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Northwest Oklahoma's own Kaitlyn Kilian performed for students on the Intramural Field on Friday. PAGE 9



## REDDIES AND RAIN

Ranger football improved from its first game of the season but still fell short in a rainy battle against the Henderson State Reddies. PAGE 10



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## CAMPUS HOUSING

# Dormitory will be Cunningham Hall

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

South Hall will be renamed Cunningham Hall in honor of retired Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham.

The Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents approved the renaming during a meeting on Northwestern's campus Friday, one day after officials discussed the measure in a committee meeting.

The news comes as a roughly \$5 million project to renovate the dormitory nears completion.

South Hall, a dormitory for female students, is one of only a few campus buildings that isn't named in honor of someone with ties to the university. But that will change with the upcoming rededication ceremony.

During the committee meeting Thursday in the Student Center Wyatt Room, Vice President of Administration Dr. David Pecha showed architectural renderings of what Cunningham Hall will look like.

Large, silver letters like those recently installed on the exteriors

of other campus buildings will bear the name of the university's 19th president, who served in the top role for 16 years. She retired in June.

In an interview with the Northwestern News on Sept. 8, Cunningham said she remains excited for the dormitory reconstruction project.

"I was so excited to get that [remodeling] project started because it was so needed," Cunningham said. "It's going to be great. I haven't been in it yet. I was in it before the end of June, but I haven't been in it since. But I just hear it's really good."

She said she was humbled that the building will be renamed in her honor.

"I just appreciate my senior staff for thinking of that idea and bringing that forward to the board," Cunningham said. "That was nice of them to want to commemorate the career. That made me feel good."

No date for the ceremony has been announced as of press time, and officials have not said when construction is expected to wrap up. The project has been affected by supply chain backlogs.



Photo provided by Easley Associates Architects

An architectural rendering shows how South Hall will appear once it is renamed Cunningham Hall in honor of retired Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham. No date for the re-dedication has been announced.

## COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS



File photo

A vintage Dodge pickup is shown during the 2021 Big Cruise and Car Show in downtown Alva. Hundreds of vehicles are expected for this year.

# For 21st time, Alva car show cruises into town for weekend

By **DYLAN WHITELY**  
*Senior Reporter*

A lot of rubber will be hitting the roads of Alva this weekend as the annual car show comes to town.

The 21st annual Big Cruise and Car Show – the largest free car show in Oklahoma – will take place in downtown Alva starting Friday, and hundreds of different vehicles from all over the United States will be on display.

The car show began in 2000.

The only time the show was canceled was in 2020 because of the pandemic.

The car show has come a long way since its first year, when only 15 cars were in the show. Now, the show averages more than 450 entries every year. The biggest show happened a few years back when 494 cars were there.

This year, more than 150 vehicles are already signed up, with more owners expected to register their rides throughout the week,

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**The Big Cruise and Car Show is the largest free car show in the Sooner State.**

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# NEWS

## Good blood

Students turn out for PLC blood drive



ABOVE: Northwestern students lie on tables during a blood drive Tuesday. The Northwestern President's Leadership Class partnered with the Oklahoma Blood Institute to host the public drive in the Student Center Ranger Room Tuesday and Wednesday. The theme was "Don't Sass the Squash." Donors received Bigfoot-themed T-shirts and a gift certificate to Northwest Nutrition.

RIGHT: Student Brooklyn LaChappa smiles as she holds her Bigfoot T-shirt and Northwest Nutrition gift certificate after she donated blood Tuesday.



Photos by Colby Dalton

### WORLD NEWS: DEATH OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II

## Scottish student: Queen 'was a lovely lady'

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

People around the world have mourned the death of Queen Elizabeth II – including one student at Northwestern.

Stephen "Scotty" McCluskey, a foreign exchange student from the central Scotland town Motherwell, never met the world's second-longest-reigning monarch. But he said he admired her leadership.

"She loved Scotland," McCluskey said. "You see all over social media now, she loved Scotland, and she was a nice lady. Every time she visited Scotland, it was nice to see her. My aunt personally got to meet her one time, which was pretty cool. She said she was a lovely lady. The queen was good to the Scots."

Since Queen Elizabeth II died Sept. 8, residents of the United Kingdom have celebrated the queen's life and legacy, recalling some of the most significant moments from Her Majesty's time at the helm.

"With her passing recently, there's a lot more stuff coming out about her," McCluskey said. "A lot of statements made out

through the years were really motivational and helped me get through stuff. My dad recently sent me a post of the queen saying some of her speeches, and it's just about getting through life, and it was pretty awesome."

McCluskey remembers the queen's Diamond Jubilee, the 60th anniversary of her ascension to the throne, in 2012.

"I remember the streets going crazy," McCluskey said. "Everyone got the day off, so that was a good day. We all got to watch her on the TV."

Despite Scotland's reverence toward the queen, the nation will likely push for independence from Britain, McCluskey said.

"The last couple of years, we've really been wanting to go independent," McCluskey said. "Now, it's a big opportunity to take advantage of that. Not being rude to her, but it's better for Scotland."

The news of the queen's death was difficult to receive, McCluskey said.



McCluskey

"It was sad," McCluskey said. "She did nothing wrong to my people. She was a good lady."

#### QUEEN WAS A 'MAINSTAY'

Dr. Eric Schmaltz, a history professor and chair of Northwestern's social sciences department, said the queen was a stable figure in British history and led the country through turbulent times.

"She reigned basically over the dismantling of the British Empire post World War II," Schmaltz said. "She's our last link to the twilight of the British empire and the post-imperial period."

Queen Elizabeth II's family has been in power for more than 1,000 years, Schmaltz said.

Throughout her reign, Her Majesty remained "above the fray" and was more reserved on political issues.

"She's such a mainstay, and it will be interesting to see ... how [Charles] manages in her shadow," Schmaltz said. "It's always difficult to follow up on a long act like hers."

The queen upheld the duties of the office until the end, appointing a new prime minister two days before her death. Her dedication was characteristic of

her leadership style, Schmaltz said.

The queen rose to power as television came about, making the life of royalty more public than ever before. Although the United Kingdom and the United States once were foes, Americans fell in love with the queen and her prestige and pageantry, Schmaltz said.



Schmaltz

"We have a tie with England historically," Schmaltz said. "Even though we broke away, we share a language, a culture, a lot of immigrants – including some English, Scottish, Welsh – they came from that island and kind of mixed over here. We have that tie with Britain still."

"That was reinforced by two world wars and, of course, the Cold War. She was always a steadfast ally. I think, over time, we almost took her for granted, that she was always going to be there."

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# NEWS



File photos

Vintage cars line College Avenue during the 2021 Big Cruise and Car Show in downtown Alva. This year's show offers several events for attendees, and hundreds of cars from across the nation are expected.

## CAR SHOW: Axe-throwing, live music among weekend offerings for attendees

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according to car show coordinator Joe Phillips.

The weekend begins with a free hot dog and hamburger dinner in the downtown square on Friday at 5:45 p.m., followed by a cruise downtown. Saturday morning, the show will start at around 8 a.m. and last until about 5 p.m. Soapbox races for children will take place during the day.

The “go and woah” will take place that evening. It’s an event where two people sit in a car, get out, switch seats and drive as fast as they can down the street to a balloon tied to a chair. The passenger gets out and pops the balloon.

That event will be followed with a crowd favorite: the burn-out completion. There is an amateur class as well as a “pro” class for the winners of previous years. Sunday morning, organizers will serve a free breakfast downtown at 8 a.m., and a church service will take place at The Extreme. Drag races are planned for the afternoon.

This is the sixth year Phillips has helped coordinate the event. He jokingly said his favorite part of the weekend is when it is over – if everything has gone smoothly. In reality, his favorite part is the drag races.

“It’s so fun, but yet it can be so dangerous,” Phillips said. “I just hope and pray every day that we get through it and no one gets hurt and that there’s no accidents. Because it is a dangerous sport. We’re going 150 feet in downtown Alva as fast as they can go.”

Admission to the car show is free, though show-goers will have to pay for concessions.



Rufus Murraray of Hardtner, Kansas, shines his 2010 Chevy Camaro during the 2021 car show. Hundreds of vehicles are expected this year.

The show also offers events for people who aren’t crazy about cars, including axe-throwing, frozen T-shirt contests and live bands.

All the prize money for event and contest winners will be given in the form of Alva Chamber Bucks, which are accepted at local businesses.

“Anybody that wins has to spend the money in Alva, which

will keep the money in Alva, so that is nice,” Phillips said.

Phillips, a member of the Northwestern Hall of Fame who holds records from his time as head coach of the Ranger baseball team, also said the car show happens to fall on the same weekend as a Northwestern home football game. People can come spend the day Saturday at the car show and then watch Ranger football.

## What’s up?

### THURSDAY

The Northwestern Medical Sciences Club will meet Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Science Amphitheater. The club is meant to provide Northwestern students who are interested in the medical field an opportunity to become better informed, promote activities related to the medical field and secure intellectual stimulation in the field.

There is a \$10 membership fee per student per year.

### THURSDAY

There will be a lunch-and-learn for employees at noon in the Ranger Room. Lunch will be provided, and you must register to attend.

### TUESDAY

A kickball tournament for Northwestern students sponsored by SGA will occur Tuesday from 5 to 10 p.m. at the Intramural Field. Team sign-up sheets can be found at the front desk of the Wellness Center until Sept. 19.

### TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Student Support Services is having a study group from 5 to 10 p.m. in the Student Center commons area Tuesday and Wednesday. Coffee, printing and supplies will be provided, and anyone interested can attend.

### SEPT. 22

Taylor Phillips is teaching a resume-building workshop for education majors Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to noon in Room 109 in the Education Center.

The U.S. Constitution Open Forum and Dialogue event will be from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Vinson Hall Alabaster Room. The event is to celebrate Constitution Day, and all students and staff are welcome.

Grocery Bingo will occur in the Student Ballroom from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Northwestern students are welcome to come play bingo to win some groceries.

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# OPINION



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ABOVE: Ament Hall, a dorm for male students, is shown Wednesday. BELOW: A broken panel on top of Ament Hall is shown in this spring photo.

## Ament also needs a facelift

By **J.D. EDDY**  
Editorial Editor

Ament Hall is one of the oldest buildings on campus, and if you are an athlete at this school, you know a lot about it.

This is especially true for football players and some baseball players. When I transferred back to Northwestern from Southern Nazarene, most of the residents were football players, except for the third floor, which was occupied almost entirely by baseball players.

Other students lived there as well, even a few who did not play sports.

Now it houses cross-country, esports, baseball and football players. When I lived in Ament, about 50 student-athletes lived there.

At the time, the dorm had electrical issues. Power would go out in two adjoining rooms. However, there was no way for the students to flip the breaker back on.

If my neighbor and I used a microwave at the same time, it would cause both of us to lose power in our rooms. This happened one time at about 8 p.m. We didn't have power until the next day at 12 p.m. Having to put in a work order for someone to come flip a switch is tedious.

Ament Hall finished construction in 1965, which was shortly after the start of the Vietnam War. When the Vietnam War was at



its peak in 1968, enrollment at Northwestern was 2,614, according to the Oklahoma Historical Society.

The college had new dorms to accommodate the influx of students. According to the university website, Northwestern has an undergraduate enrollment of 1,640 (1,844 total); 468 students are considered part-time or virtual learning students, and 193 are graduate students. This is just to give some perspective on the number of students enrolled at Northwestern.

Because of coed living, the dorm is holding more residents than it has. However, it is the only dorm that has not been renovated in recent

years. This summer, the building had a new roof put on in order to maintain the integrity of the dorm itself.

Now, that is a step in the right direction, but there is more that should be changed to make the dorm better. South Hall is under construction, and Fryer Hall was renovated to accommodate new students in 2015. Coronado Hall has had a partial renovation as well.

Now, I have talked about the wiring issues in Ament, but there are more problems. There are not enough dryers in Ament to accommodate the number of students who live there now.

When the number of students did not exceed 50, it made sense.

But now, there seems to be an issue.

I am not trying to bash anyone, but I want to inform people about the state of this dorm. It is not the greatest place on campus to live, but the upside is the custodial crew does an excellent job of keeping the bathrooms clean. It is

***“There is more that should be changed to make the dorm better.”***  
— J.D. Eddy

one of the dorms on campus that doesn't make the students provide their own toilet paper.

To bring a positive light to the situation and show that there are upsides to living in Ament, I can honestly say Ament is the most fun dorm to live in because of the people there.

South Hall's renovation is almost complete, and while that is good, we cannot forget about the only dorm on campus that needs a facelift.

If you're reading this and agree with me, voice your opinion about it. Write a letter to the Northwestern News and talk to the administration. Those of us here at the newspaper would like to hear what you have to say about things around campus that affect you as a student.

# OPINION

## Acting young is key to long life

**JORDAN GREEN SAYS**



JORDAN GREEN

When you're a kid, your parents tell you to act your age. But while that advice may be well-intentioned during your youth, it's the worst advice you could follow later on.

In the last few weeks, I've gotten to spend some quality time with people who are still going strong well into their 90s. They're all still active, still happy and still loving life.

Meeting anyone over the age of 90 is not just a joy, but a privilege.

When you look someone in the face who has spent nine decades or more on this earth, you're looking at someone who has been through good times and bad – and persevered through them all. They've seen the world change before their eyes, and they've held onto the truth through it all.

What's most fascinating, however, is that most people 90 and older neither look nor act their age.

Kay County resident Larry Crow is still as spry at the age of 92 as he was when he was 52. Or so it seems.

If not, he's a good actor. Crow is the ringleader of the Friends of Nardin organization, which is dedicated to preserving the history of the small town in western Kay County.

Each year, the organization hosts a widely attended celebration complete with a vintage vehicle parade, old-fashioned cooking, blacksmithing, cake walks and tractor pulls.

It's an impressive operation for a small but mighty group. But if you get to know Crow, you'd understand why the celebration is such a success.

Crow has dedicated his life to preserving Nardin's history. He's written a lengthy two-volume series on Nardin history, "Nardin, I



Photo by Jordan Green

Thelma Donley (right), a 96-year-old resident of South Haven, Kansas, smiles during the town parade in August. She is the town's oldest resident.

Knew You When," the result of years of in-depth research. He dug up hundreds of old photos, newspaper clippings and other print materials, not to mention all the people he likely interviewed.

He continues to be the town's top promoter, too. He works hard each spring to get the word out – and drive participation up – in the town's annual shindig. I can't imagine all he does behind the scenes to make the Nardin Heritage Days so successful. He spends hours setting up for the event, planning events during meetings with other volunteers and, later, cleaning everything up.

I had no idea he was 92 when I first met him. He is active and joyful, and he's always got something positive to say. Nardin, and the world as a whole, are better places because he's there.

I talked to Larry last week for a story about Les Layton, a major-league baseball player who hailed from Nardin. If it weren't for Larry, Layton's life story never would have been preserved. Larry formed a friendship with Layton and put his memorabilia on display in the town museum so he could give the town a claim to fame.

Crow's work is selfless. He embodies what makes Nardin, and Kay County, great: a giving heart, a cheerful spirit and a willingness to work hard to achieve a goal.

Folks in nearby Sumner County, Kansas, have a similar role model. Miss Thelma Donley, 96, was celebrated as South Haven's oldest resident during the town's fair in August. She had her own float in the town parade, and she

waved like a beauty queen to the men, women and children lined up along the highway to see her.

We struck up a conversation while she was getting ready to listen to a band performing at the fair. If she had asked me to bet money on her age, I'd have lost. I underestimated her age by at least 15 years, and that wasn't out of fear or courtesy. She genuinely didn't look or talk like she is 96.

Thelma and her husband raised a family, and she spent several years working at the local library, helping spread the gifts of reading, wisdom and knowledge with children and adults alike. You could probably ask anyone in South Haven about her, and I'd wager they'd all have something good to say.

Now that, folks, seems like a life lived well.

Lately, I've been thinking a lot about the age-old question: What does it take to live a long, meaningful life? Thanks to the inspiration these two people provided, I think I've gotten closer to finding the answer.

Toby Keith released a song in 2019 called "Don't Let the Old Man In." You can find the lyrics online, but the emphasis of the song is this: Don't let old age steal your will to live out and enjoy an active life.

They've probably never heard the song, but Larry Crow and Thelma Donley are just two of the many people who have heeded its advice.

When it comes to acting their age, they're among the worst – and that makes their lives some of the best.

## Mental health program receives grants

Taylor Wilson is shown in her office in this 2020 file photo.

File photo



By **TAYLOR WILSON**  
Guest Columnist

Northwestern Oklahoma State University was awarded two Higher Education Prevention Services grants, one for opioid prevention and the other for stimulant prevention, through the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services and Mental Health Services Administration.

It is important to have Naloxone if you are prescribed opioids.

According to Emergent BioSolutions Inc, Narcan is a potentially lifesaving medication designed to help reverse the effects of an opioid overdose in minutes.

Since most opioid overdoses occur in the home and are most often witnessed, having a NARCAN rescue kit nearby can make all the difference.

— Taylor Wilson is the director of counseling and career services at Northwestern. To inquire about counseling services, contact Wilson at 580-327-8547 or [tawilson@nwosu.edu](mailto:tawilson@nwosu.edu).

**"Northwestern Oklahoma State University was awarded two Higher Education Prevention Services grants."  
— Taylor Wilson**



LEFT: As pictured Friday, livestock caretakers of all ages showed horses during the annual Woods County Fair on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at the Woods County Fairgrounds.

BELOW LEFT: Award-winning fruits and vegetables were on display Friday at the Woods County Fair.

BELOW: Rabbits were on display Friday in the animal barn at the Woods County Fairgrounds.

Photos by Colby Dalton

# Playing fair

Plants, animals, artwork and more mark annual Woods County Fair

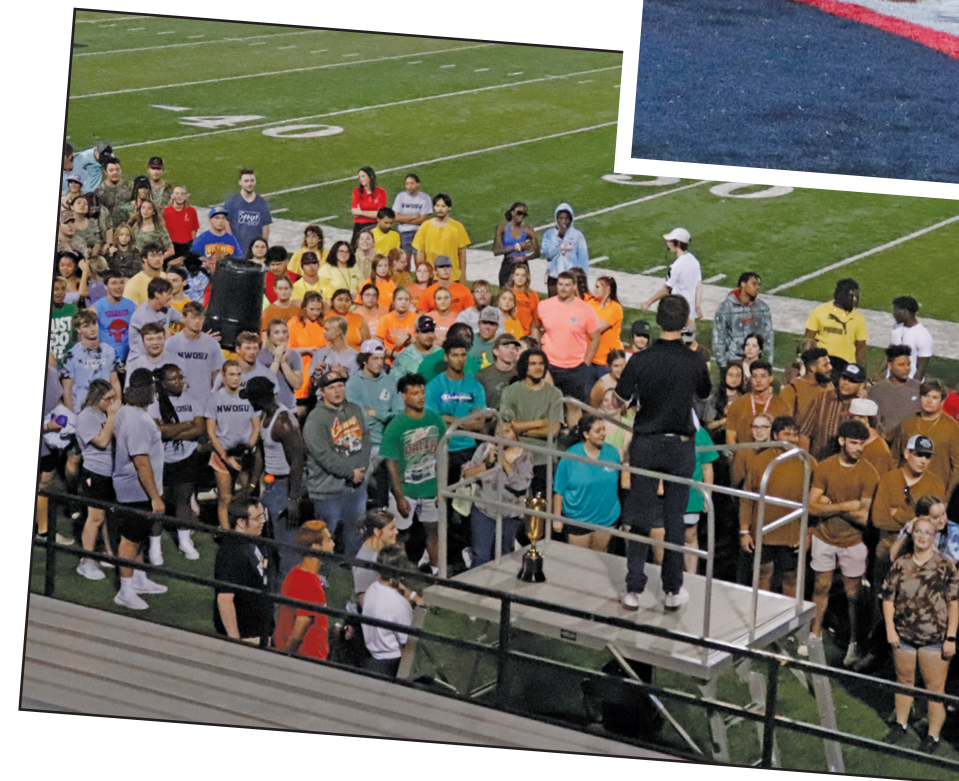


LEFT: Award-winning plants were on display Friday at the Woods County Fair.

BELOW: Children's artwork is shown Friday at the Woods County Fair.



Northwestern freshmen talk and laugh Sept. 7 during the annual Freshman Frenzy event, which aims to help students meet one another. Students played games on Ranger Field. Photos by Colby Dalton



TOP: Students sing during Freshman Frenzy on Sept. 7. ABOVE: Students listen as Student Success Coordinator Ethan Sacket speaks. TOP RIGHT: Students dance during Freshman Frenzy on Sept. 7. BOTTOM RIGHT: Students pretend to be a band during Freshman Frenzy.

# FEATURE



Photos provided

Fellowship of Christian Athletes president Jillian Bouse addresses the members during the first meeting on Sept. 6. FCA meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. with activities and Bible studies.

## FCA seeks to connect students to local churches

By **KIRSTEN KIRTLEY**  
Student Reporter

For many college students, leaving home is both exciting and scary. One thing that many college students miss is their home church.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes sponsor Tosh Miller said FCA provides a funnel to stay connected and possibly become involved in a local church.

The organization provides student athletes with a place to worship, have fun and get to know one another.

“Activities such as fire-pit devotionals, kickball tournaments and cookouts are readily available for all who choose to attend,” said the organization’s website. “All are welcome.”

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Education Center Room 109. President Jillian Bouse said the group provides students with an opportunity to come together for fellowship.

Bouse said she has many plans for the club this year, but her main goal is to achieve growth within

the organization.

Some of her plans include a possible cornhole tournament, volleyball tournament, attending Oklahoma State University Game Day and a Fields of Faith or Courts of Praise event.

The latter two events require a band and a guest speaker to reach out to everyone, she said.

Considering the busy schedule of a college athlete, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes wants to provide a place for student athletes to relax and learn more about the Bible.

Bouse said she is hopeful the events the organization has planned will be beneficial to attracting more student athletes to the program.

Being an FCA member in high school and a part of the organization’s leadership team at her former college, Bouse said she hopes to further build the foundation of FCA at the collegiate level.

Bouse said she is appreciative of the former presidents of the program who gave her the opportunity to lead Northwestern’s chapter. Bouse said she is excited and hopeful for the future of the organization.



Members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes are shown during a Sept. 6 meeting in the Education Center.

Miller, the sponsor, said one of the program’s goals for this year is to reach out to athletic teams and coaches.

As he recently became the group’s sponsor, Miller said he has high hopes to expand the organization through all areas of athletics.

Miller said the weekly meetings consist of reading through passages of the Bible, discussing what was read in small groups and doing activities to build on the message of the meeting.

Miller said one of the main goals of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes is to connect student

athletes to a church in or around Alva.

The Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been preaching the gospel and serving others since 1956, and Bouse and Miller plan to carry the torch by providing hospitality and spreading the word, they said.

## Nursing professor sees good in everything

By **CHANCE LOVE**  
Student Reporter

Crystal Gillett is a new nursing professor at Northwestern.

A native of Covington, Gillett earned an associate’s degree from Northern Oklahoma College and a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Northwestern. She is working on her master’s degree in nursing education.

**Q: What brought you to Alva?**

**A:** I really liked the culture from my bachelor’s studies, and some of the instructors I like are there now. I think they have a really good team in place.

**Q: What are you looking to accomplish in the classroom this school year?**

**A:** I’ve never been in education, so I want to gain knowledge but also be a strong support system.

**Q: Who was your hero growing up?**

**A:** My parents. They worked multiple jobs so I could enjoy the stuff I did. I’ve always looked up to them.

**Q: What is the scariest thing you have done?**

**A:** I’ve seen COVID, the unknown, a lot of unexpected in what could happen.

**Q: What is your super power?**

**A:** Seeing the good in everything. It’s a scary world out there, so being able to look past it.

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# ENTERTAINMENT



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The Kaitlyn Kilian Band performed on campus Friday night on the Intramural Field. Food trucks were on site for viewers. Other activities, like cornhole, were also available.

## Listening to the music

### Kaitlyn Kilian Band rocks the stage on Northwestern's Intramural Field



ABOVE: The crowd enjoyed a variety of country music and food from a food truck. LEFT: Jaxon Humphrey, the drummer for the Kaitlyn Kilian Band performed on the intermural field during the sponsored event.

## Top Dogs on Campus!

The Northwestern News is hosting the first Top Dogs on Campus photo contest. Send in the best photo of your Fido and enter for a chance to win a \$25 gift card. The best submitted photos will be published in the Sept. 29 edition of the Northwestern News. Send photos to [nwnews@nwosu.edu](mailto:nwnews@nwosu.edu) with the subject line "Dog pic." Include your name and your dog's name. Submission deadline is Sept. 19.

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# SPORTS

## FOOTBALL



File photos

Members of the Northwestern football team huddle together during the game against the Reddies of Henderson State on Saturday at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Reddies, 51-27.

# Reddies run over Rangers

By CADE KENNEDY  
Sports Editor

The Northwestern football team fell Saturday to the Henderson State Reddies, 51-27, on a cold, wet and windy night at Ranger Field.

The Rangers showed signs of improvement, as the Reddies did not win in the same demoralizing fashion they did last season. In that game, the Rangers lost, 55-7.

After a 30-minute delay, the Rangers started the game with the ball, but that possession lasted only a matter of seconds.

After 40 seconds of play, quarterback Tanner Clarkson threw an interception that set up a 10-yard touchdown drive for the Reddies.

The Rangers had a quick response, as they drove 75 yards in three plays to tie the game at 7-7.

From that point, the Reddies went on an assault through the air and on the ground, as the Reddies continued to rack up points until they had a 35-14 lead at halftime.

The Henderson State onslaught continued in the third quarter, as the Reddies proceeded to run the middle right at the heart of the Ranger defense.

These runs, combined with a few deep passes, allowed the Reddies to tack on two more touchdowns in the quarter, which brought the score to 49-14 in fa-

vor of Henderson State.

The Rangers turned the tide of the game in the fourth quarter, as Clarkson connected on passes to both Travis Romar and Isaiah Haro to bring the score to 49-27.

The Rangers could not get the 28th point, however, as a Reddie defender blocked the PAT and returned for two points the other way. When the clock hit zeros, the Reddies won the game, 51-27.

Despite the 24-point loss, the Rangers had some positives to take away from the game. Clarkson had a big game by completing 22 out of his 36 passes for 323 yards and four touchdowns.

On the receiving end, Romar only had three catches, but every reception resulted in a Ranger touchdown. Romar finished the game with 110 receiving yards.

While the Ranger defense still struggled, players also showed signs of improvement from the Southern Arkansas game.

The main sign of improvement came in scoring, as the Rangers allowed 11 fewer points against the Reddies than they did versus the Muleriders. The Rangers gave up 450 yards of offense to the Reddies, which is a 175-yard improvement when compared to the Southern Arkansas game.

The next game for the Rangers is Saturday, when Northwestern takes on the Bison of Oklahoma Baptist at 6 p.m. at Ranger Field.



Tanner Clarkson, right, looks downfield in Northwestern's game versus the Reddies. The Rangers lost, 51-27.

# SPORTS

## THE RANGER INITIATIVE: ENCOURAGING ATHLETIC ATTENDANCE

# Attendance is high; keep it that way

### CADE'S CALLS



CADE KENNEDY

This was not a column I expected to write, but after what I saw Tuesday, I have just two words to say: Thank you.

By simply showing up and supporting our team,

we were able to create the largest crowd for a volleyball game since Sept. 26, 2019. On that day, 502 Northwestern fans showed up for the game against Southern Nazarene and cheered the team to victory.

On Tuesday, Northwestern fans showed up once again for a game against Southern Nazarene, and both the crowd and the Lady Rangers delivered.

No matter whom I talked to at the game, everyone had something to say about how many people showed up.

One person was Jon Bingesser, the head coach of the Lady Ranger volleyball team. He agreed that the crowd played a part in the game.

"The crowd was awesome," Bingesser said. "You could feel

the energy in the arena."

As for the game itself, the Lady Rangers did exactly what they hoped to do and got a 3-0 sweep over the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene.

The Lady Rangers took the first set, 26-24, and never looked back. The second set was another tight battle between the two teams, but the Lady Rangers pulled off another victory, 31-29. In the third set, the Lady Rangers finally had some breathing room and pulled away to win the set, 25-18.

Now that we have proven that we can show up for these games, the only thing we have left to do is consistently show up.

There is no reason to turn back now, as we have provided a great foundation from which we can continue to build fan support.

Another subject that I want to bring up is the student section, as I was happy with how they showed up and stayed loud throughout the game. They helped bring the energy to the game, and I am excited to see how they can continue to keep that energy this year.

If you did not go to the game, that is OK. There is always time for more people to support the Rangers.



Photo by J.D. Eddy

Courtney Russell, right, and another member of the Northwestern volleyball team jump to hit the ball during the game against Southern Nazarene Tuesday night inside Percefull Fieldhouse. The Lady Rangers won, 3-0.

## SOCCER

# Lady Rangers win one, drop one on long road trip



File photo

Mikhaela Goen, right, gets ready to kick the ball during Northwestern's game against Wayne State on Sept. 1 at the Alva Recreation Complex.

By CONNOR GRAY  
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The Lady Rangers finished road games against Midwestern State and New Mexico Highlands.

The Lady Rangers played their toughest non-conference opponent, Midwestern State, Thursday in Wichita Falls, Texas, losing 4-0. Then they went to Las Vegas, New Mexico, and rebounded from the loss, winning 4-0.

The Lady Rangers continued to struggle with Midwestern State.

Northwestern and Midwestern battled throughout the first, but the Lady Rangers gave up a goal 19 minutes in.

The rest of the half was deadlocked until the final eight minutes of the half when the Mustangs got another goal.

The second half was a completely different game, as the Mustangs dominated most of the second half and picked up two more goals to seal it away.

The Lady Rangers had chances to score, but an offside call and solid defense from Midwestern prevented it from happening. The final score was 4-0 Mustangs, making Northwestern 2-2-1.

"They were a quality oppo-

nent we wanted to test ourselves against," Alex Piekarski, the head coach of the Lady Rangers, said. "We definitely found some things we need to work on. We need to find a way to put in a good 90 minutes of soccer."

The Lady Rangers had some chances in the game to put pressure on Midwestern and get a couple goals but did not capitalize on those opportunities.

"We need to continue to work better on defense as a team," Piekarski said. "It takes 11 players to defend and to attack."

The team then turned its attention to New Mexico Highlands in Las Vegas on Sunday.

Despite the long trip and high

elevation, the Lady Rangers bounced back from Thursday.

The Lady Rangers came out aggressive offensively, getting their first goal 12 minutes into the match to make it 1-0. Fewer than 10 minutes later, Carlie Massingale scored finding the back of the net.

About 30 minutes later, Massingale made the third and final goal of the half, giving her another goal. The Lady Rangers went into half time up 3-0, outshooting the Cowgirls eight to one in the first half.

Not even two minutes in the second half, Massingale got a hat trick with her third goal that gave the Lady Rangers a 4-0 win.

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## The Shaw must go on

Savanna and Mat Shaw, a father-daughter musical duo from Utah, performed in Herod Hall on Tuesday night. The two were the first act of this year's Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series at Northwestern. Dozens attended the performance, which is open to students and community members.

The University Singers performed with the Shaws on three pieces, and Northwestern choir director Dr. Karsten Longhurst sang with the duo on one piece. Longhurst and Mat Shaw sang together when they were in college.

The Shaws became an internet sensation during the pandemic, posting videos of their performances online. They've since released albums and started traveling across the U.S.

*Photo by Colby Dalton*