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The NE District Voice

Lee Stewart has just been appointed as the northeast district director for the Oklahoma Student Government Association. This association is composed of college students from educational institutions across the state and it has many jobs. It acts as a congress for students. It comes together, researches before voting, amends laws that needs to change and votes just like any other congress. Sometimes this includes working in the state's capital. SGA also works with the Board of Regents for Higher Education. When the Regents are trying to campaign an issue it's the job of the OSGA to voice the opinions of the students for that particular issue. OSGA also works with the Board of Regents for Higher Education. When the Regents are trying to campaign an issue it's the job of the OSGA to voice the opinions of the students for that particular issue. Lee has many duties that include, coordinating with all the Institutions in the Northeast, working together to better benefit students and come up with solutions to any problems they may have. He also "brings the incidents or complaints to the OSGA where solutions can be found. In addition, he is the voice of the OSGA to the students..



DR. & MRS. FALTYN ATTEND WELCOME RECEPTION IN THEIR HONOR



Picture from left to right: Sue Harris, Muskogee Chamber of Commerce, Kelly Faltyn, Dr. Tim Faltyn and Tyler Hammons, City of Muskogee Mayor

President Faltyn was all smiles as he cut the ribbon September 20th for the newly constructed Muskogee Higher Education Administration Building. The City of Muskogee and the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting and welcome reception in honor of the new president and his wife, Dr. and Mrs. Tim Faltyn. With over 50 community members and CSC employees in attendance the event was a huge success with lots of positive feedback about the new building and the new president. The reception was a great opportunity for Connors to open the doors of the new facility to show people what they have been working on. Connors also provided a delicious spread of appetizers and refreshments.

Sue Harris, President of the Muskogee Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Tim McElroy, Dean of NSU-Muskogee Campus, and Dr. Faltyn all spoke to the guests surrounding the excitement for the future of Connors. After the reception had come to a close, Dr. Faltyn had these kind words to say, "The City of Muskogee and Connors State College have graciously welcomed my wife and me to this area. We are thrilled about being a part of this wonderful community and hope to make a positive impact." The new Muskogee Higher Education Administration building will be host to a new CSC Bookstore and Library, administrative and faculty offices and the Child Development classroom. Connors is planning on being completely moved into the new facility by the end of December. Students will begin the new spring semester at the new location. Director of the Connors State College Muskogee Campuses, Rhoda Strode said, "The new Location of Connors means that we will be housed in a facility that has been designed, built, and furnished with higher education as the number one goal. This move will allow Connors to grow and increase student services in a way that will benefit both students and the future of Connors State College.



Dr. Faltyn socializing with visitors at the welcome reception in Muskogee.





CSC Academic Team in T.V. Series

Pictured Above: CSC Academic Team following their first victory against Northern Oklahoma College Red Team.

“We will be having weekly practices to sharpen our minds”

For more information or to watch Mind Games visit:
<http://www.ksbitv.com/mind-games>

NEW CSC WEBSITE LAUNCHED

For several months, the technical team at Connors State College has been working to revamp the CSC home website, and this September the new site was revealed. This new site includes three major functions: easy navigation, reliable information, and pleasing appearance. To provide consistent information, the designers of the site installed a master calendar which displays events and information for each CSC school site. Academic events, athletic games and club and organization meetings are all covered in this area. Each individual group is in charge of updating its events. Included in the site is an area for widgets. Widgets are small applications that provide functionality and easier access to sites that visitors use the most. These include links for CSC's social networking sites, publications, cost-of-attendance calculator, and scholarships. Easy navigation is another issue the designers had in mind when creating this new site. To accomplish this, they have made the most visited pages on the site represented as orange buttons on the top of the page. These buttons are also distributed on the pages throughout the site. According to Heath Hodges, Director of Information Technology, they designed the new top menu so the inside menu has “several categories and columns of links without a lot of extra hunting.” The menu displays subcategories next to each other making it easier to locate a specific item. The tech team also “observed that the look of the website dramatically impacts the way people feel about the website.” Therefore they changed the background from a bright orange to gray to make it easier for the viewer's eyes.

The Connors State College Academic team defeated Northern Oklahoma College red team at the KSBI mind games tournament held at the KSBI studio in Yukon, Okla. Mind Games, An Oklahoma Academic Challenge, is a new prime time Oklahoma television program that brings teams of students from Oklahoma colleges and universities in a weekly “battle of the brains.” President of Connors State College, Dr. Tim Faltyn said, “The Mind Games is an excellent opportunity for Connors students to not only earn scholarships, but also showcase our academic talent.” Connors created their academic team by holding try-outs earlier in the semester. CSC team members include, Stephanie Anderson, Jessica Monks, Gyllna Drew, Kaylay Lewis, and Patrica Gilliland. Their first win earned the CSC Academic team \$2250 in scholarship money. Throughout the fall of 2011 and spring 2012 semesters, students will be contending for scholarships totaling \$200,000! Connors will return on October 26 to compete against Rogers State. “I feel that the students on our academic team represented Connors State College well during their initial appearance in Mind Games. I expect them to do equally well when they play Rogers State. We will be having weekly practices to sharpen our minds!” commented Lynett Rock, Academic Team Advisor and Division Chair-Math, Science, P.E.

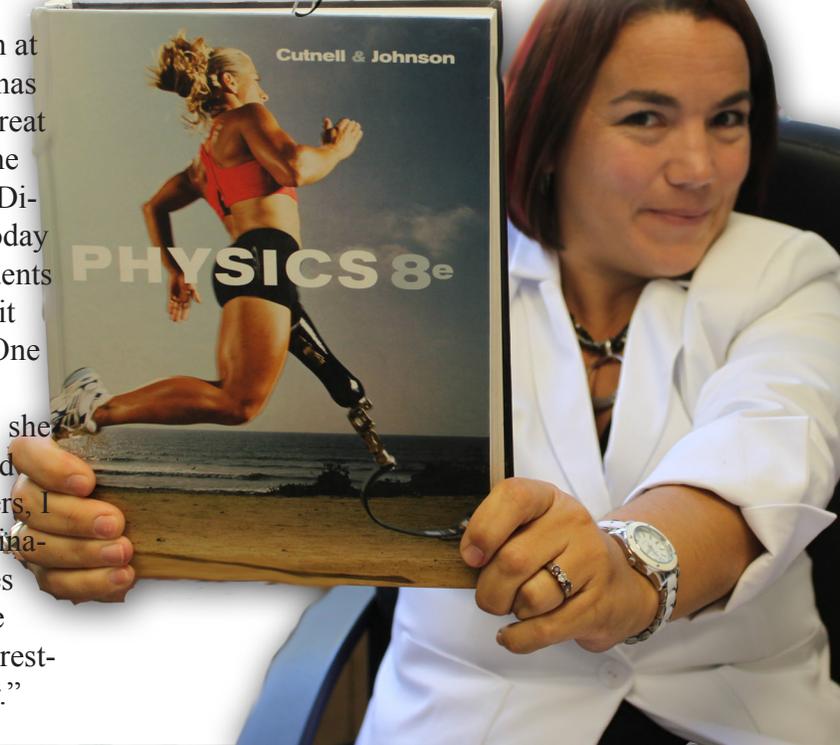
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While some of the icons are self-explanatory, some are not. That is why the crew answered that issue with “Tool tips.” Tool tips are used throughout the site. By just hovering over something with a mouse, the tip will explain it without leaving the current page. There is also an employee directory built into the top menu. By entering the first and last name of the employee, a person can obtain contact information for that employee. Another addition to the new site is detailed maps which show buildings and some routes through the campuses. This is just the beginning, though, as the designers have plans to add a virtual tour and interior maps to the list of new things on this site. Hodges stated that each person working on the site had a clear vision which was “to show the world who we are, what we do, and that CSC is a great place to be.” The technical team stated that they are always looking to improve the CSC website. If you have any input, you can email them at

Lynett

“Teaching is like breathing to me. From the first time I taught I knew I was supposed to be doing this for the rest of my life.” Lynett Rock has been pursuing her teaching passion at Connors State College for the past eight years. “Connors has such a family feel, says Rock, the staff and faculty have great relationships.” Before coming to Connors she taught at the university and high school level. In 2008 she became the Division Chair for math, science and physical education. Today she teaches Physics (her favorite) to Calculus. Many students are intimidated with college math classes, but Rock finds it rewarding to be a part of easing this stress for students. “One of my favorite memories, Rock recalls, was a young lady who started in elementary algebra and after six semesters she completed Calc. one and Calc. two. If you would have told me she would have been in Calculus class in four semesters, I wouldn’t have believed it, but with hard work and determination she made it through.” Stories like this is what makes Rock continue to love her job. She concludes with “While students are in my presence, they love math! I keep it interesting. To be a good teacher, you must be a great entertainer.”

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Colleen Noble

Academic Advisor

Each semester 1500 students come pouring into Colleen Noble’s office in Muskogee to sign up for their next semester classes. This rush of students is actually the favorite parts of her job, “I love being with the students. It is so rewarding to visit with them about their future plans and career goals and know that I was a part of their journey.” Noble has been employed at Connors State College for the past three years and has enjoyed every minute of it. “Connors State is a wonderful employer. I have worked for other institutions and this is by the far the best institution I’ve worked for. The administration trusts me to get my job done and also gives me the freedom to be innovative.” Noble added, “Connors is a great choice for higher education, students get an affordable education with the best trained instructions. Muskogee is the commuter branch of Connors State College, which means that Colleen has the privilege of working with a lot of adult students. Being an academic advisor for adult students can be challenging in the sense that their schedules must be put together around family life and a lot of them have full-time jobs. Noble recalls one of her favorite success stories, “I had a lady in her fifties come in after she had been laid off from her industrial plant job that she had been working at for 23 years. She had four kids and never graduated from high school. We got her enrolled and she made tremendous grades. She set her mind on graduating from Connors State College nursing program, and that is just what she did. She still stops in my office occasionally, and it is so nice to see that she is doing so well.”



When Colleen isn’t in her downtown Muskogee office, she is busy being the liaison for the Eddie Warrior and Juss Dunn Correctional Centers. Connors State College offers 8-10 classes per semester at both facilities. “Students at these facilities must be extremely dedicated to their studies,” said Noble, “Most people believe that they have all the time in the world to study, but actually they are on a strict regimen and have to be sure to use their time wisely. They aren’t allowed to just get up at 3 a.m. and cram for a test.”

CSC is "Grand at Tulsa State Fair"

Knowledge and drive to push our students into being the cattle industry leaders of tomorrow



Assitant Livestock Manager, Dale Pitchford, is pictured above with Hef at the Connros State College Farm. Pitchford exhibited Hef at the Tulsa State Fair.

Connors State College exhibited ten head of cattle in the open show at the Tulsa State Fair on Oct. 1 and 2. Up against 120 other competitors, CSC won Grand Champion with the Santa Gertrudis bull, "HB HEF." Blake Nelson, Director of Farm Operations, commented, "The win at Tulsa is great for the college and the division of agriculture. At Connors we strive to put our students around the best animals possible and present examples of the best management practices presently available. We have a great farm staff who have the knowledge and drive to push our students into being the cattle industry leaders of tomorrow. This finish will increase 'Hef's' chances at being National Yearling Show Bull of the year."

Connors State also exhibited Angus and Simmental cattle, receiving many first, second and third place finishes. "Our success at the Tulsa State Fair is a result of our hard work throughout the year. We have a very talented team of students, faculty and staff who make our success possible. I am very proud of our farm management team and how they represented Connors State College," states Dr. Tim Faltyn, Connors State College President. For more information about Connors State College Agriculture Department, contact Blake Nelson at (918) 463-6279 or visit www.connorsstate.edu



Grand Champion

To watch a video on Hef or for Pedigree information visit:

<http://www.cattleinmotion.com/lot/hb-hef-nizer>



Livestock Judging Team

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The days begin well before the sun comes up and weekends are virtually non-existent for the renowned Connors State College Livestock Judging Team. The 40-member team consists of freshmen and sophomores from all across the United States who come together for one reason, a passion for livestock. Coached by Brandon Gunn and Dodge Nichols, the team spends 30-40 hours a week either preparing for upcoming competitions or hitting the books in mandatory study hall. With this being the largest team in the country, in regards to the number of students, they face certain difficulties having enough one on one time with each team. Coach Gunn emphasized the importance of these students, "putting in extra work outside of practice in order to be successful." He added, "They understand what it takes, and they are striving to reach their individual goal, as well as those set forth by the team." In October the team competed and worked at the Tulsa State Fair where they assisted with the swine and heifer rings, competed in the college competition, as well as organized and directed a state high school competition. According to department chair, Debbie Golden, the high school competition is an "excellent recruiting opportunity for Connors."

At the Tulsa State Fair the freshman team finished with Champion Team honors as well as the third team overall. Also winning numerous individual awards. The sophomore team found success as well by earning Reserve Champion and three Individual honors.

The team had a quick turn around and headed to the State Fair of Texas the following weekend, but had no trouble finding success there either. In addition to six embers earning individual honors, the sophomore team walked away as the Champions. The freshman team received Reserve Champion with four members earning individual honors. Ian Schaefer dominated the contest and won High Individual overall. Tate Horwood came in 6th, Brazos Williams 7th, and Lynsey Meharg 9th. "This was an exciting, but tiring week for our kids," expressed Judging Coach, Brandon Gunn, "With helping at the shows, taking care of their school work, and trying to prepare for contests, there was an awful lot on their plate. I am just so pleased with the determination and effort that our crew put forth to accomplish these wins." Sophomore judge, Jordan Richburg, agreed that, "The shows have been exhausting and exciting all at the same time, but in the end it was all worth it."

CONNORS STATE COLLEGE BASKETBALL

The Connors State Cowboys and Cowgirls enter the 2011-12 basketball season with high expectations under the guidance of men's head coach Bill Muse and women's head coach Eddie Kite.

Muse begins his 19th season as head coach of the Cowboys and with it he brings a very young basketball team to Melvin Self Fieldhouse this season after posting a 26-4 record last season and winning their second straight Oklahoma Collegiate Athletic Conference championship.

Muse lost five sophomores. Four of who were starters, all whom earned Division I scholarships off last year's squad. However, Muse returns Jared Harrison, 5-1, sophomore from Slidell, La., who played point guard for the Cowboys a year ago to build his club around.

The Cowboys will possess good size inside, but must find some outside scoring to replace All-Region II performers Robert Crawford, who averaged 16.1 points, Corey Wilford, 16.4 points and James Garner, who averaged 12.8 points.

Muse will be looking for leadership and points from 6-3 guard Shaquille Shannon from Philadelphia, Pa., who averaged 4 points a game coming off the bench. He shot 54 percent from the field.

Inside muscle that is returning is Terrance Walker, 6-8 sophomore from Jonesboro, Ark., who averaged 3.8 points a game and pulled down 2.6 rebounds per game. Jerome Hamilton, a transfer from Wichita State University is expected to play a major role for the Cowboys. Hamilton is a 6-6 forward from Warwick, Ga.

The Cowgirls will be short on numbers but big on heart this season, according to Kite, who is beginning his ninth year at the helm. The key for the Cowgirls is at point-guard and the play of Nikki Lewis, who played virtually every minute of each game as a freshman. The sophomore from Tahlequah-Sequoyah High School is expected to provide the leadership once again for the Cowgirls.

The 5-2 point guard averaged 13 points a game and 6.6 assists while shooting 43 percent from the field. Lewis will be joined by returning sophomores Taylor Lloyd, Tiffany Abrams, Kaila Crawford and Megan Alsenay.

BILL MUSE
MEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

EDDIE KITE
WOMEN'S HEAD BASKETBALL COACH

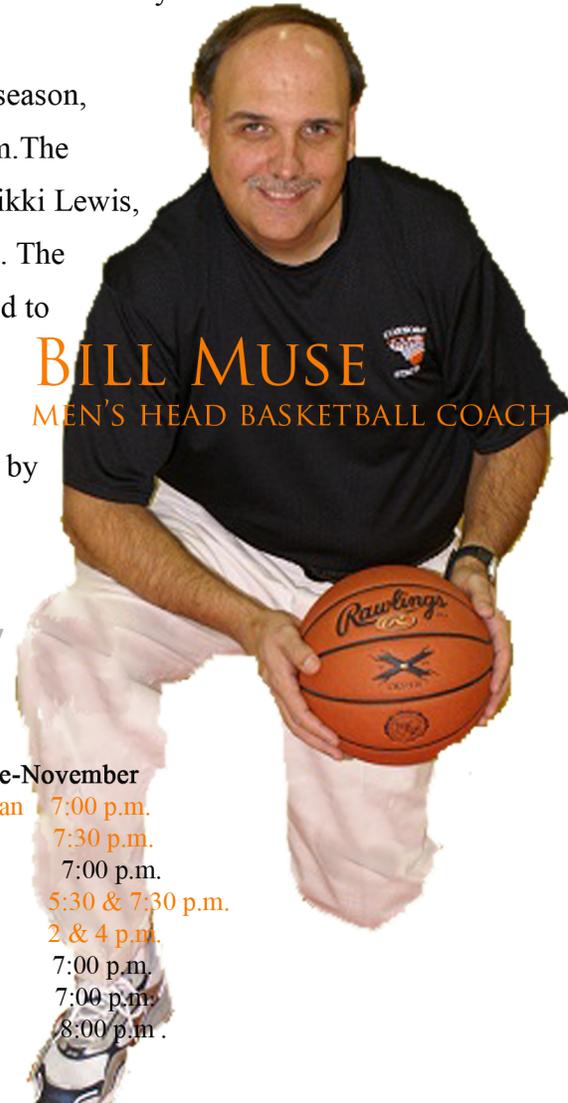
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Cowgirls Basketball Schedule-November

4 & 5	at Norfolk Classic	TBA
10 & 11	at Coffeyville Classic	1 p.m. & 3 p.m.
19	at Mid-South	4 p.m.
21	at Murray State	6 p.m.
25 & 26	at Lon Morris Classic	TBA
29	Carl Albert	6 p.m.

Cowboys Basketball Schedule-November

1	Mid-America Christian	7:00 p.m.
5	Arkansas Tech	7:30 p.m.
9	at Arkansas Baptist	7:00 p.m.
11	Cowboy Classic	5:30 & 7:30 p.m.
12	Cowboy Classic	2 & 4 p.m.
14	at Arkansas Tech	7:00 p.m.
17	Bacone	7:00 p.m.
21	at Murray State	8:00 p.m.



High Attendance at Connors State College Fair

The Muskogee Area-Wide College Fair hosted by Connors State College on September 27th was a huge success with over 550 high school seniors and 40 institutions in attendance.

Counselors from Hulbert to Sallisaw brought their seniors to the CSC campus. President of Connors State College, Dr. Tim Faltyn stated, "Familiarity breeds success. The more we can provide opportunities for students to be on and around any college campus, the better our chances of changing people's lives for the better. Our confidence in the Connors' brand of education, affords us the opportunity to provide this service. It's really just one part of our mission to serve our students and our community. Regardless of what college or university students attend, we believe it's important that they be exposed to as many opportunities to advance their education as possible. All boats rise in a situation like this."

Fran Bewley, Sallisaw High School Counselor commented, "I greatly appreciate Connors hosting this event because due to the economic situation it is not feasible for my students to visit all of these colleges. This fair allows my students to meet with their top three college choices all in one place." Bewley also added, "It is not only a great deal for the students, but it is an excellent opportunity for Connors to get students on campus and get them familiar with the school."

This event was organized by the recruitment office and was held in the Melvin Self Fieldhouse Gymnasium. The recruitment staff had lots of help from the PLC, UGL, the men's basketball team and SODEXO. Logan Knapper, Director of Recruitment said, "The College fair is needed in order to introduce new opportunities to the students in the surrounding communities. Not a lot of them have means of finding out the perks of college until they attend a college fair."

The PLC students volunteer their time to help assist with the fair, as well as view universities that they may be interested in transferring to after Connors. The staff looks forward to the fair because it brings new faces on campus from colleges along with prospective students. Also, without the help of all involved the event would not be possible, so I am thankful for the generosity of CSC."



High school students browse through all the college booths.

The 24th annual Cow Chip Day was held on Oct. 1 and over 60 members from Connors State College participated in the event held at Warner's city park.

The event co-sponsored by Connors State College and the Warner Chamber of Commerce featured a parade down main street, booths, a "cow chip game" and fireworks show. Also featured at the event was the band, The Swon Brothers.

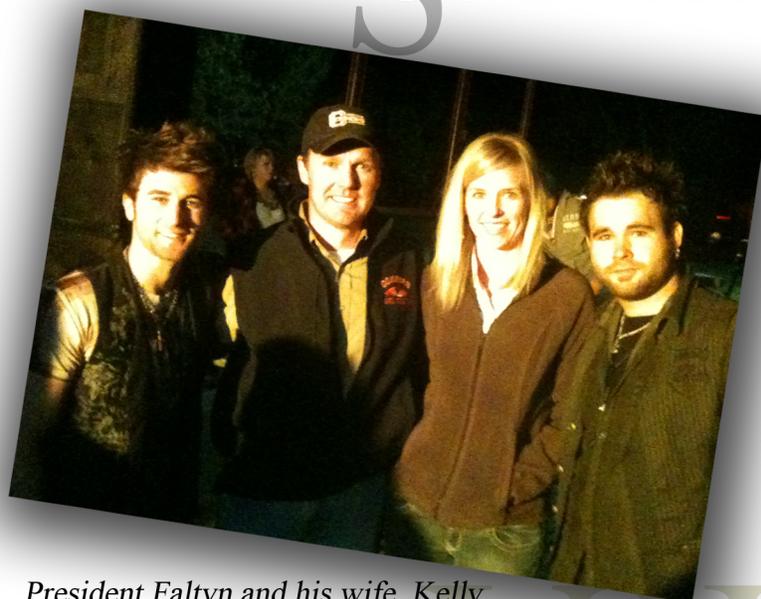
Connors State College's PBL, PKT, SGA, Math/Science and cheerleaders sponsored booths during the day's activities.

"The booths were a big success and Connors State had a big showing at the event," said Aaron Wright, Director of Residential Life, at Connors State College. "We also had designed a nice float for the parade. The cheerleaders, PLC and SGA rode on it and threw out candy to the crowd during the parade."

CSC also sponsored the annual Mr. And Mrs. Warner Beauty pageant, which was held on the Warner campus, in conjunction with the Cow Chip Day. Winners of the beauty pageant participated in the parade. The beauty pageant was sponsored by the Connors State cheerleaders.

"This was a great opportunity for our students, staff and faculty to be involved with the community," said Wright.

Cow Chip Day was a Success



President Faltyn and his wife, Kelly pictured with The Swon Brothers at Cow Chip Day in Warner.

3.9 seconds

Connors State College sophomore Riley Duvall of Checotah, a two-time National High School Rodeo Association champion, won the All-American Pro Rodeo finals championship on Oct. 15 in Waco, Texas. Duvall, who was tied with Matt Deskovick for first place, was declared the winner based on having a better time in the semifinals. Duvall placed in five rounds of the event and collected \$13,245, more than he has earned during the regular rodeo season.

Riley turned his final round steer in 3.9 seconds and edged Deskovick on a tiebreaker to claim the All American title. After winning a tiebreaker to get into the final round, Deskovick was the first man out in the finals and set the time to beat at 3.9 seconds. Duvall matched it and won based on his previous round score (also a 3.9).

"Matt had a great time and set the bar pretty high," Riley said. "I was fortunate to have a steer I was 3.8 (seconds) on in the first round."

Duvall earned checks in five of six rounds and was 3.9 or faster in four of them.

Riley Duvall

Small Talk
with Riley

Studying

General Studies

Hobbies

Practice rodeoing,
not much down time

Biggest Idol

My grandpa, Bob James

Favorite thing about Connors
class sizes are small

One person you want to meet and why?
FDR, would just like to ask him
questions

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Abby Morrell

Student Profile

Abby Morrell, a fourth-semester nursing student at Connors State College, and a Fort Gibson High School graduate, always thought she was going to be a teacher.

Her mother a fifth grade teacher at Keys believes she was heading that way, but Abby had second thoughts. "I had in the back of my mind a nursing career, but was kind of timid about it," said Morrell. "I knew there was always a need for nurses, and I like to help people. There are so many opportunities and different fields to go into. If you get bored with one you can always go somewhere else."

Morrell said she decided on Connors State College because of "their pass rate." "I looked at both Bacone and Connors. When I looked at pass rates; Connors' pass rate was much higher. I had a couple of friends attend Connors and they really liked the instructors." Morrell said Connors has been everything she expected. "They are amazing (teachers). They go above and beyond to help you. You are taught very, very well," said Morrell.

Following graduation at Connors State, Morrell plans to work for the Cherokee Nation in Tahlequah and attend North-eastern State University.

“You are taught very, very well”



To learn more about the Connors State College Nursing Program visit, www.connorsstate.edu/nursing

HEALTH TIPS

BY: LYNDSEY SULLIVAN

With trick or treating and holiday feasting right around the corner we are all tempted to indulge into delicious candy and meals. Past studies have shown that people normally gain between 5 and 10 pounds during the holiday season. However, recent studies show that this number may be exaggerated and the weight gain is normally 1 or 2 pounds. Even though the numbers aren't as high as once thought, there is still a problem. The problem is that people don't lose that 1 to 2 pounds during the rest of the year and over time the weight gain can become substantial and detrimental to your health. So I'm going to leave you with some quick tips to avoid this weight gain!

1. Get moving
Exercise 3-5 x's a week
2. Eat in moderation
A couple bites will do the trick!
3. Never go to a holiday party hungry



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Dr. Tim Faltny is surrounded by the Connors State College President's Leadership Class at the welcome reception honoring the President and his wife, Kelly. PLC is a scholarship program comprised of students who have demonstrated talent and outstanding achievement in areas of academics, citizenship and leadership.

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