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## Collinsville

### Gary Wayne Harding gathers more awards

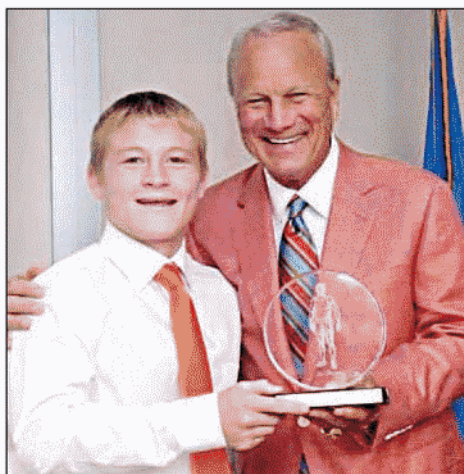
By Bill Johnston  
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Gary Wayne Harding has gathered two more awards to bring positive recognition to both him and the Collinsville High School program directed by his father, Weston Harding. Gary recently received the Jim Thorpe Player of the Year Award for Wrestling. The awards banquet was held on June 5th at the Oklahoma Sports Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City.

Gary Wayne also recently received the Dave Schultz High School Excellence Award for the State of Oklahoma.

The National Wrestling Hall of Fame announced May 7th its state and regional winners for the 2014 Dave Schultz and Patricia Saunders High School Excellence Awards, with four Oklahoma State signees receiving the honor.

Originally created in honor of Schultz, an Olympic and World champion, the High School Excellence Award is based on excellence in wrestling, scholastic achievement, citizenship and community service.



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Collinsville's Gary Wayne Harding recently received the Jim Thorpe Player of the Year Award for Wrestling. On hand to present the award was former Oklahoma University and Dallas Cowboy Head Football Coach Barry Switzer.

while Chance Marsteller is honored as the Pennsylvania winner and the Northeast region winner. Blee, who hails from Bismarck, N.D., is a four-time North Dakota state champion, wrestling at 157 pounds. Harding, a native of Collinsville, Okla., is also a four-time state champ, winning his most recent title at 138 pounds. Hone, of Cedar City, Utah, recently

ment, who finished his career with a perfect 166-0 record.

The national winners of both the Schultz and Saunders High School Excellence awards were announced on May 13.

Gary Wayne is a four-time State of Oklahoma High School Wrestling Champion, the 2014 All State Wrestler of the Year as well as a four-time Junior High Wrestling State

### Annual storytelling festival features Kirk Waller

By John Fancher  
Tulsa City-County Library

With more than 20 years of experience as an award-winning storyteller, Kirk Waller will share stories through spoken word, rhyme and music during two special library appearances.

As director of the Storytelling Programs at Oakland-based Stagebridge Senior Theater Company, Waller was named the winner of the 2010 J.J. Reneaux Emerging Artist Grant by the national Storytelling Network. He was recognized for his signature musical and movement-infused storytelling style.

Waller, winner of the Parent's Choice GOLD Award for his latest CD "But Why? Stories, Music and Songs" presents "Storytelling Workshop" July 8, 6-7:30 p.m. at Rudisill Regional Library, 1520 N. Hartford Ave. Participants will learn how to use spoken word, rhyme, music and movement to create an unforgettable storytelling experience.

The following day, Waller is the featured presenter for the annual Jeanne B. Goodwin Storytelling Festival, July 9, 10 a.m., at Rudisill Regional Library. Families are invited

to let their imaginations soar as shares his award-winning presentation.

The annual festival is a tribute to the late Jeanne B. Goodwin, a lifelong educator and literacy champion, who understood how storytelling and the visual experience work to build a vivid imagination.

Celebrating Jeanne B. Goodwin's 100th birthday in 2003, Rudisill Regional Library's storytime room was dedicated in her honor. Multi-colored fish, shaped with individual pieces of tile, greet children entering the ocean-themed storytime room. Each wall of the room features colorfully painted starfish, clown fish, sharks, lobsters, turtles and other wonders of the underwater world.

While at the library, families are encouraged to sign up for the 2014 children's summer reading program "Fizz, Boom, Read" which continues through Aug. 2. Children reading eight books and visiting the library four times will receive a medal of achievement and coupons for free entertainment around Tulsa County.

For more information, call the AskUs Hotline, 918-549-7323, or visit the library's website, www.tulsalibrary.org.

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males, with five of those  
named as regional win-  
ners.

Ryan Brees, Gary Wayne  
Harding and Dusty Hone  
each won the award for  
their respective states

four-time state cham-  
pion.

The Northeast region  
winner, Marsteller, is a  
four-time Pennsylvania  
state champion and a  
three-time Outstanding  
Wrestler at the tourna-

and a nine-time Kids  
State Wrestling Champi-  
on of Oklahoma.

Gary recently graduat-  
ed from Collinsville High  
School with Distinction  
as member of National  
Honor Society.

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