Connors held their first annual Connors’ Got Talent contest on Wednesday, September 29th. Twelve talented CSC students competed during the evening’s event. This year’s winners of the contest were Ms. Kassadi Click, vocal winner, and Steven Baucom, non-vocal winner.

The event was held this year in the Warner library auditorium which was packed with spectators.

The vocal participants were Keeli Blackwood, singing “Milk Cow Blues” accompanied by Canaan Duncan on the guitar; Krys Crossland, singing “Mad World”; Jordyn Myers and Dominique Corington, singing a duet “Should’ve Said No”; Kassidi Click, singing “When God Fearing Women Sing the Blues”; Patrick Ferm, playing the guitar and singing “Wagon Wheel”; Christian Dansby, singing “What God Has For Me”; Lucretia Tony, singing “Giddy On Up”; and Dominique Corington, singing “Take a Bow” accompanied by Ely Starkey on the guitar.

Other talents were Eileen Thomas, who signed to “East to West”; Cambri Colvin, who did a lyrical dance to “Johnny and June”, and Steven Baucom, who did stand-up comedy.

Hopefully, this contest will continue with even more participants next year.
History Class Learns to Preserve Storytelling

The students of Dr. Georgia Leeds’ Native American history class were recently invited to a storytelling conference held on the campus of Bacone College. The Five Civilized Tribes Museum has hosted the annual two-day event for the last five years. The conference consisted of over a dozen Native American speakers, storytellers, and authors. Opening ceremonies began on Friday, September 24th, and ended on Saturday with a storytelling concert.

Dr. Leeds’ students attended different workshops and discussion sessions throughout the two days. A three speaker session on Saturday focused on the importance of preserving not only Native American writing, but writing worldwide as well. Speaker and author, Dr. Daniel Littlefield, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, touched on the basis of the ever changing ways of writing. He emphasized how literary works have been saved over the decades, beginning with books, which have now evolved into digital mediums such as iPads and E-books. “No matter how Native American stories are saved, it is important that they are preserved for future generations to learn of our beliefs, heritage, culture, and of our society,” Littlefield stated in an interview.

CSC’s Livestock Judging Team

Connors State College is the home of a premier livestock judging program. There are 32 members recruited from not only Oklahoma but eleven other states. This group of students spend many hours practicing to get to this level of competitiveness, and they travel many miles throughout the U.S competing.

The team is competing in five contests this fall. The first contest was held on September 24th at the Flint Hills Classic in El Dorado, Kansas. There were 25 teams with close to 170 contestants in each division.

The Connors freshmen walked away as the Champion team, winning every division. Hattie Anastasio was the High Individual of the contest, while Jordan Richburg was 3rd overall. Claire Martin, Hunter McAlister, Matt Turner, Olivia Foster, and Jessica Miller were also in the top 10 in other divisions such as sheep, cattle, swine, or reasons.

The sophomore team won the sheep division on their way to a 5th place finish overall. Tanner Wieghat was 3rd overall, while Segayle Foster and Tanner Nipper also received awards for finishing in the top 10 in the separate divisions.

The other fall contests are in Tulsa and Dallas, and the American Royal, the first big national contest in Kansas City. The final contest is the North American in Louisville, Kentucky. Along with competitions, the team members help and officiate at FFA and 4-H contests throughout the state and state fairs.

Also in the fall the team visits the nursing home in Warner.
Students from the Student Support Services recently took a cultural field trip to the Five Civilized Tribes Museum. “We do anything and everything we can to keep the students in our program motivated and remain in school throughout the semester,” said Jared Webster, CSC Career/Transfer Advisor.

The Student Services’ program offers tutoring, assistance with school supplies, and possibly a financial award. Students interested in joining the program must submit an application. Applications may be obtained from both the Warner and Downtown Muskogee campuses or online. Students must meet certain guidelines in order to be eligible.

Members of Phi Theta Kappa recently had a booth at Warner’s annual Cow Chip Days celebration. They sold not only food, drinks, and snow cones, but also PTK shirts and raffle tickets for the Johnny Tiger prints. One print was given away at the festival.

Members taking part in the activities were Uta-Renate Kuehn, Rachel Harmer, Teri Whittle, Carey Mossey, Ginnie Russell, Beth Allison, Sarah McClendon, Theresa Lane, Adam Smith, Olivia Beaver, Sherry Vanderpool, Natasha Hearn, Rachel Reay, Kayla Fears, and Sharon Angell.
Fall Break
October 22nd

Faculty/Staff vs Students

A softball game was played on Wednesday, September 22nd between CSC students and CSC faculty/staff.

A well fought game was played but the faculty/staff team proved too much for the students winning the game 22-6.

The Roving Reporter... What are your plans for Fall Break?

"Going to Idabel, Oklahoma"
Jasma Jones

"Spend time with family, take trips, and rest."
Nicole Gardner

"Going mudding."
Steven Bias

"Going camping"
Shelby Guffey

"Preparing for my wedding in December."
Trenton White

"Going hunting."
Jake Capps

"Catch up on some rest and party."
Melanie Bruner

"Party hard and rest."
Elasha Craine

The Athletic Department is currently selling $1 raffle tickets for a 42" flat-screen television. Last year’s winner was Ms. Carla Goodwin. See a CSC athlete or coach to purchase your tickets!