

Freshman Queen

Find out who was crowned the 2023 Freshman Queen.

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Discovers lots to do this weekend. Checkout all the Homecoming festivities.

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Homecoming

A trip down memory lane

By **Kristen Kirtley**
Assistant Editor

It is Homecoming week at NWOSU, and former NWOSU President, Janet Cunningham, recalled some of the memories she gained of homecoming when she was a student at NWOSU.

Cunningham began school at NWOSU in the fall of 1973, and earned her bachelor's in the spring of 1976. She then earned her master's in the spring of 1978.

The first Homecoming tradition Cunningham recalled was the Cinderella Pageant that has been held for over 70 years. Cunningham said that the pageant was already well established when she began school as a freshman at NWOSU.

"I also remember the decorations at the dormitory were pretty outstanding at that time," Cunningham said.

Cunningham explained that when she was attending NWOSU, Oklahoma Hall was on the corner where the green space is now. She said the building had great arches that the girls would decorate using tissue and stuffing. Cunningham said she recalls the decorating of the campus being a big deal during Homecoming week.

"I think that what I remember the most about Northwestern homecoming is that fact that both the town and the university were so engaged for Homecoming, and that still continues to this day," Cunningham said.

Another tradition Cunningham recalled was the Homecoming parades that Northwestern had while she was a student.

"We had some really big parades back then," Cunningham said.

Cunningham explained that when she was in college, there were more surrounding schools with bands that would participate in the parades than there is now.

"The parade was a big thing," Cunningham said.

She mentioned that the parade route used to begin on College Avenue, and went around the area where the Christian Church is located. People in the parade would then turn on Barnes, and then on

and around the square.

Cunningham graduated from Alva High School, and she marched in the Homecoming parade all throughout middle school and high school as a twirler.

She said that twirling in the parade is a fond memory of hers.

"Homecoming has always been a big deal at Northwestern," Cunningham said.

Homecoming remains a big deal at NWOSU, which is clear with all the campus decorations.

Northwestern clubs and organizations work hard for weeks to try and win the decorating contest. Whether they decorate their offices, dorms, hallways, doors or a spirit board or sheet, tons of faculty and students participate to win this contest.

Though the parade has become less of a big deal in more recent years with clubs making spirit sheets and boards instead of extravagant floats.

Homecoming still remains an honored tradition with students preparing all week for the game with different events.

In the weeks before Homecoming, students still campaign for Ranger royalty. This year 14 freshmen ran for Freshman Queen. This number is up four from last year.

Though the Ranger king and queen numbers stayed roughly the same, this shows that Ranger royalty is still a loved tradition today.

The town of Alva also continues to show their love for Homecoming and its many traditions by buying Homecoming buttons each year.

The money from the buttons go to funding Homecoming and can get fans deals all throughout the week as well as into the game and both nights of Miss Cinderella free.

Each button is also numbered and can win you \$500 in Chamber Bucks.

The Miss Cinderella Pageant is still taking place as well with several high school seniors competing for Northwestern scholarships.

This year, 13 contestants are running for Miss Cinderella.

See the full schedule on Page 4.



Pages from 1973 and 1974 yearbooks show homecoming festivities, when former President Janet Cunningham was a student at Northwestern.

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NEWS

Oct. 5th - Oct. 11th

WHAT'S UP?

5th Thursday

- Wesley House's meal beginning at 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Miss. Cinderella pageant at 7:30 p.m. in Herod Hall
- Bible Chair Round-Up at 7 p.m. at the Bible Chair
- BCM Men's Bible Study in Coronado Hall on the 4th floor at 10 p.m.
- Homecoming Block Party at 9 p.m. in Coronado Lawn

6th Friday

- Ranger Rally at noon in Percefull Fieldhouse
- O.I.L club Frito chili pie at 11 a.m. in the student center
- First Friday Art Walk at 6 p.m. at Graceful Arts Center
- Wild'n out game night at 7 p.m. in the Science Amphitheatre
- Miss Cinderella Pageant at 8 p.m. in Herod Hall

7th Saturday

- Ranger Run at 7:15 a.m. downtown
- Homecoming parade at 10 a.m. downtown
- Luncheon at 11 a.m. downtown
- Tailgate party at 1 p.m. on the Intramural Field
- Alumni tent at 2 p.m. at Ranger Field
- Ranger Football at 4 p.m.

8th Sunday

- Sundaes on Sunday at 7 p.m. at the Wesley House. Worship and Ice cream

9th Monday

- SGA Meeting at 6 p.m. in the ball room
- BCM Fresh Monday at 8 p.m.
- Woman's Bible study at 8 p.m. the Wesley House

10th Tuesday

- Bible Chair Free Lunch at 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Bible Chair
- Wesley House Bible Study at 7 p.m.

11th Wednesday

- BCM's noonday at 11:30 a.m.
- Bible Chair Bible Study at 7 p.m. at the Bible Chair
- First Christian Church serving free food at 5 p.m. at 821 College Street
- First Baptist Church serving free food at 5 p.m.

Summit to inspire small communities

By GAVIN MENDOZA
Senior Reporter

The Northwest Oklahoma Alliance is excited to announce the upcoming Teeny Tiny Town Summit, scheduled for Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The event will take place at the Woodward Conference Center and will feature the Lt. Gov. Matt Pinnell as the keynote speaker.

Joining him will be a lineup of speakers representing small towns across Northwest Oklahoma. Together, they will share insights on crucial topics such as

opportunities to share their positive experiences. Town administrators, community leaders, business owners, government officials, healthcare professionals, and residents are all encouraged to attend. The registration fee is \$50, which will include lunch.

The small towns of Northwestern Oklahoma are part of the following 16 counties: Cimarron, Texas, Beaver, Harper, Woods, Alfalfa, Grant, Kay, Ellis, Woodward, Major, Garfield, Noble, Dewey, Blaine and Kingfisher.

The Summit's goal is to bolster the region's economy by empowering individuals to become pillars of support and progress in their beloved hometowns.

The region is also known by its Oklahoma Department of Tourism designation "Red Carpet Country," which is named after the region's red soil and refers to the metaphor that the Panhandle is a welcoming "red carpet" into Oklahoma.

The Northwest Oklahoma Alliance hosts the Teeny Tiny Town Summit to educate and inform people throughout the region in order to find solutions to Northwest Oklahoma's challenges and to help small towns thrive.

NwOA is an organization designed to coordinate, consolidate, develop and promote regional resources.

To register for the Teeny Tiny Town Summit, use the following link: <https://nwoka.com/events>.

rural healthcare, community empowerment and the workforce in small towns. In its third edition, the event has a track record of catalyzing positive change and fostering a place for small towns to rally behind each other.


The Teeny Tiny Town Summit will host more than 10 speakers who will discuss solutions to Northwest Oklahoma's challenges in three panels. The agenda also includes the keynote breaks to provide participants with op-

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OPINION

Homecoming

What it means to be a Ranger

By SAGELYN BUDY
Student Reporter

Excitement continues to grow around cam-
pus as Northwestern Homecoming gets un-
derway Thursday with the Miss Cinderella
pageant.

Homecoming is Thursday through Sat-
urday with various events occurring such as
Miss Cinderella Pageant, Ranger Rally, Rang-
er Run, Homecoming Parade and a tailgate
party followed by the Northwestern football
game.

Many students, faculty and staff are excited
to participate in these homecoming festivi-
ties as they begin decorating and preparing cam-
pus for another successful homecoming year.

Homecoming is a special time of year
where alumni, families and the community
can come together to celebrate Northwestern
and the traditions of the university.

Charity Lyon, adjunct instructor of com-
munication, explains what Homecoming is:
"It's a time we all come back together to re-
member why we love this university so much.
We love cheering on the Rangers and all the
festivities, but more than anything we love the
people we met while here and the memories
we made."

Senior majoring in English education, Del-

aney Lambert said, "Homecoming is such a
special time on NWOSU's campus because all
of the students, faculty, alumni, and commu-
nity members have the opportunity to come
together to celebrate being Rangers."

Shayna Miller, also a senior majoring in
English education, explained what homecom-
ing means to her.

"To me, homecoming is the epitome of
what it means to be a Ranger," Miller said.
"We're getting to be a part of the community
and feel their pride for us. Everyone comes
out to take part in the parade and other festi-
vities, and it reminds me that we are so lucky to
me in a community that values the presence of
the college and its students."

Homecoming is a time to cherish with
friends while reconnecting on adjourning
memories had at Northwestern, according to
Dr. Dena Walker, associate professor of math-
ematics.

"Time spent at Northwestern is a time
where alumni were molded and shaped into
who they are today as adults," Walker said.
"Alumni are able to come back to their college
stomping grounds for a weekend and share in
the traditions of Northwestern they hold true."

During homecoming, the parade is a fun
time where everyone can gather around to
watch many decorated floats drive around the
downtown square of Alva. It is often most

people's favorite part of homecoming.

"As you walk around the square, you run
into all kinds of friends you haven't seen," Ly-
ons said. "You see the enthusiasm of the stu-
dents participating in the floats and remember
what a special time college is. You even get to
hear our wonderful band play the fight song."

Lambert is also mostly looking forward to
the parade.

"It's a great way to showcase all of the
people who contribute to our Ranger commu-
nity," Lambert said, "It's also a great time to
see how excited people are for the upcoming
football game."

The Northwestern football team will be
facing the Harding Bison on Saturday with a
kickoff time of 4 p.m. Students are on their
toes to see what the new coaching staff and
football team will bring on against the Bison.

"The energy that comes with a homecom-
ing game is always electric," Miller said, "so
I can't wait to feel the adrenaline of sitting in
the student section and cheering on our foot-
ball team."

Even the freshman on campus are excited
to have their first experience of homecoming
football in college.

"I am most looking forward to actually be-
ing in the middle of the student body celebra-
tion," said Abby Guffy, a freshman major in
health and sports science education.

"This is my first time
hearing of Homecoming. It
sounds interesting."
— Pasang Sheree, freshman from
Nepal, pre-nursing major

"I'm excited to see the
celebration!"
— Keeli Truelove, sophomore from
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, psychology major

"I'm ready to
see the game."
— Elmer Stotelo,
junior from Lexington,
Nebraska, business
administration major

"I'm ready to watch
the game."
— Mikayla White, sophomore
from Paola, Kansas, health and sports science major

"I'm excited to see
who will win king
and queen."
— Kyler Moore, freshman from
McKinney, Texas, business major

"I'm ready to turn
up!"
— Diamond Hilton, junior
from Tulsa, psychology major

"I hope the football team wins the game
like Lightning McQueen won the Piston
Cup."
— Jeremy Smith, sophomore from Elgin, health and sports science major

"Ready to put on that red
and black! Let's rock!"
— Kenya Jackson, junior from
Muldrow, psychology major

"I can't wait for
the block party."
— Jayden Geatheres, sophomore from
Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, computer science major

"I can't wait to experience the
Homecoming events this week."
— Brianna Brantley, junior
from Amarillo, Texas, nursing major

Homecoming Schedule

Miss Cinderella Talent and Pageant show

- Thursday and Friday
- Talent show starts at 7:30 p.m.
- Pageant show starts at 8 p.m.
- Admission: \$10 each night (free with Homecoming button)
- Herod Hall Auditorium

Homecoming Block Party

- Starts at 9 p.m. Thursday
- Music, dancing and 360-camera until midnight
- Outside Coronado Hall

Homecoming Ranger Rally

- Starts at noon Friday
- Percefull Fieldhouse

Ranger Run 5k/1-mile Fun Run

- Running starts at 8 a.m. Saturday
- Open to all ages & levels
- Front of the Rialto Theatre downtown

Homecoming Parade

- Starts at 10 a.m. Saturday
- Around the Downtown Square

Homecoming Luncheon Downtown

- Starts at 11 a.m. Saturday
- Across from the Rialto

Homecoming Week tailgate Party

- Starts at 1 p.m. Saturday
- On the Intramural Field
- Inflatables, axe throwing, food trucks and live sports

Alumni Tent

- Starts at 2 p.m. Saturday
- At Ranger Field

Massed Bands performance

- Starts at 3:40 p.m. Saturday
- On Ranger Field

Homecoming Football game vs. Harding

- Kickoff at 4 p.m. Saturday
- Ranger king and queen announced at halftime



Spirit boards decorate the lawns on the east side of the library.

Photo by Austin Judkins



Wellness Center won second place for its window design.

Photo by Austin Judkins



Students visiting the library this week were encouraged to Rock Rangers Rock.

Photo by Austin Judkins



Window/office decoration winner is the business office.

Photo by Ely Noble

Showing Ranger pride

Decorating contest winners

Spirit Board

- 1st: Castle Players
- 2nd: Psychology Club

Door

- 1st: Recruitment Office
- 2nd: Dean of faculty

Spirit sheet

- 1st: Wesley House
- 2nd: Art Society

Window/office

- 1st: Business Office
- 2nd: Wellness Center

Dorm

- 1st: Cunningham Hall
- 2nd: Coronado Hall



The Recruitment Office won the door decorating contest.

Photo by Ely Noble

Homecoming

Abby Guffy named Freshman Queen

By **Alli Schieber**
Features Editor

Ranger Homecoming has many traditions, one of which is Freshman Queen.

Freshman Queen has been an NWOSU tradition since 2003. However, in 2020 they did not crown a new queen due to COVID-19.

This year, the Freshman Queen is Abby Guffy from Byron, Oklahoma. Guffy is involved with the BCM and works in the housing office. In her free time, she likes to play and watch sports and hang out with friends and family.

Guffy said she was encouraged by her friends at work in the housing office to run for freshman queen because she knows a lot of people at Northwestern and at the time no one was running.

She said her biggest challenge coming to NWOSU is that it is a different school as she has gone to Cherokee from Kindergarten to 12th grade. So being in a different atmosphere is a little strange to her.

Guffy said if she had a super power she would like to teleport.

"I am always super busy, then I could get to places super quickly," Guffy said.

If she could travel anywhere in the world Guffy said she would like to visit Germany because she wants to see the castles and has family from there.



Photo By: Alli Schieber

Finalists for Ranger Royalty include (from left) Gilberto Ramos, Emily Smith, Draven Hildago, Freshman Queen Abby Guffy (crowned last week), Ally Meek, Brayden Stoner and Chloe Lehr.

Guffy said her favorite place on campus to go to study is the student center. While it can get

loud in there at times, she prefers it to be a little loud rather than it being totally quiet like the library

is most of the time.

"I love the small school atmosphere and how close everyone

is here," Guffy said about Northwestern.

Saturday the rest of the Ranger royalty will be crowned during halftime of the football game.

"Being selected as Ranger Queen was my proudest moment and favorite memory so far," last year's Ranger queen Carli Seabolt said. "Not because I won the crown, but because over my four years interacting with the student body I have cultivated many genuine friendships and when they called my name as homecoming queen it confirmed every emotion I felt about connecting with the student body along with the overall impact I had made on this campus."

This year's three finalists for Ranger Queen are senior vocal music education major, Emily Smith, from Holdenville, Chloe Lehr, sophomore elementary education major, from Alva and Ally Meek sophomore, health and sports science major, from Enid.

The three finalists for Ranger King are Draven Hildago, music performance major from Hooker, Brayden Stoner agriculture education major from Arkansas City, Kansas and Gilberto Ramos freshman from Alva majoring in nursing.

"I have always been a shy person before coming to school," last year's Ranger king Fernando Nunez said. "Winning Ranger king brought my confidence up and helped me make a name for myself."

Wessels lead parade Saturday downtown

By **Alli Schieber**
Features Editor

The Northwestern Homecoming parade marshals are people who have made a strong impact in the Northwestern community.

This year, the 40th parade marshals to lead the parade are Darrell and Grace Wessels. The Wessels are residents from Cherokee and support local sports teams and attend several Northwestern events throughout the year. Their names are also

on the Early Childhood Education Center, and they have also made donations to the Literacy Center and Nursing Lab.

Darrell Wessels graduated from NWOSU in 1963 where he majored in math and minored in chemistry/biology. He has been married to his wife for 64 years. He is also the president of the Gene Belcher Educational Foundation.

Grace Wessels has served on the Governance Committee as a member and chair of the Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association.

She has also served on the Executive

Committee.

There has been a parade marshal named for the homecoming parade since 1982, excluding 2020 when COVID-19 forced the cancellation of Homecoming. The honor has been held by several professors and alumni who have given back generously to NWOSU.

The Homecoming parade will take place downtown, around the square on Saturday at 10 a.m. after the Ranger run which is at 8 a.m.

The parade will feature a variety of floats designed by clubs and organizations

on campus, different sports teams walking and handing out candy, Brat's Menagerie animals, the Pride of Ranger Nation marching band as well as several other middle and high school bands.

A massed band will perform during pregame for the football game. This will include high school and middle school bands as well as alumni who want to dust off their old instruments.

During the third quarter of the game, alumni cheerleaders will be able to join the current Ranger cheerleaders on the sideline to show off their old moves.

High schoolers compete for Miss Cinderella

By **TARA OWEN**
News Editor

The Miss Cinderella pageant is a two-night competition for scholarship money for local high school seniors. This pageant is a staple to Northwestern's Homecoming festivities.

The Miss Cinderella talent show and pageant will begin on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in Herod Hall. This year, 14 contestants from local high schools are vying for the crown.

A \$2,000 tuition scholarship will be given to each of the contestants. Eight semesters of tuition and one semester of a room waiver scholarship on the Alva NWOSU campus will be given to the winner of the Miss Cinderella pageant winner.

The first runner-up will receive six semesters of tuition. The second runner-up will receive a four-semester tuition waiver, and the third and fourth will receive a year room waiver. The winner of Talent and Miss Congeniality awards will each get a one year of room waived. The interview winner will

get a scholarship to use for books. All of the scholarships are for the Alva NWOSU campus only.

Miss Oklahoma Sunny Day will be the emcee for the pageant at 8 p.m. on Friday.

Day was Miss Norman, along with 40 other candidates who ran for the title of Miss Oklahoma. However, this was not her first time running. Day ran for the title in 2021 and placed fourth runner-up. She then won the title of Miss Oklahoma this June.

The 14 contestants met on the NWOSU Alva Campus on Sept. 27 for the annual Miss Cinderella orientation.

The high school seniors who will be competing this year are Sophie Jungman from Alva, Alyssa Smith from Arnett, Mylee Sims from Burlington, Onnaleaya Avants from Chisholm, Holly Bockelman from Cherokee, Joselyn Charqueno from Ringwood, Kamryn Baggs from Laverne, Maleah Colliison from Cimarron, Jessica Davis from Woodward, Autumn Drake from South Barber, Allynia Nusser from Freedom, Sadey Schoenhals from Shattuck, Autumn VanZee from Mooreland and Kennedy Zook from Waynoka.

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SPORTS

Ranger football struggles to find winning drive

In the face of a 0-5 record, the Rangers football team confronts a season marked by change — new players, new coaches and week-to-week challenges. Despite consecutive losses, the Rangers maintain an unwavering optimism, choosing to look forward rather than dwell on the past.



JOSHUA CHRISTOPHER

While scores and stats may paint a discouraging picture, football is a metaphor for life, teaching resilience in the face of adversity.

Quitting would be the easy way out, but the Rangers are driven by their aspirations and goals in order to push through the on field hardships.

Coach Ronnie Jones emphasizes that, “turning around a program doesn’t happen overnight and it’s going to take everyone on this staff including the players to buy in.”

As a player on this team in the midst of adversity first hand, we must find the hidden gems. Wins and losses are part of the game, but the response to the losses defines a team's character.

We recognize that success hinges on a united front encompassing the mental and physical aspects of the game. Each week calls for a higher standard, a determined work ethic, and a shared objective throughout the season.

Discipline, resiliency, accountability, a winning mindset, and camaraderie are the cornerstones of progress on and off the field.

With six pivotal weeks ahead, the Rangers stand poised to transcend their record, proving the haters wrong but more so proving themselves right.

This Saturday at 4 p.m., the Rangers are geared up for a homecoming showdown against Harding University, aiming to clinch the first win of the season.

Soccer loses, ties for fifth time

Conference matchup

Sept. 27

0-1

NWOSU @ Ouachita	
Goals	0 1
Shots	4 20
SOG	2 7
Saves	5 2
Corners	1 9
Offsides	1 2
Fouls	6 6

Conference matchup

Sept. 30

1-1

Harding U @ NWOSU	
Goals	1 1
Shots	13 8
SOG	8 7
Saves	6 7
Corners	3 3
Offsides	2 3
Fouls	7 2

Upcoming Game — Saturday @ East Central, 11 a.m.



Sydney Edmiston (#14) prepares to kick the ball against Harding. The 1-1 score was the fifth tie this season. Photo by Austin Judkins

This week's results

Franklin captures 2nd conference honor

- Sept. 23 GAC runner of the week
- 25:19:93
- Team rank 2nd
- Solo rank 2nd



Christian Franklin

@ University of Arkansas Men—Playmakers

- Christian Franklin, 1st in team, 127th overall, mile time of 5:19 for 26:30.6
- Salat Ibrahim, 2nd in team, 26:51.2, 154th overall, mile time 5:24
- Riley Herndon, 3rd in team, 166th overall, 26:57.5, mile time 5:25
- Aaron Medrano, 28:02.9, 229th overall

Lady Rangers—Playmakers

- Cadence Long-Torres, 1st in team, 20:21.8, 25th overall, mile time 6:33.
- Asia Williams 2nd in team, 29th overall, 20:49.7 6:42 avg mile
- Karlee Trammell, 3rd in team, 22:06.9, 60th overall, 7:06 avg
- Reina Gonzales, 77th, 22:26.9.
- Harley Woody, 78th, 22:29.
- Ely Dorado, 82nd, 22:33.8
- Mary Kate Foster 90th overall, 22:54.3

Volleyball loses to ECU, trounces Langston Lions

NWOSU @ ECU

Sept. 28

0-3

	NWOSU	ECU
Kills	36	44
Errors	23	10
Attempts	123	109
Hitting %	.106	.312
Points	38.0	62.0
Assists	32	41
Aces	0	4
Blocks	2	14

Langston @ NWOSU

Oct. 3

3-0

	Langston	NWOSU
Kills	20	46
Errors	12	13
Attempts	88	107
Hitting %	.091	.308
Points	27.0	62.0
Assists	19	45
Aces	4	12
Blocks	3	4

Playmakers

- Erika Asencio Soriano: 12 kills
- Mariela Jimenez: 8 kills, 3 aces

Women's golf sets two-day record

Missouri Southern State Invitational Sept. 25-26

NWOSU men's golf shot their second lowest round in program history: 286. The lowest was 285 in 2009.

- **15th place after three rounds: 300-302-286.**
- **Top Playmakers:**
- Matti Zerwin, freshman: 221 total, 30 pars, 10 birdies. Tied for 52nd overall.
- Cade Seymour, senior: 222 total, 34 pars, 9 birdies. Placed 62nd overall.

Central Regional Preview Sept. 25-26

NWOSU women's golf set a new program record for a two-day team score with 639 (319-320).

- **16th place overall**
- **Top Playmakers:**
- Agathe Lacoste, freshman: 158 total (79-79), 21 pars, 2 birdies. Tied for 48th overall.
- Tess Linden, freshman: 159 total (79-80), 16 pars, 3 birdies.
- Romane Lacoste, freshman: 160 total, 20 pars, 2 birdies.

Game 5 team Stats

- 203 rushing yds
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- 3 rushing TDs
- 227 receiving yds
- 16 passing attempts
- 154 kick-return yds

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