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A mural festival left the town with bold new artwork.
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U.S. CENSUS

Woods County population down, but Alva grows



Alva has gained 83 residents since 2010, unlike other rural areas

By **JORDAN GREEN**, *Editor-in-Chief*

Woods County's population dropped by about 2.9% throughout the last decade, but Alva's population grew slightly, according to data from the 2020 Census.

The county's population declined from 8,878 in 2010 to 8,624 in 2020, a loss of 254 residents.

Alva, however, gained 83 residents. The city's population grew from 4,945 in 2010 to 5,028 in 2020.

Woods County's population drop is part of a nationwide trend among counties, many of which

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A Woods County sign on State Highway 64 east of Alva is shown in this Sept. 6 photo. Woods County's population shrank during the last decade, but Alva's grew slightly.

Photo by Jordan Green

Help 'as many as we can'

University Scholar Ambassadors start community service projects in Alva

By **KAYLEE JO NEELEY**
Student Reporter

Students in the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors program are leading service projects throughout the community and around the university's campus.

Ethan Sacket, who oversees the organization as the university's student success coordinator, said the prompt for these projects is based on how a person can serve others.

"This is really just an opportunity for our kids to give back to the community," Sacket said. "We each have a certain amount of time here on Earth, and if we can give a little bit of that time to helping others, I think that's how we should live."

Many students are participating in fundraisers on the Northwestern campus, while others are lending a hand to the Alva community, Sacket said. Two projects have been

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are losing residents as an increasing number of Americans move away from rural areas and toward metropolitan areas, Census officials said.

About 52% of the nation's counties experienced population declines in the last decade, said Marc Perry, a senior demographer at the U.S. Census Bureau. However, Woods County's population dropped at a lower rate compared to other rural counties in Oklahoma.

Woods County's western neighbor, Harper County, had the largest population decline in the area with a drop of more than 11%. Further west in the Panhandle, Beaver County's population dropped by roughly 10.4%.

Nearby, Grant County's population went from 4,527 in 2010 to 4,169 in 2020, a drop of about 7.9%.

However, some surrounding counties had small population increases:

- To the east, Alfalfa County's population increased from 5,642 residents in 2010 to 5,699 residents in 2020, a 1% increase.

- To the south, Major County gained 255 residents from 2010 to 2020, bringing its current population to 7,782, an increase of about 3.3%.

- To the southwest, Woodward County's population grew from 20,081 residents in 2010 to 20,470 in 2020, an increase of about 1.9%.

METROPOLITAN AREAS GROW ACROSS THE NATION

Oklahoma gained about 208,000 new residents in the last 10 years, a roughly 5.5% increase. That growth primarily occurred in metropolitan areas such as Tulsa and Oklahoma City.

About 86% of the nation's population lived in metropolitan areas during 2020, a 1% increase from 2010. About 8% lived in micropolitan areas, which are regions that have between 10,000 and 50,000 residents.



Photo by Jordan Green

A sign at the Alfalfa County line on Highway 64 east of Alva is shown in this Sept. 6 photo. The county's population has risen since 2010.

"Many counties within metro areas saw growth, especially those in the south and west," Perry said. "However, as we've been seeing in our annual population estimates, our nation is growing slower than it used to."

With more than 3.9 million residents, Oklahoma has the 28th largest population of all U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

California has the largest population of all U.S. states and the District of Columbia, with more than 39.5 million residents. Tex-

as has the second largest population, with more than 29 million residents, and Florida has the third largest, with roughly 21.5 million.

The United States has a population of more than 331 million, Census data shows. That's an increase of more than 22 million people, or 7.4%, since 2010.

IMPACT OF CENSUS

Census data is used in redistricting processes for legislative seats across the na-

tion, both at the state and federal level. But because of the coronavirus pandemic, the Census didn't release detailed data to lawmakers on time.

In Oklahoma, state lawmakers used Census population estimates to redraw districts during their regular legislative session this spring. However, those boundaries will have to be redrawn using the new Census data during a special legislative session this November.

The new districts will be used during elections starting in 2022.

PROJECTS: Students say they are excited to help community

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finished, with 19 more scheduled for the semester.

Carli Seabolt, a sophomore from Perry, is planning a masquerade ball to raise funds for the Tobacco Settlement Endowment Trust.

"My main goal for this project is to raise money for this organization, but also give students a

chance to dress up and have fun – especially for the students who didn't get a senior prom because of COVID," Seabolt said.

She plans to host the formal Oct. 22 from 9 p.m. to midnight in the Student Center Ballroom. Seabolt said most of her decorations will be leftovers from other formals and dances the university has hosted.

Rosco Setzer, a sophomore from Chelsea, has been planning a classroom project for students at elementary schools in Alva.

"I will be going to first-, second- and third-graders here in Alva and teaching them about growing sunflowers," Setzer said. "My idea is to get little cups and fill them with soil so the students can plant their own sunflower

seeds."

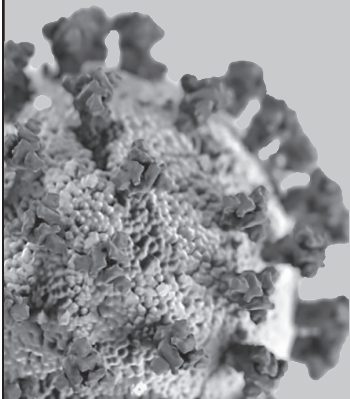
Setzer also plans to read a book about sunflowers to the children while they plant sunflower seeds. He said he is looking forward to making memories with the students and seeing them get excited.

Sacket said the projects are rewarding both for the students who complete them and the peo-

ple who benefit from them.

"I believe these projects will help a wide variety of people, from college kids to elementary students to community members," Sacket said. "We even have some students who are going to reach out to alumni, which is important so we can help as many as we can in the community in a wide variety of ways."

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: CASE NUMBERS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE AREA



STUDENT CASES:

7

active as of Sept. 24. This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

EMPLOYEE CASES:

1

active as of Sept. 24. This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

IN ALVA:

32

active as of Sept. 22. Alva has had a total of 1,285 cases.

IN OKLAHOMA:

20,093

active as of Sept. 22. Oklahoma has had a total of 598,072 cases.

EDITOR'S NOTE: NWOSU reports new active student and employee cases weekly on Fridays at <https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/active-covid-19-cases-nwosu>.

NEWS

2021 HOMECOMING

17 to compete during Miss Cinderella pageant

FROM STAFF REPORTS
Northwestern News

Seventeen area high school seniors will compete in the 69th annual Miss Cinderella pageant at Northwestern during Homecoming weekend, university officials said.

The talent show is set for Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m., and the pageant will be Oct. 8 at 8 p.m. Both events take place in the Herod Hall auditorium. The Northwestern Homecoming parade, in which contestants will participate, begins Oct. 9 at 10 a.m. in Alva's Downtown Square.

All contestants will receive a \$2,000 tuition scholarship. The winning student will receive free tuition for eight semesters and will be able to live in university housing for free for one year. The awards are reduced for the first, second, third and fourth runners-up, university officials said.

Competing students and their schools are: Reagan Brakhage, Cimarron; Alondra Cenicerros, Buffalo; Macy Davis, Kremlin-Hillsdale; Reagan Hiner, Shattuck; Sarita Kephart, Cherokee; Sarah Lichtenwalter, Mooreland; Kaitlyn Rich, Waynoka; Alondra Salas, Ringwood; Alexis Schultz, South Barber, Kansas; Maria Sosa, Laverne; Megan Spray, Sharon-Mutual; Kayli Stewart, Burlington; Jasmine TeLinde, Alva; Hayli Watkins, Timberlake; Mikayla Webb, Seiling; Jaci We-



Photo provided

Students competing in the Miss Cinderella Pageant are (back row, left to right): Kaitlyn Rich, Kayli Stewart, Mikayla Webb, Jaci Weber, Megan Spray, Hayli Watkins, Alondra Salas, Reagan Brakhage; (front row,

left to right): Sarah Lichtenwalter, Alondra Cenicerros, Jasmine TeLinde, Justyce Wilson, Maria Sosa, Reagan Hiner, Macy Davis and Sarita Kephart. Not pictured: Alexis Schultz.

ber, Freedom; and Justyce Wilson, Woodward.

Admission to the talent show

or the pageant costs \$10 each night for adults. Students can be admitted for \$5 by presenting a

student ID.

Homecoming buttons, which also serve as admission, will be

sold at the door and are available at other locations on campus and around Alva.

2021 HOMECOMING

Homecoming buttons for sale

FROM STAFF REPORTS
Northwestern News

University officials are encouraging students and alumni to purchase Homecoming buttons before the start of the annual celebration Oct. 7.

Buttons cost \$10 each and allow patrons to attend several events for free, including the Miss Cinderella talent show and pageant and the university's football game. Some Alva businesses offer discounts to customers wearing the buttons during the festivities.

Homecoming buttons are individually numbered. Each number is entered into a drawing for a chance to win \$500 in Alva Chamber of Commerce "Chamber Bucks," which may be used to purchase goods at businesses.

To purchase buttons, contact Karen Koehn, button sales chair, by calling 580-327-7273 or emailing kkoehn@nwtech.edu.

People who want to purchase

buttons can buy them at the Alva Chamber of Commerce office, 502 Oklahoma Blvd., 580-327-1647; the Northwestern Foundation office in the Student Center, 580-327-8593; or the Northwestern business office in Herod Hall, 580-327-8536.

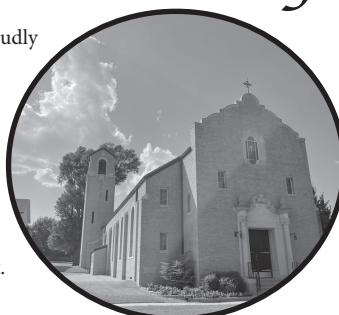
Buttons also will be available at Alva Vision, 580-327-2393;

Holder Drug, 580-327-3332; La DEE Da's, 580-327-0382; Shepherd Oil Convenience Store, 580-327-8055; Sights and Sounds/Radio Shack, 580-327-0409; and Rialto Cinema, 580-327-0535.

A list of Homecoming activities, button incentives and button purchasing locations can be found at www.nwosu.edu/homecoming.

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OPINION



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Devyn Lansden, left, is pictured with her classmates Laney Cook, center, and Kaylea Brown, right, during the pregame for Family Day on Saturday.

'Busy' is the new 'happy'

By **DEVYN LANSDEN**
Editorial Editor

This past weekend was eventful.

Usually, I like to have a relaxing weekend. But Saturday was filled with being around people all day, doing things I love to do, talking about Northwestern and taking pictures.

Family Day for Northwestern and the 5K for the Alva Mural Society was Saturday. I was up bright and early for the run to take pictures for the Northwestern News.

I stayed around and watched the artists develop their murals. I went and visited with each artist. My favorite mural was the one on the Exotic Heatwave building.

It is very detailed, and there is a sun on it that looks like it is actually glowing.

But both murals in the Downtown Square have bright colors, which I loved.

The weather was perfect that morning so I stayed, watched the artists paint and enjoyed the weather.

Because I am a member of the Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors, I help with events like Family Day, Ranger Preview and Spring Showcase.

Saturday, I had a jam packed schedule. It was so great to see so many people register for Family Day.

I got to see a lot of people I know from Beaver. Even parents who came for tours with their

kids over summer remembered me, and I got to chat with them.

I was with all of my great friends that whole day.

I sat at the registration table with my fellow classmate Kaylea Brown.

We greeted every family who walked through the door. The registration started at 12:30 p.m., and the actual event before the game started was at 3 p.m.

The whole two and a half hours was full of conversing with people and being around other NSA members.

Before the event for Family Day started, we had to set everything up for it.

We got the cups with information about Family Day, information about the mural festival and what time the tailgate and football game started.

Ethan Sacket is the adviser for NSA. This year is his first year, and he is doing a great job.

He is really trying (and succeeding) to have NSA members do great things for Northwestern and the community of Alva.

There were drawings for giveaways for people who attended the event. Then it was time to go to the football field where we had a tailgate ready for the students and their families. It was at 4 p.m., and we served the families burgers and hotdogs. It was such a happy day because everyone was excited to be there.

I helped with the tailgate until about 5:45 p.m., and then I went to take pictures of the game.

Along with my friends Laney Cook and Jara Reeder, I got a great spot to take pictures of the football players running out of their tunnel before the game started.

I was taking pictures for the Alva Review-Courier, too.



Photo by Devyn Lansden

Devyn Lansden, center, is pictured with her classmates Jara Reeder (left) and Laney Cook (right) at the football game Saturday.

I got to see my pictures in another newspaper; it was exciting.

I got some great pictures for them and then I took some for the Northwestern News.

Overall, Saturday was a busy but happy day.

Seeing all of the families in the Student Center and in the stadium was a great and exciting feeling.

It makes me appreciate being a student at a great school like Northwestern.

We are all friends and family here.



Photo by Devyn Lansden

Devyn Lansden took a picture of her camera while she took pictures for the Northwestern News of a mural on Saturday during the MuralFest.

OPINION

BASIC MANNERS STILL MATTER

PLEASE

YOU'RE
WELCOME

THANK YOU
YES MA'AM

Let's have respect for others

**JORDAN
GREEN
SAYS**



JORDAN
GREEN

As I stood in the checkout line at Walmart on Sunday night, I heard two phrases that seem to be less and less common these days: “please” and “thank you.”

They weren't spoken by an adult. Instead, two young children used those words when talking to the cashier while their mother paid for groceries. The cashier was quick to compliment the mother on raising two polite children.

The exchange reminded me of several conversations I've had with parents and grandparents in the last few years. They all sound like this: “Children these days are so rude, and they don't know how to talk to other people. What happened to basic decency?”

They have a valid point. People my age and younger could be a lot nicer to others. But the

behavior of young people is influenced by the adults who raised them. So, where does the blame lie when children fail to mind their manners?

I've heard a number of arguments about how parents fail to be good parents anymore. They're too caught up in their own self-interests to spend quality time with their children. Those fun, little moments playing with Mom and Dad are gone, some say. The absence of teachable moments is the greatest loss. When children are disrespectful in public, parents should correct them. (Mine always did.) But when parents don't care – or they aren't there – a problem begins to grow.

This brings up another point: the distractions that impede relationships between children and their parents.

I was fortunate enough to live out most of my youth before technology infiltrated our daily lives. Cell phones were still novelties in the early part of my childhood. Even after they became a fixture in American society, they weren't

the all-encompassing smartphones we have today.

These advancements in technology have left our society “terminally online,” to quote my good friend and fellow newspaper editor, Cade Kennedy. He's exactly right. In my opinion, children are too busy playing on their phones to learn from their parents – and more and more parents seem to be just fine being fixated on phones of their own.

Where does that technological diatribe fit in with my original point about exchanging niceties? Squarely in the middle.

As our culture embraces (or, more accurately, becomes entirely dependent upon) technology, we're losing the human interactions that help us become who we are and develop lasting friendships. While somewhat necessary during the pandemic, virtual, text-based interactions have risen dramatically – and they're not going away anytime soon.

In my opinion, tech-based and text-based communication is less personal than in-person commu-

nication. This is my opinion only, and while any form of communication is only as meaningful as one makes it, one can only go so far to make a lasting connection when body language is absent. When handshakes are out of the picture. When hugs are a thing of the past.

And when we can't make those meaningful connections, why worry about words like “please” and “thank you?” There's no need to thank a keyboard or a computer screen.

That's partly why so many people my age think other facets of etiquette – such as holding open doors for people, standing when our elders enter the room and addressing people with “Sir” and “Ma'am” – are silly. They've been out of practice for so long that they're brushed off as jaded and outdated. What a sad commentary on our times.

Technology bears some of the blame for our decadence, but parents ultimately are at fault when their children are reared to act entitled and poorly mannered. Chil-

dren need good influences, and it's not a public school teacher's job to teach children how to be good human beings. That starts at home. More and more, it seems as if that isn't happening.

So, whose fault is it when kids aren't kind?

Parents have a duty to train their children up in the way in which they are supposed to go. But I rarely hear adults thank people and use basic niceties in public anymore. If they're not being polite when other people are watching, they're not being polite when only their children are watching. That's where it counts the most.

Yes, we do need more well-mannered, polite children in the world. But that starts with well-meaning, prudent parents.

I know a lot of parents who could learn a lesson or two from those kids at the checkout counter – and their mother, who presumably taught them to say “please” and “thank you.”

Is America still the world's watchman?

By **TYLER GREGORY**
Guest Columnist

The swift removal of troops from Afghanistan by the Biden-Harris Administration is quite possibly one of the largest foreign policy debacles since the Vietnam War.

I, like many others, disapprove of extensive government spending and was looking forward to the cost reduction that would be caused by removing troops from Afghanistan.

However, I believe that this removal could have been performed in a better manner.

The crisis, created by the seemingly immediate removal of all United States military personnel, emboldened the Taliban to take over the regions previously held by the United States and the Afghan National Army.

This removal also left American citizens and many of the United States' Afghan allies

and interpreters to be subject to Taliban rule.

The exit from Afghanistan led to the loss of 13 U.S. service members' lives in a suicide bombing of the Kabul Airport, among other civilians.

The Department of Defense has since stated that they argued in favor of leaving a smaller “skeleton” force behind within Afghanistan to aid in cost-cutting as well as keeping more Americans safe.

This force would consist of 3,000 to 4,500 members, and the primary focus would be to keep air support systems intact to aid the Afghan National Army.

These advisements were ignored in the name of living up to an ill-advised promise that President Joe Biden made in April to “remove all U.S. troops from Afghanistan by September 11.”

This promise was made as a symbolic political ploy to please his voting base, and it did not

take into consideration the actual logistics of the removal or the threat to the lives involved.

Overall, the United States government, throughout its history, has heeded warnings from George Washington, our first president, to avoid foreign entanglements.

However, this has changed with the wars of the 20th century and so on.

We have now become what President Kennedy called the “watchmen of the walls of world freedom.” And as much as any Republican or Democrat may not like that, it is simply the case.

We have now made our metaphorical bed and must sleep in it unless we want other expanding superpowers to take over our role as the world's watchmen.

Gregory is the vice-chairman of the NWOSU College Republicans.

Showing off their TRUE COLORS

Mural society's MuralFest, 5K create colorful weekend in Alva

John Wayne, a blue lady and the outdoors have something in common: Pictures of all three are now painted on the sides of buildings in Alva.

Over the weekend, mural artists painted three new murals around Alva as part of the Alva Mural Society's MuralFest. The artists – Kelly and Ty Tompkins, Tox Murillo and Jake Beeson – painted the sides of downtown buildings while local residents watched. Onlookers also listened to music and ate food.

Local runners participated in the 5K "Fun Run," which gave participants a scenic view of murals around the area.

If you weren't able to attend the MuralFest, take a look at what you missed.

Photos by Devyn Lansden



1. Kaylyn Hansen, director of assessment and institutional effectiveness at Northwestern, hands off her medal to her son, Ryn, after she finishes her run.
2. Participants in the 5K take off at the starting line on Saturday.
3. Artist Jake Beeson from Tulsa paints his mural at City Hall in the Downtown Square.
4. Artist Tox Murillo from Enid paints a mural of John Wayne on a wall of the Exotic Heatwave building.
5. Kelly and Ty Tompkins from Enid worked together on their mural at the Farmers CO-OP store in the Downtown Square.

FEATURE

Food and fellowship mark Family Day



Photos by Devyn Lansden

Students and family members sit around a table during Northwestern's Family Day event on Saturday. The university-sponsored event included a tailgate party and a home football game.



ABOVE: Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors Carli Seabolt and Juliet Chaloupek posed for a picture during Northwestern's Family Day event. LEFT: Students and their family members talk together outside the Student Center during Northwestern's Family Day event on Saturday.

7 DAYS UNTIL **HOMECOMING**

For more information, visit: <https://www.nwsu.edu/homecoming>

DON'T FORGET:

"A Tuna Christmas," the first theater production of the fall semester, will open in Herod Hall on Thursday. The Thursday and Friday shows are at 7 p.m.; the Saturday show is at 2 p.m. Tickets cost \$3 for students, \$5 for employees and \$10 for general admission.

CORRECTION:

A Sept. 23 feature story about Dr. Michael Black, the university's new band director, incorrectly stated that Black obtained his doctorate at Franklin College in Indiana. He obtained his doctorate at the University of Kentucky and served as an assistant professor at Franklin.

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ENTERTAINMENT

LITERATURE REVIEW

‘Fangirl’ encourages readers to leave their comfort zones

CAITLIN'S CRITIQUES



CAITLIN HOFEN

There's a quote by Ben Francia that says, "Great things never came from comfort zones." The entire essence of the character Cath goes against this saying.

In the book "Fangirl," by Rainbow Rowell, readers are thrown into the world of Simon Snow and the life of Cath, a young girl starting college.

Growing up, Cath and her twin sister, Wren, dealt with their mother leaving by becoming enveloped in the fictional world of Simon Snow.

They poured over each book and waited hours in line to watch the movies. Cath and Wren even started their own fanfiction rendition of Simon Snow, which becomes known worldwide.

Wren eventually grows out of the obsessive phase, but Cath can't seem to let it go.

The twins are off to college, and Wren drops a bombshell on Cath: She doesn't want to be her roommate anymore. Cath is thrown completely outside her comfort zone with a stranger as a roommate, classes she doesn't

think she can handle and doubt that she can leave Simon Snow behind.

I found this story extremely relatable, as it tackles many issues young adults have to deal with every day.

The character of Cath is the stereotypical nerdy girl. Her awkwardness rolls off the page in waves as she starts to find herself in college.

She doesn't want to give up the comfort of her fanfiction writing, but as she grows away from her sister, she starts to develop into a person she never thought she would be.

Cath is a relatable character because she's scared to give up the person she thinks she is. Her entire identity is connected to her family and fanfiction writing.

At college, she is hours away from her dad, and her sister wants to find independence away from each other. Most of the book, Cath fights to change and willingly get outside her comfort zone. Many people starting a new chapter in life don't want to let go of the comfort of who they think they are.

"Fangirl" is a character-driven novel that was slow at times. I think the author sugar-coated some aspects of mental health. She also didn't accurately portray the behavior of the fanfiction

community. Instead of Cath interacting on a personal level with readers, which usually happens with fanfiction, she seems like a celebrity and never seems to read other works.

While Cath did eventually accept that being outside the comfort zone is OK, I don't appreciate that it took the opinion of a boy to get her there.

I would have enjoyed the story more had Cath come to the realization that she is more than her fanfiction writing through finding her voice by other means.

The fictional world of Simon Snow that runs throughout the novel is extremely similar to Harry Potter. It makes me wonder how original that aspect of the novel is.

The story does deal with parental abandonment, anxiety, eating disorder and hospitalization. Readers need to be prepared for these topics, or they may want a different book.

In conclusion, "Fangirl" is a coming-of-age story. The character of Cath is relatable in many ways, but I think the story lacks in content at times.

As a stand-alone novel, it's a good break from reading a book series. If readers are struggling with getting outside their comfort zone and accepting change, this is a good book to pick up.

A Decade of Music: Top Songs from 10 Years Ago Today

Date: Sept. 30, 2011

1. "Moves Like Jagger" by Maroon 5 feat. Christina Aguilera
2. "Someone Like You" by Adele
3. "Pumped Up Kicks" by Foster the People

Dad Joke of the Week:

George Clooney, Leonardo DiCaprio and Matthew McConaughey get together to make a movie.

Clooney says, "I'll direct."

DiCaprio says, "I'll act."

McConaughey says, "I'll write. I'll write. I'll write."

Student media broadcast schedule Fall semester 2021

Broadcast	Monday:	Tuesday:	Wednesday:	Thursday:	Friday:
Spotlight Series MASS COMM				Youtube @4:00pm	
WELCOME BACK TO THE GUYS WHO STARE AT STATS Season 1 Episode 4				Twitch @ 5 p.m.	
NWDSU BROADCAST THE RANGER ROOM WITH YOUR HOST CADE KENNEDY	Twitch @5:30pm				
NWTN		Channel 7 @3:30pm		Channel 7 @4:00pm	
NWDSU SOCCER TUNE IN AT @4:00 Pre-recorded game by Cade Kennedy & Dakota Waggoner			Channel 7 & Youtube @4:00		Channel 7 & Youtube @4:00

SPORTS

FOOTBALL



Photos by Devyn Lansden

Northwestern football players line up for a play against the East Central Tigers on Sept. 25 at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Tigers in overtime by a score of 20-17.

Rangers roughed up by East Central, 20-17

By CADE KENNEDY
Sports Editor

The Northwestern football team lost against East Central, 20-17, on Sept. 25 at Ranger Field.

Despite the loss, there were several positives to take away from the game.

"I thought that we ran the ball well, and played well on defense," said Matt Walter, the head coach of the Rangers. "I think that we found out some of the things that we are good at, and we made some great adjustments that we hadn't made yet. It surprised me that the guys were able to handle the adjustments as well as they did."

The Rangers were able to run the ball effectively, as they racked up 156 rushing yards against the Tigers for their best performance on the ground this year. Damon Williams led the rushing attack with 84 yards on 23 carries.

Williams fueled the Rangers late in the game, as he had five carries for 37 yards on a drive that ended with Tanner Clarkson throwing a 29-yard touchdown pass to Gavin Garner that tied the game at 14 with one minute left. This would be one of the biggest drives of the game, as the Rang-

ers were able to bounce back after East Central scored a touchdown on the previous possession.

The late touchdown by Northwestern would send the game into overtime, but the Rangers were held to a field goal after gaining only one yard. The Tigers would respond on the first play of their drive with a 25-yard touchdown pass to win the game and silence the crowd at Ranger Field.

The defense showed signs of improvement, as the Rangers were able to force two interceptions during the game. The defense also recorded two sacks on the day, and was able to hold the Tigers to only 109 rushing yards.

The Rangers will play Saturday against the Ouachita Baptist University Tigers at noon in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

The Rangers have maintained an 0-8 record against the Tigers since 2012, but three of the last four meetings between the two teams were one-possession games.

Ouachita Baptist has a 3-1 record on the season, with wins over Oklahoma Baptist, Arkansas Tech, Southern Nazarene, and a 38-21 loss to Harding.

The loss to Harding was Ouachita Baptist's first conference loss since 2017.



Northwestern football players run onto Ranger Field before the game against East Central on Sept. 25.

SPORTS

Hall of fame under construction

By **BENJAMIN KLIEWER**
Student Reporter

University officials are renovating a room in Percefull Fieldhouse to be the new home of the Northwestern Athletic Hall of Fame.

Officials will hang photographs from the hall of fame in a room adjacent to the concession stand inside the fieldhouse. Pictures of hall of fame members were in the Ranger Room, but have been in storage for years.

Renovations of the space began earlier this year.

Brad Franz, the university's athletic director and hall of fame committee chair, has spearheaded the effort.

"This has really been important to me because I am a strong believer in our history," Franz said. "There are so many Ranger 'greats' that are in those pictures that played a role in Ranger athletic folklore, and I am just really proud to have them have a home."

University officials hope to have the hall of fame open by

Nov. 15.

Randy Smith, a former student athlete, baseball coach and dean of student services, founded the hall of fame in 1993.

Smith said the hall of fame was created to bring recognition to Rangers "who have made outstanding contributions to Northwestern, either through their athletic performance or coaching performance or sometimes in other ways."

Smith said he has always wanted to have the hall of fame in a high-traffic area so more people can see it, and he believes the new location will do that.

Workers are putting drywall over existing walls, and they will install new red and black floor tiles. There will also be renovations to the concession stand.

The framing and matting of the photographs will all have the same design.

Four anonymous donors and the university are funding the project.

"I am very thankful for the four donors and Northwestern for making this happen," Franz said.



Photo by Jordan Green

Metal mounting brackets for drywall have been attached to the walls in this room in the Percefull Fieldhouse as shown Monday. The university is making the area into the university's new hall of fame for athletes.

VOLLEYBALL

Team played 'intensely' during weekend sweep

By **CONNOR GRAY**
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The Northwestern volleyball team had a strong weekend, going 2-1 with a competitive game Friday and a clean sweep Saturday.

The team started the weekend with No. 18-ranked Oklahoma Baptist University. It's the best team in the conference and the only nationally ranked team in the Great American Conference.

Only three sets occurred. The Oklahoma Baptist Bison got the sweep, but they had to work hard to get it.

All three sets were competitive, and the game was close for most of the sets.

The first set was a battle, going back and forth with a few ties and lead changes. The Bison eventually took it, 25-19

The next set was similar, but the Bison took control earlier and won, 25-16.

The final set looked like the Bison were going to take it without issue, but the Rangers made it close: down by four, 22-18. The Bison finally pulled out the victory 25-21 to get the sweep.

"I was really happy with our girls on Friday," said Fred Aubuchon, head coach of Rangers volleyball team. "I love how we played them. We played them tough, and I thought we played them intensely."

Kaydee Honeycutt led the Rangers with 15 kills, followed

by Addison Wimmer with eight and three, tied with three kills. Abby Davis had 15 assists on the evening, followed by Abigail Burns with 14.

Tarra Parks led the Rangers with 13 digs, followed by Wimmer with eight and Austyn Pine with six.

On Saturday, the team had a double header against Kansas schools Bethel College and Central Christian College.

It was domination out the gate for the Rangers. Each match was a clean sweep, and none were close.

Wimmer led the Rangers with seven kills, followed by Honeycutt with six. Courtney Russell led the team with four blocks, followed by Ravyn Burns.

Kelsey Ripperger led with 11 assists, followed by Abigail Burns with 10. Maggie Peterson led the team in digs with 11 and

Parks with nine.

The Rangers were led in kills by Kaydee Honeycutt with 13, Madison Dehlinger and Austyn Pine with seven kills each. Pine and Ravyn Burns led the Rangers in blocks with six and five respectively. Abby Davis led with 23 assists followed by Kelsey Ripperger 12 and Tarra Parks with 12. Parks led the team in digs with 13 followed by Honeycutt.

Aubuchon said getting the sweeps over Bethel and Central Christian was a great feeling.

"I was happy to see that we weren't fatigued from the night before, physically and mentally," Aubuchon said.

Aubuchon said the games were opportunities for Rangers with less experience to play.

On Sept. 28, the team played Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The Rangers went into the

Upcoming Home Games:

10/15: NWOSU vs. Arkansas Tech

10/16: NWOSU vs. Harding

10/19: NWOSU vs. Cameron

match 4-11, while the Bulldogs were 6-5.

"They're a good team to play against," Aubuchon said. "I am personally looking forward to playing them, as they are one of the better teams in the confer-

ence."

Aubuchon said the Bulldogs upset Oklahoma Baptist in five sets on Sept. 16, but they lost to East Central on Sept. 24. That adds some balance to Southwestern's team.

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A sign of the times: Crash repairs hit a snag

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Northwestern News

A piece of concrete lettering needed to repair Northwestern's large sign along Oklahoma Boulevard was damaged during shipping, officials said.

A concrete block bearing the letters "ersity," the last letters in "university," apparently broke in half while the sign's components were being shipped from the Stone Legends factory in Dallas, Texas, workers told Dr. David Pecha, the university's vice president of administration.

Workers are repairing the sign following a February ice storm in which it was damaged. A driver who was pulling up to a nearby stop light couldn't stop because the road was slick, and he hit the university sign, police said at the time of the incident.

The broken replacement part will be remade, but officials say they are unsure when it will be delivered. The university has waited months for the replacement parts to be delivered because of the pandemic's impact on manufacturing, Pecha said.

The driver's insurance is paying for the original damage to the sign, but officials say the cost to fix the broken replacement part will be handled by the sign contractor and the factory.



Work is underway to repair Northwestern's large, concrete sign on Oklahoma Boulevard, as shown Monday night. One of the concrete blocks being used to repair the sign, however, arrived broken, university officials said. A large, concrete block bearing the letters "er-

sity," the last letters in "university," snapped in half during shipping, officials said. One half of the lettering remained on a pallet (above center) while another half was moved closer to the sign (above right).

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