

## Smiles of the Week



Photo by Leah Darnel

From left: Freshman Sadie Crusinberry says she is smiling because of her family and friends, Tyler Gregory is smiling because of dad jokes and Jordan Villalva is smiling because of everyone's support in the community.

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## NWOSU prepares for Christmas



Photo by Ashley Strehl

A Christmas tree is standing tall in the J.W. Martin Library. With graduation and finals week approaching, NWOSU has several events lined up to spread Christmas cheer. Delta Zeta and the NWOSU Art Society will host the 10th annual holiday store for kids Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. in the student center. Families in attendance will get a photo with Santa for \$5, and they will have the option to buy other gifts in the store.

## NWOSU study abroad sets trip to Iceland

By MCKAYLA HOLSON  
Editorial Editor

The May 2020 study abroad trip is to discover the wonders of Iceland.

This seven-day trip includes travels to the glaciers, geothermal areas, waterfalls, regional-style meals and several other activities. Dr. Jenny Sattler, associate professor of physics, said she is excited to go see the Blue Lagoon.

There is still time to join. The last day to sign up is February 11. Sattler said the sooner people sign up, the better the price will be. As the trip gets closer, the price increases. This trip is not just for NWOSU students, community members and others can also join.

"If a Northwestern student wants to go with their parents, they're welcome to or if they have a friend who goes to a different school. Anybody can sign up," Sattler said.

The entire cost is not due all at once. Those who want to go can start a payment plan with \$95.

The exact dates will not be set until 90 days prior to departure, but it will be after the spring semester ends and before summer sessions start.

Those who go on the trip can also take the Global Citizenship course offered at Northwestern. Taking the course is not a requirement though.

"You don't have to take the class, but for those students who See ICELAND, Page 2

## Marijuana: Medical vs. federal law

### Debate over legality of medical marijuana continues to grow

By MICHELLE WILLSON  
Feature/Entertainment Editor

The line between marijuana being legal to being illegal has gotten blurred by all the smoke. States have legalized and decriminalized it, while it is still illegal in the federal government's eyes. Most campuses and the NCAA still will not allow it. Students and athletes with it in their system or even in their possession on campus will get penalized.

"If I had to pick one thing the general public had to know is that most of the people who use marijuana are using it wrong," said Jonathan Caulklins author of a marijuana publication. "The proper way to use it is once or twice a month."

The Drug Enforcement Administration's website states that marijuana is a Schedule I

drug, meaning that it is a substance or chemical that is defined as drugs with no currently accepted medical use and a high potential for abuse.

Many physicians claim marijuana does have medical advantages. The schedule categories of drugs were established in 1970 as part of the Controlled Substance Act and has not changed since.

In particular, marijuana appears to ease chronic pain, including that of multiple sclerosis and nerve pain in general, states the Harvard Health blog. These illnesses have only a few medicines that help such as Neurontin, Lyrica, and opiates that are highly sedating.

Along these lines, marijuana is said to be a muscle relaxant, and people swear by its ability to lessen tremors in Parkinson's disease, for fibromyalgia, endometriosis and interstitial cystitis, said The Harvard Health Blog. It can be used to manage nausea and weight loss, to treat glaucoma and PTSD in veterans.

Countless reports have come out claim it has helped in some way or another. Ride with Larry, a YouTube channel, posted a unedited video of Larry, a retired police man with Parkinson's trying Marijuana for the first time.

You can watch how the marijuana effects his tremor, dyskinesia and his voice.

Even with the federal government has not changed its laws. "1st OFFENSE Marijuana (Schedule I) 1,000 kg or more marijuana mixture; or 1,000 or more marijuana plants Not less than 10 years. or more than life," states the DEA's Website. "If death or serious bodily injury, not less than 20 years, or more than life. Fine not more than \$10 million if an individual, \$50 million if other than an individual."

The punishment can be severe. Though 10 states have completely legalized medical marijuana, 12 have decriminalized recreational marijuana and 14 have reduced the punishment for possession of marijuana.

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Jonathan Caulklins



# News

## Graduation

# Look at how far we've come

Northwestern's fall graduates set to walk across the stage Dec. 8

By **BRYANT VENDOSEL**  
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University will be holding their fall commencement on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:30.

Percefull Fieldhouse will be where the graduates walk across the stage and get their diplomas from Dr. Cunningham.

The speaker for this year's graduation is NWOSU alum Dr. Chan Hellman who graduated from Northwestern Oklahoma State in 1989 where Hellman earned a bachelor's degree in psychology.

"During my time at Northwestern I really wanted to take scuba diving," Hellman told University Relations. "I coordinated my courses around this opportunity which would potentially put me behind on the graduation timeline. Doc Mathews was the instructor and taught a really challenging course that included the requirement to pass a written test on the kinesiology and chemistry associated with diving (especially what happens to the body during diving accidents).

"Scuba diving was an amazing experience that I would not have pursued had it not been for this class. On the optional final exam, Doc Mathews invited us to show up and dive. I put on an air tank and swam to the deep end bottom and used the whole tank just staring at the surface reflecting on how Northwestern was offering a pathway of experiences that would



Photo provided by University Relations

Graduates listen to a speaker at the 2018 fall commencement. The 2019 fall commencement is set for Dec. 8.

change my life forever."

Hellman is a professor in the Anne & Henry Zarrow School of Social Work at the University of Oklahoma. He also holds an adjunct professor appointment in the Department of Health Promotion Sciences for the OU College of Public Health.

Hellman is also the Founding Director

of the Hope Research Center. "Hope is a future expectation for goal attainment. Hope is comprised of three main tenants: goals, pathways and agency," according to their website.

Students attending the graduating this fall are eager to get their diploma. Trevor Johnson will be graduating with

a health and sports science degree and is wanting to put his degree to good use when he graduates. "I've been working for this degree for a while, so getting my diploma will show that my hard work paid," Johnson said.

Viewers can tune in to watch the event live on the university's YouTube channel,

## ICELAND: Travelers will see Northern Lights

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need either three credits of a general education elective or a humanities credit can take the class and learn about how we all fit into the world," Sattler said. "They'll learn some about the Iceland trip specifically, but they'll also be looking at it in a broader perspective of how we're not just an isolated community, that we actually are part of a global world."

"It's so helpful, I think, for people to realize how big the world is," Sattler said.

People who go on this trip will be able to explore Iceland and the trip will provide opportunities and benefits.

**"It's so helpful, I think, for people to realize how big the world is."**

**- Dr. Jenny Sattler**

"I think it's beneficial for a couple of reasons." Sattler said.

"One, I think students should be able to go out and see the world and see that there's more to the world than just Alva, Oklahoma and Oklahoma in general. I also think it will bring about some opportunities that they may not have had before. For example, seeing the glaciers, seeing the volcanic beaches, the waterfalls, just traveling and learning to interact with people is a great benefit to any future career."

"The only thing I'm forewarning people on the trip is, if the Northern Lights are out, everybody is getting out of bed to go look at the Northern Lights," Sattler said.

For more information, contact Sattler at [jasattler@nwosu.edu](mailto:jasattler@nwosu.edu) or visit the NWOSU Study Abroad tab <https://www.nwosu.edu/study-abroad>. To enroll now, visit [efcollegestudytours.com/2217092ke](http://efcollegestudytours.com/2217092ke).

Iceland is an island in the North Atlantic Ocean with a population of roughly 360,000. The island's capital city is Reykjavik.

The island is known for its ties to vikings and norse mythology.

### What you need to know:

- The trip will be held in May of 2020.
- Dr. Jenny Sattler is leading the trip.
- Payment plans for students start at \$95.
- The last day to sign up for the trip is February 11.
- The trip will last 7 days.
- Any student may go on the trip.

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# News

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Combined Fine Arts event. The Holiday Gala will feature all three university choirs, the jazz ensemble and concert band in Herod Hall Auditorium. Annual lighting of the campus Christmas tree will follow the concert on the lawn.

Dec 7  
7 p.m.

### Fall

#### Commencement

Dec 8

3:30 p.m.

Percefull

Fieldhouse

#### Holiday Tuba Concert

Holiday Tuba Concert where all tuba players from the area are welcome to perform and participate in the playing of Christmas music on tuba or baritone in Herod Hall Auditorium. Free and open to anyone wanting to see local tuba players perform.

Dec 9  
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

### Final Exams Week

Dec 10 -  
13th



### Christmas Break

Dec 13 -  
Jan 13



~REVISED~  
**NWOSU SCHEDULE OF FINAL EXAMINATIONS**  
**FALL 2019**

INSTRUCTIONS: Students should check the examination schedule closely so that final exams will not be missed. Being in the right place at the right time is the responsibility of the student.

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**NIGHT CLASS EXAMINATION SCHEDULE:**

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 Tuesday Night Classes.....FINAL EXAM, Tuesday, Nov. 26, @ 7:00p.m.  
 Wednesday Night Classes.....FINAL EXAM, Wednesday, Dec. 4, @ 7:00p.m.  
 Thursday or Tuesday/Thursday Night Classes .....FINAL EXAM, Thursday, Dec. 12, @ 7:00p.m.

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# Editorial

## Unsung Heroes of Northwestern: D. P. Marum and George Vickers

By **JOHN BARTON**  
*Associate Professor of Speech Emeritus and Dean Emeritus, NWOSU*

This is the fourth of a series of articles designed to recognize the work of many individuals who were responsible for getting Northwestern Territorial Normal School located in Alva, Oklahoma Territory in 1897 and for providing leadership to ensure quality education for the critical years that followed.

Getting the territorial legislature to enact a law establishing a normal school in Alva was a very difficult job. In addition, getting Territorial Governor W. C. Renfrow to sign the bill was also hard. Alva was ably represented in the lower house of the territorial legislature by George Vickers of Alva and in the upper house by D. P. Marum of Woodward.

A conflict arose when it was discovered that both the Alva and Woodward communities wanted a normal school. The two men realized that if both Alva and Woodward attempted to get the school both communities would lose. Newspapers of that time referred to a card game that was played between Vickers and Marum with the rule that the winner would take all and with the loser doing everything possible to assist the winner in getting the normal school in his community.

We do not know who won the card game, but we do know that only Alva went for the normal school and that Mr. Marum worked very hard to get approval of the legislature for the Alva bill. We also do not know what card game was played or what the winning hand was. In the play entitled "Northwestern - The Early Years" presented by the Historical Preservation Taskforce on July 17, 2014, I reported that the game was stud poker and the winning hand was an ace high and the ace was the ace of spades. I chose the ace of spades since it is the highest card in the deck and Northwestern has always been a win-

ner. This was the only part of the play that was fiction.

The bill establishing Northwestern Normal was introduced in the 1896 legislative session. It met with a great deal of opposition even though the need for such an institution in the northwest part of Oklahoma Territory was obvious. The other normal school in Oklahoma Territory was in opposition to the Alva bill. The struggle continued throughout the 1896 session finally ending with failure of the Alva bill.

The Alva delegation renewed their efforts working toward the 1897 session. These dedicated Alva businessmen and representatives worked doubly hard during this session, and their efforts paid off as the territorial legislature approved the bill establishing the Northwestern Territorial Normal School in Alva.

Only one problem remained. Territorial Governor Renfrow needed to sign the bill to make it legal and binding. The many opponents of the bill encouraged the governor to veto the bill by not signing it. It was at this point that George Vickers reminded the governor that he was head of the appropriations committee and he would not sign any payroll checks, including the governor's, if the governor did not sign the Alva bill. Miracle upon miracle, the governor had a change of heart and signed the Alva bill that created Northwestern Territorial Normal in Alva, Oklahoma Territory in March of 1897. When word reached Alva, citizens participated in a large celebration that continued for several days.

I am certain D. P. Marum would have approved of Northwestern's beautiful campus that is now in Woodward, and it seems appropriate to pay tribute to his outstanding work in getting the establishment of Northwestern approved. Sometimes it takes a while to honor good work.

George Vickers also needs to be honored for his work and leadership in getting Northwestern Territorial Normal School at Alva approved.

## Tips for traveling

By **CHUY DOMINGUEZ**  
*Student Reporter*

Traveling is always something fun to do with friends and family or even by yourself! Whether it is flying on a plane, cruising across the seas or mountain climbing, the possibilities are endless! Unfortunately, traveling can be expensive depending on what you want to do and where you want to go.

For a small town like Alva, it's quite easy to be bored with the minimum possibilities of anything entertaining. Some college students often venture out to Enid for a midnight run to IHOP or just enjoy the joyride of traveling. But just in case you do want to travel anywhere, I'm here to give out some personal tips from experience.

For me, I hate spending money on gas because gas prices are high in some states, like in California where it was up to five dollars and sixty cents a gallon. I use an app called GasBuddy to look up the cheapest gas prices that are closest first. If you sign up to be a member, GasBuddy will send you a card, that is linked to your checking account, that will take off five

cents per gallon when you use it. It's not much, but it will add up in the meantime! When driving long distances, I always like to buy some hot Cheetos to keep me up from falling asleep. Spicy foods will set a body reaction to waking you up more. Another thing that will help is playing loud music and being energetic. You obviously know all the words to a Taylor Swift song, might as well shout the lyrics out when you're out traveling long distances with your friends.

If you're traveling by plane, you better have an empty water bottle and some small snacks to carry into the airport or any liquid that is BELOW three ounces. I had my favorite beverages to take in with me and the TSA asked me to throw my bottles away, but of course I sort of understand but it's ridiculous to throw away an unopened bottle of beverages. Sometimes the TSA can be rude, so be prepared for any snotty comments from them and don't worry about what they might say to you. They're human too and could be dealing with immature people. Always be cautious to people around if they act sketchy or concerning. I've seen most people just stand behind someone for no reason and that's usually when they start to unzip someone else's bag and take an item.



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## EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

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

To my readers, thank you for taking the time this semester to sit down and read my columns. Even if sometimes they weren't that interesting or a bit rough.

This will be my last column for the semester. I am so relieved to finally be done, and so is everyone on staff I think. We all worked very hard this semester to make this paper great and I am so proud of us.

I had many goals for the newspaper this year and I think we met all of them. I set out to ensure that most every piece of work in this paper was original content by either a member of our staff or a student in the Mass Communications department.

This brings me to my next point, not only have the staff worked hard on the paper this semester, so has every student in the department involved in our journalism classes.

Now, to my mass comm peers: I know that writing or design may not have been your favorite thing to do, but thank you anyway. Seriously, I would say that, for the most part, I have never had such a cooperative group of reporters and designers.

Not only does this reflect on your diligence as a student but it shows that you care about your future in the communications field. So thank you for being cooperative with me and respecting me and the staff.

I love this job. It has taught me so much and it's hard to think that after I graduate in the spring I will have to move on and work somewhere else. Somewhere where I may not get to sing Disney songs with my co-workers or somewhere where my boss doesn't make me a delicious dinner every other week.

As I start this next semester I am preparing for a new chapter in my life, for which I am both extremely nervous but also quite excited for. I don't know what's going to happen but I do know that I will take you all with me along the way.

Tune in next semester for more Northwestern News, thanks again.- Ash.



# Editorial

## The procrastination of Congress

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

The definition of procrastination, according to Merriam-Webster's dictionary, is this: "To put off intentionally the doing of something that should be done."

That sounds a lot like what the U.S. Congress is doing when it comes to the federal budget.

Last month, Congress passed yet another stop-gap resolution to temporarily fund the government. It'll only be in effect until Dec. 20, less than three weeks from now.

A stop-gap is a bill Congress passes when members forget to craft a solid, detailed federal budget for the next fiscal year. A lack of a budget causes a funding gap.

And our country has faced two of them this year. When you're too busy trying to impeach a duly elected president because you know he's going to be reelected, you tend to neglect those kinds of fiscal responsibilities.

Congress has a history of procrastination when it comes to the federal budget.

According to a report from the Congressional Research Service, the federal government has had 20 funding gaps since 1977. In some cases, stop-gap bills have been passed. In others, they haven't been. That's why we have those nasty little government shutdowns.

The only way to prevent government shutdowns is to force Congress to pass budgets on time. But how does one do that? Earlier this year, one Oklahoma senator

took a step in that direction. Senator James Lankford introduced a bill that would ban travel for U.S. senators, representatives, and certain congressional employees if Congress didn't pass appropriations bills on-time. It was a bold maneuver, one that we commend.

But, as you can tell, that bill isn't likely to pass. Voting for such a measure would require some degree of self-responsibility and self-discipline on the part of our nation's senators and representatives. We'll let you decide whether very many of them possess those qualities.

Until we elect more leaders who do have those virtues, things will remain the same on Capitol Hill. And we'll see more fiscally irresponsible stop-gap bills make their way through Congress as an excuse for procrastination.

## Christmas traditions

By **ASHLEY WATTS**  
Sports Editor

Does your family have a Christmas tradition?

With Christmas quickly approaching, it is time to start thinking about when you are going to get together with your family and celebrate. Most families have a certain tradition that they have every year when it comes to Christmas.

Some people go look at Christmas lights around town, while others eat a certain food for lunch or dinner. Some people go to church on Christmas Eve, and others get pajamas to wear Christmas morning. Some people go visit families in other states, while some people stay home with family.

Christmas has many traditions that are celebrated around the world during the later days of December. In England, they have crackers that have toys in them. It is a tradition to have two different people pull it apart and see what is inside. In Ireland, they put a large candle on the biggest window in the house after sunset on Christmas Eve. The candle is left to burn all night and represents a welcoming light for Mary and Joseph.

America's Christmas traditions range from family to family. Most families get together on Christmas Eve and eat supper, while the kids track Santa Claus on the Internet. On Christmas morning the families

open presents that Santa has left.

"My family attends the candle light service on Christmas Eve at our church, or we drink cinnamon hot chocolate Christmas morning," said Lindsay Ball, biology major.

Even though America has their own traditions, some families incorporate other countries' traditions.

"We have the tradition of Christmas Crackers and paper crowns," said mathematics major, Samantha Friday. "We open them after we eat dinner and hang out with family. We also play games like Uno, Phase 10 and Dominos, and we catch up on what's going on with the family."

Even colleges and universities have Christmas traditions. At Northwestern Oklahoma State University, the university band and choir host a Christmas Gala for all to attend. The choir starts with a few traditional Christmas songs, and then the band comes on stage to play their songs.

After the band plays a few songs, the choir comes back out to sing along with the band as they play a song with everyone's holiday favorites. Once the concert is over, everyone goes outside to do the annual Christmas tree lighting.

Everyone has their own Christmas tradition that their families do. Not everyone does the same thing, but everyone still celebrates the Christmas holiday.

"The traditions we create now will be the memories our children cherish in the future," unknown.



Photo provided by Jordan Green

Volunteers with Operation Care Package pose with a veteran in the OKC VA Hospital after delivering packages Nov. 30

## Goal surpassed

Operation Care Package results in donation of 82 care packages

By **JORDAN GREEN**  
News Editor

Two words: Thank you.

Thanks to the generosity of so many people from Blackwell and across the entire state of Oklahoma, two of my closest friends and I were able to meet – and exceed – our goal of helping veterans in the Oklahoma City VA Hospital.

Here's the backstory.

In October, I penned a column asking for donations of snacks, socks, hygiene products, shirts, cards, and crossword-puzzle books. All of these items would be used to make care packages for veterans right here in Oklahoma. Cody Cospser, Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche, and yours truly took up the community service project as an assignment for the President's Leadership Class at Northwestern Oklahoma State University here in Alva. We thought the project would be fitting at this time of year. After all, it is Christmas. Everyone needs to be shown a little love.

Originally, we planned to fill 50 shoeboxes with the aforementioned goods. We thought that would be a good goal, and we weren't sure how many people would donate to our cause.

Then, I used this space to make a plea to you, my loyal readers, for your help. And you blessed us beyond measure.

Just a few days after my column was published, donations began to pour in. We quickly filled up a room in my dad's medical office in Blackwell, which served as our donation collection point. Seeing the donations pile up was humbling. At the same time, it was electrifying: To see that people are so willing to give of themselves to help someone else was a powerful thing to witness.

In addition to the endless number of donated items we received, we took in close to \$700 in cash donations. While I don't know the exact worth of the donated goods we received, I would say we received no less than \$1,000 worth.

Trying to put a price on that, though, wouldn't be accurate. Those goods were priceless.

Once we rounded up all of the donations, we held a party to put all of the care packages together. In total, 22 kind folks showed up to help; the work went quickly and smoothly. We loaded the boxes up in our vehicles and got ready to deliver them. We ended up making not 50, not 60, and not 70, but 82 care packages for our vets.

And then came the big day: Saturday.

Waking up early that morning, my friends and I – along with our family members – drove to Oklahoma City with a load of care packages in tow behind us.

Once we got there, the experience was incredible.

Each of the veterans whom we met was so grateful. They were overwhelmed with joy to know that someone cares for them – and that someone appreciates their service and sacrifice to our country.

And in case you were wondering, here's some even better news: We got a package to every veteran in the hospital and still had some packages leftover.

Walking up and down the halls of that hospital gave me a newfound appreciation for our servicemen and women. And it gave me a greater appreciation for all of you who donated to our project.

There are too many of you to mention. If I tried to list everyone, I'd run out of room in this newspaper. So, if you donated to our cause, just know that this heartfelt "Thanks" is for you.

Thank you for helping us care for our veterans. Thank you for thinking about others. Thank you for giving your time, money, and resources to someone in need. And most of all, thank you for making sure that the men and women who have given so much of themselves were given something in return.

Even though they never asked for it, they deserve it. And you helped make it happen.

God bless each and every one of you.

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Photos by Sean Doherty

More than 50 people gathered to protest on the Woods County Courthouse lawn on Sept 4. They were protesting city ordinance 2018-004, a law that they felt was too strict on restricting the possible locations for a dispensary.

# Marijuana plant makes its journey to Alva

By Sean Doherty  
Student Reporter

In 1936 a propaganda film called "Reefer Madness" opened in theaters across America.

Among the "dangers" posed to America's youth by the drug were: manslaughter, suicide and attempted rape.

Today, "Reefer Madness" is a term used by medical marijuana activists to describe dated information about the dangers—and possible benefits—of cannabis.

Eighty-three-year-old Jewel Ledo just started using Medical Marijuana to control benign essential tremors. But Ledo didn't always see cannabis as a medicine. "I worked in the police department for 12 years," Ledo said. "We were so against smoking marijuana when I worked there, and anyone picked up with a roach, smoking a cigarette got thrown in the tank."

In June 2018, Oklahoma legalized medicinal cannabis with the signing of State Question 788. Now more than 83,000 Oklahoma residents carry a medical marijuana card, according to the Marijuana Policy Project. Licensed Oklahomans and caregivers can now possess up to three ounces of cannabis on their person and eight ounces at their residence, one ounce of concentrates, 72 ounces of edibles, six mature plants and six seedlings.

State Question 788 also decriminalized the use of cannabis in Oklahoma. The penalty for possessing up to 1.5 ounces of marijuana is now a maximum of a \$400 misdemeanor fine, given the person can state a medical condition. However, non-violent felons convicted in the past two years or violent felons convicted in the past five do not qualify for a card, nor do individuals currently incarcerated.

Now, patients can cultivate their own medical marijuana, but most look to licensed dispensaries



Joint Pains location in Alva

which aren't hard to find. These dispensaries buy from licensed growers and processors in Oklahoma, and it is not uncommon to see two or more in relative proximity to each other, but always 1,000 feet from a school. Already, chains of dispensaries stretch across the state, but not without pushback. On Aug. 20, 2018, the Alva City Council passed an ordinance to regulate the then recently legal medical marijuana in town. Ordinance 2018-004 set up parameters on how the city of Alva would handle the use, growth and legal distribution in town.

The ordinance required medical marijuana dispensaries and related businesses to be 1,000 feet from parks, playgrounds, schools, libraries, museums, churches, day care centers, other medical marijuana establishments, and residential areas. It also required a \$500 annual fee to grow marijuana for personal use.

These restrictions barred any dispensaries from opening in the city limits of Alva, and restricted licensed patients' ability to medicate. Many in the community saw this as unacceptable.

On Aug. 20, 2019, a year after the original ordinance passed, the Alva City Council met again to listen to citizen's concerns.

Among the citizens in the



Joint pains in Alva opened in October, and is located by Sonic

crowd was Michelle Dupree, who announced her intent to protest the ordinance. According to the Alva-Review Courier, Dupree said, "I myself am not a Medical marijuana licensed patient; however, that doesn't prevent me from being an advocate, and I seek your acknowledgment in this matter."

She continued, "This protest includes an ordinance that effectively prevents any medical marijuana establishment from opening within the city limits, particularly in light of the fact that one such establishment met all the requirements handed down from the OMMA [Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority], passed the fire marshal's inspection and was not allowed to open.

"We count on you to do what is best for the citizens of this city without letting your personal beliefs and opinions impair fair judgment. Many of your constituents believe that you have failed on this issue. I know that people have approached you spitting venom and making demands, and we are not that people. We are choosing to gather together and exercise our right to peacefully protest in the hopes that you will understand how these ordinances are affecting patients in Alva who have decided to medicate not with pharmaceuticals but with medical marijuana."

Dupree then continued to read a

written statement by her mother-in-law Cindy Dupree.

"I support everything Michelle said, and I will be protesting with her and many others. I didn't always support marijuana as a medicine. I was taught my whole life that marijuana was a bad addictive drug. I had to change my views because of my own medical issues. I have scoliosis, chronic back pain, three slipped discs in my back, fibromyalgia, arthritis, headaches attacks and anxiety. I also have Huntington's disease, which is a terminal brain disease with no cure and only one medication that is horribly expensive and has very bad side effects.

"I had to change a lifetime of bias against marijuana, and cannabis has helped me so much. I now can stand for longer than 10 or 15 minutes without crying. My anxiety attacks are at a minimum.

My fibromyalgia is manageable, and it helps with the muscle pain from Huntington's. The only problem I have with using medical marijuana as my medicine, I can't get medical marijuana here in Alva.

I can't drive long distances, which is why I am protesting Alva's medical marijuana ordinances, and I hope you understand why we need to fix this."

Licensed dispensary owner Shane Corbett waited until the end of the discussion to speak.

**Medical Marijuana: What's still illegal?**

- No prescriptions; Just recommendations from physicians
- Using Marijuana in the workplace or on the job
- Transporting marijuana across state lines
- Smoking marijuana where tobacco is also prohibited
- Giving marijuana away
- Driving while impaired on marijuana
- Possessing an excessive amount of marijuana

Source: Tulsa World. Graphic by Sean Doherty

A list of the legal and illegal aspects of marijuana possession

According to the Courier, Corbett said, "I'm the owner of Joint Pains LLC. I don't have a lot to say to you folks other than thank you for letting us join. These folks in here make me do what I do."

As promised, on Sept. 4, 2019, more than 50 people gathered on Alva's square to protest ordinance 2018-004. Supporters handed out fliers, told their stories and walked around the local businesses with homemade signs.

Citizen lobbyist Chris Moe, who helped the Duprees organize the rally, said he went from 9,000 prescribed pharmaceutical drugs a year to 2,000 by switching to medical marijuana.

Shane Dupree, husband to Michelle Dupree and son to Cindy Dupree, said he saw immediate results after getting his card five months ago.

Dupree smokes the cannabis plant to ease his depression, anxiety and to ease his rheumatoid arthritis.

Before medical cannabis, Shane Dupree's rheumatoid arthritis wore on him until the 36-year old's joints look typical of a 60-year-old man. The pain affected him so much his wife Michele had to help him dress and even get to the bathroom.

Real-life demonstrations can really make impressions too. Amy Brown, a protester who uses medical marijuana to control her seizures, collapsed on the lawn. By the time paramedics arrived, she had received her medicinal cannabis and was fine. Moe said protesting is only the first step.

He outlined a plan to bus people from Alva to dispensaries in nearby Cherokee and Waynoka and encouraged people to come back with receipts to show Alva's business owners the amount of money spent out of their town.

He also threatened legal action if the ordinance was not dealt with swiftly.

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# The other alternatives of the plant

## A look into CBD and hemp and ways it can be equally beneficial

By ASHELY WATTS  
Sports Editor

In the first year of medical marijuana being legalized, Oklahoma has had almost 150,000 applications from people wanting to receive a license to sell medical marijuana.

In 2018 Oklahoman legalized medical marijuana, and since then medical marijuana has shown good economic benefits. Not only are people opening dispensaries, but with the legalization of medical marijuana farmers are now allowed to grow hemp, doctors can prescribe patients with THC or CBD oil and restaurants are allowed to find new culinary ways to consume THC or CBD (cannabinoid) oil.

Even though medical marijuana was legalized in June 2018, there are still a lot of laws when it comes to opening a dispensary. One of the biggest laws with opening a dispensary in Oklahoma is the fact that the business owner has to follow the city's laws. City laws differ between cities. Cities in Oklahoma are allowed to make their own laws over the distance between dispensaries and residential areas, churches and schools. The average Oklahoma law for the distance of the business and any public or private school entrance is at least 1,000 feet, but that could change with each city.

The Oklahoma regulation for medical marijuana are thorough, and answer all questions anyone could have about medical marijuana. They go on to say how to apply for a license to sell and use medical marijuana.

Unlike alcohol, medical marijuana requires the user to be 18 of age instead of 21. Even though the legal age is 18, anyone under the age of 18 can still apply for a medical marijuana prescription with the right medical forms and permission from their legal guardians. A minor patient license is valid for two years or until the patient turns 18, according to omma.ok.gov.

Dispensaries for medical marijuana also have to follow a set of rules/laws. To dispense medical marijuana you need to apply for a license to sell. The process for this license is almost exactly the same as the process for a patient license; however, it costs a lot more to get a dispensary license.

The fee for a dispensary license is \$2,500, and the dispensary has to be at least 75% owned by Oklahomans who have had a residency status for two years, according to ocolly.com. In order to apply for a license to sell the business owner must be at least 25 years of age.

The laws in Oklahoma, also allow businesses and property owners the right to prohibit the use of smokable medical marijuana.

With the legalization of medical marijuana in Oklahoma, more places and businesses are using



Photos by Ashley Watts

Farmers in Oklahoma are now able to grow hemp to make into CBD products. Their plants are carefully monitored and tested to make sure there isn't any THC in it because if there is then they could have their fields destroyed.

CBD products. Doctors are finding new ways to use CBD oil in their practices and restaurants are using CBD oil in their food. CBD oil can be used for many conditions, including stress, help with sickness and addiction, help with ADHD or ADD disorders and cancer. Even animals can take edibles that contain CBD.

"I use it to help me focus and have lower stress levels," said Mackenna Tennyson, sophomore AG and business major. "It also helps me relax and helps with soreness and pain."

Not only does Tennyson use CBD products, but her parents also grow the crop that produces CBD oil. They also sell the crop to companies who process it into oils, dummies, smokables and lotions.

"I have used CBD products for about a year now, and I think it helps me in every way possible," Tennyson said.

According to Tennyson and her family, CBD products don't really have any cons. People will not get addicted to it because it does not have THC in it; therefore you can take as much as you want. CBD doesn't give people the high feeling they get when using marijuana, and it does not show up on drug test, so anyone can use it.

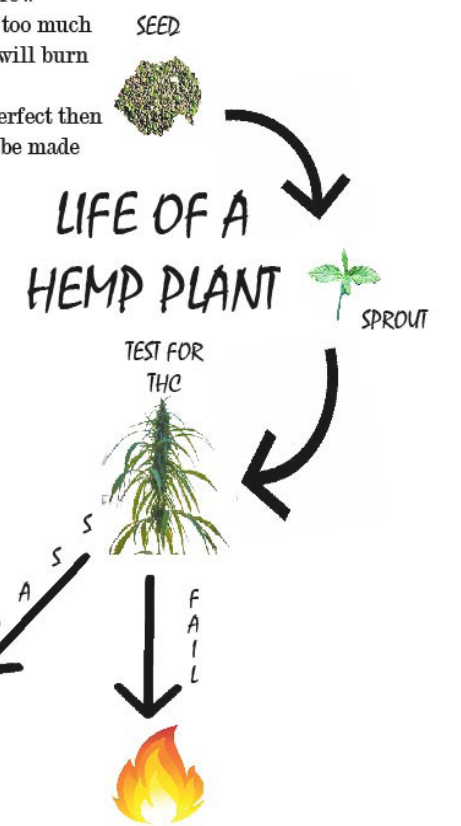
Medical professionals are starting to use CBD products in place of anti-inflammatories. Some studies show that these products help with ADHD and ADD in kids and adults. CBD products can help with the side effects of treatments used for cancer and it helps manage some symptoms.

The legalization of medical marijuana has opened many doors in Oklahoma. One thing it has done is made it legal to not just grow marijuana, but to also grow hemp. Hemp is grown similar to cotton; therefore, farmers in Oklahoma have picked it up. Unlike cotton, a farmer needs to have a license to grow industrial hemp.

"It is hard to grow this crop

### STEPS

1. Plant the seed
2. The seed starts to grow
3. A. If the plant has too much THC the authorities will burn the field.
3. B. If the plant is perfect then it goes to a factory to be made into a CBD product



Graphic by Ashley Watts

When a farmer is growing hemp plants it is tested for THC if it has too much of the chemical the company will burn the entire field.

because of the restrictions to it," said Robert Williams, a farmer in Erick, near Elk City.

When you grow hemp you have to be careful because if it has higher than .3% of THC you will get in trouble with the law, and they will burn the field as a whole.

Not only can farmers grow hemp, but universities and colleges with plant science curriculum can apply for a license to grow industrial hemp for research.

To be able to buy medical marijuana a person needs a card. Not just anyone can get a card; there are restrictions: being an Oklahoma resident and the resident must have a medical use for needing medical marijuana.

There is also a small fee you

have to pay when you apply. The fee to apply for a card is \$100. You will pay this fee to the Oklahoma Medical Marijuana Authority, ahead of time, in order to apply for the card. With the card a person can only buy 3 ounces of medical marijuana.

After submitting your application, it takes up to 15 business days to approve your application and send out your card if you were approved.

"My medical marijuana card was relatively easy to get," said AJ Madden, a resident in Alva with a prescription card.

Medical marijuana can be used for many different things, but it can also be abused by people.

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# Feature



Photo by Sean Doherty

Joint pains owner, Shane Corbitt, stands proudly in his dispensary.

## CANNABIS: Usage provides benefits for a myriad of medical conditions

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Medical marijuana has different strains that help with different symptoms. Strains are different breeds of cannabis. Usually it is split up into three categories: indica, sativa and hybrid. Indica is believed to have a relaxing effect on the user.

Sativa has a more of an energizing effect, while hybrid is a combination of indica and sativa, according to healthline.com. Not only do they have different strains, but there is also different flavors.

A number of research students have found that cannabis has the potential to help with a variety of medical conditions, including anxiety, chronic pain and even epilepsy, healthline.com reported. When using medical marijuana, it is good to

do research on the effects of using cannabis.

"Medical marijuana helps me with anxiety, fibromyalgia and rheumatoid arthritis," Madden said. "I use indica with my anxiety, to help sleep and to help with the pain from fibromyalgia and rheumatoid arthritis. I use sativa to help with depression, and I use hybrids during the day to keep me motivated."

Although Oklahoma legalized medical marijuana in 2018, some people still judge others who use cannabis.

"I think people judge when they find out you use cannabis," Madden said. "Its unfortunate, but I feel that it will only change once the use of cannabis is normalized. People don't agree with its legal use, and that's okay. We just need to coexist."

## MARIJUANA: Alva's city ordinance changes from protesters' success

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In fact it had already been threatened. According to the Review-Courier, Mayor Kelly Parker, City Attorney Rick Cunningham and members of city council received letters from John Hickey of Hall Estill Law Firm, stating the ordinance was illegal and the firm planned to sue the city if the ordinance was not repealed.

The letter stated the ordinance violated the law by requiring medical marijuana businesses to obtain permits from the city; imposing a fee upon Medical marijuana businesses; imposing zoning restrictions prohibiting the location of medical marijuana businesses within 1,000 feet from schools, parks, residences and other locations; imposing restrictions regarding days and hours of operation; and requiring certain fencing and security requirements.

A day after the protest, the Alva City Council's Ordinance Review Committee called an emergency meeting.

The committee recommended that the 1,000-foot distance requirement from library or museum, a public playground, a child care center, a place of worship or religious assembly, a public park, pool or recreation

facility; a juvenile or adult halfway house, correctional facility or substance abuse rehabilitation or treatment center; and another medical marijuana or retail marijuana establishment be lowered to 300 feet. The restriction from a private or public preschool, elementary, secondary, vocational or trade school, college or university is still 1000 feet.

They also recommended the distance requirement be removed entirely from residential areas, granted the business is still in a commercially zoned area. The committee also recommended eliminating the \$500 fee to grow marijuana for private use.

At the Sept. 16 meeting, the Alva City Council unanimously voted to accept the recommendations of the Ordinance Review Committee without any discussion.

"It's a huge win," Corbitt said, "for not only me as a businessman, but for these people right here. They're customers, they're patients, they're advocates. I did not do this alone."

Ledo, who spoke at both the August and September meetings, said she was proud of the city council. "It may not help me a lot, but it helps other people so I approve of that."

## DEBATE: Governments can lose money by not legalizing marijuana

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"The biggest reason for a state to legalize it would be that the states could then start taxing the purchases of marijuana," Caulkins said. "They could collect on the money they are losing out on to illegal sales."

Legalizing or even decriminalizing marijuana could make more people try and get addicted to the substance, Caulkins said. There by making the smoking problem worse.

Many think that if people want to smoke marijuana, they will smoke no matter if it is legal or not. Not legalizing it caused the government to lose money it could be getting from taxes.

Daxton Alcorn a Northwestern student said he does not believe the federal government will crack down on the marijuana rules. He said the system is great the way it is, and he believes that the government is making plenty of money from taxing it, so cracking down in his opinion would only hurt.

**"Legalizing or even decriminalizing marijuana could make more people try and get addicted to the substance."**

**- Johnathon Caulkins**

Though medical marijuana is legal now in the state of Oklahoma, it still is prohibited on campus. Those who are found with it on the university's premises can face penalties. If teachers even suspects a student is high in their classes, they can call campus police and the proper steps will be taken from there.

The university policy also includes prescription drugs obtained without authorization, prescribed drugs and over-the-counter drugs not being used for their intended purposes, states the University Handbook. Students and employees found using, possessing, selling, distributing or being under the influence of an illegal chemical substance anywhere on university property or while representing the university may be subject to dismissal from university housing or the university and be referred to the proper legal authorities.

If a student is found with marijuana in the dorm then Campus Police will be called. From there, it can go several ways depending on the amount and what way it is found

Alcorn has a medical marijuana card and no longer lives in the dorms. He said he got his card sometime this August. He uses marijuana to help with his anxiety and to help him sleep.

He got the card through an online website called VeriHeal, Alcorn said. His appointment was through video chat where the doctor asked about his conditions and then the doctor emailed a form with his signature.

The medical marijuana helps when he can afford it, Alcorn said. It helps him get to bed at a reasonable time and calms his anxiety. It allows his mind to slow down and not go 100 mph.

Possession of any form of illegal substances is against university policy. If a student is found with it on campus, the student can get punished, but the severity of the punishment depends on the amount of the substance that the student was found with.

If a resident in the dorms is presumed to be high, then they can be reported. If that happens campus police or administration, will confront them, from there they will decide how to take the case.

"Students convicted of possessing or selling illegal drugs while receiving Title IV FSA funds may be ineligible to receive additional funds for a time period, depending on whether the conviction was for possessing or selling illegal drugs or whether the student has previous offenses," states the student handbook, "To regain eligibility, contact the Director of Financial Aid at NWOSU."

Student athletes will have further consequence for the use of those substances. NCAA policy does not allow for a medical exception for the use of marijuana and other illicit drugs.

"The NCAA's penalties for performance-enhancing drugs have intended to have a straightforward application: Student-athletes who test positive should lose one of their four seasons of eligibility," the NCAA website stated.

Marijuana is on the NCAA's list of banned substance along with tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) and synthetic cannabinoids. This means if it is found in an athlete's system then there will be consequences.

The NCAA and its member

schools share the responsibility of not only testing, but also educating student-athletes to prevent drug usage, states the NCAA's website. The NCAA member institution may appeal on behalf of the student-athlete and the outcome of any such appeal is to uphold the penalty, reduce it or eliminate it.

NCAA and the school both preform drug test throughout the year to assure the athletes systems are clean. The penalty given depends on which institutes test was failed.

Student-athletes are drug tested through urinalysis, states the NCAA's website. Student-athletes are observed by a doping control crew member of the same gender.

Though marijuana is still illegal federally, Caulkins said he doesn't believe that there will be any push back from the government.

He said he believes that they will overturn the current laws within the next 10 years or so.

### Where to get your Oklahoma Medical Marijuana cards



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# Feature

## Exploring majors

Agriculture

Getting a sneak peak into a different major every week.

By ANGEL PEREZ  
Student Reporter

Why did you choose your major?

"I choose my major because I want to work somewhere in the agricultural field."

What is your favorite class?

"Favorite class is livestock feed because I like applying the skills and problem solving that goes into figuring out what an animal needs to gain."

What is the best part of being in your major?

"Best part about my major is that I can apply what I learned in a real-world application."

Tips for underclassmen in the major?

"Tips for underclassman would be to stay on top of your work because it's easy to get behind if you're not focused."

What is your dream job with the major?

"In addition to obviously playing professional baseball, advancing agricultural practices to optimize crop yield, respect human rights, improve livelihoods of farmers and ensure supply as part of the objective of building a more sustainable food system."



Kyle Rogers

## Favorite Christmas Movie



Kylie Hicks  
Home Alone  
"Its a cute movie"



Gracie Scarborough  
Elf

"It makes me smile and smiling is my favorite"



Megan Patel

It's a wonderful life  
"It's our Christmas tradition at home"



Andrea Lauderdale

Miracle on 34th street  
"Santa Clause is very pleasant and happy, and he might be my favorite Santa"



Priscilla Samaniego

Merry Christmas Drake and Josh  
"It is funny and heartwarming"



Landry Gaddy

Christmas Vacation  
"It's our family tradition and we always watch it before Christmas"



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# Sports

## Volleyball makes NWOSU history

By **ASHLEY WATTS**  
Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University made history for NWOSU as they made it past the first round of the Great American Conference volleyball tournament.

NWOSU landed the second seed for the tournament and played No. 7 seed Ouachita Baptist in the first game. They won the game 3-1 and moved onto the next round against Harding University.

There were 30 different tied scores and 14 lead changes throughout the match with the largest battle taking place in the fourth set. This win marked the first post-season win in program history.

The Tigers challenged the Rangers high seed in the first match. With the score tied at 11-11 the Tigers took the momentum. Despite a seven-kill effort from Kaydee Honeycutt, the Black-and-Red were unable to hold on and dropped the first set 20-25.

Northwestern jumped to an early lead in the second set and dominated the first half 11-7. Ouachita started to creep back. Back-to-back kills from Honeycutt secured the set two win 25-22.

The third set was dominated by the Black-and-Red with only one tied score and no lead changes

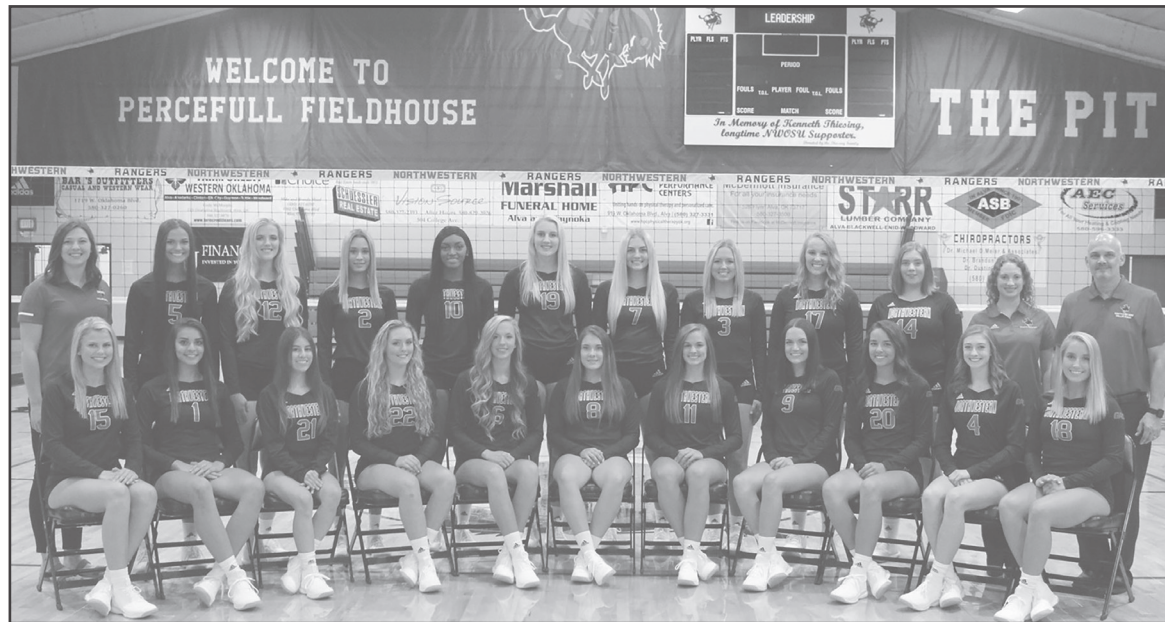


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The Lady Rangers made history by advancing to the second round of the GAC tournament.

through the entire match. The Rangers quickly jumped to a 13-9 lead; however, Ouachita Baptist tied the match 14-14.

Northwestern attackers came to life to finish the match as kills from Honeycutt, Jennifer Eubanks, and a final slam from Kiauna Clark snatched the set 25-22.

The fourth set was a nail-biter with 15 different tied scores, and five lead changes. In the final points of the match the Rangers had help from all parts of the court with kills coming from Claire Hodges, Kate Deterding, Eubanks

and Honeycutt. A final attack error from the Tigers gave Northwestern the final point they needed to take the set and match 25-22.

The Lady Rangers then played Harding in the next round of the tournament. This game ended in a heartbreaker for the Rangers as they lost 2-3 to Harding and was eliminated from the tournament. Every match was a gritty battle with 21 different tied scores and 11 different lead changes.

Clark finished her senior year with a bang as she earned 17 kills throughout the. She finished the

season incredibly close to the single season hit record with a total tally of 373 kills on her senior year. Eubanks finished her senior season just as hot as she finished with the second-best career number of kills at 1,096.

Honeycutt also earned double digits with 10 kills and led the team with 29 digs. Kaitlyn Robinson led the team's 44 on the night. In the fourth set of the match.

It was a back and forth battle early through the set as neither team could not seem to pull away

for more than two points at a time. Once Harding pulled to a 17-19 lead it was all history from there. The Rangers came back screaming as they went on an eight to one run for the last points of the set. The Black-and-Red snatched the first set 25-20.

Once Northwestern had the lead, they never let go Clark had four kills all to herself in the second set, and a final kill from Honeycutt secured the set win 25-21.

The Bisons came rallying back in the beginning of the third set and took advantage of some uncommon Ranger miscues. The Rangers lost with a score of 13-25.

The fourth set had the Bisons riding the momentum in as they jumped to an early lead. They took the loss 16-25 and headed into the tiebreaker set.

The fifth set was a gritty one to begin with. The Bisons were able to take the lead early. A final kill secured the win for Harding 10-15, and ended the Ranger's spectacular season.

The Rangers finished their season with an astounding record of 23-11 and ended 12-4 in conference play.

They were the programs second 20+ win record, besting the 20 wins from 2017 and the first team in school history to earn a 10+ conference record since joining the GAC.

## NWOSU Hall of Fame inductees announced

By **ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Northwestern Oklahoma State University and Ranger Athletics is pleased to announce the 2020 class to be inducted into the Northwestern Sports Hall of Fame.

Ramon Byndom (Basketball), Steve Gale (Football), Dana Gandolfo Mitrovic (Softball), Mel Sharp (Basketball), will be the 28 class to be honored as Hall of Famers at the University.

The annual Hall of Fame ceremony will be held on Saturday, January 18, 2020 during halftime of the Northwestern men's basketball game against Oklahoma Baptist.

Prior to the induction ceremony, a luncheon will begin at 11 a.m. inside the Student Center Ballroom.

Tipoff for the basketball

games are scheduled for 1 p.m. for the women's contest against OBU, immediately followed by the men's game in which the inductees will be honored.

"I am pleased we have such an outstanding Hall of Fame class for 2020," said Brad Franz, director of athletics. "This group is so talented and has experienced so much success as Rangers. It is a great group to add to our current Hall of Fame."

Reservations for the Hall of Fame luncheon can be made by contacting Haylie Pegelow in the Foundation and Alumni Association office at (580) 327-8593 or at [hvpegelow@nwosu.edu](mailto:hvpegelow@nwosu.edu), or visiting the Foundation website.

Tickets for the event are \$20 and open to the public.

Past inductees will be recognized during halftime of the women's basketball game.

## Women's basketball beats OBU

By **NICK DILL**  
Student Reporter

The Northwestern women's basketball team beat Oklahoma Baptist 76-71 Nov. 23.

The Lady Rangers started off slow and were down 19-14 at the end of the first quarter.

Northwestern would respond after being down by going on a 7-0 run. Northwestern got their first lead of the game with two minutes remaining before halftime to take a 33-31 lead going into the half.

The Rangers would tie the game 36-36 at the end of the second quarter.

The third quarter was a very defensive quarter. The Lady Rangers dominated at the free-throw line. They made eight shots vs Oklahoma Baptist one shot from the free-throw line. Those free throws would be helpful, as Northwestern led at the end of the third quarter 59-55.

The Lady Rangers went on a 13-0 run to increase the lead to 67-55. Oklahoma Baptist tried for a



Photo by Leah Darnell

Northwestern Women's basketball beat OBU 76-71 on Nov. 23.

comeback, but key shots from Senior Jakeria Otey and Junior Bailey Brown secured a win for the Lady Rangers.

Senior Kalea King had a great night with a double-double. King

scored 25 points and had a total of 10 rebounds.

Brown also had a double double with 13 points and 11 rebounds for the game against Oklahoma Baptist.



# Sports

## Men's basketball wins, 81-76

By ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University earned another win on the road against out-of-conference opponent Randall University. The Ranger offense exploded with five different players earning ten points or more to give the Black-and-Red an 81-76-win Monday evening.

NWOSU was led by Jaedon Whitfield who earned himself another double-double. He tallied a team leading 20 points and 13 rebounds and went 8-9 from the free throw line.

Parrish Hewitt who had himself a 17-point offensive game as he went 7-18 from the field with a huge reverse dunk to rally his teammates.

Other players who did well included A.J. Jones who earned 11 points and nine assists, four steals, and one block. Clive Allen and Nathan Bailey III were right there with 12 and 10 points respectively.

Bailey started the game off with



Photo by Angel Perez

Men's basketball will play Southeastern Dec. 7 in Percefull Fieldhouse.

an early three and turned the very beginning of the game into a point-for-point battle. After the tied score of 13-13 at the twelve-minute mark of the first half, the Rangers were able to rally together and takes a 20-16-point lead.

Whitfield found himself at the line a lot in the first half as he went 5-5 and caused Randall to take a full timeout with five minutes left to play.

A 5-2 run straight out of the

Saints timeout caused Randall to take their second timeout of the game after a steal from Cole Jones and another Whitfield lay-up extended the Rangers lead 32-23. NWOSU finished the first half with a 43-33 lead.

Northwestern continued to push the Saints as they took their biggest lead of the night in the second half of the game.

Right when the Saints begin to rally back a steal from Bailey and

a reverse dunk from Hewitt gave NWOSU the spark that they needed to take the lead 62-53.

However, the Saints refused to give up and came flying back to within two points at 67-65 with only seven minutes left to play. From this point on it was back-and-forth as the Rangers began to pull away the Saints rallied and came flying back.

A timeout from Head Coach Vinay Patel after a made lay-up from Whitfield allowed NWOSU to go over their defense in order to hold off the saints as the score was only 76-72 with two minutes left in the game.

Northwestern held out and took the game 81-76 to take their third win of the season.

The Rangers are scheduled to play another Great American Conference opponent Saturday evening against Southeastern University at 3:00 p.m. in Percefull Fieldhouse. They follow the Lady Rangers game that begins at 1:00 p.m.



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Men's basketball beat Bethel, 81-71.

## Basketball beats the Threshers

By ATHLETIC COMMUNICATIONS

Northwestern Oklahoma State University men's basketball faced off against NAIA opponent Bethel College. The 9-1 Threshers took the game as an exhibition due to the difference in full game rules but technically earned their second loss of the season to the Rangers.

The Black-and-Red were led by senior Jaedon Whitfield and red-shirt junior Jack Peck. Whitfield earned his first double-double of the season with 14 points and 13 rebounds. Peck led the team with 18 points with five rebounds, two steals and an assist.

Northwestern started out hot early in the first half of the game. A back-and-forth battle soon unfolded through the seven-minute mark but a fast break lay-up by Peck sparked a rally that held through the first half as a final three-point shot from Jones ended the first with a score of 35-28.

The Rangers continued their rally into the second half of the game as they took a ten-point lead with 16:00 on the clock.

Bethel College seemed down for the count until they kicked their defense into overdrive. Northwestern had eighteen turnovers throughout the game but still held the lead for almost 32 minutes. A huge block from Bailey really kept the Rangers in the game as Bethel pulled to within three points at the three-minute mark. A few final free-throw shots from Allen secured the win 71-81.

## Women's basketball bests OC

By ASHLEY WATTS  
Sports Editor

The Lady Rangers used a dominate second quarter to get past the Eagles in this non-conference game 80-60. Northwestern was able to seal the victory from a 10-0 run to close out the game.

Northwestern took advantage of some key matchup in this game down in the post scoring 38 of their 80 points in the post. This comes from the Lady Rangers bringing down 12 offensive rebounds leading to 19 second chance points in the game.

Being outscored in the first quarter 66-130 the Lady Rangers looked to get out to a faster start. They did exactly that after three offensive rebounds in the opening possession Hurst drilled the three from the right wing gaining the first lead of the game. This would help the Lady Rangers jump out to a 12-7 lead overall. The Eagles closed the quarter on a 7-2 lead to even the score at 14 after the first.

The Lady Rangers opened the quarter with six straight points, four of them from Brown. The Eagles had a foul shot from Tyra Peck, but Brown buried a three pointer pushing the lead to double digits 31-20 which it never left. A Brown foul shot sent us to the half-time score of 34-22 after winning the second quarter 20-8.

Hurst help set the tone early in the second half making two quick shots to start the second half as the Lady Rangers wanted to make sure they did not let the Eagles have any comeback hopes. A Katelyn Schieber three-pointer gave Northwestern their largest lead of the game to point at 18 with 1:26 left in the third. In a quarter they end up winning by three to extend their lead to 15 after three built off of holding OC to just 35% shooting. NWOSU on the other hand shot 50% in the third on 8-of-16 and 3-of-6 from three.

With the Lady Rangers holding 15 points entering the final quarter they showed no signs of slowing down. The Lady Rangers finished



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Women's basketball will play Bacone College Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

the game on a 10-0 run in response to the Eagles bringing the game within 10.

The Lady Rangers never trailed in this game. It did feature two ties but the NWOSU quickly regained the lead both times. This non-con-

ference matchup has been played in four straight seasons, now after the win the series is tied 2-2.

The Lady Rangers will be back at Percefull Fieldhouse Dec. 3. They will play against Bacone College at 5:30 p.m.

Women's basketball at home:

Southeastern Oklahoma State  
Dec. 7

East Central  
Dec. 16

Men's basketball at home:

Southeastern Oklahoma State  
Dec. 7

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Up Next for Ranger Sports



# Singing, getting into the holiday spirit at the festival



*Photo by Leah Darnell*

Students in University chorale and singers joined together with high schoolers from Enid and Woodward. During the concert, guest conductor, Dr. Jessica Napoles, led the choirs in five different songs at the Holiday Choral Festival Dec. 3 in Herod Hall.

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