

## NWOSU Ranger Preview



Photo By: Ashley Strehl

Highschool Seniors from Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas came to Ranger Preview to apply and receive a free \$600 scholarship for their first semester here at Northwestern. The number of students that attended was a record breaking number of over 500, students also had the opportunity to talk with professors in the major of their possible choice.



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Students who won additional scholarships at Northwestern's Ranger Preview are Kade Leonard of Chelsea (\$250 scholarship); Kyla Weaver of Fort Cobb (\$500 scholarship); Jordan Hall of Buffalo (\$250 scholarship); Laura Garcia of Enid (\$250 scholarship); with Community Bank representatives Megan Schulze and Lisa Kohlmeier. Not pictured is \$250 scholarship recipient Mason Jones of Skyline High School.

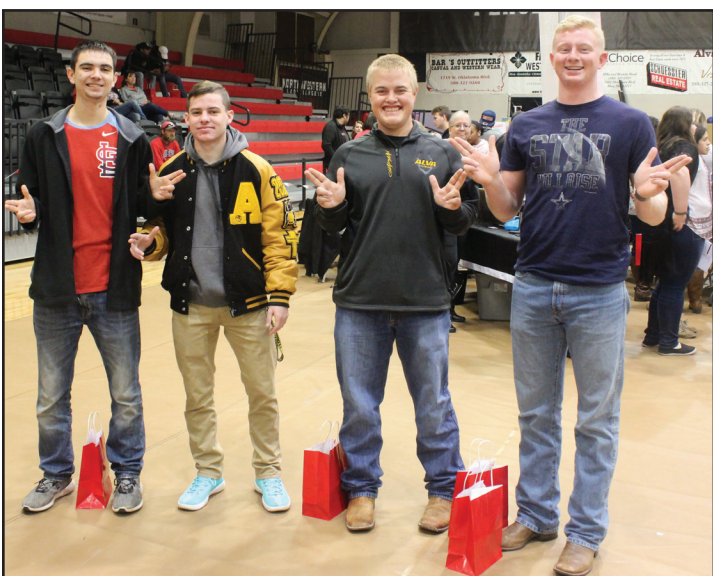


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Alva Senior highschool students visited Ranger Preview in hopes to find a school close to home and receive a \$600 dollar scholarship.



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After filling out an NWOSU application for Fall 2018. Students received a wrist band that gave the free entry to the football game that afternoon, and it read the name of their tour guide for the day.



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Highschool Seniors from around Oklahoma and their family members joined the Northwestern cheer team and band in the NWOSU fight song.



Joaquin Alonso- Rivero Venegas

## A Rangers last ride

A rodeo team member died in a fatal car accident when he lost control of the vehicle Saturday in Comanche County, KS.

Joaquin Alonso Rivero-Venegas, a freshman from Protection, Kansas, died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Saturday near his hometown. He was member of the Northwestern rodeo team and his instructors have said he was an outstanding young man.

His Adviser Dr. Dean Scarbrough, chair of the agriculture department said Alonso was a bright student. "He was a nice young man with an infectious personality, and had a bright future ahead of him. On behalf of the whole agriculture department I'd like to extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends," said Scarbrough.

Dr. Janet Cunningham president of the university also expresses her deepest condolences. "We offer our deepest sympathies to his family, and to his friends and classmates at Northwestern. The tragic loss of a student brings about many emotions. Our counselors in Student Services are available to visit with any student or employee who seeks help dealing with this situation."

Alonso's Funeral Mass is at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, November 9, 2017, at First Christian Church, Coldwater, KS. Graveside service is at 3:00 p.m., Saturday, November 11, 2017, at Protection Cemetery, Protection, KS.

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# Editorial

## Are we safer since 9/11?

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**  
*Editorial Editor*

The 9/11 Attacks shook the nation, if you were not old enough to remember that fatal day in 2001 you have heard about it. But how far has our safety increased as US citizens? How is our we as Americans affected because of it? Are we truly safer? In the light of all the recent attacks, I am beginning to doubt we are.

The thought of a terrorist attack has Americans on edge since 9/11. To understand how and what the government is doing to prevent terrorism, we need to know how they define it. FBI.gov separates Terrorism into two groups International and Domestic.

"International terrorism is perpetrated by individuals and/or groups inspired by or associated with designated foreign terrorist organizations or nations"

"Domestic terrorism is perpetrated by individuals and/or groups inspired by or associated

with primarily U.S.-based movements that espouse extremist ideologies of a political, religious, social, racial or environmental nature."

### Since 9/11 there has been at around 70 classified Terror attacks

Since 9/11 there has been around 70 classified Terror attacks including but not limited to: the Capitol Hill Massacre March 26 2006, Boston Marathon Bombing April 15 2014, The Pulse Nightclub Shooting June 12 2016 and New York City Attack October 31st. These 70 events killing around 192 people combined.

There has been many cases, but the US is trying to step in to help by preventing future events

like these from happening. The have implemented higher security with metal detectors and body searches at airports and federal buildings, Higher Surveillance and the started specialized groups like TSC, TSA and DHS.

TSC is the Terrorist Screening Center. Developed in 2003 "to share terrorism information with those in the counterterrorism community responsible for protecting the homeland" States FBI.gov. Also known as, Watch List this group holds the identities of those suspected of having connections with terrorist activities. They keep a watch on any suspicious activity of those individuals.

TSA is the Transportation Security Administration. Established in November of 2001. I am sure you have or have heard someone complain about this group. Airport security is highly complained about because of how extensive it is and how long it takes.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) job is to secure the nation from and threats and make it safe. DHS and its many partners have worked since 9/11 to better defend against threats, minimize risk and maximize the ability to respond and recover from attacks and disasters. Says DHS.gov

Some counterterrorism prevention has worked because Heritage.org reported, "At least 30 terrorist plots against the U.S. have been foiled since 9/11." Thought that is still a far cry from 70.

I believe in some aspects like planes and federal buildings we are safer, but as Americans, we still have some work to do. We will never truly be able to control all terrorism, especially if we want to keep our freedom and privacy intact.

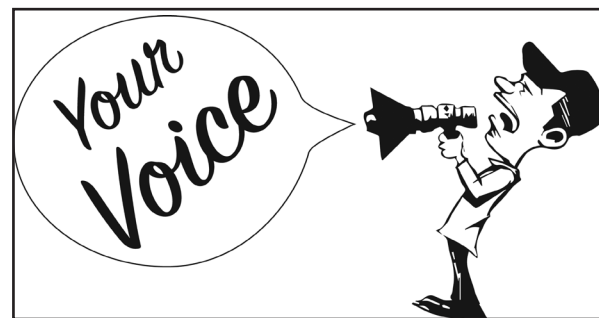
Though I do not feel like we should be on the edge of our seat 24/7 I do believe we still have to be cautious of the people and events happening around us.

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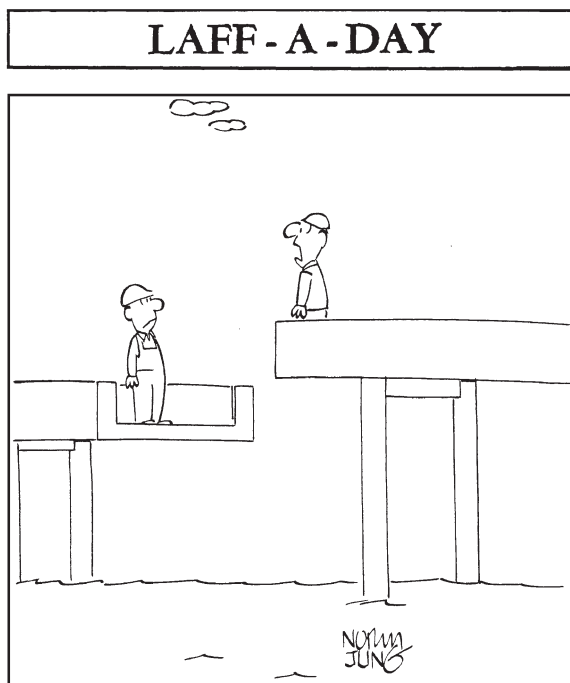
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Answers on page



"We'd better look at those plans again."

# News



*Photo Provided by Ashley Strehl*

L to R: J.C. Wells, Becky Klenn, Tiffany Weber, and Ashley Strehl at the National FFA Convention & Expo where they were awarded as honorary FFA American degree recipients. Ethan Sacket along with his team, also won an award from FFA. He won the National Marketing Plan CDE.

## FFA teaches life lessons

By DEITRA WEDD  
News Editor

The American Future Farmers of America (FFA) Degree has been awarded to four students on campus. The awarded recipients are Ashley Strehl, Becky Klenn, J.C. Wells and Tiffany Weber.

Ethan Sacket along with his team, won the National Marketing Plan CDE from FFA. The Marketing Plan CDE has three participants per team, and teams are scored as a group. In

this program teams must develop and present a marketing plan for a current agricultural product, supply or service.

The American FFA Degree is awarded at the National FFA Convention & Expo each year. The award is for those who made significant accomplishments in their supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs).

It also signifies those who showed the highest level of commitment to FFA. And to make the award even more prestigious less than 1% of FFA members are actually awarded

the degree. This makes the American FFA Degree one of the organization's highest honors.

Strehl said her role was secretary off her FFA chapter. "I'm now officially an alumni along with the others," Strehl said. Strehl said that she has learned some valuable lessons through her experiences with FFA. "Thanks to FFA, I have valuable leadership skills," Strehl said. "I know how to carry myself in a respectful and professional way because of my experiences through FFA."

Wells said his role in the Laverne FFA Chapter was just as a member but he chose to stay in that role instead of running for office because he led better from behind the scenes. "I was active more so in the classroom," Wells said. "...yet I competed in such activities as Land and Range Judging, extemporaneous speech, and quiz bowl."

Wells' experiences include getting to broaden his horizons through various activities and competitions. "I've met a lot of great people through the FFA, who I probably would not have

met otherwise," Wells said. "Without the FFA, I would have never received a national award."

Wells said he would have never drove 792 miles one way, to experience a city that he would have never considered going to before. "It was quite an experience to go through the process of receiving my American FFA Degree, which included driving to Indianapolis early one Friday morning," Wells said. "The FFA may just be an organization to some, but to many, including myself, it was a life changing experience."

### Scholarship opportunity available for applicants

If you're a student who would like the opportunity to receive a \$1,000 scholarship, applications for The George and Donna Night Leadership Scholarship Academy are due November 17, by 5:00 PM. February 10 through 13, 2018 the scholarship give away will be held in Oklahoma City, OK. Applications can be found at the NWOSU Financial Aid Office and in Herod Hall Room 113.

To qualify you must be a NWOSU student who demonstrates:

- Strong Leadership Qualities
- High Academic Achievement
- Strong Community Involvement
- Graduate from an Oklahoma High School or home school in-state

One applicant will be selected to attend the Academy. The Academy will then pay for Lodging, meals and local ground transportation for the selected applicant. But the selected applicant must attend all activities for the entire time they are at the Academy or forfeit the scholarship.

### Funeral held in Cherokee for NWOSU student

By DEITRA WEDD  
News Editor

A member of the ranger community died late last month. Michael Flaming, the Northwestern student who died, was studying to become a licensed counselor. His service was held November 1, at First Baptist Church in Cherokee.

Flaming was born September 6, 1969 in Hobart Oklahoma. He moved with his family to Cherokee at the age of one, where he eventually attended school, participated in Boy Scouts, 4H and FFA. Flaming's passions were hunting, fishing, camping, boating and spending time with his family.

"We offer our sympathies to his family, and to his friends and classmates at Northwestern," said Janet Cunningham, Ed.D. President.

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# News



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These are some of the many tribes of Oklahoma. Northwestern's Woodward campus is welcoming a guest speaker from the Cheyenne tribe to talk about Native American Heritage.

## NWOSU welcomes speaker

By DEITRA WEDD  
News Editor

A Native American Heritage Program is being offered by Northwestern's Woodward campus on November 13. This program will broadcast on ITV to both the Alva and Enid campuses as well.

The Native American Heritage Program is an annual program that is free and open to the public. It brings in different speakers to discuss historical events and the Native American Perspective.

One speaker will be Park Ranger Kevin Mohr, Chief of Interpretation with the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site in Cheyenne. He will present a lecture on the U.S. History to 1877 course, taught by Ken Kelsey, instructor

of history and fine arts.

Mohr's lecture will begin at noon and be broadcasted to the Industrial Education room 128 in Alva and to room 225 in Enid from Woodward's room 116. His topic will be "Westward through Washita."

Another speaker participating in the program this year is Mino-ma Littlehawk-Sills (Cheyenne).

Her lecture will be at 7 p.m. and broadcasted by ITV to Carter Hall 107 in Alva and room 202 in Enid from Woodward 114.

Littlehawk-Sills' presentation is for the General Humanities I course, taught by Carol Mote, adjunct instructor of English.

The topic Littlehawk-Sills will be lecturing over is the Sand Creek Massacre and from the Cheyenne perspective the Battle of the Washita.

Along with both lectures, Northwestern-Woodward will be hosting other programs as well.

These other programs will be on their campus and will also be taking place on November 13.

One such program is put on by Sydney Stover, Park Ranger at the Washita Battlefield National Historic Site, who will have activities and games in the Commons Area. These games will be from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for students.

Littlehawk-Sills will also be putting on a program, in which she will be bringing her family artifacts from the late 1800s to early 1900s. The viewing of these artifacts will be from 2 to 5 p.m.

For lunch and supper, Northwestern-Woodward will be serving Indian tacos, corn soup and a Native American dessert from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m.

For more information on National Native American Heritage Month go to: <https://nativeamericanheritagemonth.gov/>

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# Entertainment

## 'Thor Ragnarok' worth a look, lively and colorful

By **RICHMOND ADAMS**  
*Movie Reviewer*

According to some websites, Thor Ragnarok is the seventeenth Marvel comic superhero film, and it seems fair to add that many have been made during our present century.



Perhaps there are also reasons beyond having blockbuster audiences that so many characters from both Marvel and DC have been the focus of film over the past 16 or 17 years.

In watching Thor (Chris Hemsworth) do battle with agents of malice ranging from the apocalyptic Surtur to the Grandmaster (Jeff Goldblum) of the garbage planet Sakaar (played in a comic blend of Emperor Palpatine and President Snow), to his own long lost



Photo Courtesy: Marvel Studios

and rather irritated sister Hela (played with ham relish by Cate Blanchett), it appeared, however, that what was seen had already been seen.

It was only the equally expected uniforms and weapons that seemed to offer a bit of difference from one cranked out film to the next.

Even as the battle raged to save Asgard from Big Bad Sister, the clichés between Dead Dad Odin (Sir Anthony Hopkins) and

“Such encroachment might cause one to ponder about more than the victor between washed up superheroes.”

Not So Thunderous Thor only served to spur our hammerless hero (sister took it from him earlier) to realize that he was fighting to preserve “a people, not a place”, and by such an expected turn of phrase, became so ordinary as to give clichés a dubious designation.

Despite such ordinariness, Thor’s earlier exile to Sakaar perhaps suggests that the waste surrounding its central arena is more than the piles that surround its walls.

As the film implies, while Thor and the Hulk (Mark Ruffalo) engage in a professional wrestling match, there may just be more afoot than some not too good comic relief. Perhaps, it might be suggested, that Thor offers an image of a civilization whose principal entertainment of cultural banality occurs as it is increasingly surrounded by its own rotting garbage.

Such encroachment might cause one to ponder about more than the victor between washed up superheroes.

If weekend matinees under five dollars still exist, this film is worth a look. As a whole, I’ll wait for something else.



Photo Courtesy: Marvel Studios

‘Thor Ragnarok’ is a 2017 American superhero film starring Chris Hemsworth as Thor based on the Marvel Comics.

By **ETHAN SACKET**  
*Student Reviewer*

Marvel’s latest movie could best be summed up as ‘Morphing Marvels’ or perhaps ‘Dysfunctional Family Feud.’



We meet up with Thor suspended in chains without his hammer on the other side of the universe on the planet Sakaar. His life is a mess after his breakup with his mortal girlfriend Jane and his quest for the Infinity Stones.

Throughout the film, moviegoers witness Thor breaking through the internal chains that are weighing him down.

Appearances by celebrity heroes add to the suspense and carry the story. The Incredible Hulk and Thor battle each other

and then come together to battle the Asgardian goddess of death, also known as Thor’s sister. But there seems to be a serious disconnect on his true purpose of appearing in this movie. Perhaps this is a foreshadowing of future sequels.

Dr. Strange also makes a surprising and unexplained appearance. I often found myself rooting for the group of oddball companions that were teamed up with Thor. When compared to the first two Thor films, *Thor: Ragnarok* appears to be more of a comedy while still maintaining the action movie vibe.

The film is lively and colorful and provides plenty to keep the audience wondering what’s next and who else will appear for unknown reasons. The basic storyline is predictable with its classic good over evil, but the finale is lackluster.

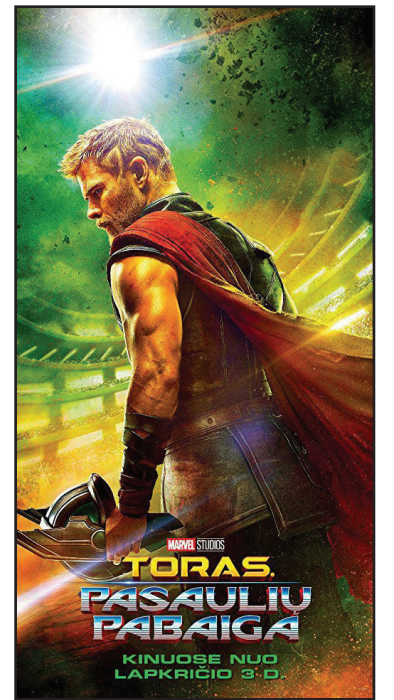


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## 'Celtic Christmas' bringing holiday joy to NWOSU

By **CEDRIC COLLINGE**  
*Student Writer*

Halloween is over and that means Christmas music is on the radio, or rather Christmas music is in the theatre.

Northwestern Oklahoma Concert Series second program of the four is coming Nov. 28, 2017 featuring Celtic Christmas. Now in its 20th season, Tomás Foley’s A Celtic Christmas recreates the joy and innocence of a night before Christmas in a remote farmhouse in the parish of

Teampall an Ghleanntáin in the west of Ireland.

The theatre commits a lot of their time to set up these performances from lighting, equipment set-up and day of performance monitoring. It will take two days to load in all the equipment and gear for the first performance. It does not take

‘A Celtic Christmas’ will preform in Herod Hall Tuesday at 6:30pm

much to view these amazing performances. Five dollars for an hour and half of a live performance that would normally cost \$30-40 anywhere else.

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# Feature

## People without a home are still a rising issue

By **KATIE LACKEY**  
*Student Writer*

He hitchhiked from Springfield, Colorado to Johnson City, Kansas in the winter.

Mike Bell was looking for a job. He spent his first night sleeping under the courthouse steps.

He spent a couple other nights in jail.

"I've been in jail so many times it didn't bother me," Bell said. "[The police officers] would just put me in the drunk tank to stay warm."

As he made his way back home to Springfield he was able to catch rides from people, and he spent a few more nights in jail.

"There isn't much to say about it. It was just cold. You find out a lot of things when you are out on the road by yourself," Bell said.



The National Alliance to End Homelessness states that there are 564,708 people experiencing homelessness on any given night in the US.

***There were 1,368 people homeless in Oklahoma City during their 2017 census***

***-Homelessalliance.org***

Bell's hitchhiking days are over. He now works at the Smok Shak and is a resident of Cherokee.

November 11-19 is Hunger and Homelessness Awareness week. According to Homelessalliance.org, there were 1,368 people homeless in Oklahoma City during their 2017 census. This does not count "couch homeless", who are people that do not have a home, but live at friend's and family's houses.

Assistant Chamber director,

Jodie Bradford has encountered over twenty homeless people in the last six years she has worked at Alva's Visitor Center. Back in September, Bradford recalls a couple from Odessa, Texas that had been up in Nebraska to watch the eclipse and were making their way down south again. That same day, Bradford encountered another homeless man who was passing through and just stopped by the Visitor Center for a pack of gum. He was on his way to California. Bradford said another homeless man came through just wanting to get a map.

"I never mention the Enid Homeless Shelter because I don't know how they would get over there," Bradford said. "I always direct them to the churches."

The churches in Alva have formed a Ministerial

Alliance where Pastor Bob Brown is the president.

Caleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, has also dealt with some situations involving homeless students.

Mosburg said they try to make a plan for them that is feasible, so they can live in the dorms and he directs them to the churches across town that offer food throughout the week, but most situations are individually handled in a case-by-case manner.



### Quotes of the week

*"I can't change the direction of the wind, but I can adjust my sails to always reach my destination."*

***-Jimmy Dean***

*"It is during our darkest moments that we must focus to see the light."*

***- Aristotle***

*"Nothing is impossible, the word itself says 'I'm possible'!"*

***-Audrey Hepburn***

*"It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop."*

***-Confucius***

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# Sports



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Seniors Liz Dwyer, Bailey Cook, Lamonica Peacock and Carley Geer received their jerseys on Tuesday for senior night where the team defeated the Tigers, 3-1.

## Rangers win senior night

By RANGER ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

The Northwestern Oklahoma State volleyball team earned the first 20-win season in program history inside Percefull Fieldhouse with a 3-1 (25-27, 25-21, 25-23, 25-13) victory over East Central.

Four seniors in Carley Geer, Lamonica Peacock, Bailey Cook and Liz Dwyer were honored with the victory in the final home game in a Ranger uniform.

After dropping a hard-fought first set, the Rangers (20-9, 10-5 GAC) began to impose their will on the Tigers (7-23, 2-13 GAC) and put down a total of 33 kills compared to just 22 from East Central in the final two sets combined.

Northwestern put down a total of 65 kills throughout the match, thanks in large part to sophomore Kiauna Clark's school record 55 assists throughout the match. Clark combined those 55 assists with three kills and five digs.

Junior Hannah Williams was just

one kill away from also putting her name in the Ranger record books, totaling 23 kills on the evening, one kill shy of matching the school record of 24 kills in a match. Fellow standouts Jennifer Eubanks and Brooklynn Hesson each posted 14 kills for the Black-and-Red.

Geer led the defensive effort on the evening with 32 digs, while Hesson and Williams both put together double-doubles with 16 and 18 digs respectively.

Following the tough 25-27 loss in the opening set, the Rangers rattled off

a 6-1 run after trailing 20-19 late in the second set to finally get the wheels turning in their direction. The Tigers continued to fight however, opening up an 11-7 lead to open the third set.

A quick run of points brought the Rangers back to within striking distance with the score sitting at 14-13, before six straight Ranger points that was started off by a kill from Eubanks and followed up by two highlight-reel put downs by Williams put some breathing room between them and the Tigers.

Despite the 19-14 advantage, it

would take a critical 3-1 run late in the set to defeat the resilient opponents as they made things interesting down the stretch and tied the contest up at 22-22.

A dominating fourth set finally put an end to East Central's upset bid, as the Rangers posted a hitting percentage of .297 compared to a .000 percentage for the Tigers.

The Rangers will now shift their focus to the final regular season game on Thursday on the road against archrival Southwestern Oklahoma State.



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Ranger men meet during Central Regional Championships.

## XC finishes season

By MEGAN MAHARRAY Sports Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University men and women cross country teams both competed at the Central Region Championships Saturday morning in Kearney, Neb. The women finished in 32nd overall while the men came in 27th overall in the meet. The women ran a 6k and the men ran a 10k.

Leading the way for the Lady Rangers was junior Kayla Gourley who ran for a time of 24:59. She was only 10 seconds shy of capturing the Northwestern's women's 6k record.

Sophomore Clara O'Connor finished next for the Lady Rangers with a time of 27:07. This put her in the 199th place out of 217 competitors.

For the men, school record holder Clayton Fletcher was unable to compete. It was up to the handful of freshman to get the job done.

Freshman Chris Kincaid finished first for the Rangers with a time of 37:25. This time beat his previous 10k time this season of 37:50.

The next three Rangers—Colton Reed, Sam Goddard and Ben Ivory—finished consecutively to place 171, 172 and 173 overall.

Head Coach Jill Lancaster said that by taking her team to meet on Saturday gave them an idea of what they needed to strive to achieve in the upcoming seasons. She said it was a teaching and learning tool for the team. She said this meet helped prepare them for next season.

"Knowing what you're battling is a big part of preparation," Lancaster said.

A big obstacle Lancaster and her team had to overcome this season

was all new runners. The men and women's team are made up of almost all new members, and it was an adjustment for Lancaster and her team.

Despite making that adjustment, Lancaster said her team has made progress over the year. The women were picked to be 11th, but finished in 9th place. The men dropped almost 2 minutes from their average run time last year.

Lancaster said her team members a hard works. She said they are dedicated to the program. Overall, she said her team will work to upgrade their standards of training and upgrade their expectations in competition for next season.

"We knew it was going to be hard to change where we were now in the environment we were with everybody new," Lancaster said. "But now our expectations will be higher."

### King Crossword — Answers

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## Rangers win home game

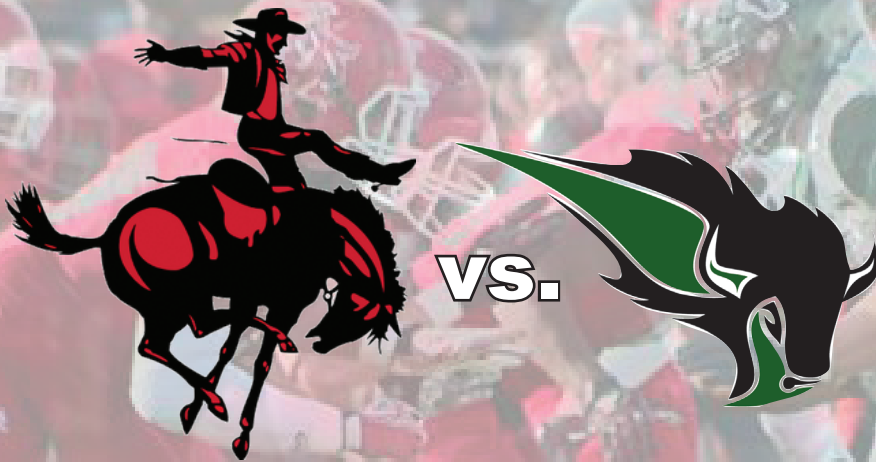
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The Northwestern Oklahoma State University Ranger football team defeated Oklahoma Baptist University 31-24 at home on Ranger Field on Saturday.

The Rangers rushed for 316 yards during the game. Jacob Peyton and Anthony Cota alone rushed 145 and 109 yards respectively. Horatio Smith made two impressive catches that resulted in 125 yards and a touchdown. Quarterback Jake McClurg passed for a total of 201 yards.

Defensively, Maurice Wright Jr. led the Rangers with 16 tackles and a sack. Dakota Driskill and Mickal Arvie followed Wright with 13 and 12 tackles each.

The first points for the Rangers came off a field from kicker Zave Goodrich who kicked for 31 yards. The three points were the only points scored in the



first quarter.

The Rangers dominated OBU in the second quarter, scoring three touchdowns before OBU was finally able to put their mark on the board with a field goal. Jacob Peyton scored his touchdown early in the second quarter before back-to-back touchdowns from Jake McClurg and Anthony Cota followed later in the second quarter.

With a 24-3 lead at halftime, OBU made the Rangers work for the win in the third and fourth quarter. The lone touchdown for the Rangers in the second half of the game

came from Horatio Smith in the third quarter.

OBU scored the first touchdown in the third quarter. The Rangers were unable to convert on offense and OBU scored two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to make it a 31-24 ball game with eight minutes left.

The Rangers, however, were not looking to let OBU have a chance at winning the game. The Rangers held OBU to get the 31-24 victory.

The Rangers will next face GAC opponent and heated rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University on Saturday for Senior Day at home.



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**Horatio Smith catching the ball during the game.**