

## Smile of the Week



Photo by Angel Perez

Computer science major Kaydan Whetstone says he is smiling because of how supportive his family is of him continuing his education and baseball career.



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# Homecoming eventful for NWOSU



Photo by Ashley Strehl

President Janet Cunningham and her husband, Rick Cunningham, wave to the crowd as they lead the homecoming parade in downtown Alva on Saturday morning. Sitting in their laps are their three grandchildren. From left: Zane Zimmerman, Brooklyn Zimmerman and Cloey Cunningham.

ham. Saturday homecoming festivities began at 10 a.m. with the parade and ended with the football game at 4 p.m. Other events included the Miss Cinderella pageant on Thursday and Friday evening. For more coverage of homecoming, see pages 6 & 7.

# Braving the haunted hay maze

## Bradt's Menagerie hosts spooky attraction once a year

By ASHLEY WATTS  
Sports Editor

Bradt's Menagerie, located three miles west of Alva on Highway 11, has many different attractions for a person to experience. One attraction in particular is only offered during the fall season.

The menagerie started seven years ago with a petting zoo, and the hay maze became a popular attraction there five years ago.

“We added the hay maze to add another attraction for people to come for,” said JoDe Bradt, one of the menagerie's part-owners.

For one night during the fall semester, the Northwestern Student Government Association pays for all students with a valid Northwestern identification card to come out and find their way through the maze. The organization sponsored this event Oct. 21, and multiple students took advantage of it.

According to the menagerie's owners, many people come to the maze each night that it is open. The SGA's student night and the nights of Northwestern's home-

coming celebrations are their “biggest” nights.

“My favorite part of the maze is building it,” said Jerad Bradt, one of the menagerie's part-owners.

It takes a week to haul in all of the hay needed, and it takes three days to put the maze together. Jerad Bradt comes up with the design of the maze, and he puts it all together on paper before setting it up.

The maze is composed of 1,100 bales, with each weighing approximately 1,600 lbs.

On normal nights, nine rubber stamps, each resembling a different kind of animal, are hidden in different places throughout the maze. Those who collect all nine are eligible to roll a dice to win a prize. These prizes range from free drinks to a free camel ride.

But on the nights of the haunted maze, there is a surprise addition.

On a few nights during the fall season, not only are there stamps to collect — there are also scary characters spread throughout the maze to scare people.

The characters are allowed to



Photo provided by Bradt's Menagerie on Facebook

The hay maze at Bradt's Menagerie is shown in this aerial photo.

scare you, but they are not allowed to touch you or harm you in anyway, according to the owners. During the haunted maze, the owners play scary music and have multi-colored flashing lights around for people to see where they are going.

“We get volunteers to be characters, and then we hand-pick them from there,” said JoDe Bradt.

The hay maze is open from early fall to Thanksgiving week-

end, and the haunted maze is open Oct. 26, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, and Nov. 2.

The petting zoo is open March through November of each year. The menagerie also has outdoor laser-tag, which is open year-round by appointment and during the company's regular business hours. In the winter, the menagerie puts together a live nativity with people riding camels.

For more information, contact the menagerie at (580) 430-1269.

# News

## SOMETHING STRANGE

*Local museum to tell of ghosts, goblins and more at haunted history event*

By **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**  
Student Reporter

You may have been to a haunted house before. But what about a haunted museum?

The Cherokee Strip Museum isn't any ordinary repository for historical artifacts. It was built as a hospital in 1932, and it was converted to a museum in the 1970s. It is said to be the third most haunted building in Oklahoma, and museum workers have a few scary tales about it that will send shivers down your spine. Those stories are being told this week at an event sponsored by the museum called "Our Haunted History."

To celebrate Halloween, volunteers will tell ghost stories about the museum during three "haunted museum" events. They will be held Oct. 29 and Nov. 2 at 6 p.m., and Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. Admission tickets cost \$10 each, and they can be purchased from the museum, located at 901 14th St. in Alva. Tickets may also be purchased from Merrifield's Office Supply, located at 512 Flynn Street. Each story-telling session lasts approximately one hour.

Volunteers will tell 10 different stories at the museum, and each story takes place in a different room. Rooms will be decorated to match the stories being told in them.

Some of the tales are about the museum, some are about local murders, and others are about supernatural events that have hap-



Photo by Jordan Green

Volunteers with the Cherokee Strip Museum in Alva will tell ghost stories about the museum and the surrounding area Oct. 29, Nov. 2, and Nov. 3 to celebrate Halloween. Tickets to the events cost \$10 each.

pened near Alva.

Alicia Hall, a member of museum board, said that numerous paranormal investigators have visited the museum at night – and all of them say they have had paranormal experiences.

Hall said that she and her friends have had a paranormal experience of her own. Hall claims

to have seen a woman appear and disappear in the museum. In another story, children claim to have seen a girl named Sarah, who wears a white dress. In yet another story, a blood stain reappears on a piece of carpet each day. Even after staffers clean the stain up, it reappears.

Not all of the stories will be

about the museum, though. One story is about a Northwestern student who was allegedly murdered by mafia members in 1956. People say that her ghost haunts the Avard Gym.

For more information about the event, contact the museum at 580-327-2020.

### About the event:

- Volunteers with the Cherokee Strip Museum will tell ghost stories this month to celebrate Halloween.

- Story-telling sessions will be held Oct. 29 at 6 p.m., Nov. 2 at 6 p.m., and Nov. 3 at 6 p.m.

- The museum is located at 901 14th St. in Alva.

### How to buy tickets:

- Tickets cost \$10 each.

- They may be purchased at the Cherokee Strip Museum. They may also be purchased at Merrifield's Office Supply, located at 512 Flynn Street.

### What you can expect:

- Ghost stories related to the museum and the Alva area.

## Giving thanks and praises

Organizers of annual Thank-a-Thon hope this year's event will be bigger than ever before

By **BAILEY RANKIN**  
Student Reporter

1,750 cards + 747 phone calls = 2,497 "Thanks you" messages.

That is the projected number of Northwestern Oklahoma State University donors who will be thanked at the ninth annual Thank-a-Thon, which will take place Nov. 4 and 5 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The Northwestern Alumni Association puts on the Thank-a-Thon event each year. It's a way for students to express their appreciation to the people who provide funding to the university. Students will write "Thank you" cards and make phone calls to donors, personally thanking them for their generosity, according to the event's organizers.

Foundation and Alumni Association Relationship Manager Rachel Kraus said that the organization holds the event each year to "put a face with" the

money that donors give.

"They (the donors) love getting to meet students, and love getting to hear from them," Kraus said. "Any kind of contact that they get, they just eat it up. They love seeing that their money and efforts are going to good use."

According to Kraus, 83% of all students at Northwestern receive at least one scholarship, so the organization encourages all students to participate and give back to the donors. "No one is exempt from their duty to say 'Thank you,'" Kraus said.

The first Thank-a-Thon was held in 2011. That year, 75 students participated. Over the last few years, that number has grown to more than 200 students, but Kraus is hoping for an even higher number this year. She's aiming for 300 participants.

"The more students, the better," she said. "If we have to order more t-shirts, that's great. If we have to order more pizza, that's great, too."

Kraus, who participated in the Thank-a-Thon during her senior year at Northwestern, believes the event is important to students and donors alike.

"I think students seeing a name, sitting down and thinking about the impact that scholarships and donations make on their lives ... it makes a profound impact," she said. "You see kind of a shift in their demeanor. ... The students are extremely grateful. They know that they wouldn't be here without the generosity of others."

### Thank-a-Thon by the numbers:

- **1,750:** The number of hand-written cards that the Alumni Association hopes students will write.
- **747:** The number of phone calls that the alumni association hopes students will make.
- **2,497:** The total number of "Thank you" messages the alumni association hopes to send out.
- **200:** The approximate number of students who participated in Thank-a-Thon last year.
- **300:** The approximate number of students the association hopes will participate.



# What's up? *Campus girls play in powderpuff*

### Miss Northwestern and Outstanding Teen Pageants

Miss Northwestern and Outstanding Teen Pageants, Herod Hall Auditorium. Admission \$10 (NWOSU students are free with a student ID)

Nov 3  
4 p.m.



### Elevator Pitch

Paycom will teach NWOSU student how to develop their own Elevator Pitch prior to the Career and Internship fair! Education Center, room 109. Open to NWOSU students and employees.

Nov 4  
2:30 p.m.

### Foundation Thank-A-Thon

Student Center  
Nov. 4-5, 3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Artist-in-Residence Exhibition

Artist-in-Residence Ashley Freinberg art exhibition will be held at the downtown Runnymede

Nov 1  
6 p.m.

### Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series - Jukebox Saturday Night - Herod Hall

Jukebox Saturday Night is a music review of the great Big Bands during the 1930's, 40's and 50's. A fun filled event for all ages that captures the exciting sounds of great melodies and lyrics performed by an energetic group of instrumentalists and vocalists who will keep you moving in your seats, tapping your toes and clapping your hands.

Nov 5  
7 p.m.



Photos by Leah Darnell

Left: The black team, consisting of sophomores, juniors and graduates huddled up and figuring out the next play. The team ended up winning the game against the Red consisting of Freshmen and Seniors.



Right: Anna Caldwell getting ready to kick the ball for the first play of the game, as the rest of the team is preparing to run.



Left: Caitlin Johnson and Hannah Williams trying to grab the flag of Nikki Taylor as she runs to get yards for her team.



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# Editorial

## Making relationships in life

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

I've never been a very bookish person. Lately, however, I've found myself curled up with a book called "The 21 Indispensable Qualities of a Leader." As you could imagine, it outlines 21 characteristics that all people must have in order to succeed. If you decide to pick up this book – and I encourage you to do so – you'll read how important it is for people to be responsible, have effective communicatory skills, and have a positive attitude.

But there's another quality that the author, Mr. John C. Maxwell, feels that all people need in order to succeed: the ability to develop and maintain meaningful relationships.

Maxwell discusses relationships in chapter 15 of the book, and he writes of several different individuals who truly cared about people. The first: Dr. William Osler, the founder of the American Association of Physicians.

Throughout his storied career, Osler educated medical students from across the globe. While he regularly spoke about the importance of devising new medical procedures, his main message to students was to treat patients like people, and to build relationships with them.

I'm fortunate enough to see that same philosophy fleshed out by my own father, an award-winning physician's assistant in Blackwell.

Though I am innately biased toward him, I would wager that Phil Green, PA-C has the best set of bedside manners of any medical professional anywhere.

Even on his worst day, he puts on a smiling face as he walks in

to see a patient. And even when he has to deliver the grimmest of diagnoses, he has a way of comforting people and putting them at ease.

I wouldn't know any of that from talking to him. I know that from talking to his patients.

Despite the flaws commonly associated with small towns, they afford their residents the unique opportunity to learn more about the people around them.

I've heard people joke that, in small towns, your neighbors know more about you than you know about yourself.

I know this to be true when it comes to my dad. Just about everywhere I go, someone stops me to tell me about how my dad has treated their health problems. I can't count the number of people who have said that my dad has helped them regain the health of their younger days.

The other number I can't count? The number of people who tell me, "Your dad saved my life."

The medical care my dad offers his patients is top-notch. That matters to them. But when they walk through the door of my dad's office, they're not necessarily looking to be treated with the latest and greatest of medical tools and procedures.

They're looking to be treated with respect, honor, kindness, and love.

My dad offers top-notch treatment in that category, too. That's because he develops relationships with the people he works for.

Relationships are the cornerstones of any good business. Customers want to feel like they are cared for and valued as people. They don't want to feel like another dollar sign; they want to feel like a million bucks.

Relationships are the key to

friendships. Friendship is a two-way street, and it takes sacrifice from both parties to make it work. You've got to communicate with, understand, and support one another.

The same goes for families. You've got to love the people you call your brethren, even if you're not related by blood. Family is a bond of passion, and it must be reciprocated.

At the end of the day, relationships are important to everyone. Nobody truly wants to be alone, and everyone wants to feel like someone is there for them. Relationships solve the issues of human inadequacy: They make lonely people feel whole again.

We've all got relationships in our lives. Perhaps some are stronger than others. So, what about those relationships that have fallen apart over the years?

The friend who drifted apart, or the lover who lost her way? What about those relationships?

They matter, too. And to that end, I have a challenge for you: This week, start looking for ways to repair broken relationships in your life.

If you have none that are in need of mending, make new relationships that will carry you through the lowest of valleys to the highest of mountain-tops. With your old foes, bury the hatchet; and with your new fellows, plant the seed of togetherness.

Relationships are important to all people, and we need to foster joyful ones with those around us. Today, find ways to build new relationships with people, and bring new life to relationships lost.

Relationships are some of the best cures for life's ails – just ask one of my dad's patients.

## EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By **ASHLEY STREHL**  
Editor-in-Chief

For this week I'll have to search the archive. I got all my opinions out in my movie review on page 9, so make sure you go and read that!

**Here's my rant from issue 9 in 2018:**

Well in case any of you care, Monday was my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday. (Tuesday was my 22) I honestly, wasn't sure what I wanted to talk about this week. All I knew was that I wanted all of you to know that it was my birthday, and it's the Northwestern News' Birthday!

I had a good birthday, although, my birthday fell on a MONDAY. Let me tell you I had the Mondayest birthday ever. I woke up that day, late, went to class, but I was late. I missed a few assignments that were due that day.

I just kept telling myself, "stay positive, it's your birthday, don't anything rain on your day!" but deep down inside I was screaming.

I was so upset that all these things were getting in the way of my special day.

I take my birthday very seriously. Ever since I was young, I would count down the days until it was my birthday. It probably has something to do with the fact that I am an only child.

That's beside the point. My point is-I was deeply offended that things were not going well for me on my birthday.

I realized that Monday does not stop being crappy for anyone, even if it is your birthday.

That, for me, made me understand that accepting that fact is just a part of growing up. After classes I headed home, I soon met up with my parents and friends for dinner. Ever since I was around the age of 16, my Dad has told me that on my 21<sup>st</sup> birthday we can get together and share a beer.

I looked forward to that moment for a very long time and it finally happened. It was worth the wait.

**My birthday went much better this year. Thanks ya'll.**

# Happy Halloween readers

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# Editorial

## Halloween does it better

By **BAILEY RANKIN**  
Student Reporter

Alrighty ghosts and ghouls, it's time to get spooky!

Let me tell you, October is my favorite month. Cooler weather? You got it! Pretty fall colors? Done. And what is the best holiday that takes place during this month? No, not Columbus Day. HALLOWEEN!!!

Halloween is the best holiday periodt. Yeah, you can at me, but I'm not going to respond. I'll be too busy watching scary movies, eating candy corn and trying to force my cat into a costume that says something super cringy like, "Mommy's Little Pumpkin", or something like that.

I've always loved Halloween ever since I can remember, which is about 12 years old (I have a bad memory), but I'm sure I enjoyed it even before then. I love the candy, the costumes and the fun you have with friends. You know what else

I love? The fact that Halloween is now getting the recognition it deserves!

Now, I don't want to sound like a Grinch, but Christmas can suck it. The other thing I remember about being a 12 year old Halloween enthusiast is the annoyance I felt when walking towards the Halloween costume isle and seeing Christmas inflatables or the glittery socks, some call them Christmas stockings, hanging next to the witch costume. Christmas would be a full two months away and it was still trying to encroach on my valuable Halloween time!

Maybe it's just me, but as of late I have noticed an increase in people actually taking the time to celebrate Halloween and not completely bypass it for Thanksgiving or Christmas. I see more inflatable Frankenstein's Monsters than elves out in front yards; I see the lengths that parents are going to so that they can make sure that their kid has the most amazing costume and I notice that the "haunted

houses" you see on some streets have continuously gotten more spooky each year.

Halloween is a time to dress up and not worry about what others may think about you, because those "others" look just as wild on that night. Halloween is a time to collect as much candy as you can and then share it with those who might not have had the opportunity to enjoy the night as much as you did. Halloween is a time to have fun, enjoy yourself without any worry and a time to care about others.

Wow, look at all those life lessons. It's a Halloween miracle!

So yeah, Halloween is great and there is not a better holiday. It's my favorite to celebrate and the best part is sharing the day with friends whether it's scaring them, laughing at the most terrifying parts of a horror movie or admiring the costumes trick or treaters wear as they collect their candy.

Now if you'll excuse me, this witch has some candy to hand out.



## Helping those who serve

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

Across the country each winter, some of the men and women who fought for our nation spend the holidays alone in veterans' hospitals.

This Christmas, let's change that.

As most of you know, I'm a student at Northwestern Oklahoma State University in Alva. Along with several of my best friends, I'm in the President's Leadership Class, where we perform numerous community service projects. This semester, we've been divided up into groups and told to complete a project that could help people in need around the holidays. What's my group doing? We're providing care packages to veterans in the Oklahoma City Veterans Administration Hospital – but we need your help.

The three of us on this project are Cody Casper, Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche, and yours truly. This year, we're hoping to give out at least 50 care packages to veterans at the hospital. We're

college students, so we're relying on donations for this project. We'd like to ask you and your family and friends to help us out in this endeavor.

For the packages, we need new: crossword-puzzle books, toothbrushes, sticks of deodorant, socks of varying sizes, large and extra-large T-shirts, healthy snacks like trail mix and granola bars, and sugar-free snacks of any kind.

We would also like each donor to write a small card thanking veterans for their service. The cards don't have to be lengthy, and they shouldn't be addressed to any particular person. Just write a card, and we'll put it in a shoebox.

While we are hoping to give out at least 50 packages, we'd love to do more. We'll focus on giving packages to veterans without families who are able to regularly visit them. We plan to deliver the packages at the end of November, so we'll need all of the materials by Nov. 9.

We picked this project because we have family in the armed services, and the thought of our family members spending the holidays alone saddened us. We wouldn't

want that for any veteran; we believe our servicemen and women deserve the utmost respect and care for the noble things they've done for our country.

I know that finances get tighter around the holidays, but you can't put a price on showing some of our veterans the love they deserve. Even if you've just got a few dollars to spare, a new bag of socks and some toothbrushes can do a lot of good.

I hope you'll find it in your heart this Christmas to help our veterans. If you'd like to donate any of the items we have mentioned, contact Dacoda via email. His address is: drmcowell38@rangers.nwosu.edu.

If you live in the Kay County area, you can bring your donations by Green's Country Clinic, located at 223 East Blackwell Avenue in Blackwell. If you live elsewhere, email Dacoda to set up a time for delivery or pick-up.

This year, I challenge you to do something to make a difference in the lives of veterans here in Oklahoma. I hope you'll consider donating to our cause.

## Get inspired!

*"The purpose of life is not to be happy. It is to be useful, to be honorable, to be compassionate, to have it make some difference that you have lived and lived well."*

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

*"The Pessimist Sees Difficulty In Every Opportunity. The Optimist Sees Opportunity In Every Difficulty."* – Winston Churchill

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*"It's not enough to have lived. We should be determined to live for something."*

*May I suggest that it be creating joy for others, sharing what we have for the betterment of personkind, bringing hope to the lost and love to the lonely."*

— Leo Buscaglia

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# Homecoming

## Bringing it all together

### Homecoming unites Northwestern for pageantry, a parade and sports

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's 2019 homecoming was jam-packed with events for Ranger alums and students alike. Homecoming festivities began with the Miss Cinderella talent pageant Thursday night, and ended with a parade and a football game Saturday. Here's a look back at some of the highlights.

4. Miss Woodward, Makenzie Miller, smiles and waves during the parade in the downtown square.

5. Thelma Crouch served as the parade marshal.

6. A longhorn from Bradt's Menagerie was a dominant figure during the parade.

7. Two young spectators admire a marching band in the parade.

8. Madison Hofen, the 2018 Ranger Queen, crowns Adriana Guel as the 2019 Ranger Queen.

9. Members of the 2019 Ranger Royalty class.

10. 2019 Freshman Queen Payton Scott is joined by the crown-bearer and flower bearer at the Ranger Royalty coronation.

11. Members of the Northwestern Band march in the parade.

12. Madison Hofen smiles for the camera at the parade.

13. Ranger football players strike a pose during the homecoming parade.

14. Miss Cinderella 2019, Carli Seabolt, smiles and waves during the homecoming parade.

15. Melissa Perez smiles for the camera during the parade.

— Photos by Jordan Green



# Feature

# Halloween in fine arts

*clubs host annual party for the spooky season*



Winners of the fine arts Halloween Costume contest pose with Castle Players President, Vice President and Phi Delta President. Sydney Endley dressed as Harley Quinn, Lillith Ferrero dressed as an Alien, Chris Chauncy dressed as the headless horseless man, Maleah Schmmiz dressed as Molly the cat, Adria Lujan dressed as a vampire.



Sophomore Maleah Schmitz won first place overall with her homemade Molly the cat costume, based on her pet cat by the same name. Poses with Castle Players President Tiffany Willson and Phi Delta President Dakota Rutherford.



Photo by Jacob Shourek

Photo Scavenger hunt winners Brittini Taylor, Jacob Marr, Isabella Hardester and Jacob Shourek (taking the picture), posing with gravestones



Freshman Lilith Ferrero dressed as an Alien won Best DIY costume of the night posing with Willson.



Junior Taylor Alexander dressed as a fortune teller performing a tarot card reading on sophomore Chuy Dominguez dressed as the shadow prince.



Sophomore Josiah Marshall dressed as a Binnie baby played the piano while the judges, Dr. Walker, Mr. Cudd and Dr. Bell deliberated.

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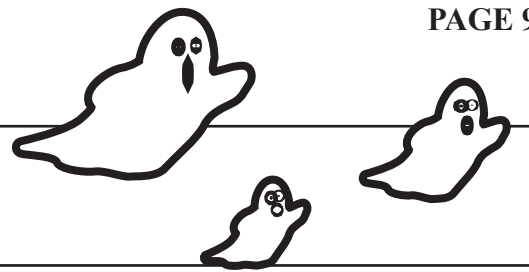
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# Entertainment

## 'Joker' movie is much more than just an origin story

By **ASHLEY STREHL**  
*Editor in Chief*

I was very apprehensive about going to see this new 'Joker' movie. I had read many articles about how people couldn't handle it and were walking out of the theatre.

I just thought to myself, "How can a movie about Batman's rival be that bad?"

I literally had to see it to believe it.

"Joker" is a film starring Joaquin Phoenix who plays Arthur Fleck, a middle aged man still living with his mom. From the beginning, we see that Arthur is just a lower-classed citizen working as a free-lance party clown from a rundown office in the unusually out-of-control crime-filled city of Gotham.

He doesn't have much money, nor does he have that great of a life, but he works hard to make ends-meet to support himself and his elderly mother.

There's one thing that troubles Arthur, and seems to be a daily obstacle for him, his unspecified mental illness that causes him to break into random spurts of high-pitched, hysterical laughter. This plagues him so much so that he is bullied, ridiculed, starved at and all around just misunderstood. At

one point in the film a lady on the bus yells at him for interacting with her son and he just laughs at her. This made me, as an audience member, feel extremely awkward and sad for him.

Arthur hands the lady a card reading something along the lines of "I cannot control myself for I have a mental illness, please forgive me" resulting in the lady turning around uncomfortably to ignore his laughter.

So from this point on we begin to see the downward spiral of Arthur. I will tell you this, this movie goes from 0 to 100 REAL QUICK. From the moment that Arthur makes his first kill, everything becomes out of control from there on out.

The violence, emotions and twists intensify, so much so that I was locked in to the screen, not even wanting to blink incase I missed anything.

The trailer for this movie gave it a lot of hype, and I think it did well at meeting all of the expectations for it. However, there is something that most viewers are missing. It is more than just the origin of the Joker. Phoenix does a beautiful job in his transition into the Joker throughout the movie. It was almost artistic in a way, but to me he portrayed the life of a person who suffers from a mental illness even better.



Point blank period - this movie perfectly portrays the way society treats mental illness. Often times people like Arthur are misunderstood and treated poorly, with lack of understanding and resources around them. I think everyone, even those who may not be Joker or Batman fans, should see this movie. Why? Because it is more eye opening about its psychological factors more than anything.

And with all this being said, people should be more understanding and respectful of those with mental illnesses because it could very well end up like the movie, where the whole city is burning to the ground because just a couple people treated Arthur like a monster.

"Gotham is burning" but the fire started in the mind and soul of Arthur Fleck much more beforehand.

## TWO SENTENCE HORROR STORIES

### 'Psychological thrill'

By **MICHELLE WILLSON**  
*Feature/Entertainment Editor*

If you are like me, you have bittersweet hate for those two-sentence horror stories that circle Facebook all the time.? Now you can hate them, even more, they made them into a series.

The show originally debuted in August on Thursdays at 8 pm on CW channel the just released it onto Netflix. They have created 20 to 30-minute videos for each sentence. The series only has eight episodes with self-contained plots and characters so you can watch them out of order.

I personally love self-contained plots. As I was watching this series a friend came over and was able to hop right in without me having to explain what happened in previous episodes.

"Two sentence Horror Stories has a sort of ominous, sci-fi feel to them. The series is TV 14 which means "parents strongly cautioned may be in suitable for children age 14 and under"

The cast was very diverse and their acting kept viewers attention as the story flowed along. Along with its diverse cast the series also showcased some disabilities.

Every episode starts with the first of the two sentences. So you plan in your head what you think it will be about its not till then end that you get the second sentence to tie it together.

They set up every scene so you can get all the information needed in the 30 minutes they provide. I don't feel like I have missed any information that the storyline have given.

Some of the episodes and scenes are not for the faint of heart. If gore bothers you I would stray away from this series. If torture bothers you I suggest to might want to skip some scenes.

I love that it's a realistic horror series. It's psychological and it doesn't involve like ghosts and stuff. Just creepy real-life situations that could actually happen with a little bit of Gore.

I gave the series four out of five stars.

## Concerts coming to Oklahoma this November

By **BAILEY RANKIN**  
*Student Reporter*

For any music enthusiast, attending a concert where their favorite artist is performing is a dream come true. However, finding out that the concert has passed, and they didn't even know the artist was touring in their state, can feel like a punch in the gut. So, here is a compiled list of (a

few) artist with dates of performances that will take place in Oklahoma through the month of November!

**November 1st**  
• *Young Thug & Machine Gun Kelly*  
(Ticket prices start at \$69)  
Friday  
Located at The Zoo Amphitheater, 2101 NE 50th St. Oklahoma City, OK

**November 4th**  
• *Post Malone - Runaway Tour*  
(Ticket prices start at \$40)  
Monday at 8 p.m.  
Located at Chesapeake Energy Arena, 100 W Reno Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 7th**  
• *Issues*  
(Ticket prices start at \$35)  
Thursday at 6 p.m.  
Located at the Diamond Ballroom, 8001 S Eastern Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 8th**  
• *Chris Young "Raised on Country World Tour 2019"*  
(Ticket prices start at \$25)  
Friday  
Located at the Chesapeake Energy Arena, 100 W Reno Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 10th**  
• *Static-X*  
Sunday at 7 p.m.  
Located at the Diamond Ballroom, 8001 S Eastern Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 14th**  
• *The Chainsmokers/5 Seconds of Summer*  
(Ticket prices start at \$15)  
Thursday at 7 p.m.  
Located at Chesapeake Energy Arena, 100 W Reno Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 17th**  
• *Lana Del Rey: The Norman F-cking Rockwell Tour* (Ticket prices start at \$50)  
Sunday at 8 p.m.  
Located at The Criterion, 500 E Sheridan Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 18th**  
• *Incubus: 20 Years of Make Yourself & Beyond*  
(Ticket prices start at \$80)  
Monday through Tuesday  
Located at The Criterion, 500 E Sheridan Ave Oklahoma City, OK

**November 27th**  
• *Third Eye Blind*  
(Ticket prices start at \$60)  
Wednesday  
Located at The Criterion, 500 E Sheridan Ave Oklahoma City, OK

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# Sports

## Football falls to Harding on Homecoming

By **ASHLEY WATTS**  
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University football team lost to No. 14 Harding last Saturday during the Homecoming game, 47-13.

NWOSU's record dropped to 2-6 on the season, while Harding moved to a 6-1 record in the Great American Conference.

On the defensive side of the ball, senior Maurice Wright Jr. led the Rangers with 25 tackles.

Up next for the Rangers in tackles, was redshirt sophomore Nehemiah Lewis had 12 tackles for the game.

Marcus Brent and Juan Licea also came in with a total of 10 tackles each.

Brian Holiday, Lewis and Brent also each had a tackle that was a loss of yards for the Bison.

To go with his 25 tackles Wright also forced two fumbles, with Alejandro Aaron recovering one.

This was the lone turnover that the Bison had throughout the whole game.

The Rangers offense surpassed the season average yards given up by the Bison. Harding has one for the top defenses in the GAC conference.



Photo by Angel Perez

Northwestern football will host Oklahoma Baptist on Nov. 2 at Ranger Field. Kick off is set for 2 p.m.

Northwestern collected 308 yards on offense, which included 207 yards through the air and 101 yards on the ground. Harding was only allowing 231.6 yards per game in total defense, 155.9 yards a contest in pass defense and 75.7 yards rushing per game.

Harding scored the first touchdown of the game, but Aharon Barnes blocked the PAT attempt.

Northwestern then got on the board late in the first quarter when Torrence Stevens found Kentrez Bell on a trick play deep over the middle for a 68-yard connection.

Bell was unfortunately ran down and tackled at the one-yard line. NWOSU was unable to score a touchdown, but Conner O'Neal made a field goal from 21-yards.

NWOSU would end the half scoring on back-to-back drives.

The first one was when Trent

Easily found a wide open Bell for a 25-yard touchdown. The second score on the back-to-back drives came when O'Neal hit another field goal as time expired in the first half.

Easily finished the game with 9-of-26 passing for 139 yards and a sol touchdown, while Stevens was 1 for 1 for a total of 68 yards.

Bell led the Rangers with four catches for 108 yards, while Garner and Stevens each had a pair of catches.

Rapheal Edwards Jr. had one catch for 20 yards. Jacob Peyton was again the leading rusher for the Rangers with 107 yards on 12 carries.

The road team came out of the half and did not surrender another score, while also collecting three touchdowns and two field goals in the later half.

Chancey was the leading rusher for the Bison with 206 yards, including a 45 yard run, with two touchdowns.

As a team Harding collected 413 yards on the ground and Preston Paden was 1-2 throwing with 56 yards.

The NWOSU Rangers return home next Saturday afternoon to take on Oklahoma Baptist.

## Men's and women's cross country compete at GAC meet

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Northwestern Oklahoma State's Garrison Blanton, turned in the Rangers best finish in their NCAA Division II era at the Great American Conference Championship Saturday at the Ouachita Baptist Trails.

Blanton placed fourth at the water-logged 8K race in 25 minutes and 42.1 seconds to break his school record for the second consecutive race, this time by 10 seconds.

Blanton will compete at the NCAA Central Region Championship on November 9 at 9 a.m. in Joplin, Missouri.

Oklahoma Baptist University won the team competition by two points over Harding University, while Dylan Douglas of Harding took the individual crown. Northwestern topped Southern Nazarene University and Arkansas-Monticello University.

Blanton turns in his second straight GAC All-Conference honor, while still being the lone Ranger to have ever received the accolade. He placed 13th last season.

Noble Buckhaults finished at the 27:04.6 mark to place 27th.

Bauhaults improves his



Graphic by riderangerside.com

Junior Garrison Blanton will compete at the NCAA Central Region Preview Championship on Nov. 9 in Joplin.

mark in the record books moving into the fifth spot.

Kory Wilson clocked a time of 27:27.0 to end in 32nd place and placing 33rd with a time of 27:34.9 was Cody Schmidt, which moved into the top-10 all-time at 10th place.

Victor Cruz was Northwestern's fifth scoring runner crossing with a time of 28:08.9 in 36th

place, to move up to 14th in the record book.

Other Rangers racing were: Deven Marshall (28:19.2), Moises Ortega (29:02.9) and Caleb Pierce (30:13.7).

The NWOSU's women's cross country team also competed. They place ninth overall in the Great American Conference championship.

The team finished with a total time of 1:44:54 and a score of 223.

Camille Lear was the first Ranger to cross the finish line with a time of 20:45.4, earning her the 40th overall finish in the race.

Following Lear was Jasmin Garcia and Madison Meyer, who placed 41st and 42nd overall.

Garica finished with a time of 20:49.3 and Meyer clocked a time

of 20:49.6.

Oklahoma Baptist took the team title, while Anna Mora of East Central was the individual winner.

Northwestern's ninth place finish is exactly where they were selected in the preseason poll.

The Rangers bested Henderson State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and Arkansas-Monticello University.

Mariah Malloy would be the fourth member of the team to finish. Malloy placed 47th overall and finished with a time of 21:08.1.

Closing out the top five finishers for Northwestern was Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot. Rivet-Tissot ran for a time of 21:22.0, which earned her the 53rd overall finishing spot.

Also running for the Rangers was: Briley Yunker (21:59.1), Zoe Moorman (22:59.3), Yvonne Landeros (23:26.7), Crystal Castillo (23:29.8) and Jean Dodds (24:41.0)

This race closed out the season for Northwestern cross country.

The teams showed a improvement over the course of the season and the future appears to bright for the Rangers cross country moving forward.



# Sports



## Soccer wins in OT



Photo by Angel Perez

Soccer will play OBU on Nov. 7.

By **NICK DILL**  
Student Reporter

The Rangers battled to the end and came out victorious. The Northwestern Women's Soccer team defeated East Central University 2-1 in overtime at home.

The Rangers started the game fast after getting the first six shots of the game. Chances were there, but neither team could capitalize on these scoring chances.

The match went into a weather delay due to lightning in the 25th minute. This weather delay shocked everyone, including head coach Eric Solberg.

"I think for us it was to keep it simple. Think it actually helped us break the game up allowed us to play some players a little bit longer. You know we got a little break there," Solberg said.

Yazmin Gomez scored the first goal of the game to give the Rangers a 1-0 lead. This was Gomez's third goal of the week and sixth on the season.

Northwestern controlled the

rest of the first half and led 1-0 at halftime. East Central tied the game in the second half.

Both teams battled back and forth throughout the game, but were unable to finish on their chances. The game ended 1-1 in regulation, and forced the game into overtime. Northwestern had their first two shots in overtime.

After a breakaway opportunity, East Central fouled Abby Nunez to give the Rangers a penalty kick. Nunez took advantage and scored the penalty kick to give the Rangers the 2-1 lead. Nunez's goal was the game-winning goal as the Rangers defeated East Central 2-1.

Coach Solberg was impressed with the hard-fought win.

The Rangers are now 6-7-1 on the season. The six wins this season are the most wins in Northwestern history since moving to Division II.

The Rangers will return to action on the road on Oct.31. The next home game is Nov. 7 against Oklahoma Baptist at 6 p.m.

## Robinson and Eubanks both earn a thousand kills



Photo by Leah Darnell

Jennifer Eubanks and Kaitlyn Robinson were honored last Saturday for each earning a thousand kills for their college careers.

## Volleyball continues win streak at home

By **MADISON PARROT**  
Athletic Communications

To start off Homecoming week Northwestern Oklahoma State volleyball hosted Henderson State.

It was an even match with both teams refusing to give the other any headway, but the Rangers used their tough defense to edge Henderson State University throughout the match 1-3.

Senior Kiauna Clark tallied on another fantastic game for the Rangers as she earned 17 and five total blocks.

Jennifer Eubanks and Kaydee Honeycutt earned 11 kills a piece with six and five blocks respectively.

Freshman Alexi Beach had herself a game with 4 kills and seven total blocks.

Kaitlyn Robinson earned 37 of the 47 assists in the match while Sydnee Miller tallied a team-leading 23 digs.



Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern volleyball will host Southeastern Oklahoma State on Oct. 31.

The first set showed a lot of fight form Northwestern as they had to battle to keep themselves above water.

The Rangers fell 4-1 in the early half of the first set.

After a back and forth battle with sixteen different ties and lead changes three straight attack errors gave the Rangers the 29-27 win.

Henderson State came back in the second set. This gave the Black-and-Red their first set loss 20-25.

A five-point run, with an exclamation point service ace from Robinson gave the Rangers a 21-18 lead in the latter half. third 25-19.

The fourth set was all about Northwestern as they went on a

10-1 run. A battle for the fourth set then ensued as neither team gave much leeway.

Clark continued to stand out as she sent the final kill to the court to take the match and fourth set 25-22.

Next, the Rangers took on Ouchita Baptist on Oct. 26. NWOSU volleyball earned their seventh win at home as they took

on Ouachita Baptist.

The Rangers were able to pull out the win 3-1.

Northwestern fell behind early in the early part of the first half 13-7, but the Rangers won the first set 25-23.

The second set was a wild one with 15 ties and lead changes in set two alone; however the Rangers won 29-27.

Northwestern seemed to take their momentum into the third set, but the Tigers hung around for long enough to give themselves an opportunity in the latter half of the set. They won 25-23.

A 10-2 run for the Black-and-Red solidified the Rangers fourth set victory as they added an exclamation point win 25-17 to take the match 3-1.

The Rangers are scheduled to continue their home play in Percell Fieldhouse on Thursday Oct. 31 to play Southeastern Savage Storm at 7 p.m.

Volleyball at home:

Soccer away:

Football at home:

Rodeo at home:

Women's b-ball at home:

**Up Next for Ranger Sports**

<p>Southeastern Oct. 31</p>	<p>Harding University Oct. 31</p> <p>Ouchita University Nov. 2</p>	<p>Oklahoma Baptist Nov. 2</p>	<p>NWOSU Oct. 31- Nov. 2</p>	<p>Tabor College Nov. 4</p>
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# Campus

## Pumpkin named Coronado Cafe's super food of the month



Photo by Leah Darnell

Left: Chris Chauncey and Tanya Crain make mini pumpkin pies in the cafeteria Tuesday afternoon. Coronado Cafe has a super food each month and pumpkin was named the super food for the month of October.

**Don't forget to set your clocks back Saturday night Nov 2!**

*Fall backward!*

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