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Groundbreaking tomorrow at OSU for largest Oklahoma Capital Bond project

Governor Brad Henry and other dignitaries will take part in the ceremonial groundbreaking of the OSU Interdisciplinary Science Research Building tomorrow (Thursday, July 26) at 3:30 p.m. at the southeast corner of Monroe and Farm Road. The \$70 million facility is the largest single project of the Oklahoma Higher Education Capital Bond Program, which is providing \$475 million for more than 140 individual projects at colleges and universities across the state.

OSU student with MS inspires others

OSU junior Michelle Floyd will speak to a Congressional panel in Washington, D.C., this week about improvements that could be made to help students with disabilities. In the meantime, the way Floyd has reacted to her own disability has been an inspiration to her fans at the Seretean Wellness Center. Click here for the details <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=715&Itemid=1> .

CSI: Stillwater?

Find out how one of Stillwater's top cops, Deputy Police Chief Ron Thrasher, is making life interesting for the students who take his forensics class at OSU. Click here for the details <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=713&Itemid=1> .

OSU Marketing takes home eight awards from state contest

The University Marketing department at Oklahoma State University won eight awards during the recent Oklahoma Collegiate Public Relations Association conference. OSU photographer Phil Shockley won first place in the Traditional Photography category for his cover photo of a galloping horse featured on the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences' Vet Cetera magazine. OSU graphic designer Kim Butcher won first place for the "OSU Equestrian brochure" in the Sports Publications category. OSU editors Eileen Mustain, Janet Varnum and contributing writer Cathryn Christensen won awards in various writing categories. For complete details, click here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=716&Itemid=90> .

Nationally renowned education program to be discussed at OSU-Tulsa

The Tulsa Metro Chamber will present an Education Forum tomorrow (Thursday, July 26) from 3 - 5 p.m. at Oklahoma State University-Tulsa Conference Center in the B.S. Roberts Room. The forum, sponsored by QuickTrip Corporation, will include a panel to discuss the innovative teaching techniques of MicroSociety, a nationally renowned education program, and their impact on Tulsa students. The MicroSociety program creates a learning environment that is a microcosm of the real world. In a student-created miniature society, fully equipped with a government and economy, children in the earliest grades apply classroom skills to real world activities as they run businesses, manage banks and finances, etc... Admission to the event is free for Tulsa Metro Chamber members and \$5 for non-members. OSU-Tulsa is located at 700 North Greenwood Avenue, near I-244 and Detroit Avenue. To register or learn more about the forum, call (918) 560-0276 or visit www.tulsachamber.com <<http://www.tulsachamber.com/>> .

OSU-Tulsa to host Knowledge and Project Management Symposium

Oklahoma State University in Tulsa will host an innovative symposium Oct. 3-4 to offer practical insights on integrating Knowledge Management and Project Management. The "KPM Symposium" is one of the first to treat Knowledge and Project Management as an integrated whole and identify practical strategies and processes from all sectors. Professionals from industry and academia will come together to explore recent developments, emerging trends and cutting edge research. Researchers, practitioners, students, end users and system developers are encouraged to attend and consider presenting their work. Go to www.kpmsymposium.org <<http://www.kpmsymposium.org/>> for more information. Sponsorships for the event are available, contact Chuck with Tryon and Associates at (918) 455-3300.

Great Alaskan dog race items featured at Foundation exhibit

The OSU Foundation's Malinda Berry Fischer Gallery will feature "Sled Dog Racing: Exercise Physiology Research on the Last Frontier," now on display through Sept. 28. The exhibit, open free to the public, will include photographs documenting research conducted from 2000 to the present by Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation veterinary researchers associated with the annual Iditarod dog race in Alaska. Clothing and equipment and a standard Iditarod racing sled used by mushers will be on display. For more details, click here <http://osugiving.org/news_OMRF.html> , visit OSUgiving.com or call (800) 622-4678.

OSU in the news...

Oklahoma State University Economist Mark Snead made newspaper headlines this week by explaining why workers in manufacturing usually have the toughest time finding a job after being laid off. However, manufacturing has seen some growth in Oklahoma lately thanks to better times in the oil and gas industry, which requires manufactured machinery. An OSU researcher is part of a team that found higher water prices in India led to better efficiency among farmers there. Read how other researchers have helped make life better for an OSU researcher and his wife. You can see these media stories and more by clicking here <http://osu.okstate.edu/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=261&Itemid=89> and reading "OSU in the news"

Waterlogged soils cause problems for gardeners

Heavy rains have left gardeners dealing with waterlogged soils and suffering or dead plants. Two things can occur when soils become saturated – the roots of the plant shut down or they rot, according to David Hillock, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension Service consumer horticulturist. Both scenarios result in wilted or dead leaves and sometimes plant death. As hard as it is to believe, the symptoms of waterlogged soils are much the same as drought conditions because the roots can't function properly or they're damaged enough they can't supply water to the plant. Unfortunately, there may not be much that gardeners can do but wait and hope the plants have some tolerance. For more details, click here <<http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/Members/trisha.gedon-40okstate.edu/waterlogged-soils-causing-problems-for-oklahoma-gardeners/>> . Click here <<http://www2.dasnr.okstate.edu/news>> for the latest news from the OSU Division of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources.

National Science Foundation presentation scheduled

Dr. Matthew Kane, program director for the Division of Molecular Cellular Biosciences at the National Science Foundation, will be on the OSU-Stillwater campus Aug. 8-10. He will give a public colloquium on "Research Opportunities in Biology at NSF" on Wednesday, Aug. 8, at 3:30 p.m. in the Oklahoma Room, 211 Student Union.

Lots closed for new Classroom Building construction

Parking lots at the southeast corner of Hall of Fame and Monroe have been closed for the construction of a new Classroom Building to be located at that site. For staff disrupted by the change, parking is available south and east of the University Print Building and west of the Robert M. Kerr Food and Agricultural Products Center. New Silver Zone Commuter student parking is available in the Cowboy Mall parking lot. Additionally, any valid OSU parking permit is eligible to park in overflow parking. More information is available at the Department of Parking and Transit Services' website located at www.parking.okstate.edu <<http://www.parking.okstate.edu/>> or by contacting the department at 744-6525.

New carpool services

Starting Aug. 1, a new web-based carpool matching program will be available to faculty, staff and students. Besides providing carpool matching, this program will provide all enrolled with information on the money savings and reduction in greenhouse gases involved in carpooling. All you have to do is go to the Parking and Transit

Services website, www.parking.okstate.edu <<http://www.parking.okstate.edu/>> , and link to “Carpool Matching.” Besides the matching feature, employees and students that carpool get reduced parking permits, a limited number of free one-day passes for when they can’t ride with their carpool buddies, and have access to reserved parking in select lots from 5 a.m. until 10 a.m. every workday. Questions? Call 744-6525.

Stillwater Public Library to be closed for new carpet

The Stillwater Public Library will be closed starting Monday, July 30, for replacement of carpet and reorganization of the main library. The library plans to reopen and resume regular hours and services at 9 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 10. During the time the library is closed, there will be a suspension of all library services including no access to the Internet, Interlibrary Loan materials, or items being held for checkout. These services will resume once the library has reopened. There will also be no meeting room services or library programs during this 11-day period. All library materials checked out prior to the closing will not be due back until the library reopens. If a customer wishes to return materials, they may use the outside covered book drop. Besides new carpet, changes will include an expansion of the current magazine and newspaper area, relocation of the teen area, and movement of customer service desks into a more centralized location. For more information, please contact the Stillwater Public Library Business office at (405) 372-3633 or <http://library.stillwater.org> <<http://library.stillwater.org/>> .