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Southmoore's Got Spirit

Written by: Kaylee Deisering

Southwest Showdown could be considered one of the most important games to Southmoore High School. The student body prepared and showed their school spirit in honor of the rivalry between Southmoore and Westmoore High School. In honor to show the excitement, the school set up four days for students to dress up and get excited for the game.

Tuesday, September 6th was the day to "take out Westmoore". Students and teachers were asked to come to school wearing trash bags, wacky clothes, or in Westmoore apparel. Wednesday, September 7th was "white out Westmore" day and the school wore lots of white. Thursday, the 8th of September was a day to prove that Southmoore is the best. The student body dressed in their best clothing, which was convenient for picture day that was also on Thursday. Friday, the 9th was western wear. Everybody showed their school spirit by wearing flannels cowboy hats, and cowboy boots. It was also common to see the 2016 Southwest Showdown T-shirts.



On the day of Southwest Showdown, the school had a pep assembly to hype everyone up for the big game. The band played The National Anthem while the Rhythm and Blues Vocal Jazz choir led by Linda Jones sang along. Pom and cheer and performed their best as well to get everyone excited. All grades competed against each other to win the spirit stick. It was won by the class of 2017. The players involved in sports were recognized.

September Football Recap

Written by: Noah Cornell

Coming into the pre-season, the SaberCats were ranked No. 2 behind the reigning state champions, the Jenks Trojans. With high hopes for the season, the Cats opened their season with an away game at Deer Creek, a new foe in class 6A-1. The first play of the season Cats' cornerback Quindon Lewis intercepted the ball on a double pass the Antlers tried to run. That set up the Cats' offense with tremendous field position. Three plays later the Cats were on the board with their first touchdown of the season. The Antlers proved no match for the Cats, as we easily defeated them 52-13.

Week 2 is one of the Cats' biggest rivalry weeks: SouthWest Showdown versus Westmoore Jaguars. The stakes were high coming into the game. Both teams were looking to make an early statement win in their respective non-district play. After a hard fought, double overtime game, and some very controversial calls made by the officiating team, the Cats ultimately lost the game.

Week 3 the Cats looked to bounce back after a devastating loss to their cross-town rival. Throughout the week at practice they were locked in, focused, and ready to prove they were still the team to beat. The homecoming game that Friday against Yukon was very defense orientated in the first half with the Cats leading 14-7. The Cats' offense finally got some momentum and outburst for 21 unanswered points to give the Cats the 38-7 victory.

Week 4 was yet again a rivalry week in which the Cats faced the Moore Lions. The Cats needed a statement win under their belt. The Cats started out with guns blazing and proved their dominance with the halftime score 28-0. The second half was rinse and repeat, with the final score being 49-20. The Cats accomplished their mission and made their statement win. Up next the Cats face Edmond North at Wantland Stadium on the UCO campus. The Cats look to improve on their 3-1 (1-0 District play) record.



All Sports Homecoming

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This year was a shake-up in the Homecoming line up. For the first time the school recognized all sports during one Homecoming Assembly and again recognized all the candidates at the Homecoming football game, Sept. 9. For the first time at Southmoore, the school held a homecoming dance after the football game against Yukon. Students dressed in neon and enjoyed a night of dancing and socializing. The homecoming queen and king were announced at the football game. Congratulations to Casey Riley for winning prom queen and representing Southmoore Soccer, and Conner Uselton for winning prom king and representing Southmoore Baseball.

To build excitement for homecoming, there were five spirit days for students to dress up. Monday, everyone dressed comfy for "PJ Day." Tuesday we rocked out in our 80's clothes for "80's Day." Wednesday was paradise for "Hawaiian Day." Thursday was class theme, and Friday was "Neon Day."



Lady Cats Ready to Ball

Southmoore varsity volleyball is in the works to wrap up a another successful season. The team works hard day in and out to be the best they can be. Joining the Lady SaberCats this year is a new assistant coach, Matt Vaughan. He adds to the team's overall positivity and motivation. Holding strong with a record of 12-20, the Lady Cats hold Senior Night October 3 and will shortly follow with Regional and State competitions. Good luck ladies!



Advice to Freshmen

Written by: Emily Staats

Looking back on my freshmen year it seems like there's only a couple of things I would have changed. Honestly the main thing I can advise to you all is to not get all wrapped up in relationships. People come and go. If you just stay focused on school, you will almost be guaranteed success. With that, I'm not saying that if you're in a relationship you won't be successful. I'm just implying that it's very easy to be distracted by the opposite sex.

I'm also talking about friendships. People are mean and most of the time unfair. But I'm telling you, sometimes you just have to do a friend cleanse. A friend cleanse usually occurs when you find yourself acting like your friends so much that you lose yourself. Statistics say "The more you are around someone, the more you start acting like them." And we all know that's not always a good thing, especially if your friends are trouble makers. The thing is, it's high school, you're surrounded by so many different types of people, it isn't going to be that hard to find other/new friends.

Another secret I need to let you in on is.. "it's never too late to change your ways." There's two types of people, as far as grades go. There's people that really want to do well in school, and then there are those people who truly just don't care too much about anything that has to do with school. You don't usually realize how important getting good grades is until it's too late. So this is a warning. Everything from this point on plays a big part in what your future holds. And it would be nice to be able to go to a good collage and being able to pick a carrier that you love doing and make good money while you're at it. You know what they say "If you get a job doing what you love, you never have to work a day in your life."

Education Crisis

Written by: Jordan Johnson

Oklahoma is one of 20 states that continued to cut education funding this year, even as the economy recovers leaving per student spending \$875 below pre-recession levels after inflation. Although the legislature provided \$41 million increase to the school funding formula in this year's budget it was not enough to keep up with inflation and rising enrollment.

During floor debate, House Speaker Jeff Hickman, R-Fairview, said the budget isn't perfect, but it funds core services. "After hearing for months that hospitals would be closing when provider rates were cut, we put a budget together that doesn't cut provider rates. Hospitals will stay open," Hickman said. "After hearing nursing homes will close and you'll have to pick up your grandmother on the sidewalk out front at 5:00 on Wednesday, we've developed a budget that makes sure nursing homes will stay open. There will be no cuts in provider rates."

The budget deal closes a \$1.3 billion shortfall by cutting spending to most agencies, tax credit reforms, borrowing money through bonds and the use of one-time money like Rainy Day Funds.

Teachers around are finding it harder on the students and themselves. Jamie Jackson stated, that it makes her job as well as other teachers harder, not being able to spend one on one time with the students that actually need the help.

"There's too many people in our classes, not to mention not enough desks. Some days we have to borrow desks from other classes," says Deshayla Carlton SHS senior.

This year Oklahoma's aid funding student dropped another \$21 after inflation. Total state appropriations for the support of schools is \$172 million below what it was in fiscal year 2008, even before accounting for inflation.

Theatre Is Lit

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Southmoore's Theatre Department is getting fired up to perform "Triangle Factory Fire Project" at the OSSAA Regional One Act Competition and the One Act festival hosted by Tulsa Union. Every fall semester the drama students perform a One Act. A One Act is a play that shows all the emotion of a play in a shorter span of time, typically set at 45 minutes. In that 45 minutes, the drama kids must move on the set, perform, and take the set off. If they fail to accomplish all of that in the time given, then they will be disqualified and will not be invited to move on to state competition. Southmoore Drama has gone to the OSSAA Regional Competition every year since Southmoore opened in 2008. In that time they have made it to the OSSAA State Competition five times.

The one act being performed this year is "Triangle Factory Fire Project" by Christopher Piehler and Scott Alan Evans. The play is set in 1911 back when fire alarms were nonexistent. The story is in the perspective of many people and their recollection of the day's events. The drama students will be competing against eight other schools when they go to Tulsa and 17 at OSSAA. Break a leg Southmoore Theatre!

Moore War Run

Written by: Makayla Ford



The Moore War Run was on August 27. This was the 8th annual Moore War Run. Proceeds from the run benefit scholarship programs of the Westmoore and Moore "High School Alumni Associations", and \$2,000 goes to the seniors here at Southmoore. Even though Moore War is Westmoore and Moore playing against each other, our school participates in the run as well. This year the head principal of Southmoore, Mr. Reed, ran the run too.

"It's more about the spirit of the community as a whole and preparing the whole community for the upcoming sports season. Somewhat like a big back-to-school party," said Mr. Reed.

This event gets people ready for the Moore War game and this game also introduces the start for high school football season. Westmoore has beaten Moore for sixteen years including this year. Although, this last Moore War, Moore almost beat Westmoore, ending the game with the score 41-51.

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