

## Newspaper wins OCMCA awards

Sean Doherty  
Student writer

The Northwestern News won 16 awards, including best overall student newspaper in the Diamond Division, at the annual Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association spring conference.

**Northwestern News won overall newspaper OCMCA award.**

Editors Ashley Strehl and Michelle Willson and adviser Dr. Kaylene Armstrong attended the conference, which was held at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater on

April 6.

The newspaper won five first-place awards, two of which were for the staff: overall newspaper and interior page design. Individual or teams won the other three first-place awards: Katie Lackey, multimedia storytelling; Rachel Emerson, Victoria Schnauer, Jake Goodman, Collin Stork for team enterprise/investigative reporting; Melissa Noland, enterprise/investigative reporting.

The staff placed second in front-page design. Sports editor Sami McGuire won three second-place honors: sports photography, reporting portfolio and multimedia storytelling. Other individual/team winners were Haylee Bates, general news reporting; Katy Hart, Taylor Morris, Melissa Noland, Cooper Stanley for team enterprise/investigative reporting; Adriana Becerra, enterprise/investigative reporting.

Third-place awards went to Sami McGuire, sports photography; Erin Davis, multimedia storytelling; and Rachel Emerson, general news reporting. Ethan Sacket earned an honorable mention in reviews.



Photos provided

Northwestern News editors Ashley Strehl, left, and Michelle Willson show off some of the awards the newspaper staff won April 6 at the Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association spring conference at OSU in Stillwater.

“Many people don’t understand how much work these kids put in every week to produce the Northwestern News,” said Armstrong, who has been the adviser for three years. “I am proud of the work they do and the willingness all the students in mass communication have to produce great work for the newspaper and other areas of our department.”

Student newspapers across the state entered work that appeared between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2017. Some of the Northwestern News winners graduated in May and December.

The Northwestern News competed against student newspapers at smaller schools such as Northeastern, Southwestern and Southeastern,

who are all part of the Diamond Division of OCMCA.

The Oklahoma Collegiate Press Association began in 1975 and changed its name in fall 2010 to Oklahoma Collegiate Media Association. Its mission has always been to “promote and improve student media at Oklahoma’s colleges and universities.”

## 2018 SGA election coming soon

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Seven students campaigned across campus this week seeking election to the Student Government Association officer team.

Northwestern News sat down with each candidate to ask them about their motives for running, why they’re seeking their positions, what they hope to accomplish, and why they should be chosen. Presidential candidates Jacey Bales and Alexander Tune were not available for comment.

Vice President

Jess (J.C.) Wells is senior Math Education major from Laverne, Oklahoma. His decision was a delayed one, but says his experience sets him apart.

“I was honestly on the fence about running until the Friday our application was due. The whole week leading up was just trying to get a feel for if I really wanted to throw my name in the hat,” Wells said.

“This is my third year in SGA so I have seen the side as a senator, and

having a year as an officer under my belt, I feel like I can help the SGA do great things next year.”

“I figured by me running and bringing some experience, I could help bring some insight to next year’s executive team.”

Wells is seeking more responsibility from his role this year. “I felt like I should take a little bit more of the responsibility than I had as Treasurer, and I felt that VP was the best option for me.”

Wells looks to improve student involvement during Howdy Week and throughout the year.

“As an officer it is my hope that we can get students involved. I know this year for the most part our numbers have been up and I’d like to see that continue. Having more students involved and helping make decisions for the student body helps in the long run,” Wells said.

“That was great seeing so many people out having fun, getting to meet people, and taking some time off from the stresses college can bring.”

Mason Monsees, a freshman

criminal justice major from Garber, OK, is looking forward to the social aspect of the SGA. “I decided to run so that I could become more involved around campus and make new friends while doing so.”

Monsees was looking for a challenge when he decided to run for Vice President. “I’m running for VP because it requires lots of time and hard work. I like having a challenge and this position is one of the most difficult.

Secretary

Jordan Harris is simply looking to get involved. “It’s a great opportunity not only for me to get more involved with Northwestern but to try to get others involved too.” Harris said.

The freshman Health & Sports Science Education major from Enid, Oklahoma, puts an emphasis on the students’ voice. “Helping students with their concerns about the campus is a big thing. I also hope to encourage students to get more involved while they’re at Northwestern.”

Harris says her personality and previous experience with officer

teams sets her apart. “I’m a very outgoing person and I am an active college student who loves to be involved and help out. I’ve also had experiences working with an officer team so I know how to work well and let everyone’s voices be heard.”

Treasurer

Baylee Felber, a freshman psychology major from Waukomis, Oklahoma, looks to continue her success from high school at Northwestern.

“I decided to run for the SGA treasurer office because I saw it as an opportunity to get involved and spread my leadership skills that I’ve learned through my student council group from high school,” Felber said. “I held the Treasurer office back in my student council group, and I felt that I succeeded in it. So when the opportunity became available it was an automatic decision.”

Felber hopes to accomplish the same things as her other officers, but also wants to demonstrate her leadership abilities. “I believe I’d be the best choice as SGA Treasurer, because

of my experience, dedication, and knowledge in this position.”

Ethan Sackett looks forward to working with Northwestern’s finest, and says his background speaks for itself. “Holding a leadership position on campus provides a great opportunity to serve and to collaborate with a cross-section of NWOSU’s strongest team members,” Sackett said. “My background has already built the foundation that would make me a viable candidate. I have experienced leadership opportunities in President Cunningham’s Leadership Class as well as many clubs and organizations on campus.”

Sackett believes his background in business also helps his case. “I am a business guy and finances have been a big part of my entrepreneurial experiences, so logically the office that I’m running for is a perfect fit.”

Most of all he looks to serve NWOSU as a whole. “I look forward to being a part of the decision making process that will benefit our campus and help our students to become more involved.”

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# News

## Contestant wins awards



Photo by Capri Gahr

Tiffany Willson wins the peoples choice award and the Art Society Winners Show, held at the Runnymede.

## Important story correction made

In last week's Northwestern News' article, "Campus Safety is Top Priority" an error was made involving a misstatement of Joel Johnson's credentials, in which it was stated that he was "a certified instructor for CRASE as well as ALERRT." "I want to have it on the record that at no time did I state that I am an ALERRT Instructor," Johnson said.

The correction to this statement published in our newspaper, is that Johnson had successfully completed ALERRT as a practitioner, as well as the CRASE Train-the-Trainer course. "That CRASE Train-the-Trainer course certifies me to teach CRASE...but not ALERRT." Johnson said. He also said that overall, he found the article to be both informative and entertaining.

## Dog waste station goes up

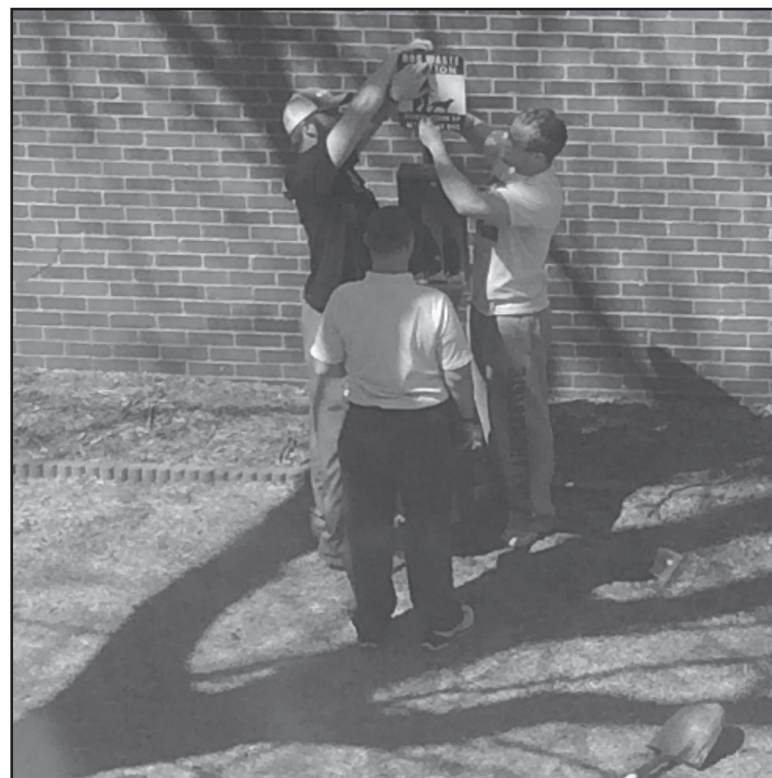


Photo by Michelle Willson

A new dog waste station is put up on Northwestern's campus.

## CORE to discuss wind turbines

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
Sports Reporter

Northwest Oklahoma is a place with a lot of wind. We deal with almost every day. The knotted up hair, the sand in the face and the broken down tree branches.

To most of northwest Oklahoma the wind is a nuisance, but there are ways that the wind could be repurposed into something positive.

At 7 p.m. on April 19 CORE will hold a panel to discuss wind turbines. The discussion will be held in Alva room EC 102, Enid room 225, Woodward room 147 and Ponca City room 124.

There will be five panelist to answer questions and discuss wind turbine's effects in northwest Oklahoma. The panelist are Casey Camp-Horinek, Ponca Tribe representative; Tim Olm, an Alva cattle rancher; Candace Reim, a wind catcher representative; Tiffini Jackson, a wind catcher representative; and Sue Selman, a Woodward farmer. There will also be special guest Julia Butterfly Hill, an environmental activist.

With this many people, along with CORE and school members the event is expected to be lively.

Jason Ogg, CORE president, is leading the event. He said to expect a educational and lively, but civil, disclosure of how wind energy can impact northwest Oklahoma. The audience will also have a chance to join the dialog during the Q and A portion of the event.

CORE's main goals are to inform

the community of environmental issues, campus recycling and textbook reuse. This event will fill the group's first goal, to inform.

Ogg said CORE supports alterative energy, but along with benefits to it, there are also downsides. Steven Mackie, co-faculty sponsor of CORE, also talked about the negatives and positives of wind turbines.

Some concerns that will be discussed in the panel are the rights of the native peoples and their land, impact of the well-being of inhabitants of the land, sustainability of the manner in which energy is produced and distributed and tax credits.

Although Alva seems like the perfect home for wind turbines that doesn't mean the Alva

community would directly benefit from their presence.

"Wind turbines are not green or sustainable unless the energy produced is locally used," Mackie said. "Many of the wind farms in northwest Oklahoma transport their energy to distant parts of the state or even out of state. The massive power lines to transport energy

have severe health risks to locals, plus they are an eye-sore."

Although there are many downsides to wind energy, there are also many benefits.

Ogg said: "Producing wind energy makes us less reliable on finite fossil fuels. Economically, turbines provide a benefit in the form of tax incentives for school districts, and an income for those whose land house the turbines."

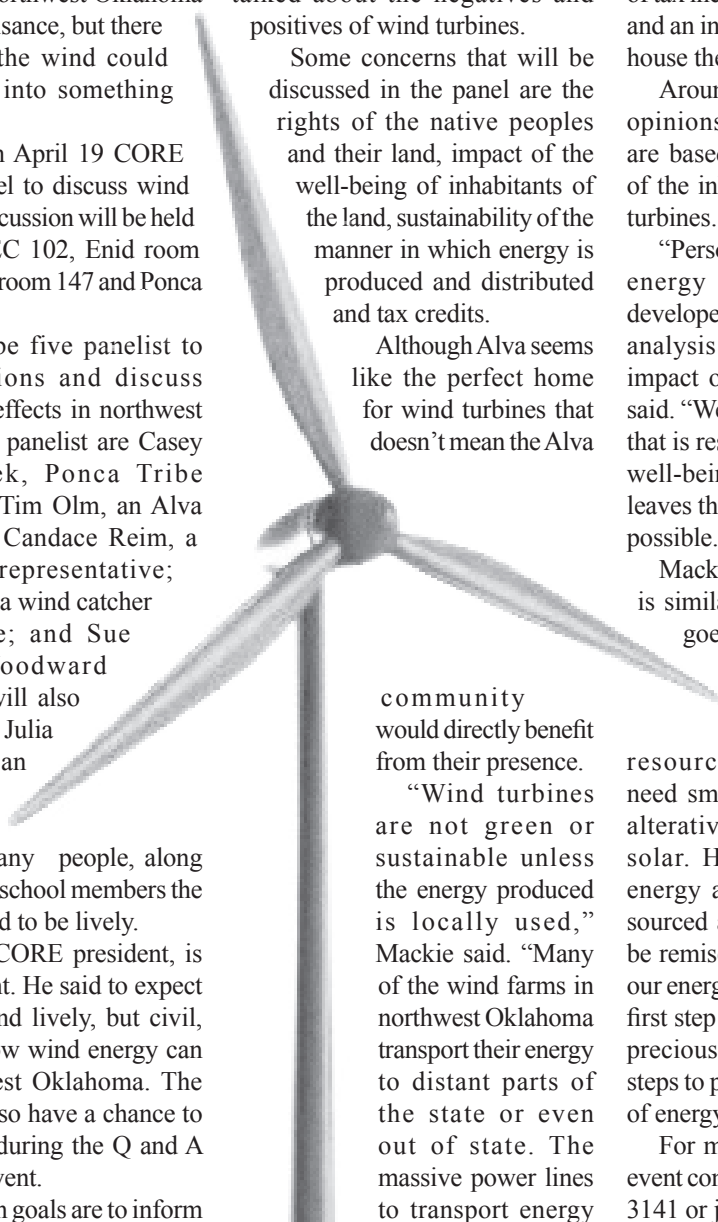
Around this topic there are many opinions. Many of the opinions are based on local use and health of the inhabitants around the wind turbines.

"Personally, I believe renewable energy should be pursued and developed, but only after a thorough analysis of its sustainability and impact on the environment," Ogg said. "We have to go about in a way that is responsible, that respects the well-being of all inhabitants, and leaves the smallest carbon footprint possible."

Mackie's approach to the topic is similar in some areas, but also goes in another direction that many people forget about: conserving energy.

"Oil is a finite natural resource," Mackie said. "We need smart and viable sources of alterative energy, like wind and solar. However these forms of energy are old sustainable when sourced and used locally. It would be remise if we didn't also address our energy consumption habits. The first step is to conserve all forms of precious energy. Then take smart steps to produce truly green sources of energy to meet our needs."

For more information about the event contact Jason Ogg at 580-213-3141 or jlogg@nwsou.edu.



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# News

## Come clean for Campus Cleanup Day

By **BRADY KOKOJAN**  
*Sports Reporter*

Campus Cleanup Day is set for Wednesday April 18 from 1 to 4 p.m. on the Alva Campus. This has been an event since 2009 according to Natalie Miller Assistant Certification Officer in Education and also the Staff Council Chair.

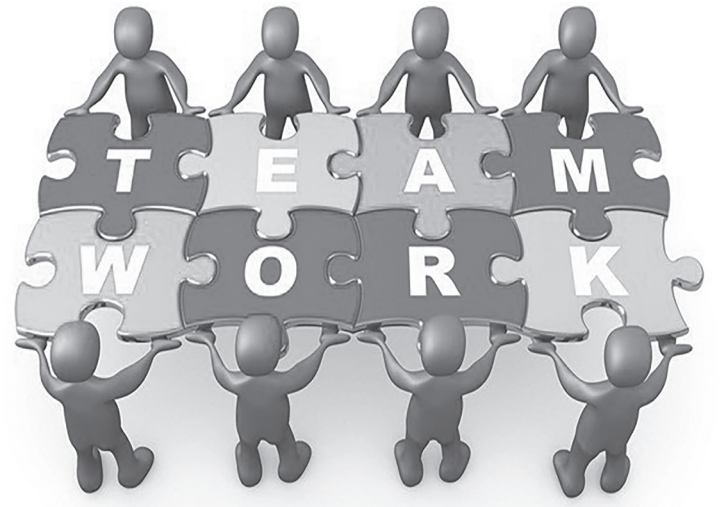
“The council would begin by taking surveys to see what employees wanted and it boiled down to showing our pride in Northwestern and giving back,” said Miller. “We usually try to do the clean up a week before foundations Spring Alumni reunion by helping the Maintenance Department out.”



Also added Miller. All the flowers that are in the flower beds and flowers pots were grown and then donated by the Agriculture department here at NWOSU. So this will be part of some the projects on campus clean up is getting those pots filled with fresh new flowers grown by the Ag Department.

The other huge projects is the green space, in which we pull weeds and take the old mulch out and then replace it with new. Also rake some leaves around the one room school house.

“In the past we have painted fire lanes around the horseshoe drive , picked up trash and raked leaves anything in this main area that the alumni will see on April 28,” said Miller.



The Maintenance Department will provide tools and help line out projects as well. CORE (Conserving Our Ranger Environment), a student club, will provide gloves, trash bags and some tools too.

The west side of the Student Union is where everyone will meet and greet. Announcements

will be made and instructions on what needs to be done given.

All students or any volunteers are welcome to help even groups are welcome, if you have time for just a little bit that is fine all help is needed and appreciated. If you do want to help please RSVP to Andrea Lauderdale [amlauderdale@nwosu.edu](mailto:amlauderdale@nwosu.edu).



## Coming soon: ‘The Glass Menagerie’ performance

By **CAITLYN PRAY**  
*Student Reporter*

Jolly good show!  
That’s what visitors can expect to see and applaud when attending the Northwestern Theater’s latest production to

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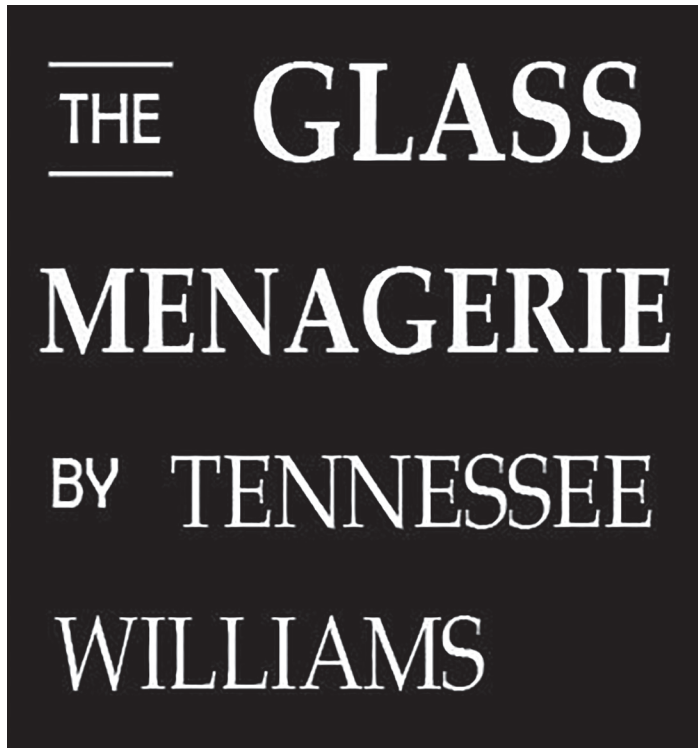
be presented, “The Glass Menagerie”.

Taken from the original play by Tennessee Williams, Tori Hurley, Northwestern senior Speech Theater major and play director, along with all of the staff and cast of the Northwestern Theater have spent countless hours and effort into bringing the play to the public on the Herod Hall Auditorium stage.

“It really has just been a lot of fun — a lot of work — putting it together,” Hurley said in regards to the work she’s done since last summer to create the play for the theater.

Hurley said that she began sifting through the first, foundational

details for the play last summer and since then she has delved deeper and deeper into the play



and production in preparation of presenting it to the Northwestern and Alva audience.

If one were to drop by the auditorium any given afternoon over the past week, they might have been surprised to see a minor crew surrounded by boards of lumber, plywood, and cans of special effects just standing by and ready for use.

Hurley said that this was all for preparing the set for the big night of the play, and that despite the numbered staff, progress was coming along well.

“We actually just started working on the set this week,” Hurley said. “We hope to get the fire escape and stairs installed, as well as get a lot of the bigger projects done soon.”

Though the play isn’t scheduled to debut until April 19, all of the hard work invested by Hurley and the many cast and crew members seems to have already reached an applause by department supervisor, Dr. Kimberly Weast.

“I think it is wonderful seeing a student go so far and directing a production like ‘The Glass Menagerie’,” Weast said. “The play is an American favorite that has a good story, and I am excited to see how all enjoy it.”

“The Glass Menagerie” will be performed at the Herod Auditorium April 19, 20 and 21 at various times as can be found online on the university calendar.

Faculty, staff and students from all across Northwestern as well as members of the community are encouraged to come and watch the humorous play brought to them by the hard work, perseverance and effort of the Northwestern Theater.

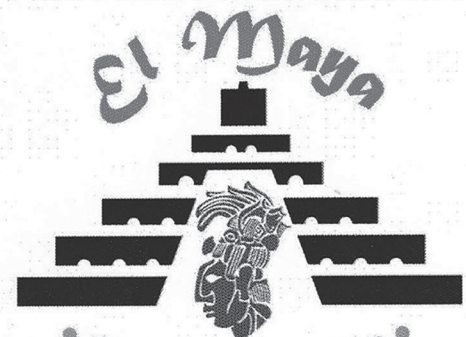
## Take time to enjoy a sunset

Spring is here, and the important thing for students to remember is to stay calm and relaxed even though assignment might seem to be piling up.

While it might be difficult to do it isn’t impossible. So just remember to take some time for yourselves. Do something relaxing. Take some time out of the busy day and sit and enjoy a sunset.



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# Editorial

## Teaching with different learning styles

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Editorial Editor

Should schools embrace other teaching styles more? Personally I struggled through grade school and even into middle school. I felt like I was not learning as fast as the other kids. Especially when it came to English and Math. I could not seem to grasp the concepts they were teaching.

Around my freshman year of high school I found that note cards and labs helped me remember topics better than listening to the teacher lecture.

There are 3 main styles of learning. Visual, Auditory and Kinesthetic. An article posted in Macrothink Institute's Journal of Studies in Education stated "While students use all of their senses to take in information, they seem to have preferences in how they learn best. In order to help the students learn, teachers need to teach in as many preferences as possible".

I am a Kinesthetic or tactile learner. I like to physically be able to touch what I am doing. It is kind of upsetting that I realized it so late. I feel I could have done much better in my classes if the teachers did not just lecture because I could never



stay engaged with what they were saying. I now use tactics such as note cards and do subject based activities when ever I can.

I feel schools should use all 3 types of styles to their advantage. Visual, Auditory and Kinesthetic. Visual learners tend to benefit from things like illustrations and presentations and taking notes, Auditory learners benefit from Listening, Participating in group discussions and reading aloud. Where Kinesthetic learners tend to Learn from activities and things they do.

The Journal of studies in Education also

stated "In order to achieve the ultimate goal of student learning it is important to use a combination of teaching methods and to make the classroom environment as stimulating and interactive as possible"

Using the learning style will help engage the students to the subjects because nothing loses your attention more than not being able to understand what the teacher is trying to teach you.

The class I learned the most from was Advanced Biology my Junior year of high school. We were studying Anatomy and Physiology and instead of the teacher just reading from the book.

My teacher would lecture for a little bit, we would watch a video clip on a certain muscle group and then we would go to the lab and build it out of clay to put on a little cadaver. He taught us using all 3 different styles of learning techniques.

I feel like if school would embrace all of the learning styles it would help all the students stay at the same pace.

Southwestern Community College of North Carolina stated "No one person uses one style of learning exclusively, but they do have preferred learning styles. It is therefore important to attempt to cater for all learning styles during lessons to enable the most efficient learning to take place"



Photo by Chloe Henderson

This is Dil, Chloe Henderson and I's cadaver. In class we got to create his Muscles, Veins, Arteries and his Organs from clay.

## Did Facebook share your data?

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Editorial Editor

You have probably seen the headlines about the 2.7 million people affected by facebook's improper sharing of data. Should we be worried about all this talk about Facebook's Data Scandal with Cambridge Analytica? I personally don't think so.

The Data was collected by an app that offered a personality quiz. "Facebook users who downloaded the app also gave it permission to collect data on their location, their friends and content they had "liked." The data collection was all completely allowable under Facebook's rules at the time." CNN You may not have been the one to download the app but your friend could have.

I was interested to find out

if my data was shared though. Facebook is going to inform everyone who was affected by the scandal but if you want to know now all you have to do is go to :Quick Help button in the top right corner and type "How can I tell if my information was shared with Cambridge Analytica" and it should tell you if you or a friend downloaded the app if so your information was shared if it said neither of you did than your information was not shared. I happened to be one of the few who were not affected by the data sharing.

You can also go to your "ad preferences" [go to Facebook, settings, Ads, Your Information, Your Categories] to see what data Facebook is basing the ads you see on, from: Political Affiliation to what type of phone you have.

Mark Zuckerberg posted on his facebook page just an hour

before he testified in front of the senate on April 10th. He wrote "In an hour I'm going to testify in front of the Senate about how Facebook needs to take a broader view of our responsibility -- not just to build tools, but to make sure those tools are used for good. I will do everything I can to make Facebook a place where everyone can stay closer with the people they care about, and to make sure it's a positive force in the world."

The best part of Mark Zuckerberg's senate testimony was watching him try to explain technology to the senate members. The Senate member have receiving a lot of backlash from the questions they asked. Most of the questions could not get past what facebook actually does to get anywhere close to the data situation. At one point during the testimony Zuckerberg

clarified that "we do not sell out users data to advertiser...what we allow is the advertisers to tell us who they want to reach and than we place the ads" I think that this comment alone should help relieve some tension other facebook users might have.

There are a lot of people are up in arms about the whole situation...But I feel like we all secretly knew that other companies could get our data. Besides we are all a little at fault. I know a great percentage of users did not and will not read the terms of service on facebook or any other apps we download. When we click to agree to the terms and services we probably agree to a lot more then what we think.

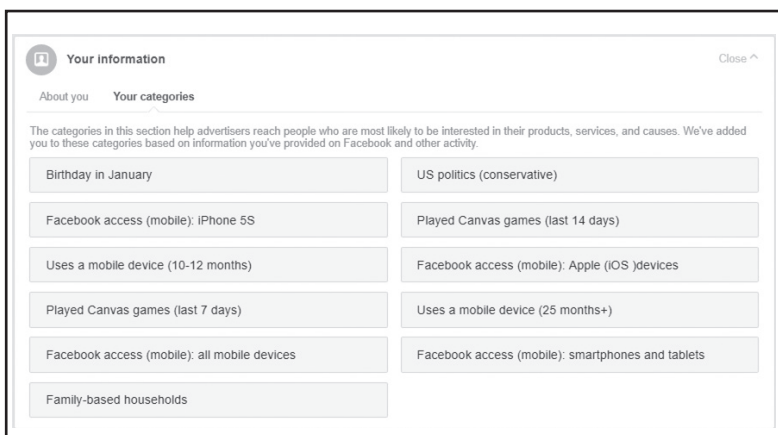
Soon we will all go back to sharing pictures of our animals without a care about what company is going to see it.

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As a result, it doesn't appear your Facebook information was shared with Cambridge Analytica by "This Is Your Digital Life."

When you look up if your information was shared you should get a notification like this.



This is what you see when you look up your ad preferences. It is interesting what kind of data Facebook looks at and what the gather from it.



### King Crossword — Answers

Solution time: 21 mins.

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# Other Voices

# Supporting Okla. teachers

By **O'Colly Editorial Board**  
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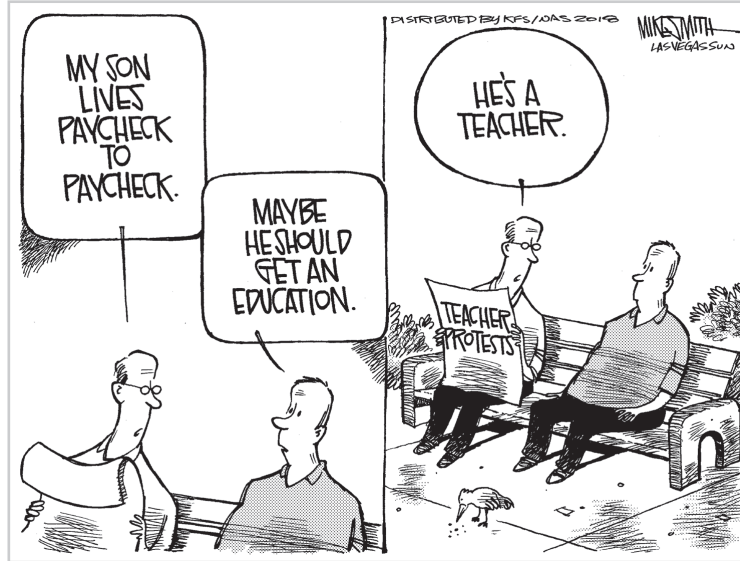
Monday, there will be thousands of empty classrooms across Oklahoma.

Oklahoma teachers are participating in a walkout, protesting a long history of legislative budget cuts in education spending that have tanked Oklahoma's ranking in education and average teacher salaries.

This failed policy of underfunding Oklahoma's future generations has teachers leaving our state for neighboring states, where they can receive a living wage, and now, has led to a statewide walkout.

As an editorial board, we support the teachers' decision to take a stand.

Several of us have parents, aunts, uncles or grandparents who are teachers. Several of us also have younger siblings in Oklahoma pub-



lic schools who have struggled because of the lack of state education funding.

And all of us are college students, which means we couldn't have made it to where we are now without support from our teachers.

It's far past time for the Oklaho-

ma government to start appreciating them.

A low education budget has made a visibly negative impact on public schools across the state. Classrooms are consolidated and overcrowded. Many teachers have to instruct multiple subjects and are

overloaded with responsibilities because of the teacher shortage.

This walkout won't be easy for anyone.

Students who rely on school lunch every day will need food assistance, and if the walkout drags on, the need for teachers to return to the classrooms will grow stronger as working parents must find new childcare options.

Although the path to fixing this problem won't be easy, enough is enough. It's time to support our teachers and the future leaders of our communities.

Benjamin Franklin once said, "An investment in knowledge pays the best interest."

Until this state's government cares to make enough of an investment, we'll never know how much interest it could pay and how much of a difference quality education could make in the futures of Oklahoma children.



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**Crossword Answers on page 4**

## King Crossword

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>           | 38 Georgia city                | 10 Play area                     |
| 1 Old                   | 40 Leaves                      | 11 Rams fans?                    |
| 5 Always                | 42 Past                        | 16 Sauce source                  |
| 9 "See ya"              | 43 Absolute dominance          | 20 Conclusion                    |
| 12 Took the bus         | 48 Web address                 | 21 Grand tale                    |
| 13 Anger                | 49 Teeny bit                   | 22 Mediocre                      |
| 14 Legislation          | 50 Soon, in verse              | 23 Absolutely                    |
| 15 Pyrite               | 51 Pop                         | 24 Church service                |
| 17 Anger                | 52 Vacillate                   | 26 1982 movie with a 2010 sequel |
| 18 Implement            | 53 Relaxing discipline         | 27 Lubricant                     |
| 19 Makes one's way      |                                | 28 Authentic                     |
| 21 English composition  | <b>DOWN</b>                    | 29 Wild party                    |
| 24 Behave               | 1 "Bow-wow!"                   | 31 Hollywood's "Talking Mule"    |
| 25 Cookware             | 2 Sticky stuff                 |                                  |
| 26 Both ways            | 3 Tokyo's old name             | 34 Pair                          |
| 30 Equal (Pref.)        | 4 River-mouth regions          | 35 Strut about                   |
| 31 Bichon —(dog breed)  | 5 Therefore                    | 37 Witness                       |
| 32 "— the fields we go" | 6 String instrument            | 38 Tennyson poem                 |
| 33 Reins                | 7 Right angle                  | 39 City of India                 |
| 35 Metal refuse         | 8 Claret, for one              | 40 "— match?"                    |
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Tu, bending his knees and keeping his eyes on the rim, prepares to shoot the basketball into the net.

Photos by Greg Minor

# Learning how to shoot

By GREG MINOR  
Student Photographer

These steps to shooting the ball are very important. Not everyone may be able to dunk or dribble as well, but anyone can learn to shoot.

All you have to do is follow these individual steps allways, keep your eyes on the basket, keep your elbow of the dominate hand bent at about a 90 degree angle, as you release elevate on your shot, release the ball and hold your follow through as you watch the ball go through the net.

As Northwestern Basketball shooting Guard Tu Godwin shows us how to do it like he did in clutch moments this past season for the rangers.



Tu shows us to keep our Elbow bent at a 90 degree angle before shooting.



Tu elevates up on the shot, releasing the ball at the highest point.



By flicking your wrist on the release it gives the ball the rotation it needs to travel accurately.



Tu's shot is good with the ball going in.



# Freshman Connection



Photos by Ashley Strehl

Students and faculty participate in Freshman Connection, an event to welcome new students to Northwestern Oklahoma State University.



# Feature

## Celebrating National Pets Day

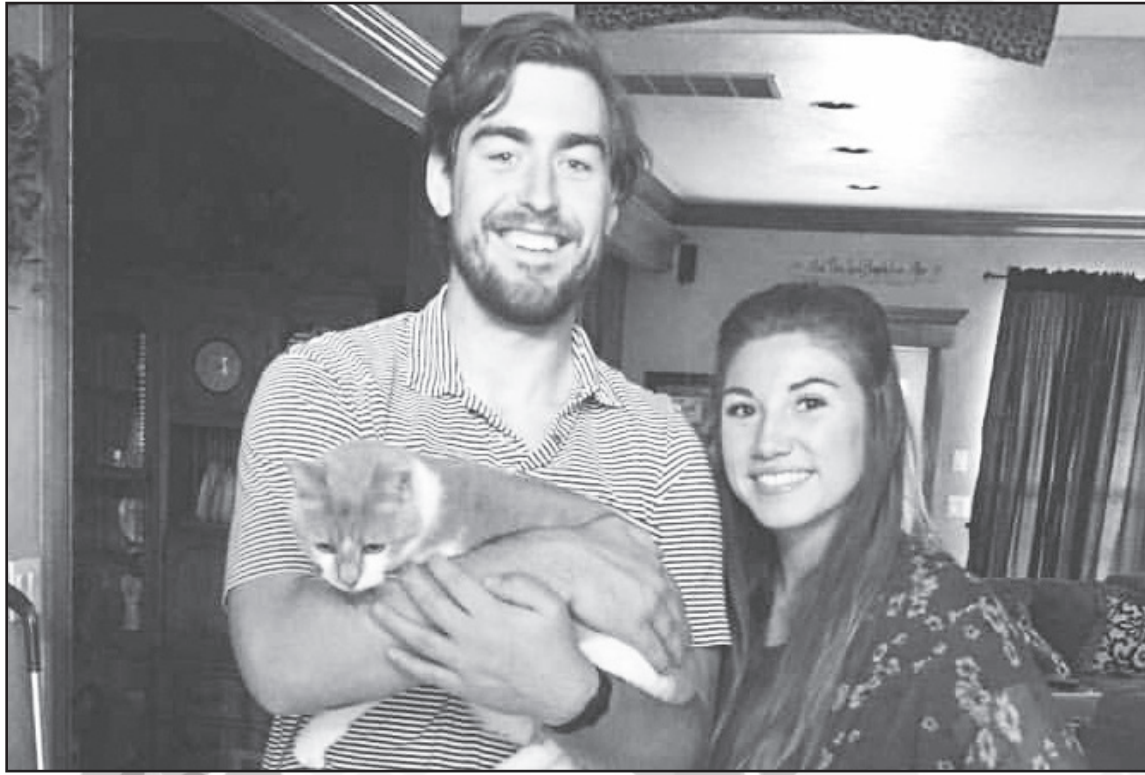


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NWOSU Health and sports science major alumni Dylan Painter and Elaynie Melton with their cat, Remus.

***“An animal’s eyes have the power to speak a great language.”***

***“Until one has loved an animal a part of one’s soul remains unawakened.”***

*National Pets Day was April 11*



Photos Provided by Taige Trent

Senior Health and sports science major Taige Trent with her horse Baby J. “He’s got a big attitude but a bigger heart. He’s the best athlete I’ve ever swung a leg over.” Trent said.



Taige Trent with her dog Addie. “She’s always happy, loves to swim, play fetch, and cuddle at night.”



Photo Provided by Marisa Wilkinson

Sophomore Elementary Education major Marisa Wilkinson with her Corgi, Lucy-Lou Wilkinson. “I only love my bed and my Corgi, I’m sorry.” Wilkinson said.

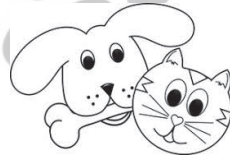


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Junior Health and Sports Science major Trevor Johnson and Patricia Beeler with their dog, Kannon.

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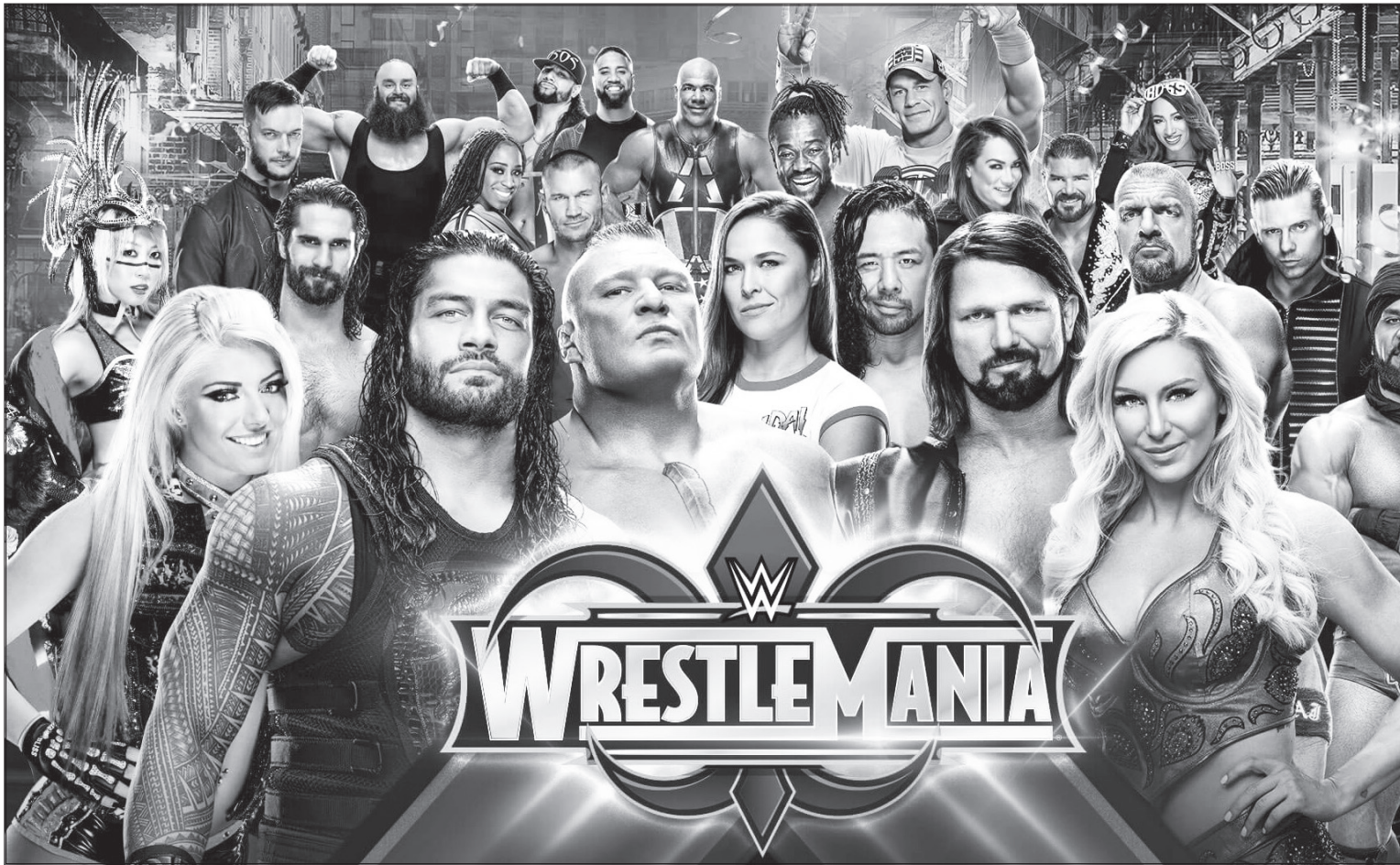


Photo courtesy Direct TV Insider

WrestleMania 34 was the thirty-fourth annual WrestleMania professional wrestling pay-per-view event and WWE Network event produced by WWE for their Raw and SmackDown brands.

## WrestleMania THE EVENT

By **BROOKE MCCLELLAND**  
TV Reviewer

Not many people are fans of WWE.

Those that are, have more than likely watched WrestleMania 34 this past Sunday night on the WWE Network. WrestleMania is by far THE EVENT for the WWE. The one paperview every year that wrestlers aspire to be part of, even when the show has sadly lost some of its glamour through the years.

This used to be the paperview that everyone was ecstatic to see. Now, it's just a really long paperview that ranges from meh to good, all the while missing

out on so many opportunities, so many promises matches and stories to tell, and wasted potential. This year's WrestleMania, much like its predecessors, did a lot of things wrong while also managing to pull together great moments.

For starters, most of the matches were either blah or simply failed to live up to the hype. AJ Styles' match with Shinsuke Nakamura could have been great, but didn't meet expectations. Another match in mind is Brock Lesnar and Roman Reigns.

Whether you like these competitors or not, people can't deny that these guys can deck it out and pull off an amazing match. Instead of doing that, it was big

move after big move with no attempt to create anything of substance, just punch here throw there and land on a table here. Also, the wrong guy won, which was a common theme during the paperview.

The best match of the night had to go to the Smackdown Women's Champion Charlotte and the undefeated Asuka. The clear winner should have been Asuka, there wasn't a doubt in anyone's mind, but then Charlotte came out on top, and the undefeated streak is gone, making Asuka look like just any other competitor, which is bad because the intrigue is now gone. Not to mention the "squash" match between The Undertaker and John

Cena that quite literally sucked. That match shouldn't have happened end of discussion.

Still, there were a few things that went well Sunday night. Daniel Bryan made his triumphant return to wrestling after a severe neck injury he kept in the shelves for nearly three years.

Rhonda Rousey wasn't polished, but looked good as usual in her match, which shows her commitment to the business.

Aside from a couple other small storylines finally advancing, WrestleMania 34 was a bust filled with the wrong winners and wrong decisions.

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Women's Champion Charlotte Flair and the undefeated Asuka during their Smackdown match.

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# Sports

## Lady Rangers fall in series

By MEGAN MAHARRY  
Sports Reporter

The Lady Ranger softball team was on the road to face Southern Nazarene University in a four-game series. The Lady Rangers were set to play double-headers on Sunday and Monday, however game two on Sunday was suspended until Monday due to darkness. Overall, the Lady Rangers fell 3-1 in the series.

On Sunday, in game one, the battle lasted an entire 14 innings before SNU scored in the bottom of the 14<sup>th</sup> to take the victory, 1-0.

Pitcher Madison Garza competed all night, throwing a total 190 pitches to complete the game. She gave up one run on nine hits while striking out 16.

The Lady Rangers recorded seven hits, but could not get any runners across home plate. Peyton Garrett went 2-for-5 and Morgan Kirk went 2-for-6.

In game two of the afternoon, the Lady Rangers were able to get going early offensively. Within the first five innings, the Lady Rangers recorded 8 hits and plated four runs.

SNU fought back in the bottom of the fifth to even the score to four all, and that ended the



Photos Provided

Karly Murray pitches the ball to SNU during the SNU series, where the Lady Rangers fell 3-1.

game due to the darkness rule.

The game resumed play from where it left off on Monday, when the Lady Rangers took the 8-5 victory.

The Lady Rangers scored four more runs in the top of the sixth on a wild pitch and a two-

run RBI.

In game three, the Lady Rangers fell 6-3.

The Lady Rangers started out ahead, scoring first in the first inning on a wild pitch and a hit from Brittany Corrales scored one.

SNU took off in the third and sixth inning to take the lead and would never look back.

In the final game of the series, the Lady Rangers would fall 4-1.

SNU lead the entire game by scoring in the first inning

and then again in the third and fourth. The Lady Rangers scored in the sixth, but could not get more than one.

The Lady Rangers take to the road again for a four-game series against Ouachita Baptist in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

## Baseball victorious over SNU

By MEGAN MAHARRY  
Sports Reporter

The Ranger baseball team faced Southern Nazarene University in a three-game home series on Sunday and Monday. The Rangers won the series, 2-1.

In game one, the Rangers came away with the 5-4 victory.

Pitcher Walker Wharton threw six strong innings for the Rangers, giving up only one run and had six strikeouts.

The Rangers had no problem offensively during the game. Centerfielder Johnuelle Ponce started off the first inning with his seventh home run of the season. He went 2-for-3 and also picked up two RBI's.

Judah Zickafoose gave the Rangers two more runs in the fourth off a triple to right field. He went 2-for-4 and had two RBI's. He also had a base hit in the seventh that provided the go-ahead run for the Rangers and ultimately won the game.

On Monday, the Rangers played a double-header.

In game two, the Rangers fell 7-4.



LEFT: Johnuelle Ponce is congratulated by teammate after hitting a home run. RIGHT: Walker Wharton pitches the ball.

SNU jumped out to an early 2-0 lead in the second and third inning.

The Rangers bounced back in the fourth on back-to-back doubles from Jorin Van Amstel and Justin Bundy. A bunt for Brendan Kates scored Bundy to even the score, 2-2. Amstel

went 3-for-4 with 2 RBI's and Bundy had 2 RBI's.

The game stayed close until the eighth inning when SNU plated three runs and took the 7-4 victory.

In the final game of the series, the Rangers bounced back to dominate SNU 8-0.

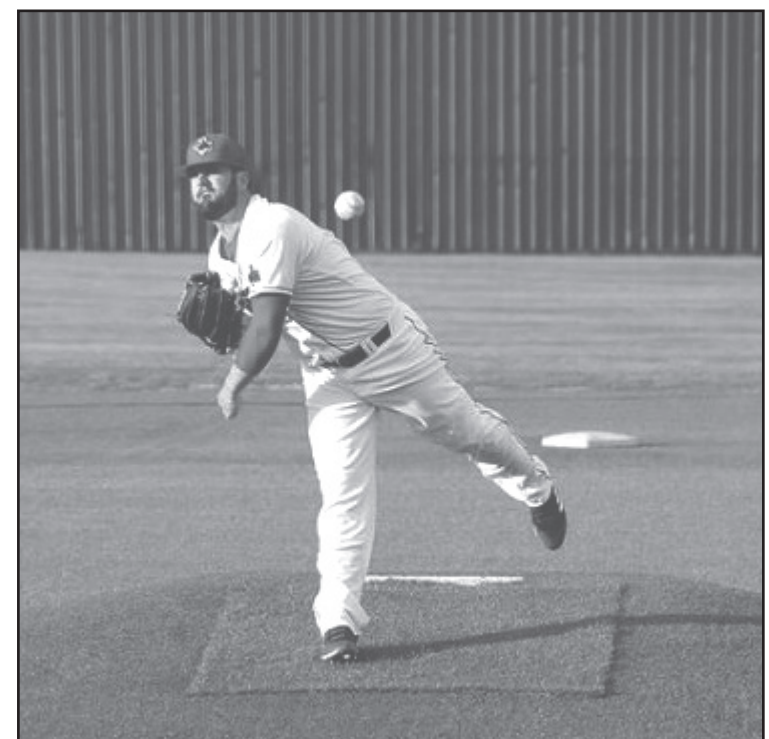
Pitcher Matt Goertzen dominated on the mound, throwing 4 strikeouts and earning his first complete game shutout as a Ranger. He retired the first 10 batters he faced.

Offensively, the Rangers had hot bats as they started off scoring in the second inning

and scored runs in every inning until the win in the seventh.

Amstel hit his fourth double of the series and Kates had a base hit of his own.

The Rangers are back in action this weekend to face Ouachita Baptist University in a three-game series at home.



# Sports



## Mental strength fuels win

By SAMI MCGUIRE  
Sports Editor

Rodeo can test anyone. The tests come mentally and physically. Rodeo requires trust in an animal and requires making the best out of a bad draw.

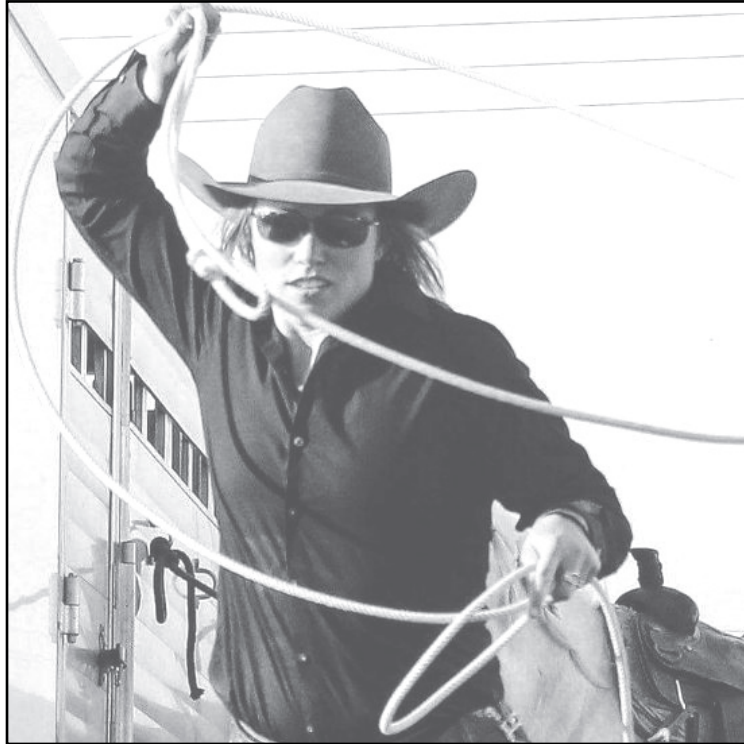
Taylor Munsell, from Arnett, Okla., has overcome obstacles and proved mental preparation makes a world of difference. She is a junior at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. After two years of not doing as well as she had hoped, Munsell has been on a hot streak.

That continued this past weekend at the Garden City (Kan.) Community College rodeo with a first-place finish in both the rounds and the average. With that, she earned enough points to move into first place in the Central Plains Region.

"I've always been kind of a chaser, like I was always chasing somebody else and I've always been good at chasing," Munsell said. "Now since I'm No. 1, I want to stay there. I'm going to even pick up more on it, focus more on my techniques, rope the dummy a lot, keep my horses legged up and work, hit the gym and a lot more mental toughness to stay on top, not safety up."

Munsell credits her success this season to her mental preparation and the consistency of her horses. Munsell said she's worked on her faith in God, her faith in her horses and focusing on positive thinking.

"I read a quote, 'Whatever you say you are is what you are,'" she said. "So I always tell myself, you're good enough. You rope good enough, and you can do this."



Photos by Taylor Jacobson

Munsell swinging her rope to prepare for the rodeo.

Some of her credit lives in Monster, her breakaway horse. Munsell knew coming into freshman year that her good horse wasn't at the college level so she brought Monster and hauled him.

Monster was bought by Munsell's family at a sale barn for \$200. He was too skinny to

"We come on really, really slow," Munsell said. "Nobody else could ride him because he was so little. He was deathly afraid of men. So I was the only one that could catch him or anything. He was just kind of tortured his whole life, just headed on, heeled, on and roped on. He was my toy."

**"Whatever you say you are is what you are."**

even be ridden through the ring, but was guaranteed broke and had good papers. Munsell's dad said she was going to want to buy Monster from him, and Munsell thought no way she would ever buy that ugly, skinny thing.

Once Monster was fed up enough to ride Munsell rode him, and all Monster wanted to do was lope and drag his butt.

Monster grew to be Munsell's main rope horse despite her family urging her to sell him. Munsell never got rid of Monster and is so happy she didn't.

"He's my blessing and my saving grace," she said.

Success didn't come without obstacles. Just before coming to college Munsell was diagnosed

with thoracic outlet syndrome, a condition where the nerves and blood vessels pinch off in between your top rib and pectoral muscle. She underwent extensive surgery and physical therapy, which she has to maintain.

"I have to go to the gym a lot," Munsell said. "The trainers here at Alva been great at helping me take care of it because they told me to only ever be about 75 percent."

Munsell never lets her should hold her back, and with the support of the Alva trainers and the rodeo team, along with her own work, Munsell continues to have success.

"I think our women's team is very awesome," Munsell said. "I think everybody's pretty supportive. I try to be supportive of everybody because everybody on our team has a chance to go 180 a rodeo. We have a very good team, lots of nice horses. Lots of people working super hard and I don't know how it is at other schools, but from what I hear I think Alva is kind of the place to be."

The Northwestern women's rodeo team proved that this past weekend. The team placed second in Garden City and held their spot at the top of the team standings in the Central Plains Region.

Munsell was not the only team member to do well. Melissa Couture placed fourth in the breakaway.

In the goat tying, three women made the short round. Jennifer Massing tied for second in the average. Aundrea Dufrane placed fourth, and Meghan Corr placed fifth.

In the barrel racing, Kayla Copenhaver was the only

Northwestern women to make the short round, but she didn't place in the average.

The Northwestern men's team also finished second and moved into the No. 2 spot in the region standings.

The men took five spots in the team roping. Ethan Price won the average with Garden City team roper, Ean Price. Grayson Allred placed third in the average with Sam Stamper of Oklahoma State University. Maverick Harper, Tanner Nall and Kass Bittle all made the short round but did not place in the average.

In the steer wrestling, Cody Devers placed second in the average. Devin Olsen placed sixth. Allred also made the short round but didn't place in the average.

Price also placed third in the tie-down roping. Riley Wakefield placed sixth in the average in the tie-down.

Going into the final three rodeos of the season has many people on edge, but Munsell is not letting the pressure of making the College Finals get to her. Her mental and physical preparation has her prepared for any set-up.

"I've got a calmness over me now when I rope," Munsell said, "I realized every run is a blessing and take every run for what it is."

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# The Buzz

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## Annual Festival of Cultures is almost here

By ERIN DAVIS

*University Relations Specialist*

International food, culture, displays and performances will be available for enjoyment at Northwestern Oklahoma State University on April 20, at 7 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom during the annual Festival of Cultures and is open to the public.

This event brings Northwestern international students together with campus and community members to share food and information about the students' home countries.

Tickets to the event for adults age 13 and up are \$10. Tickets for Northwestern students (with ID) and children ages 4-12 are \$5, and children under 4 are free. The International Student Association encourages everyone to purchase tickets in advance to assist in their preparations.

Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$2 extra per ticket. The public is encouraged to attend and learn about different cultures that have come together at Northwestern. Students will perform ethnic dances, songs and more.

For tickets or more information contact the International Student office at (580) 327-8435 or [international@nwsu.edu](mailto:international@nwsu.edu).



*Photo provided by Erin Davis*

Students from last year's Festival of Cultures share their authentic food from countries such as Nepal, Mexico, Ghana, Nigeria and more. Along with the meal, informative presentations and native dances are displayed for participants to enjoy.

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