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Alva gets ready for Halloween

By **TARA OWEN**
Senior Reporter

As Halloween is quickly approaching, Alva is transforming into a festive community.

Many homes around the town have been preparing their decorations for the upcoming holiday.

These impressive yard displays are located all throughout the town.

The creative homeowners said they have found these creative yard Halloween decorations primarily online.

“Some of our ideas were our own or on TikTok, Pinterest or suggestions from other people, we just go from there,” Pam Pharis, Alva homeowner said.

Pharis’s front yard has many dolls, an ambulance, and many other decorations.

However, she is not finished decorating.

“We start October 1, and never really get done decorating until Halloween night,” Pharis said. “We add odds and ends everywhere and that Halloween night we add a fog machine.”

Pharis has been actively decorating for Halloween for over 30 years.

As it is a lot of work creating and decorating for the holiday. Pharis said they enjoy decorating for many reasons.

“We always do it for the kids, plus we love Halloween and to add more decorations than last year,” Pharis said.

Pharis said they have received mixed feelings about their Halloween decorations.

“We have had it all, we’ve had people stop to take photos and videos.” Pharis said “We have also had people tell us to stop decorating because it scares them.”

However, she said the neighborhood kids enjoy it, and they enjoy decorating for them and the families that love it each year.

Another Halloween decoration that has been catching many of the community members off guard can be found in the lot on the west side of the Vanilla Bean.

Lee, the homeowner to the

south of the decorations’ said they have recently added more of these spooky figures to the lot.

“We found the idea on TikTok and were able to create them in about one Saturday afternoon,” Lee said.

This is their first year to be a part of the Alva community and they have enjoyed decorating for the holiday.

“The reactions have been hilarious, we love that the community is getting a kick out of the decorations,” Lee said.

In addition to the spooky decorations, Alva will also have many other upcoming events to celebrate the season.

The Bradts also have some skeleton decorations they put out each year.

They move the decorations around each day and have them posed like they are doing different activities.

These activities can be something simple like jump roping or a little more complex.

An example of something more complex is during homecoming they had the skeletons appear like they decorated their own homecoming float.

The Northwest Family Services will be hosting the annual Fall Fling on Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. This is a retail shopping event located Downtown Alva.

The Cherokee Strip Museum will host the Tombstone Tour on Oct. 24 and 26 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per person at the door.

On Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. the Alabaster State Park will be hosting Bat Night.

This is a free event for all ages to explore the nightlife of local Oklahoma bats.

The Bradt’s Menagerie’s scare maze will begin at 8-11 p.m. on Oct. 25 and 26

On Oct. 27 Trunk or Treat will be on College Ave. From 5:30-7 p.m.

For more information on any of the Halloween events happening in Alva this holiday season head to the Alva Chamber page.

Decorations

Owners of houses around Alva decorate their yards for Halloween.

Home owners use several things including skeletons, dolls and ghouls.

Skeletons: The skeleton photo was taken at the Bradt’s house where they move their skeleton decorations everyday.

Dolls: The dolls are located in someones yard as they have several old baby dolls.

Ghouls: The Ghouls are on the Boulevard by Vanilla Bean and the owner of them moves them around and adds more.



Photos by Ingrid Maldonado

NEWS

Students Win Big At Grocery Bingo



Photos by Victor Kinsie

Students line up bingo cards at Grocery Bingo in the Student Center Ballroom Tuesday night.



Two girls laugh while playing bingo.



Four students focus on their bingo cards Tuesday night.



Brayden Stoner announces numbers at grocery bingo.

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What's Up?

- University Choir Concert : First Baptist Church- 7p.m.
- Fall Fling : Downtown Square 6-8p.m.
- 24** • Cherokee Strip Tombstone Tour : 6-8 p.m. at the museum on 14th and Maple
\$10 tickets at the door
- Hispanic American Leadership Organization : VH200 - 6p.m.
- 25** • Scare Maze at the Bradt's Menagerie : 8-11p.m.
- NWOSU vs Oklahoma Baptist University : 2p.m.
- 26** • Cherokee Strip Tombstone Tour : 6-8 p.m.
\$10 Tickets At The Door
- Scare Maze at the Bradt's Menagerie : 8-11p.m.
- 27** • Sam Grinder Senior Recital : First Presbyterian Church on 7th and Church St : 2 p.m.
- Miss Northwestern and Teen Competitions : Herod Hall - 4p.m.
- 28** • Education Career Fair in the Student Center Ballroom :
11a.m.-1p.m.
- 29** • Writer's Roundtable Meeting in VH200 : 5p.m.
- NWOSU Trunk Or Treat : 5:30 - 7:30 across campus
- 30** • Dr. Eduardo Moreira Piano Recital in Herod Hall : 7p.m.
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NEWS

Who will take home the crown Sunday?

By **PIPER GALLAGHER**
Student Reporter

Miss Northwestern 2024 will take place this weekend on Sunday, October 27 from 4 p.m.-9 p.m. at the Fellers Family Auditorium.

Ten female Northwestern students will compete for the crown. Each contestant will compete in different phases of the pageant including talent, interview, on stage question, evening wear and fitness.

The contestants also have to have a community service initiative and a star who will walk with them at Miss Oklahoma if they win.

Meet the contestants below.

Jessica Davis is from Woodward and is a freshman majoring in nursing. Her talent will be a dance solo to the song "My Immortal" by Evanescence.

Her Community Service Initiative, or CSI is EmpowHER" Empowering Woman Through Health, Education, and Resilience. Her Star is Lawsyn Lane Howard.

Laura Blair from Waynoka is a graduate student. Her major is psychology, and she will be performing a flute solo of the song "Perfect" by Ed Sheeran for her talent.

Her CSI is Tomorrow Needs You and her Star is Makeia Linn Brune.

Sophie Jungman from Alva is a freshman mass communication major. She will be performing a vocal solo of "Fever" by Peggy Lee.

Her CSI is Emotional Wellness Education, and her Star is Sloan Margaret Bishop.

Riley Hensley is a health and sports science major from Jet. She's a sophomore and will be performing a comedy skit called "Playgrounds" for her talent.

Her CSI is Physical Education in Nursing Homes and Elementary. Her Star is Lakyn Grace Alvidrez.

Jaxy Cloud is a sophomore, mass communication major from Seiling. Her talent will be a vocal solo to "Rise Up" by Andra Day.

Her CSI is Be the Village and her Star is Jentry Emmaline Cloud.

Ashely Carter, a freshman biology major from Texhoma will be performing a vocal solo to "You Are My Sunshine" by Norman Blake. Her CSI is The Effects of Depression, and her Star is Ellie Fern Vermillion.

Norah Scarbrough is from Alva, and she is a sophomore biology major. Her talent is an Original HERStory called "The Talent I Never Knew I Had." Her CSI is Heart Strong All Life Long and her Star is Blakely Lynn Lauderdale.

Azucena "Susie" Rivera is a senior from Waukegan, Illinois, and is majoring in accounting. Her talent will be a Kalimba Solo of "Oceans" by Hillsong UNITED and Matt Croker. Her CSI is Building Fearless Foundations: Dare to Shine and her Star is Lennon Grace Lauderdale.

Kaylyn Aldrich is a sophomore, early childhood education major from Okeene. Her talent will be a vocal solo of "A Life That's Good" by Ashley Monroe and Sarah Siskind. Her CSI is Citizens Caring for Children "CCC," and her Star is Sawyer Beth Lawrence.

Samantha Grimes is from Enid and majors in instrumental music education. She's a sophomore who will be performing a trombone solo of "Autumn Sketches" by David Uber for her talent. Her CSI is Musically Hungry, and her Star is Ella Ann Martin.

Miss Northwestern is overseen by Paige Fischer. She works in the bursar office for Northwestern.

The last few weeks have been filled with a lot of preparation by both her and the girls competing. "Now all of the fun really begins," Fischer said. The contestants will begin rehearsals on Saturday and compete on Sunday.

"It is a long day for the girls," she said. "They start out and they do an interview with the judges and so we have a panel of five judges. And they will go in there and for Miss Northwestern contestants it's 10 minutes long. . . They have a little bit of downtime before the show kicks off at four o'clock."

The show will begin with an opening dance number performed by all the contestants, then they will each compete in an on-stage question, health and fitness, talent, and evening gown.

The current Miss Northwestern, Megan Spray, will then present the crown to the new winner. "It's been so fun," Fischer said. "Megan's family and Megan herself, they have been amazing throughout this entire process. And she has a go getter attitude, I cannot brag on her enough."

The Miss Northwestern winner will then go on to compete at the Miss Oklahoma pageant which will take place in January 2025.



Norah Scarbrough
Hometown: Alva, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Biology



Azucena "Susie" Rivera
Hometown: Waukegan, IL
Classification: Senior
Major: Accounting



Sophie Jungman
Hometown: Alva, OK
Classification: Freshman
Major: Mass Communication



Ashley Carter
Hometown: Texhoma, OK
Classification: Freshman
Major: Biology



Laura Blair
Hometown: Waynoka, OK
Classification: Grad Student
Major: Psychology



Jaxy Cloud
Hometown: Seiling, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Mass Communication



Kaylyn Aldrich
Hometown: Okeene, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Early Childhood Education



Samantha Grimes
Hometown: Enid, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Instrumental Music Education



Jessica Davis
Hometown: Woodward, OK
Classification: Freshman
Major: Nursing



Riley Hensley
Hometown: Jet, OK
Classification: Sophomore
Major: Health and Sports Science

Megan Spray 2023 Miss Northwestern her CSI is Awareness and Action for Childhood Cancer. Spray has hosted many Gold Nights at sporting events at Northwestern and surrounding high schools. She chose this as her CSI because her little brother is a Childhood Cancer survivor. Spray's talent was a drum solo to "Seven Nation Army" by Jack White. Spray competed at Miss Oklahoma in June. Her star was Lillian Desai and Miss Northwestern's Teen was Christina Jenlink.



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OPINION

Electric cars not that reliable

By **LEO ROBLES**
Opinion Editor

Electric cars have been introduced to the public in the last four years as a promising solution to many of the environmental and economic challenges posed by traditional gasoline-powered vehicles.

Some of their most important advantages are the production of zero tailpipe emissions, reducing air pollution and greenhouse gases; they have lowered operating costs, since electricity is generally cheaper than gasoline; and they are quieter, contributing to less noise pollution in cities.

As renewable energy sources like wind and solar become more

Electric cars are not reliable enough to fully replace gasoline vehicles.

widespread, the environmental impact of electric vehicles will further diminish, making them an attractive choice for environmentally conscious consumers.

Despite their many advantages, based on the buyers themselves and also due to the critical impact of social media towards the vehicles, electric cars are still not as reliable as they need to be to fully replace gasoline vehicles for the average driver.

A complicated choice of music

By **DIEGO MARTINEZ**
Guest Columnist

Currently a lot of people on both sides are upset with the state of pop music, but I think it's healing. Some people miss the Gaga, Katy, Nicki era of pop music, but that doesn't mean modern pop isn't good.

I personally don't like pop music, but there are a few artists that are making waves at the moment. Chappell Roan and Sabrina Carpenter come to mind as classic pop stars.

I think we've had enough of the mid pop that's been coming out from 2016-2022. I'm not even sure I could name any pop songs between that time period except for "Old Town Road" which was terribly repetitive.

On the other end of things, there are those with the opinion that pop music is wholly bad and that it shouldn't exist. I can understand that sentiment after listening to "Please, Please, Please

One of the key concerns is the issue of battery life and range. While battery technology has improved over the years, many electric cars still cannot match the range of gasoline vehicles on a single charge.

There have been multiple comments where drivers are constantly worried that they are going to run out of battery power and desperately have to find a charging station.

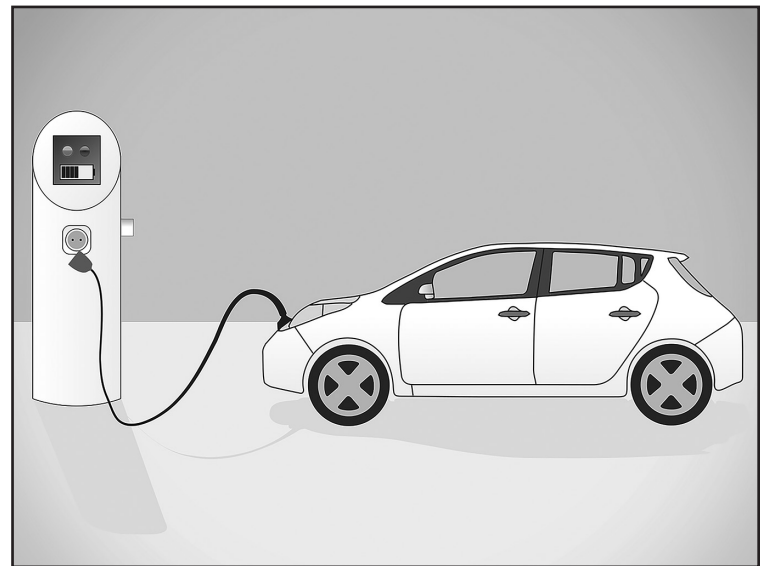
Throughout the areas, there are places where there is a lack of charging stations for these cars. Rural areas of less developed regions are the type of places where taking a car might not be a good idea. This makes electric cars less practical for long road trips or for drivers who don't live near urban centers with charging networks.

Another significant issue is charging time. Even the fastest charging stations take much longer to recharge an electric car than it takes to refuel a gasoline vehicle.

A full charge can take anywhere from 30 minutes to several hours, depending on the type of charger and the car's battery size. For drivers accustomed to spending just a few minutes at a gas station, this is a major inconvenience.

While home charging is an option for many, not everyone has access to a charging setup, especially those living in apartments or rental properties.

Reliability concerns also extend to the durability of electric car batteries. Although manufacturers provide warranties, the cost of replacing an electric vehicle's battery after the warranty period



can be highly expensive.

While electric motors have fewer moving parts and may be more mechanically reliable than combustion engines, the software and electronic systems in those vehicles introduce new potential points of failure. These systems are critical for managing everything from battery temperature to autonomous driving features, and malfunctions can lead to costly repairs or leave drivers stranded.

Clearly not everyone may have the resources to maintain their electric car in good shape without having to worry about expensive repairs or a small disfunction that can cause a major problem.

Cold weather can also reduce the reliability of electric cars. In freezing temperatures, electric vehicle batteries lose efficiency, which can significantly reduce their range.

In regions with harsh winters, this makes electric cars less dependable for daily use, as their performance can fluctuate with the weather.

The electric vehicle market is still relatively young compared to gasoline cars, and manufacturers are working out upgrades in their designs.

Recalls and software issues are not uncommon as companies push to innovate and stay ahead of the competition.

Early buyers have faced frustrating glitches and reliability issues, which can erode consumer confidence.

While electric cars are undoubtedly a good idea from an environmental and long-term cost perspective, they are not yet reliable enough to fully replace gasoline vehicles for the average driver.

Range limitations, charging infrastructure, battery life, and issues related to cold weather or software malfunctions pose significant challenges.

As technology advances and infrastructure improves, these problems are likely to decrease, but for now, electric vehicles may not be practical for everyone.

than Queen. Queen can be poppy at times I will admit, but they're incomparable. One is rock/pop, and the other is rock/metal. Not the same thing. It didn't help that he wouldn't drop the subject. Looking back, he was definitely a poser.

I think the relentless hate on pop music is unnecessary. People who do this only do it to seem different and cool. They need to get over themselves and let people listen to whatever they like.

On the other hand, pop music is a little cheap and vapid at times. People who genuinely listen to pop music in their free time are very brave. I will not say that it is all unintelligent crap, but most of it is.

A pop song being sad doesn't make it any smarter either, if you were thinking it. Most pop musicians also don't write their own music.

I remember a while ago there was a beef between fans of Damon Albarn, vocalist of Blur and Gorillaz, and Swifties (Taylor

Swift fans). He had made the incorrect suggestion that she did not write her own music. This was a war between pop haters and pop drones. I hate to be a centrist, but in this case, I have to be. The Albarn fans were incredibly disrespectful; the Swifties were incredibly ignorant. These people can see no nuance. The pop fans value streams and popularity while the pop haters value seeming intelligence. A fight between morons.

In the music industry, infinite music genres with different sounds and also different languages exist. Some of us are used to playlists for different moods or with a certain group of songs. I admire many music genres, but sadly not all of these genres get the attention they deserve.

It is incredible the quantity of artists out there who are literally making music that fits our mood, or our personality. It may be difficult to find them at first, but for sure each one of them are worth to listen to.

OPINION

Impact of social media, judgment

By **LEO ROBLES**
Opinion Editor

Social media has fundamentally reshaped the way people communicate, and one of its most significant impacts has been the increase in criticism across various aspects of society.

The platforms have provided users the ability to voice their opinions, giving rise to a culture where public criticism, whether constructive or destructive, has become more visible, frequent, and influential.

One major reason social media has amplified criticism is the accessibility and immediacy it offers. Before social media, criticism was largely confined to specific forums like letters to the editor, academic journals, or professional reviews, which were filtered and curated.

Today, anyone with an internet connection can publicly comment on nearly any subject or person at any time. This democratization of opinion sharing has allowed those who use to keep their opinion to themselves or in their own group, now have the power to express their opinions directly.

However, the ease of posting has also lowered the threshold for thoughtful criticism, often resulting in impulsive, uninformed, or emotionally charged reactions.

Social media's design encourages engagement, often rewarding content that generates strong



emotional responses, including negative ones.

Platforms like X, Facebook and Instagram are structured to prioritize posts with high engagement shares, likes and comments which often means provocative or controversial opinions to gain visibility.

As a result, users may use negative or dramatic comments to gain attention or increase their own following.

This trend is evident in how outrage and scandal often dominate conversations, overshadowing more civil or positive discussions.

The distance provided by social media also plays a crucial

role in increasing criticism. People are more likely to say things online that they would hesitate to express face to face. This allows people to express their discomforts towards extreme critical topics, sometimes crossing the line into personal attacks, memes or cyberbullying.

The psychological barrier of not being in a direct social interaction diminishes empathy, leading to more ruthless and impersonal critiques.

It is debatable whether someone is making an honest opinion, but we forget that it is based on our perspective, and we forget to be empathetic with others.

The role of groups created to

point out a specific topic on social media. Users tend to follow and engage with others who share similar beliefs, creating online communities that reinforce their views.

In these environments, creating your opinions are often met with intense criticism, as members feel validated in attacking outsiders or those who challenge the group consensus.

It is difficult to express your opinion when there is a whole group of people whose mindset only goes one way. These situations, often referred to as "cancel culture," can result in disproportionate consequences for individuals, regardless of the merit of the

initial critique.

Social media has blurred the boundaries between public and private life. Celebrities, public figures, and even private individuals are more exposed to scrutiny than ever before.

Posts or statements made years ago can be resurfaced and criticized, often without consideration for context or personal growth.

This has created an environment where people are constantly under the idea of easily judging someone or something no matter the consequences.

While increased criticism can lead to positive outcomes, it also has significant downsides. Constant exposure to harsh or excessive criticism can stifle creativity, provoke anxiety, and create a culture of fear where individuals are reluctant to speak or act freely.

Constructive criticism is valuable for progress, but the barrage of negative commentary on social media often becomes overwhelming, damaging reputations or mental health in the process.

Social media has undoubtedly heightened the frequency and intensity of criticism in modern life. While it provides a platform for voices that were previously marginalized built into these platforms often encourage harmful forms of criticism.

The challenge will be finding ways to share more meaningful and respectful dialogue in a space that often thrives on negativity and outrage.

Romcoms have repetitive stories, characters

By **LEO ROBLES**
Opinion Editor

Romantic comedies, more known as romcoms, have been iconic movie genres in the industry for a while, offering audiences feel-good stories of love, laughter and inevitable happy endings.

However, the genre has often been criticized for its repetitive nature, with many claiming that romcoms follow a predictable formula that can feel stale over time.

While it is true that many romcoms rely on stories about heartbreak and finding your right person but maybe not the right time, this repetition is both a strength and a weakness, depending on how one views the genre.

Throughout the entire movie

industry, most romantic comedies include a basic plot: two characters meet, face obstacles, misunderstandings, or external pressures and ultimately overcome them to find love.

Whether it's the "meet-cute" in a quirky situation, the inevitable third-act breakup or the grand romantic gesture to win the other person back, these elements are deeply embedded in the genre.

For those seeking originality and surprise, this can feel like a weakness.

They might argue that romcoms are repetitive to the point of being unoriginal, with characters, plots, and conflicts that all blend together after a while.

Yet, this repetition can also be seen as a major draw for fans of the genre.

Much like comfort food or a

favorite song, romcoms provide a sense of familiarity and reassurance. The predictability is part of the charm.

Viewers know that despite the ups and downs, everything will work out in the end. This structure allows the audience to relax and enjoy the journey, knowing that they're in for a happy ending.

In a world that can be unpredictable and challenging, romcoms offer an escape into a simpler, more idealized version of love, where every obstacle is surmountable, and true love always prevails.

The tropes and structures of romantic comedies can serve as a creative playground for filmmakers.

While many romcoms follow similar paths, there's plenty of room for innovation within the

framework. Some of the most beloved romcoms of recent years have subverted expectations or added fresh twists to the traditional formula.

Films like "500 Days of Summer" or "Crazy, Stupid", "Love" take familiar elements of the genre but present them in ways that feel fresh and engaging.

Even classic romcoms like "When Harry Met Sally" or "Notting Hill" breathe new life into the genre by offering nuanced characters and deeper emotional stakes.

Moreover, romcoms often reflect the societal attitudes and values of their time, which means that while the basic template remains the same, the content evolves.

Older romcoms might focus on traditional gender roles,

whereas more recent entries in the genre feature diverse casts, non-traditional relationships, and a more nuanced understanding of love and identity. This ongoing evolution keeps the genre relevant, even as it repeats certain narrative beats.

The perceived repetitiveness of romantic comedies comes down to personal preference.

For those who crave unpredictability, romcoms may indeed feel too familiar and repetitive, but for others, this repetition is comforting, offering an optimistic portrayal of love that can be enjoyed over and over again.

While the genre might not always push the boundaries of storytelling, it continues to thrive because it taps into universal emotions and provides a reliably joyful experience.

All you need is love. But a little chocolate now and then doesn't hurt.

—Charles M. Schulz

Profile story

Ag teacher Mindi Clark always puts others first

By MALCOM SMITH
News Editor

Mindi Clark, associate professor of agriculture always knew that she would fall in love with agriculture ever since her first time showing livestock.

When Clark was 8-years-old, she started to raise pigs as her first hobby.

Clark had success in showing livestock, where she won her first competition at 9-years-old. The animals were pigs and cattle.

Clark has always had a passion for agriculture, whether it is dealing with plants or raising the cattle that she has on her farm.

Growing up on a small farm in Braman, Oklahoma, farming became second nature to her.

"I have a passion for agriculture because everyone eats and everyone wears clothes, so the food and fiber that is produced everyone depends on," Clark said.

Clark's work life and outside life are the same, which is great for her because you do not want to have a job that makes you feel miserable every single day you clock in.



Mindi Clark holds a fish she caught.

Clark joined the Future Farmers of America in eighth grade, which provided her with opportunities of a lifetime like learning how to speak to the public, and livestock judging

that would eventually make her the leader she is today.

"I am a great professor who is determined to help people and to make them successful in life or

even in agriculture," Clark said. "In high school she was also active in FFA. Which boosted her networking skills."

The program put her in a position to become an FFA officer, which allowed her to meet other agriculture teachers and visit agriculture programs across the state of Oklahoma.

It helped her realize that agriculture education is where she was destined to be.

"I am married to a fifth-generation farmer, so outside of my work and educating the public about agriculture," Clark said. "I am living it daily."

Mindi and Steve Clark met at Oklahoma State University which is where she got her bachelor's degree in agriculture (2001-2005), received her master's in education at Northwestern Oklahoma State University to get her doctorates in agricultural teacher education (2011-2013). They eventually got married and had their son Thomas in 2017.

"Clark has always been considerate to the people around her which is what makes her such a compassionate person," said Olivia Pride former NWOSU student.

Pride is also Clark's niece and she has a lot of admiration for Clark.

"Clark takes time out of her day every month to take Pride and her little brother out to eat, so they can catch up on each other's life and to make sure that her niece and nephew are doing well," Pride said.

Clark tried her best to go to Pride's musicals when she was in high school to support her and to show that she would always have her back through anything.

"She always comes out of her way to be there for me," Pride said. "She came to my graduation, and I live two hours from Alva."

"I have a passion for agriculture because everyone eats and everyone wears clothes, so the food and fiber that is produced everyone depends on."

— Mindi Clark

Clark also loves listening to music; her favorite artist is Celine Dion.

One of her favorite songs by Dion is "My Heart Will Go On" from "Titanic." She would love to see Celine Dion in concert.

Clark also said another concert she would love to go to is Taylor Swift because she is also one of her favorite artists to listen to.

"Having music in your ear while you are working on a farm or working in general can easily make you do your work faster and will cause



Mindi Clark teaches a class to students. Clark is an associate professor of agriculture at NWOSU and received her bachelors degree from Oklahoma State University in 2005. Clark received her masters from NWOSU in 2006 before going back to Oklahoma State to receive her doctorate in 2013. Before teaching at NWOSU Clark taught FFA in Fairview.

you to accomplish more," she said.

Clark said she also enjoyed watching figure skating, she used to watch Olympic figure skating with her sister when they were kids.

Other sports that Clark likes include rodeo and softball.

Clark's coworker Jack Staacts has always been good to Clark, she said.

They met when Clark was in high school through her agriculture teacher who was a friend of his. They would go on field trips together as a class.

"Her greatest qualities are her positive attitude, and she is always on top of her game," Staacts said. "She is always thinking things out and making informal decisions and one of her weaknesses is that she has too big of a heart and can be too forgiving."

Clark is an incredibly positive person who loves her job and a person who does her best at anything she chooses to take part in.

Clark will do anything to make sure her crops and cattle are okay. Staacts said something that you would not expect to see from Clark

is that the same person that everyone sees in a professional setting is the same person that you can find driving a tractor or sitting on top of a baby calf, putting ear tags in.

"She is always open minded and willing to help."

— Christie Riley

Toni Pederson is one of Clark's closest friends.

They met through her husband Steve at a super bowl party at Pederson's house.

Pederson has always been friends with Clark's husband because they grew up together.

Pederson said she remains friends with Clark because they are involved in a lot of the same activities.

They are both a part of the Oklahoma farm bureau, the women's committee for our county and were to church together.

Christie Riley is a coworker of Clark who met her while Clark was the FFA teacher in Fairview because Riley's kids showed animals.

"She is always open minded and willing to help," Riley said.

Clark teaches one of the education courses and it is crucial for our accreditation, and she is always willing to give feedback.

"I just really feel like in education I can make a positive difference so if I have a negative attitude then I don't feel like I am helping others achieve their goal of education," Clark said.

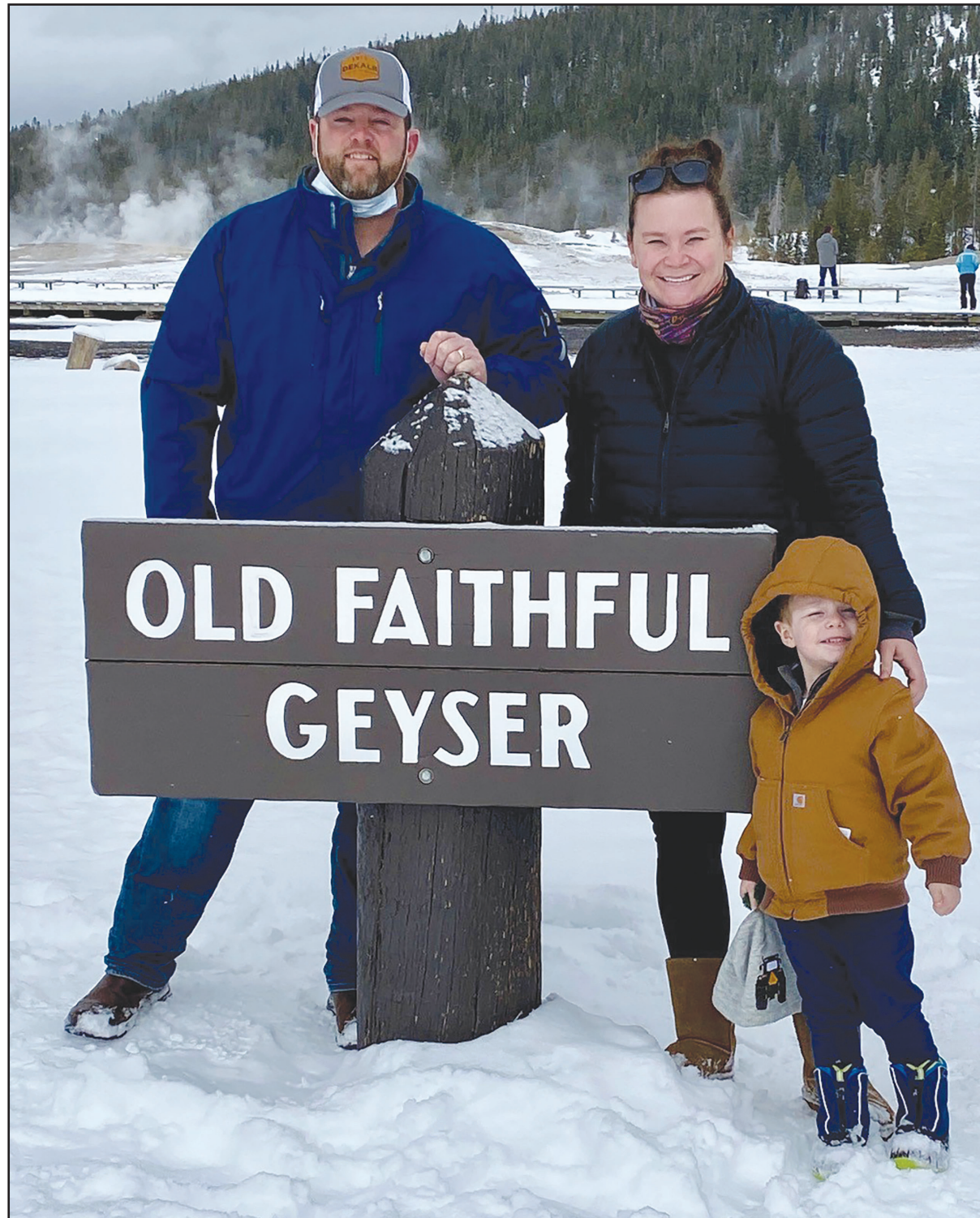
All of Clark's closest friends and coworkers love to talk about how caring and loving Clark is.

Clark said she likes to hold her head high to show people there is always a brighter side to anything in life.

If you are ever able to speak to Clark, you will see just what everyone is talking about.

People tend to mess up in life but in all honesty, what is life if you do not mess up?

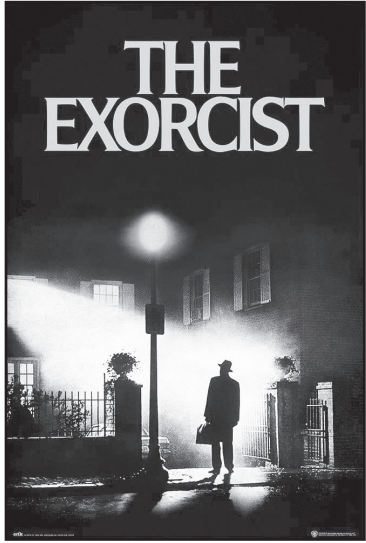
"I don't have any regrets because if you don't mess up in life how will you learn?" Clark said.



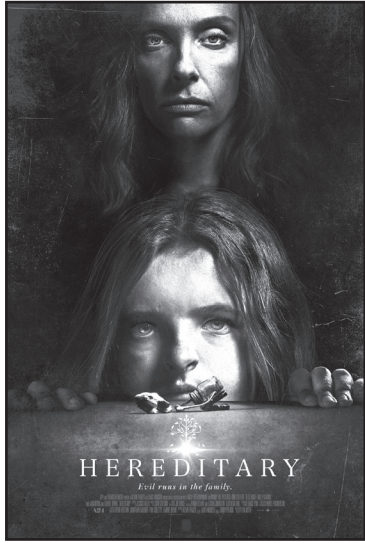
Mindi Clark poses with her husband, Steve, left, and their son Thomas, right, at Yellowstone National Park. Photos provided

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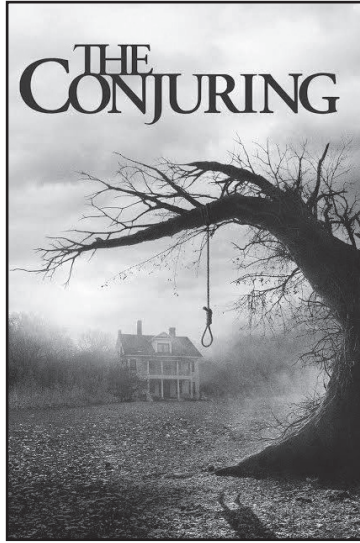
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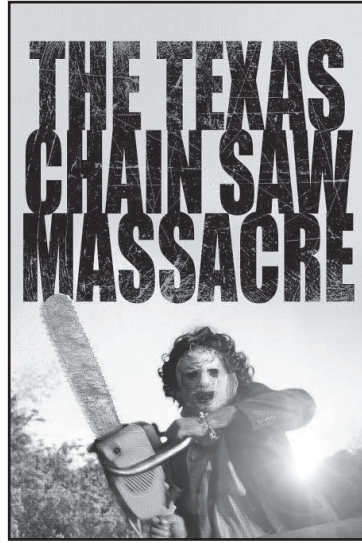
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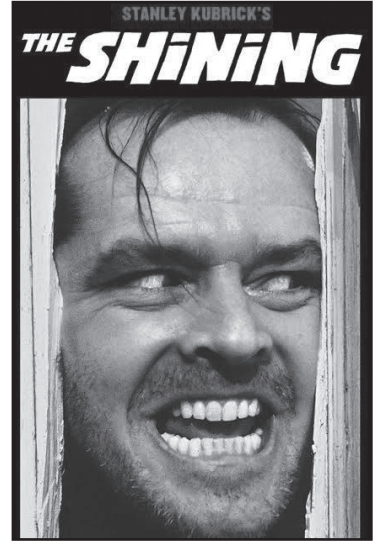
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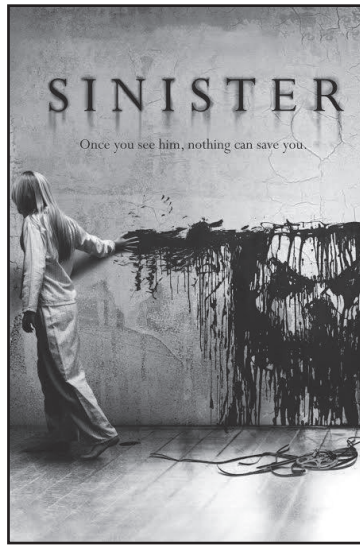
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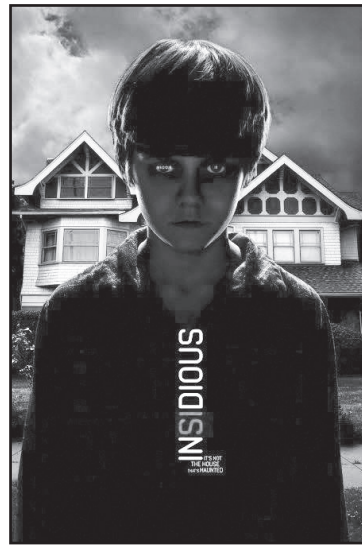
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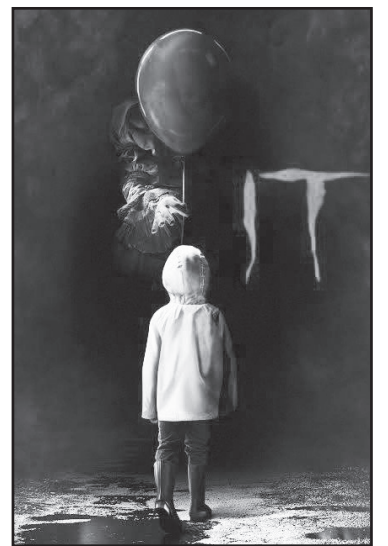
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4. Where's Waldo?

Red and white striped shirt, round glasses, a red and white beanie and blue jeans. A cane is optional



5. Raining Cats and Dogs

An umbrella and a stuffed cat and dog.

6. Bob Ross

A button-up shirt, jeans, a curly wig, and a palette made from cardboard or a paper plate.

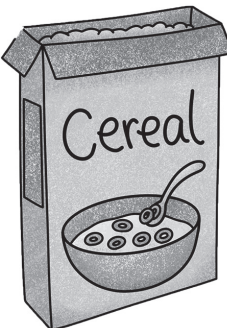


7. Ceiling Fan

Take a plain shirt and write "Go Ceilings!" and root for the Ceilings

8. Cereal Killer

All it takes is a cereal box, red paint, and a toy knife



9. Cactus

Green shirt, white pipe cleaners, and some flowers.

10. Scarecrow

Plaid shirt, overalls, and a big hat.

Halloween Puns

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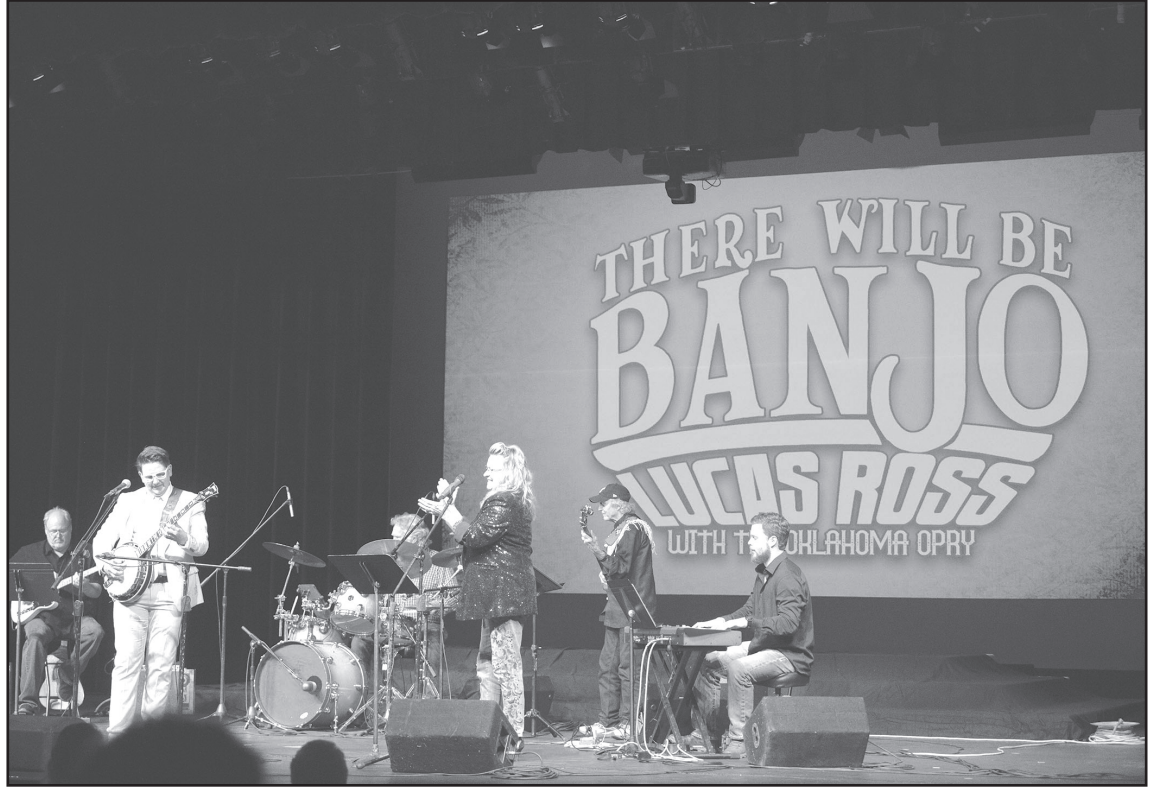
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ENTERTAINMENT

Concert Series



Photos by Ingrid Maldonado

Lucas Ross bills himself as “the son of a beekeeper” from Minco, a small town south of El Reno, but many recognize him as a TV personality on Channel 4’s “Rise and Shine” morning program or local TV commercials. Tuesday night he was in Herod Hall with the Oklahoma Opry band, sharing his talent and humor that has made him, in his own words, “a D-list celebrity.” He is known nationally for his banjo skills and

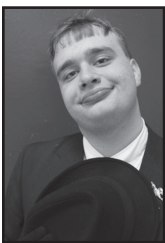
plays backup to the muppet Kermit the Frog. Tuesday, Ross shared humorous stories about his show business career between clips of some of his work. And, as promised in the title of his show, there was a lot of banjo music that included some honky-tonk by the late Oklahoman Roger Miller and novelty hits by country singer Ray Stevens. He also did his own version of some famous TV show theme songs like “Golden Girls.”

Romances rushed in ‘Return’

Don’t get me wrong, Tolkien was an extremely creative storyteller to be able to come up with the books he was able to.

That being said, I still had some problems with “Return of the King.”

WORDS WITH MR. KAUMANS



KEVIN KAUMANS

Now, I do think the book was a great way to end the series as it resolved all the side plots and had a satisfying conclusion. Despite all this, however, I still have some grievances with the book.

First off, I felt like all the romances had been severely rushed and ham-fisted, to put it lightly. We are never shown Aragorn and Arwen having any romantic interest with—or even knowing about—each other until the end of the book.

If “Harry Potter” or “Percy Jackson” did something like this, the readers would point it out as bad writing, but because he’s Tolkien, no one bats an eye. Rose came off as a character Tolkien created last minute so Sam could have someone to end up with. I could keep going, but then this article would be too long.

I also felt like there were some deus ex machinas scattered within the book. One example occurs when Sam goes to the stronghold where Frodo is being held up only to find out that all the orcs have conveniently decided to start killing each other after some petty disagreement just like in the last book when they had kidnapped Merry and Pippin. Honestly, the orcs getting into arguments that result in them killing each other happens so often it practically becomes a cliché.

I did find what Tolkien did with Eowyn interesting, I’ll give him that. Having a woman take up a sword and disguise her-

self as a man to fight in the war, while not original, was a very progressive thing for him to include in his book given the time period. Not a lot of fantasy books back then had women who were shown to be as equal as their male counterparts in terms of fighting strength. However, just because this book was progressive for its time doesn’t undo all the previous criticisms I have for this book.

Another thing I enjoyed was getting to see how much the four main hobbits in the story matured by having them go back home and getting rid of the humans who have taken over it. It was kind of heartwarming, seeing Frodo and the like being able to solve their problems without needing Aragorn, Gandalf, or any of the other characters to hold their hands. It shows how well Tolkien can write character development.

Overall, “The Return Of the King,” while not perfect, is a solid fantasy book and was a perfect way to end Tolkien’s trilogy. I know I’ve been giving the book series a lot of grief in these reviews, but I do believe it’s a good series to recommend to someone who’s just getting into fantasy.

Concert to showcase student vocal talents

By JAXYN CLOUD
Student Reporter

An upcoming NWOSU choir concert, titled “Musick’s Empire,” will show how music brings people together through destruction and chaos.

On Thursday, the NWOSU choir will be performing at First Baptist Church Alva. The concert starts at 7 p.m. and admission is free.

This concert will feature guest soloists, a percussion ensemble and a cello player.

Derrick Bready, instructor of music and director of choral studies, emphasized the incredible talent within the choir.

“We may be small, but we have big talent,” Bready said.

Bready is committed to continuing the legacy of Northwestern choirs and said he looks forward to building the singers’ skills and boosting their confidence in their vocal abilities.

Jadyn Hendrickson, a freshman theater student and member of the choir, said she is particularly excited about a politically charged piece in the concert.

“For the Sake of Our Children” is a song written during a time of war,” Hendrickson said. “All of the adults creating chaos in our world affect children the most. We need to rally together and keep every country going through war in our prayers.”

Songs written decades ago still resonate today. Music is a powerful medium to express emotions, and people can be brought together by song, she said. She also enjoys this song because it is vocally challenging. Changing tempos and tonation throughout the song add to its difficulty, she pointed out.

The concert will feature around 10 soloists, one of them being Brooklyn Parker, a sophomore vocal performance major. She will showcase her talent with an a cappella solo to Dolly Parton’s “Light of a Clear Blue Morning.”

“I have a passion for music,” Parker said. “It brings multiple types of people from different backgrounds into one thing to share one common goal, and that is to create art.”

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ELECTIONS 2024

NATIONAL

Why has presidential election been so divisive?

By **DERRICK GALINDO**
Senior Reporter

Voting for the presidential election is less than two weeks away; It's the opportunity to improve the United States, no matter its divisiveness

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, the polls will open, and everyone who registered will vote for the next president and vice president. Along with this, there is voting for some members of congress, which will affect the laws signed by the future president. Frank Lucas, who represents Alva, won in a primary election. As there were no other party candidates running, no vote is necessary for that seat.

Being in Oklahoma comes with its own divisive issues as far as voting goes. Why vote Democrat in a red state? Why vote at all when it can be refuted by the electoral college?

Dr. Aaron Mason, professor of political sciences, said it matters to vote with your conscience, regardless of what people think.

"The founders generally, whether they were Federalists or Jeffersonians, believed in this idea of civic responsibility," Ma-

son said. "They would've said, 'Regardless of the outcome, it's your responsibility to participate.' I think that's the message maybe we should send."

Turning to a larger scale, Mason said a lot of the election's divisiveness comes down to the state of the country, and how it is changing. However, nobody can agree on how it should change.

"I think the division is driven by people's worldviews," Mason said. "They can both make good arguments from their respective points of view. ... for example, if we just take the economy, they push the green agenda. They push alternative fuels. They see fossil fuels as something to move away from—at least some people—but they see them as a negative thing. They see them as environmentally damaging, and that's their perspective.

"The other side says there's no need to do that. America has ample fossil fuels, and we could be totally self-sufficient. We don't have to change the economy, and that's just one example right there if we just look at the economy."

A few Northwestern students gave their input on why they think the election has been so divisive:

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"You have such an extreme on one side, and then you can see a pull from being more progressive and liberal becoming more moderate from the left. With the Republican side, you can see such extreme rhetoric, blatant racism, blatant lies on the debate stage.

"With the Democrats, you see an attempt to reach those extremists by becoming a bit more moderate. People are kind of seeing how the Democrats are shifting their views to become more palatable to a wider audience. People are more hesitant to vote for Republicans because we see such an extreme option from the other side." —Ash Crites, junior English education major from Hen-

nessey.

"Honestly, we just need someone, because Biden didn't really do anything for us. Everything right now is so high, food is so high up. If you go to Walmart, and you look at the groceries, the value is really up there. If Trump becomes president, hopefully he can put the price down. Back home, everything is so expensive. Hopefully, he can do something to help the community out. I haven't really kept up with what Kamala has been saying, neither Trump, but I think I'm going to go on Trump's side. They're both not good candidates, to be honest, but we have to choose one." —Salat Ibrahim, senior general studies major from Phoenix, Arizona.

"I think one of the biggest things about this election particularly is we are in the middle of a political realignment between the Republican and Democratic parties. We're seeing a Republican Party that typically stands for a strong centralized government, big military, and power to the corporations. We're seeing them make more democratic choices, like the overturning of Roe V. Wade. We're seeing lifelong Democrats ... join the Republi-

can Party invoking their support. Then we have the Democratic Party that's taking campaign funding. ...

"I think it's just a matter of time before the major realignment happens, or we split apart. In Federalist Paper No. 10, James Madison said flat out that he believed factions will lead to sectionalism, and sectionalism will lead to the dissolution of the union. We've done nothing but create a rubber-banding system that is supported by factions." —Haustin Smith, sophomore political science major from Ninnekah.

"Everyone wants their opinion to be heard, and no one really agrees with each other. They just want whatever they think is right." —Riley Hensley, sophomore health and sports science major from Jet,

"I think it gets more divisive every single year because of the growing number of ideas spread around the world. Everyone has their own sense of self now, and everybody's ideas are important. I feel like the Democrats and Republicans grow apart every single year." —Andrew Talford Scott, freshman political science major, from Ryan.

LOCAL

Woods County sheriff only contested county race

By **ELY NOBLE**
Senior Reporter

Woods County elections are drawing near, and voters are getting ready to make key decisions across offices, including the race for county sheriff.

Two candidates are running for sheriff positions: Randy McCullough, a Republican, and Keith Dale, an Independent.

Both candidates bring different perspectives and priorities to the table, giving voters options for how law enforcement in their county should be handled.

Randy McCullough, a seasoned law enforcement officer with over 20 years of experience, is running on a platform of public safety and community policing.

McCullough believes that a strong connection between law enforcement and the local community is key to reducing crime.

"One of my main goals is to make sure that out officers are out there working with the people they serve," McCullough said. "We need to invest in the right tools and training for our deputies to do their jobs effectively."

McCullough is also pushing for an increase in funding to better equip the sheriff's departments

Voting in Alva

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"We need to make sure our officers have the tools they need to keep the people safe," McCullough said.

Keith Dale, the independent candidate and current undersheriff in Woods County, offers a different approach putting his focus toward justice reform and rehabilitation for non-violent offenders.

Dale said he believes the current system needs to change in order to reduce the number of offenders who repeat and provide people with opportunities to rebuild their life.

"We need to move away from simply locking people up and

throwing away the key." Dale said. "There are many cases where rehabilitation, rather than punishment, is the right solution."

Dale also stressed the importance of fairness in law enforcement.

"My focus is on ensuring that justice is served in a way that treats everyone equally, regardless of their background," Dale said.

While the county sheriff race has gained a great deal of attention, it's only one of contests on the ballot this year.

Another critical statewide race is for Oklahoma's Corporation Commission, which regulates utilities, oil and gas industries.

The candidates for this role include Republican Chad Williams, current Commissioner J. Brian Bingman, and Harold D.

Spradling, who is running as an Independent.

Chad Williams is focusing his campaign on modernizing the state's energy policies and ensuring fair rates for consumers.

Current commissioner J. Brian Bingman, has a record of balancing the needs of Oklahoma's energy industry with regulatory oversight, positioning himself as an experienced leader in this field. Harold D.

Spradling, on the other hand, is aiming to challenge the current system and bring new ideas for managing Oklahoma's utilities and resources.

Election day is set for Nov. 5, with early voting beginning on Oct. 30 through Nov. 2.

Voters are encouraged to learn about the candidates and issues before heading to the polls.



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- Chris Garrity & Cody Ballard (I)

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SPORTS

Rangers win 2 at home, lose 2 away

By **KAROLINA JURESIUTE**
Senior Reporter

Northwestern Lady Rangers won two games at the Percefull Fieldhouse on Oct. 10 and 11 against Arkansas Monticello and Southern Arkansas. They then lost two games on the road against Arkansas Tech and Harding, Oct. 17 and 18.

NWOSU 3, Monticello 2

The game against Monticello Cotton Blossoms on Oct. 10 was a thriller. Northwestern Rangers struck first with a kill on the first set. The set remained being competitive and close but the Northwestern Rangers could not finish it and lost by four points, 21-25.

The second set was also a point-to-point game until the Cotton Blossoms scored seven points in a row to get in front of the scoreboard. Lady Rangers tried to come back and fight but fell short and lost the set by eight points, 17-25.

Third set was also a close one, but this time Lady Rangers were in the lead the whole set by at least one point. The Lady Rangers finally escaped from the Cotton Blossoms and won their first set of the game, 25-20.

Lady Rangers dominated the fourth set of the game by starting it with a 7-1. The Cotton Blossoms tried to fight back but could not keep up with the Lady Rangers, so Northwestern won their second set in a

Season leaders



Erika Asencio Soriano
223 kills



Hennesys Lalane
457 assists



Ece Ozdemir
29 aces



Brianda Diaz
281 digs



Mariela Jimenez
74 blocks

row.

The last and final set had everyone on the edge of their seats. Both teams gave their all and fought point to point. The lead changed multiple times and the game was extended until the Northwestern Lady Rangers scored their 20th point of the set and won by two points against the Cotton Blossoms, 20-18.

Erika Asencio Soriano finished the game with 18 kills and 15 digs, Ece Ozdemir with 12 kills and an ace, while Mariela Jimenez had 11 kills. Hennesys Lalane finished the game with two aces, three blocks, 19 assists and nine digs. Brianda Diaz had 19 digs and Mikayla White had 26 assists.

NWOSU 3, Southern Arkansas 1

The Lady Rangers had another game

against Southern Arkansas the next day. The Lady Rangers started off the first set hot with a 5-0 lead. Then Lady Muleriders caught up and tied the score 6-6. Southern Arkansas scored a couple more points and was in a lead by three. Lady Rangers came back strong and won the set by 10 points, 25-15.

The second set of the game was also mostly in the Lady Rangers favor, they won the set by eight points, 25-17.

The third set was unlucky for Northwestern as they were trailing since the beginning of the set.

The Lady Rangers tried to come back into it scoring seven points in a row and decreasing their lead by two but did not succeed as the Lady Muleriders scored four points in a row and extended the lead to six points. The Lady Rangers had to give this set up.

The fourth and final set was a pretty close one. Northwestern Lady Rangers started off the set with 3-0 and at one point had a five-point lead. The Lady Muleriders decreased the lead and tied the game 11-11 and then later were in a lead by four. Eventually, Lady Rangers came back and finished the set with a win 25-23.

The Rangers were led by Mariela Jimenez with 14 kills and Erika Asencio Soriano with 12 kills and 17 digs. Mariela Jimenez also finished with six blocks, while Carmae Jones and Mikayla White with five. Mikayla White had a match high of 40 assists.

NWOSU 1, Arkansas Tech 3

The Rangers began by winning the first set 25-16 on Oct. 17. Then Arkansas took the next three sets—25-18, 25-16, 25-17—to win the match.

Still, the team grabbed 22 kills, 6 aces, 15 blocks, 26 assists and 22 digs.

NWOSU 1, Harding 3

The Rangers added more kills, assists and digs to their play on Oct. 18 but couldn't pull off the win.

Harding won the first set 25-15, but NWOSU came back in the second with a 25-23 win. The Bisons won the next two sets, 25-17 and 25-12.

The Rangers are now 11-9 on the season, 5-4 in the GAC.

Rodeo takes 4th, 3rd at Cowboy Stampede

Ranger rodeo men's team tied for fourth with Connors State College in Warner, each with 300 points, at the Oklahoma State University Cowboy Stampede in Stillwater on Oct. 17-19.

The women's team came in third with 215 points.

Following the OSU rodeo, Colter Snook, a sophomore agriculture business major from Dodge City, Kansas, still sits in first place in the Central Plains Region for the team roping header. He and his heeler, Cale Morris from Western Oklahoma State in Altus, placed fourth at OSU.

Emmett Edler, a senior agriculture business major

from State Center, Iowa, came in seventh at OSU for steer wrestling, but still maintains a 175-point lead over the next contender for the region lead. He is also in third in the region for the tie down event. Jaci Traul, a grad student in the masters of business administration program, is tied for second in the region in break-away.

Kinlyn Yadon, a freshman from Otterbein, Indiana, earned her first points of the season by placing first in goat tying at the Cowboy Stampede. Payton Dingman, a freshman from Pryor, placed fourth and is still tied for first in the region in goat tying.

Zerwin sets Ranger record, named GAC golf player of week

Matti Zerwin turned in a new low round record for NWOSU with a 66 at the Newman Fall Invite on Oct. 15. He was also named GAC player of the week.

The Ranger men placed sixth. Women golfers placed second at the same event.

Men

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|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Matti Zerwin-3rd | 139 (73-66) |
| Max Courange-T12th | 150 (71-79) |
| Davan Smith-T38th | 161 (78-83) |
| Pierce Gemiden-T42nd | 168 (82-86) |
| Caden Holmes-T10 (Individual player) | 149 (73-76) |

Women

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| Romane Lacosta-T3 | 157 (76-81) |
| Agathe Lacosta-T3 | 157 (77-80) |
| Tess Linden-T9 | 162 (80-82) |
| Kentyn Clark-T17 | 168 (82-86) |
| Addison Furtick-T17 | 168 (81-87) |

Football loses 2 on road

The Rangers, playing away, lost both of the last two games.

NWOSU 0, Harding 62

The Rangers took a severe beating at the hands of the Harding Bison on Oct. 12. The Rangers were unable to gain any momentum the in any of the four quarters as the Bison won 62-0.

The Bison were able to score five touchdowns in the first half and stopped any attempt of offensive movement from the Rangers to make the score 0-32 at the half.

In the second half, Harding kicked off to NWOSU. The Rangers were unable to go far and punted after just four plays.

Harding scored one touchdown in the third quarter and missed the extra point. The Bison scored three more touchdowns in the fourth quarter to wrap up 62-0.

Harding now sits tied with Southern Arkansas for second

place in the GAC.

NWOSU 14, East Central 20

NWOSU faced East Central in Ada on October 19.

NWOSU took an early lead in the first quarter leading the Tigers 7-3. The Rangers were unable to keep the scoring momentum in the second quarter and East Central took the lead 7-10 at the half.

East Central kept the energy going and scored another touchdown to extend their lead to 7-17. In the fourth quarter, the Tigers scored a field goal to try to lock in a win. The Rangers were able to generate a comeback and scored a touchdown in the final two minutes but were not able to get close to the Tigers and time expired.

The Tigers took down the Rangers 14-20.

GAC standings

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| Ouachita Baptists | 7-0 |
| Harding | 6-1 |
| Southern Arkansas | 6-1 |
| Henderson | 5-2 |
| Arkansas Teh | 4-3 |
| Southeastern Oklahoma | 4-3 |
| Arkansas-Monticello | 3-4 |
| East Central 3-5 | 3-5 |
| Oklahoma Baptist | 2-5 |
| SWOSU | 2-5 |
| NWOSU | 1-6 |
| Southern Nazarene | 0-8 |

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SPORTS

Ranger soccer ties 2, loses 1

The women's soccer team was unable to produce a win in the two-week stretch of three games Oct. 12, 16, 19. However, the team was able to finish with a draw in two games.

The first game was on Oct. 12 at East Central. The Rangers and Tigers both sat scoreless the entire first half with six shots for NWOSU and nine for ECU. In the fourth minute of the second half, the ECU Tigers got the first and only score of the game to make the game 0-1. The game ended at 0-1 with no cards for either team.

The Rangers headed home for a game against the SWOSU Bulldogs on Oct. 16. Both teams sat scoreless the first half as the Rangers had seven shots and the Bulldogs had 12. Three minutes into the second half, Ruth Vasquez of the Bulldogs scored the first point of the game.

Then, 28 minutes later the Ranger's Isabella Mcmillan scored the Rangers' first point to tie the game. The rest of the game was scoreless and had no penalties. It ended at a 1-1 standstill between NWOSU and SWOSU.

The third game for the Rangers against Oklahoma Baptist on Oct. 19 started off with no points in the first half. In the second minute of



Photo by Victor Kinzie
Defender Jazlyn Norwood kicks the ball away from the net during the game with SWOSU on Oct. 16.

the second half, NWOSU's Tiara Campbell scored, assisted by Christi-Anne Mills.

About 27 minutes later in the 74th minute of the game, Oklahoma Baptist's Sophie Jordan scored a goal for the Bison to make the score 1-1. The rest of the game was scoreless and it ended in a draw between the Rangers and the Bison.



NWOSU Athletics photo
Rangers crowd in for a group hug after Isabella Mcmillan, center, ties up the game with SWOSU on Oct. 16,

Franklin wins second 8K, team takes first in Kansas

The Ranger men placed first in the last cross country meet of the season on Oct. 12. They travel to the Great American Conference Championships in Ada this weekend.

Christian Franklin, a junior mass communication major from Las Vegas, came in first in the Carol Swenson Invite hosted by McPherson College in Kansas. It was the second meet Franklin won this season. Finishing at 2:45.42, he turned in his second fastest 8K time of the season.

Four other Rangers made it into the Top 10.

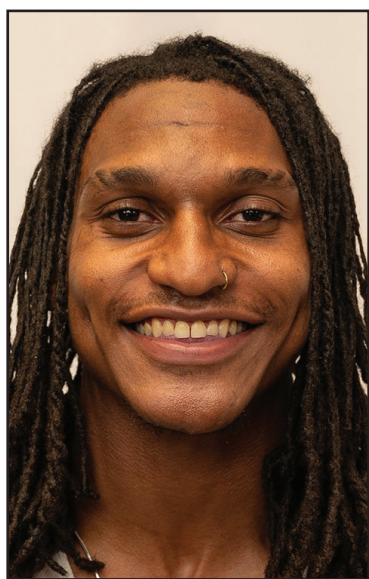
James Fincher, a senior health and sports science education major from Las Vegas, placed second at 26:14.87, which was also his second fastest time this season.

Collins Yego, a health and sports science education major, was sixth overall at 26:50.8, setting a new personal record.

Riley Herndon, a sophomore business administration major from Elk City, was eighth with a time of 26:57.6.

Alan Lares, a sophomore health and sports science education major from Elgin, also set a personal record with 27:08.5, which put him in 10th place.

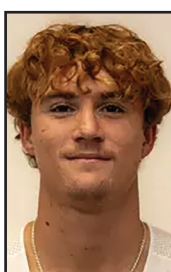
Playmakers



Christian Franklin
Wins second 8K this season



James Fincher



Riley Herndon



Alan Lares

Five Rangers finished in the Top 10 at the Carol Swenson Invite in Kansas on Oct. 12. Not pictured: Collins Yego

| Other results: | Place | Time |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|
| Edward Robledo-Gonzales | 11 | 27:16.9 |
| Salat Ibrahim | 15 | 27:35.3 |
| Crispus Atukwatse | 17 | 27:45.0 |
| Jordan Pierce | 20 | 27:54.8 |
| Andrew Scott | 22 | 27:59.3 |
| Edgar Reyes | 23 | 27:59.4 |
| Zachary Cox | 24 | 28:02.1 |
| Basheer Suied | 29 | 28:23.2 |
| Aaron Medrano | 41 | 29:43.4 |
| Tristan Meeker | 44 | 30:37.7 |
| Benjamin Morfin | 47 | 31:11.8 |

Women place 2nd

The Ranger women took second at the Carol Swenson Invite at McPherson College in Kansas Oct. 12, but a Ranger was the first person over the finish line in the 5K.

Jamaira Ross, a senior biology major from Dallas, led the pack, coming in at 19:48.94, setting a new personal record. She was one of three Rangers in the Top 10.

Ava Miller, a freshman biology major from Tuttle, also turned in a personal record at 20:21.79, placing fourth overall.

Cadence Long-Torres, a sophomore psychology major from Moore, finished ninth with a time of 20:43.47.

Other results:

| | Place | Time |
|---------------------------|-------|----------|
| Elisa Bernardez | 17 | 21:53.21 |
| Reina Gonzales | 22 | 22:29.66 |
| Elizabeth Dorado-Barrera | 28 | 23:05.31 |
| Azucena Carrillo | 29 | 23:11.16 |
| Angelica Robledo-Gonzalez | 41 | 25:58.0 |
| Claire Dodds | 44 | 27:51.09 |
| Emma Dodd | 45 | 28:45.60 |

Playmakers



Jamaira Ross
Wins first 5K



Ava Miller



Cadence Long-Torres

Ross, Miller and Long-Torres all finished in the Top 10 at the Carol Swenson Invite in Kansas on Oct. 12.

Ride, Rangers, Ride!