

Gun violence continues to be a problem

By SEAN DOHERTY
Student Reporter

Students, celebrities and citizens alike took part in the March for Our Lives over the weekend, a nationwide conversation sparked by the recent mass shooting in Florida. Northwestern News decided to start its own conversation across campus. Students and faculty to gave their opinion on gun violence, the 2nd amendment and possible solutions.

The obvious question arises about whether gun violence is a problem in the United States. Angelica Rangel, a sophomore nursing major from Liberal Kansas, sees it plainly in the media. "I do believe it is a problem somewhere in the United States," she said. "There's many articles out there and so many stories and it's like everyday somebody has used a gun to do something."

Caleb Mosburg, Dean of Student Affairs, agrees. "I would say yes. Gun violence is a problem, but it's much deeper than a gun problem, it's more a violence problem."

Duncan Brown, a freshman pre-vet major from Laverne, Oklahoma, wants to do something about it. "It is an unneces-

sary loss of life that can be prevented."

"I think we have enough gun laws in place," Rangel said. "I'm not trying to take anybody's guns away. I feel like there are things that we can definitely do to prevent things from happening and I don't know if we're doing that to its full extent."

Yosbelli Lora, a freshman undecided major from Ringwood, Oklahoma, believes mental health is a factor. She believes mental health checks and tests on people looking to buy a firearm should be used. Brown agrees that mental health is a factor, but that guns are not necessarily to blame. "Guns are tools. Tools that make killing easier...but tools none the less."

Brown, a gun owner himself, believes the current gun laws are effective, but could be improved to reduce some contradictions.

Northwestern's stance is clear: the law works. "The Uni-

versity's position is we support the current guns laws that are on state statutes regarding weapons on campus," says Associate



current laws that prevent concealed weapons on campus."

Mosburg agrees, pointing out that each college president has the power to decide if more security personnel is needed on his or her campus. Both men praised the CLEAT certified campus police department and local law enforcement who are available at a moment's notice. "I believe our campus is safe," Mosburg reiterated.

A common argument from gun activists is an armed population is the best safety measure. Lora disagrees, thinking it would just cause more accidents. Mosburg sees both sides. "From a general public standpoint, off a college campus, having people who are well trained, being armed being able to handle situations that come up with violence and crime and people taking advantage of someone else, could help," he said. "But I also know going through that training myself, it also causes other issues as well. There are a lot of legal ramifications that people aren't aware of, people who, even those who have been trained or have a concealed carry license."

But what if students and faculty still feel the need to protect themselves? Should they be allowed to? The general consensus is no, especially for college students. Both Valencia and Mosburg believe that tensions and student's emotions escalate too quickly and to introduce a weapon in the mix would cause too many problems. Lora agreed, mentioning the law enforcement stationed at her high school were enough. "College students are pretty crazy," she said. "I don't think it would be safe."

Brown disagrees. "If they meet the prerequisites for conceal carry and choose to do so, they should be allowed within reason." Brown believes teachers should be provided additional training due to the close proximity to young children.

Gun control is one of the most complex issues of our generation. "Saying it works better if everyone's armed is not necessarily the appropriate statement, but to say nobody be armed, it's not the right way to look at it either," Mosburg said. But everyone agrees something needs to be done. As Brown puts it, "We cannot blame the tools for these actions, nor can we let others copy these actions without taking some kind of action to prevent the repetition of these tragedies."

Vice President for University Relations Steve Valencia. "Historically, if you look at college campuses in Oklahoma, as far as gun violence is concerned, they are very, very safe places, and I think that is attributable to the

Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow announced

By ERIN DAVIS
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Campus Compact, a Boston-based non-profit organization working to advance the public purposes of higher education, has announced the 268 students who will make up the organization's 2018 cohort of Newman Civic Fellows, including Northwestern Oklahoma State University's own Riley Pearce.

Pearce, a senior political science major, from Enid is an active member of the university's Honors Program, the Psychology Club and the Civic Fellowship Program. She's been inducted into the Red & Black Scroll Honor Society and the Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society. In

May, she will complete her second internship at the Oklahoma State Capitol.

"Riley is a public servant at heart," Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president, said. "Her many volunteer activities include Feed the Children, Back-A-Youth, Food for Thought and March of Dimes. She is an advocate for legislation involving the use of illegal substances by pregnant women and the effects on the child born with said substance in his/her system. She has already considered the possibility of seeking public office."

The Newman Civic Fellowship, named for Campus Compact co-founder Frank Newman, is a one-year experience emphasizing personal, professional and civic growth. Through the fellowship, Campus Compact

provides a variety of learning and networking opportunities, including a national conference of Newman Civic Fellows in partnership with the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate. The fellowship also provides fellows with access to apply for exclusive scholarship and post-graduate opportunities.

"We are thrilled to have the opportunity to celebrate and engage with such an extraordinary group of students," said Campus Compact president Andrew Seligsohn. "The stories of this year's Newman Civic Fellows make clear that they are bringing people together in their communities to solve pressing problems. That is what Campus Compact is about, and it's what our country and our world desperately need."



Northwestern student Riley Pearce of Enid was named a 2018 Campus Compact Newman Civic Fellow.

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Learn to play the game Fortnite Battle Royale

By **TREYVON ANDRES**
Student Reporter

Battling through a large map with 99 opponents hunting around trying to kill one another, reminds you of the hunger games, right? Something close to this is Fortnite Battle Royale and here are some tips on how to win:



Step 4

Always carry a long-range weapon, AR (Assault rifle), some type of explosives, med kit and elixir these are the key weapons that you need to win the game, put the AR first explosives second and your long-ranged weapon last, it will be the last thing you need if a enemy is running up on you.

Step 5

The last and final step is at the end of the game. Don't choke and try to hide in a bush. The enemy will see you. Instead build a tower to where you have the high point advantage on your opponent and try to take them down from there.

Step 1

Make sure that you always have material to build even at the beginning of the game you never know when someone is trying to shoot you from distance with a sniper or you need to build up and try and get some loot.

Step 2

The loot is around the map, which many people don't know about, but there are little ammo crate boxes that you will need

to get to resupply you on your equipment on the game. It is easy to overlook these so make sure that you check thoroughly so you can get the upper hand on your enemy.

Step 3

Always go for weapons that are green, purple, blue, and gold these are the bet weapons that are going to be on the game, never grab the common weapons theyre the weakest you will see them around the map the most, grab these at the beginning of the game.

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APRIL 2018

02
#WOW: Working Opportunity Workshop
2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Student Center Ranger Room

03
Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series presents "The Patti Page Story"
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

04
Education Career Fair
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Student Center Ranger Room

06
NWOSU Art Society Art Show
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Downtown Alva Runnymede Hotel

10
Citizens' Response to Active Shooter Events
8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
NWOSU Student Center Wyatt Room

15
Charlotte Wilczek Senior Recital
2 p.m. - 3 p.m.
Fine Arts room 200

19
Theatre Production Glass Menagerie
7 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Herod Hall Auditorium

24
Blood Drive
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Student Center

10
NWOSU Band Concert
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

25
Salsa Tasting and Cinco de Mayo Celebration
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Student Center Ranger Room

28
Alumni Spring Reunion
8 a.m. - 9 p.m.

One student sets herself a goal to be rid of social media

By **DEITRA WEDD**
News Editor



Photo by Alexis Stuart

Could you go one month without social media?

For the month of February an early childhood education major decided to do just that. Alexis Stuart said she came up with this idea of deleting her social media after beginning to feel like it was taking up a lot of her time. "Time that I needed to focus on my studies for school," Stuart said.

During her month without the social media, Stuart said she was better able to focus on her studies. "And I felt like I got to know myself a little bit better," she said.

While she said she wouldn't delete social media permanently, because she likes to stay in touch with family and friends through social media, Stuart did say that there weren't really any drawbacks going without it. "I thought about it less, and less the more the month went on," she said. "It was pretty easy because I did not have the apps on my phone, so I was not tempted to get on social media."

Even though the month is over, and she has social media

Alexis Stuart gives up social media for a month.

back, Stuart said that "It was 100% worth the experience and I would definitely do it again because it was a great learning process."

She also said that after having this experience she thinks others should try it. "Even if it's just one app for a week," Stuart said. "I think it will show people how much we just mindlessly scroll through our phones."

As a piece of advice for anyone thinking of trying it Stuart said go for it, don't second guess yourself just delete it. "It gives your mind a break from the crazy outside world and lets you think about what is truly important in life," she said.

Alva's Market closed on Easter Sunday to celebrate with family. Have a wonderful Easter!!

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News



Student sticking to reading resolution

By DEITRA WEDD
News Editor

The new year brings with it new years resolutions, and one student is still sticking to hers.

Isabella Hardester a Psychology major from Bartlesville, has made a resolution to read 100 books this year. "I really like to read so I thought it would be fun to push myself," Hardester said.

Reading isn't her only hobby though. She said she also enjoys

crafts. "I like to do a mix of things and right now I'm working on cross stitching," Hardester said. "I'm always trying new crafts."

These craft ideas can come from anywhere. For example, the cross-stitching idea came when a tutorial popped up on her YouTube feed. She said after seeing the video she got a kit from Walmart and tried it out.

"So, I read in between classes and before bed," Hardester said. "But a lot of my idle time has been cross stitching."

One of things that inspires some of this creativity is her teachers. "They inspire me because they put up with so much and can still share the material and give us insight into the world," Hardester said.



Her inspiration for her resolution however, came from a slightly different place. It came from watching people on YouTube that talk about books. "Their goal is usually around 100 so I thought that was a good number to strive for," she said.

So far, Hardester has read 15 books this year. "I calculated the amount per month I should read, and it comes down to 8.3 books a month," she said.

During the month of February Hardester said she got in a little bit of a reading slump. I am a little behind she said, "but this is a thing I'm doing for fun so I'm not putting myself to a strict goal per month."

Hardester said she fell out of her reading habits in middle school and high school but she has recently picked it back up.



She uses Overdrive to keep up with her reading and while she uses it to check out Ebooks and Audio books from the local library, Hardester said she likes having a physical book.

"I do enjoy having ebooks on my phone so when I have a lot of stuff in my backpack I'm not carrying around an extra thing," she said. "I listen to audio books if I know I will be driving a lot, but I won't listen if the narrator cannot keep me engaged."

Hardester's love of reading started when she was little. "I loved the Goosebumps books by R.L. Stine," she said.



And while the Goosebump books were some of her favorites when she was a child, Hardester said her favorite series today are A Darker Shade of Magic by V.E Schwab and anything by John Green. "Turtles all the way down by him [John Green] is really good," she said.



She also said that the reason she enjoys John Green is because he is good at portraying mental illness and his books are relatable. As for A Darker Shade of Magic, Hadester said she thinks it is well written and "you really feel like you are in this magical world."



Photo by Isabella Hardester

Cross stitching of a sweet pineapple created by Isabella Hardester.

Editorial

A new generation of change

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Editorial Editor

On March 24, A rally led by students rocked the nation. Thousands of people marched to end gun violence. March for Our Lives had over 800 different "sibling marches" happen around the country and even the globe. There were protests at Us Embassies in The UK, Italy, Denmark and Japan. The event was so big that on ABC news tonight with David Muir he stated "The Global event is considered Largest youth led protest since the Vietnam war area" The march was also backed by several different celebrities.

The March For Our Lives website stated that "School safety is not a political issue. There cannot be two sides to doing everything in our power to ensure the lives and futures of children who are at risk of dying when they should be learning, playing, and growing." The website also had printable price tags to demonstrate politicians choosing the NRA's funding over the lives of the students. The site stated "There are 3,140,167* students enrolled in Florida. Marco Rubio has received \$3,303,355** from the NRA. That comes out to \$1.05 per student." They encouraged people to print them off and wear them in support of the protest.

The Protest also had rallies that included some celebrity performers. Including: Lin Manuel Miranda and Ben Platt with their mashup "Found Tonight" , Demi Lovato singing Skyscraper and Miley Cyrus with her song The Climb. The protest also had a lot of big name stars participate and show their support



Photo from MarchForOurLives.com

Including: George Clooney, Paul McCartney, Kim And Kanye West.

On of the most memorable speech was from 11 year old Naomi Wadler from Alexandria, Va. She may be young, but she is wise and She has an understanding about the world around her that some grown ups do not even have. In her speech she stated "I represent the African-American women who are victims of gun violence, who are simply statistics instead of vibrant, beautiful girls full of potential," She is extremely brave for standing in front of thousands. That is something I would never dream of doing and I am 19. Naomi is an inspiration.

This is not the last time we will hear from these students. They will not back down until changes are made. The next walkout is scheduled for April 20th on the 19th anniversary of Columbine. The Students are now urging those who can to go to the polls and vote for candidates that want to end gun violence. It is time to take charge and make the change for ourselves.

As teens we are always criticized for "not doing or caring enough" and now we are being criticized because we are "To young" to take on such big issues. Those who think that way will be blindsided when the votes start coming in these next couple of years. We may seem young but we are the next generation of voters and this is our "big issue" the one that will be the talk of all the political debates. The problem we demand be fixed. No one should go to school with the thought it could be their last day. School should be a place that everyone feels safe. So why are we getting criticized for finally standing up for what we believe? I think the problem lies with those who are criticizing. They have finally realized that the power in numbers.

To all of those who are upset or angry because of the Marches. Do you truly believe that having harder gun laws or more background checks is that bad? Is it that important for you to own an AK-41 even if it allows one to get into the hands of someone with the wrong intentions? Someone who would take an innocent kid's life? I honestly believe that it should not even be a question. They are not calling for the repeal of all guns just a bill that will allow more control over who can get guns like having more in depth background checks.

Parkland is full of leaders and that was the one piece of the puzzle missing. Every single one of the those marchers had the ambition inside them they just needed leaders to help them express it. It is time to take action and get this problem solved. So it is time to go to the polls. If you are old enough register to vote, help make a difference and be a part of the change to end gun violence and make our schools safer.

Quotes from the Rally

"People believe that the youth of this country are insignificant... I say that we were the only people who could have made this movement possible."
- Parkland Student
Alex Wind

"When politicians send their thoughts and prayers with no action, we say, 'No more.'"
-Parkland student
David Hogg

"Either represent the people or get out ... Stand for us or beware: The voters are coming,"
- Parkland student
Cameron Kasky

"Fight for your lives before it's someone else's job,"
- Parkland student
Emma Gonzalez

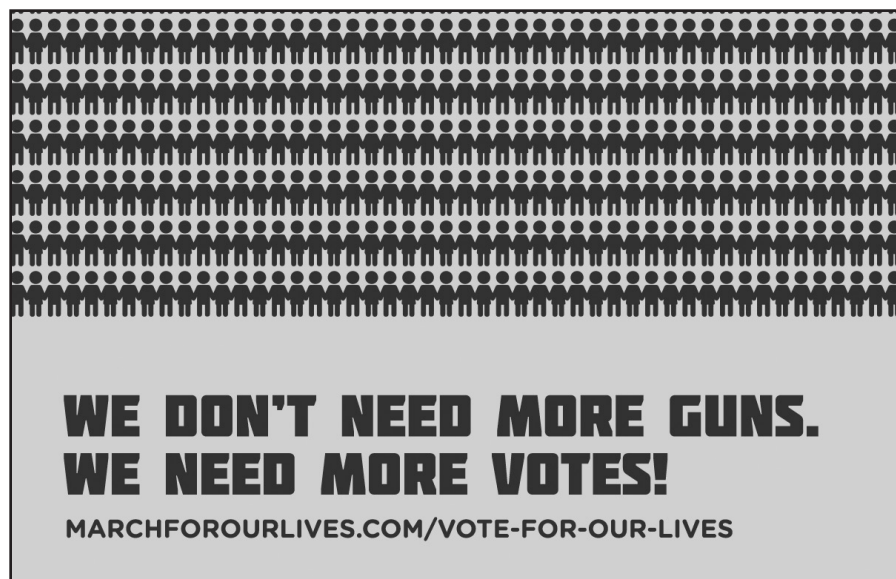
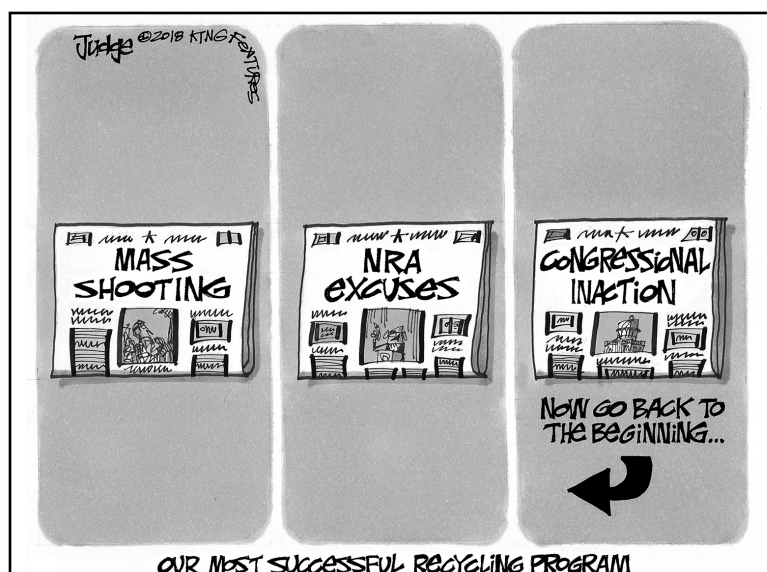


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Other Voices

Living through a screen

Phones making us antisocial?

By **TAYLOR FENNELL**
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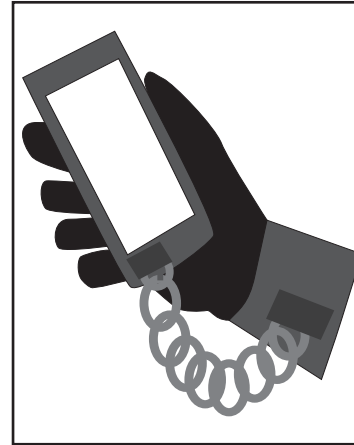
Sunday evening, as Justin Timberlake wrapped up the Super Bowl halftime show, I couldn't help but watch the teenage boy beside him concentrate on posting a selfie of the experience.

This wasn't a quick snap of a photo to post later — from the moment #selfiekid took the picture, he was looking down at his phone. Afterward, I was surprised to realize that this instance didn't annoy me. I actually related to the young selfietaker.

I mentally assessed the similar occasions I have experienced

and felt guilty. I would be lying if I said I didn't have my phone out for the majority of the One America Appeal benefit last semester. Still, I know I'm one of millions of people who engage in this behavior every day.

We somehow obtain the opportunity of a lifetime, whether that be breathing the same air as five former presidents or dancing beside Justin Timberlake, and we eclipse the experience by taking photos for our Instagram feed. Our motives are pure — we want to relive this memory forever and share it with our friends. However, by watching life through a screen, we miss out on the ability to truly enjoy the moment we're in. There are elements of an experience that simply cannot be portrayed through a screen. The spectacularity of



any show is diminished with a camera and because our eyes are focused on images on our phones, music is not thoroughly appreciated. The chance to make the moment even better disappears when we pull our phones out of our pockets.

This obsession with capturing everything in our lives has caused social interaction to evolve in an incredibly unhealthy fashion. There is

no longer a need to ask loved ones about their day because we've already seen it on their Snapchat story. Conversely, we are upset when they don't ask about ours, regardless of the fact that they saw our posts. We judge others for their captions and filters, essentially discounting the characteristics that make them human.

I'm not proposing a ban on selfies, social media or the beautification of Instagram feeds. In fact, I encourage each of those activities. I am, however, advocating for appreciation of the adventures. Moving forward, I'll concentrate on living in the moment and hope to snap some photos in the midst. After all, capturing photos of life is a fantastic privilege, but it means nothing if we can't tell the stories that accompany them.

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"I'll refer him to you, then you refer him back to me."

King Crossword

ACROSS

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- 39 "— the season ..."
- 40 With it, once

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'The Hunger Games' inspires creation of other types of games

Are you a fan of "The Hunger Games"? Are you looking for something fun to do? Well here are some fun Hunger Games inspired games that you don't need a tv or computer to play. All you need is this page and a pencil or pen.



Would You Rather...

1	Have Katniss for a friend	or	Have Peeta for a friend
2	Live in the Capitol	or	Live in District 12
3	Be a Tribute in a Hunger Games in which all of the other Tributes are your friends	or	Be a 12 year old Tribute in a Hunger Games in which all of the other Tributes are 17.
4	Be a Tribute	or	Be an Avox
5	Try to get supplies and weapons at the Cornucopia	or	Run for the woods
6	Have the person you love most in the world be chosen as a Tribute	or	Be chosen as a Tribute yourself
7	Be a Stylist	or	Be a Game Maker
8	Make an alliance with Foxface	or	Make an alliance with the Careers
9	Save Rue	or	Save Peeta
10	Have a picnic with Gale in the woods	or	Have a feast in the Capitol with Katniss's prep team
11	Be given a score of 11 by the Game Makers	or	Be given a score of 2 by the Game Makers
12	Grab a full water bottle at the start of the Game before running for the woods	or	Grab a knife
13	Be a slow runner, but an excellent tree climber	or	Be a fast runner but not be able to climb trees
14	Have light green skin like Octavia	or	Have aqua colored hair like Venia
15	Have a wardrobe designed by Cinna	or	Have your own Hovercraft
16	Be chased by one mutant wolf (mutt)	or	Be chased by a swarm of Tracker Jackers
17	Spend your time in the training center learning how to use weapons	or	Spend your time in the training center learning wilderness survival skills
18	Spend a weekend with Haymitch	or	Spend a weekend with Effie
19	Change the story so that Rue lives	or	Change the story so that Katniss still wins the Game, but never has to directly kill anyone
20	Get to do the casting for the upcoming <i>Hunger Games</i> movie	or	Get to play Katniss or Peeta in the upcoming <i>Hunger Games</i> movie



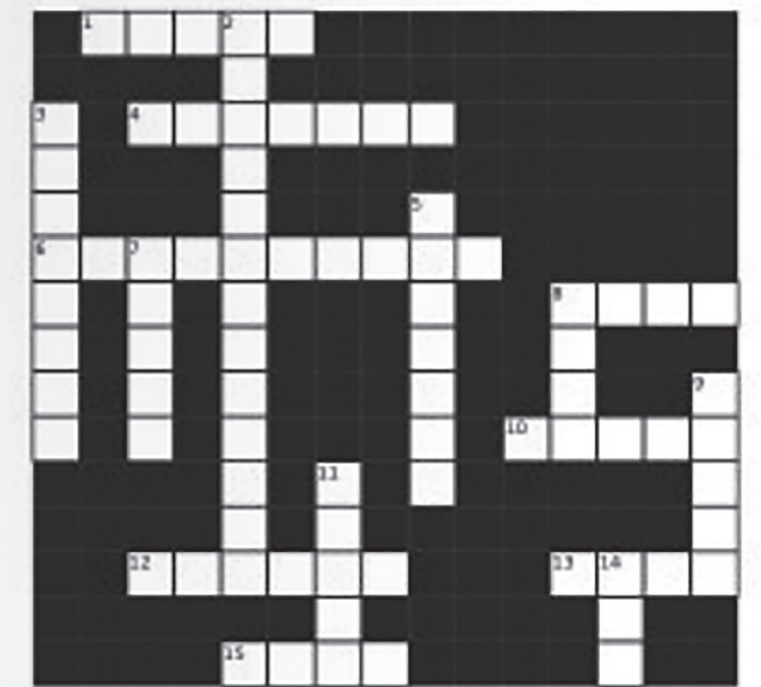
The Hunger Games

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Crossword The Hunger Games



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| <p>Across</p> <p>1 The Hunger Games movie comes out on _____ 23rd.</p> <p>4 I can use a bow and arrow well, and I was a tribute in the hunger games</p> <p>6 Katniss has a _____ pin</p> <p>8 Katniss got Prim a _____ for her birthday</p> <p>10 I am the son of a baker</p> <p>12 Katniss and Peeta are from district _____</p> <p>13 I was originally drawn to participate in the games</p> <p>15 "Katniss, the girl who was on _____"</p> | <p>Down</p> <p>2 This is the second book in The Hunger Games trilogy</p> <p>3 I won the hunger games a very long time ago</p> <p>5 The districts are forever in debt to the _____</p> <p>7 I am a stylist to Katniss</p> <p>8 I am a good friend of Katniss from home</p> <p>9 The Hunger Games take place in this country</p> <p>11 "May the odds be forever in your _____"</p> <p>14 I can jump from tree to tree with ease</p> |
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Feature

Aspiring to help athletes

By **MONTANA MCCULLOUGH**
Student Writer

Sitting behind the desk at the bank, she counts the money in the drawer but dreams of helping athletes one day.

This is what Taylor McCullough dreams of while she waits for customers at Community Bank in Alva.

McCullough is the middle child of three kids. She has one older sister and a young brother. "It was always interesting growing up as the middle child," McCullough said. McCullough had a pretty good life for the first eight years of her life. Then an accident occurred that would change her life forever. On May 13, 2006, McCullough lost her mom in a car accident.

After that, she had to push through her life without her mom. She had to help take care of her little brother, go to school and pretend like everything was okay.

Life began to slow down for a

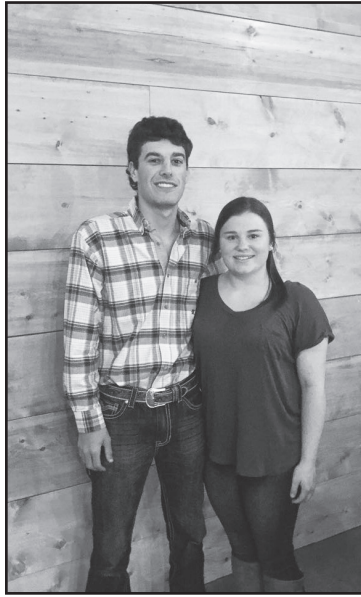


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Taylor McCullough

while after that. McCullough was named Miss South Barber her senior year of high school. She also competed in speech and debate contest throughout her high school career. Throughout high school, McCullough competed in the state speech and debate competition three times.

During her senior year, McCullough was able to compete in

the Miss Cinderella pageant held at Northwestern. Through the pageant, she received a scholarship to come to Northwestern. After that, McCullough graduated from South Barber High School in 2015. She decided to come to Northwestern because it's affordable and close to home. McCullough has met a lot of people and became good friends with them while she has been here. In her free time, McCullough enjoys hanging out with friends, working and relaxing.

McCullough is a junior working toward her degree in health and sports science. "I can't wait to get out of school and see the world," she said.

"The truth is you don't know what is going to happen tomorrow. Life is a crazy ride, and nothing is guaranteed."

- Eminem

Relocating impacts a life

By **ASHLEY STREHL**
Feature Editor

Moving can be a tiresome, annoying, and expensive, but for one young woman it was a journey of self discovery.

Karen Trinity Rodriguez is a sophomore elementary education major from Camora, Mexico, Hemet, California, Henderson, Nevada, and finally, Buffalo, Oklahoma. Born in Camora, Rodriguez spent few years there leaving her with no memory of her life lived there, but began to grow up in southern California attending the 1st through the 4th grade.

After the 4th grade she moved to Henderson, finishing her 4th grade year before moving back to Cali during her 5th grade year. "I enjoyed living in California more than I enjoyed Nevada, I have a lot of family in California," Rodriguez said. "Hands down, the weather in California is the best. I hate the cold."

Rodriguez loved going to the mall, Long Beach, and the movies with all of her friends. "There's always something to do in California," Rodriguez said. It wasn't until the summer of 2012 that Rodriguez's life would change

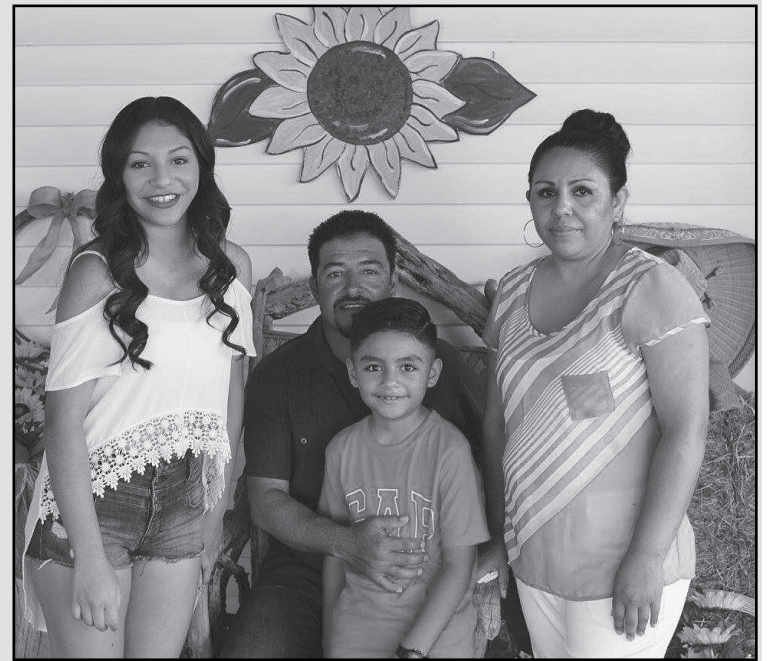
emotionally, and physically. Rodriguez's family moved to Oklahoma because her Dad moved for work, he had been living there since 2011, in 2012 her mom and her brother came to visit.

After only packing for a couple of months, the family's car broke down in Buffalo. "It was late, we had no car, so we decided to spend the night in a hotel, a week went by and we rented out a house until our car was fixed, my mom fell in love with the

small town and we decided to stay," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez graduated in 2016 and made the best memories of her life in Buffalo.

"Moving helped me to see that there are more opportunities no matter where you go," Rodriguez said. "Now that I am attending Northwestern, and living with my lifelong friends, I learned to love a small town, and I am thankful that we moved."



The Rodriguez family

Photo Provided

A Womans best friend

By **ASHLEY STREHL**
Feature Editor

An animal, a best friend, a sister, and a place in a young woman's heart, these are the qualities of a 10-year-old corgi in Northwest Oklahoma.

Lucy-lou Wilkinson is the blonde-haire, white bellied corgi owned by NWOSU Sophomore elementary education major Marisa Wilkinson from Buffalo.

On a beautiful night, friends of the Wilkinson's were moving into an apartment that didn't allow pets. Marisa was only 13 at the time, "Ever since then it's been perfect, she fit in perfectly," Wilkinson said.

Lucy likes marshmallows, chasing squirrels, attention, car rides, sports, and playing with the neighborhood fox. She hates the cow dogs, Dax and Russ, baths, and bananas. "Whenever my siblings or I were sick, she was always by our side," Wilkinson said.

She is also very smart and talented, Lucy knows how to play dead, and sit. "She's like me, but in dog form," Wilkinson said. Lucy is also a very talented cow dog. "Everyone should get a Corgi, they are full of personality," Wilkinson said.

"She thinks she owns Buffalo, wherever she wants to go, she's invited, she goes to the bank and they hand her dog treats out the window," Wilkinson said, "When she misses her sisters, she walks to the school and visits them."



Photo Provided

Lucy-lou Wilkinson

Through the ups and downs, a good dog will always love you just the same; they love you for who you are in the beginning, to who you become in the end. "I wish I was the person Lucy thought I was, because in her eyes, I can do no wrong," Wilkinson said. "Lucy has provided me with so much emotional support."

Lucy is a dog that warms a person's heart and inspires them to be kind and accepting. "She's so much fun and has given my family and I a new meaning to life," Wilkinson said.

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I Can Only Imagine is a song that brings ultimate hope to so many. The song was written in mere minutes by MercyMe lead singer Bart Millard. In reality, those lyrics took a lifetime to craft.

'I Can Only Imagine' inspiring

By **SABREENA BURKS**
Student Writer

The most popular song by the band MercyMe is now a feature movie.

The movie stars Dennis Quaid, Trace Adkins, Cloris Lachman and in his film debut J. Michael Finley.

Based on the real life story about Bart Millard, it is a story

about finding faith, family and rebuilding relationships. The story talks about how Bart Miller deals with his estrange relationship with his father's abusive and negative ways throughout his entire life right until he leaves to find himself and comes across the band MercyMe. Over time the band performs for a manager named Scott Brickell and it hits off from there. Along the way, there are

some ups and downs for the band but the only thing that is keeping Millard from success is remembering everything from his father's abusive ways towards him. When he finally goes home to see his dad, he learns of his father's changing ways and illness, Millard reconnects with his dad right up until his dad's death. Thus the song I can only imagine was written. My thoughts on the movie is

that I don't like it...I love it! The way the story was told is actually what happened as being told by Bart Millard himself. What impressed me the most is that many of the scenes were filmed in Oklahoma. The farmhouse in the beginning of the movie was filmed in Yukon, the Centennial Rodeo Opry, OKC Farmers Market, Del City's Castel Row Studios and the Civic Center in Downtown

Oklahoma City. By seeing this movie over spring break, I would have to say that it was an amazing story, just remember to bring a tissue if anybody is planning on seeing it since there is an emotional scene that would make a person cry. On a scale of five stars, this movie gets all five. But if there was a scale of ten stars, this movie deserves all ten.

Jersey Shore returns April 5th



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Pictured: Vinny, Mike, Snooki, Deena, Jwoww, Samantha, and DJ Pauly D

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Sports



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As Southern Arkansas pitcher throws the ball, Judah Zickafoose prepares to bat the ball. The Rangers go on the road next to take on Oklahoma Baptist University.

Baseball defeated on road

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Reporter

The Ranger men's baseball team took to the road to open up their GAC road series in Arkansas to face No. 27 Southern Arkansas in a three-game series. The Rangers were swept 3-0.

In game one on Friday, the Rangers fell 10-0.

The Ranger's struggle to get their offense going, despite a solid start for pitcher Matt Goertzen. In the first four innings, Goertzen held Southern Arkansas to just one run in the first three innings. He gave up four earned runs and struck out six batters along the way.

Catcher Brendan Kates was the only Ranger to record a hit on the field with a single in the top of the fifth inning.

The Rangers were back in action on Saturday for a double-header, but lost both games 12-6 and 11-2.

The Ranger men faced ace pitcher Jacob Stroder for Southern Arkansas, who struck out 13. The Rangers were able to get five base hits off Stroder.

Southern Arkansas took the early 3-0 lead in the first, but the Rangers bounced back to take the lead 4-3 in the second inning.

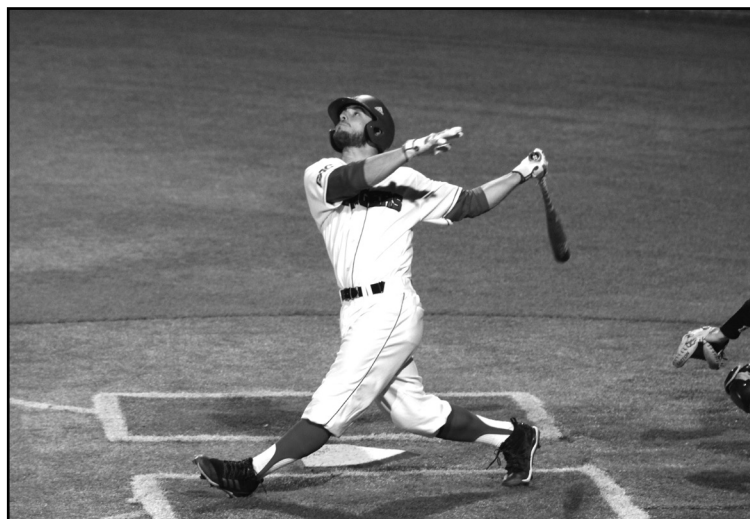


Photo by Corey Shirley

Harrison Hull hits the ball and watches it fly.

RBI singles from Luis Cintron, Jorin Van Amstel and Justin Bundy gave the Rangers their first four runs. Bundy leads the Rangers with 29 total RBI's.

The Rangers were unable to stop Southern Arkansas from crossing the plate in the rest of the innings.

Steven Deckard and Greg Carrington scored two more runs in the ninth, but the Rangers were downed 12-6.

In the series finale, the Rangers fell 11-2. Southern Arkansas put up runs in the first inning and another big fourth inning sealed their victory over the Rangers.

Ranger pitcher Walker Wharton had trouble against Southern Arkansas, pitching in three innings and surrendering eight runs on five hits and a walk.

The two Ranger runs came from Daschal Johnson in the third and Judah Zickafoose in the sixth. It was Johnson's fourth home run of the season, and Zickafoose's eighth of the year.

The Rangers next play a single game against Southeastern Oklahoma State University and will follow with a three-game series against GAC opponent Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee.



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Sports



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Megan Garza dives for the ball. The Lady Rangers fell this weekend, but have a chance to redeem themselves during their home games Thursday and Friday against Oklahoma Baptist.

Softball lost weekend series

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Sports Reporter

The Lady Rangers softball team played in double-headers on Friday and Saturday at home in a four-game series against a Southern Arkansas team that sits at the top of the GAC and No. 7 overall. The Lady Rangers unfortunately lost the series 4-0.

The Lady Rangers kept the game close in the first double-header on Friday, losing 4-1. Pitcher Madison Garza did well in the circle for the Lady Rangers, giving up just three hits while striking out nine.

Southern Arkansas scored two runs in the third inning and two runs in the fourth inning on a wild pitch, a sacrifice fly and a two-run single.

The lone run for the Lady Rangers came on a home run over the left center field wall from Madison McGraw in the



The team gathers with the coach before the game to come up with a strategy.

bottom of the fourth.

In game two on Friday, the Lady Rangers could not get their offense going as they fell 12-1 in just a five-inning mercy rule.

The Lady Rangers struggled defensively, giving up 16 hits. The Lady Rangers had one hit from Morgan Kirk to score a run in the bottom of the first, but were unable to get any other

offense going.

On Saturday, the Lady Rangers struggled to keep up with the nationally ranked Southern Arkansas as they fell in game three 9-3 and game

four 10-0.

In game three, the game was tied 2-2 in the second inning.

The Lady Rangers scored on a walk and a sacrifice fly. Southern Arkansas pushed their lead with four runs in the sixth and then another two runs in the seventh.

The Lady Rangers were able to score once more in the bottom of the seventh, but could not overcome Southern Arkansas.

Brittany Corrales, Morgan Kirk and Macy Madewell all recorded two hits in the game.

In the final game, the Lady Rangers fell 10-0 in mercy rule.

The Lady Rangers gave up 13 hits and 10 total runs, and were unable to get their offense rolling.

The Lady Rangers will next face GAC opponent Oklahoma Baptist University in a four-game series at home.

Golf teams finish out weekend

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Men's Golf

The Northwestern Oklahoma State men's golf team finished out the 2018 Lion Invitational hosted by Tanglewood Resort in fifth place after a final round 304.

Sophomore Parker Rehorn followed up his even-par round of 72 with a second round 74 to finish in solo eighth place for the event. Rehorn's top-10 finish paced the Rangers to a total score of 607 (303-304).

Southeastern Oklahoma State took home a 12-stroke victory in the event with a total of 580 (287-293) for the tournament while Zach James of Southeastern took home individual honors with a 138 (70-68) total.

The Rangers finished just 10 strokes behind no. 16 nationally ranked Texas A&M-Commerce

and defeated two squads in the University of St. Thomas and Western Texas Community College that defeated Northwestern in the semester's first event in Victoria, Texas.

Rehorn totaled six birdies in his final round to record a cumulative of 10 for the event. The Tulsa, Okla. native finished two-over par for the tournament, matching his lowest relation to par finish in his career for a two round event.

Senior Cole Ward rebounded from a rough first round of 85 to fire a 76 in the final round to finish in a tie for 41st place at 161. Freshman Tyler Berryhill shot his second consecutive round of 76 to finish in a tie for 18th at 152.

Ward and Berryhill both posted quality rounds in the second round and benefited from solid ball striking days. Both players made key birdies down the stretch including a tough

down hill sliding putt for birdie on the fifth hole for Ward and a chip-in from off the green on the par three fourth hole from Berryhill.

Freshman Ben Snelgrove continued his solid play for the semester with a round of 78 and finished the tournament in a tie for 28th place at 156 (78-78).

The Kerrville, Texas native has posted all five rounds in the 70's throughout the semester and continues to play steady golf moving into the final three events of the season.

Sophomore Joah Mitchell finished up his tournament with a round of 81 to finish in a tie for 33rd place at 158 (77-81). Mitchell showed grit in both rounds after getting off to slow starts through the first three holes in both rounds.

Womens Golf

The Northwestern Oklahoma State women's golf team finished

up play on Sunday afternoon in the final round of the 2018 UNK Women's Spring Invitational with a score of 334

The Rangers improved two strokes over their first round score of 336, but were unable to gain any ground on the field in front of them and finished in eighth place at 670.

Augustana University took home the first place trophy with a total of 592 (298-294). The winning squad featured four of the top five finishers for the event including individual medalist Kali Trautmen, who shot rounds of 67-73.

Temperatures never got above 32 degrees for the final round of action at Awarii Dunes Golf Club. Junior Kelsi Wilson followed up her first round 80 with a round of 81 to finish in 23rd place at 161 for the event.

Junior Riley Eller fired her second consecutive round of

83 to post 166 for a tie for 30th finish in her Ranger debut after transferring at the semester from St. Gregory's University. Junior Nikkole Donk was next up on the leaderboard for Northwestern with a tie for 37th at 171 (85-86).

Senior Olivia Brock improved on her round one score by two strokes with an 85 to finish in 41st place at 172 (87-85). Freshman Ashley Watts rounded out the squad with a 182 (96-86).

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