



Eastern Pool Renovation



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A CENTURY OF SUCCESS

## Eastern Agriculture Team earns international acclaim



Eastern Oklahoma State College Livestock Judging Team members recently toured Europe. Pictured, from left, Eastern Farm Manager Troy Walker; Chelsea Coffman, Valliant; Daniel Martin, Morris; Mark McPeak, Haworth; Sabrina Meeks, Broken Bow; Livestock Judging Coach Todd Blocker and Katie Caudill, Mt. Sterling, Ken.

Circumstances such as traveling halfway around the world to Edinburgh, Scotland and returning with a winning title, makes it difficult to be humble.

But the Eastern Oklahoma State College Livestock Judging Team did just that — returning to Wilburton with an international judging championship under its belt.

Five Eastern agriculture students and their sponsors traveled to Scotland this summer as a result of an invitation from the Scottish Association of Young Farmers last fall.

The team participated in the 2009 International

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Todd Blocker  
Eastern Livestock Judging Coach

Livestock Judging Tour held in conjunction with the Royal Highland Show in Edinburgh, Scotland.

The students were invited after placing at the Louisville Livestock Judging Contest last fall. Eastern students included: Sabrina Meeks from Broken Bow; Chelsea

Coffman, Valliant; Daniel Martin, Morris; Katie Caudill, Mt Sterling, Ky., and Mark McPeak, Haworth. Advisers included Todd Blocker, Eastern livestock judging coach and Eastern Farm Manager Troy Walker.

This was a “once in a lifetime experience,” Blocker said.

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Blocker said Eastern’s team finished second in

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### DEDICATED TO EDUCATION



Eastern Oklahoma State College hosted around 300 people Thursday at the Wilburton school’s new Student Center for an open house and dedication. Above, Choctaw entertainers Michael and Rebecca Roberts perform. Right, Eastern President, Dr. Stephen Smith addresses the crowd. Below, Oklahoma Chancellor of Education, Glen Johnson was also present for the dedication. PIO Photos



## Eastern hosts open house

### STAFF REPORTS

Eastern Oklahoma State College welcomed nearly 300 people as they dedicated the new Student Center on the Wilburton campus Aug. 27.

After just over one year of construction, the two-story building is open and serving the students, staff and community of Southeastern Oklahoma.

The 31,000 square-foot facility is financed as part of the 2005 state

higher education bond issue.

The event was held after the monthly Eastern Board of Regents meeting and began with an open house of the building, that included student-led tours of the facility.

After, the crowd gathered in the new Ballroom where speakers included Eastern President Dr. Stephen Smith, Sen. Richard Lerblance, Rep. Terry Harrison, Ray Miller, ESGA President Kelbie Ken-

nedy, Rep. Brian Renegar, Rep. Ed Cannaday, McAlester mayor Kevin Priddle, Oklahoma Chancellor of Education Glen Johnson and Eastern Regent Chairman Mike Bailey.

The celebration also included Choctaw dancers, Michael and Rebecca Roberts and Eastern’s Sound Sensations.

Eastern has constructed two buildings on the McAlester campus in the last few years, but no construction

other than the addition to the administration building and the Clock Tower has occurred on the Wilburton campus in more than 40 years.

The Student Center hosts a number of facilities including a Cyber Cafe, expanded bookstore, student lounge and cafeteria, a ballroom, classroom, Student Senate offices and meeting room, the Dean of Students’ offices and an elevator to the second floor.



## Children’s Theatre presents *The Princess and the Pea*

**Nikki Miller**  
Staff Writer

This year’s Children’s Theatre is presenting “The Princess and the Pea” on Sept. 28 through Oct. 2 in Mitchell Auditorium. The play will be playing Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and on Friday at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. The price will be \$1 for the public and Eastern students get in free.

John O’Hara adapted the play “The Princess and the Pea” from the original fair-

ytale written by Hans Christian Anderson. This story is about a king, a queen and a granny who join together in an attempt to marry off the prince. The play comes together with a parade of princesses who are in a competition to win the prince’s affections.

Every year over 4,000 children from surrounding public schools attend the Children’s Theatre at Eastern Oklahoma State College.

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Last year’s Children’s Theatre production was the Perfect Ogre. This year the group will perform the Princess and the Pea. File photo