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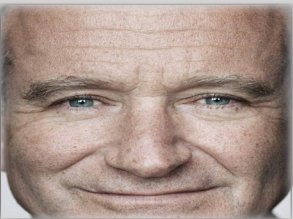
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## Homecoming float contest to 'catch fire'

By **TRENTON JUDD**  
Student Reporter

Homecoming is almost here, which means it is time to get ready for the annual Homecoming Float Contest.

This year's float theme is "The Ranger Games: Catching Fire."

The float contest is a long Northwestern tradition that predates the 1960s and it continues to grow every year. According to Float Committee Co-Chairman Eric Schmaltz, "The Homecoming Float Contest is an excellent way for students to represent Northwestern in a great way."

Aaron Mason said, "The Homecoming Float Contest is a great way to highlight the group or organization that you are involved in and it gives your organization a great image if you choose to help out and participate in the contest."

Floats need to be built on a trailer that is at least 12 feet long. The sponsoring organization must have a structure built onto the trailer and skirting on the

trailer is required because wheels should not be visible. The full list of rules can be found on the Northwestern website; search for Homecoming Float Contest. For more information, contact Mason or Schmaltz at their offices in Jesse Dunn Hall.

Once the floats have been built they will be featured in the homecoming parade at 10 a.m. Oct. 18. The top three floats will receive cash prizes. First place will receive \$200, second place \$150 and third place \$100.

Schmaltz said the competition maybe tough this year. "Every year there is a different theme so that keeps things interesting, but the thing that has surprised me the most is that with each passing year the floats have gotten more intricate and creative. It's almost like everyone is just paying more attention to detail."

Mason encourages all students to participate. "The amount of work you and your friends put into a float really

reflects on Northwestern and that show of spirit is what really gets the town hyped up for the game. The amount of spirit you show ends up driving our football team and it helps boost their confidence for that big game."

Schmaltz said he wants students to make an effort and "talk to your friends, talk to the upperclassmen and talk to the faculty to see how you can

be involved with homecoming because it is a great Ranger tradition and we want you to be a part of that."

Mason said, "At the end of the day my favorite part of the contest is just seeing all of the returning alumni coming back and supporting the current Rangers and showing that the Ranger family is so much bigger than current students realize".



Graphic by Michael Collins

## Ranger Rally recap as homecoming approaches

By **CHRIS AGBOLA**  
Staff Reporter

It usually begins with what looks like a mass procession. That is what the scene resembles when the students are communing to the Ranger Field for the pep rally. Some get to the venue by foot while others ride in their cars. The students usually want to arrive early to be part of the first 250 students who are given a

free Northwestern t-shirt for the occasion. It's amazing to be part of an atmosphere of bliss and affinity for the Ranger sports teams. However, a greater sense of belonging is felt if one wears a t-shirt as support for the teams.

This year's Ranger Rally was no different as the students queued for t-shirts and food at the Ranger football field. The athletes were on the turf exhibiting with the skills peculiar to their disciplines.

The student body sat in the stands and watched them while enjoying their food. The Ranger dance team thrilled the audience with a lollapalooza dance performance as the start to the event.

The cheerleaders continued with an awesome display as well. After the performances, the raffle draws were held.

Northwestern President Janet Cunningham and coaches addressed the student body. Cunningham inspired the students, speaking on the need to support the teams, and expressed her optimism for a successful sports season for the Ranger nation.

Coach Jones followed in the same vein but talked about



The football team posing on the field.  
Photo by Osam Sakamoto



The Rowdy Ranger high-fives students waiting in line for shirts.  
Photo by Osam Sakamoto

the cross country results in addition. The rodeo team coach spoke next and resounded his perception for a bright season. The female soccer coach congratulated the team for their win and urged them on for more glory this season.

Coach Turco as well reiterated the desire for the football team to make the school proud and the high confidence level of the team.

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# OPINION

## Student offers 'Fair' assessment



**NATALIE SACKET**  
*Columnist*

Food! Rides! Prizes! Smelly people! Germs! What do all of these glorious things combine to create? The fair! In honor of the Oklahoma State Fair, open until Sunday, I thought I'd compose a list of reasons, in my FAIR opinion, why the fair is the best and worst place to be. This past weekend I attended a smaller county fair. While it wasn't as majestic as the state fair, it still gave me a taste (literally) of all the wonderful and terrible things that occur at the fair.

The Good:

1. There's more fried food than you could possibly imagine.
2. People-watching. (Depending on the people, this could be on either the good or bad list.)
3. Dozens of spinning rides.
4. There's all manner of strange food concoctions. Anything unhealthy you could possibly imagine has prob-

ably been attempted at some fair or another. Donut hamburgers? Done. Fried Coca Cola? Done. Salad on a stick? Done. Fried butter? Done. (As Paula Deen praises the heavens.) Squirrel gravy over biscuits? Done. (Though this one should probably be on the bad list.)

5. You might win a prize! Take that, you rigged game!

Now, for the

bad:

1. "Good" reasons 1, 3, and 4 combined, which can lead to all manner of terrible outcomes.
  2. Screaming children.
  3. Screaming adults.
  4. Crying children.
  5. Crying adults.
  6. To sum up those four, anything screaming and crying ... Including the rickety old death-traps called rides that are barely holding on with a few ragged screws and bolts. (Do NOT take a physics class. You will forever be terrified by the impossibility of these rides functioning safely.)
  7. That prize you won? Your only competitor was a 5-year-old. Now you have a stuffed animal and she doesn't.
- Whether you choose to focus on the good or the bad, the fair can be a wonderful time to make some great memories with good friends, and that random smelly guy you sat next to on the ferris wheel.

## You ain't 'country' after all



**KENDRA REINING**  
*Columnist*

Okay, so there are a lot of people in this world thinking they are country, but let me just tell you, they're not.

Here are a few signs to show how un-country you really are: If the only time you wear your cowboy boots is to go out to a dance hall, then you aren't country. If you have never gone mudding in a beat-up farm truck, you probably aren't country. If your first time driving wasn't on a tractor, or you've never been on a farm and plowed the land while getting a farmer's tan, then you aren't country. If you think new country music is better than the oldies, then you aren't

country.

A true sign of country folk is if you measure distance in hours instead of miles. If you grew in a town where you had to lock your doors, then you aren't country. If you never drank from a water hose or put your own bait on your hook, then you aren't country. If your town's Fourth of July parade didn't have at least one tractor in it, you are not country, because that means your town isn't based around farming. If you can't quote at least one John Wayne movie, or don't know who he is, you are definitely not country. If your fella's idea of a romantic date isn't watching the stars while sitting on a tailgate, well, hon, you aren't country.

Now I could go on and on over what makes it okay for you to call yourself country, but chances are it won't matter anyway. I laugh at the people who have boots they have had for years with no scuffs; if you use them for what they are made for, then they should be beat up. If you have never been to a dance hall full of girls who think they are country, then here is what you would see if you do. You would see girls all dressed in cut-off shorts and either a plaid or lace top, probably with their stomachs showing for some strange reason. Why girls think this is country I have never understood,

## In response to last week's article on Robin Williams suicide

*This opinion was sent in by senior psychology major Justin Regier from Forgan.*

Northwestern News, specifically, columnist Kendra Reining.

I was disappointed to see such a blatantly un-researched and insensitive article concerning Robin Williams' suicide in the latest edition of the paper. Ms. Reining, you state within the first paragraph that you "have yet to understand how people could do this to themselves," and obviously do nothing to change that. Suicide is not an easy decision, nor something that one "gain[s] the confidence" to act upon. You call people suffering more than most can imagine "selfish" and go on to blame them for hurting those around them.

"Is it worth hurting the people you say you love?" Excuse me? In most cases, this is the very thing those who commit suicide are trying to avoid. They truly believe that their existence causes suffering to those around them, and they want to spare their loved ones any further grief on their behalf. But you're so bold as to accuse them of not really loving?

Mr. Williams struggled with depression and bi-polar disorder for years. These led to complications with substance abuse and affected his acting and stand-up career. The fact that he made it as far as he did is a testament to his resilience. Depression is a medical condition; it's something that many people struggle with for most of their adult lives. It isn't something one cures by making jokes and buying things. It's a condition people live with, just like asthma or diabetes. The stigmas attached to mental health in this country, and even the rest of the world, are due in large part to ignorance and fear, and frankly, Ms. Reining, you are perpetuating that. Rather than encourage people who fight with depression, you blame them. Rather than tell them that medical help is available or that there are people willing to talk (1-800-273-TALK [8255]), you tell them how you "just don't understand."

In the future, I would hope that you try harder to understand the topics you write about, especially when writing about something so important.

but it is a fact. Their boots also will look either all covered in bling or will look brand-new. Let me just tell you, real country cowboys can spot you out from a mile away.

Now ladies, how you spot a real country boy is not from their cowboy boots and hat. You know they are country from one thing: their two-step. If they can't swing dance or two-step without hopping or stepping on your feet, well chances are they weren't raised country.

Now ya'll I was raised in a town where city people actually believed we rode to school on horses, which only happened once. This town took about three minutes to get from one side to the other, and was surrounded by farmland. If you didn't take at least one senior photo out in your family's farmland, chances are you moved here from another town. Fun nights for us were having a big ol' dance in somebody's barn out in the middle of nowhere. When you showed up to school in boots covered in whatever you stepped in at the ag farm, and everybody could smell and nobody cared, you knew you were not only raised country but were country yourself. In my opinion, wearing cowboy boots doesn't make you country; it's what you do in the boots that makes you country.

# WHAT'S UP?

## Newsroom to be renamed after beloved professor

By **CHARLES BOLDES**  
Student Reporter

There will be a public dedication in honor of Wayne Lane at the Northwestern News office Oct. 18 in memory of his services as the adviser of publication and his role as director of public relations.

The Northwestern News newsroom in Jesse Dunn Annex will be renamed Wayne L. Lane Northwestern Newsroom on homecoming weekend.

"He would have been pleased and honored" his wife, Bettielou, said. "He loved homecoming, seeing alumni and new students come together every year." He served as

the homecoming chairman and was an honored parade marshal in 1991.

"We are honored to recognize the legacy of Wayne Lane and his contributions to Northwestern," said Northwestern President Janet Cunningham. Northwestern will be issuing a special invitation to the dedication to all of Lane's former students and staff members of Northwestern News and The Ranger Yearbook.

A native of Eldorado, Okla., Lane graduated from the University of Oklahoma, where he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in journalism as he served as the campus's newspaper editor. Lane spent

two and a half years serving during World War II as an aerial gunnery instructor in the United States Army Air Corps. After the war, he worked at the Wichita Daily Times in Wichita Falls, Texas, until 1959, when he became the public relations director at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. He met Bettielou there, and they married on April 24, 1976.

For three decades, Lane worked at Northwestern, where he shared his love of writing and journalism with students and "treated every student as if they were his own child" said Bettielou. Until Lane retired in January 1988, he supervised the publication of the Northwestern News, Ranger Yearbook and the Hall of Fame Committee. He also wrote the book "Northwestern: A Centennial History, the history of Northwestern Oklahoma State University."

Many students and faculty mem-

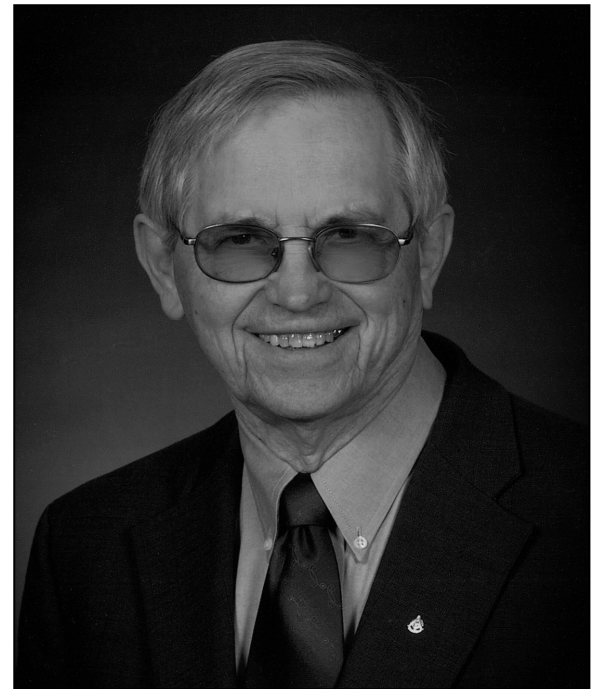


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mother and father to many students during his service at Northwestern.

Rachel Stewart, his daughter, said, "One of my greatest memories with him was working in the darkroom, when we would develop pictures together and watch the pictures come to life." Lane was pleased to see his daughter carry on his legacy at North-

western before he died. "He was a true Ranger, he loved everything about Northwestern and all it embodied," said Bettielou.

Sometimes he would work late into the night. His wife would help out by bringing him food; it grew to such an extent that she brought enough for everyone with him. They both served as a second

western before he died. "He was a true Ranger, he loved everything about Northwestern and all it embodied," said Bettielou.

"For most of his life, he dedicated himself to this institution and this community, but most of all, to his students," said Janet Cunningham, university president.



Photos by Michael Collins

## Annual Thank-a-thon to be held Sept. 24

By **ALEXANDER REYES**  
Staff Reporter

NWOSU will host the fourth annual Thank-a-Thon next week.

The Thank-a-Thon is NWOSU's way of thanking all those who donated money to the school. All who donated receive a handwritten note from Northwestern.

Northwestern hopes to let the donors meet the students they support during the week. Over 200 students have offered to volunteer and many organizations on campus have decided to pitch in and help out.

The event was started by Foundation and Alumni Association Relationship Manager

Susan Holliday based on an idea she received from one a donor.

It has grown every year since then, with student involvement increasing as well. The first year it was thrown it was on short notice but 70 students still showed up to volunteer.

The school is seeking volunteers, who will be provided with pizza and good times, Holiday said. To volunteer or for more information, contact Holliday at 580-327-8592 or at sjholliday@nwosu.edu

## "See you at the pole" event to be held this week

By **NICK VILLALOBOS**  
Staff Reporter

Northwestern's Christian organizations will meet for annual "See You at the Pole" event Wednesday.

The event is nationwide every year and takes place on the last Wednesday of September.

Northwestern students will meet at 7:15 a.m. in front of Herod Hall for a quick message and prayer.

The message for this year is found in Ephesians 6:18: "Praying at all times, with all prayer and supplication. To the end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints."

Along with the message, prayer and time to fellowship, there will be free doughnuts

and drinks for those who attend.

"See You at the Pole" will end in time for 8 a.m. classes.

This event is a nondenominational, non school related prayer session held at schools around the country.

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# STUDENT LIFE

## Professor Profiles: Tiffany Scarola

By NATALIE SACKET  
Staff Reporter

Language is far more than a tool used to communicate; it is a way to convey emotion, intelligence, and a glimpse of the human soul. One professor who shares this love of language with NWOSU is Tiffany Scarola.

Scarola did not love English from an early age, in fact, quite the opposite.

"I had terrible reading comprehension as a child, so [literature] was actually something I despised. I can't even describe how much I hated it, just because I struggled with it so much," said Scarola.

Scarola struggled with English until her freshman year of collegem when she had a professor who taught her to look at literature with a different perspective. This professor was instrumental in Scarola's decision to become an English teacher. While Scarola had many difficulties with literature, she does not consider that a detriment and instead embraces it.

"I see some of the stuff that I struggled with in some of my students, and I feel like that experience gives me a unique perspective. I feel like that past gives me a little more of an edge because I've been where those students have been. It's helped me learn how to develop lessons in different ways."

Scarola got her bachelor's at Northern Illinois in 2007 and her master's from DePaul University in 2013.

"After I graduated from Northern with my bachelor's, I went back and started pursuing a master's degree with an emphasis in English. I got this random email saying, if you're

interested in teaching, you should check out these opportunities in China. I was like, 'China?' I sent in my resume just to see what would happen. I was offered a job in August of 2009."

Scarola taught at the Nanjing Foreign Language School for eleven months before returning to America. While the culture shock of teaching overseas proved to be difficult, Scarola emphasized that it solidified her choice to become an educator.

"If I could do it there, I could do it here. Here is a lot easier, especially because there isn't that language barrier. It's given me a very unique perspective, especially at NWOSU because there is such a large international population."

After returning to America, Scarola became an adjunct professor at the College of DePage and Waubensee Community College in Illinois.

Scarola was longing for a full-time position at a university when she came across NWOSU.

"Obviously I was okay with picking up and moving to Oklahoma because I'd dropped everything to go to China. If I can do that, I can move to a different part of the country. It's definitely a different type of culture shock."

Scarola serves as the composition coordinator of NWOSU and teaches composi-



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tion and writing literacy. Next semester she will begin teaching technical writing as well.

Scarola loves the opportunities available with the English language.

"Even though there are some rules, all those rules can be broken. It allows you to find your own style, especially with writing. You have your own persona and your own voice. There are certain rules of grammar, but grammar is not all of writing. It's more of a chance to persuade someone to see something in your perspective. This can create a lot of confidence for a student when they accomplish that. Being able to find that voice is incredible, because I feel like a lot of students get lost. I love finding those students who have trouble with the same things that I had trouble with. I love having the chance to let them see that it's not the end of it."

## Recruitment hosts college fair, hires two coordinators

By ADRIANNA BECERRA  
Student Reporter

The turnout for the Alva Area Wide College Fair that was held Sept. 2 was positive, organizer said.

Director of Recruitment Paige Fischer said that the fair was a success. Seniors from six local high schools attended, coming to Northwestern's campus to browse the college information booths. There were representatives from numerous colleges across the state.

In other news from the recruitment office, two new people have been hired. Career Services Coordinator/Transfer Recruiter Jennifer Grassano attended Texas State University and graduated with a degree in mass communications. Grassano encourages students to come to the many events that career services sponsors. She is available to critique resumes and conduct mock interviews to help students prepare for the workforce "Everyone has been so friendly and helpful," she said. "I'm so thankful to come into an office of genuinely caring people, and

I'm excited to become a new member of the Ranger family."

Admission Counselor/Recruiter Sarah Sullivan is the other new employee. She is originally from a town on the Northeast outskirts of San Antonio and graduated from a small private college in southwest Kansas last May. Sullivan said, "Students that take advantage of the opportunity to come through these 'small-town' settings receive, in my opinion, a much more exclusive educational as well as cultural experience." She compares where she went to college to Alva and that every student is fortunate to experience the establishments that Northwestern offers. "I am excited to embrace my position and role here in the recruitment office by reaching out to those interested in joining this wonderful educational community, and cultivating an interest for the many wonderful opportunities that Northwestern has to offer."

"We are excited to welcome them both to Northwestern and to the Office of Recruitment," Fischer said,

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# ENTERTAINMENT



## NEW Movie Reviews

**Natalie**

**Chris**

By **CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET**  
*Columnists*

First and foremost, we want to give a special thank you to the Rialto Theater for letting us come into the movies for free so we can review them. It's one of the few things that gets us through the week. Anyway, as if we have not seen enough sports movies over the last few weeks, we decided to watch

"When The Game Stands Tall" (2014).

Chris' Review-  
3.5 footballs out of 5



So before anyone starts going off about "Well, of course you like this film. You're a guy. All guys love sports movies," I want to

say that football is not my forte. I would much rather watch a basketball movie. This movie, however, did not let me down as much as I anticipated. Being a sports movie about football, this film has a lot to compete with. Classics like "We Are Marshall" and "Facing The Giants" have given us a good standard for movies like this to live up to, and quite honestly, it did not do badly.

I won't bore you with what the movie is about. You can all watch the trailer. You don't need me for that. What I will say is the cast did a decent job. There were not any huge names that I'm too familiar with, but I felt like everyone stood their ground. The lead role, played by Jim Caviezel, kind of reminds me of a very serious Steve Carell. Scenes that lacked the emotional intensity a football coach should show were made up for by all the emotions the entire storyline itself captures.

One thing that always annoys me when I watch a movie is all the product placement. This movie is terrible about that. Brands like Nike and Dick's Sporting Goods are impossible to miss. I understand that movies are now becoming a medium for advertisement, but could I not get \$50 shirts shoved in my face in every other scene, please? This movie also likes Oregon, so if you are a UCLA fan, steer clear of this one.

What I did not like about this movie is how many pseudo-climaxes it has. You feel like every football game should be the end of the film, but it just keeps going. I'm not a fan of the pinnacle of the movie being no more exciting than the middle. It makes for a slow let-down from the high point you've been on for two hours now.

Bottom line, if you're a manly man and football is life, go spend that \$5

that you aren't getting from financial aid. Girls, go watch this movie with your boyfriend/guy-you-are-kind-of-talking-to-but-he-doesn't-want-to-commit. It will make him happy, and you probably owe him from watching "If I Stay" last week. If you've never been a fan of sports movies, then you probably don't need me to tell you not to go.

Natalie's Review-  
1 football out of 5



"When the Game Stands Tall" was certainly not standing tall in movie quality this week.

There's a simple formula for most football movies: team goes through a struggle, loses some games, improves, wins the big game! And we all cheer. Except for me. I fell asleep halfway through the movie out of sheer boredom. I suppose I shouldn't be so harsh on the sports genre; however, this film had no redeeming factors for me.

"When the Game Stands Tall" is based on an interesting true story. A high school with a winning streak of 151 games develops quite a fan base. That is, until they lose a game. The team then has to find a way to rebuild the program. Mixed in along the way are many subplots, striving to capture the audience's attention. While this is an inspiring story, the movie itself failed to add any inspiration of its own.

The film lagged during numerous scenes. The acting was stale and lacked conviction. There

were no shocking moments, no surprises, nothing that grabbed me. While I did enjoy the storyline, I kept wanting more, and the film failed to deliver.

There were many contradictions in this film. While there was a theme stressing that there is more to life than football, many times the players would state that anything they did in life would never compare to these moments. There was a whole menagerie of other clichés as well. "It's how much heart you have." "There's no 'I' in team." "You can do it if you set your mind to it." While these are all true and positive statements, mashed together it was just a sappy mess lacking any backbone of plot.

Author's note: I apologize for my last three very negative reviews. The film industry has failed me this month.

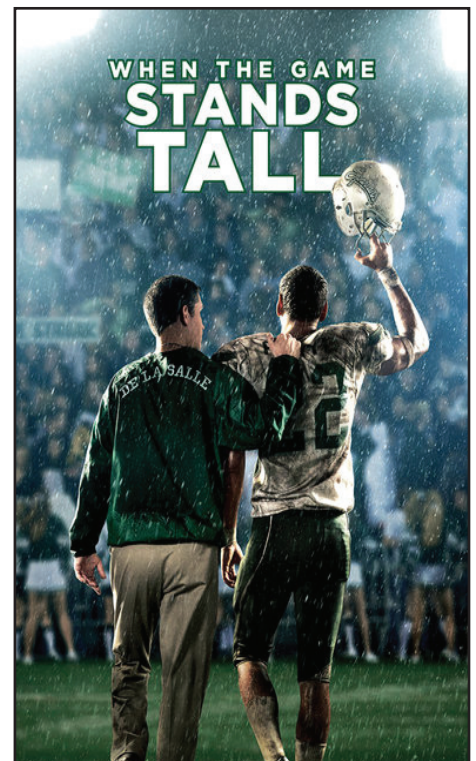


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## Earthquakes raise questions, concerns

By JOSELYN GONZALES  
Student Reporter

In the past three to five years, there have been more earthquakes recorded than before in Oklahoma.

On Sept 13, the United States Geological Survey recorded three earthquakes in northern Oklahoma. The first was reported at 3:55 a.m., a 3.5 magnitude, and was located 13 miles southeast of Medford. The second was at 11:55 a.m., a 3.5 16 miles southwest of Perry, and the third was at 3 p.m.; it was a 3.3 magnitude quake 16 miles southwest of Perry.

Earthquakes happen when rock strata and layers of the sediment beneath Earth's crust

are under stress and strain. Northwestern Professor Steven Maier, chair of the department of natural science, said, "Earthquakes occur when the stress exceeds what the rock strata and sediment can withstand. It's a natural process, but it's a process the recent studies indicate (can) be preempted or induced by human activity to exceed the normal background rate." Areas that are more prone to earthquakes are areas that are close to fault lines, which are where the earth breaks.

Some are pointing fingers, saying the earthquakes are due to the fracking the oil companies are doing. Hydraulic fracturing, usually referred to as "fracking," is an oil and

gas well development process that typically involves injecting water, sand and chemicals under high pressure into a bedrock formation via the well.

Maier said that he believes the earthquakes are due to the earth's shifting, "Significant earthquakes like your magnitudes of 6 and higher, I don't necessarily think that is something that is a direct cause due to the oil drilling." But the quakes Oklahoma has been experiencing are either 3 or 4 in magnitude, making some wonder whether fracking is causing them. Oklahoma wouldn't normally have earthquakes that are 1 to 4 in magnitude.

Earthquakes have been happening all over Oklahoma in clusters. People have felt

them all the way from northern Oklahoma to southern Oklahoma.

Medford resident Irma Gonzales said, "I was watching TV when all of a sudden the TV started shaking like if someone had ran into the house. I went outside to where my husband was and said, 'Did you feel that?' and he said, 'Yeah, I saw the house shaking.'" She said it lasted 10 to 15 seconds.

The earthquakes have been getting a lot of media attention, since they have caused some damage. At St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, a 5.6 magnitude quake damaged Benedictine Hall; it also damaged a few homes in Shawnee.

It can't be said for sure

whether fracking is the cause, but from 1990 to 2008 Oklahoma only had a few earthquakes a year. From 2009 to now that number has shot up to almost triple the amount of earth quakes.

### Largest Quakes of 2014

March 30 - 4.5  
April 7 - 4.3  
March 30 - 4.3  
April 6 - 4.2  
Feb. 9 - 4.1

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## Nursing students presented with scholarships

By MARVA HALTON  
Student Reporter

Two scholarships for the 2014-2015 school year were presented to two senior nursing students.

Lori Messenger of Woodward Regional Hospital Auxiliary presented the awards to Taylor Mathes and Mariah Harmon. Each received a \$3,300 scholarship to use towards tuition.

Both students have attended the Northwestern Nursing program for several years. Harmon said, "There is a lot of professional people in the Woodward community, and they all had really nice things to say about the program." She said that heavily influenced her decision to choose Northwestern's nursing program.

Harmon, 30, is a senior nursing student at NWOSU and a Woodward native. She said she always wanted to be a nurse because "I've always loved science and learning new things."

She finished the LPN program first in 2012 and then attended the RN program in the 2013 school year. Harmon has already worked in several different areas at the Woodward Regional Hospital, including the critical care unit, med surge, and the E.R. She plans to obtain her master's degree through Northwestern and work in the critical care setting in Woodward. While in school, Harmon has been involved in the Academic Affairs Committee and National Students Nurses Association.

"NWOSU is great; it has always given me a feeling of

family," she said.

Mathes, 19, also is a senior nursing student at NWOSU in Woodward. A native of Wichita, Kans., she heard about the NWOSU nursing program from her older sister, who was a year ahead of her. She said she feels that her sister had some influence in shaping her decision to join the program and become a nurse. Mathes has already

worked as a certified nurse assistant in Anthony, Kans., and Woodward for more than three years. As soon as she graduates from the program with her bachelor's degree she plans to start working in the Woodward Regional Hospital, either as an O.B. or neonatal nurse and possibly in the intensive care unit. She said she would even consider becoming a traveling nurse.

Mathes said some of her favorite memories from being at NWOSU are driving back and forth to clinicals and class.

As soon as Mathes completes her RN degree, she plans to obtain her master's degree. Mathes has been involved in Presidents Leadership Class, Caring and Cross Cultures conferences and NSNA.

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# SPORTS

## Rangers women soccer team wins

By Nick Villalobos  
Staff Reporter

Rangers soccer grabbed its second win of the season beating the Oklahoma Christian Eagles 2-1 Saturday in Edmond.

The Rangers entered the game coming off their first win of the season against the very tough Northeastern Riverhawks.

Action started right away with a cross from Ranger Jessica Lynch to teammate Jade Nash at only the 2 minute mark. Nash was then able to knock

the 20-foot shot into the net for her first goal of the season, putting the Rangers up 1-0.

The Eagles were able to equalize at 1-1 in the 29th minute with a goal from Rachel Bates.

When the whistle blew for the first half, both teams were practically identical in shots attempted; NWOSU had nine shots and the Eagles had 10.

As the second half got under way, the score remained deadlocked at one apiece.

At the 76-minute mark, Ranger Alyssa Williams was

able to head one past the Eagles goalie to put the Rangers up 2-1 and propel them back into the lead. Williams' goal was her first of the season.

The Eagles pressured hard after the goal by the Rangers but found themselves unsuccessful in their attempt to tie the game before the final whistle blew.

The win put the Rangers' record at 2-1-1 this season.

The Rangers head out on the road again Friday when they take on the Newman Jets in Wichita, Kans.



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##	POINTS	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
10	Leidiane Capobianco	4	2	0	4	12
8	Jessica Lynch	4	0	4	4	8
28	Alyssa Williams	4	1	0	2	16
24	Ellen Trotter	4	1	0	2	12
4	Susana Abundiz	3	1	0	2	8
20	Jade Nash	1	0	2	4	
5	Arlet Polack	4	1	0	2	1

##	GOALS	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
10	Leidiane Capobianco	4	2	0	4	12
5	Arlet Polack	4	1	0	2	1
20	Jade Nash	1	1	0	2	4
4	Susana Abundiz	3	1	0	2	8
24	Ellen Trotter	4	1	0	2	12
28	Alyssa Williams	4	1	0	2	16

##	ASSISTS	GP	G	A	Pts	Shots
8	Jessica Lynch	4	0	4	4	8

##	SHOTS	GP	G	A	Shots	Shot%
28	Alyssa Williams	4	1	0	16	.062
10	Leidiane Capobianco	4	2	0	12	.167
24	Ellen Trotter	4	1	0	12	.083
4	Susana Abundiz	3	1	0	8	.125
8	Jessica Lynch	4	0	4	8	.000
21	Karyn Bernal	4	0	0	5	.000
20	Jade Nash	1	1	0	4	.250
18	Kaylee Peterson	4	0	0	2	.000
13	Sheyna Routon	1	0	0	2	.000
26	Vianna Villa	4	0	0	2	.000

##	SHOTS ON GOAL	GP	G	A	Shots	SOG
28	Alyssa Williams	4	1	0	16	8
10	Leidiane Capobianco	4	2	0	12	6
4	Susana Abundiz	3	1	0	8	5
24	Ellen Trotter	4	1	0	12	4
8	Jessica Lynch	4	0	4	8	4
18	Kaylee Peterson	4	0	0	2	2
21	Karyn Bernal	4	0	0	5	1
20	Jade Nash	1	1	0	4	.250
13	Sheyna Routon	1	0	0	2	1
26	Vianna Villa	4	0	0	2	1

##	GAME WINNING GOALS	GP	No.
28	Alyssa Williams	4	1
10	Leidiane Capobianco	4	1

## Rangers fall to Bison in double digit loss

By Travis Harmon-Smith  
Sports Editor

When teams make adjustments, it can become pretty overwhelming. Northwestern made the adjustments early on, but not quite early enough to hold off the Harding University Bison as the Rangers fell 45-7 at Ranger Field Saturday afternoon.

Offensively, Northwestern had its chances to drive the ball downfield for scoring opportunities.

During the first quarter at about the 9:03 mark, starting junior college transfer quarterback Cody Weinzhemier lined up under center in place of Reid Miller, who is out with an injury.

Weinzhemier started the opening series effectively as he threw

two small dump passes to Ranger slot receivers Avery Morris, and Jarrion Tudman. Both Morris and Tudman gained significant yardage in short route situations before being trampled by the Bison defenders. With about a minute left during the first, Harding's triple-option offense was just too much for the Ranger defense as the Bison scored on a triple option screen pass, making it 7-0 to close out the first quarter.

In the opening of the second quarter, Northwestern's offensive troubles continued as Ranger quarterback Weinzheimer forced a deep pass downfield to Justin Schanbacher, resulting in an interception by the Harding secondary.

As the second quarter came to a close, the Rangers fell out of sync defensively as the Bison scored

again on a deep pass with 1:57 left in the half.

Northwestern interim Head Coach Kevin Turco explained at halftime what the Northwestern offense needed to do in order to effectively execute its game plan.

"We just have to keep playing solid and read our keys better," Turco said.

In the second half, Turco changed his quarterback rotation and lined up freshman Ty Hooper under center. Hooper, showed the Ranger fans his ability to improve the Northwestern offensive scheme.

At about the 4:05 mark in the third, Hooper lined up in shotgun formation with four wide receivers spread out. He took the snap, made

a nice drop-back in the pocket, weaving around Harding defenders,

and threw a 25-yard touchdown pass to Schanbacher for the Rangers' only score of the afternoon.

Northwestern's defensive specialists played solidly throughout most of the game, as Ranger defensive back Traveon Kelly compiled 10 tackles for loss, while linebacker

Devin Peyton also capped off the game with 10 solo tackles as well.

Northwestern will have another opportunity at Ranger Field Saturday afternoon against GAC conference opponent Arkansas Monticello. Kickoff is 1 p.m.



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