
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In this 4 Part Series, we will discuss financial goals and attitudes, developing a budget and building savings. Teens and adults both welcome! Classes will be held at the Johnston County Library, 6pm: October 8, October 22, November 12 and November 19.
Classes are free, but preregistration is required. To sign up, contact:
OSU Extension- 580-371-9533 or
Johnston County Library- 580-371-3005



BUDGETING & PROJECTING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
Old Silo Winery
2300 East Cheadle Road
Tishomingo, OK
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www.rslwbc.org
Budgets, financial documents and projecting are the last thing on any entrepreneur's mind. Rather than avoiding them, learn the power in each document, how to create them and ways to use them to increase your profit and lower your bottom line.
Presenter: Sara Orellana-Paape, 3Raptor Consulting
For more information, contact Maria Herndon, REI WBC, at 606.658.2823.



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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11
11 AM - 1:00 PM
JOHNSTON COUNTY FAIR BARN
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\$7 POTATO & DRINK

Community invited to MSC Harvest Moon Festival celebration in Tishomingo on October 14

For the third year, Murray State College will celebrate the Harvest Moon Festival, a Chinese ceremony dating back 3,600 years. This festival focuses on sharing, giving thanks and offering prayers for babies, family and a good future. The celebration will begin at 6:30 p.m. on October 14. It will be held outside in the fountain area between cafeteria and classroom buildings on MSC's Tishomingo campus. Children are welcome and encouraged to attend, and there is no charge for this event.



This year's event will also include a special time for remembrance of and reflection on MSC Math Instructor Kendra Parker, who lost her life in a October 2 car accident on U.S. Highway 377 north of Tishomingo.

Because of China's strong influence, Harvest Moon celebrations continue to be held by many Asian cultures throughout the world. During the festival, people gather to remember and talk about family, especially family living far away or those not currently living.

“Community members are encouraged to celebrate along with our faculty, staff and students. There will be stories shared and we encourage everyone, especially our international students and community members, to come and talk about family, friends and homelands. It will be a special evening,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

The celebration in Tishomingo is sponsored by the Murray State College Cultural Events Committee and will include paper lanterns, an assortment of mooncakes, pomelos, and a variety of teas from China and other Asian countries to recreate the cultural significance of the event. Participants can expect to sit under the moon surrounded by the traditional bright colored lanterns, eat, drink, and share stories of the importance of family and friendships.

For information, contact Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez at rjacobspollez@msc.edu or 580-387-7512.

Special News

Murray State College takes part in Degrees When Due completion initiative

Murray State College has been selected to join Degrees When Due, a national initiative of the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP), with the goal of assisting students who have some college credit to complete their degrees. Oklahoma is one of 20 states participating in the nationwide initiative.

As one of eight colleges and universities selected from Oklahoma, Murray will participate in best practices in degree reclamation and will provide targeted support while reengaging students who have paused or stopped their studies. Murray's participation in the initiative is facilitated through the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.



“The Degrees When Due initiative will help support and partner with student success programs currently in place at MSC. Our goal is to guide all students toward completion of their degrees,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Degrees When Due will grant Murray access to a variety of resources to evaluate students' previously earned credits in order to determine the most efficient pathway to graduation. The program will benefit the many Oklahomans identified as having some college credit but no degree.

“Our Degrees When Due institutional and state partners are building a strong pathway to degree attainment for all students, including by providing an on-ramp for those who have paused their studies or ‘stopped-out,’” said IHEP President Michelle Asha Cooper, Ph.D. “IHEP enthusiastically welcome the selected institutions and states to this effort. Through this initiative, they will increase student success, serve as a diverse set of student populations, and join us in addressing degree completion which is one of higher education's most pressing challenges.”

For more information on Degrees When Due at MSC, contact academic advisement at 580-387-7203 or academicadvisement@mscok.edu.

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A Story of a “Trailblazing” Sikh Deputy

The sad news came blaring across the media mere hours after Sandeep Dhaliwal, a Harris County, Texas sheriff's deputy, was murdered in the line of duty. Deputy Dhaliwal's employment as a law enforcement officer was particularly unique. He was of the Sikh faith that required him to wear the dastar, the Sikh turban and practice “relaxed” grooming standards by comparison to typical law enforcement standards.

Mr. Dhaliwal's faith and employment provides us with an excellent example of how Interfaith was carried out in the Harris County's Sheriff's Department. In one media report it is stated that, “...Dhaliwal was a Texan through and through. Stories abound in his community about his love for the Lone Star State, its traditions and its citizenry. It appears that his fellow Texans overwhelmingly returned that love in equal measure—likely because Dhaliwal had a big heart. He was generous and devoted to volunteerism.”

When reading the media reports that celebrate the life of Sandeep Dhaliwal, one could argue that we may be reading about an individual from any faith tradition. One media story goes on to say, “Sikhs in India are legendary for laying down their own lives to protect worshipers and ensure religious freedoms.” Let us not focus on the brutal way Deputy Dhaliwal passed this life. Let us honor him and his fellow law enforcement professionals for how they care for us, both on and off duty. As a media story closes, “Sandeep Dhaliwal embodied *Sponsored by:* the best of his Sikh traditions. He embodied the best of Texas law enforcement. And he embodied the best of what makes us uniquely American: our diversity, and our commitment to each other.”

Source: <https://www.cnn.com/2019/09/29/opinions/sikh-sheriffs-deputy-killed-in-texas-sandeep-dhaliwal-james-gagliano/index.htm>



Aggie Athletics

Nationally-ranked men's soccer team continues winning streak versus Eastern Okla. State

The Murray State College Men's Soccer Team began the week on a celebratory note, being ranked in national NJCAA Div. I polls for the first time in program history. The Aggies carried their #16 national ranking and undefeated season into their October 3 home game versus regional rival Eastern Oklahoma State College.

A defensive battle throughout, the Aggies and Mountaineers each had early chances to get on the scoreboard first. In the 32nd minute, Aggie freshman Tom Adwar ended the scoreless tie on a long goal which soared just out of reach of the Mountaineers' goalie. The Aggie lead stood until 15 minutes into the second half when Murray State freshman Ruben Carraso scored his seventh goal of the season to give the Aggies a two-goal advantage.



Adwar, the Aggies 6'2" center midfielder from Nairobi, Kenya, would go on to score his second goal of the game six minutes later to help the Aggies secure a three-to-zero victory over the Mountaineers. Murray State's win, the sixth shutout led by freshman goalie Dan Huff this season, improves the Aggies' record to 11 wins, zero losses and one tie.

Next for the Murray State men is a home game versus University of Arkansas- Rich Mountain on Thursday, October 10. Earlier in the season, the Aggies and Bucks battled to a scoreless tie through regulation time and two overtimes, accounting for the only game Murray State has not won this season.

MSC women's soccer team remains undefeated at home versus EOSC

The Lady Aggies came into their home game versus regional rival Eastern Oklahoma State College on October 3 looking to bounce back from a close road loss to Seminole State the previous weekend. The Aggies came into the game with nine wins and two road losses and five-and-two in regional play. Murray State took an early one-point lead thanks to an assist from sophomore captain Alexes Sanchez and a goal by freshman Alex Fraser three minutes into the game.

Despite several shots on goal from both teams throughout the rest of the first half, the Aggies and Mountaineers went into halftime with a one-to-zero goal advantage for Murray State. Eastern Oklahoma State began the first half with a defensive stand, countering several surges by the Murray State offense. Midway through the second half, Aggie freshman Louisa Boyes was able to split two Eastern Oklahoma State defenders and score her fifth goal of the season to give Murray State a two-to-zero lead.

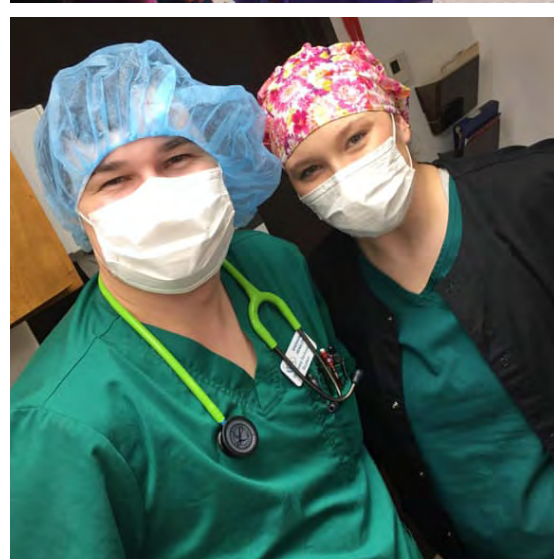


The Aggie defense and their duo of goalies, Erica Rey and Cynthia De Leon, were able to hold the Mountaineers to just three shots-on-goal and helped secure the Aggies' two-to-one victory and seventh shutout of the season. The win improved Murray State's record to 10 wins and two losses overall and five-and-two in regional play.

On Sunday, October 6 the Aggies continued their mid-season momentum in a matchup at Redlands Community College. The Aggies got on the scoreboard midway through the first half with a goal by freshman Louisa Boyes, followed by an additional goal by freshman Adriana Connor to give the Aggies a two-goal lead at halftime. Alexes Sanchez scored back-to-back goals early in the second half to secure the four-to-zero Aggie victory, improving their record to six-and-two in regional play and 11 wins and two losses overall.

The Aggies have outscored their opponents 43 goals to eight this season leading into a home game on Thursday, October 10 with regional opponent the University of Arkansas- Rich Mountain.

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Upcoming Events

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

- Harvest Moon Festival-Tishomingo
Fountain Area outside Cafeteria- 6:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

- Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinic- JoCo EMS
604 E. 24th St., Tishomingo- 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- NATIVE Club Meeting
MSC Library, Tishomingo- 6 p.m.
- Board of Regents Meeting
MSC Board Room, Admin. Bldg.- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

- Student Veterans Association Meeting
Faculty Lounge, Student Union- 12 noon
- CFFA Pig Chip BINGO
Johnston County Fair Barn- 3 p.m.



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

- **Fall Break- No Classes**
- Baseball vs. SW Collegiate Prep
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 10 a.m.
- Baseball vs. Brookhaven College
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 1 p.m.
- Women's Soccer vs. NE Okla. A&M
MSC Soccer Field- 2 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. NE Okla. A&M
MSC Soccer Field- 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18

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The Ranch, Tishomingo- 10 a.m.
- Baseball vs. Northeast Texas CC
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 4 p.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20

- Women's Soccer at NOC-Tonkawa
Tonkawa, OK- 1 p.m.
- Men's Soccer vs. NOC-Tonkawa
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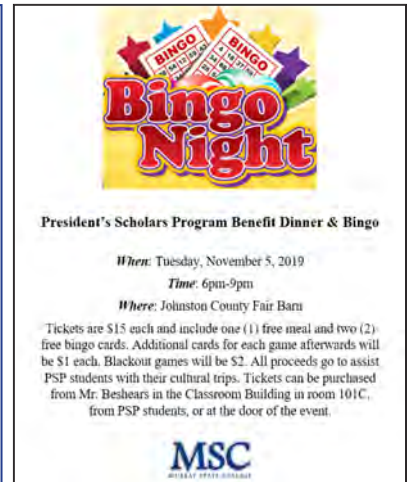
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President's Scholars Program Benefit Dinner & Bingo

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Tyler Jr. College Tournament, Tyler, TX
- Academic Advisement Awareness Event
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- Men's/Women's Golf
Tyler Jr. College Tournament, Tyler, TX
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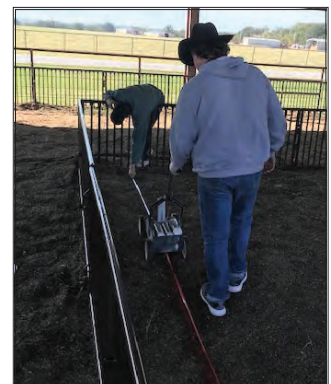


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Special News

Spring 2020 Enrollment begins soon!

Daily temperatures are falling and we are only a few weeks away from enrollment for the Spring 2020 Semester.

Current students, who can begin enrolling for the spring semester on November 4, are encouraged to meet with Academic Advisement as soon as possible to make sure they are on track and prepared to enroll. Early enrollment ensures students currently enrolled can find the right classes on the days and times that best fit their schedules. Enrollment in spring classes will begin November 11 for new students and many classes are expected to fill up quickly.

Current and future students are invited to stop by MSC Advisement Offices in Tishomingo or Ardmore to pre enroll for the spring semester and visit with advisors.



Tishomingo Academic Advisement
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(580) 387- 7201 or (580)387-7202
Student Services Suite 103

Ardmore Academic Advisement
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
(580) 319-0370
UCSO, MSC Advisement Suite



A Note of Thanks...

Thank you to everyone who helped with the very successful Tishomingo Harvest Moon Festival. Robert, Joy, Kathy Bowen, and the staff of Great Western Dining deserve special thanks for all their work on the evening. Thanks to everyone who came.



-Dr. Rebecca J. Jacobs-Pollez

BEDLAM BLOOD BATTLE

Murray State College Blood Drive
Monday, Oct. 28 and Tuesday, Oct. 29
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Special News

Lady Aggies team awarded national academic award

The Murray State College 2018-2019 Women's Soccer Team was honored with a Team Academic Award from the United Soccer Coaches Association. The team posted its highest GPA in program history on its way to earning the award, which was announced by the organization Thursday, October 3.

United Soccer Coaches, the national coaches association for college programs, recognizes exemplary performance in the classroom with its annual Team Academic Award. This year the organization honored 990 women's and men's teams from all divisions of college soccer for maintaining a composite grade-point average of 3.0 or better for all players on the roster during the academic year. The 20 student athletes on Murray State College's team maintained a GPA over 3.2 during fall 2018 and spring 2019.



"It is a tremendous accomplishment for our program to be recognized by the coaches' association for the success our student athletes achieve in the classroom. It also shows that our student athletes understand our commitment to graduating champions," said MSC head coach Nataki Stewart. "I could not be happier that we have Shaya Claxton, Cassandra Jimenez, Lauren Goolsby, Alexes Sanchez, Brisa Rivera, Katia Casanova, Melizza Hernandez, and Katy Bonham to serve as great examples for our new students."

Better Together

Last year, the *Better Together* column discussed Catholicism, the earliest form of Christianity. Monasticism, in which practitioners renounce the world and dedicate themselves to a spiritual life, was an early feature of Catholicism. In the early sixth century, St. Benedict wrote well-known guidelines for living a monastic life, many of which are still followed today, and Benedictine monasteries quickly spread throughout Europe. Today there are over 400 Benedictine monasteries worldwide and even more monastic groups that follow the rules set forth by Benedict.

Last week, some of us were fortunate enough to watch a live broadcast of the 2019 Jefferson Lecture in Humanities, presented by the National Endowment for the Humanities. The NEH describes that "the Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities, established by the National Endowment for the Humanities in 1972, is the highest honor the federal government confers for distinguished intellectual achievement in the humanities." This year, the talk was given by a Benedictine monk and priest, Father Columba Stewart. Father Columba is a scholar of early religions, and executive director of the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. His talk was entitled, *Cultural Heritage Present and Future: A Benedictine Monk's Long View*.

Presently Father Columba and his teams work to digitize texts in order to preserve them. In addition to lesser known European Catholic documents, they have saved texts in Ethiopia, the Middle East, and Timbuktu, Mali, often putting themselves at risk of death. Columba discussed how his work fits the centuries-long goal of Benedictines to preserve religious documents. Sadly, with war and terrorism so common around the world, sometimes all that is left of original hand-written books which had survived many hundreds of years are digital copies. He discussed how those books tell us about our humanity, give us hints about what people thought, which leads directly to how we think today. Ironically, these clues to our humanity are being destroyed by man's inhumanity to man.

You can watch the video at <https://www.facebook.com/nehgov/videos/515056039284692>. Skip forward to 1:08:00 to avoid all the ads that ran before the talk began. For more about Father Columba, you can read <http://hmmml.org/about/father-columba/>

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Aggie Athletics

Murray's nationally ranked men's soccer team defeats NEO, suffers first loss to NOC-Enid

The Murray State College Men's Soccer Team entered their game October 17 versus Northeastern Oklahoma A&M undefeated and ranked 12th nationally in NJCAA Div. I. Aggies began the game strong with several shots on goal in the first 15 minutes and limiting the Norsemen offense who have scored six first-half goals in their last two games. MSC got on the scoreboard first when sophomore David Mbuyu scored on a booming shot on goal 18 minutes into the game. The goal, assisted by freshman Claudio Tipote, was Mbuyu's third of the season. The two players connected again seven minutes later with a goal by Mbuyu in the 25th minute. After leading two-to-zero for the remainder of the first half and most of the second half, the Norsemen scored a late goal with 12 minutes left in the game, but the Aggies were able to hold on to secure the two-to-one victory at home.



The Aggies then took their undefeated season on the road versus Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa October 20. The Mavericks came out energized, scoring a goal less than a minute into the game, then scoring a second time three minutes later to quickly put the Aggies in a two-goal deficit. Murray State was able to battle back in the first half, equalizing the score with a pair of goals midway through the half before NOC answered back to retake the lead with a minute left in the first half. The Mavericks scored again three minutes into the second half, but the Aggies answered with their third goal of the game a minute later to remain within one goal. Unfortunately, a late goal on a Maverick penalty kick secured the win for NOC, ending the Aggies' undefeated streak and dropping them to 13-1-1 on the season and 6-1-1 in regional play.

Next, MSC will take on Rich Mountain in a game postponed from October 10 after lightning ended the game early in the second half with MSC leading two-to-zero. The Aggies will then close out the regular season at Eastern Oklahoma State College on October 27.

MSC women looking to close out regular season after defeating NEO, tying NOC-Tonkawa

The Lady Aggies came into their home game versus regional rival Northeastern Oklahoma A&M on October 17 looking to firmly secure a spot in the regional tournament. The Lady Norse were looking to avenge a heartbreaking home loss to MSC earlier in the season in which MSC's Alexis Sanchez scored a game-winning goal with one second remaining in double overtime.

Aggies entered the game with 12 wins and three losses and seven-and-three in regional play. Murray State dominated the first half with goals by sophomore Melizza Hernandez and freshmen Inez Henson and Juana Huerta to give the Aggies a three-to-zero lead at halftime. Two minutes into the second half, Henson scored her second goal of the game followed five minutes later by Hernandez scoring her second to give the Aggies a five-goal lead. Henson scored a third goal midway through the second half before NEO got on the scoreboard in the 65th minute. A goal by Aggie freshman Louisa Boyes, who also recorded two assists in the game, two minutes later would secure the dominant seven-to-one victory for Murray State.



On Sunday, October 20 the Aggies traveled to Tonkawa to take on Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa who came into the game five-and-five in regional play and fighting for a spot in the upcoming regional tournament. Despite several shots on goal from both teams throughout the first half, the Aggies and Mavericks went into halftime tied at zero. The Aggies broke the tie midway through the second half, scoring a goal after the ball bounced off several MSC and NOC players before crossing the goal line. The Mavericks would answer back on a goal with 15 minutes left in regulation time to tie the game at one goal a piece and force overtime. Both teams' offenses would put together multiple runs, but ultimately both defenses held strong, resulting in the game ending in a one-goal tie after two overtimes.

Next, MSC will host the undefeated Seminole State Trojans October 24 before closing out regular season play on the road at Eastern Oklahoma State College October 27.

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October 28, 2019

Upcoming Events

HOMECOMING WEEK

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- MSC Blood Drive
Aggie Ballroom- 11:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Homecoming Volleyball Tournament
MSC Volleyball Courts- 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- MSC Blood Drive
Aggie Ballroom- 11:45 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Pumpkin Painting/Carving
Student Union, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Costume Softball Game
MSC Softball Complex- 1:30-3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

- PTA Soup Lunch
Health Science Bldg.-12 noon
- Homecoming Bonfire & Pumpkin Smash
MSC Horse Barns- 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

- Games on the Lawn
Admin. Bldg. Lawn- 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.



NJCAA Region II Soccer Tournaments,
Nov 2-3! Go Aggies!!

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

- Silent Auction -OTA/PTA/Nursing
HS Bldg., Rm. 118- 9 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Oklahoma Angels
Beames Fieldhouse - 5:30 p.m.
- Homecoming Ceremony (aprox. 6:30 p.m.)
Beames Fieldhouse - btwn. Bball games
- Men's Basketball vs. Premier Prep
Beames Fieldhouse - 7:30 p.m.

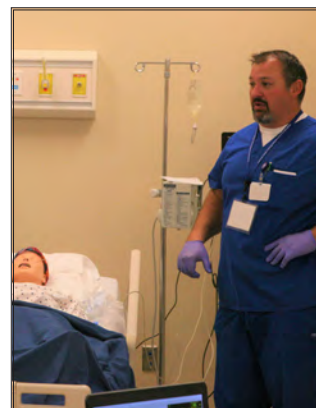
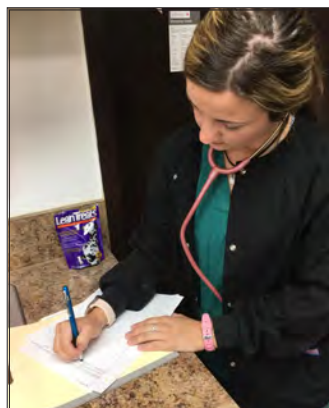
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- MSCVT CE Seminar
Vet. Tech Bldg.- 7 a.m.
- PBL Rummage Sale
Masonic Lodge, Tishomingo - 8-10 a.m.
- Distinguished Alum. & Hall of Fame Banq.
Registration- 9:30 a.m., Aggie Dining Rm.
Banquet - 11:30 a.m., Aggie Ballroom
- Baseball Alumni Game
The Ranch - 1:30 p.m.
- Softball Fundraiser/Marathon Game
MSC Softball Complex - 2-6 p.m.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- Men's Bball vs. Arizona Western College
Beames Fieldhouse- 1 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

Murray State College invites alumni & friends to participate in 2019 homecoming activities

Murray State College has announced plans for its annual homecoming and alumni week which will take place October 28-November 2, 2019.

Student-centered activities throughout the week include scavenger hunts, pumpkin painting/carving contests, and nightly games on campus, including a bonfire on Wednesday, October 30 beginning at 7 p.m. Activities for students, alumni and friends of the college will continue through Saturday, November 2, 2019.

“We have so many successes to celebrate. From successes of individual graduates to successes of athletic teams and academic programs, it’s clear to see the impact Murray State College has had on our communities,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

The weekend kicks off with a women’s basketball game at 5:30 p.m. and men’s basketball game at 7:30 p.m. on Friday night. The homecoming coronation will take place between games.

At 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, November 2, alumni will gather for their yearly luncheon to recognize graduates and friends of Murray State College. Registration for the event and social hour will begin at 9:30 a.m. with the awards ceremony to follow in the Aggie Ballroom. This year’s honorees are Colonel James L. Booker, Sr., Jirl Buck, and Donald Day. Athletic Hall of Fame Inductees are Keach Ballard, II, Edward “Buck” Chatham, Bob Parkhill and Nancy Washington Robinson. Cost of this event is \$25 per person.

Following Saturday’s luncheon, baseball alumni are invited to a reunion at The Ranch beginning at 1:30 p.m. Students, alumni and friends of MSC are invited to attend all events. For additional information, see the MSC website at www.msco.edu.



MSC'S ROARING HOMECOMING 2019
OCTOBER 28TH THRU NOVEMBER 1ST

MONDAY OCTOBER 28TH

- EARLY SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MURRAY THE MOOSE
- OFFICE/ROOM DECORATING CONTEST (GRADING 205 THEME)
- VOLLEYBALL AT THE COLLEYS - 4 PERSON TEAMS 7 PM

TUESDAY OCTOBER 29TH

- EARLY SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MURRAY THE MOOSE
- PUMPKIN CARVING/PAINING CONTEST - MULTIPLE PRIZES 11 AM - 2 PM
- CUSTOMER SOFTBALL GAME - HOSTED BY MSC SOFTBALL & BASEBALL 1:30 PM - 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 30TH

- EARLY SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MURRAY THE MOOSE
- PUMPKIN CARVING/PAINING CONTEST (HONORS AWARDS)
- BONFIRE WITH DJ AND PUMPKIN SMASHING (FREE AND SMORES) 1 PM / 7 PM

THURSDAY OCTOBER 31ST

- EARLY SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MURRAY THE MOOSE
- DEER CONTEST (HONORS AWARDS)
- GAMES ON THE LAWN 11 AM - 2 PM
- MOVIE NIGHT TEA

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 1ST

- EARLY SCAVENGER HUNT WITH MURRAY THE MOOSE
- MSC SPIRIT DAY
- MEN/PUMPKIN BASKETBALL GAMES - WHITE OUT! 5:30 PM / 7 PM
- HOMECOMING CEREMONY BETWEEN GAMES



Murray State College
Athletic Hall of Fame & Distinguished Alumni Banquet
Saturday, November 2
\$25 Tickets

2019 Inductees:

- Keach Ballard, II
- Edward "Buck" Chatham
- Bob Parkhill
- Nancy Washington Robinson

Distinguished Alumni:

- Colonel James L. Booker, Sr.
- Jirl Buck
- Donald Day

MSC **DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD**

Murray State College employees recognized for length of service

At this year’s fall all-employee meeting, Murray State College faculty and staff were recognized with length of service awards at five, 15, 20, 30 and 35-year levels. “Murray State is comprised of many talented individuals who remain dedicated to student success year after year. Within our college community we will continue working together as a team to provide top-tier customer service and unlimited opportunities for student success,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Employees receiving recognition for length of service were: Carol Smither, 35 years; Robin Coppedge, 30 years; Brian Cothran, 20 years; Ronda Pickens and Virginia Orr, 15 years; and Aaron Beshears, Marvin Bostrom, Isaac Butler, Justin Cellum, Dr. Derek Dodson, Rhonda Glenn, Christy Green, Tammy Manion, Dr. Robbie Pearson, Blaine Red, and Dr. Katelyn Tyler each receiving five-year service awards.

Also announced during the meeting were promotion of faculty members. Those promoted in rank were Jenna West from associate professor to professor; Christy Green, Bobbi LaFavers and Wes Reddish from instructor to assistant professor; Dr. Katie Tyler and Dr. Robbie Pearson were recognized as associate professors.

“Our faculty members are committed to their subject areas and their students. They are amazing individuals with talents that improve Murray State College both inside and outside the classroom,” said McDaniel.



Receiving recognition for employment milestones at Murray State College are (pictured left to right with President McDaniel, second from left) Brian Cothran (20 years), Carol Smither (35 years), Ronda Pickens (15 years), and Robin Coppedge (30 years).

Special News

MSC Study Abroad Program announces upcoming travel destinations

Murray State College students interested in traveling to exciting and exotic locations while gaining college credit can now review upcoming travel opportunities on the international studies/study abroad webpage, www.msco.edu/academics/departments/international-studies/study-abroad.

Travel opportunities for 2020 are enrolling now and are open to students and others who are interested in expanding their borders with MSC's Study Abroad Program. Upcoming destinations include Belize, Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Trips to Costa Rica, Switzerland and South Africa are also being finalized for 2021.



Three credit hours of humanities or science elective are available to students and concurrent high school students wanting to participate in the trips. Those interested in participating can email mscstudyabroad@mscok.edu for more information.

Better Together

People of different faiths pray in many different types of buildings. The earliest religious buildings in North America were Catholic churches located near St. Augustine, Florida where the Spanish settled in the late 16th century. Next came Anglican churches since those arriving in settlements such as Jamestown in the early 17th century were of the Anglican faith. Pocahontas and John Rolfe were married in the first Jamestown church, a wooden structure which was replaced only a few years later. Of major minority religions, the earliest to arrive in the Americas were Jews. Congregation Shearith Israel, founded in 1654 in New York City, is the oldest Jewish congregation in the United States, its present building of worship dates from 1896. The oldest structure built originally as a synagogue is Touro Synagogue in Newport, Rhode Island (1759-63). Less than 100 synagogues constructed prior to 1900 remain standing in the US.

Historically a mosque is not necessarily a building, it can be any place Muslims pray facing Mecca. There is a debate over the first American mosque built as a place of worship. Some suggest it was a building founded in 1915 by Albanian Muslims in Biddeford, Maine. A section of Biddeford's Woodlawn Cemetery still holds the tombs of many Muslims who died of the flu in the 1918 epidemic. Presently, the oldest mosque still standing in the U.S. is the Al-Sadiq Mosque, built in 1922 in the Bronzeville neighborhood of Chicago. Its construction was funded mostly with money donated by African-American Ahmadi Muslim converts. Called the Mother Mosque of America, the first structure specifically built as a mosque was constructed in 1934 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. It is a small white building in a middle-class neighborhood that resembles the houses surrounding it. Current estimates suggest there are more than 2,100 mosques in the U.S., the largest in Dearborn, Michigan, with California having more mosques than any other state.

Buddhism first came to North America in the 1840s when Chinese immigrants settled in western parts of the United States. Beginning about the same time, North Americans and Europeans visiting Asia brought many Buddhist texts when they returned to their homelands. The first Buddhist temple in America was built in San Francisco in 1853 by a Chinese Buddhist fraternal group, Sze Yap Company, followed by a second temple a year later built by another Chinese fraternal group. Today, there are approximately 1,000 Buddhist centers in the United States.

While individual Hindus visited the United States during the 19th century, the Hindu presence in the U.S. was extremely limited until the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1965.

The first Hindu temple established in America was the Sri Maha Vallabha Ganapati Devasthanam, also known as the Ganesh Temple, in New York. Its construction began in 1970 and completed in 1977. Although incomplete, it was opened in 1970 to host traditional and religious events. In the last few decades the number of Hindu temples constructed in the U.S. has grown significantly. Today there are over 200 temples, most of them recognized for their elaborate beauty.

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Aggie Athletics

MSC men 's soccer holds on to defeat Rich Mountain, drops road game versus EOSC

The Murray State College Men's Soccer Team entered their game October 22 versus Rich Mountain looking to build on momentum from their October 10 match up with the Bucks. That game was postponed due to lightning after 45 minutes of play with the Aggies leading by two goals.

The Aggies, who entered the game with 13 wins and only one loss this season, started the game aggressively with multiple shots on goal, but were unable to translate those offensive efforts into a goal until late in the first half. With less than five minutes left in the half, Aggie sophomore Daniel Diaz received a pass from fellow sophomore Claudio Tipote and split two Rich Mountain defenders to score his eighth goal of the season giving the Aggies a one goal lead at halftime.



Murray State quickly took a two-goal lead in the game with a goal by sophomore Jose Flores a minute into the second half before extending their lead midway through the half when MSC's leading goal scorer Ruben Carrasco scored his 10th goal of the season. Two late goals by the Bucks brought them within a goal, but the Aggies were able to hold on to record a hard-fought three-to-two victory. Aggressive play and frustration with officiating from both teams lead to four yellow cards throughout the game with Murray being called for 12 fouls and Rich Mountain assessing 16 fouls. The win helped secure a six-win and zero-loss home record for the Aggies this season leading into their final game of the regular season on October 27.

The Aggies utilized their game versus Eastern Oklahoma State College on Sunday to make preparations for the upcoming regional tournament and give multiple players further down the depth chart additional playing time and experience. After ending the first half in a zero-to-zero tie, the Mountaineers were able to get on the scoreboard five minutes into the second half when sophomore Leonardo Shulz scored his first goal of the season. A goal 20 minutes later from their leading goal scorer Jose Maria Ruarte helped secure the Mountaineers two-to-zero victory over the Aggies.

Murray State, who ends the regular season as regional champions for the first time in program history and with a record of 12 wins, two losses and one tie, now make preparations for the NJCAA Div. I Region II tournament in Enid November 2 and 3.

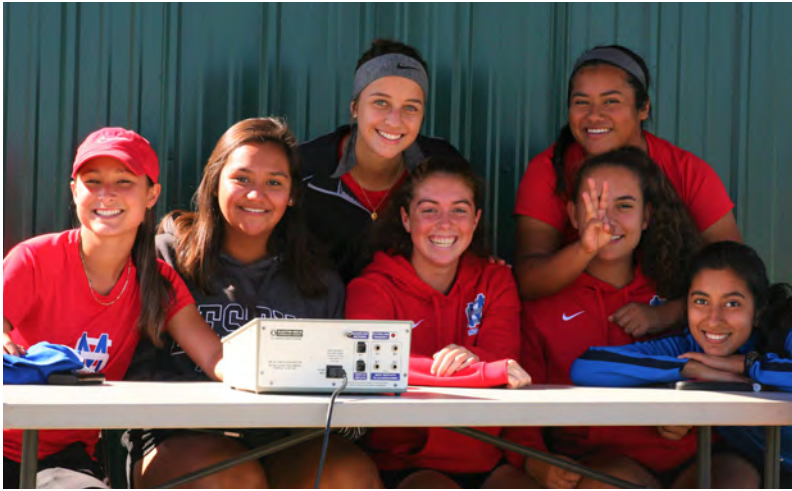
MSC women defeat EOSC, close out regular season versus Seminole State today

Despite moving their October 24 home game versus Seminole State College forward two hours to avoid incoming thunderstorms, the Lady Aggies game faced a lightning delay within the first half of play and eventually was postponed. The Aggies, who faced Eastern Oklahoma State College on Sunday, will close out their regular season today, October 28, at 2 p.m. in the rescheduled game versus Seminole State. The undefeated Trojans visit Tishomingo ranked seventh nationally and looking to extend their ten-game winning streak.

On October 27, Murray State College entered their road game versus Eastern Oklahoma State College with nine wins and three losses in regional play and with 14 wins, three losses and one tie overall this season. The Aggies, who previously defeated the Mountaineers two-to-zero in Tishomingo on October 3, were able to continue to build on that previous win to end the game with a two-to-one victory. Aggie freshman Juliet Torres and sophomore Katia Casanova scored goals in the second half to secure the Murray State win after being down by a goal at halftime. The Aggies recorded 15 shots-on-goal during the game and look to continue that momentum in today's game and into regional tournament play which will be announced later this week.



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November 4, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- Spring 2020 Enrollment Begins for Current Students

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

- Women's Basketball vs. Collin College Beames Fieldhouse - 5:30 p.m.
- PSP Dinner & BINGO Fundraiser Johnston County Fair Barn- 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

- Student Veterans Association Meeting Faculty Lounge, Student Union-12 noon
- Women's Basketball at Paul Quinn College Dallas, TX- 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Ranger College Ranger, TX - 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

- Southeastern Recruiter on Campus Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- NATIVE Club Social Stickball Game Durant, OK- 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

- Financial Aid Disbursement
- First Generation Day Event Student Union Lobby - 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Hutchinson CC Hutchinson, KS - 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

- Men's Basketball at Barton County CC Hutchinson, KS - 4 p.m.

Last Week in Photos...



Special News

MSC Vet. Tech's Harlee Bailey crowned 2019 MSC Homecoming Queen



After weeks of campaigning and fundraising, Harlee Bailey of Kingston was crowned Murray State College's 2019 Homecoming Queen during MSC's Homecoming coronation November 1.



Bailey and MSC Homecoming King winner Brennon Hensley are both sophomores in Murray State College's Veterinary Technology Assistant Program. Bailey is chair of the MSCVT Fall Carnival Committee and, upon graduation, plans to obtain her specialty in equine or zoo animal medicine. Hensley, from Hollis, OK serves as the President of the National Association of Veterinary Technicians of America student chapter and his goal after graduation is to open his own wildlife rehabilitation center.



In addition to Homecoming Queen Bailey and King Hensley, runners-up in the competition were second runners-up Kylie Manning and Corey Witherspoon (couple on left) representing Murray State College Physical Therapist Assistant Program, and first runners-up Morgan Bonds and Ryan Ridge (center couple) representing the Aggie Ambassadors.

Better Together

This week we return to discussing the many varieties of belief systems practiced by the world's and America's population starting with systems without a supreme being. The various ancient Greek natural philosophies of Atomism (c. 5th century BCE) are probably the earliest examples of these types of systems. These philosophers argued that physical atoms, literally "uncuttables," were the source of everything. They posited that atoms, or indivisible bodies, strike against one another, rebound and interlock in an infinite void. Since this was all random, there was no divine intervention or design. With this physical system as the basis, philosophers formulated a consistent set of views on ethics, theology, political philosophy and epistemology.

Today, many Humanists hold beliefs that eschew divine intervention. A large number of Humanist groups exist though, so finding a definition is difficult. The American Humanist Association's motto is "Good with a God." They explain Humanism as "a progressive philosophy of life that, without theism or other supernatural beliefs, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good." Modern Humanism has both secular and religious origins and advocates disagree on whether or not the worldview is religious or philosophical. Atheists are a subgroup of Humanism as are Secular Humanism and Religious Humanism. Secular and Religious Humanists both share the same worldview and the same basic principles.

As Fred Edwords said, "Instead of finding solace in prefabricated answers to the great questions of life, humanists enjoy the open-endedness of a quest and the freedom of discovery that this entails." With this also comes great responsibility. Humanists believe that the defiance of religious and secular authority has led to democracy, human rights, and the protection of the environment. Humanists also believe that each person must take responsibility for their own lives, that mankind is responsible for stopping wars and crimes, and we humans must determine the kind of world in which we live.

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Aggie Athletics

MSC women's soccer advance to Region II tournament, face tough Rose State College team

The Murray State College Women's Soccer Team ended regular season play on Monday, October 28 with a home loss to regular season and Region II tournament champions Seminole State College. The Trojans entered the game undefeated, built an early first-half lead and were able to hold on to defeat the Aggies five-to-zero.

The Aggies 14-win season was more than enough to help them advance to the NJCAA Region II tournament in Enid on November 2. In the first round, Murray State faced a Rose State College Raiders team which had beat them four-to-zero in both their match ups during the regular season.



After remaining scoreless through the first 20 minutes of the November 2 game, Rose State scored the only goal of the first half to lead the Aggies at halftime. The majority of the second half remained a battle of each team's defense, with the Raiders holding on to their one-goal lead. Unfortunately, two late goals from Rose State secured the Raiders' victory, securing them a spot in the regional final versus Seminole State.

The semifinal round tournament loss dropped the Aggies record to 14 wins, five losses and one tie overall for the season and nine wins, four losses and one tie in regional play. Sophomore captain Alexes Sanchez led the Aggies with 11 goals and 10 assists this season followed by Louisa Boyes with seven goals and 12 assists.

MSC women's and men's basketball teams celebrate homecoming with wins

The Murray State College women's and men's basketball teams both kicked off their seasons and celebrated homecoming weekend with wins on Friday, November 1 in Tishomingo.

The MSC men's basketball team opened their season against Premier Prep and were led by freshman forward Jaylan Thomas who scored 17 points and had five rebounds and sophomore forward Adam Nance with 16 points and five rebounds.

Murray State College led Premier Prep 58-30 at half and were able to continue their momentum in the second half, expanding their lead to 40 points to win the game 117 to 75. The Aggies shot 50 percent from behind the 3-point line and a total of 63 percent from the field for the game. Next, the Aggies travel to Ranger, Texas on Wednesday, November 6 to take on Ranger College who are undefeated so far this season.

Following an impressive showing by the Murray State College men's team, the MSC women's team faced the Oklahoma Angels in their first game of the season. The Aggies pulled ahead early thanks to sophomore Lynzee Smith, who had 16 points in the game, and freshmen Alaijah Stewart and Isabelle Classon who each added 12 points. Murray State College led the Angels 48-19 at half and in the second half expanded their lead further to ultimately win the game 84 -44.



The Aggies shot 45 percent from the field, including 41 percent from behind the three-point line, and were able to pull down 46 rebounds during the game. The Aggies are looking to build on their homecoming win Tuesday, November 5, as they welcome the undefeated Collin College Cougars to Tishomingo.

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November 18, 2019

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- Men's Basketball at Rhema Bible College
Broken Arrow, OK - 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- Women's Basketball at Collin College
Plano, TX - 5:30 p.m.
- Arts & Humanities- Performance Final
Aggie Ballroom- 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- HS Junior/Senior Preview Day
Campus Center - 9 a.m.-12 noon
- Student Veterans Association Meeting
Faculty Lounge, Student Union- 12 noon
- Archery Tag Event
Beames Fieldhouse - 6- 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- Southeastern Recruiter On Campus
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.
- Legislative Luncheon
Aggie Dinning Room- 12 noon
- Women's Basketball vs. Redlands CC
Beames Fieldhouse - 5:30 p.m.
- NATIVE Meeting
MSC Library- 6 p.m.
- Arts & Humanities- Performance Final
103 W. Main St., Ardmore- 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Redlands CC
Beames Fieldhouse - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

- **Financial Aid Disbursement**

NOVEMBER 25 -NOVEMBER 29

- **Thanksgiving Break- No Classes**

Upcoming Fitness Center Closures: The Fitness Center will close Friday, November 22, 2019 at 1 p.m. and remain closed until 11 a.m., December 2, 2019 for Thanksgiving Break. Also, the Center will close at 1 p.m., December 6, 2019 and remain closed until January 13, 2020 for Christmas Break.

Last Week in Photos...



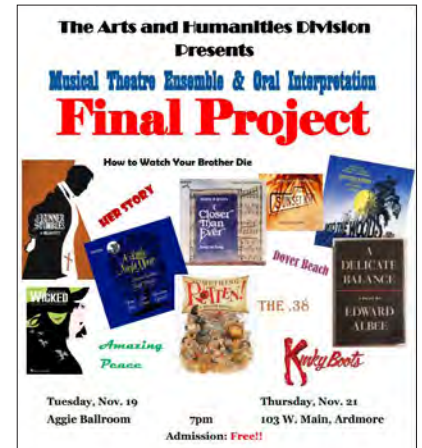
Special News

Musical Theatre final project performances, Nov. 19 in Tishomingo, Nov. 21 in Ardmore

Students in this semester's theatre classes will be performing their final projects at 7 p.m. Tuesday, November 19th in the Aggie Ballroom in Tishomingo and Thursday, November 21st at 103 W. Main Street (across from Main St. Coffee) in Ardmore.

Students, staff and community members are all invited to attend either performance, which are free to the public.

The program will consist of songs, poems and scenes by several different authors and from some of the most popular productions in recent history. Students involved are Eli Wharton, Kacie Mapp, Kassidy Wooley, Margi Thompson, Brianna Owens, and Haleigh Kyle.



Murray State College Phi Theta Kappa inducts new members

On November 10, 2019, Murray State College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held a ceremony to honor three Murray State College students who were newly inducted into Phi Theta Kappa for the fall 2019 semester at Murray State.

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges. Members participate in activities focused around the organization's four pillars of leadership, scholarship, fellowship, and service. All Murray State College students who have completed at least 12 credit hours and have a 3.5 GPA are eligible to join. Final selection for membership in the organization is made by a faculty committee and is based not only on the scholastic requirement but also on qualities of character and leadership.

Newly inducted members for the fall semester were Tanyia Keltner, Falon Lamirand, and Chauncey Pearson.



MSC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa held a ceremony November 10 to honor three Murray State College students who were newly inducted into the organization for the fall 2019 semester. Pictured from left to right are MSC PTK Vice President of Scholarship Sherron Lee; Inductees, Tanyia Keltner, Falon Lamirand, and Chauncey Pearson; and MSC PTK President Jenifer Trett.

Invitations to join are extended once during the fall semester and once during the spring semester each year. For more information about Phi Theta Kappa, please contact Lisa Coulter at lcoulter@mscok.edu.

MSC community gathered to honor veterans, November 11

In honor of Veterans Day, the Murray State Student Veterans Association celebrated and honored student veterans Monday, November 11 with a free luncheon for all veterans. The event was attended by 16 current MSC students and staff members who have served in a branch of the military in the past or are currently serving.

Murray State College recognizes the sacrifice and commitment of our students who have served in the military. The college community is indebted to our veterans – on this campus and beyond – in ways we can never repay. At Murray State, we strive on a daily basis to recognize veterans' needs that may differ from those of non-veteran students – and address those issues.



Special News

PBL annual food drive extended through Nov. 20th

MSC Phi Beta Lambda has extended their annual Jane Bullard Memorial Food Drive through Wednesday, November 20. Donations help support food banks in Tishomingo and Ardmore areas. In addition, the donations also help stock the Blessing Box located inside the University Center of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore.

Please take your food donations to the Classroom Building, Suite 203 in Tishomingo and to the Faculty Office Suite upstairs on the University Center campus in Ardmore. Both locations will have a sign-in sheet for you to log donations for potential extra credit.

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MSC Cultural Events Committee and Chickasaw Nation to host Archery Tag Nov. 20 at MSC

As part of celebrations commemorating Native American Heritage Month, the Murray State College Cultural Events Committee and the Chickasaw Nation are hosting an exciting evening of archery tag Wednesday, November 20 from six to eight p.m. in the Beames Fieldhouse Gymnasium. All students, staff and friends of the MSC community are welcome to attend. Also, the MSC NATIVE club will be providing water and hot chocolate to attendees.

Those participating need to make sure to wear or bring a pair of socks and all other archery tag equipment will be provided. For questions, please contact Cecil Wilson (cecil.wilson@chickasaw.net) at 580-387-7283 or Susan Yeager at syeager@mscok.edu.



Better Together

In an earlier column, we discussed Native American forms of belief. The motto of ING, the Islamic Networks Group, is “educating for cultural literacy and mutual respect.” In a recent email, this group reminded all of us that Thanksgiving, a holiday that for many symbolizes family and offers an important opportunity to give thanks for all of our blessings, is not viewed positively by many Native Americans.

Native Americans have mixed reactions to Thanksgiving. For many, Thanksgiving is a day of mourning and protest since it commemorates the arrival of settlers in North America and the subsequent centuries of oppression and genocide. Others set aside these complex feelings and gather with friends and family and offer thanks.

The Islamic Networks Group and other interfaith groups have asked this year that we all remember the contributions of the first Americans. They said, “Thanksgiving is a time to remember them. The earliest European communities in what is now the United States survived only because of the help these Native Nations offered—only to be later treated with great brutality and injustice.” In 1990, President George H. W. Bush proclaimed the month of November as Native American History Month. We live in a state that has a larger than average Native American population making the month of November and Thanksgiving good times to remember and appreciate them.

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Aggie Athletics

MSC Men's basketball outlasts Grayson College

The Murray State College Men's Basketball Team entered their game versus Grayson College Friday, November 15 looking to improve their win streak to four games after starting the season with five wins and only two losses. Grayson College came to Tishomingo with four wins and two losses this season and having won two of their last three games.

The Aggies jumped out to an early six-point lead in the first 15 minutes of the game, but Grayson quickly recovered after a series of unanswered points from their leading scorer, D.J. Thoms. The Aggies maintained a slight lead through a majority of the first half and were able to hold on to a three-point, 42-39 lead at halftime.

The second half was a battle of the offenses and both teams' leading scorers. Aggie sophomore Kori Guest led all scorers with 31 points in the game followed closely by Grayson's Thoms with 30 points. While Grayson College had four players record double digits in points, compared to two players for Murray State, only six Vikings players scored in the game while nine Aggie players contributed points. The Aggies' team effort in the second half was enough to secure a 81-to-78 victory and extend their winning streak to five games.

The Aggies were led in rebounding by redshirt freshman Cedric Garrett with 10 rebounds, followed by sophomore Shem'mario Stephens with six. Both Garrett and Stephens also had seven points in the game. In addition to Guest's 31 points, sophomore Kyle Murray had 10 points, freshman Andre Washington had eight and freshman Dyson Plumley added seven points. Overall, the Aggies shot 51.9 percent from the field and 42.9 percent from behind the three-point line.

The Aggies look to build on their successes in the past four games as they travel to Broken Arrow Monday, November 18 to take on Rhema Bible College, and then open regional play Thursday, November 21 by welcoming Redlands Community College to Beames Fieldhouse at 7:30 p.m. The Aggies and Cougars, who each beat the other at home last season, are both averaging more than 80 points per game and 37 percent from behind the three-point line.



MSC women's basketball team continues non-conference play with a pair of games

The Murray State College Women's Basketball Team hosted Connors College, Paris Junior College and North Texas as part of the two-day Murray Classic November 15 and 16. The Lady Aggies entered their match with North Texas coming off an impressive 78-76 win over Grayson College November 12 to improve to three wins and one loss this season.

The Aggies jumped out to an early lead, outscoring North Texas by four points in the first quarter and further extending their lead in the second quarter to lead 42-29 at halftime. The growing lead in the second half allowed 12 Aggie players to get quality playing time and each contribute points to help secure a 91-48 Aggie victory. Freshman Alaijah Stewart lead the Aggies with 16 points, followed by sophomore Kes Reeves with 15 and freshman Isabelle Classon with 12 points.



The following day, the Aggies took the court against Paris Junior College looking to extend their three-game winning streak. The Aggies fell behind early, but were able to pull within a point to trail 41 to 40 at halftime. The two teams had scoring runs and each took multiple leads throughout the second half, but Paris was able to pull ahead late in the game to hand the Aggies their second loss of the season, 86-84. The Aggies were led in scoring by Reeves, with a season high 25 points, and Stewart with 22 points. Sophomore Andressa Nascimento lead the Aggies with 12 rebounds and scored 10 points.

Next, the Aggie women travel to Plano, Texas Tuesday, November 19 to take on Collin College before opening regional play at home versus Redlands Community College November 21 at 5:30 p.m.

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Upcoming Events

Finals Week

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

- Men's Basketball vs. Rhema Bible College
Beames Fieldhouse - 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

- Santa Night
Johnston Co. Fair Barn- 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

- **Fall Semester Ends**
- Women's Basketball vs. Arkansas Baptist
Muskogee, OK - 5:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

- Women's Basketball vs. S. Arkansas Tech
Muskogee, OK - 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Grayson College
Denison, TX - 4 p.m.

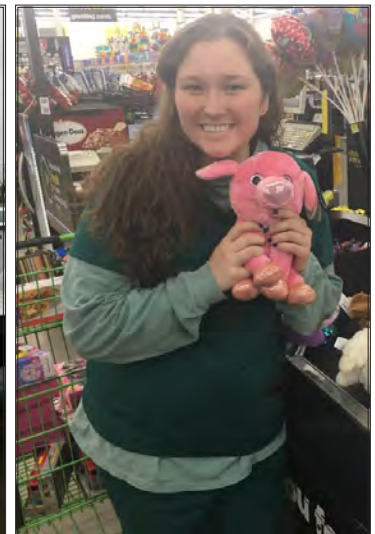
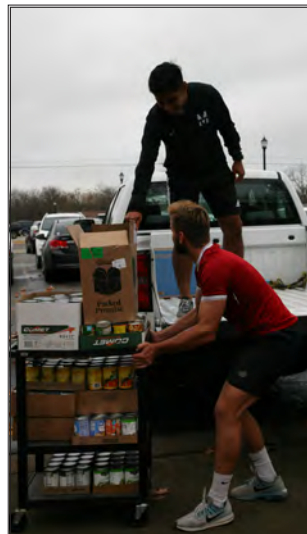
DECEMBER 9 -JANUARY 13

- **Winter Break- No Classes**
 - Dec. 13: Women's Bball vs. SNU
Beames Fieldhouse - Time-TBA
 - Jan. 4: Women's Bball vs. Richland
Beames Fieldhouse - 2 p.m.
 - Jan. 9: Women's and Men's Basketball
vs. Eastern Oklahoma State College
Beames Fieldhouse - 5:30/7:30 p.m.



Christmas Break Fitness Center Closure: The Fitness Center will close at 1 p.m., December 6, 2019 and remain closed until January 13, 2020 for Christmas Break.

Last Two Weeks in Photos...



Special News

Murray State College professor awarded grant to attend seminar in Senegal, West Africa

Her application rising to the top in a pool of more than 150 applicants, Murray State College Associate Professor of Social Sciences Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez was awarded a grant from the Council of American Overseas Research Centers (CAORC) and the West African Research Center (WARC) to attend a faculty development seminar in Senegal. The seminar, which will take place January 6-23, 2020 in Senegal's capital city of Dakar, is focused on the history, culture, economy, and political life of Senegal, with a special emphasis on the country's spiritual diversity and interreligious dialogue and tolerance.



The grant application was submitted as part of recent interfaith and cultural awareness efforts by Jacobs-Pollez and others on MSC's Cultural Events Committee. Upon hearing that she was awarded the grant, Jacobs-Pollez said she is "...greatly honored by the award," citing the sponsors of CAORC and the kind of work they are doing. Following the seminar, and as part of grant funding, Jacobs-Pollez will create coursework for CAORC's website. Information will help educate students at Murray State and those in local communities about African history and culture.

"This is an exciting and worthwhile opportunity for Murray State College and Dr. Jacobs-Pollez. Our Cultural Events Committee has been working very hard to bring knowledge and understanding of diverse populations to students in southern Oklahoma. This seminar will allow Dr. Jacobs-Pollez to bring home important insight into the globalized learning environment of which we are all a part," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Geared toward community college faculty and minority-serving institutions in the U.S., the two-week conference will feature lectures, panels, film screenings, and discussions to help attendees better understand the complexities of diversity, religion, and migration in contemporary West Africa. According to the call for grant applications, local issues such as the region's growing transnational movements and their impact on local young people, attract greater attention across the globe, "It is critical that American educators be able to interpret them for students eager to understand the rapid changes taking place in both the larger world and their own communities." For information, contact Dr. Rebecca Jacobs-Pollez at rjacobspollez@mscok.edu.

Murray State College Santa Night set for December 5 at Johnston County Fair Barn

For more than 10 years, students in Murray State College's Veterinary Technology Program have hosted a Santa Night for children of Johnston County. What began as a "pictures with your pets" holiday event has morphed into one of the area's most beloved holiday traditions, attracting both children and their parents.

This year's Santa Night will take place on Thursday, December 5, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Johnston County Fair Barn in Tishomingo. On Santa Night, every child age 10 and under receives a gift from and a photo with Santa. The festive event features games, caroling, cookies, and hot chocolate for everyone attending. Preparation for the event includes extensive coordination with the North Pole to arrange transportation for Santa and Mrs. Claus.

"This is simply one of the most well-organized and important community-service events sponsored by Murray State College. The Veterinary Technology Program's faculty and students raise money for and participate in this project with joy in their hearts and love for these kids. It truly is amazing," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

In addition to the hard work from veterinary technology students, faculty and staff, partnerships and community support help fund the event. Students hold fundraisers, and community organizations and individuals contribute to help offset the cost. Phi Beta Lambda students and sponsors will be serving cookies and beverages during this festive event.

Thanks to generous donations in the past, organizers have been able to provide extra help when they see need within a specific family. One year, an entire Christmas was donated to a family including gifts, food, and a decorated tree. Another year, a child found a bicycle under his tree after a hard year for his family.

Contact Debbie Reed at dreed@mscok.edu or 580-387-7521 to make a Santa Night donation or for more information on the event.

Special News

Blessing Box installed at MSC in Tishomingo

Planning and generous donations from students and staff have led to the recent installation of a Blessing Box on MSC's Tishomingo campus. The Blessing Box, a small cabinet where people leave donated goods such as non-perishable food and toiletries, is located in the Grind inside the Student Union.

The outpouring of donations has been amazing according to MSC Director of Student Life Bailey McCollom. Students and staff are encouraged to take what is needed and bring what they can.

In addition to placing items directly into the box, donations can also be placed in the large wagon outside the Student Life office door. Thank you to all who have made donations.



Annual Phi Beta Lambda Food Drive a Success

Prior to Thanksgiving break, MSC students and faculty delivered food collected during Phi Beta Lambda's Jane Bullard Memorial Food Drive in November. Donations from this annual event help support food banks in Tishomingo and Ardmore areas and also help stock the Blessing Box located inside the University Center of Southern Oklahoma in Ardmore.

At UCSO in Ardmore, the 745 items collected were delivered to the UCSO Blessing Box and to Ardmore's chapter of the Salvation Army. In Tishomingo, Phi Beta Lambda and assisting students collected and delivered 725 food items to My Neighbor's Cupboard. Thank you to everyone who donated and helped deliver!

Overall, students and faculty helped Phi Beta Lambda members collect and deliver 1,470 canned goods and other food items which will serve the equivalent of 1,910 meals to local families.



Better Together

During the semester break, students and staff will be celebrating holidays from various traditions. In today's multi-cultural and multi-religious world, the simple act of accepting other types of holidays is very important. Many of us welcome other groups to participate with us and share in the joy of our celebrations. Sharing in the holiday of a different religion or belief system highlights our similarities. We may never fully understand all aspects of other traditions, but when we show acceptance, others may show acceptance of our traditions in return. This is a good way to begin a conversation and help us think more about what our own celebrations mean to us and the values we associate with traditions and beliefs intertwined in them.

Even though we may be different culturally or may believe different things spiritually, everyone can take time to celebrate the spirit and underlying humanistic qualities displayed in each of the faiths around us. A wish for the coming New Year is that all over the world, we, as humans, learn to celebrate together and demonstrate acceptance, tolerance, compassion, and respect for others.

However you choose to celebrate over the break, we send wishes of peace, joy, happiness, love, friendship, and lots of good food! Good luck everyone with finals!

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Aggie Athletics

MSC Men's basketball begins regional play against Redlands with blowout win

The Murray State College Men's Basketball Team entered their game versus Redlands Community College Thursday, November 21 looking to extend their winning streak to six games and remain undefeated on their home court. Redlands came to Tishomingo on a three-game winning streak after starting the season with four straight losses.

It didn't take long for the Aggies to take control of the game, as they jumped out to a double-digit lead in the first 15 minutes of the game and extended it further to lead 50-25 at halftime. The Cougars strung together several scoring runs early in the second half cutting into the Aggie lead, but a combination of the large deficit and Murray State's defense was too much to overcome in the end. The Aggies had 13 players score in the game on their way to securing the 99-53 victory, moving to 1-0 in Regional II play and 8-2 overall. Freshmen Jerry Carraway and Dyson Plumley led the Aggies in scoring with 16 points each and sophomore Shem'mario Stephens added 10 points, three rebound and two steals.

The Aggies, who lost a close game to NJCAA #1 --ranked Ranger College on Wednesday November 27, look to build on recent successes as they continue regional play after the winter break in Altus January 6 taking on regional rival Western Oklahoma State College. The Aggies and Pioneers are each averaging more than 90 points per game and 35 percent from behind the three-point line.



MSC women's basketball team opens regional play with Redlands Community College

The Murray State College Women's Basketball Team hosted the undefeated Redlands Cougars November 21 to begin NJCAA Region II play. The Lady Aggies entered the game with four wins and three losses this season after back-to-back losses to Paris Junior College and Collin College earlier in the week.

After trading leads through the first quarter, the Cougars were able to pull ahead by two points to end the first quarter and maintained a slight 43-41 lead at halftime. Following a series of unanswered points to begin the second half, the Aggies were able to outscore Redlands 19-14 in the third quarter to lead 60-57 going into the final 10 minutes of the game.

The Cougars regained momentum in the final quarter, recapturing the lead and going on a 21-8 run in the final 10 minutes to leave Tishomingo with a 78-68 victory, remaining undefeated and dropping the Aggies to 0-1 in regional play.

Next, the Lady Aggies will travel to Warner December 6-7 to take on Arkansas Baptist College and Southern Arkansas University Tech as part of the Connors State College Classic, then to Denison, Texas on December 10 for a rematch with Grayson College. They return home December 13 to play Southern Nazarene University in their final game of 2019. The Aggies next regional game is scheduled for January 6 versus Western Oklahoma State College in Altus.



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Important Dates

MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

- Deadline to submit grades- 5 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

- Employee Holiday Party
Ole Red's, Tishomingo -5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

- Board of Regents Meeting
Murray on Main, Ardmore- 7 p.m.

DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 1

- Employee Christmas Break
-Campus Closed

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

- Resident Housing reopens- Athletes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

- Resident Housing reopens- Freshman

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

- Resident Housing reopens- Sophomores

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

- Spring classes begin
- Fitness Center reopens



Last Week in Photos...

