

## Nite Lite closing affects students

By **MONTANA MCCULLOUGH**  
*Student Reporter*

The Nite Lite has been the premier hot spot for college kids for the past 30 years.

But at the beginning of the semester, students found out that their hangout spot was closing down.

Students have been confused about why their favorite spot is closed down. People have been taking guesses as to why the Nite Lite has shut its doors.

There is one theory going around about why the Nite Lite shut down. That theory would be that Northwestern Oklahoma State University banned the students from going out there.

Student athletes in the past have been told by their coaches not to go out during their season. The coaches of the teams made those decisions, not the university.

The reason that the Nite Lite shut down was because of a new law that takes effect in October. This new law states that gas stations, convenience stores and bar can sell a higher percentage of alcohol. The law also requires all employees to possess a license to serve drinks, either mixed or just beer. That would mean that every bartender would have to do 14 days worth of training to become certified to serve drinks.

With those two parts of the law in place, the Nite Lite would have to do different training for their bartenders.

This means changing almost everything that the Nite Lite does when it hires and trains new girls

“It’s such a shame, it was always a nice free place to go on a Thursday night. It was always the place I felt safest while enjoying a drink.”

- Computer science major,  
Desiree Abernathy

to be bartenders.

One more part of the new alcohol laws is that every bar in the state has to have the age restriction 21 years of age or older by October 1st. The reason for this is because all of the alcohol being served will now contain a higher alcohol content level.

A former bartender, Betty Hulbert, said, “The Nite Lite had to close because all of the bars in the state have to be 21 and up by October 1st.”

Older students are still confused as to why the Nite Lite shut down.

One thing those students don’t understand is that most of the patrons that go into the Nite Lite are under the age of 21.

So with the new law taking

“I do not agree with the decision to closing the Nite Lite, however I see why he had to make the decision he did, due to the new laws. I feel like he could have chosen a different route for the building instead of just completely closing it, due to how that was one of the only places the younger people in the community could release stress and have a good time.”

- Earl Bell

effect, that would take out a majority of the business the Nite Lite has.

Dakota Nusser, a Northwestern senior, said, “The Nite Lite closing is difficult for the Alva and Northwestern community. The Nite Lite was where everyone went to hang out.” Nobody knows what to do now that the only club in town for 18 year olds and up is closed down.

“I don’t know what the kids under 21 are going to do now,” Nusser said. “There’s not really



The Nite Lite has closed its doors because of new liquor laws in the state.

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a hangout spot for them to go to now.”

There is the bowling alley and the movie theater people can go to, but people don’t want to just sit around and talk or watch a movie. People want to dance and make fools of themselves.

The Nite Lite has been the

I’m sad about the Nite Lite closing, my favorite part was the dancing.

- Biology major,  
Cynthia Hawkins

place where people have gone to blow off steam. They can dance and laugh their worries away.

Tiana Eaton, Northwestern senior, said, “I liked going out to the Nite Lite to dance and see all of my friends. It was the one place we could all get together and have fun.”

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A few more of Northwestern’s students felt the same way as Tiana. One of them is Northwestern sophomore, Lane Haas.

“I loved going to the Nite Lite to two-step,” Haas said. “I could always find someone who would want to dance with me.”

The Nite Lite use to play all different genres of music. Sometimes you would hear the same music over and over again, but you couldn’t help but get up and dance to it. Dakota Monday, a former Northwestern student, said, “I always complained about the music but I honestly didn’t care

what they played. I just wanted to dance and have a good time with my friends.”

Since the Nite Lite has closed down, students have been trying to figure out other ways to have fun. There have been more house parties and also kids just sitting in their dorm rooms playing video games.

“I don’t like just sitting around and doing nothing,” Haas said. “I get bored easily and don’t like to waste my time.”

The Nite Lite atmosphere was one that could calm a person and encourage them to have fun. Now students are wondering if they are ever going to find calm again when they go out. “I’m going to miss the Nite Lite,” Eaton said. “Alva just won’t be the same without it being open.”

There could be the possibility that it could open back up next semester, but that’s not likely.

“The Nite Lite is closed indefinitely,” Hulbert said. “The rumor about it opening up again is just that, a rumor.”

So now with no Nite Lite, Northwestern students are going to have to find something else to

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# News



Photo by Cedric Collinge

One of Alva's infamous murals on the side of the Professional Building on the square.

## Alva turns 125

By CAPRI GAHR  
Student Reporter

Sept. 16, 1893, is the day that is marked in history as the day Alva officially began.

That day in 1893, settlers lined up at the border between Kansas and what was previously Indian Territory.

Before this happened, the U.S. Army spent time surveying the land, creating maps and making the area safe for settlers. They also spent time making a deal with Native Americans to share the land.

That was the first step taken to open new settlements in this area. They were planning to let settlers in by having a land run.

A land run is where settlers lined up at the border of an area and when signaled, ran into an area of unclaimed land to stake their claims.

They would put flags into the ground to section off the land they claimed. Then they were obligated to build homes there to be able to keep the land.

"They all lined up on the border and around noon the army shot a gun," Beth Smith said, curator of the Cherokee Strip Museum. "That was the beginning of the fourth land run." Alva came to be because of the railroad. "People would hop on the train around Kiowa and ride it into the area ... the train moved slower than usual so all the settlers could safely jump off," Smith said.

Alva was likely named after a railroad attorney, Alva Adams, who was later the governor of Colorado.

It was the first railway station southwest of Kiowa, Kansas.

On Alva's third birthday, the Alva Giants were created. It was



Photo by Capri Gahr

An original flag used to stake claim during the land run.

Alva's own traveling baseball team. Northwestern Territorial Normal School, now Northwestern Oklahoma State University was established in 1897, just four years

man POWs. On July 19, 1943, the United States Department of War ordered that Camp Alva would be the place for the internment of the more extreme prisoners of war. According to Hurt R Douglass, the author of "The Great Plains during World War II," "Nazi leaders, Gestapo agents, and extremists," were held here.

Some notable moments in Alva's history include the opening of the Bell Hotel in 1924, Route 66, paved in 1937, the building of Share Medical Center in 1970 and the Cherokee Strip Museum, opened 1975.

Alva is currently home to around 5,000 people. NWOSU serves about 2,000 students. The businesses serve around 13,000 people from the community and surrounding towns

after the fourth land run. Alva went on to be an important place during World War II. Alva was the site of a prisoner of war camp for Ger-



Photo by Ashley Watts

Enrollment at the main campus in Alva held steady at 1,324 students, a decrease of 19 students.

## Enrollment drops by little

By UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

An increase in the number of first-time freshmen highlighted the fall 2018 preliminary enrollment report at Northwestern Oklahoma State University.

The number of newcomers has risen 7.5 percent to 372 students, compared with last year's number of 346.

Overall headcount enrollment for the semester is down 4.9 percent with 1,993 students enrolled, compared with 2,095 a year ago. Students are taking more credit hours as enrollment in that category is down by only 2.3 percent.

Concurrent enrollment of high school seniors and juniors contributed significantly to the enrollment decline, with less than 50 students taking advantage of the program.

"We are certainly pleased that more freshmen have made Northwestern their college choice," Dr. Janet Cunningham, president of Northwestern, said. "We have identified some areas where enrollment has declined and will implement strategies to improve in those areas."

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students, a decrease of 19 students.

Enrollment at Northwestern's other locations declined, with the Enid site falling 23 students to a headcount of 201, and Woodward down 21 students to a total of 258. At outreach sites, including the University Center of Ponca City, enrollment fell 15 students to 135.

The University's online offerings saw a small enrollment increase of four students.

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# News

## Churches feed and serve students

By **BALEY GARZA**  
Student Reporter

Eating the same food at the same place everyday can get pretty tiring.

It makes you miss a good home cooked meal. Here in Alva, every week those home cooked meals are served. If you haven't heard about the weekly lunches that are served by some local churches then you're missing out. Every Wednesday the Baptist College Ministry serves lunch to students. The Baptist College Ministry is known as the BCM.

You might think that the BCM is just another place to get food. The BCM is more than just that. The goal for the BCM is to feed students and try to get a quick five minute message out. "We try to be an encouragement to students in every aspect," Ronnie Payne said. Ronnie Payne is the head of the BCM. He has been in the position since 2012. Before that, Payne worked at the Bullard Chapel that served for Murray State College. Payne said that the students have been very friendly and outgoing this year. In previous school years there would be a good number of students that would attend the lunches.

This year the BCM has been packed every Wednesday. It's not just regular students that attend but student athletes from every sport help pack the BCM every week. The BCM was built in the early



Photo provided

Every Wednesday the Baptist College Ministry serves lunch to students. The Baptist College Ministry is known as the BCM.

60s. It hasn't always been called the BCM. Back then it was called the Baptist Student Union. It has always helped serve the college students food and God's word. The BCM serves amazing home cooked food every week with the help from local baptist churches. Not only do local churches help, churches as far as from Woodward to Medford come and help out with serving food and the spreading the word.

The BCM isn't the only church that has weekly lunches for the students. The Wesley House and the Bible Chair also do the same. The Wesley House serves lunches on Thursdays instead of Wednesdays. These three churches all are trying to provide the same things for Northwestern students.

"We try to support and strengthen the students on their spiritual walk," Payne said. The churches that provide these weekly lunches

try their best to feed the students of course and try to lead them down the right path during their time here at Northwestern. "God tries to feed us spiritual food just like physical food," Payne said. The BCM wants to do more than provide weekly lunches. Ronnie Payne said that they are going to hold a worship night this fall and upcoming spring semester.

Their goal is to have it twice a month. They also plan to have

more activities on campus to give students more things to do and opportunities to meet new people and have some fun.

If you haven't got to experience the help from these churches, you should definitely go try it out. The BCM, Wesley House, and the Bible Chair have been helping students for quite some time now and they will be helping students for many more years to come.

## Buen tabajo Shaffer

By **UNIVERSITY RELATIONS**

Elizabeth Shaffer, Ringwood senior, is the fall 2018 recipient of the Dr. Dorothy Day Spanish Scholarship from the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Spanish program.

Shaffer is majoring in biology with a psychology minor and has 12 hours in Spanish. She plans to attend professional school in Oklahoma or Kansas to become an occupational therapist, and her goal is to be fluent in Spanish so she can help treat Spanish-speaking patients in northwest Oklahoma.

Shaffer said she first became interested in the field of occupational therapy when a friend went through this type of therapy following a car accident. At that time she determined she wanted to be the person who could help others.

Day, who is the found-



Photo provided by University Relations

Elizabeth Shaffer is presented the scholarship by Dr. Francisco Martinez.

er of Northwestern's Spanish program and the person for whom this scholarship honors, began her career at Northwestern in 1988. She was initially hired to teach foreign language and English, but she began the formalized Spanish program in the fall of 2001. She retired in 2003.

To be eligible for this scholar-

ship, students must be full-time continuing Spanish students with a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average. Applicants must be Spanish minors who have completed three semesters of Spanish coursework. The scholarship may be applied toward university-related expenses, such as tuition, fees, room, board or books.

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# Should your college be free?

By **CHRIS MILLER**  
*The Renegade Rip*  
*Bakersfield College*

## Pros

The words “free education” have been thrown around lately as if they are meaningless or something. Free education is not an issue to be taken lightly.

Certainly everyone reading these words will find it to be a serious issue. It has been offered in several other countries that we consider ourselves equal with, if not superior to, such as France, Malta, Scotland and the United Kingdom.

Here in America we have gotten used to thinking that we should pay for everything like our basic services.

Health care and education are as basic as road maintenance and defense against foreign attack. If our taxes do not pay for these things then what exactly are we paying for?

Our constitution does not allow for the federal government to tax us at all. So if we are tolerating taxation from our government, should we not be expecting it to provide all of these basic services?

I say yes! I believe that my government owes me a fair chance to make my own living no matter my race, background, or financial capabilities.

There should be more of a cry from our own public to demand these kinds of things be taken seriously. Certainly student debt is at an all-time high.

The average student graduating today with a serious degree, like a master's, is facing more than ten years of debt before they are able to live for themselves. If

medical expenses like a new baby or a dying parent should interfere with their ability to repay that loan without incurring more debt they will spend even more time working to repay something which a foreign competitor never had to overcome at all.

There is also the matter of who is taking our money. Why should anyone be profiting from this kind of malarkey?

Therefore, it is a basic necessity that higher education is provided for free so that the resulting young professionals will be in a position to provide the most contribution to their society possible.

The fact that very little movement has happened on this issue should make you very angry because, fair student, it is a direct assault against your future.

It also forces people like me and you to go over to the SGA and participate in programs like the Renegade Pantry (which provides free food to students who are

willing to say they need it).

Education is the most important thing for a young person to be concerned with. I cannot understand why it is not a more prevalent conversation in our modern pop culture.

Perhaps when the debt has finally risen to the point that children are growing up while their parents still have not paid there student debt off someone will take action.

## Cons

The life of a student is an expensive one. As prices for food, utilities, and health insurance continue to rise, it's becoming increasingly difficult to set aside money for school into an already tight budget, even with multiple part time jobs.

It's easy to see why many are clamoring to make college education free. However, what many people seem to forget is that

nothing is ever free.

The money to pay for the myriad of programs, services, and opportunities many colleges, including our own, offer has to come from somewhere. That “free” college education wouldn't exactly be free.

Who would pay for those many expenses should college become “free?” Well, that would be the same people who pay for every other public service or social program in the United States, the taxpayers.

Taxpayer money is used to fund everything people take for granted as “free.” Kindergarten through 12th grade education provided by public school institutions isn't free.

That too is funded by taxpayer dollars via property tax. If college were to be treated the same as lower levels of education and become “free,” that would mean either a brand new tax would be created to pay for it or one or more

already established taxes would rise to offset the cost.

In a 2010-2011 study, it was found that the average tuition and fees for a full-time student enrolled in a public two-year institution was \$2,713 plus another \$7,259 for off-campus room and board as well as another \$1,113 for books and supplies.

These numbers are relatively higher now due to price fluctuations and increased fee costs depending on the schools in question.

If college is so expensive, even at the two-year level, for one singular student, wouldn't that mean that the total collective cost of tuition and other expenses for an entire institution's student body combined be astronomically high?

Since, logically, that is the case, wouldn't it also be logical to conclude that the amount of money taxpayers, even those who are not themselves attending any form of college, would have to fork out to pay for all of these students nationwide be ludicrously high as well?

According to the same study, roughly 16% of most community college's revenue comes from student tuition and fees. That number is even higher at a four-year school.

Around 70% of a community college's revenue comes from government grants and appropriations, which, as most know, comes out of taxpayers pocket already.

That means if college education were to become “free,” that's a possible 16% tax hike on the nation as a whole, which could make the difference of a family of four being able to keep up house payments or not.

Nothing in this world is free and no matter how you look at it, college never will be either.



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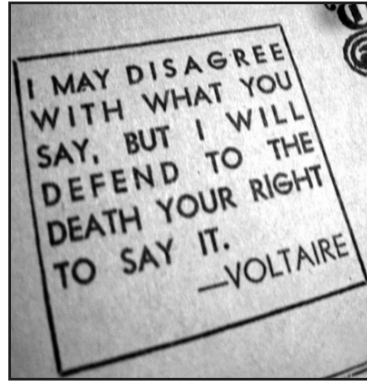
By Cameron Quinby  
Editorial Editor

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

Maybe you've never read or heard these words exactly as they appear above, but there's a good chance you recognize what they are: The First Amendment to the Constitution. This Amendment guarantees five basic freedoms: freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom to assemble peacefully, and freedom to petition the government.

In the age of "political correctness", unfortunately, it's becoming more and more common for expression to be censored or otherwise limited.

The University of New Hamp-

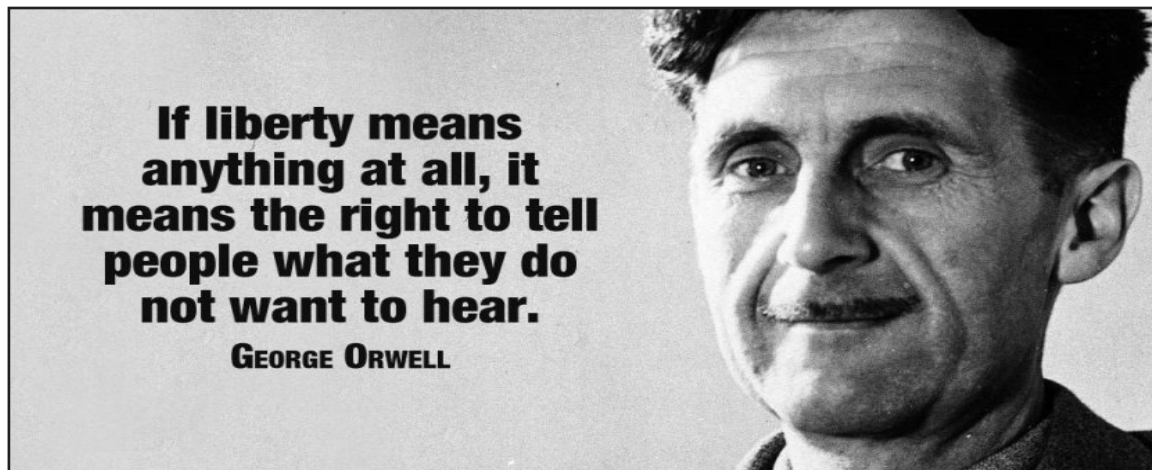


shire created a "bias-free language guide" that encouraged replacing words like "healthy" with "non-disabled individual" and "Caucasian" with "European-American individuals" in order to be more politically correct. The guide was later removed after it sparked some public outrage. The University of New Hampshire is not alone, though. Many college campuses across the U.S. have banned words deemed offensive.

In a perfect world, nobody says cruel, derogatory things. But this world is far from perfect, and

forbidding the use of such words really does nothing to change the opinions of those who use them. Education and experience are far better tools than censorship. I don't think that college students need to be so sheltered as to ban offensive language on campus. Many -if not most- college students already have experience in the workforce, and have dealt with the ignorance and insensitivity of the general public. "Educational institutions must be a place for the exchange and criticism of all ideas - even of the best ideas - as well as those deemed unpalatable by some." Peter Tatchell

Freedom of expression is arguably our most fundamental right. The media outlets we use to broadcast our opinions act as a catalyst for change. It's only natural that there are stupid or ill-informed pieces of information all over the place, but these shouldn't be an excuse to limit free expression. We, as consumers of information, are responsible for what information we believe.



## Cuts to mental health services

### Could be detrimental

By Taitum Wilson  
OU Daily

It seems as if the Oklahoma legislature's quest to find a budget solution will never end. The recent rally outside the State Capitol on Oct. 24 showed the pinnacle of Oklahoma residents' frustration with the legislature's inability to remedy the nearly \$214 budget shortfall. Apparently, the best the state could come up with is to cut Oklahoma's mental health and substance abuse services, showing that the government cannot grasp the importance of mental health issues in Oklahoma.

If these budget cuts were to happen, the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services would have to end state funded outpatient services, a service utilized by nearly 189,000 Oklahomans. The Oklahoma legislature's negligence to such a huge number of residents is startling, but telling. It further reinforces to constituents that the mental health of Oklahomans is not a priority.

A look at the numbers shows the truly jarring state of Oklahomans' mental health. Oklahoma ranks 42 out of 51 in overall access

to mental health care, which is alarming considering that approximately 22 percent of Oklahoma residents suffer from some mental illness, according to data from 2016. The importance of state provisions of mental health care is extremely important when Oklahoma ranks 44 in adults with disabilities who could not see a doctor due to cost.

This is where cuts to the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services will be most detrimental. We have a high volume of people with mental health disabilities and a high volume of people who need government assistance to receive proper care.

Children are even worse off in some aspects, as the state of Oklahoma ranks 50 in children whose private insurance did not cover mental or emotional problems. Oklahoma also ranks 50 in youth nonmedical use of pain relievers, and 41 in youth with major depressive episodes who did not receive

mental health services.

By supporting budget cuts to mental health and substance abuse services is deciding to ignore these figures, and disregarding the thousands upon thousands of

Constituents who are suffering from these issues. However, this disregard for mental health and substance abuse issues is not a new issue. It's something Oklahoma has consistently failed on.

OU specifically has seen issues pertaining to mental health services. Students and Norman residents are still questioning how much longer the OU Counseling Psychology Clinic will be available to provide more affordable mental health care, not to mention the prolonged wait times of patients needing to receive mental health care at OU's Goddard Counseling Center because of their lack of staff and resources.

It is beyond time for students' mental health to be given priority.

We face the daunting pressures of ever-increasing financial burdens, heavy school loads, work and internship commitments and social demands. It is unfair to ignore these burdens and the possible effects they may have on young people's mental health and stability. Instead of adding to the complications concerning mental health in Oklahoma, it is long overdue for Oklahoma to get on board with recognizing, addressing and taking steps to remedy the problem.



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## EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By ASHLEY STREHL  
Editor-in-Chief

"This dog showed up in front of my house today shivering and thirsty ... I took him inside cause it is storming today. He does not have a collar or anything. Here is the thing, as much as I love dogs I don't have the money to care for one. So I need to find the owner(s) of this sweet dog so he can go back home, I do not know what else to do with him. Is there a shelter I could take him to?"

This is the first post I made to Facebook when a lonely, young dog showed up in my front yard last Thursday, September 6. I love animals, but I have my own dog and cat living in my hometown, Freedom. In addition, as I mentioned in my last column, I'm a first time home-renter here in Alva, so in the least amount of words, I am poor.

This sweet dog looked up at me with his black eyes with nothing but love and admiration for the human that gave him as much warmth, food and water as she could. I was heartbroken for this pup, he had no collar and he was in no hurry to go home either. He spent the night on my porch.

"Update on the dog: FINALLY I got a police officer to come and get him. He is being taken to the pound. I am praying his owners try to come find him or someone adopts him. It is heartbreaking to know that careless people exist in this world who let their dogs run loose and don't even try to find them. It is sickening.

If you can't make sure your dog is safe at your house with food, water, and love then don't get a dog!!"

This is the second post I made to Facebook. After two failed attempts at trying to contact a dog catcher, frustrated, I called again, and the police officer came down my street and parked in front of my house. Tears welled up in my eyes as he put the dog in the back of the car and took him to the pound. I felt horrible, but I had to make sure he was somewhere warm and had plenty of food and water.

Today, as I am writing this column, I am happy to say that the dog has been adopted. I found out through a woman who commented on my picture I had put of the dog in the Alva lost and found pets page on Facebook.

An experience that I had accepted had a sad ending, turned out to be a new beginning for a loving, beautiful, pup.



## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

- PRE-REGISTER & FREE COOKOUT 5:45 PM - 8:00 PM
- TATTOO CONTEST 7:00 PM
- RULES MEETING FOR FRIDAY NIGHT CRUISE 7:50 PM
- BIG CRUISE 8:00 PM - 8:45 PM
- (CLOSED ROUTE - NO 4 WHEELERS - EVERYTHING ELSE THAT RUNS!)
- FREE MOVIE AT RIALTO CINEMA 9:00 PM

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

- GRACEFUL ARTS GALLERY EXHIBITION 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
- SIDEWALK ART CONTEST 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- FINAL REGISTRATION 9:00 AM - NOON
- KIDS PIT STOP 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM (Courthouse Lawn)  
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- CAR SHOW 10:00 AM - 4:40 PM
- POKER WALK 10:30 AM - 2:30 PM
- LITTLE MISS CRUISE & CAR SHOW 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- PINWOOD DERBY 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- 4 O'CLOCK AUTO CROSS 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
- GO & WHOA 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM
- TROPHY PRESENTATION #1 7:30 PM
- BURNOUT CONTEST 7:45 PM - 9:00 PM
- TROPHY PRESENTATION #2 9:00 PM - 9:15 PM
- BIG MONEY CASH GRAB 9:15 PM
- CRUISE THE BLVD. 9:45 PM - ??? (STREET LEGAL ONLY)



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

- FREE BREAKFAST 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM  
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- CAR SHOW 9:00 AM - NOON
- TROPHY PRESENTATION #3 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
- KIDS PIT STOP 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (Courthouse Lawn)  
Sponsored by Beadles Nursing Home and Holder Drug
- STREET RACE - NOON - 3:00 PM
- BICYCLE DRAGS 1:30 PM - ??? (INTERMISSION OF STREET RACE)

# Feature



## National Coffee Day Sept. 29



# What a *Brew-tiful* Day!

By **KEVIN FORD**  
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*Student Reporter*



**Karen Rodriguez**  
Elementary education  
Pumpkin spice frappe



**Trey Prater**  
Criminal Justice  
Vanilla bean frappe



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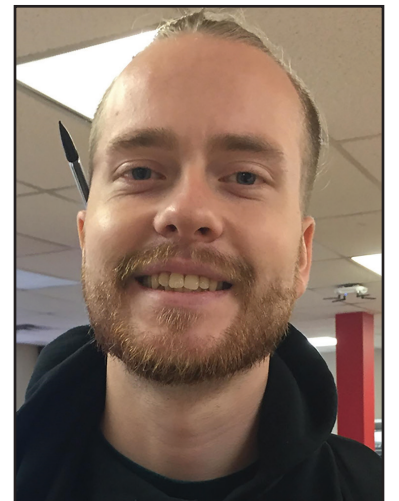
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# Feature

## National Indoor Plant Week, September 16-22



Photo by Greg Minor

Peyton Baggs a sophomore Agriculture major, tending to his plants in his dorm room.

# Campus is 'blooming'

## Indoor gardeners on campus

By GREG MINOR  
Student Reporter



Photo by Greg Minor

Erin Davis's names her succulents in her office

National indoor plant week is the third week of September; this week is to celebrate the key to life, in our offices and in the resident halls. The benefits plants bring to our lives are often overlooked.

Dr. James Bell associate vice president for academics and dean of faculty, said, "I enjoy plants." Bell receives starts of plants from faculty around campus and grows them in his office.

He collects these plants, not only to decorate his office, but also to give him something to remember someone by. "Almost every plant is connected to people I know," Dr. Bell said. "A lady that passed away a long time ago gave me a start of a plant." The plant she gave him has been with him for 12-15 years.

Erin Davis, University Relations specialist, also enjoys her 20 named succulents. She has the intentions of doing a before photo of when she receives them in the mail, and an after photo of her succulents to see how far they have come.

"I did not name them," She explained. She posted the photos on her Facebook page and received some comments. "My friend Mickey Jordan commented on those photos, giving each one a name, a full life story. Each one of the succulents has a life story with it."

The faculty are not the only ones with indoor plants. Peyton Baggs, a sophomore agriculture major, grows all sorts of different plants: from succulents, stiff cactuses, even jalapeños and cantaloupes in his room. Baggs has been growing plants since his junior year of high school.

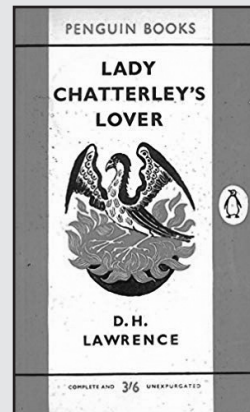
Last year, Baggs said, "I grew tomatoes the first semester and in the second semester I grew a watermelon."



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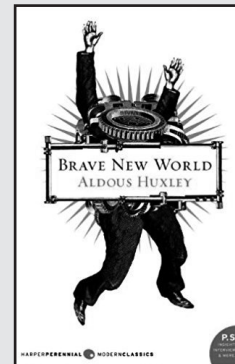
### Banned Books you should read

By TAYLOR ALEXANDER  
Student Reporter



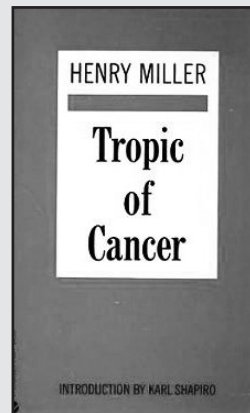
**Lady Chatterley's Lover**  
by DH Lawrence

Helped started the sexual revolution in the early sixties



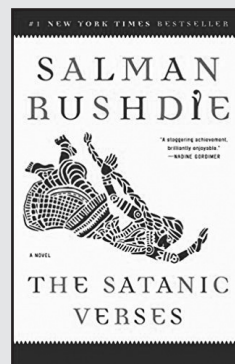
**Brave New World**  
by Aldous Huxley

Speaks out against religion, traditional family and sexuality.



**Topic Of Cancer**  
by Henry Miller

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by Salman Rushdie

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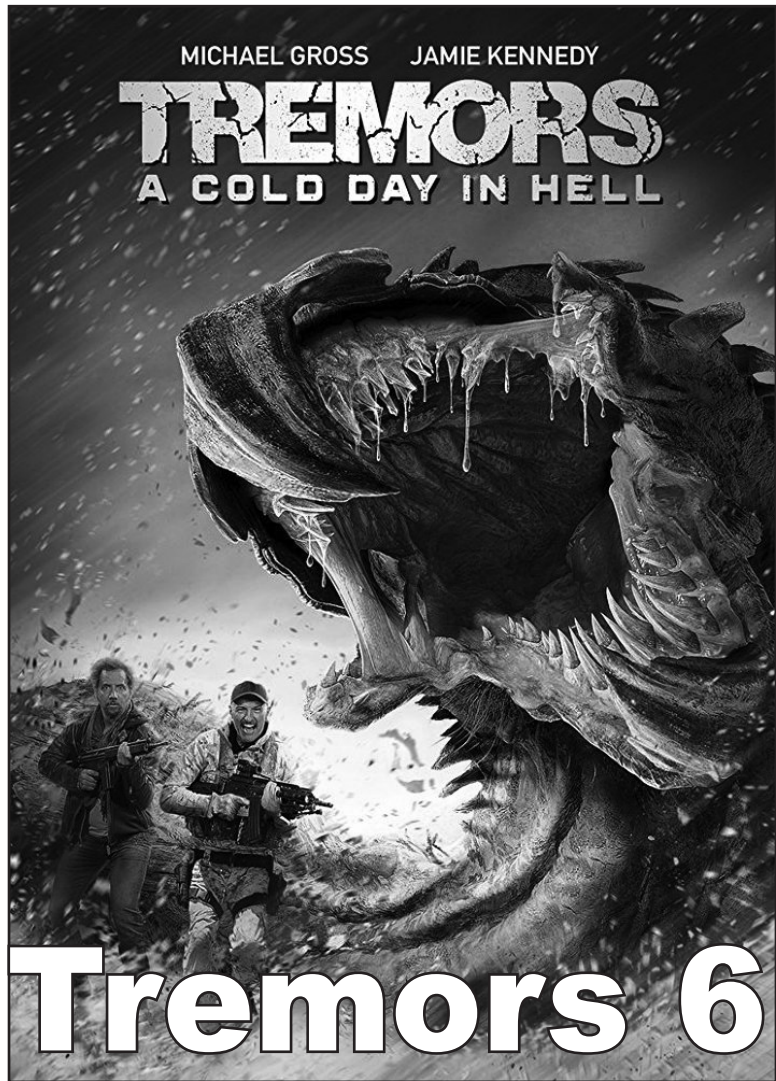


**Lolita**  
by Vladmir Nabokov

Satire of American Values, taboo subject matter, morality panic



# Entertainment



## Another exciting movie

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Feature/Entertainment Editor

When Garboids attack who are you going to call? If your answer was not Burt Gummer, then you probably have never seen Tremors.

If you have not seen the Tremors series, it is something you should at least see once in your life.

The first movie in the series "Tremors" was released in 1990. Its graphics are poor, but it makes you appreciate the advancement in technology.

It follows a miss matched group of citizens as they fight these never before seen creatures called Garboids. Worm like creatures that attack from under the ground.

As the series progressed we got to see the evolutionary process in the creatures. From Heat vision, flying and even shooting flames.

May of this year Universal Pictures released a new movie to the series, Tremors A Cold Day in Hell. Sadly, Kevin Bacon did not reprise his role of Valentine McKee. The story follows Burt Gummer (Michael Gross) who appeared in the first movie and his son.

The pair get a call of an apparent Garboid attack and head to investigate and exterminate.

When they get to the research facility that called them they meet Valerie McKee (Jamie-Lee Money) who is the daughter of Valentine McKee and Rhonda LeBeck main characters from the first movie. As they investigate the accident Burt shows signs of infection and come to find out that he did get a bacteria from one of the previous attacks that is slowly killing him.

They have to retrieve an antidote from a live Garboid and fast before the bacteria kills Burt. Will they make it in time or will Burt die in action hunting the elusive Garboid.



I Give "Tremors: A Cold day in Hell" 4 out of 5 stars.

## NWOSU Theatre performance



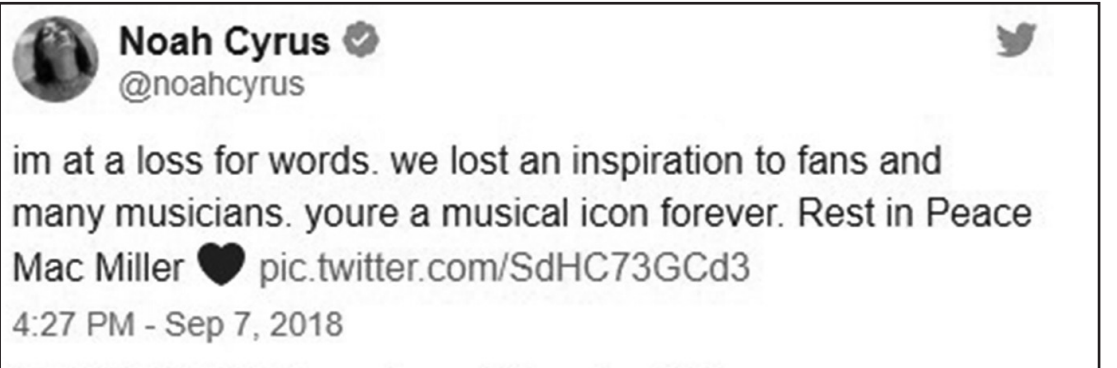
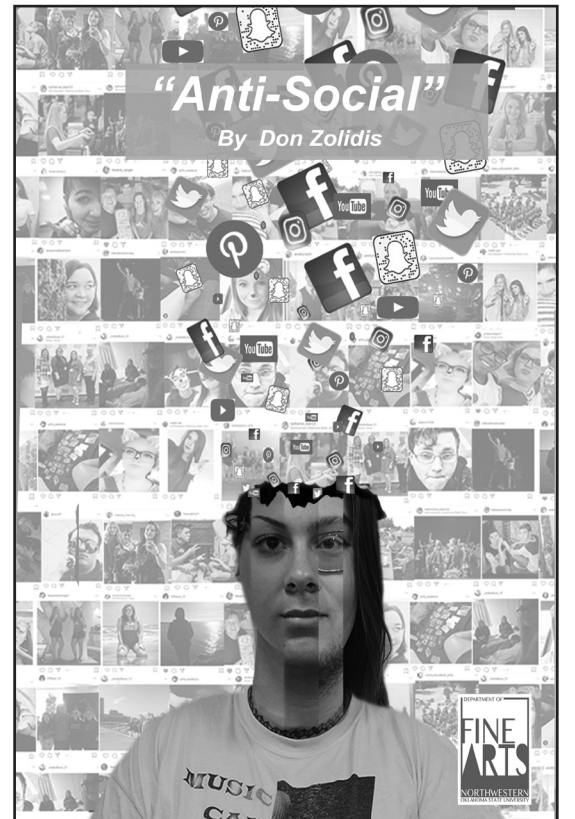
Photo by Mickey Jordan

The cast of "Viral/Rival" one of the play in the series directed by graduate student Mickey Jordan.

Nwosu theatre will preform their first show of the year on Sept. 28 -29 The show is called "Anti-Social" by Don Zolidis.

"Anti-Social" is a combination of 7 smaller plays. The plays are all comedies depicting the side effects of social media

The show will be performed on Sept. 28 at 7:00 pm and Sept. 29 at 2 p.m. You can buy tickets for \$2 if you are a student and \$5 for general admission.

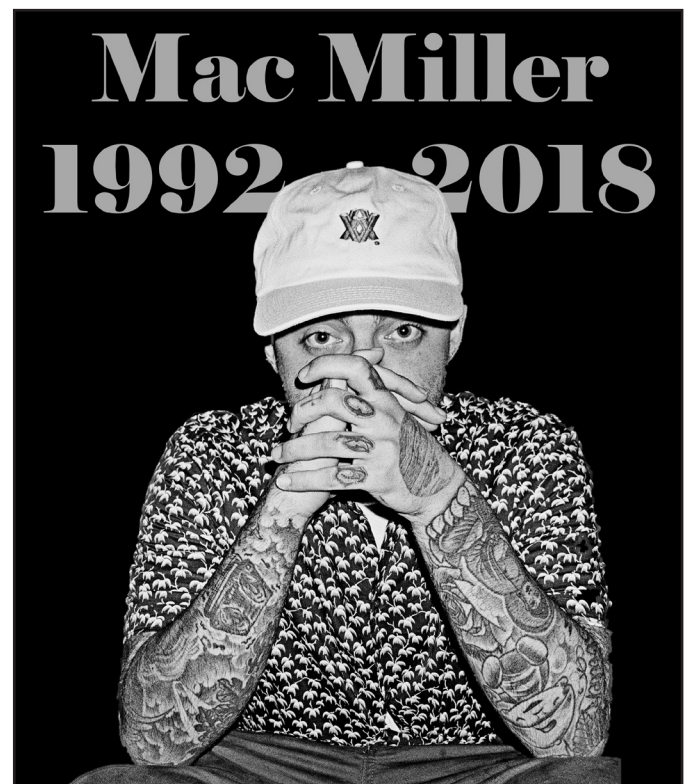


## Death of a rapper

An out pour of sympathy went out for Mac Miller as news of his death spread,. fans and celebrities took to social media with their reactions.

Chance the Rapper, Jaden Smith and Victoria Justice are just a few of the celebrities to tweet about their grief for the fellow friend.

Mac Miller had just released a new album called Swimming it was released on August 3rd of this year.



Rapper Mac Miller died at the age of 26 of an apparent overdose.

# Sports



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The Lady Rangers compete in their first home match on Sept. 11 against Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

## Volleyball falls in GAC opener

By **LOGAN JONES**  
Asst. Sports Editor

After their hot 8-1 start, the Lady Rangers volleyball team hit a bit of a snag in the first week of September. Northwestern lost its GAC opener to Oklahoma Baptist before going 2-2 at the MIAA-GAC Challenge.

NWOSU traveled to Shawnee, Oklahoma on September 4 and took on the Bison of Oklahoma Baptist University in their first GAC matchup of the season. Both teams fought back and forth, but ultimately, the Lady Rangers fell three matches to one.

In a very close first set, the Bison matched the Rangers point for point.

That was until a costly error by the red and black allowed Oklahoma Baptist to take the lead 17-16. Northwestern tried to battle back but just fell short, losing the set

25-23.

The Lady Rangers answered back in the second set with a dominating performance. After taking an early 12-6 lead, the girls never let up, eventually taking the set by a score of 25-12.

The third set began much like the second, with the Rangers jumping out to a 12-8 lead. However, the Bison battled back and tied the set at 14 all and then took the set, 25-19.

In the final fourth set, the momentum had shifted in favor of Oklahoma Baptist. Unable to pick up steam, NWOSU fell 25-18, losing the set and the match.

Falling to 8-2 on the season, the Lady Rangers hoped to change their luck as they entered the MIAA-GAC Challenge.

The girls had a rough first day as the lost to the nationally ranked University of Central Oklahoma and Pittsburg State University.

NWOSU didn't seem to have its flare as they took on UCO, los-

ing three sets in a row. The Lady Rangers tried to answer back in their match against Pitt State, taking the first set but lost three sets again to lose their second match of the day.

Northwestern came into the second day wanting some payback against Missouri Southern State and Ft. Hays State.

The Lady Rangers came out rolling, taking the first two sets from Missouri Southern. After losing the third, the red and black quickly dispatched the Lions, winning the fourth set and the match.

With the tides changing, the girls took care of business against Ft. Hays State, sweeping the match in 3 sets.

The Lady Rangers move to a 10-4 overall record and an 0-1 record in the GAC.

The red and black are set to return home to Percefull Fieldhouse on September 11 as the take on Oklahoma Panhandle State at 7 p.m.



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The Rangers return home on Sept. 15 to face the Henderson State reddsies.

## Football loses on road

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**  
Sports Editor

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University football team played their first road game on Saturday against Arkansas-Monticello. Due to a weather interference, the game was delayed nearly an hour from original starting time.

Once the weather cleared up, the Rangers took to the field, but despite strong offensive drives, the Rangers fell short 44-36.

The Rangers started off in the hole as they fell 30-7 by halftime.

The first Ranger touchdown did not occur until the second half when senior quarterback Isaiah Weed connected with redshirt sophomore Gavin Garner on a 14-yard pass.

In the final minutes of the game, the Rangers ran nine plays and gained 67 yards until Weed connected with Cain to make the score 44-36.

The Rangers ultimately ran out of time, and fell 44-36.

The second half proved much more productive for the Rangers.

A quiet offense came alive in the final 30 minutes of play, as the Rangers recorded more than 300 yards.

The Rangers finished the game

with a total of 534 yards.

Weed accounted for 338 yards of total offense. 236 of those yards came on passing as he completed 21-for-37 in the air, along with three touchdowns. 75 of his yards came on the ground. Weed also ran the ball into the endzone himself in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter.

Redshirt junior running back Jacob Peyton did work on the ground. He carried the ball 19 times and totaled 162 yards.

Garner and Weed connected on several passes throughout the game. Garner earned 144 yards and two touchdowns. His big play came at the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter as he received a 48-yard pass from Weed and strolled into the endzone.

The Ranger defense stepped up their game in the second half, keeping Arkansas-Monticello's offense at bay.

Linebackers Maurice Wright Jr. and Dakota Driskill had 15 and 12 tackles respectively.

Marcus Brent earned nine tacks and had a sack in the fourth quarter.

With the loss, the Rangers fall 0-2 on their season. The Rangers return home on Sept. 15 for Family Day and will face the Henderson State Reddies. Kickoff is set for 6 p.m.

## Lady ranger soccer players final ride

By **MEGAN MAHARRY**  
Sports Editor

Haleigh Brown is a senior elementary education major who is finishing the last stretch of her college years.

She is also playing in the final season of her colligate soccer career. Brown grew up in the tiny town of Lahoma before she moved to Yukon her junior year of high school. Despite the slightly rough transition, Brown settled into her new high school. After she graduated, Brown attended Oklahoma aCity Community College for a year, but decided not to play soccer. She later realized how much she missed the sport.

She then transferred to Rose State and returned to the pitch. She said it was slightly difficult to come back after taking a year off,



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Haleigh Brown graduates in May.

especially fitness wise.

"I didn't get recruited straight out of high school like all the other girls, so it was different," Brown said.

Brown was then recruited by former head coach Craig Liddell

to join the Lady Ranger squad at NWOSU. Brown knew about NWOSU already, as her mom graduated from NWOSU with her bachelor's degree. Brown said she likes being at NWOSU. She loves the education department and living in the dorms.

She spoke highly of being apart of the soccer team.

"I like being a part of something that has such amazing girls," Brown said. "We're all really close." After graduating in May, Brown plans to begin teaching. She said she wants to teach at either the fifth or sixth grade level.

Brown is also getting married to her fiancé Brooks in July. Brown said her career goal is to impact children.

"I want to change the world kid by kid," Brown said. "I want to be a role model for them when they may not have on at home."

# Sports



## Soccer close to win with 1-1 tie

Freshman goal keeper Reagan Allen dives for the ball as she made 5 saves on 12 shots against Southwest Baptist, helping keep the score at a 1-1 tie. Photo Provided

By **TREYVON ANDRES**  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Lady Ranger's soccer team took to the road Sept. 6 and Sept. 8 to face Southwest Baptist University in Bolivar, Missouri, and then Oklahoma Christian University in Oklahoma City.

Originally, the Lady Rangers were set to face Oklahoma Christian on Saturday; however, due to rainy weather conditions, Saturday's game did not occur.

The Lady Rangers battled Southwest Baptist on Thursday after strong outings from both teams left the game in a draw, 1-1.

The Lady Rangers fell behind in the 53<sup>rd</sup> minute of play when a defensive error occurred, giving the Southwest Baptist Bearcats a chance to score.

Weather moved in during the second half, and the players were drenched by a downpour of rain.

The slipper field did not stop the Lady Ranger attack, however.

Eight minutes after Southwest Baptist scored their goal, the Lady Rangers responded with an offensive attack of their own.

With her second goal of the season, junior midfielder Yazmin Gomez moved down the field and launched a 50 foot kick over the opposing goalie, tying the game 1-1.

Looking to take the lead, the Lady Ranger offense continued to take shots at Southwest Baptist.

Junior Tiana Young-Mauchly had a shot on goal in the 88<sup>th</sup> min-

ute, but could not get it past the hands of the Southwest Baptist goalie.

Five Lady Rangers each recorded multiple shots during the game. Senior Karla Lopez had three shots during the game.

Freshman Alissa Carlson put up four shots on the afternoon.

Freshman Abby Nunez recorded three shots on the afternoon, one of which was on frame.

Sophomore Makayla Barrientos not only played defense, but joined the Lady Ranger offensive attack several times.

At the end of regulation, the game was still tied 1-1. After play-

ing two ten minute overtime periods, and neither team found the back of the net, the game ended in a draw.

"The girls played so well tonight, but we've just got to continue to minimize our mistakes," head coach James Ross said after the game.

The Lady Rangers ended with a season high of 19 shots toward the goal.

Freshman goalkeeper Reagan Allen made 5 saves on the 12 shots Southwest Baptist had.

"Our next focus for the next game, for sure is finishing on goal," junior midfielder Hollie

Pankake said. "We make plenty of chances they just need to be on frame and thing the back of the net.

The Lady Rangers face their next test Sept. 11 when they travel to play Newman University in Wichita, Kansas.

The Lady Rangers kickoff Great American Conference play at home on Sept. 18 as they face heated rival Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

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### September 13-15 sport events

September 13- Womens volleyball, 7pm @ SWOSU

September 14- Men and Womens Rodeo, @ Colby KS

September 15- Womens volleyball vs ECU, 12pm @Alva

September 15- Football vs. HSU, 6pm @Alva

## Cross country opens strong

By **LOGAN JONES**  
Asst. Sports Editor

In the first meet of the 2018 season, the Northwestern cross country team posted some impressive times at the Western Oklahoma Showcase.

The men finished in third, ahead of GAC opponent Southern Nazarene while the woman's squad placed fifth, in front of Southwestern.

Newcomer Garrison Blanton had a top ten finish in the season opening meet as he crossed the finish line at the 20:56.71 mark. NWOSU's other men's transfer, Bryce Koenig, finished in the 14th spot with a 21:33.41 time.

Noble Buckhaults, a native of Buffalo, Oklahoma, was the top freshmen finisher for the Ranger men with a time of 21:38.19, and Cody Schmidt set his first collegiate mark at 22:34.10.

Returner Tidimane Tumiso finished a second behind teammate Schmidt at 22:35.95.

In the women's 4,000-meter race, a trio of Lady Rangers crossed the finish line together as senior Kayla Gourley (16:44.29), and a freshman duo of Ladasheray Bell (17:00.93) and Journey LeBeau (17.01.72) finished in consecutive order.

France native and newcomer to the NWOSU program Jessalyn Rivet had a time of 17.17.88.

Head Coach Jill Lancaster had nothing but praise for her young runners.

"The youthfulness of the program proves to be an opportunity we will be able to capitalize as experience grows," Lancaster said.

Other Northwestern women finishers include: Claire Theis (17:34.07); Crystal Castillo (17:46.01); Kylee Isbell (17:54.54); Camille Lear (17:59.62); Lashayla Green (19:13.80); Jean Dodds (21:13.30).

Even though this is just the first meet, Lancaster believes that both teams have more to prove.

"It's unbelievable the depth we have packaged together," said head coach Jill Lancaster on her reaction to the men's race. "It leads us to believe we can do much more."

Both cross country teams are set to travel to Fayetteville, Arkansas, where they will compete in the Chile Pepper Cross Country Festival from Sept. 21-22.





Photos by Ashley Watts

The Woods County fair was held at the Alva fairgrounds, where Woods county community members entered their own hand made project ranging from quilts to chickens, bunnies, and ducks.