

CAR SHOW

The Big Cruise and Car Show took place at the Square last weekend. See pictures on pages 6-7



SPORTS

Athletic director Brad Franz celebrates the first football win of the season. See story on page 11



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Museum receives large donation

By TARA OWEN
Senior Reporter

The Museum of Natural History on campus received a donation that tripled the inventory.

Around 12,000 specimens were donated this past spring to the museum.

The donations were from the owners of the Gypsum Hills Nature Museum in Hardtner Kansas.

Some of the recently donated items are already on display at the museum, but many are still being prepared to be put on display.

"We are still doing inventory and a basic count on the donated items, not all of the things that were donated will be able to be out at the museum," Director of the Museum of Natural History, Thomas Cornell said. "but it allows for a great opportunity to rotate out our collections every once in a while."

The largest donated item to the museum was a moose head.

Which is currently inside the museum but is waiting to be mounted to the wall.

A large portion of the donated items were moths, butterflies and other insects.

Primarily from the Northwest Oklahoma and Southwest Kansas area.

"The donated collection used to be one of the largest collections of private collections of butterflies and moths," Cornell said.

The museum studies class at Northwestern will also be adding a few new displays that will be coming to the museum this semester.

Northwestern's visual arts classes have also used the museum as a resource in their classes.

Along with the professional practices and gallery administration class.

"We still have two rooms of collections in the research collections that we are still sorting through to see all that we have as I am relatively new to the institution," said Cornell



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Museum directors Thomas Cornell and Dr. Nicholus Ledbetter discuss the elements in the NWOSU museum.



Photo by Tara Owen

Some of the insects that were donated to the museum

The remaining donated items are in the research collection room which is available to students by appointment.

"The research collection is always available for graduate and undergraduate students as a resource," said Cornell.

Established in 1902 the museum is the second oldest in Oklahoma. Northwestern's Museum of Natural History was established by G. W. Stevens, head of

the biology department at that time. According to the museum's web page, in 1908, Stevens and former student assistant and protégé, T.C. Carter, traveled to Alaska where they spent seven months collecting hundreds of specimens of mammals, birds and bird eggs to bring back to the campus museum.

Those Alaskan materials were then added to the museum, which already contained an extensive collection of biological specimens native to the Oklahoma area. Stevens left Northwestern in 1916 but Carter taught at the Uni-

versity until his retirement in 1952. Carter and his students collected and/or prepared much of the material that remains on display today.

For more information on the museum head to <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-arts-and-sciences/natural-science/museum-of-natural-history>

Museum of Natural History hours

Monday 2-5 p.m.
Tuesday 1-5 p.m.
Wednesday 2-5 p.m.
Thursday 1-5 p.m.
Friday 2-5 p.m.
Located in Jesse Dunn 2nd floor



Photo by Alli Schieber

A rock that was donated by the Gypsum Hills Nature Museum.

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Sigma Tau Delta meeting VH
200 5 p.m. - 6 p.m.

28TH

Family Day

29TH

Emily Smith recital First Presbyterian
Church of Alva 4 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

30TH

OKSE Regional Super Smash Bros
Ultimate tournament Ballroom 10 a.m.
- 4 p.m.

1ST

Writer's Round Table
Meeting 5 p.m.-6 p.m.

2ND

O.I.L. Club Meeting EC 109 5:30
p.m.-6:30 p.m.



Photo by University Relations

A Northwestern football helmet sits on the Ranger Field before a game.

Homecoming traditions

By **ALLI SCHIEBER**
Editor-in-Chief

Decorations, parade, football are some of the things you might think of when you hear the word homecoming.

For Northwestern, homecoming is about tradition.

Next week, while walking around campus, you will see many decorations that clubs and departments have worked hours planning and making while they try to have the best decorations.

If you plan on decorating a spirit board or sheet that fits the theme of Ranger Expedition they have to be turned into Kaylea Brown by Sept. 27 at 5 p.m.

The student government association planned several events for the week to get Rangers in the spirit of homecoming.

Starting off the week will be Monday night, many Rangers will head to 209 N 14th St. at 7:15 p.m. to attend a bonfire that will get fans fired up for the week ahead.

Tuesday night, fans will head to Percefull Fieldhouse to cheer on the volleyball team as they take on SWOSU at 6 p.m.

SGA has planned a Blackout the Pit event and encourages fans

to wear black.

They will also give a prize to the most spirited fan of the night.

Wednesday night, students will drive out to Bradt's Menagerie at 9 p.m., hoping to be one of the first 100 students with their student ID's so that they can get into the Hay Maze for free.

Thursday night at 9 p.m. students will attend SGA's block party on the street between Coronado and Cunningham Hall.

Friday, students will gather in Percefull Fieldhouse at noon for a pep rally where they will show their school spirit before the game Saturday.


Another big tradition will take place Thursday and Friday nights as high school seniors from around the area will compete in the Miss Cinderella competition for scholarships from NWOSU.

The pageant will be in Herod Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$10 each night Or free with a Homecoming button.

Saturday will be filled with events happening all day long. Starting off the day at 8 a.m. with the Ranger Run at The Square.

Following the Ranger Run will be the parade at 10 a.m.

The football game will be at 3 p.m. and the crowning of Ranger Royalty will be at halftime.

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NEWS

Parking causes problems for students

By **KAROLINA JURESIUTE**
Senior Reporter

To find a parking spot at any university can be and is challenging for students, professors and faculty.

At Northwestern a lot of students are complaining about the number of open parking spots.

“Finding a parking spot close to the building is much harder this year than it was last year,” sophomore Janie Rempel, education major from Forgan, Oklahoma said. “You get lucky if you can find one close by and don’t have to walk that far.”

Some parking spaces are not wide enough or not big enough

for the bigger trucks, so then that results in taking up two parking spaces and reducing the availability for the others, students said.

People parking in the wrong places also limits availability for others.

“It is alright for the most part,” a health and sports science major Jackson Albert from Hutchinson, Kansas, said. “there are times where both Coronado Hall lots are full.”

Students that commute and don’t live on campus seem to have more problems than the students that live in the dorms as the parking lots next to their class buildings are full.

“We do have some parking lots

that are never full that they can park in,” Northwestern’s chief of police, Dennis Kilmer, said. “We have one that’s across the street here from the donut shop, we got that big one there and there’s one right across the street from it but it is not paved. We also have one on the West side of campus across the Eight street, and very few people ever use it”

Kilmer said, he parks on the Eight street himself, walks across the campus from there to work every day and doesn’t mind it.

With Herod Hall construction project being in progress, some of the parking spots are blocked off for the workers and their trucks and trailers for whenever they need to come in, which makes it tough for other people to park, Kilmer said.

One of the other problems is that Northwestern has a lot of students who live on campus and like to drive to get as close to class as they are able to.

“No one has ever really in any of the beginning of school meetings mentioned the fact that those who live on campus is expected to park in their assigned parking lots and walk to class, so a lot of them drive, because I see a lot of stickers from different dorms all over campus.” Kilmer said.

Parking in a wrong lot can result in a \$15 ticket and parking in a handicapped spot can result in a \$50 ticket. This year Kilmer said he has written about 40-50 tickets so far and most of them were warnings.

Parking in the parking lot in front of the wellness center is off limits to everybody, except the people who buy the memberships



Photos by Alli Schieber

A car barely parked in a parking spot making it harder for cars to get around. In the parking lot across the street from Cunningham Hall.



A car parked right on the line due to the car next to them parking on the line. In the parking lot next to Cunningham Hall.

for the wellness center.

Students and staff can still park behind the wellness center, that parking lot doesn’t have any restrictions.

Students can make it better

by parking as good as possible, attempting not too take up more than one spot and parking fully in that spot. It would also help if students who live on campus walked to class instead of drove.

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Psychology instructor, first gen student

By **CHRISTIAN FRANKLIN**
Student Reporter

Natalie Adams is a new instructor of Psychology at NWOSU.

Adams earned her associates degree from Central Oklahoma and her bachelors from Southern Nazarene University.

Q: What sold you on coming to NWOSU?

A: I am excited to apply for the full-time position in psychology, as it represents an incredible opportunity for me to reconnect with my passion for this field. Having spent several years as a counselor, I gained invaluable insights into the complexities of human behavior and mental health.

Q: What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish

here?

A: I would like to help students connect with their passion for education.

Q: What is your favorite class to teach and why?

A: Graduate class and addicted families.

Q: What is your “superpower?”

A: Getting outside of my comfort zone

Q: What is something most people don’t know about you?

A: Many people are unaware that I am a first-generation college student, first to pursue higher education this achievement is especially significant. Growing up, I often



Natalie Adams

faced the challenges of navigating the educational landscape without the guidance that comes from familial experience.

My parents, while supportive, did not have the opportunity to attend college themselves, which made my journey all the more remarkable.

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OPINION

'Twisters:' A unique sequel

By **LEONARDO ROBLES**
Opinion Editor

"Twister" is the famously iconic film about
natural disasters that take place in the state of
Oklahoma.

The movie includes the participation of
memorable actors. Not only does the movie
include scenes of the numerous disasters that
towns in Oklahoma suffer throughout severe
weather, but it also introduces a dramatic
story that puts the characters of the movie in
positions to overcome challenges due to their
personal relationships.

Overall, the movie is an all-time classic,
and even though some of the special effects
may not look as good as they do now, it is
still the original idea of a movie bringing the
dangerous side of living in Oklahoma into
theaters.

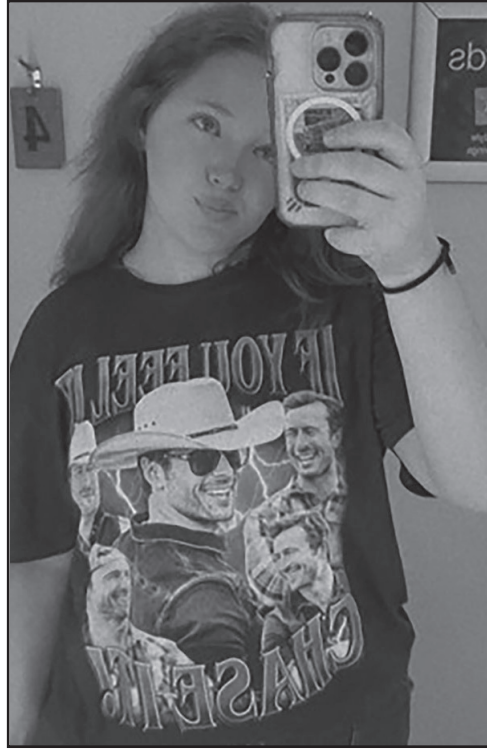
Although the movie can exaggerate some
factors of tornadoes, hurricanes and storms;
the movie may still be important for those
who live in Oklahoma since it is a close rep-
resentation of what it is like living in the state
of Oklahoma.

On the other hand, we have "Twisters," the
stand-alone sequel of the first movie which
does not bring back anyone from the original
cast, but the audience still connected with the
new faces in the film.

The film feels like its own concept, it does
not have a direct connection to the first one
and still manages to offer an original storyline
with new characters and a new visual effect of
tornadoes.

Many students can agree that this movie
was great, but for some reason the movie does
not feel as iconic as the first one.

The editor-in-chief, Alli Schieber is one of
the "Twisters" fans, who has not seen the first



Alli Schieber takes a mirror selfie, which makes
the words on her "Twisters" inspired shirt appear
backwards.

one, that would also agree with some movie
reviews that is one of the greatest films re-
leased this year.

It is fun to know that we have some stu-
dents here at Northwestern that can agree and
disagree to which movie was better.

"Twisters" gained the love of many fans
because it was targeted for our current gen-
eration.

It seems that the popularity of the film
gained a lot of popularity due to the partici-
pation of Glen Powell, and it is obvious that
the movie's popularity increased with the numer-
ous edits in social media of Powell.

In my opinion "Twister" is a better than the
sequel.

The sequel was great, the characters are
fantastic, and the plot is unlike any other.

The first movie was more iconic due to its
original ideas and concepts, but I personally
preferred the drama between the characters of
Dr. Jo and Bill.

Even though the main story of "Twisters"
tells the story of Dr. Jo and Bill going through
their divorce, the movie still manages to intro-
duce other crew members and side characters
that have their unique personalities.

The sequel also has its own characters, but
they felt somewhat cliché to the typical mov-
ie character. It was still surprising to see how
the story takes a different path to what usual
movies do.

It is intriguing to see how the characters
change their personalities from the beginning
of the movie until the end, and it is also nos-
talgic to see Oklahoma back in the 90s when
we were not technologically advanced as we
are now.

Hopefully in the future, "Twisters" be-
comes a classic movie so we can call it a clas-
sic movie from our generation.

I still recommend seeing both movies due
to how fun it is to watch them and because
they both can be perfect for a movie night.

The sequel was the perfect event to reunite
the majority of Oklahoma's residents into the-
aters to see their beloved towns being brought
up into the big screens, hopefully we can have
more cinematic projects that take place in
Oklahoma.

With nothing else to say I think we as
residents are more than welcome to proudly
support movies that are originally filmed in
around the state, and hopefully people from
other states know a little more of what it is
like living in Oklahoma.

The impact of virtual education

By **NOAH PRIDE**
Guest Columnist

In late 2019, COVID-19 be-
gan.

It quickly turned into a world-
wide pandemic that affected ev-
eryone.

The COVID-19 pandemic
reshaped nearly every aspect of
modern life, with education expe-
riencing one of the most signifi-
cant transformations.

Now with vaccines and other
measures, COVID-19 is mostly
behind us. Yet the way it changed
schooling might be sticking
around.

As COVID-19 hit the coun-
try, many students and schools
switched from in-person to on-
line. Before COVID, according
to the National Center for Edu-
cation Statistics, around 30% of
college students took some form
of online classes. 17% of that was
strictly all online.

In 2020-2021, the number of
students in some form of online
classes went to 72% with 45 of
that being all online. An increase
of more than double.

As we moved past COVID-19,
The usage of online courses

Technology is
best when it
brings people
together.

— Matt Mullenweg

dropped to 53%. A notable de-
crease but still above pre-pand-
emic numbers. Whether or not
the massive increases of online
college participation will stay re-
mains to be seen, but for now, the
popularity of online courses has
increased and the cons of taking
an online course will have to be
weighed by students.

The benefits of online courses
can be immense.

First, it saves time.

Students don't have to com-
mute to class or spend excess
time in the classroom.

This frees up time to work or
take more classes if needed. A
student that is strictly online can
save money by living at their
home instead of a dorm.

It can also open up new col-
leges that might not be able to
attend otherwise.

Online courses are also often
self-paced. These suit some stu-
dents well and will make it easier
for them to learn. Online courses
also come with a cost.

There are no face-to-face in-
teractions or if there are, they are
in a limited amount.

This reduces the chance of stu-
dents choosing to work together
and reduces the change of them
approaching their professor for
assistance.

In addition, some students
won't have the time management
and work ethic to do self-paced
learning. It can be hard to learn
without a set schedule or routine.

Technology brings technology
issues.

Each student will have a
unique situation with the technol-
ogy they have available to them
making troubleshooting an issue.

Isolation is a hidden cost to
online schooling.

Classes are also a way to
connect to your peers and make
new connections. To some, it's a
heavy cost to their socialization.

All in All, the space of on-
line schooling is still forming.
COVID was a big accelerant to
it, but there is still room to learn
what works and what doesn't.

Ultimately, students will have
to make the call on what works
best for them.

Colleges will have to take
steps to support their students
in that area specifically, whether
that be with only one or two on-
line classes or being 100% an on-
line college student.

OPINION

Ready to support the rodeo community

By **CALI GRIFFIN**
Rodeo Coach

Rangers, we better get ready because the 2024 Ranger Rodeo is coming up in the end of October through the beginning of November.

Our region is one of 11 regions across the nation that make up the NIRA, or National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association, and consists of 17 schools across Kansas and Oklahoma.

Our region gets to host 10 rodeos a year—us being lucky enough to host a home rodeo—before the top three student athletes in each event and top two teams qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming, in June.

Alva will host over 525 student athletes, their friends and families over a four-day period starting Oct. 31 at 7 p.m., Nov. 1 also at 7 p.m. The short go (the Top 12 in each event) will be held on Nov. 2 at 7 p.m. where the team and event champions will be crowned.

Also a jackpot event will be held Sunday as well.

Events such as bull riding, calf roping, bronc riding, breakaway, team roping, and steer wrestling will be held at the Woods County Fairgrounds over the weekend.

Students are currently selling ads as well as raffle tickets, which go to helping us cover the costs of hosting the rodeo.

Spectators at the rodeo also help with offsetting costs.

The support of our great community is what makes hosting this event possible.

We are currently gearing up to

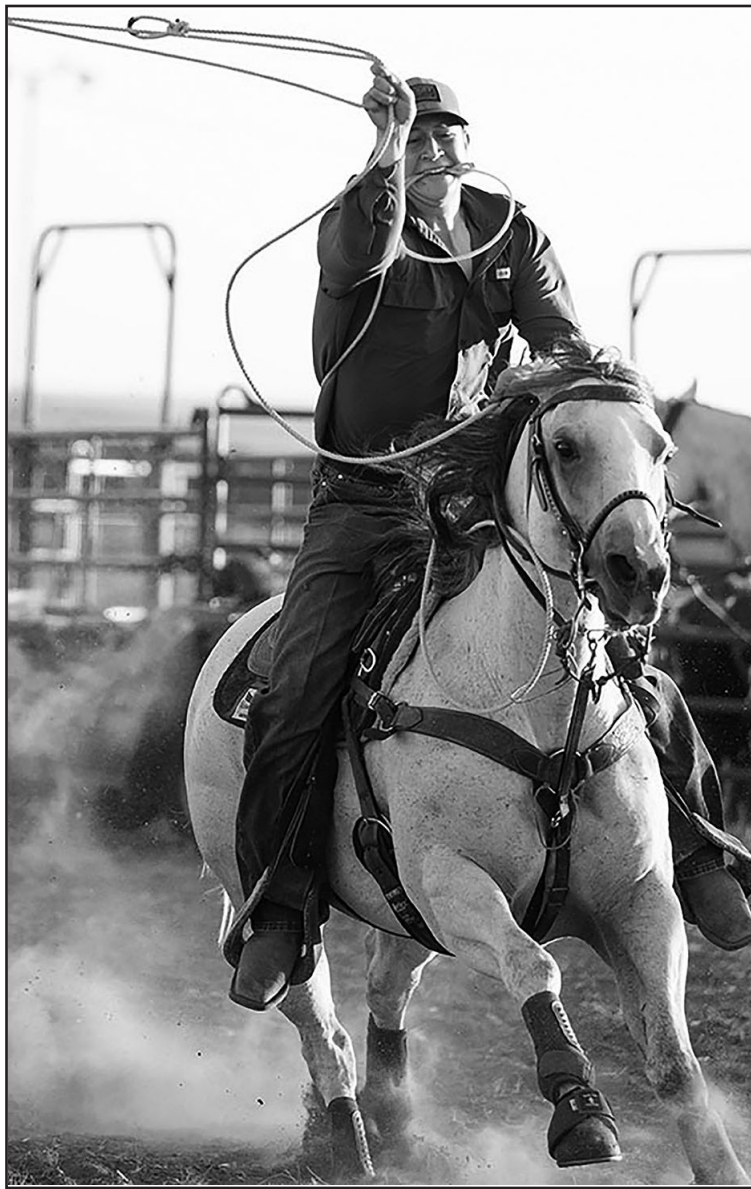


Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

get ready to head to Durant, the third rodeo of our 10-rodeo season.

The team has had a strong start so far with senior Emmett Edler leading the way by winning the Men's All Around at Kansas State University, and freshmen Payton Dingman winning Reserve Women's All around.

Senior Kerry Duvall finished

fourth overall in the calf roping event and Jaci Traul, masters program student, finished strong for the women's team by winning the breakaway event.

The team is really looking forward to pushing through the next few rodeos and finish the fall at our home rodeo. We hope to see you all there. and like always, Ride, Rangers, Ride..

By **LEONARDO ROBLES**
Opinion Editor

NWOSU is a university that includes a diversity of sports and other activities; one of the many activities in campus is rodeo.

I am not a big fan of rodeo, and I also do not find any interest in it, but I see how students and people around town get excited for the event.

Rodeo seems like an ideal event to come to as a family and enjoy the show that people around the state practice for us.

I appreciate all the love and effort that the athletes put into the rodeo.

I always find it entertaining watch the rodeo. There are usually many things that as an audience you can do at the rodeo. For example, watch the show, go try the local food, see what they have in the small market stands. .

It is enjoyable to know that the NWOSU rodeo is being supported and has been supported by multiple people and companies from town.

Rodeo, of course, is not like the rest of the other sports that mainly involve some sort of ball.

In rodeo, you still have to learn multiple skills to be able to perform many of the events. You're required to have balance, resistance, strength, and really focus on making an excellent performance.

If you are one of those people who are very competitive, rodeo may be a sport you could be interested in. Having some unique skills and being capable of doing better results than the other athletes participating is what really

puts you on the spot of being one of the best.

Many people might not be aware that doing rodeo is not only about doing your performance and making the best score out of everyone. Those students participating in rodeo need to have knowledge not only about the experience of the events, but also about how to take care of their horses, saddles, ropes and other equipment.

- **NWOSU Rodeo**
- **Oct. 31-Nov. 2**
- **County Fairgrounds**

It is admirable to see these student athletes perform their sport in front of massive audiences that not only come from their hometown but from all over the state and even other states.

We are surely proud of those who are brave enough to participate in the rodeo. It does not always look like a safe sport at all, but it does keep the audience attached to their seats, watching those young adults risking it all during their performances.

Thankfully, here at NWOSU we have a professional rodeo coach and rodeo student athletes who can perform an amazing show that delights audiences of all ages.

Hopefully our rodeo team has a successful season full of memorable moments, exciting performances and most importantly fun since these athletes are putting their heart and soul out there doing what they enjoy the most.

Is LEGO an educational tool or a simple toy ?

By **LEONARDO ROBLES**
Opinion Editor

How hard is it to imagine?

Well there is no actual answer to that. It is not easy and it is not hard. Imagining is just like breathing or blinking; it just happens.

There are multiple tools that help you exercise your imagination. We have technological tools that help kids of all ages to increase their brain's capacity of imagining.

Many people have thought that toys are only to entertain the kids, but really the majority of toys are created for an educational purpose.

LEGO may be one of the few toys that feeds a child's imagination.

It is not only a toy. LEGO is the ideal toy that kids may need.

Some people may think that

the toy LEGO is a complicated concept for your kids.

There are some sets that are designed for kids of younger ages. there is even LEGO sets for adults who find the toy entertaining for them, but the adult sets are normally bigger and they come with more pieces, which means it takes longer to build.

One cool thing about LEGO is the multiple themes they have. LEGO has been around the toy industry for decades.

You can find LEGO sets of Spongebob to LEGO sets of the movie Jaws.

There are multiple themes that you can focus on when it comes to LEGO.

Lately our generation has been using LEGO more often than usual. Even if the prices of the set can be somewhat high, there are people who manage to collect these sets.

LEGO has been becoming

more popular these days. You can see this when couples have a "LEGO date" in which they spend the date building the set. It is a very peculiar idea of a date, but it is also a brilliant idea of spending time with your loved ones.

The LEGO community has made sure that everyone is able to consume their product by making products for certain groups of people. There are also sets that are not necessarily a figure of a spaceship or a boat.

Some sets are the shape of flowers that you can use as decoration, and there are other sets that you can also use as decoration but you can hang them in the walls.

It is important to not forget that even if you do not end up following the instructions of the set, you would most likely be able to come up with your own original idea. Always try to be open to more options.

THE BIG CRUISE CAR SHOW



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Red car speeds in the car show cruise.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

People show off their classic and modern cars at the car show in Alva

Last weekend the Square was filled with lots of classic and new cars for the 23rd annual Big Cruise and Car Show. The car show is one of the largest free car shows in the state. The car show took place Friday and Saturday and had lots of events including a burnout contest and a drone show Saturday night. There was also live bands both Friday and Saturday night. With all the cars and people downtown there was also 15 food trucks that gave people a different place to eat other than Alva's usual restaurants. Due to weather the car show unfortunately had to cancel there usual drag races Sunday.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

The lights of a classic car.



Photo by Katelyn Findley

A car with their trunk opened.



Photo by Katelyn Findley

Classic trucks are shown off with the hoods up to show the engine.



Photo by Katelyn Findley

More older trucks are brought to the car show.



Photo by Katelyn Findley

People check out the classic motorcycles.

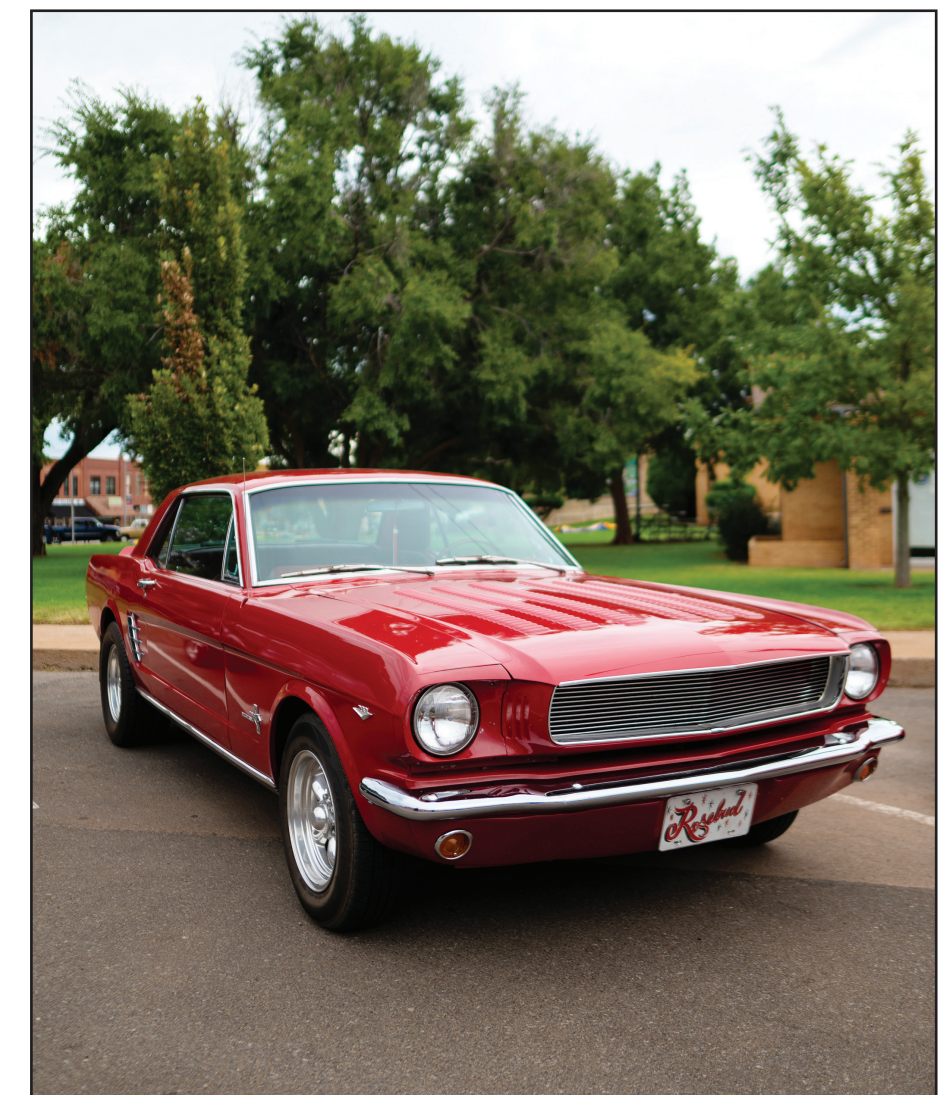


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A beautiful classic car with a tag name of "Rosebud" .

FEATURE

Should authors be time limited?

How much time should a publisher allow their authors to finish their books?

Some people I've talked to say it depends on the author, that some authors deserve more time than others. Some say as much time as the author wants because it's their books after all.

Me? I think that after 10 years have passed, we can all just assume the book won't be done till you're dead.

Take George R.R. Martin, for example. The man seems to be doing everything but finishing the last book in his fantasy series, "Game Of Thrones."

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Now, some people argue that the author doesn't owe their audience anything, in which to this I would reply: If you had 10 cavities and you paid your dentist to fill 70% of your cavities in one appointment with the agreement that he'll fill out the rest at the next, would you not be a little frustrated and feel like you've wasted your time and money if your dentist spent 12 years sitting at home fiddling his thumbs instead of actually doing his job?

I'm not saying Mr. Martin should be locked in his room and not be given any food until he finishes the "Game Of Thrones" series. All I'm saying is his fans have a right to be a little mad at his procrastination.

Same with Patrick Rothfuss; the man promised his fans a chapter of his unfinished book if they reached a certain donation goal during one of his Twitch streams, but he couldn't be bothered to follow through, so I hope you can forgive me if I don't have much sympathy for him when his fans constantly bug him about finally finishing his book series.

It's because of authors like Rothfuss and Martin that I adamantly refuse to read book series that haven't been completed yet. If their authors can't be bothered to finish them in a reasonable time period, then I see no reason to give their books a chance.

A warning to all future writers reading this article: Your livelihood is dependent solely on your fans, not the other way around.

Oldies making charts

By ELY NOBLE
Senior Reporter

In a world where there are new movies and shows released almost daily, comes the same world where older TV shows are making a comeback across all streaming platforms. Series like "Suits," "Breaking Bad" and "Gilmore Girls" have come back into the spotlight, sitting at the top of Netflix's charts, years after their original shows ended.

So, what's driving this comeback of "old" content? A mix of nostalgia, smart business decisions and shifting viewer preferences is giving these classic shows a new taste of life.

One of the main reasons for this comeback is a shift in strategy by streaming platforms. Over the past year, big platforms like Netflix and Hulu have started to dial back their production of new original and turning back to older content. This shift was accelerated by the recent WGA and SAG-AFTRA strikes, which disrupted production schedules and forced platforms to dig into what has already had success.

"There's a lot less risk in promoting a show that's already been successful," said media analyst Chase Brown. "Streamers can tap into the built-in fan bases of these shows, offering content that feels new to a younger audience who may have missed it when it first aired."

But it's not just about playing it safe. For streaming platforms, it's also about money. Producing original shows can be expensive, especially with increasing competition. Licensing older shows is a much cheaper option that still provides hours of content to subscribers.

"It's a win-win," Brown said. "Older shows have multiple seasons that people can binge, keeping them subscribed longer. And the platforms get more content for less money."

Nostalgia also plays a huge role in this trend. For many viewers, there's something relaxing about watching shows they've seen before, especially during uncertain times. This was especially true during the COVID-19 pandemic when people craved the familiarity of old favorites. Even younger audiences



Many old TV shows like these are making a comeback on streaming services like Netflix and Hulu.

are now discovering these older shows for the first time.

"I love watching shows from the '90s and early 2000s," said Bracen Lewis, health and sports science education major. "There's something comforting about the pacing and style of older TV, and it's fun to see what things were like back then."

What counts as "old" is often more recent than expected. While some consider shows from the '80s and '90s as classic, many of the shows that are currently dominating streaming charts ended within the last decade. "Suits" for instance, originally aired from 2011 to 2019 but found a new audience when it hit Netflix.

"We're seeing people discover recent hits they might've missed, as well as rewatching

old favorites," Brown said.

Still, the question remains, how long can old TV feel new again? "While nostalgia is powerful, viewers will eventually want fresh content," Brown said. To keep things exciting, streaming services are starting to introduce remastered versions of older shows or develop spinoffs to appeal to both longtime fans and new viewers.

Ultimately, the return of older TV shows on streaming platforms is smart business moves, less expensive and the timeless appeal of nostalgia. As long as viewers enjoy rewatching previously loved shows, and new audiences keep finding them for the first time, older television will likely remain a major part of many streaming platforms.

Dorm Recipe of the Week

Easy Salad
By Sarah Decker

Ingredients:

- spring mix lettuce
- summer sausage
- colby jack cheese sticks
- cucumber, peeled
- bell pepper of any color, seeds removed
- shelled sunflower seeds
- balsamic dressing

Step 1

Cut the sausage, cheese sticks, cucumber and bell pepper into bit sized pieces.

Step 2

Throw everything into a big bowl and mix it together. Add dressing. Note: a little dressing goes a long way.

Step 3

Dump it on a plate to get all the heavy toppings that fell to the bottom of the bowl back on top. Enjoy!

Today's Dad Joke

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Looking for a reason to party?

You missed National Comic Book Day on Wednesday as well as World Dream Day and National Cooking Day.

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Several websites such as [DaysOfTheYear.com](#)

and [NationalDayCalendar.com](#) can keep you up to date on the latest — and perhaps craziest — celebrations. Be aware that they don't always agree on the date, so you might get a second chance to celebrate if you missed the day you were hoping to see.

Here's some days to celebrate for the rest of September, in case you needed a reason.

MON

TUE

WED

THU

FRI

SAT

SUN

Thursday, Sept. 26

- Johnny Appleseed Day
- National Chimichanga Day
- National Day of Praise and Worship
- National Law Enforcement Suicide Awareness Day
- National Pancake Day
- National Dumpling Day
- National Key Lime Pie Day



Sunday Sep 29

- National Coffee Day
- National Silent Movie Day
- National Starbucks Day
- World Deaf Day
- National VFW Day
- Urban National Wildlife Refuge Day
- Gold Star Mothers and Family Day

Friday, Sept. 27

- American Indian Day
- National Self Awareness Day
- National Chocolate Milk Day
- Save Your Photos Day



Monday Sept. 30

- National Love People Day
- International Translation Day
- National Chewing Gum Day
- Orange Shirt Day



This is (fill-in-the-blank) awareness month

September

- Blood Cancer Awareness Month
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month
- National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
- Pain Awareness Month
- Sickle Cell Awareness Month
- Sepsis Awareness Month
- Newborn Screening Awareness Month
- National Food Safety Education Month
- National Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month

October

- National ADHD Awareness Month
- National Down Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Physical Therapy Month
- Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month
- Spina Bifida Awareness Month
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month



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Freshman Frenzy

The annual tradition of Freshman Frenzy pits Ranger Connection classes against one another for a chance to win prizes and have a lot of fun doing it.

Frenzy occurred Sept. 19 at Ranger Field.

This year, 15 freshman orientation classes were involved in the fun. Each class was assigned a color to wear and had to prepare a talent to present.

The night included various kinds of games and contests, which eventually resulted in two classes taking home trophies.

At top, Ethan Sacket's Pinkalicious class, all wearing matching hot pink shirts, perform an '80s workout routine for its talent.

Top right, Julie Lehr's class celebrate winning the talent award for singing "Love" by Keyshia Cole. They named their group Dem Members and wore camo clothing.

Lower right, the last few players in a balloon-popping contest try to win the event.

Bottom, the White Chicks class, taught by Calleb Mossburg and Leslie Collins, perform a dance from the movie "White Chicks." They were wearing light blue clothes.



Photos by Alli Schieber, peer leader for Ranger Connection



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SPORTS



Photo by Piper Gallagher

John Fonseca, No. 51, gets ready to hike the ball to quarterback Brodey Johnson during the game against Southern Nazarene on Saturday in Bethany. The Rangers came home with their first season win, 14-7.

Rangers bring home first season win, 14-7

Of the 13 times NWOSU has faced Southern Nazarene University on the football field, the Rangers have walked away with eight wins.

The latest win came Saturday when Northwestern beat the Crimson Storm, 14-7. NWOSU is now 1-2 on the season while SNU falls to 0-3.

The first score of the game came in the second quarter when sophomore quarterback Brodey Johnson threw a 19-yard pass to sophomore wide receiver Royal Kyle at the goal line. Junior kicker Tyler Furey kicked the extra point.

With about four minutes left in the second quarter, Johnson fired a 24-yard pass to senior wide receiver Chase Davidson for a second touchdown, with Furey adding the extra point.

SNU finally broke through the NWOSU defense in the fourth quarter to secure a touchdown, and then successfully added the extra point. The Storm came close to tying the game, but the Ranger defense kept them scoreless to the end.

Saturday was Johnson's sec-

Playmakers



Brodey Johnson
QB
188 yards passing
2 passing TDs



Royal Kyle
WR
Scored on 19-yard pass



Chase Davidson
WR
Scored on 24-yard pass



Coby Tillman
DL
13 tackles (6 solo, 1 sack)

ond appearance for the Rangers. He also played briefly in the season opener against University of Arkansas-Monticello. The Rangers lost that game 34-7.

Against SNU, Johnson had 188 passing yards, 47 rushing yards and two passing touch-

downs. Davidson with 76 yards and Kyle with 35 were the top two Ranger receivers Saturday.

Graduate defensive lineman Coby Tillman racked up 13 tackles — six solo and seven assisted tackles — as well as one sack and two quarterback hurries.

Soccer loses 1-0 to Fort Hays State

By **DERRICK GALINDO**
Senior Reporter

NWOSU's Women's soccer took a final loss in non-conference games against Fort Hays State on Saturday with a 1-0 score.

The team won a game 2-1 earlier in the week against Newman.

The Lady Rangers opened Saturday strong in the starting half, which included advantage from the wind despite hot temperatures. However, they were well matched as the 45 minutes counted down. The second half sung a different tune as the Tigers scored their only point, leaving the Lady Rangers with a 2-3-1 overall tally of wins, losses and ties before their games in the Great American Conference begin.

The Lady Ranger who attempted the most shots was Isabella Mcmillan with three shots, one of which was a shot on goal. Three Lady Rangers followed up the statistics with one shot each; Luana San Miguel, Victoria Rualcaba and Adrianna Gutierrez. The final game leader was the goalie, Rachel Brown, with a total of six saves throughout both halves.

After the game, midfielder Lily Anderson said it was certainly a hard fought battle.

"We definitely had the speed on them," Anderson said, "and we possessed better than them. We had the better team, it was just unfortunate circumstances. We let up the goal, but I can say we definitely had the better team. We just

had one unlucky mistake."

Elie Dang, defender, said she thinks they all worked really hard, but they can continue that with consistency.

"I think we started off really strong," she said, "and we held that through the game. We didn't keep that to the same consistency the whole entire 90 minutes, so I think working through that and communicating well. I think we've grown a lot as a team and we've gotten to know each other and how we play, so I think just holding through for the whole 90 minutes will get us the win."

Head Women's Soccer Coach Alex Piekarski said it was an unfortunate loss, but to a good team.

"It was a windy day and was a day for some interesting conditions," he said, "I think there were about five chances to score, and we only attempted two shots. It was a good, competitive college soccer game, and we just came up a little bit short."

Piekarski said there are always improvements to be made.

"I think we need to improve creating more goal scoring opportunities, have a little bit better passing," he said. "Those would be the big things."

In the Sept. 18 game, Newman College made the first score of the game in the first half.

Then Ranger forward Jenna Mills, with an assist from forward Tiara Campbell, made the first Ranger score in the second half. It was followed about 18 minutes later by midfielder Lily Anderson's goal for the 2-1 win.

Playmakers

Rangers vs. Newman (Sept. 18) 2-1



Jenna Mills



Tiara Campbell



Lily Anderson

At 68:44, Jenna Mills takes a pass from Tiara Campbell and makes first score of the game. At 80:01, Lily Anderson fires in the second goal.

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Rangers take player of week honors

Women golfers came home with the top two place awards and the overall tournament win after the final round of the Jersey Mike's Oklahoma Baptist Fall Invitational on Tuesday.

Romane Lacoste, a sophomore from Borderes, France, placed first after three rounds — 75-73-67 — for a total 215. Her third score set a campus low score record. She was named GAC golfer of the week.

She turned in 33 pars and 12

birdies.

Agathe Lacoste, also a sophomore from Borderes, France, placed second with a total of 219 — 75-72-72.

Other results:

Tess Linen, 6th, 224 total
Kentyn Clark, 14th, 249 total.
Sofia McElroy, 15th, 251 total.

Men's golf

Matti Zerwin, a sophomore business administration major from Lafayette, Colorado, won the Missouri Southern Fall Invita-

tional with a total of 138 (68-70) on Tuesday, which also garnered him the GAC golfer of the week honor.

Zerwin had 10 pars each day and a total of 11 birdies.

The Rangers placed eighth in the tournament, which was won by Arkansas Fort-Smith.

Other results:

Pierce Geminden, 4th, 142 total.
Dravan Smith, 40th, 149 total.
Max Courange, 75th, 156 total.
Magnus Fabian, 8th, 158 total.

SPORTS

Volleyball sweeps Ranger tourney

By INGRID MALDONADO
Student Reporter

Northwestern Lady Rangers took the Southwestern Kansas Moundbuilders down Friday, winning all three sets of the opening game of the three game tournament.

Then the Lady Rangers repeated the feat twice more on Saturday, beating William Jewell College and Tabor College, 3-0 each time.

As the Friday game started, Southwestern scored first and then followed by the Rangers. It seemed like it was going to be a tough game but then the Rangers took the lead with 8-3, which took the Rangers easily to 25 points, with the set ending 25-17.



Lalane Hennesys
79 assists
in 3 games

Throughout the game, the Rangers had no difficulty taking down Southwestern. In the second set they were up by 7-4 when Southwestern made a comeback and were tied with the Rangers at 10-10 for a couple minutes.

But the Rangers came back with the lead strong and finally won the set at 25-14.

With the final set, Rangers started it off with 4-1. Southwestern was being dominated as the Rangers took off with 14-9 and finally finished the match with the set at 25-16.

On Saturday morning, NWO-SU beat William Jewell in three sets: 25-15, 25-20, 25-9. Then Saturday afternoon, the Rangers trounced Tabor in three sets—25-14, 25-20, 25-21— and won the tournament.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Ivanny Blackwood, No. 15, spikes the ball in the opening game of the Ranger Tournament against Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas.

Ranger Tournament	NWOSU vs. SWestern	NWOSU vs. Wm. Jewell	NWOSU vs. Tabor
	3-0	3-0	3-0
Asencio Soriano, Erika	9 kills, 8 digs	16 kills, 12 digs	
Ozdemir, Ece	5 aces, 2 blocks		7 kills
Hennesys Lalane	19 assists	2 aces, 31 assists	29 assists
Mariela Jimenez		4 blocks	
Brianda Diaz			2 aces, 11 digs
Ivanny Blackwood			2 blocks

V-ball posts 5th straight win

Lady Rangers took its fifth straight win Tuesday, beating Southern Nazarene in three games: 25-20, 25-18, 26-24.

The three wins also mean the women have had 15 straight set wins, another first for the program.

NWOSU is now 8-5 for the season and 2-0 in the GAC.

The wins Tuesday were not easy. In the first set, the two teams tied four straight times before the Rangers pulled ahead and got the win. They started out the second

set with the first point but ended up tied again at 7-7 before surging to the second win. The two teams tied five times in the final match before the Rangers were able to capitalize on errors at the end to finally get the win.

Game Leaders

10 Kills	Ivanny Blackwood
7 blocks	Mariela Jimenez
30 assists	Hennesys Lalane
13 digs	Brianda Diaz

Cross country takes 6th, 12th

The men's cross country team placed sixth at the Missouri Southern Stampede in Joplin, Missouri, on Friday. The women came in 12th.

Men—8K, 179 finished race

James Fincher	38th	27:41.89
Riley Herndon	39th	27:42.71
Edward Robledo-Gonzalez	41st	27:44.94
Alan Lares	49th	27:59.16
Salat Ibrahim	51st	28:01.62
Zachary Cox	58th	28:19.89
Muncer Suied	61st	28:28.84
Edgar Reyes	67th	28:38.29
Andrew Scott	84th	29:14.29
Basheer Suied	93rd	29:27.78
Aaron Medrano	99th	29:41.4

Women—5K, 182 finished race

Jamaira Ross	40th	19:57.99
Cadence Long-Torres	59th	20:39.89
Ava Miller	62nd	20:50.38
Elisa Bernardez	89th	21:45.13
Reina Gonzales	122st	22:45.24
Elizabeth Dorado-Barrera	132nd	23:24.75
Azucena Carrillo	133rd	23:29.74
Jamie Torres Franco	163rd	25:21.63
Angelica Robledo-Gonzalez	170th	26:33.46
Emma Dodd	175th	28:20.1

Fun facts: An 8K men's race is approximately 4.97 miles. The 5K women's race is 3.1 miles.

Sports this week

Thursday	Volleyball	6 p.m. vs Southeastern
Thursday - Saturday	Rodeo	@ Southeastern, Durant
Friday	Cross Country	8 a.m. @ U. of Missouri, Columbia, Missouri
Saturday	Soccer	noon vs. SWOSU
Saturday	Football	6 p.m. vs. Southeastern
Monday-Tuesday	Men's Golf	@ HotSprings, Arkansas
Tuesday	Volleyball	6 p.m. vs. SWOSU

GAC Rankings

Ranger Football	9th
Ranger Soccer	2nd
Ranger Volleyball	2nd