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January 10, 2020

Upcoming Events

Welcome Back!!

MONDAY, JANUARY 13 *(limited parking)*

- Spring Semester Classes Begin
- Fitness Center reopens
- Women's Basketball at Seminole State
Seminole, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Seminole State
Seminole, OK-7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

- Women's Basketball vs. NOC-Tonkawa
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NOC-Tonkawa
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

- Final Day to Enroll for Spring Classes

MONDAY, JANUARY 20

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day- Campus Closed
- Women's Basketball vs. NE Okla. A&M
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.
- Spring Musical Auditions
Fine Arts Building, Room 112- 6 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NE Okla. A&M
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.



Limited parking anticipated Monday, January 13 : A funeral for Lindsey Varner, Milburn's beloved agriculture and FFA educator, will begin at 11 a.m. Monday, January 13, 2020 in Fletcher Auditorium. Please expect limited parking on the main Tishomingo campus from 10 a.m.- 12 noon. Thank you for your patience.

Recent Photos...

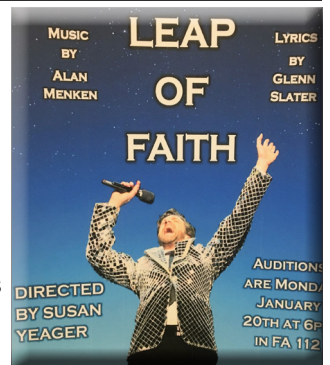


Special News

Auditions for the MSC Spring Musical scheduled for January 20

Auditions for the MSC Arts and Humanities Department spring musical, *Leap of Faith*, will be held January 20 at 6 p.m. in Room 112 of the Fine Arts Building. All students interested in being part of this fun show are encouraged to audition. For more information about the auditions, contact Susan Yeager at syeager@mscok.edu or 580-387-7461.

With lyrics by Glenn Slater and music by Alan Menken, the Tony-nominated play, *Leap of Faith*, is based on the hit film of the same name in which an unscrupulous faith healer finds unsuspecting love and finally sees the light.



Local artist/educator has one-woman show, “Dark Worlds, New Realities” in OKC

The composite photographic artworks of Ardmore, Okla. artist and Murray State College Professor Emeritus Sharon Burris are currently on display in a one-woman show, “Dark Worlds, New Realities,” at the Inasmuch Foundation Gallery in the Visual and Performing Arts Center on the Oklahoma City Community College campus.

The show features Burris’s photographs, each consisting of several different photos, shading, and color layers, printed on glossy aluminum. Some photos have as many as 18 different layers. A combination of botanical and architectural images has been arranged to create surreal landscapes and abstracts that allow viewers to create their own narratives for the pieces.



“This medium allows viewers to see different aspects and images in the different layers when they see the work from different angles. I love how people find their own stories in my work,” said Burris.

Burris became interested in photography while in college and worked for more than a decade as an award-winning photojournalist. She has won several awards with her composite photographic works in area and regional shows.

As Professor Emeritus at MSC, Burris continues teaching as an adjunct professor of mass communication in Ardmore and Tishomingo.

“We are always proud to see Professor Emeritus Burris succeed in the world of art and photography. She is both an inspired artist and treasured mentor and professor for students at Murray State,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel

The show, curated by fellow Ardmore artist Rudy Ellis, will be on display until January 24, 2020. The Inasmuch Foundation Gallery is open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 7777 S. May Ave. in Oklahoma City. The public is invited to a closing reception on January 21 at the gallery from 6 to 7:30 p.m.



The bootcamp program offers the chance to discover a city, a culture and participate in an innovative academic program, dealing with a hot topic for 14 to 20 days! For information or to apply online visit <http://frenchhighereducation.org/grants-and-programs/5896-community-college-france/bootcamps>. For more information, contact Dr. Jacobs-Pollez at rjacobspollez@mscok.edu or 580-387-7512.

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Special News

Murray State College Announces Honor Rolls for Fall 2019

The Murray State College Registrar's Office has announced the honor roll for fall 2019. Students who take at least 12 credit hours of collegiate-level coursework and earn no grade lower than an "A" are listed on the President's Honor Roll. Students who take at least 12 credit hours of collegiate-level coursework and earn no grade lower than a "B" are listed on the Vice-President's Honor Roll. A total of 243 students were named to the 2019 fall semester honor rolls at Murray State College, including 102 students named to the President's Honor Roll for earning an "A" grade in all their courses.

"It is no small task to undertake 12 or more hours and earn top grades while perhaps working one or more jobs, having children, or participating in a multitude of activities on campus. We congratulate our honor roll students and encourage others to follow their lead," said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

Students earning **President's Honor Roll** recognition were Kathryn Abbey, Vanessa Aldava, Trevor Aycox, Kaylea Bailey, Brooke Barbour, Randi Barrington, Josaiiah Beal, James Beasley, Chelsea Berryhill, Lucille Bluntschli, Caitlin Bralley, Stephanie Buckner, Kellie Burke, Jaclyn Burkhardt, Rebecca Carroll, Katia Casanova, Jillian Clark, Shaya Claxton, Cougan Collins, Meegan Costner, Makayla Crawford, Logan Crotty, Halli Culbreath, Kristin Davis, Tosha Deal, Brentnie Decker, Roxanne Dickerson, Manuella Donmeza, Gracie Doughty, Stone Dudley, Brooke Dunning, Brittany Foster, Megan Gardner, Calysta Garner, Kirsten Garner, Racelyn Gemmell, Samuel Gilman, Makayla Green, Shamine Green, Autumn Henry, Inez Henson, Melizza Hernandez, Gordon Hull, Katherine Irwin, Kassandra Jimenez, Michaela Johnston, Jake Jones, Robert Joy, Katariina Kaikkonen, Shelbee Kite, Haleigh Kyle, Madelynn Lee, Shelby Linscott, Brooklyn Luelf, Hunter Mann, Tiffany Manning, Jenna Mayer, Destiny McClaine, Savannah McGuire, Louis Micenheimer, Reagan Miller, Sunni Moore, Luyanda Nogenga, Caleb Pack, Rachel Page, Kristynia Parsons, Caroline Pattison, Amber Payne, Chancey Pearson, Melanie Piper, Kes Reeves, Tyler Reiter, Garrett Richardson, Amber Rohrig, Mikayla Rutland, Kelly Sanabria, Channing Scallorn, James Simpler, Lesley Smith, Macy Smith, Denin Spriggs, Bailey Storie, Hope Sussman, Paizlee Szenasi, Ryan Taylor, Otho Thomas, Cynthia Thomsen, Madisyn Tolle, Ashton Trent, Aubrey Tuttle, Amanda Upton, Jese Valeriano, Bernardo Villagomez, Ashlee Walker, Timothy Weaver, Audrey White, Lydia Wiese, Makayla Williams, Jacy Wills, Rachel Wilson, KC Wood, and Cassidy Wooley.

Students earning **Vice-President's Honor Roll** recognition were Tom Adwar, Matthew Albritton, Isabel Allen, Natalee Alvarez, Kiera Andruzzi, Hannah Arterberry, Mimi Atkinson, Makenzie Austin, Summer Ayres, Harlee Bailey, Lyndsey Bailey-Smith, Payton Barrick, Jordan Baze, Morgan Bonds, Paige Briscoe, Samantha Brown, Marc Byles, Laura Carter, Madison Cimo, Zachary Cole, Keyana Collier, Diego Cortes Gomez, Vanessa Cothren, Heather Derby, Jose Diosdado, Jillian Dixon, Cheyennea Duke, Jaylee Eaves, Marlana Farrell, Dshun Ford, Lee Foster, Kailee Gaddis, Aubree Goodwin, Payton Griffin, Tylr Gunter, Alexander Guzman, Alexis Hall, Reagan Hall, Randaysha Hanson, Natalea Harcrow, Dylan Hardwick, Karen Hart, Clio Heath, Brennon Hensley, Rhiannan Hinkle, Chloe Hix, Jacob Honeycutt, DeShauna Hopkins, Mckenzie Hudson, Elizabeth Ibarra, Cole Inouye-Boyd, Lainey Jestis, James Jones, Victoria Jones, Tanyia Keltner, Ashly Kirk, Alexis Lambert, Stefanie Lane, Forrest Latham, Cailyn Lemmond, Caidon Livingston, Alexis Logan, Kylie Manning, Abigail Maple, Janay Marks, Destiny Martin, Logan Martin, Bantu Massae, Shandra Mathis, Amara McCollum, Conor McCollum, Alivia McCuan, Corey McGregor, John McMann, Jovanny Mijares, David Milam, Jaret Miller, Jennifer Monroy, Parker Moore, Devan Murray, Taleigh Nail, Dominic Newell, Heather Nickell, Taylor Norton, Ishioma Okpue, Samanta Olguin, Kinjal Patel, Ashley Paul, Julio Piedra, Allison Pitmon, Carissa Quarterman, Anna Quesada, Laura Quiroz, Boe Ray, McKailey Rennaker, Keri Richmond, Ryan Ridge, Madalynn Riley, Makenzie Rogers, Eneida Ruiz, Samantha Rushing, Alexis Sanchez, Kendall Sanford, Savannah Screechowl, Leah Selensky, Ali Selvy, Taylor Shannon, Michael Shannon, Kelsey Sherry, Renee Simmons, Jessica Sliger, Emily Sloan, Bradley Smith, Lynzee Smith, Skyler Southerland, Mary Stephens, Melissa Stewart, Cole Strickland, Jordan Talkington, Matthew Taylor, Katherine Teafatiller, Colton Tharp, Brocton Tiller, Claudio Tipote, Juliet Torres Gonzales, Jenifer Trett, Brennan Waitman, Bailie Walker, Mary Walker, Shari Ward, Rebecca Ward, Kristan Williams, Roneshia Williams, Blaire Wilson, Ermis Wilson, Firaol Wolabu, Michael Wood, Jacob Wright, Elaina Wyatt, Caelan Young, and Tiffany Zeleny-King.

Aggie Athletics

MSC men's basketball begins new year with pair of regional wins

The Murray State College Men's Basketball Team entered their game versus Western Oklahoma State College Monday, January 6 having won eight of their last nine games, and with their only loss since early November to #1 ranked Ranger College. The Aggies started their first game of 2020 strong, jumping out to a 46-to-24 lead at halftime. Western Oklahoma State College rallied to outscore the Aggies in the second half, but it wasn't enough to overcome the large halftime deficit as Murray State secured an 87-71 victory to move to two-and-zero in regional play. Aggie freshman Cedric Garrett led all players with 26 points and 13 rebounds in the game, and also made six-of-seven from behind the three-point line. MSC sophomores Kyle Murray and Kori Guest added 13 and 11 points to help the Aggies move to 11-and-three this season.



Next, Murray State College returned to their home court Thursday, January 9 to take on Eastern Oklahoma State College who were looking to extend their five-game winning streak. The Aggies jumped out to an early lead in the game, holding the Mountaineers to 30 points in the first half. Murray State maintained a double-digit lead through most of the second half, ultimately winning the game 86-76. Four Aggies scored in double-digits, led by sophomore Shem'mario Stephens with 17 points. Freshmen Jerry Carraway and Jaylan Thomas each had 14 points and Dyson Plumley added 11 points in the game.

This victory moves the Aggies to 12 wins and three losses for the season and three-and-zero in regional play. They look to build on recent successes as they travel to Seminole on Monday, January 13 to continue regional play versus Seminole State College. The Trojans enter the game undefeated on their home court and two-and-one in regional play.

MSC women's basketball continues regional play versus WOSC and EOSC

The Murray State College Women's Basketball Team returned from the holiday break with a pair of regional games versus Western Oklahoma State College January 6 and Eastern Oklahoma State College Thursday, January 9.

The Lady Aggies entered the game with WOSC having won four of their last five games and eight-and-six overall this season. After pulling out to a nine-point lead in the first quarter, the Aggies went into halftime with a 33-22 lead over the Pioneers. Western Oklahoma State College came out strong in the second half thanks to their leading scorer sophomore Delicia Brown who dominated the second half to finish the game with 29 points, four steals and two blocked shots. Her strong play helped rally the Pioneers to cut the Aggie lead to five points at the end of the third quarter and then sneak out a one-point, 63-62 victory late in the game to hand the Aggies their second regional loss of the season. The Aggies were led in scoring by freshman Alajiah Stewart with 17 points and freshman Jillian Ingram and sophomore Kes Reeves each added 12 points.



Following the close loss to Western, the Aggies returned home to host the Eastern Oklahoma State College Lady Mountaineers on January 9. The Aggies fell behind early, but rallied in the second quarter to lead 36-30 at halftime. In the second half, the Mountaineers cut Murray State's lead to two points and then outscored the Aggies 18-11 in the final quarter of play to hand MSC a 67-72 loss, dropping them to 8-8 this season an 0-3 in regional play to begin the new year. Jillian Ingram led the Aggies with 24 points and 16 rebounds in the game and freshman Isabelle Classon added an additional 10 points.

Next, the Aggies travel to Seminole to take on regional rival Seminole State College on Monday, January 13. Both teams are looking to secure their first regional win of the season and end two-game losing streaks.

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January 21, 2020

Upcoming Events

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

- Chickasaw Nation Program Information
MSC Student Union, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

- Women's Basketball at NOC-Enid
Enid, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at NOC-Enid
Enid, OK-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

- Collegiate FFA Meeting
LS Bldg. Rm. 111, 12 noon -1 p.m.



Recent Photos...



Special News

Murray State Livestock Judging Team brings home top national honors

Members of the Murray State College Livestock Judging Team received high honors at the 2019 Arizona National Livestock Show in Phoenix, Ariz. over the holiday break. Murray State's Team, led by coach Blaine Red, finished the national event in 5th place overall.

In addition to the top five overall finish, the team placed fifth in the cattle, swine, sheep/goats and reasons events.

MSC sophomore Cole Strickland led the team in individual honors, placing first in the cattle division.

Team members are (back row left to right) Brooke Dunning of Deepwater, Missouri; Braydon Sanders of Wanette; JC Mitchell of Elk Grove, California; Jason Tate of Haworth; (Front row left to right) Jolie Goodman of Gans; Jaylon Sneed of Tishomingo; Aaron Beratto of Mill Creek; Racelyn Gemmill of Wilson; and Morgan Bonds of Velma-Alma.



Student Success Center releases Spring 2020 tutor schedules

The Student Success Center has released a portion of their spring 2020 tutor schedules for Tishomingo. The schedules include the availability of writing, math, and science tutors as well as study leaders. Study leaders have been trained to develop and lead structured study groups and are currently leading several sessions. Within the next month, the Student Success Center also plans to add additional tutoring opportunities through its peer tutoring program. The SSC offers free tutoring services to any student needing assistance. For more information visit the Student Success Center's tutoring page at <https://www.msocok.edu/academics/student-success-center/tutoring>.

Attention Students!

Have you considered looking for an on-campus job?

You may qualify for federal work study funds!

The Financial Aid Office has a listing of departments that are in need of student employees. They can verify your eligibility and put you in touch with potential employers. Not only are these jobs on campus, but also offices can easily work around your class schedules.

If interested or if you have questions, visit the Financial Aid Office located in Suite 108 of the Student Services Building in Tishomingo.



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FREE LUNCH ON WEDNESDAY

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Food is served from 11:30 - 1:00



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MSC men's and women's basketball teams continue regional play

On January 16, the Lady Aggies entered their game versus Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa looking to secure their first win in regional play and improve to nine wins overall this season. The Lady Mavericks scored 30 points in the first quarter, jumping out to an early lead, but the Aggies were able to chip away at the early deficit to take a 46-to-38 halftime lead. The Aggie offense continued to dominate throughout the third and fourth quarters, to ultimately win the game 92-67. Murray State freshman Alaijah Stewart scored 22 points in the game, which saw all five Aggie starters score in double digits. Sophomore Kes Reeves added 16 points, including a trio of three-point baskets, while sophomore Randaysha Hansen and freshman Jillian Ingram each had 12 points. Freshman Madison Roberson had 10 points and led the Aggies with nine rebounds in the win.



Later that evening, the Murray State College Men's Basketball Team hosted the #7 nationally ranked Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa Mavericks with both teams looking to secure the top spot in the region. After falling behind in the first half and trailing at halftime 30-33, the Aggies put together multiple surges of offense in the second half to pull ahead late in the game. The Aggies expanded their lead in the final minutes to secure a 66-to-62 victory over the Mavericks and improve to 5-0 in regional play and 14-3 overall. The Aggies were led in scoring by sophomores Shem'mario Stephens with 13 points and Kori Guest with 12 points. Freshman Dyson Plumley added 10 points and had two blocks in the game.

Both Aggie teams looked to build on momentum from wins early in the week as they welcomed Northeastern Oklahoma A&M to Beames Fieldhouse January 20. The Lady Norse, who were eight-and-seven overall and three-and-two in regional play heading into the game, trailed the Aggies by one point at the end of the first quarter. The Aggies continued building their lead each of the next three quarters to secure a 61-32 victory and move to nine wins and nine losses overall and six-and-three on their home court.

The Aggie men's match up with NEO was a battle for the top spot in the region as both teams entered the contest with perfect five and zero records in regional play. The Aggies held a four point, 35 to 31, lead at halftime. The Golden Norseman led several rallies in the second half, but were unable to overcome the Aggie defense late in the game as Murray State held on for a 69-67 victory. The Aggies were led in scoring by Plumley with 20 points, followed by freshman Jaylan Thomas with 11 points. The win moves the Aggies to six-and-zero in regional play and 15 wins and three losses overall.

Next, both Aggie teams travel to Enid on Thursday, January 23 to take on Northern Oklahoma College-Enid. Both Jets' teams have won four of their last five games and are averaging more than 77 points per game.

Baseball adds Aaron Cornell to Coaching Staff

Murray State College Head Baseball Coach Sam Bjorling has announced the addition of Aaron Cornell to the MSC coaching staff. Cornell, who brings an exemplary playing and coaching resume, has played on three state championship baseball teams, and was a member of the Oklahoma State College's 2014 Big 12 Championship team before beginning his coaching career.

"We are very excited to be adding Coach Cornell to our staff. I know he will be a great teacher of the game and a great mentor and role model to our players," Bjorling said of the hiring.

Previously, Cornell has served as an assistant coach at Mulhall-Orlando High School, hitting coach with the East Texas Pump Jacks of the Texas Collegiate League, graduate assistant coach at Southeastern Oklahoma State University and, most recently, as an assistant coach at Mustang High School, helping guide the team to the 2018 state tournament.

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January 27, 2020

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, JANUARY 27

- Southeastern Okla. St. Recruiter on campus
Student Union Lobby-11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- BCM Promotion/Information Table
MSC Student Union-11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Connors State
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.
- *Intrusion*
Fletcher Auditorium, Tishomingo- 7 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Connors State
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28

- MSC Foundation Board Meeting
Admin. Bldg Board Room, 3-5 p.m.
- *Intrusion*
Brass Ring Theater, 120 A Street NE
Ardmore-7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

- Science Club Meeting
Library/Science Bldg., Room 112, 3 p.m.
- NATIVE Club Meeting
MSC Library, Tishomingo- 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30

- Women's Basketball at Redlands CC
El Reno, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Redlands CC
El Reno, OK-7:30 p.m.



Blessing Box in Need of Items: The blessing box, located in the Grind inside the Student Union in Tishomingo is in major need of both men's and women's body care items. Additionally, snacks, such as peanut butter crackers and granola bars would be welcomed. All donations can be dropped off in the Student Life Office, SS 100.

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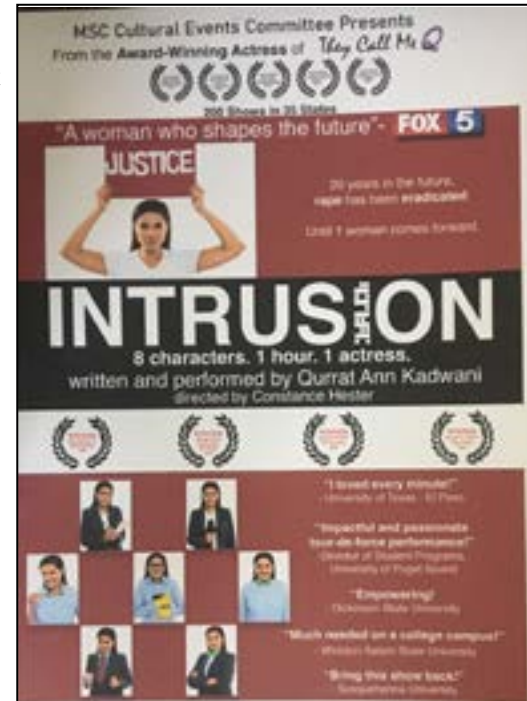
MSC to host *Intrusion*, the award-winning off-Broadway play, January 27 and 28

The Murray State College Cultural Events Committee will host a presentation of *Intrusion* on Monday, January 27 at 7 p.m. in Fletcher Auditorium on MSC's Tishomingo campus and on Tuesday January 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Brass Ring Theater located at 120 A St. NE in Ardmore.

The play, performed by award-winning actress Qurrat Ann Kadwani, takes place over the span of an hour. Through her portrayal of eight characters, she evaluates the flaws in a society where rape is supposedly eradicated, helping to raise awareness about sexual violence and providing a look into how society perpetuates rape culture. This is a college-level, educational play that is not suitable for younger audiences.

The production examines topics such as power dynamics, sexual violence statistics, Title IX history, self-defense moves, the complexity of sexual violence along with politics, media, legal systems, psychology, education, male and female sexual assault and LGBTQ inclusivity.

According to information provided on the tour's website, audiences of all backgrounds can gain a better understanding on how different sectors of our society contribute to the issues surrounding sexual assault. In the play, the narrator is a college student who motivates the audience to speak up and throughout the play finds her own voice. Other characters portrayed by Kadwani include a journalist, prosecutor, daytrader, politician, psychologist, 3rd grader and professor.

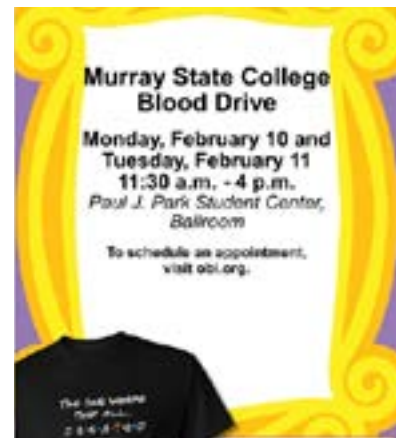


MSC blood drive scheduled February 10 and 11 in Aggie Ballroom

Students, staff and Murray State College community members are invited to participate in the MSC blood drive being held from 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, February 10 and Tuesday, February 11 in the Aggie Ballroom.

Donating saves lives, and the Oklahoma Blood Institute is in desperate need of donors to bolster their dwindling supply of blood in Southern Oklahoma. Donors of all blood types are needed, but particularly O-negative blood donors since it is a universal blood type.

As the nation's 6th largest non-profit blood collector, Oklahoma Blood Institute's donors provide every drop of blood needed for patients in more than 160 hospitals statewide. It takes nearly 1,200 donors a day to meet those needs.



Transfer Corner: Attention Sophomore Students!

\$500 Scholarship to Northwestern Okla. State University available to attendees of Spring Showcase

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will play host to a Spring Showcase event on Saturday, February 22 at 10 a.m. in the Student Center in Alva. Students interested in transferring to Northwestern's Alva campus are invited to attend and every student in attendance will be awarded a \$500 scholarship to Northwestern-Alva if they chose to attend the university. Those attending also will have their Northwestern application fees waived and get free Northwestern T-shirts. Students must meet all scholarship eligibility requirements to qualify.

Registration for the event is from 10 to 11 a.m. with a welcome beginning at 11 a.m. Campus tours will begin at 11:30 a.m. and will continue in 15-minute increments until 12:45 p.m. Lunch will be provided in the Student Center from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. Information about the event is provided at www.nwsu.edu/spring-showcase along with a pre-registration form. For more information please contact Andrea Lauderdale, student success coordinator and transfer recruiter, at (580) 327-8606 or by email at aamlauderdale@nwsu.edu.

Special News

MSC Study Abroad Program currently enrolling for upcoming travel destinations

Why not see the world and gain college credit? 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.mscol.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 all current and future MSC students as well as concurrent high school students.

Those interested in participating can email mscstudyabroad@mscol.edu for more information.



Work Study Positions Available

The Financial Aid Office has a listing of departments including Outreach, Media Center, IT and Ardmore offices in need of student employees.



If interested or if you have questions, visit the Financial Aid Office located in Suite 108 of the Student Services Building in Tishomingo.

Science Club to meet January 29th

The MSC Science Club will be holding its first meeting:

3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 29

Library/Science Building, Room 112

Students do not need to be in a science class to participate in Science Club.



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MSC women's and men's basketball teams continue regional winning streaks

On January 23, the Lady Aggies entered their road game versus the Northern Oklahoma College-Enid Jets on a two-game winning streak and looking to secure their third win in regional play to improve to 10 wins overall this season. The Jets' entered the game having won four of their last five games and averaging more than 77 points per game.

The Aggies jumped out to an early lead following an impressive barrage of five three-point shots made in the first five minutes by freshman Alaijah Stewart. After leading by eight points at the end of the first quarter, Murray State went into halftime with a 32 to 26 lead. The Jets rallied in the third quarter, outscoring the Aggies by 10 points, to take a two-point lead. The NOC-Enid comeback was led by their sophomore leading scorers, Tanara Combs and Hayden Freeman, who combined for 28 points and 15 rebounds in the game.

The Aggies came roaring back to score 26 points in the final quarter of the game, outscoring the Jets by 11 points, to secure a 69-62 victory. Stewart, who led the Aggies in scoring for the fourth straight game, finished with 30 points including eight three pointers and a perfect six-for-six from the free-throw line. Sophomore Randaysha Hansen scored 17 points and led the Aggies with six rebounds. Sophomore Kes Reeves and Freshman Macy Smith each had eight points in the win which improved the Aggies record to 11 wins and nine losses this season and three and four in regional play.

Later that evening, the Murray State College Men's Basketball Team took the court looking to remain undefeated in regional play versus Northern Oklahoma College-Enid. The Jets had won five of their last six games including four straight on their home court.

The Aggies pulled ahead early, dominating the Jets behind the three-point line on their way to a 10-point halftime lead. Murray State continued to build a lead in the second half thanks to their freshman duo of Kobe Burgess and Jaylan Thomas, who each finished with a game high of 16 points. In the end, the Aggies, who shot 43 percent from behind the three-point line compared to NOC-Enid's 19 percent, won the game 83 to 72. Burgess was a perfect six-for-six from the field, including three-for-three from behind the three-point line.

The win improves the Aggies record to seven wins and zero losses in regional play and 16 and three overall.

Next, the Aggie women and men welcome Connors State College to Beames Fieldhouse Monday, January 27 at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m. The Connors men's team comes into the game averaging 95 points per game and with 16 wins and five losses this season while the Connors' women are 17 and four this season and looking to snap a two-game losing streak .

Reminder: MSC looking for input/ participants in new esports program

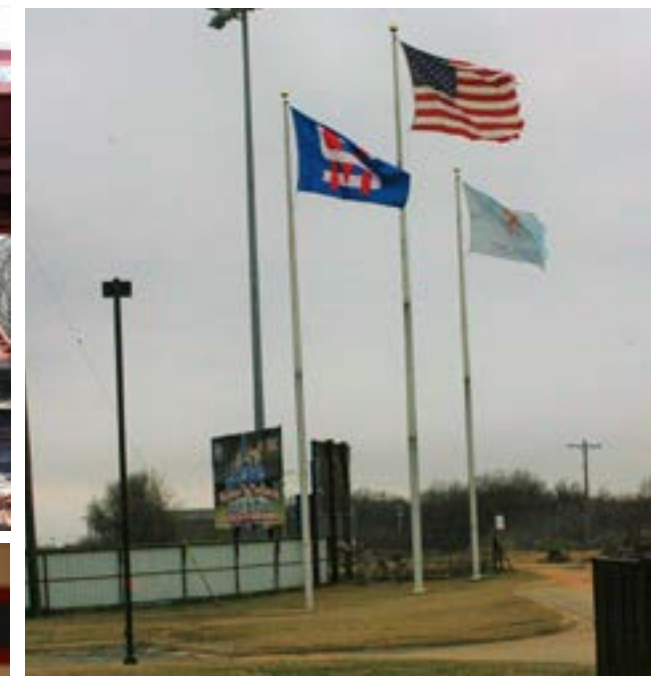
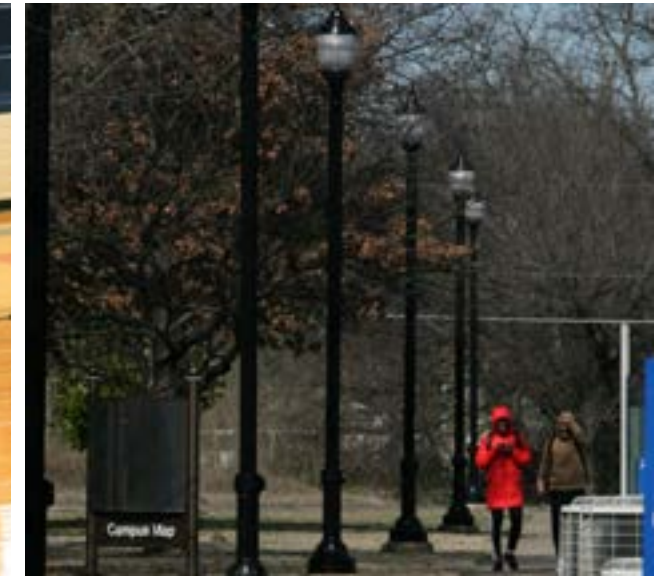
As part of development for an eSports program, Murray State College is requesting student input to help shape the new program and its facilities which are anticipated to be ready to launch in the fall of 2020.

Although some plans are in place, input from current and future college students interested in participating is still needed to help determine the most beneficial opportunities for students. The Murray State eSports Program may include casual gaming events as part of an eSports Club, scrimmages or tournaments for local high school eSports teams, and collegiate competitions in up to 14 different eSports.

Those interested in eSports at Murray State College, are asked to please visit www.mscaggies.com and click on the eSports link for more information or to fill out an application. For additional information, contact Dr. Aaron Elmer at 580-387-7221 or aelmer@mscok.edu.



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February 3, 2020

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- Women's Basketball vs. Cedar Valley
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

- Counselor Appreciation Day/Brunch
Aggie Ballroom, 9-11:30 a.m.
- Baseball at Laredo CC
Beeville, TX, 3 p.m.
- World Interfaith Harmony Week Event
The Grind, 5 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. WOSC
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.

- Baseball at Coastal Bend College
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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Special News

MSC holds pinning ceremony for graduates of Occupational Therapy Assistant program

Murray State College Occupational Therapy Assistant Program students took part in a January 2020 campus pinning ceremony for those who completed required fieldwork hours at the end of last semester.

Students who finalized all requirements were honored during the ceremony. Those students included Grace Laden of Allen; Courtney Connel and Ahy'kara Lee of Ardmore; Jaisa Allen, Josey Allen and Carrisa Moore of Atoka; Kandy Balentine, Laken Cheek and Josie Walls of Durant; Taylor Davis of Kingston; Haley Cops of Lane; Ashleigh Fletcher of Lone Grove; Madison Phillips of Mulhall; Anna Brown of Rattan; and Paige Vick of Tupelo.



“Our OTA students are some of the most dedicated individuals on campus. We applaud their completion of this important step and expect them to do great things within the OTA community,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

During the ceremony, Grace Laden was named Valedictorian. Madison Phillips was named Salutatorian and Outstanding Fieldwork Student. In addition, Taylor Davis, Grace Laden, Madison Phillips, and Paige Vick were recognized for their leadership and inducted in the OTA Alpha Omega Tau Honors Society.

Murray State College’s Occupational Therapy Assistant program prepares students to become Occupational Therapy Assistants working in collaboration with licensed occupational therapists. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates meet all state licensing requirements to enter the profession and are invited to sit for the National Board Certification Occupational Therapy Assistant Certification examination.

For more information on the OTA Program at Murray State College, check the college website at mscok.edu or contact Dr. Jayne Campanini at jcampanini@mscok.edu or Sharon Young at syoung@mscok.edu.

MSC blood drive scheduled February 10 and 11 in Aggie Ballroom

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Better Together

Did you know that Murray State College is listed on the United Nations’ website? As part of World Interfaith Harmony Week, February 1-7, MSC is joining thousands of organizations planning events to commemorate the week with a goal of encouraging acceptance of the many religions around our world.

WORLD INTERFAITH HARMONY WEEK



The Official UN Observance in the 1st Week of February

Since Murray State College is participating for the first time this year, the college was highlighted on the UN website publicizing events taking place worldwide. Starting February 3, students and staff will see cards in locations all around campus. Everyone is encouraged to pick one, read it and then think about what it asks and how you would answer. Next, talk with friends about your answer and see what they think. Thursday, February 6, come to the Grind at 5 p.m. for pizza and cookies and a discussion of all the answers and different perspectives. There are no right or wrong answers. There are only people who want to learn. See more at: <https://worldinterfaithharmonyweek.com/>

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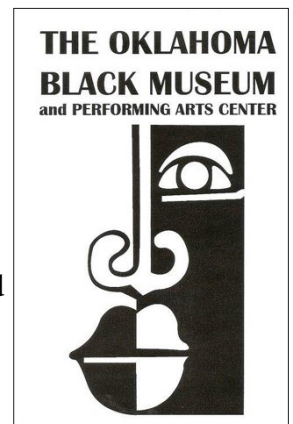
Murray State College plans events to celebrate African American History Month in February

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On Monday, February 17 a field trip to tour the Oklahoma Black Museum and Performing Arts Center is planned as well as a stop at Florence's, the state's well-known soul food restaurant. First established in 2008, the Oklahoma Black Museum and Performing Arts Center collects, exhibits, and advances knowledge of the arts, primarily by and about African Americans. Featuring permanent collections by Oklahomans Earl Davis and Tariq Shabazz, as well as rotating exhibits by local and renowned artists, the museum highlights diverse artistic expression in Oklahoma.

On Tuesday, February 25 at 6:30 p.m., the Indie Theater in downtown Tishomingo will show the film *Struggle and Hope*, about the few remaining originally all-black towns in Oklahoma, and a second film, *Remembering the Sit-Ins*, produced by the Oklahoma Historical Society about the dramatic life of Civil Rights activist Clara Luper. The film presentations are free and open to the public.

Check the Aggielite for more details about each event and interesting articles about African American Oklahomans each week in February!



African Americans in Oklahoma History



In February, Murray State College will be celebrating African American History Month with a number of events including a field trip, a movie presentation, and a weekly column in the Aggielite highlighting the role of African Americans in Oklahoma history.

Some of the first African Americans to arrive in Oklahoma were slaves of the Chickasaw, Choctaw, Cherokee, and other Native Americans who were forced from their homeland into what was then Indian Territory. Like their Native American masters, they faced the horrors of the Trail of Tears on their way to their new homes.

Historians argue about the nature of Native American slavery. Some claim it was more like the indentured servitude of early America. Others say that as a form of bondage, it implied the same type of brutality that existed in the chattel slavery of the Old South. Slaves attempted to run away and they rebelled against their Indian masters in other ways. As in the South, black and white abolitionists worked, both openly and clandestinely, to bring freedom to the slaves.

During the Civil War, many freed slaves joined Union forces stationed in Indian Territory. In October 1862, a group of freedmen and escaped slaves from Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas formed the First Kansas Colored Volunteer Infantry. This was the first black regiment in the Union Army. In 1863, African American, Native American, and white soldiers fought together - one of the first times in history - at the Battle of Honey Springs. This decisive battle ended Confederate dominance in the West.

After the Civil War, the federal government granted freedom to all slaves, including those owned by Native Americans. The government forced tribes to grant allotments of lands to blacks. This effort was opposed by some Indians, but in the end, most of the former slaves and free blacks among the tribes received some acreage.

Demand for land had been the reason Native Americans were forced into Oklahoma and because of continuing demand for land, the federal government opened for settlement the Unassigned Lands, a section within Indian Territory that had not been granted to any tribes. In the Land Run of 1889 whites and a few black settlers descended upon the territory to stake out homesteads. Blacks were forced to the back of jostling crowds and only allowed to claim land not already taken by whites. Just one year later, Oklahoma Territory was created by the U.S. Congress in what is roughly the western half of the present state.

Next week's column will discuss the growth of majority African American towns in early Oklahoma history.

Special News

MSC students and staff attend annual legislative briefing

Murray State College students and staff joined MSC President Joy McDaniel (sixth from left) for a legislative briefing at Pete's Place in Krebs, Okla. to meet with legislators from southeast Oklahoma, including Speaker of the House Charles McCall. Those representing MSC were from left, student Cole Strickland, Cheryl Phelps, Amy Caskey, Becky Henthorn, student Racelyn Gemmell, President Joy McDaniel, Justin Cellum, and Dr. Aaron Elmer. The event, which is organized by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education and held each January, was hosted in 2020 by Seminole State College.



Space available on multiple trips with MSC Study Abroad Program

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.

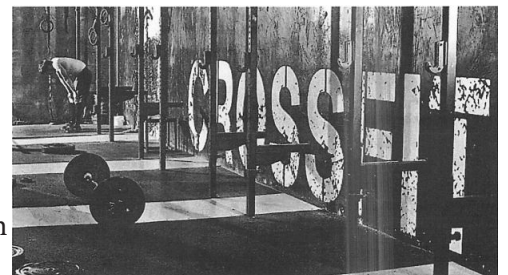
Upcoming destinations include Belize, Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. Trips to Costa Rica, Switzerland and South Africa are also being finalized for 2021. Those interested in participating can email mscstudyabroad@mscok.edu for more information.



MSC Fitness Center to offer CrossFit classes

Beginning Tuesday, February 4, 2020 the Fitness Center will be hosting a CrossFit style class. Those interested in CrossFit, HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) and/or Boot Camp style classes are invited to attend. All exercises are designed to be modified to fit the individual.

The class will be held every Tuesday and Thursday at 5:30pm in the Fitness Center until the end of the spring semester. The early classes will start out on a beginners' level and should intensify throughout the semester.



Transfer Corner: Attention Sophomore Students!

\$500 Scholarship to NWOSU available to attendees of Spring Showcase, February 22

Spring Showcase on Feb. 22, 2020, in the NWOSU Student Center in Alva, OK, is a day designed just for YOU! It's an opportunity for you to tour campus and get information directly from our experts – current Northwestern students, staff, and faculty members.

Southeastern recruiter on campus February 12

Considering continuing your education at Southeastern Oklahoma State University after graduation?

A recruiter from Southeastern will be in the Student Union Lobby from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., February 12 to answer questions.



Attendees can also get more information on scholarships and programs offered at Southeastern and fill out an application.

Aggie Athletics

Late surge propels MSC men's basketball team to win, remain undefeated in regional play

After dominating early and leading Connors State College 49-35 at halftime on January 27, the Murray State College Men's Basketball Team had to rely on defense late to rebuff several late-scoring runs by the Cowboys. Ultimately, the Aggies, who had five players score in double digits, held on for a 81-72 win over Connors State. Sophomore Kyle Murray led the Aggies with 16 points, redshirt freshman Cedric Garret scored 15 and had nine rebounds, and freshman Jerry Carraway added 14 points in the win.



On January 30, the Aggies, who were ranked #21 in the latest NJCAA national polls, traveled to El Reno to take on Redlands Community College. The Aggies entered the game on a nine-game winning streak and looking to remain undefeated in regional play. After pulling ahead early in the game, the Aggies expanded their lead late in the first half to be up 44 to 29 at halftime. The second half saw a resurgence from the Cougars, who cut the Aggie lead to eight early and continued to keep themselves within striking distance through the final 15 minutes of the game. A late-scoring run by the Aggies helped them maintain a lead to secure a 75-66 win over Redlands and remain the top team in the region.

Murray State was led in scoring by El Reno High School graduate and Aggie freshman Dyson Plumley who scored 20 points in front of his hometown crowd. Sophomore Shem'mario Stephens scored 14 points and freshman Andre Washington added 10 points and led the Aggies with eight rebounds. The win improves the Aggie record to nine wins and zero losses in regional play and 18 and three overall. Next, Aggie men welcome the Western Oklahoma State College Pioneers to Beames Fieldhouse on February 6.

Lady Aggies continue hot streak, taking down Connors and region-leading Redlands CC

The Lady Aggies, who were looking to secure their fourth straight win in regional play, welcomed Connors State College to Beames Fieldhouse Monday, January 27. The Aggies fell behind early, trailing by nine points after the first quarter, but were able to claw their way back into the game, cutting the Cowgirl lead to 38-35 at halftime. After taking the lead midway through the third quarter, the Lady Aggies strung together several scoring runs to secure a 76-70 victory. The Aggies were led in scoring by freshman Alaijah Stewart with 23 points, including five three-point baskets, and Madison Roberson with 10 points.



Next, Murray State traveled to El Reno January 30 to take on a Redlands Community College team who had won five of their last six games and had the best record in regional play. The game remained close through much of the first half with the Aggies holding a 35-29 lead at halftime. Murray State built on their early momentum to dominate the third quarter, outscoring the Cougars by 15 points in the quarter on their way to a impressive 76- 53 win on the road. Stewart lead the Aggies with 19 points while sophomore Randaysha Hansen and freshman Jillian Ingram added 15 and 14 points. Sophomore Andressa Nascimento also scored in double-digits with 10 points and Roberson led the Aggies with 14 rebounds in the game.

The win improves the Aggie record to 13 wins and nine losses overall and five and four in regional play. The Aggie women look to defend their five-game winning streak as they host Cedar Valley College at 5:30 p.m. Monday, February 3 in Beames Fieldhouse.

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Upcoming Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10

- Women's Basketball at Eastern Okla. State Wilburton, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Eastern Okla. State Wilburton, OK-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- Southeastern Recruiter On Campus Student Union Lobby, 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Student Government Association Meeting Student Services Bldg., Rm 218- 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. Seminole State Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Seminole State Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- **Financial Aid Disbursement**
- Softball at Seward County College Ft. Worth, TX- 11 a.m.
- Baseball vs. Eastern Okla. State College The Ranch, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball at Ranger College Ft. Worth, TX- 5 p.m.
- Softball at Pratt Community College Ft. Worth, TX- 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

- Softball at Hill College Ft. Worth, TX- 11 a.m.
- Baseball at Eastern Okla. State College Wilburton, OK- 12 noon, 3 p.m.
- Softball at Des Moines Area CC Ft. Worth, TX- 5 p.m.



Recent Photos...



**Student Government Association
will host a meeting on
February 12th
at 6 pm in room SS 218.**

We hope to see you all there!

Zoom will be made available to you if you can not make the meeting.

Special News

Students invited to visit MSC Student Support Services

Murray State College Student Support Services are inviting all students to stop by their new offices in Suite 116 of the Student Services Building. Drop in to see if you qualify for, and can benefit from, various opportunities offered through the program.

The program's mission is to enhance academic skills and increase retention, graduation and transfer rates for eligible first-generation, low-income or disabled students. MSC's Student Support Services Office can provide assistance with development of study skills, tutoring, financial literacy, career counseling/planning services, financial aid information, as well as assistance filling out financial aid forms, applying for admission to four-year colleges/universities and much more. All program services are provided at no cost to participants.

Student Support Services is a federally funded program committed to meeting the needs of students seeking two-year degrees at Murray State College. Approximately 50 percent of college freshmen drop out during their first year. Nationally, students in TRIO Student Support Services are more than twice as likely to remain in college as students from similar backgrounds who do not participate in the program.

For more information, contact Student Support Services at 580-367-7260 or stop by Suite 116 in Tishomingo's Student Services Building or the MSC Suite at UCSO in Ardmore.



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MSC Science Club

Better Together

Students discussing topics at last week's World Interfaith Harmony event brought up a few questions including, "What does interfaith mean?" While discussed in earlier columns, this seems a good time to give an overview of the topic again. Interfaith simply means any interaction between different religions or members of different religions, such as people discussing their different beliefs or people of different religions working together for a common goal.

Interfaith collaboration is not about renouncing or combining religions. People who have friends of differing religions often find their own faith stronger through participating in interfaith discussions. A main tenet is that no matter what belief system we adhere to, everyone deserves respect. People who practice interfaith interactions find many core values such as compassion, respect, love, hope and peace are shared by all religions. Interfaith practice means listening with openness to others; educating and ending stereotypes; creating an inclusive sense of community that embraces everyone; building trust; and providing models of constructive ways of dealing with differences.

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Special News

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MSC Celebrates African American History Month



In February, Murray State College will be celebrating African American History Month with a number of events including a field trip, a movie presentation, and a weekly column in the Aggie Lite highlighting the role of African Americans in Oklahoma history.

The two territories that formed the future state of Oklahoma beckoned to African Americans as a land of opportunity and freedom. Edward P. McCabe, founder of the town of Langston, advocated for Oklahoma to be a predominantly black state. While the efforts never had much success, it did lead to the establishment of a number of all-black towns in the territories, perhaps as many as 50 between 1865 and 1920. Towns such as Marshalltown, North Fork Colored, Canadian Colored, and Arkansas Colored existed as early as the 1860s in Indian Territory. Other later Indian Territory towns included Sanders, Mabelle, Wiley, Homer, Huttonville, Lee, and Rentie. These towns showed the determination of black people to escape discrimination and to acquire some control over their own lives. In the all-black towns, African Americans lived free from the prejudices and brutality found in racially mixed communities. These towns allowed neighbors to help each other with financial assistance and created open markets for crops. They are unique in American history. Nowhere else at the time did so many African American men and women come together to create, occupy, and govern their own communities.

Initially, even though there had been slavery in the territories, good relationships existed between black and white settlers. White migration from the deep South and the increasing number of blacks, especially those with economic success, eventually led to restrictive racial laws and customs. Black advances challenged stereotypical attitudes toward race, and as a result, a new social arrangement soon appeared. The passage of many restrictive Jim Crow laws by the Oklahoma Legislature immediately after statehood caused some African Americans to become disillusioned. Some left for the western plains of the U.S., and a few migrated to Africa or Mexico. As early as 1911, whites in Okfuskee County attempted to block further immigration and to force African Americans into mixed, but racially segregated communities incapable of self-support. Some white farmers pledged to never rent, lease, or sell land in Okfuskee County to any African Americans, or agent of theirs, "unless the land be located more than one mile from a white or Indian resident."

The all-black towns were predominantly agricultural and the Great Depression devastated them, forcing residents to go west and north in search of jobs and causing a significant population decrease. The tax bases withered, many railroads failed and the now isolated small towns in Oklahoma had no access to regional and national markets. As a result, many of the black towns could not survive. Whites would not extend credit to African Americans, forcing many towns, even one of the most successful, Boley, to declare bankruptcy. Unfortunately, by the 1940s economic problems had greatly reduced the number of all-black towns or left many as only small, unincorporated places. Boley, Brooksville, Clearview, Grayson, Langston, Lima, Red Bird, Rentiesville, Summit, Taft, Tatums, Tullahassee, and Vernon, still remain today.

For more information, the Tulsa World ran a recent article, including photographs, on the remaining all black towns in Oklahoma. It can be found at https://www.tulsaworld.com/news/state-and-regional/gallery-the-historic-all-black-towns-that-remain-in-oklahoma/collection_7d1d7b5d-662c-54a0-a072-bc560fdf6756.html#12

Reminder: Students interested in the field trip to the Oklahoma Black Museum & Performing Arts Center and Florence's on February 17 are asked to contact Dr. Jacobs-Pollez at rjacobspollez@mscok.edu or 580-387-7512. The bus will be leaving at 12:30 p.m.

Special News

Housing contract for upcoming semesters now available on the MSC housing webpage

Attention current and soon-to-be MSC students wanting to live on campus in Fall 2020. The new housing contract form for upcoming semesters is now available on the MSC housing webpage at www.mscoke.edu/current-students/student-life/housing. Students are encouraged to complete the contract to reserve their spot as soon as possible because student housing on the Tishomingo campus fills up quickly.



Kevin O'Connor Named HoopDirt.com Juco Coach of the Week

Last week, Murray State College Men's Basketball Head Coach Kevin O'Connor was named HoopDirt.com Junior College Coach of the Week. Coach O'Connor's Aggies, who improved to 18-3 overall and 9-0 in Region 2 play, won both their games the week leading up to the honor by beating Connors State 81-72 and then going on the road to defeat Redlands Community College 75-66 on January 30 to start the second half of conference play.

The Aggies were in the midst of an 11-game winning streak and are currently ranked 17th in NJCAA Division I, up from a 21st place ranking the previous week, which was the team's first national ranking in program history. The Aggies had a bye week following the announcement of O'Connor's selection as Coach of the Week, but have since moved to 11-0 in OCAC play after defeating Western Oklahoma State College 93-67 on Friday, February 7.

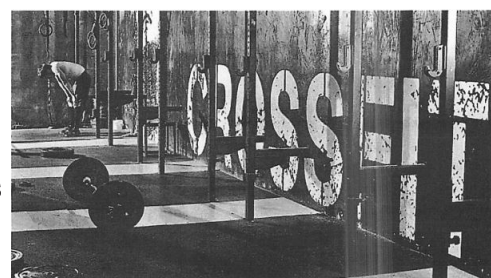


Coaches selected for the weekly honor are eligible to receive HoopDirt.com's National Coach of the Year Award presented by Just Play Solutions, which will be announced at the conclusion of the 2019-20 college basketball season. Recipients are announced from each collegiate basketball level.

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Transfer Corner: Attention Sophomore Students!

**MSC SPRING
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March 3rd from 11 AM to 1 PM
STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

Schools and businesses have been invited to come and talk with students about their plans after MSC.

If you are interested in employment opportunities you are encouraged to bring resumes.

Sign in sheets will be available for any class choosing to offer extra credit for attending the event.

Southeastern recruiter on campus February 12

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Aggie Athletics

Following bye week, Aggie men's basketball return to play against Western Okla. State

Coming off a bye week, the Murray State Men's Basketball Team came into their game February 7 against regional rival Western Oklahoma State looking to extend their winning streak to 11 games. The Aggies came into Friday's match up with 18 wins and three losses overall and 9 and zero in Region II play.

Murray State, who defeated the Pioneers on their home court January 6 in the first half of regional play, dominated the game early, jumping out to a 48-20 halftime lead. Western Oklahoma State strung together multiple rallies in the second half, but were unable to slow down the surging Aggies who held on to win the game 93-67. Murray State was led in scoring by sophomore Shem'mario Stephens and freshman Jerry Carraway who each had 16 points in the game. Freshman Jaylan Thomas had 15 points and seven rebounds and sophomore Kyle Murray had 11 points, eight assists and two blocks. Sophomore Adam Gourro led the Aggies off the bench with eight rebounds and three blocks while also scoring four points. The win moves the Aggies to ten wins and zero losses in regional play, helping them maintain the top spot in the region.



Next, Murray State College travels to Wilburton on Monday, February 10 to take on the Eastern Oklahoma State College Mountaineers who are looking to avenge their 10-point loss to the Aggies on January 9. The Mountaineers are currently averaging 99 points and 50 rebounds a game.

Lady Aggies take down Cedar Valley before taking on WOSC at home February 7

On Tuesday, February 4, the Murray State College Women's Basketball Team welcomed Cedar Valley College to Beames Fieldhouse. The Aggies, who were looking to secure their sixth straight win, dominated the game early after jumping out to a 29-12 lead to end the first quarter. Cedar Valley, who was held to just 12 points or less in each quarter of the game, was only able to slow the Aggie offense slightly in the second quarter before Murray State extended their lead to 62-30 with 10 minutes left in the game. The Aggies, who cruised to a 78-35 win, saw all 12 players who took the court score at least two points in the game. They were led in scoring by Macy Smith with 16 points and Alaijah Stewart with 11 points. Also, the two freshman each scored a trio of three-point shots in the game which saw the Aggies make 13 three pointers compared to only two for Cedar Valley. MSC sophomore Kes Reeves added 10 points in the game and freshman Madison Robertson led the Aggies with nine rebounds.



After being pushed back a day because of lingering winter weather, the Lady Aggies welcomed regional rival Western Oklahoma State College to Beames Fieldhouse February 7. The Aggies, who had won five-straight regional games, took control of the game early, outscoring Western Oklahoma 29-to-11 in the first quarter. After a slow start, the Lady Pioneers answered back late in the first half with a series of three-point baskets to cut the Aggie lead to 41-28 at halftime. In the second half, Murray State continued to dominate the game behind the three-point line, scoring 11 three-point baskets and out rebounding Western Oklahoma State 34-to-23 on their way to a 81-64 victory. The Aggies were led in scoring by freshmen Alaijah Stewart with 22 points and Macy Smith with 16 points, both of whom made four three-point baskets in the game. Freshman Madison Roberson had 14 points and led the Aggies with eight rebounds.

The win improves the Aggie record to 15 wins and nine losses overall and six-and-four in regional play. The Aggie women look to defend their seven-game winning streak as they play a road game versus Eastern Oklahoma State College on Monday, February 10.

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February 17, 2020

Upcoming Events

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

- African American Hist. Month Field Trip
Bus leaves at 12:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at NOC-Tonkawa
Tonkawa, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NOC-Tonkawa
Tonkawa, OK-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- Softball at Carl Albert State College
Poteau, OK- 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Baseball at NE Texas CC
Mount Pleasant, TX- 1 p.m., 3 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Board of Regents Meeting
Admin. Bldg. Board Room- 7 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at NE OK State A&M
Miami, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at NE OK State A&M
Miami, OK-7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- Baseball vs. Tyler Junior College
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 4 p.m.
- Softball vs. Paris Junior College
Softball Field, Tishomingo- 1 p.m. 3 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- Baseball vs. Tyler Junior College
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

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Special News

Student Success Center adds long-time Tishomingo educator to staff

The Murray State College Student Success Center has recently hired Gary Webb to serve as the Student Success Center Director. Webb, a graduate of Murray State College with additional degrees from Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma State University, has spent the majority of his life working in public education.

Directing the Student Success Center marks his third stint in Tishomingo and a return to where his higher education journey began. Webb, who was originally from Kingston, has fond memories of his time as a Murray State College student in the early 1980s and has a strong connection with the college.

In addition to being named an 'Outstanding Sophomore' in 1981, he was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Phi Alpha, Student Senate, the MSC Choir and a cast member in MSC's production of *My Fair Lady*. Webb also was a prominent member of the 'MSC Entertainers,' a performance group that visited local schools and civic organizations to promote Murray State College. Webb said he has many great memories of and stories from his time at Murray and has many friends and college buddies with whom he still has contact with.

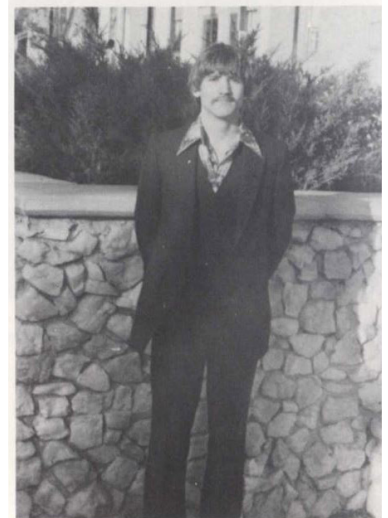
Webb taught in a small school near Stillwater while working on his master's degree. Following graduation, he returned to Tishomingo where he served as an elementary principal for 20 years. His long-time connection to the Tishomingo community is evident in his former students, many of whom attended and were student leaders at Murray State and a few who are current staff members at the college.

"I am thrilled to be back in Tishomingo working with students again," said Webb.

Located in the Library Science Building on MSC's Tishomingo campus, the Student Success Center offers a number of services designed to ensure the success of Murray State students. Services include tutoring in writing, math, science, and study skills and services such as academic coaching, career development resources, and content specific workshops. For more information on the SSC or to find out when tutors are available, visit the MSC SSC website at <https://www.msocok.edu/academics/student-success-center/tutoring>.



GARY WEBB, Kingston, Okla. General Education, MSC Entertainers, Phi Theta Kappa, Sigma Phi Alpha, Choir, Student Senate, "My Fair Lady" production, Presidents Honor Roll.



Better Together

An additional question that came up during the World Interfaith Harmony Week event in early February concerned the definition of "worldview." The simple answer is a worldview is a philosophy of life, a set of assumptions or a view of how the world operates and what part we play in it. Your worldview reflects your basic beliefs and determines the way you perceive, think about, or understand the world. It determines how you interact with the world. Your worldview includes your religion, politics, cultural background, ethics, emotions, attitudes, and more. Worldviews are typically deeply ingrained in us and we often do not recognize our own unless we examine ourselves. Having a worldview means that no one will ever be completely objective. Dr. Stephen Covey said, "We see the world, not as it is, but as we are – or, as we are conditioned to see it." "When you change the way you see things, the things you see change," Dr. Wayne Dyer said. By choosing to see the world in a certain way, we have the power to change the world for good.

Because we are curious about ourselves, many philosophers, scientists and theologians have studied and analyzed the complexities of worldviews. Some propose that we can possess many worldviews which depend on the community we are in at the time. For a detailed and philosophical explanation on the topic, read <http://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~funkk/Personal/worldview.html>.

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Special News

MSC celebrates African American History Month



In February, Murray State College will be celebrating African American History Month with a number of events including a field trip, a movie presentation, and a weekly column in the Aggielite highlighting the role of African Americans in Oklahoma history.

Oklahoma, like other states, historically experienced tensions between African Americans and whites which sometimes led to racial violence, putting African Americans at risk. Whites claimed that segregation was a means of ensuring racial peace, but instead it provided a defense for lynching and other acts of random lawlessness against African Americans. The early part of the twentieth century saw an increase in the brutality against them, some claim because whites feared that African Americans would bring economic competition or dominate the state's politics.

The 1896 *Plessy v. Ferguson* U.S. Supreme Court case and its "separate but equal" doctrine allowed restrictive Jim Crow laws to exist throughout the U.S. until the 1960s. One example in Oklahoma were the laws passed in the late 1890s keeping black and white children from attending the same schools. Due to a lack of educational institutions for their children, local African Americans established several schools of higher education including the Colored Agricultural and Normal University at Langston in 1897. Higher education in Oklahoma would stay segregated until the 1940s, and public schools in the state until 1955. Likewise, public accommodations were also segregated until the 1960s.

African Americans faced many major hurdles when Oklahoma became a state. The Democratic Party included separation of the races as a central part of its platform. Blacks led by the Negro Press Association fought for the rights of blacks, but could not overcome the segregationist sentiment at the time. The leader of the constitutional convention at the time said that blacks would always remain bootblacks, barbers, and farmers and they would never rise to the equal of whites as professionals or become informed citizens capable of grappling with serious public questions.

In 1910, the Oklahoma legislature passed a grandfather clause that restricted African Americans from voting. The U.S. Supreme Court declared it unconstitutional in the 1915 *Guinn v. United States* case, but a second resolution limiting African American voting rights remained in effect until it met court disapproval in 1939. Even so, the ability of black citizens to vote was restricted until the 1960s.

The worst act of racial conflict in Oklahoma history took place in 1921 in the city of Tulsa. Throughout the county, racial intolerance increased after World War I. The Tulsa riot, or massacre, showed the effort which white citizens would go to in order to subjugate blacks. The Tulsa massacre had a number of causes including rumor, irresponsible journalism, racial fears, tensions related to urban migration, and weak law enforcement.

The precipitating factor that started a chain reaction which quickly escalated, was when a young white woman, Sarah Page, accused a black man, Dick Rowland, of making advances toward her in a downtown Tulsa elevator. Rowland fled the store and his subsequent arrest by Tulsa authorities led whites to believe in his guilt and the determination that white womanhood must be protected. Newspapers published erroneous stories, making up details that said Page had actually been attacked. Black men heard about plans to lynch young Rowland and to protect him they went to the jail in downtown Tulsa. The group confronted a group of white men who forced them back to their section of the city and then burned down a large part of North Tulsa, the home of most of Tulsa's black citizens. Gov. J. B. A. Robertson called out the National Guard to help Tulsa police, but it was too late. Many homes and businesses, including those along Greenwood Avenue (known as Black Wall Street) had been destroyed by fire and dozens of people had already been killed. We may never know how many people died. Some were buried in secret graves or dumped in the river.

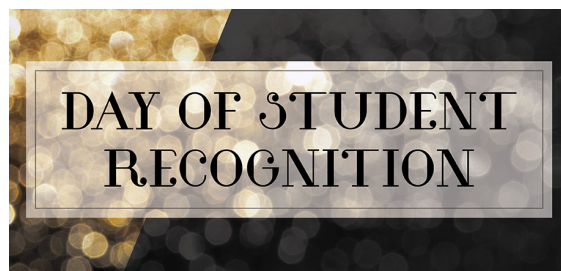
Racial policies in Tulsa and Oklahoma did not change after the riot. Many whites claimed that aggressive black agitators or militant black groups from outside the state were at fault. In fact, a grand jury said the black men who had gone to the jail were the cause of the event. Discussion still continues about the riot. Oklahoma officially apologized for the tragic event and, in 2001, state legislation established a Tulsa Race Riot Commission which called for reparations for victims of the violence.

Special News

Students invited to participate in International Student Recognition at the state capitol

International students at Murray State College are invited to participate in a trip to the State Capital in Oklahoma City on March 4th as part of International Student Recognition Day.

Those interested are asked to sign up with Baily McCollom in the Student Life Office (Student Services Building, Suite 100) by February 20. The day will include a tour of the capitol, lunch with legislators, guest speakers, and recognition on the floor of the Oklahoma House of Representatives.



Film presentation Feb. 25 as part of African American History Month commemoration



Image courtesy of Struggle and Hope

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Housing contract for upcoming semesters now available on the MSC housing web page

Attention current and soon-to-be MSC students wanting to live on campus in Fall 2020. The new housing contract form for upcoming semesters is now available on the MSC housing web page at www.mscok.edu/current-students/student-life/housing. Students are encouraged to complete the contract to reserve their spot as soon as possible because student housing on the Tishomingo campus fills up quickly.



Transfer Corner: Attention Sophomore Students!

Aggie Athletics

Lady Aggies continue nine-game winning streak versus EOSC, Seminole State

On Monday, February 10, the Murray State College Women's Basketball Team traveled to Wilburton on a seven-game winning streak and looking to avenge their five-point loss to the Eastern Oklahoma State College on January 9.

The Aggies, who have won six-straight regional games after dropping their first four, pulled ahead early to lead 24-17 at the end the first quarter. Led by freshman Deja Williams, who was coming off back-to-back NJCAA Div. II Basketball Athlete of the Week honors, the Lady Mountaineers rallied in the second quarter to cut the Murray State lead to 41-35 at halftime.

The second half of the game saw the Aggies recapture the momentum to outscore Eastern and widen their lead to 11 points, but the Lady Mountaineers came roaring back in the final 10 minutes of the game thanks to Williams, who led all scorers with 24 points. The Aggies were able to make crucial defensive stands late in the game to hold on and win 81-78. Murray State was led in scoring by freshman Alajiah Stewart with 17 points, Randaysha Hansen with 14 and Kes Reeves with 13 points, four rebounds and four assists. Freshman Madison Roberson led the Aggies with seven rebounds and two steals and contributed nine points in the win.

After the close win earlier in the week, the Lady Aggies welcomed regional rival Seminole State College to Beames Fieldhouse February 13. The Aggies, who had won seven-straight regional games, held a slight 21-to-17 lead at the end of the first quarter and maintained that lead through the rest of the half, leading 36-32 at halftime. Murray State began the second half with a few quick baskets to gain the momentum needed to expand their lead over the next 15 minutes of the game to ultimately secure a 78-62 victory.

Leading the Aggies in scoring were Stewart and fellow freshman Macy Smith who each had 20 points, including four three-point baskets a piece, and Jillian Ingram with 10 points. Roberson led the Aggies with 10 rebounds in the win, which extends the Aggies' winning streak to nine games and improves their record to eight wins and four losses in regional play and 17-and-nine overall. The Aggies look to extend their winning streak Monday, February 17 as they play a road game versus Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa then travel to Miami to take on Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, February 20.

Aggie men's basketball, ranked #12 nationally, remains undefeated in regional play

Coming off a convincing 93-67 win versus Western Oklahoma State College the previous week, the Murray State Men's Basketball Team came into their game February 10 against regional rival Eastern Oklahoma State looking to extend their winning streak to 12 games. The Aggies came into Monday's match up with 19 wins and three losses overall and 10 and zero in Region II play.

Murray State, who defeated the Mountaineers by 10 points in the first half of regional play, and Eastern each held a slight lead early in the first half, battling to a 33-33 tie at halftime. In the second half, the Aggies regained the lead and expanded it quickly, ultimately winning the game 84-64. They were led in scoring by freshman Jaylan Thomas and sophomore Shem'mario Stephens with 17 points each. Freshman Dyson Plumley added 13 points and redshirt freshman Cedric Garrett had 12 points. The win kept the Aggies, who shot 51.6% from the field in the game, undefeated in regional play and helped them maintain the top spot in the region and #12 ranking in the NJCAA.

On January 13, the Aggies hosted the 6-6 Seminole State College Trojans at Beames Fieldhouse in Tishomingo. Murray State dominated the pace of the game early, outscoring Seminole State 46-34 at halftime. The Trojans led several rallies in the second half, but were unable to regain momentum from the surging Aggies who held on to win the game 92-80. Murray State was led in scoring by Plumley with 29 points, including six three-pointers, and Garrett with 10 points. Thomas and sophomore Adam Nance led the Aggies in rebounding with seven rebounds each in the win. The victory moves the Aggies to 12 wins and zero losses in regional play and 21-and-three overall going into Murray State's February 17 road game versus NOC-Tonkawa. The Aggies then face Northeastern Oklahoma State A&M on February 20 in a battle for the top spot in the region going into the final week of regional play.

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- Student Support Services Table
Student Union Lobby- 11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Baseball at Seminole State College
Seminole, OK- 2 p.m.
- Women's Basketball vs. NOC-Enid
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomngo-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. NOC-Enid
Beames Fieldhouse, Tishomingo-7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Films: *Struggle & Hope, Remember the Sit-Ins*
The Indie Cinema, Tishomingo- 6:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- Academic Scholastic Contest
Various campus locations-9 a.m.-1 p.m.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- MSC Resource Social
Health Sciences Bldg. Lobby-11 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Women's Basketball at Connors State
Warner, OK-5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball at Connors State
Warner, OK-7:30 p.m.

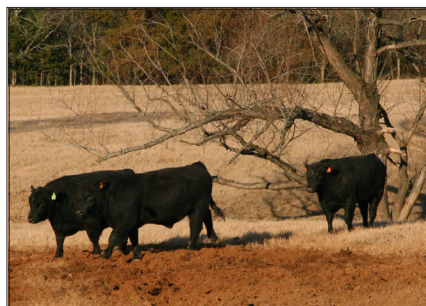
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- Baseball vs. North Central TX College
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29

- Baseball vs. SW Collegiate Prep
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- Softball vs. NE Okla. A&M College
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Special News

Child Development Program adds recent Murray graduate as recruiter

The Murray State College Education and Behavioral Sciences Division has recently hired Gabrielle Cook-Benkinne as the Scholars of Excellence in Child Development Program Recruiter. In addition to the new position, Cook-Benkinne, a 2019 graduate of Murray State College with an Associate of Arts and Sciences, is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in early childhood education from East Central University.



The Scholars for Excellence in Child Care Program, administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education, awards scholarships to eligible child care professionals to help them complete coursework in child development or early childhood education. The scholarships enable child care teachers and providers opportunities to improve skills through education while continuing to make quality child care available to local communities. Coordinators of the program, such as Cook-Benkinne, recruit child care professionals who could not attend college without additional assistance and provide support to childcare teachers seeking credentials, certificate or associate degrees in early childhood education.

Cook-Benkinne, who graduated from Tishomingo High School, was drawn to the position in part due to the great experiences she had at Murray as both a concurrent and full-time student. "I loved how students were very involved, playing volleyball outside the dorms almost every night," she said. "I also loved how the academic advisors helped you pick classes and provided guidance to make sure you remained on the right path to graduation."

She also credits her concurrent classes at Murray State, which she began taking as a junior in high school, with helping her get several core classes out of the way so she could focus on classes in her desired major as a college freshman. Cook-Benkinne's office is located in Suite 203 of the Health Sciences Building, adjacent to Derek Dodson who was one of her favorite instructors while attending Murray. For more information on the Scholars of Excellence in Child Development Program, email gacook@mscok.edu or visit the program website at <http://www.osrhe.edu/scholars/options.shtml>.

Better Together

Over the last few semesters, this column has talked about religion by highlighting different religions, but has never discussed the definition of religion. Religion is considered a modern western concept although scholars have not agreed on a definition. In the late 18th century, Friedrich Schleiermacher defined religion as "the feeling of absolute dependence." Another well-known German philosopher working at the same time, Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel, disagreed and described religion as "the Divine Spirit becoming conscious of Himself through the finite spirit."

Theologians and practitioners of various religions understand the beliefs of specific religions. Philosophers study the meaning and nature of religion, the themes and concepts involved in religious traditions, and the importance of religion. Philosophers want to determine what they call ultimate reality. Within every major religion is a belief about a transcendent reality, a reality that goes beyond or above the range of mere physical human experience. This understanding is different in western and eastern religions. Western religions are concerned with God, the nature and existence of God and challenges to the existence of God. In many western religions, especially Abrahamic religions – Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – ultimate reality is a personal God who is creator and sustainer of all and perfect in every way. In much of Eastern religion, including Buddhism, Taoism, and the Advaita Vedanta school of Hinduism, ultimate reality is not a personal creator God, but an absolute state of being.

Religion impacts most aspects of human life. Culture and religion are usually viewed as closely related because many religions have value frameworks and guidelines regarding personal behavior. In many countries, religion even has a significant impact on the political system. With all this in mind, we will continue our discussion next week!

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Between the 1920s and the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, African Americans in Oklahoma built black communities and took strong legal action against Jim Crow laws, especially regarding education. It takes strength and persistence to challenge something so strongly entrenched in society as prejudice. African Americans began an assault upon the segregation, violence, and intimidation they were facing. Black newspapers in Oklahoma were pivotal in the movement, bitterly attacking racially conservative politicians who wanted to quash black progress. Among these exceptional black editors, Roscoe Dunjee of the Oklahoma City Black Dispatch was the most important. In addition to being an editor, for more than 50 years Dunjee guided the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) in Oklahoma.

Through their own efforts, African Americans created safe havens for other African Americans. Black churches played an important role providing places to worship, but also valuable social outlets since many people had limited access to publicly supported facilities. By the mid-twentieth century, roughly 80,000 blacks had membership in nearly 800 churches around the state. Within the larger Oklahoma towns, fraternal groups such as the Prince Hall Masons and women's clubs sponsored social activities and fought for stronger community institutions such as libraries, reading and, recreational groups. The Oklahoma State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, organized shortly after statehood, helped create a school for delinquent boys at Boley and facility for African American girls at Taft. Also, Black masons and their women's auxiliary group, the Eastern Star, created college scholarships.

A significant victory against segregation was the 1948 *Sipuel v. Board of Regents of the University of Oklahoma* case. The case began when Ada Lois Sipuel applied for admission to the University of Oklahoma College of Law and was denied entrance. Sipuel and her lawyers appealed and the U.S. Supreme Court ordered Oklahoma to admit her. The Supreme Court also ordered the University of Oklahoma to accept George McLaurin and treat him the same as white students. These two cases destroyed the legal foundation for segregation in higher education in the state of Oklahoma. In 1954, the U. S. Supreme Court decision *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas* declared segregation in education illegal. Oklahoma complied and there was virtually no violence against the decision. In 1955, Oklahoma voters approved a constitutional provision, the Better Schools Amendment, that effectively ended segregated schools in the state.

Inspired by Martin Luther King, in 1958 Clara Luper led the children of the NAACP Youth Council in a sit-in against segregated eating establishments in Oklahoma City. Luper's success was noteworthy, but total victory for equal treatment in public accommodations happened only after Congress passed the historic Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act a year later. Slowly, even white schools began teaching black history and faculty and staff at previously all white schools became integrated.

Prior to the Civil Rights movement, only three black politicians had served in the Oklahoma legislature: Green I. Currin and David J. Wallace during the territorial period, and A. C. Hamlin shortly after statehood. Once the Voting Rights Act and congressional reapportionment occurred in the 1960s, more blacks were elected to the Oklahoma legislature and other governmental positions throughout the state. In addition to promoting economic equality, black legislators tackled issues such as hate crimes, flying of the Confederate flag at the state capitol, the appointment of judges, better health care, greater access to education, support for Langston University, and the appointment of a commission to study the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. While issues remain to be resolved, the African Americans of Oklahoma have fought a difficult battle and won great successes.

Much of the information in this series came from The Encyclopedia of Oklahoma History and Culture, an on-line encyclopedia published by the Oklahoma Historical Society: <https://www.okhistory.org/publications/enc/entry.php?entryname=AFRICAN%20AMERICANS>

Special News

INCA needs your input on local transit options

There are several people working to bring more transportation resources to rural areas such as Tishomingo. Local representatives of transit issues have requested that those interested in improving transit options in the area visit the website below to join the movement and show that public transportation is supported by and contributes to the lives of area residents in many different ways.

Those interested in showing support are asked to visit to www.publictransitgetsusthere.com. There they can click the red Join the Movement button to fill out their contact information and click the submit button to register as a member of the coalition. This will also send an email to your area Representative, Senator and the Governor supporting an increase in state funding for rural transit.



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Aggie Athletics

Lady Aggies extend winning streak to 10 games before falling to Northeastern Okla. A&M

The Murray State College Women's Basketball Team went on the road Monday, February 17 to take on NOC-Tonkawa looking to win their ninth straight regional game and 10th straight game overall. In previous matchups, the Aggies have won one game and lost one versus the Mavericks in each of the past three years. After a convincing 92-67 home win over NOC-Tonkawa on January 16, Murray State entered the game looking to complete the sweep of the Mavericks this season and continue to battle for a top spot in the region.

After a slow start for both teams, the Aggies pulled ahead to lead 13-to-six at the end of the first quarter. Both teams strung together several offensive scoring runs, with the Aggies pulling ahead 38-30 at halftime. Murray State, who had five players score in double digits in the game, began pulling away late in the third quarter on their way to a 89-65 win. Freshman Jillian Ingram led the Aggies in scoring with 15 points, followed by Alaijah Stewart with 14 points, and sophomore Kes Reeves and freshman Macy Smith each had 13 points. Sophomore Andressa Nascimento had a double-double in the game with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Overall, the Aggies shot just over 42 percent from the field, had 17 three-point baskets and were a perfect 8-for-8 from the free-throw line on their way to winning their 10th straight game. The win improved their record to nine wins and four losses in regional play and 18-and-nine overall.

The Aggies then traveled to Miami to take on Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, February 20. The teams were evenly matched through much of the first half, with the Lady Norse holding a four-point lead after the first 15 minutes, before the Aggies rallied to cut the lead to one point at the end of the first half. The second half continued to be a back-and-forth battle, with the Aggies and Norse going into the final 15 minutes of the game tied at 48 points before both teams held the other to just 13 points in the final quarter. Unable to break the deadlock, the teams ended regulation tied at 61 points apiece before Northeastern Oklahoma A&M quickly regained the lead early in overtime on their way to a 67-63 win over the Aggies.

Murray State was led in scoring by Stewart with 19 points and sophomore Randaysha Hansen with 15 points. Madison Roberson led the Aggies with 14 rebounds and three steals and contributed five points in the loss. The Aggies will play their final home game of the season on Monday, February 24 versus Northern Oklahoma College-Enid before going on the road February 27 to take on Connors State College in their final game of the regular season.

Aggie men's basketball, ranked #10 nationally, face a pair of tough regional road games

The Murray State Men's Basketball Team came into their game February 17 against 12th-ranked Northern Oklahoma College-Tonkawa undefeated (12-0) in regional play, 21-and-three overall and ranked 10th in NJCAA national polls. The Aggies faced a tough Maverick team which was 23-and-three overall this season and had not lost a home game since late November.

Northern Oklahoma College jumped out to an early lead in the game following 10 first-half points from their leading scorer Demaree King who received two technical fouls late in the half and was ejected from the game. After trailing 43-37 at halftime, the Aggies battled back to lead 51-50 midway through the second half. The Mavericks responded to the surge of offense from Murray State with a 42-16 run in the final 14 minutes of the game, handing the Aggies their first conference loss of the season, 92-67. The Aggies were led in scoring by redshirt freshman Cedric Garrett with 19 points and sophomore Shem'mario Stephens with 15 points.

The loss set up a battle for the top spot in the region against Northeastern Oklahoma State A&M on February 20, with both teams entering the game with 12 wins and one loss in regional play. The Aggies fell behind early, trailing 34-25 at halftime. Despite a strong defensive effort against NEO's leading scorer Rudi Williams, who leads the region in points scored this season with 516, the Aggies were unable to catch the hot-handed Norseman late in the game, falling 88-74. Murray State was led in scoring by Stephens with 18 points and Garrett with 16 points. The loss drops the Aggies to second place in the region and 21-and-five overall going into their final home game February 24 versus Northern Oklahoma College-Enid before going on the road February 27 to take on Connors State College in their final game of the regular season.

Aggie Athletics

MSC Softball claims impressive victories over Paris Junior College, NEO

The Murray State College Softball Team took the field Friday, February 21 in Tishomingo for a double header versus Paris Junior College. The Aggies entered the games with seven wins and one loss this season and on a three-game winning streak.

In the first game of the day, Murray State got on the scoreboard first when sophomore Alexis Lambert hit a sacrifice fly to bring in fellow sophomore Mikayla Rutland, giving the Aggies a one-to-zero lead. After Paris Junior College evened the score in the top of the second inning, Murray State answered with three runs to help them pull away from the Dragons. The runs were scored on a double by Rutland, a single by freshman Logan Martin and another sacrifice fly by Lambert giving the Aggies a four-to-one lead to start the third inning. A two-run RBI double from sophomore Destiny Tiger in the third inning further widened the Aggie lead and a sacrifice fly by C.J. Crane to bring Martin home and a two-run home run by freshman Kenzie Lasker in the fourth inning helped put the game out of reach and secured the Aggies' nine-to-one victory. Overall for the game, Lasker, Lambert, and Tiger each had two RBIs and Rutland and Martin had one RBI each. Freshman Caroline Pattison was on the mound for the Aggies and faced 22 batters, allowing one run on two hits and striking out three.



The Aggies rode the momentum from the win into the second game of the double-header versus Paris Junior College. Murray State got their offense started when sophomore Taleigh Nail doubled on the first pitch of the at bat, scoring two runs and a bases-loaded walk later in the first inning brought Lambert in for the score. Solo home runs by Rutland on the first at bat of the second inning and by Lasker in the third inning expanded the Aggie lead to five runs to zero. Murray State solidified their second win of the day versus Paris Junior College on a grand slam by sophomore Payton Griffin in the fourth inning which gave the Aggies a 10 run to zero win. Freshman Kendall Candioto pitched all five innings for the Aggies, allowing zero runs and only two hits and striking out nine batters. Also, Murray State didn't commit a single error in the field during the game.

On Saturday, February 22, the Aggie Softball Team looked to defend their home field and five-game winning streak as they welcomed Northeastern Oklahoma A&M to Tishomingo for a pair of games. NEO took an early one-run lead in the first inning, and expanded their lead in the second and third innings before the Aggies scored two runs in the bottom of the fourth inning to cut the NEO lead to four runs to two. A solo home run from Griffin in the fourth inning and a RBI on a single by Crane in the fifth inning helped Murray State tie the game at four runs each going into the fifth inning. Murray State ended the game in dramatic fashion after trailing five-to-four in the bottom of the seventh inning when Crane hit a walk-off single scoring two runs to secure a six-to-five victory over NEO.

Candioto was on the pitcher's mound for the Aggies, surrendering five runs on 13 hits, striking out five and walking one batter. Overall, she threw 112 pitches, including 76 strikes, over seven innings in the win. The Aggies continued to be sure handed in the field, not committing a single error in their second straight game.

After the close win over NEO, the Aggies hoped to build on their success in the second game of the double header. Murray State got things started in the first inning when Lambert singled to score one run, giving the Aggies an early lead. The Lady Norse evened the score at one run each in the following inning, before taking a one run lead in the third inning. Trailing three-to-one to start the fourth inning, the Aggies pulled themselves within a run when freshman Daeja Johnson scored on an NEO error and then took the lead at the next at bat on a double by Tiger which scored two runs. The Aggies expanded their lead to three runs on a pair of singles from Rutland and Lambert which each scored a run. After a scoreless fifth inning, NEO had an explosive sixth inning where they scored seven runs before the Aggies answered with four runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to tie the game at 10 runs. A seventh-inning home run by NEO helped the Lady Norse secure a 12-to-10 victory over the Aggies.

Next, the Aggies have a short break before hosting Eastern Oklahoma State College for a double-header on March 5.

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Upcoming Events

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

- Spring Transfer Fair
Aggie Ballroom- 11 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

- Women's Basketball vs. Western Okla. St.
Region II Tournament
Okla. Baptist Univ., Shawnee -3 p.m.
- NATIVE club Meeting
MSC Library- 5 p.m.
- Student Government Association Meeting
SS 202 & UC 151- 6 p.m.



THURSDAY, MARCH 5

- Softball at Eastern Okla. State College
Wilburton - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.
- Men's Basketball vs. Ark. Baptist/Redlands
Region II Tournament
Okla. Baptist Univ., Shawnee -6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

- Baseball vs. Grayson County College
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 2 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

- Baseball vs. Grayson County College
The Ranch, Tishomingo- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Softball vs. Western Okla. State College
Softball Field, Tishomingo - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.

Spring Break Fitness Center Closure: The Fitness Center will close at 1 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2020 and remain closed until 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020 for Spring Break.

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Special News

MSC adds Tishomingo HS graduate, former MSC concurrent student as retention coordinator

Murray State College has hired recent University of Oklahoma and previous Tishomingo High School graduate, Te'a Elliot-Fox as Retention Coordinator.

Elliot-Fox, a graduate of the University of Oklahoma with degrees in Native American Studies and Environmental Science, began her college-level academic studies taking concurrent classes at Murray State College while attending Tishomingo High School.

She credits her time as a Murray concurrent student for setting a firm academic foundation and allowing her to complete a majority of her basic classes early, freeing her up to pursue specific interests at OU. "For me, Murray was such a great stepping stone to bigger things," Elliot-Fox said. "I couldn't have pursued more at OU without the help of Murray."

The freedom that came from having several college classes complete before stepping foot on OU's Norman campus led her to join OU's competitive rowing team. After competing with the team her first semester, she quickly earned an athletic scholarship, allowing her to travel across the U.S. competing with the team during all four years at OU.

Following her graduation from OU in May 2019 and prior to joining the staff at Murray State, she worked for a fishing guide company, Alaska Wildland Adventures, leading salmon fishing and other tours in the Alaska Wilderness. Elliot-Fox is originally from Alaska and has family in both Alaska and Oklahoma, so the job allowed her to be close to her family and utilize her adventurous spirit and experience on the water.

After returning to Oklahoma, Elliot-Fox was drawn to her new position with the goal of helping students succeed in college and beyond. "Taking English Comp. I and II at Murray helped set me up to excel in writing at OU," she said.

She hopes to draw on her experiences to assist students by plugging them into resources as they pursue their goals. For more information on student retention efforts and resources available at Murray State College, Te'a can be reached at telliottfox@mscok.edu or in the MSC Library.



Better Together

Although there are a few scholars who disagree, it is fairly widely accepted that defining religion as a sphere of life distinct from politics, economics, or science was a recent development in European history. Theology researcher Brent Nongbri, for example, argues that naming some things "religious" and others "not religious" is a result of the modern invention of the secular. In antiquity there was no separation between religious and secular because the worship of God pervaded all aspects of life. Using the word religion to describe ancient beliefs introduces a gap between religion and the rest of life - a gap that is artificially created.

Translating premodern and non-Western concepts using the word religion often simplifies or distorts the concepts. For the ancient Romans, religion included civic duties that we would consider social and political and might or might not involve gods. It could also mean scruples or social rules. Similarly, the Arabic term *din*, often translated as "religion" has a large number of meanings including custom, usage, judgment, direction, and retribution. Simply translating the word as "religion" loses nuances and significance.

Eventually, Western countries began colonizing the rest of the world and brought with them the differentiation between the religious and secular spheres. Westerners began defining religion in cultures that did not previously think there was a separate religious realm of life. In this column, we have discussed an assortment of religions in exactly the way that Nongbri and others present.

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Special News

Murray State College receives grant from Native American Agriculture Fund

Murray State College has announced its selection as a grant recipient through the Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF). The NAAF provides grants to eligible organizations for business assistance, agricultural education, technical support, and advocacy services to support Native farmers and ranchers.

Grant funds at Murray State will be used to fund 10 scholarships of \$1,500 for Native American agriculture students in the fall 2020 semester. Grant funds will also be used to create a new course in financial literacy. While open to all students, the course will be focused on financial literacy issues related to agriculture.

“We are proud to partner with NAAF to offer student scholarships and help students become more educated about financial issues in agriculture. Students will benefit greatly from NAAF scholarships and exposure to financial issues that often times can make or break a business or family farm,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

To qualify for scholarships, students must be agriculture majors enrolled in at least 12 hours at MSC. Scholarship recipients will be automatically enrolled in the Agriculture Financial Literacy course. By earning a C or better in the class, they will receive a \$1,500 scholarship for use in the spring semester. In their second year at MSC, those in this scholarship program can receive \$1,500 in the fall and spring semesters by maintaining a 2.0 GPA.

According to MSC’s Agriculture Department Chair Brian Cothran, a variety of subjects will be included in MSC’s grant-funded Agriculture Literacy Course. Those subjects include loan applications, budgeting applications and technology for agriculture, banking and reporting regulations, taxes and other aspects of owning a business.

To receive additional information about the program, please contact Brian Cothran at bcothran@mscok.edu.



Transfer Corner: Attention Sophomore Students!

MSC SPRING
TRANSFER & CAREER FAIR
March 3rd from 11 AM to 1 PM
STUDENT UNION BALLROOM

Schools and businesses have been invited to come and talk with students about their plans after MSC.

If you are interested in employment opportunities you are encouraged to bring resumes.

Sign in sheets will be available for any class choosing to offer extra credit for attending the event.

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Aggie Athletics

O'Connor named NJCAA Region II Coach of the Year

Murray State College Men's Basketball Head Coach Kevin O'Connor was named the NJCAA Division I Region II Coach of the Year for the 2019-2020 season. O'Connor and his Aggies had 22 wins and only six losses overall and went 13-and-three in regional play during the 2019-2020 regular season.

This season, O'Connor, who has coached the Aggies since the summer of 2017, led Murray's team team to the best overall and conference records and most regular season games won in recent history. The Aggies were also ranked in national NJCAA Division I polls for the first time in program history when they received a 21st-place ranking in the January 27, 2020 poll. Over the next four weeks, the Aggies rose to as high as 10th place and rode a 13-game winning streak into the last two weeks of the season.



Along with O'Connor being announced as Coach of the Year, Aggie sophomore Shem'mario Stephens was named to the first-team All-Region Team and freshman Dyson Plumley was named to the second-team All-Region Team last week.

Additional honors for O'Connor this season include being named HoopDirt.com Junior College Coach of the Week in early February which makes his eligible for the HoopDirt.com's National Coach of the Year Award which will be announced at the end of the school year.

O'Connor was named head coach of the men's basketball program in July 2017 after serving as assistant coach and assistant athletic director at Arizona Western College since 2015. During his time at AWC, O'Connor assisted in back-to-back 20 win seasons, including a Region I Conference Regular Season title and Region I Conference Tournament title in 2016-2017. In his first season with the Matadors, the team reached the Region I Semifinals. O'Connor was instrumental in the recruitment of several key players, including the Freshman of the Year in 2016-2017. While at Arizona Western, O'Connor coached one Second Team All-American, four First Team ACCAC All-Conference selections, and one ACCAC Player of the Year. Along with basketball duties, O'Connor also aided the athletic department with fundraising and event planning.

Prior to Arizona Western College, O'Connor spent one season at Hopkins Academy in Massachusetts working with the men's and women's basketball teams and then spent two seasons as a graduate assistant at Kansas State University while working on his master's degree. During that stretch under Bruce Weber, Kansas State went to the NCAA tournament and lost to eventual national runner-up Kentucky. O'Connor also worked under Weber as a student manager for four years at the University of Illinois.

Following the announcement of the Coach of the Year honors, O'Connor and his Aggies look to build on their successes during the regular season as they head into the NJCAA Region II tournament March 5-7 at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee. On Thursday, March 5 at 6 p.m., the Aggies will play the winner of the March 2 Arkansas Baptist College versus Redlands Community College game to begin tournament play.

Aggie Athletics

Lady Aggies prepare for regional tournament after ending regular season with two losses

The Murray State College Women's Basketball Team hosted Northern Oklahoma College-Enid at Beames Fieldhouse Monday, February 24 in their final home game of the season. The Aggies came into the game with nine wins and five losses in regional play following a close overtime loss to Northern Oklahoma A&M February 20, snapping a MSC's 10-game winning streak.

The Aggies took an early lead in the game, outscoring the Jets by five points at the end of the first quarter and leading 37-24 at halftime. NOC-Enid bounced back in the second half, holding the Aggies to just 10 points in the first 15 minutes of the second half to take a three-point lead heading into the final quarter of play.

The Lady Jet's surge was led by sophomore Hayden Freeman who hit five three pointers and freshman Tonijah Fortune who scored nine of her 12 points in the second half. The Aggies recovered in the final quarter, but were unable to overcome the deficit, falling to NOC-Enid 64 -70.

Murray State was led in scoring by sophomore Randaysha Hansen with 18 points. Freshmen Alaijah Stewart, Jillian Ingram, and Macy Smith all added 10 points and Madison Roberson led the Aggies with 11 rebounds.

In their final game of the regular season, the Lady Aggies traveled to Warner February 27 to take on Connors State College. After trailing by one point at the end of the first quarter, Murray State ended the half tied with Connors 34-34, following a three-point shot by sophomore Kes Reeves with one second left on the clock.

With the Aggies leading by one point with less than four minutes remaining in the game, Connors State's Lauren Wright made a three-point basket to put the Cowgirls on top 61-60. A three pointer by Stewart with 3:10 left in the game gave the Lady Aggies a 63-60 lead before Connors regained a one-point lead with 40 seconds left to play. Stiff defense and two late-blocked shots helped the Cowgirls survive to claim a 66-63 victory over Murray State. The Aggies were led in scoring by Stewart with 15 points, sophomore Andressa Nascimento with 12 while Smith added 10 points in the game.

The Aggies now head into the Region II Tournament at Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee for a first-round match up versus top seeded Redlands Community College at 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 4.

Lady Aggies Softball Ranked in NJCAA Top 20

Following an impressive start to the season, the Murray State College Softball Team was ranked 20th in the latest NJCAA Division II poll released on February 24, 2020. The honor marks only the second time in college history the Lady Aggies have been ranked in the top 20. Murray State, who had 10 wins and only two losses leading up to the ranking, took their hot streak on the road February 28th at Carl Albert College and added two more games to the win column, defeating the Vikings eight runs to six and 12-to-four in a double header.



Currently, the Aggies are ranked second in NJCAA Division

II in runs scored, RBI's and extra base hits and third in the number of home runs this season with 28.

Individually, sophomore Alexis Lambert is ranked second in NJCAA Division II and leads the Aggies with 22 RBIs followed by sophomores C.J. Crane with 19 and Taleigh Nail with 17. Payton Griffin leads Murray State and is ranked second in NJCAA Division II with seven home runs so far this season, followed by freshman McKenzie Lasker with five.

Next, the Aggies travel to Wilburton to take on Eastern Oklahoma State College in a double header Thursday, March 5 before hosting Western Oklahoma State on Saturday March 7 in a double header starting at 2 p.m.

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#14 Murray State College vs. #19 Cowley College
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Tuesday, March 17, 2020
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MSC Women:

#23 Murray State College vs. #10 Florida Southwestern
4:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 17, 2020
Lubbock, Texas

Special News

Murray State College 2020 Summer STEM Camp accepting applications

Eighth- and ninth-grade students from across Oklahoma are invited to take part in one of two 2020 Summer STEM Academies to be hosted by Murray State College. The STEM Academies are five-day camps that promote student understanding of and interest in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) subjects through creative hands-on activities. Applications can be found on the MSC website at mscok.edu.

This summer two camps will be offered, both culminating with a visit to the Perot Museum in Dallas. The first camp will be at the UCSO campus in Ardmore on June 22 – 27, with a second camp taking place on the main MSC campus in Tishomingo on July 6-11. Both camps will take place daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Lunches, snacks and some take-home activities will be provided. Both camps are free and open to students who will be entering 8th or 9th grade in the fall.

Each day of the academies will include activities involving electronics, astronomy, app-building, various engineering design competitions and more. Students will also be able to enhance their skills in creativity, teamwork and analytical reasoning. The main mission is to expose students who might not have considered college to a collegiate experience while broadening their background in STEM subjects and careers. In addition, the camps will culminate with a visit to the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas, Texas.

“STEM subjects have always been important building blocks for students. We’ve been given a great opportunity through a grant from the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education to expose pre-college students to new ways of exploring and learning more about these important subjects in a fun and creative atmosphere,” said MSC President Joy McDaniel.

The MSC Summer STEM academies are designed to enhance students’ knowledge and interest in STEM subjects through learning opportunities and hands-on activities in multi-disciplinary studies involving technology. This year’s participants will be introduced to science and education-related activities in forensics, electronics, an engineering design competition, participation in exercises in the MSC Veterinary Technology Program labs and a visit to the Noble Foundation in Ardmore.

To apply for either of this summer’s STEM academies at Murray State, please visit mscok.edu and click on the Summer STEM Camps link under the Friends and Alumni tab in the main menu to find the application form and additional information. For questions, please contact mscstem@mscok.edu or call (580) 319-0323.

Transfer Corner: Attention Sophomore Students!

Special News

Appointments available for Veterinary Nursing Low Cost Spay and Neuter Day

The Murray State College Veterinary Nursing Program is holding a low-cost spay and neuter clinic on April 14. This service is for the dogs and cats of income-qualified residents.

Cost will be \$35 for cats and \$45 for dogs under 50 pounds and \$50 for dogs over 50 pounds. Vaccinations for DHLPP (canine), FVRCP (feline), and rabies will also be available. Proof of 2018 or 2019 tax returns are required. Call MSC Veterinary Nursing at 580-387-7520 to schedule an appointment.

Looking for help with college-related expenses? Oklahoma Works is looking for participants

Current or future MSC students, would you benefit from additional help with college expenses, finding a job, or exploring job training opportunities? The local Oklahoma Works office is recruiting adult participants who may face various obstacles in completing their degrees or securing employment to take part in the Oklahoma Works program. The organization provides monetary assistance with remaining college expenses above and beyond those covered by grants or loans including tuition, fees, books, housing, materials, and travel.



They also provide access to skill assessments, occupational training and identification of unique skills that appeal to employers. ALL resources they provide are offered free of charge including resume-building guidance, job interview preparation as well as trade-specific training and assistance connecting people with jobs in high-demand career fields.

See if you qualify (or tell others) by contacting Hayley Roberts with Oklahoma Works at 580-364-0664 or hroberts@dwfs.us. Hayley is on the MSC Campus in Room 116 of Patton Hall Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Southeastern recruiter on campus Thursday, March 12

Considering continuing your education at Southeastern Oklahoma State University after graduation? A recruiter from Southeastern will be in the Student Union Lobby from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., March 12 to answer questions.



Attendees can also get more information on scholarships and programs offered at Southeastern and fill out applications.

Better Together

Religion and politics are often intertwined. As mentioned previously, the infusion of western ideas into world cultures is often seen as a starting point for religion and politics to begin their disentanglement. In the period after the Reformation, Europe began to lose its broadly homogeneous religious character. No longer solidly Catholic, a number of competing religious communities all vied for the loyalty of people. The idea of divine authorization, that God played a role in choosing and approving rulers, was challenged. Instead, with the rise of liberal democracies starting in the Enlightenment, political authority was assumed to be grounded in the consent of the people. Those people also had the right to choose their religion. No longer were they required to accept the religion of the ruler.

Examples of nations separating politics from religion are now common. One of the earliest was the United States, with a mostly Christian population. The first amendment to the US constitution says, “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.” In 1924, Mustapha Kemal, the first president of Turkey, a country with an almost entirely Muslim population, made a speech asking to remove religion from politics. In 1928, Turkey’s constitution was amended to make it a secular state. *Sponsored by:* However, that does not mean religion is entirely separate from politics in either country. Religion in these, as in many other countries, still plays a strong role in shaping political culture in numerous ways.

To learn more, the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy has a very informative article discussing the relationship between religion and political theory: <https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/religion-politics/>.



Aggie Athletics

Lady Aggies dominate Region II Tournament, clinch Championship, qualify for National Tournament

The Murray State College Women's Basketball Team entered the first round of the NJCAA Division II Tournament at Oklahoma Baptist University with 18 wins and 12 losses and nine-and-seven in regional play. After a slow start to the season, the Lady Aggies dominated the region after mid January, winning 10 straight games before dropping their final three. The surge in wins came in part from the team's phenomenal play behind the three-point line. At the end of the regular season, freshman Alaijah Stewart led the conference in three-point baskets with 113 and was second in the total number of points scored with 490. Freshman Jillian Ingram led the conference in three-point shot percentage making 42.9% from behind the three-point line, followed closely by freshman Macy Smith who ranked second in the region with 41.3% and Stewart shooting 40.4% to rank fourth.



In the first round of the Region II Tournament on March 4, the Aggies faced a tough Western Oklahoma State College team they defeated once and lost to once during the regular season, with each team winning on their home courts. The Aggies quickly jumped out to an early lead on a barrage of three-point baskets from Stewart who scored 12 of the Aggies first 16 points, but the Pioneers rallied to only trail by one point going into the second quarter. Murray State dominated the last 15 minutes of the half, outscoring Western by 13 points to lead 44-30 at halftime. The Aggies increased their lead in the third quarter before the Pioneers came fighting back to make the game close late. In the final minutes, Murray State was able to hold on to secure a 86-to-79 victory. Stewart led the Aggies in scoring with 19 points, followed by Ingram and sophomore Randaysha Hansen with 15 points each and sophomore Kes Reeves with 14 points. The win set up a March 6 semifinal game versus regular season champion Redlands Community College.

In their game versus Redlands, the Aggies fell behind early, but were able to slow the Cougars' momentum to head into halftime trailing 34-25. Murray State dominated the third quarter, holding Redlands to just eight points while the Aggie offense caught fire and put 26 points on the scoreboard in the first 15 minutes of the second half. The Cougars mounted a comeback in the final eight minutes of the game, but the Aggies were able to hold on to win 67-60 and advance to the Region II Championship final. Stewart led the Aggies in scoring with 23 points, including five from behind the three-point line and freshman Madison Roberson scored 12 points and had seven rebounds. The win advanced the Aggies to a championship match up versus Northern Oklahoma College-Enid, the second time the two teams have faced each other in less than two weeks. The last time the two teams met, the Jets utilized a late surge of offense in the final eight minutes of the game to defeat the Aggies 70-64 at home.

In the tournament championship, Murray State quickly took charge of the game and built momentum to take a three point lead in the first 15 minutes of play and then expanded their advantage further to lead 43-36 at halftime. The Aggies continued to dominate both ends of the court in the second half thanks in part to continued success behind the three-point line. Both Ingram and Stewart made eight three pointers in the game to help propel the Aggies to an 86-69 victory and earn them their first ever Region II Tournament Championship title. Stewart had 24 points in the game followed by Ingram with 23 points and sophomore Randaysha Hansen added 15 points to secure Murray State an automatic bid in the National Tournament.

The NJCAA Division I Women's National Tournament will be held March 17-21, 2020 at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock, Texas. During the nationally-televised NJCAA Division I Tournament Selection Show on Monday, March 9, the Aggies were selected as the #23 Seed overall and will take on #10 seed Florida Southwestern State College at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday March 17, 2020.

Aggie Athletics

Aggie men's basketball win three straight to secure Region II Tournament Championship

The Murray State College Men's Basketball Team entered their regional tournament, March 5, with 22 wins and only six losses overall and 13-and-three in regional play. The Aggies, who rode a 13-game winning streak into the last two weeks of the season, faced Arkansas Baptist College in their first game of the tournament. This was the Aggies first-ever game against the Buffaloes, who had knocked off Redlands Community College in the tournament's play-in game earlier in the week. The Aggie offense dominated the first half of the game, outscoring the Buffaloes by 23 points and holding their offense to just 29 points going into halftime. Due to an early lead, the Aggies took their foot off the pedal slightly in the second half, allowing much of their bench to get quality playing time. In total, 11 Aggies scored in the game, led by freshman Dyson Plumley with 16 points and sophomore Shem'mario Stephens and redshirt freshman Cedric Garrett with 13 points each, as the Aggies cruised to a 82-62 victory over Arkansas Baptist.



The Aggie win set up a semifinal match on March 6 with NOC-Tonkawa which was ranked #7 in the nation and averaged over 93 points per game. The Mavericks and Aggies had each defeated the other at home during regular season play this season. After a slow start in the semifinal game, the Aggies fell behind early but were able to string together several offensive runs to pull within nine points at halftime. Murray State built on that momentum in the second half and were able to cut into the Maverick lead before tying the game at 65 with three minutes remaining. The Aggies took a two-point lead with just over two minutes left and held off the Mavericks late to secure a 79-72 victory and move on to the tournament championship game. Plumley led the Aggies with 24 points, freshman Jerry Carraway had 14 points, including four three pointers, and Garrett added 13 points.

In the tournament championship, the Aggies faced a tough Northeastern Oklahoma A&M team that came into the game as the tournament's #1 seed and defending Region II champion. A low-scoring game throughout, the teams battled for each point with the Aggies pulling away to claim a five-point, 27-22, lead at halftime. The second half remained a battle of defenses with the Norsemen leading several scoring runs to slowly cut into the Aggie lead. The Aggie defense held strong late to pull out a 58-55 victory and walk away as Region II Tournament Champions. Plumley, who led the Aggies with 18 points in the championship game, was named the Region II Tournament Most Valuable Player and Garrett, who contributed nine points and five rebounds in the championship game, was named to the All-Tournament Team.

The win punches the Aggies' ticket to the NJCAA Division I National Tournament which takes place March 16-21, 2020 at Hutchinson Sports Arena in Hutchinson, Kansas. During the nationally televised NJCAA Division I Tournament Selection Show on Monday, March 9, the Aggies were selected as the #14 Seed overall and will take on #19 seeded Cowley College at 10 a.m. on Tuesday March 17, 2020.

The Aggies' history-making season marked the team's best overall and conference records and most regular season games won in recent history. The Aggies were also ranked in national NJCAA Division I polls for the first time in program history, rising as high as 10th place. Further accolades came at the end of the regular season with Head Coach Kevin O'Connor being named NJCAA Region II Coach of the Year and sophomore Shem'mario Stephens and freshman Dyson Plumley receiving All-Region Team honors.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10

- Softball vs. Seminole State College
Softball Field, Tishomingo - 2 p.m., 4 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

- NATIVE Club Meeting
MSC Library- 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

- High School Career Expo
Various Bldgs., Tishomingo - 8 a.m.- 3 p.m.
- Southeastern Recruiter on campus
Student Union Lobby- 10:30 a.m.- 1 p.m.
- Softball at Connors State College
Warner -12 noon, 2 p.m.
- Crossfit/HIIT Bootcamp
MSC Fitness Center- 5:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

- Financial Aid Disbursement
- Legislative Luncheon
Aggie Dining Room, Tishomingo- 12 noon
- Softball at Ellsworth Community College
Fayetteville, AR -4 p.m.

- Baseball at LSU-Eunice
Eunice, LA- 6 p.m.
- Softball at Johnson County CC
Fayetteville, AR -6 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

- Baseball at LSU-Eunice
Eunice, LA- 1 p.m.
- Softball at North Arkansas College
Harrison, AR -12 noon., 2 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

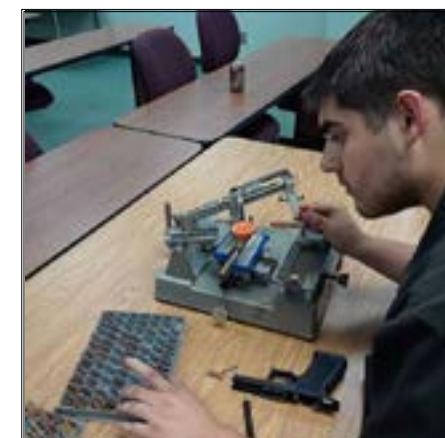
- Baseball at LSU-Eunice
Eunice, LA- 1 p.m.
- Softball at State Fair CC
Fayetteville, AR -1 p.m.
- Softball at Fort Scott CC
Fayetteville, AR -3 p.m.

MARCH 16-20

- Spring Break- No Classes
- Saturday, March 21
-Softball vs. North Arkansas College
Softball Fields, Tishomingo- 12 noon, 2 p.m.
- Baseball at NOC- Enid
Enid- 1 p.m., 4 p.m.

Spring Break Fitness Center Closure: The Fitness Center will close at 1 p.m., Friday, March 13, 2020 and remain closed until 11 a.m. Monday, March 23, 2020 for Spring Break.

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FREE Lunch on TUESDAYS
UCSO, Ardmore
11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

&

FREE Lunch on WEDNESDAYS
801 S. Murray, Tishomingo
11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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March 23, 2020

Aggielite Readers,

Over the past week, we have dealt with unprecedented changes to our academic and daily lives in response to an international and nationwide health crisis. A crisis we could not have predicted or expected when we began the 2019-2020 academic year. In hope of retaining some normalcy over the weeks remaining in the semester, we are hoping to continue utilizing Aggieelite to keep the MSC family updated and informed of everything related to the college, its COVID-19 response and any changes to schedules and services.

While timely and detailed information updates related to MSC will continue to be sent through direct email updates from individual MSC departments and posted on msco.edu, we hope to use Aggieelite to reinforce or remind readers of all the services continuing to be offered and any changes to the way they are provided. In addition, Aggieelite will be used to collect and share the stories of how the MSC community is impacted by the responses and recommendations implemented due to COVID-19 virus.

Please feel free to email me at chackett@msco.edu with any information, stories, perspectives or ideas, so I can best utilize Aggieelite to discuss shared experiences in this unprecedented time, and attempt to bring the MSC community together while we all maintain a safe physical distance.

Cole Hackett
Aggieelite Editor/Communication Coordinator
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Murray State College is pro-actively monitoring COVID-19. To stay updated with the most current information about steps being taken to ensure the safety of the MSC community, visit www.msco.edu/current-students/covid-19.

The College has also compiled information on a MSC Coronavirus Response web page (www.msco.edu/current-students/covid-19/msc-coronavirus-response) in order to give everyone the best contact information, communication methods and resources for specific campus departments.

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Special News

Due to nationwide health crisis, housing residents encouraged to vacate campus

Despite dorms and food service resuming Monday, March 23 for those on campus, the MSC Housing Office is strongly encouraging all students living in residential housing to vacate campus. According to a statement sent to students, this was a difficult decision, but necessary to protect the health of our campus community. Specific information for housing residents was emailed directly to students. Understanding that some students must maintain a physical presence on campus, the Housing Office is committed to assisting those remaining on campus.

At this time, housing students planning to move out are asked to coordinate a move out time with the Housing Office, March 25 through March 27. Due to social distancing recommendations, a scheduled time must be set as no more than nine students at a time will be let in each building. Times will be set in 30 minute increments and will run from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. each day. To schedule a time please email the Housing Office at housing@mscok.edu, text (580) 219-0373 and/or (214) 600-2868. Please include your name and room number as well as, the time slot you want and a second time frame option in case the first option is full. The nine (9) per building includes any help you may bring with you. This means you will take away from other students entering the building. Please try to limit the number of people you bring with you.

For more information regarding residential life, contact the Director of Resident Life at (580) 387-7135.

Local Residents urged to help community by completing 2020 Census

Murray State College students, faculty and staff are reminded to set aside time to participate in the 2020 Census. The information the census collects helps determine how more than \$675 billion of federal funding is distributed to states and communities each year. Not only does the census determine the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives, it is also used to distribute billions in federal funds to local communities, including those served by Murray State.

According to INCA Communication & Development Director Amber Freeman, who is helping coordinate census outreach for Tishomingo, each adult that goes uncounted in a community accounts for \$1,675 per year of lost funds. In addition, every uncounted child can result in lost funding of between \$16,000 and \$17,000 per year to the community they live in. According to Freeman, Oklahoma lost over \$11 million in funding each of the last 10 years due just to non-reported children under five years old and if the state saw a similar undercount in 2020, the state will miss out on more than \$17 million per year for the next 10 years.

While the 2020 Census requires counting and gathering information from an estimated 330 million people living in more than 140 million housing units, the U.S. Census Bureau is providing several different ways to respond and be counted. Homes begin receiving invitations to respond in mid March and these official Census Bureau mailings include detailed information and a Census ID for completing the Census online or by mail. Those who are unable to or fail to respond in either of these two ways will be offered assistance from census staff in filling out the information over the phone or in person.

Remember, your response will make a difference in Tishomingo and surrounding communities for the next 10 years, providing much-needed assistance to past, current and future Murray State College students.



Special News

Students, get a jump start on Summer/Fall enrollment preparations

Attention all students! Enrollment for the upcoming semesters is right around the corner. Students are encouraged to plan ahead and call the Academic Advisement Office before enrollment opens for current students April 6th.

Contacting the advisement office early will help streamline the enrollment process and also help students stay on track for graduation. These meetings will allow advisors and students to perform degree checks, update enrollment plans, and resolve any holds on accounts prior to enrollment.

Even though many of the advisement staff are working remotely at this time, the office contact information remains the same. The advisement staff has been working diligently to ensure they can provide the same level of service to the MSC student body remotely as they have in person.

Tishomingo Academic Advisement
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
(580) 387- 7201 or (580) 387-7202

Ardmore Academic Advisement
8 a.m.-5 p.m.
(580) 319-0370



Better Together

Why are people religious? Nobody really knows how many religions there are, but almost all of us hold some kind of religious beliefs. There have been a number of theories for why humans are generally religious. Some have come from the fields of theology and philosophy. Science has also tried to provide the answer and a new study by a team of psychological scientists at Queen's University argues that religion's main purpose is to enhance the basic cognitive process of self-control. They noted that most mainstream religions emphasize self-control. The idea is that religion makes people suppress certain thoughts and behaviors and instead, align themselves with a set of religious standards. This in turn promotes a significant number of important social behaviors.

The scientists tested their theory by observing how volunteers were able to endure an unpleasant task. Each study participant was given a sentence containing five words to unscramble. Some sentences contained religious themes while others did not. Those primed with religious words persisted the longest in the task. In a second test, those primed with religious words also showed more ability to accept delayed rewards. The researchers also found that thoughts of religion seem to "refuel" mental persistence after a cognitively draining task.

Only one experiment produced ambiguous results. The researchers wondered if the religious priming might have activated moral intuition or death-related concerns. They used the mentally exhausting Stroop task, where a subject must rapidly identify the ink that words are printed in, rather than read the words. In this case some volunteers were primed with religious words, some with moral words such as virtue and righteous, and others with words related to mortality, such as deadly and grave. To measure accuracy and reaction time all the volunteers used a computer to perform the Stroop task. Religiously primed volunteers had much more self-control than those with no priming or those primed to think about mortality. But those primed to think of morality showed the same self-control as the religiously primed group. The results for the two groups were statistically the same, suggesting that activating a moral sensibility may have some of the same effects as religion. The study called for further research into this unexpected result.

Next week's column will continue to study reasons humans are religious and how religion and current events cross over.

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