

# Trump is back

At 2:24 a.m. Wednesday morning, Associated Press declared former President Donald Trump as the winner of the 2024 presidential election. Wisconsin's 10 electoral votes put Trump over the necessary 270 for the win.

In Oklahoma, 66.17% of Oklahoma votes supported Trump, who was the overwhelming favorite in Woods County with 81.22% of the vote.

Trump is the second president to split his two terms in office. Grover Cleveland did it first. He won in 1884 and then again in 1892.

## Presidential results in Oklahoma:

<b>Trump/Vance (R)</b>	<b>1,035,217</b>
Harris/Walz (D)	499,043
Oliver/Maat (L)	9,184
Garrity/Ballard (I)	5,137
Kennedy/Shanahan (I)	15,992

## Oklahoma Corporation Commissioner

Chad Williams (L)	114,128
<b>Brian Bingman (R)</b>	<b>978,870</b>
Harold Spradling (D)	444,254

## Woods County Sheriff

<b>Randy McCullough (R)</b>	<b>3,012</b>
Keith Dale (I)	609

## State Question 833 regarding the creation of public infrastructure districts.

State: YES: 559,360	<b>NO: 897,750</b>
Woods: YES: 1,458	<b>NO: 1,977</b>

## State Question 834 clarifies that only U.S. citizens are qualified to vote in Oklahoma.

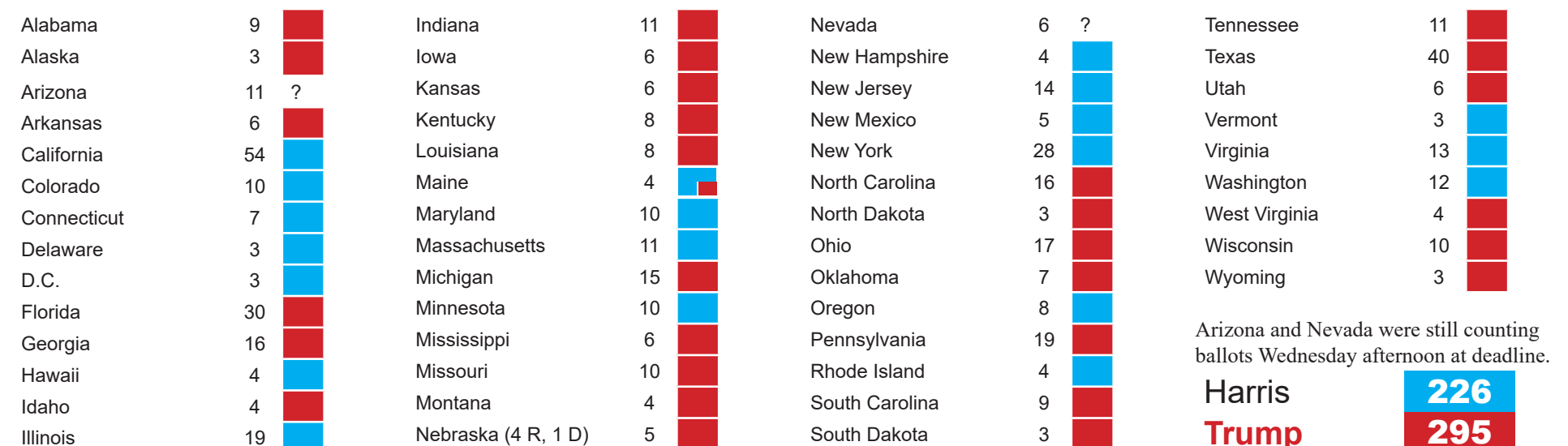
State: <b>YES: 1,206,370</b>	NO: 287,971
Woods: <b>YES: 3,074</b>	NO: 427



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Woods County saw 3,637 voters cast ballots, about 1,100 in early voting.

## Electoral votes by state, winner needs 270



## Alva Rodeo

Two students compete in team calf roping at the NWO-SU Rodeo last weekend. The rodeo took place from Oct. 31 through Nov. 2 in Alva.

This was the last rodeo of the fall for the Central Plains Region.

After five rodeos this fall, Emmett Edler still leads in steer wrestling and is fourth in tie down. Payton Dingman sits in second for goat tying. Colter Snook is still the lead header in team roping, and Jaci Traul is tied for second in breakaway.

The next college rodeo will be March 7 in Fort Scott, Kansas. In the meantime, many of the team will be trying their hands at professional rodeos.

See photos on Pages 6 and 7. Read the story on Page 11.



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# NEWS

## What's Up?

### Nov. 7

- Halo Meeting VH 200, 6 p.m.
- Arlene's Beauty World at Alva Community Theater, 7:30 p.m.

### Nov. 8

- Arlene's Beauty World at Alva Community Theater, 7:30 p.m.

### Nov. 9

- Alva Charity Ball at Woods County Fairgrounds, Merchants Building 7 p.m. - 11 p.m., tickets \$30 each
- Arlene's Beauty World at Alva Community Theater, 7:30 p.m.
- Retail Christmas Open House, Downtown Square all day

### Nov. 11

- OKC Thunder Watch Party, Ranger Room 7 p.m.
- NASA Indian Taco Fundraiser, Student Center 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- Veteran's Day

### Nov. 12

- Job and Internship Fair in the Student Center Ballroom, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Addison Noyes Junior Recital at Alva First Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.

### Nov. 13

- Alva Arena Groundbreaking Ceremony at 27251 County Road 460, 11:30 a.m.

### Nov. 14

- Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Senior Life Solutions at Share Medical, 10 a.m.



## NWOSU Welcomes Taylor Philips to faculty

By **CHRISTIAN FRANKLIN**  
*Student Reporter*



**Taylor Phillips**

Taylor Phillips is an instructor of psychology at Northwestern.

Phillips is a Northwestern alumnae and earned her undergraduate degree in psychology with a minor in substance abuse.

She is currently completing her master's degree, and is set to graduate this December. Phillips' tries to support her peers in any way possible and makes meaningful connections with students.

Before becoming a professor, Phillips worked in student services, where she made a significant impact by helping students navigate their academic and personal challenges.

Her experience in this role has equipped her with unique insights into the student experience, and she is excited to bring this perspective into the classroom. Phillips plans to shift away from traditional lecture-based methods with her teaching approach. She believes in the power of hands-on learning and aims to create an engaging environment where students can actively participate

and connect with the material.

For her, the most rewarding aspect of teaching is the opportunity to interact deeply with students.

She enjoys listening to their discussions that inspire critical thinking and personal growth.

Known among her peers as the "chaos coordinator," Taylor thrives in dynamic environments and embraces the unpredictable nature of education. Outside of the classroom, she is a published author, a fact that surprises many. Her writing reflects her passion for psychology and her commitment to understanding the human experience.

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# NEWS

## Community

# Local church hosts clothing drive

By JAXY CLOUD  
Student Reporter

An Alva church will be hosting a winter-clothing giveaway soon for children through adults who need winter gear to stay warm.

The College Hill Church of Christ will be hosting a clothing drive Nov. 23 from 9 a.m. to noon.

During this time, anyone who needs winter clothes can come by the church and pick up a coat, thermals, sweaters or long sleeves. They have options for all ages.

The church takes donations all throughout the year in preparation for this event.

To donate used winter clothes, the church instructs people to



Photos by Alli Schieber

Church of Christ collects several items for winter clothing drive which will be Nov. 23 from 9 a.m.-noon and have them stored in fellowship hall.



Donations for the clothing drive.

drop off clothing in the trailer under the awning behind the church.

“Warmth for Winter” is an event that is ran by the community for the community.

The people of Alva donate their used clothing items every year and without them this event wouldn’t happen.

It is a wonderful opportunity to give back to the community and help your neighbor.

“We appreciate the community because the community donates some nice stuff and a lot of

clothes,” said Steve Hamm, the pastor of College Hill Church of Christ.

Hamm wanted to give credit to a woman who does a lot of the organizing for this event, JoDonna Barton.

Ham said Barton does 99% of the work and does a fantastic job making the drive happen.

The church advertises this event at their free lunches every Tuesday for NWOSU students, so that more college students are aware of the opportunity for free

winter clothing.

“The people who serve the food are always so sweet and ask about how your day is going,” said Ryann Duke, a sophomore at NWOSU who attends the lunches. “You can tell they truly care.”

The College Hill Church of Christ has been hosting this annual clothing drive for over twenty years, and it is a tradition they plan to continue.

Ashlan Light, who is new to the Alva community, boasted about the College Hill Church of

**“You can tell they truly care.”**  
— RYANN DUKE

Christ’s involvement.

“It is amazing to see that the Church of Christ is pouring into the lives of those that do not have the necessities to keep them warm during the cold and that they are helping provide coats for them,” said Ashlan.

# Northwestern to celebrate Kindness Day

By KAROLINA JURESIUTE  
Senior Reporter

Kindness is the quality of being friendly, generous and considerate towards others. It involves actions and behaviors that show care, compassion and empathy. Being kind can mean helping someone in need, offering a smile or a kind word, or simply being patient and understanding.

Northwestern Oklahoma State University’s students and employees, the community of Alva and other close by towns are par-

ticipating in a Day of Kindness on Nov. 15. This date is based on the World Kindness Day which is celebrated every year on Nov. 13.

**“It is just kind of fun in a way to see people get involved in it ...”**  
— VALERIE CASE

This is the fourth year that Northwestern has participated in this celebration.

Northwest Oklahoma in Enid who has been involved with this kindness event since 2015, generally selects a date close to the world event, so Nov. 15 is the day to celebrate in this area this year.

The day of Kindness was introduced in 1998 to promote kindness throughout the world.

It is observed in many countries including Australia, Canada, India, Italy, Japan, Nigeria, Singapore and the United Arab Emirates.

“Four years ago, the United Way of Northwest Oklahoma in Enid, asked if there would be anyone at the university who could head up this day of kindness, to get people on the Northwestern campuses and Alva involved and for whatever reason, I said okay, sure let’s see what we can do,” said Valerie Case, assistant director of Northwestern University relations.

From then on Case has been trying to coordinate the day of Kindness on Northwestern’s campus.

“It is a day of just showing kindness to others, several ran-



sticking them around campus or by doing something else such as, giving donuts to faculty, staff or students.

“It is just kind of fun in a way to see people get involved in it and how it makes you feel good when you’re doing things for other people and obviously it makes them happy whenever they are the recipients,” Case said. “We encourage people, if you can’t do it on Nov. 15, pick a day during the week, the main thing is to just do something nice for somebody else whether it’s on Nov. 15 or not.”

dom acts of kindness that place that day,” Case said. “We have been trying to get as many people at Northwestern and in Alva involved in it, we try to compile a list of what everyone is doing, and we make that available to United Way so they have that within their huge list of things that are going on in the Northwest Oklahoma.”

There will be around 20 clubs and organizations of Northwestern and about the same number of projects and groups of Alva community participating in this special day event.

Groups and individuals can participate in Kindness Day by doing something as simple as writing notes of positivity and

### Kindness Day

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# OPINION

## Honoring our veterans and their time

By Alli Schieber  
Editor-in-Chief

I never met my great grandpa,  
Henry Spears, and I don't know  
much about him.

However, I always remember  
being told about his time fighting  
for our country.

From the stories I was told  
I could tell that he cared for his  
family and would do what he  
could to make sure they were  
safe.

One story I remember is that  
when my grandma's sister, Beth,  
was a baby and my great grandpa  
was heading over to Germany, to  
fight in a war, Beth had to sleep  
in a dresser drawer because they  
did not have room for a crib. I am  
sure many people have similar  
stories or have heard something  
similar if they have family that  
are veterans.

Which brings me to why I am  
writing this story. Nov. 11 is Vet-  
erans Day. If you are a student,  
you might not have known that,  
and I will venture to say you like-  
ly did not.

I have asked a total of 22 stu-  
dents on campus if they know  
when Veterans Day is and only  
three have answered yes.

This number surprised me be-  
cause most schools do something  
for Veterans Day.

However, I know a lot of peo-  
ple remember going to programs  
to celebrate Veterans Day but do  
not really remember when that  
day is or why it is significant.

*Remember the  
people who have  
and are fighting  
for our country.*



Henry Spears, second from left in front, is pictured in a 1945 photo used on the cover of the June 11 issue of Newsweek magazine. The photo was later featured on a music CD.

Spears grandson, Daniel Schieber was picking up his wife from work at Walmart one day. Schieber was walking around the store killing sometime. When he was by the music section and saw the photo of his grandpa on a CD.

My hometown, however, has  
done a great job at honoring Vet-  
erans Day.

As third graders we had a  
Veteran come speak to us in our  
classroom and show us pictures  
from his time fighting in the war.  
He would come back and talk  
to us again as seniors, and even  
gave us copies of letters we wrote  
to him.

I asked a couple of students  
from my hometown when Veter-  
ans Day is, and they both knew  
and could remember this.

While to some Veterans Day  
may be a forgotten holiday. I still  
think it is important to celebrate  
it and remember the people who  
have and are fighting for our  
country.

As I said before, my great  
grandpa was a veteran. He was  
a gunner on a B-17 for the 8th  
Airforce in WWII and retired as a  
command sergeant major with the  
Oklahoma Army National Guard.  
He also served in Korea while he  
was in the military. One thing he  
did while command sergeant ma-  
jor was making sure he caught  
video of all his men's faces.

I can't help but think he would  
be disappointed in my generation  
for not knowing when Veterans  
Day was and not giving it the  
honor it deserves.

I think this is because both the  
Korean War and WWII play a  
role in why Veterans Day is cel-  
ebrated today.

After World War 1, which was

at the time called the Great War  
on the 11th day of the 11 months  
at the 11th hour an armistice or  
temporary pause of hostilities  
was agreed upon by the Allied  
nations and Germany.

In many countries after WWII,  
they began to celebrate Armistice  
Day.

However, after WWII and the  
Korean War the U.S. federally  
changed Armistice Day to Vet-  
erans Day to honor all Veterans  
according to the History Channel.

While many annual Veterans  
Day celebrations still take place  
and most U.S. schools celebrate  
in some way. There are only a  
few in Oklahoma and Alva does  
not have a local Veterans Day cel-  
ebration.



Thank You

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# OPINION

## Needing new voters to engage in politics

By **LEO ROBLES**  
Opinion Editor

Voting is a fundamental responsibility, and it is especially important that young adults engage in the process.

People who are 18 and above, know how important it is to vote but they tend to not engage in this due to their lack of knowledge in the current politics in the country. Sometimes they do not even try to engage as if their vote will not matter because other people will vote instead.

In democratic societies, voting is the primary way citizens influence government policies and leadership, ensuring that the will of the people is reflected in governance.

Young adults should know that every vote actually matters, and that politics do matter in everyone's lives. While older generations traditionally have higher voter turnout rates, young adults bring fresh perspectives and concerns that are critical for shaping the future of a society. Their participation ensures that the issues they care about are considered by elected leaders, making it essential for young adults to vote and contribute to the democratic process.

It can possibly be connected that their lack of participation in politics is the reason why some of these young adults are not taken seriously. They do not have to



be fully into politics, but at least some knowledge will help them to shape the future of the country alongside other young voters.

One key reason young adults should vote is that their unique concerns and priorities often differ from those of older generations. Issues like climate change, student debt, affordable healthcare, and access to education are often front and center for young voters. If they don't vote, their voices and concerns may not be adequately represented in policy decisions.

When young people are absent from the voting process, politicians may feel less pressure to prioritize these issues.

By voting, young adults can push for policies that reflect their values and address their specific needs, ensuring that government works in their favor. Some of these voters may still have an immature mentality since 18 years of age is pretty young, but they should also know that everyone needs to get ready for a more responsible life with important decisions.

Voting helps young people establish political engagement throughout their life. By having the habit of voting, young adults can help sustain a healthy democracy.

Voting regularly helps deeper understanding of political systems, helps people stay informed about current events and creates a sense of responsibility toward the community.

Young adults also represent a significant portion of the population, meaning their votes can have a substantial impact on elec-

tion results.

In many democratic nations, young voters are one of the largest eligible voting groups, but many do not seem to be worried about what they can change with their vote.

If young adults collectively exercised their right to vote, they could dramatically shift political outcomes. Young voters can ensure that their demographic has a right in critical decisions about the direction of their country or community.

Beyond individual influence, voting has a broader societal impact. When young adults vote, they contribute to a more inclusive democracy that reflects the diversity of the population. Voting also serves as a reminder that change is possible through collective action, inspiring future generations to stay engaged and fight for progress.

It is crucial that young adults vote because their voices bring unique perspectives to the political process, helping to shape policies that affect their generation and future ones. By voting, young adults not only advocate for their own interests but also strengthen democracy, ensuring that government remains responsive and representative.

Voting is both a right and a responsibility, and young people must exercise it to help build a future that reflects their values and aspirations for better decision development and better political outcomes.

## Remakes and reboots in franchises

By **LEO ROBLES**  
Opinion Editor

In recent years, the film industry has been dominated by sequels, reboots, and remakes.

While this trend may feel creatively limiting to some, there are several reasons why it has been popular, most of which are tied to economics, risk management, and shifting audience preferences.

The movie business is an industry, and the rise of sequels and reboots reflects studios' desire to maximize returns on investment while minimizing financial risk. This focus on iconic sagas also speaks to changes in the way modern audiences engage with cinema, driven by nostalgia, shared cultural references and evolving viewing habits.

One of the main reasons for the explosion of sequels and reboots is the financial safety they offer to studios. Usually if studios know if the specific movie was an iconic film, they would tend to do more of that and squeeze the franchises to do more and more since the audience prefers this product.

In a marketplace where producing a film can cost tens or hundreds of millions of dollars, studios are under immense pressure to ensure box office success.

Original stories come with a higher level of financial risk. There's no guarantee that an unfamiliar concept will attract an audience. Original stories worked back then since many movies were not too unique. These original stories helped to set the bases of the multiple types of movies we have now.

Established franchises or well-known intellectual properties come with built-in fan bases, making them much safer bets.

Audiences are more likely to spend money on something they recognize, which is why studios increasingly prioritize sequels and reboots over original content.

Nostalgia also plays a key role in the current movie industry. As audiences grow older, they often seek out the comfort of familiar stories, characters, and worlds from their youth.

Studios have capitalized on this desire for nostalgia by reviving or continuing beloved franchises, whether through reboots

of older films or sequels that revisit characters long after their original stories ended. This trend is evident in the resurgence of franchises like Star Wars, Jurassic Park, and even classic Disney animated films being reimaged in live action. For many viewers, these films evoke a sense of nostalgia that can be both emotionally satisfying and commercially successful.

Superhero movies have also been an iconic movie option lately, many of these hero franchises have been throughout cinema for a while and the fan base gets bigger and bigger with each movie that continuous their stories.

The rise of streaming platforms has influenced the trend toward sequels and reboots. In a crowded entertainment market, where new content is constantly competing for viewers' attention, recognizable franchises can serve as reliable hooks to attract subscribers. Netflix, Disney+ and other streaming services have tapped into popular properties to create new spin-offs, sequels and reboots to entice fans into their ecosystems.

As more entertainment options



become available, the familiarity of sequels and reboots offers viewers a sense of comfort and predictability in an overwhelming media base.

While some may dislike the lack of originality in Hollywood, the impact of sequels and reboots reflects the changing dynamics of the film industry and modern audience tastes.

Studios are responding to financial realities, global market demands and the audience's craving for familiar stories and nostalgia. Although these trends

can sometimes feel like a waste of creativity, they also offer the potential for beloved stories to evolve and resonate with new generations of viewers.

Sequels and reboots are here to stay as long as they continue to deliver emotional satisfaction, and thoughtful stories for audiences and financial success for studios.

Hopefully, there will be original movie ideas that set the bases of our generation to have its own group of iconic movies in the audience.



# Alva Rodeo 2024



Addey Lawson, who does breakaway and team roping, holds a goat at the Alva Rodeo.



Photos by Ingrid Maldonado

Tanner Scheevel from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M wears his Halloween costume as he ropes a calf at the Alva Rodeo on Thursday. He placed 4th.



Colter Snook, a sophomore agriculture-business major from Dodge City, Kansas, ties a calf down.



Tripp Lee, a team roper, from Western Oklahoma State College, wore his Halloween costume to compete Thursday.



Jacob Haren, a graduate student and business administration major from Erie, Colorado, "dressed up" to rope his calf at the Alva Rodeo on Thursday.



Kaylee Day a freshman from Perry, Oklahoma, ropes a calf at the Alva Rodeo during the breakaway roping event.



# ENTERTAINMENT

## Does horror go too far?

“Can horror go too far?”, You’ve probably heard this topic being debated in the media for years now. Whether it was from the news about a recently released horror movie, or a discussion board on a social media website, odds are you might have come across this question regard-

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less if it was something you looked up or not. So, what exactly does it mean when horror goes too far? Is it when the movie becomes gore for the sake of gore? Is it when the child or animal dies? What about when the protagonist dies a brutal, meaningless death for the sake of shock value? Is there such a thing as going too far? Art is subjective after all.

Well, my fellow readers, to tell you my opinion, I need to take you back to about a year ago. I was watching a youtuber’s summary of a movie called “A Serbian Film.” Now, I dunno if my editors will allow me to talk about the film itself, as both the

plot and the contents within it would be considered NSFW (Not Safe For Work), or if the college will require for us to censor it. So instead, I’m just gonna be talking about one scene I saw in this youtuber’s summary video of the film.

Now, this is gonna be really hard to describe without going into much detail. But let’s just say there is this scene within the movie where the protagonist is watching a video tape of a woman giving birth.

After the baby comes out, a doctor does something to the baby that would probably make even Josef Mengele throw up. I want to say this right now, so no one can accuse me of giving this “film” exposure: Do not look up this movie, not even a summary on “Youtube”. Just imagine the worst thing someone can possibly do to a newborn baby and you’ll have your answer on why this scene nearly made me throw up when I saw it.

I’ve seen some people defend this movie, saying it is a representation for either the crimes that have happened in real life regarding child trafficking, or how the Serbian Government treats its people, but my stance still stands: That scene I saw with the baby was not only detestable,

but unnecessary for the plot. So, do I think horror can go too far? Certainly. Does that mean whatever film, game, or book someone wants to make should be regulated? “A Serbian Film”, definitely, I believe. All forms of media one might find disturbing? Well...the answer’s more complicated than you think.

Now, do I think videos containing children being actually molested should be illegal? Absolutely, I don’t even need to think about that question. However, if everything that happens in a film is fictional, then I believe everyone has a right to express their creativity (within reason, of course. I in no way condone movies or shows that have real-life children being put in unnecessarily sexual situations. I do, and always will, despise movies like “Cuties” with every fiber of my being). Trust me, I would rather know someone is a deviant creep before I meet them, rather than having to find out the hard way by ever associating with them.

What do you think, fellow reader? Do you agree with my conclusion? If you ever see me walking around on campus and want to debate, you’re more than welcome to discuss the material I write. I encourage any form of debate as long as it’s respectful.

## Classics for your holiday viewing

- “Meet Me in St. Louis” — 1944
- “The Shop Around the Corner” — 1940
- “Miracle on 34th Street” — 1947, 1994
- “A Christmas Story” — 1983
- “Tim Burton’s The Nightmare Before Christmas” — 1993
- “Little Women” — 1933, 1949, 1994, 2019
- “Die Hard” series — 1988, 1990, 1995, 2007, 2013
- “It’s a Wonderful Life” — 1946
- “White Christmas” — 1954

## Piano Recital



*Photo by Ingrid Maldonado*

Dr. Eduardo Moreira, assistant professor of music, performs in the Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall. He played six pieces throughout the evening Oct. 30. Moreira can also be found accompanying the NWOSU choirs and student choral recitals.

## Dad Joke of the Week

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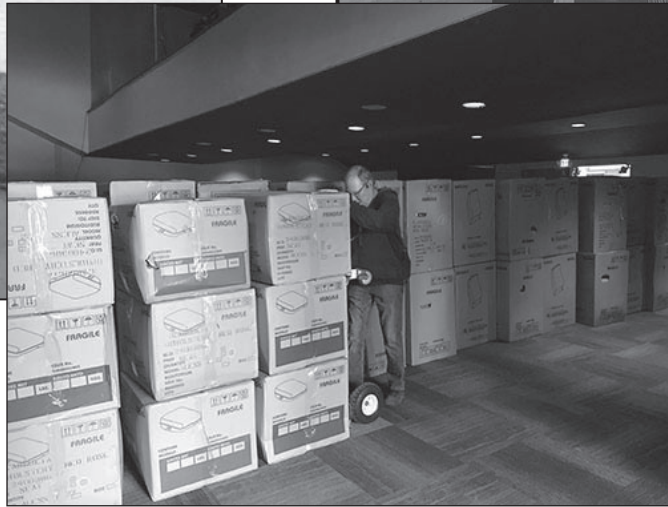
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## NWOSU Theater Renovations



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The Fellers Family Auditorium theater receives their new chairs for installment. above is the shipment being delievered. right top is the workers unloading the truck. bottom right is the chairs being loaded in to the auditorium.

### Fun holidays of the Week

<p><i>Nov 7</i> <b>Thursday</b> <i>Men Make Dinner Day</i> <i>International Stout Day</i> <i>Bittersweet Chocolate with Almonds Day</i></p>	<p><i>Nov 8</i> <b>Friday</b> <i>Tongue Twister Day</i></p>
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# THANK-A-THON



Photo by Alli Schieber

Ella Bouse, left and Edna Garcia, right pose in this years free Thank-a-Thon shirt. The Alumni Foundation will host the event in the Ranger Room Nov. 13 and 14 from 4 to 7 p.m.

## November is perfect month to show thankfulness

### Annual Thank-a-Thon gives students opportunities to show gratitude

By TARA OWEN  
Senior Reporter

The annual Thank-a-Thon event will be held Nov. 13 and 14 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Ranger Room.

Hosted by the Northwestern Alumni Foundation and Association, this event is a way for Northwestern students to show gratitude to the donors of the university.

Students can either write personalized thank you notes or make phone calls to donors. There will also be free pizza and T-shirts as well as prizes given away to those who attend.

"The Thank-a-Thon has been going on long before I accepted the position which enabled me to host the Thank-A-Thon," said Michelle Shelite, Relationship Manager at NWOSU Foundation and Alumni Association. "This event was one that excited me about the position because it allowed me to continue working with students while ensuring our donors know how important they are to our students, the university and the community as a whole."

One touching moment that stands out to Shelite when reflecting on the impact of this event is a memory from last year.

"The Foundation staff always asks for volunteer students to call

donors, which for some, is a task that suits them better," Shelite said. "We had one young lady who volunteered and did a tremendous job.

At the end of the evening, she had kept notes and then went into detail about her conversations at the end of the evening. The expression on her face and the joy in her heart was evident while informing us. It was wonderful to see her gratitude."

#### Thank-a-Thon

**When?** Nov. 13&14, 4-7

**Where?** Ranger Room

**Why?** To give back

Each year students assist and help the alumni office host this event.

Shelite said the students help because they genuinely want to.

"Realizing people help because they want to and donors want to know that scholarship recipients appreciate the opportunities they have been given," Shelite said. "Nothing is owed or mandated to any of us, yet our donors ensure our students have the funds to attend college and participate in extracurricular activities which help direct their futures."

As for the students assisting with this event, they said that they see this as an opportunity to serve and give back to the donors.

"Throughout the years, I have been able to connect with donors on a deeper level," said Edna Garcia, junior psychology major

from Beaver.

Garcia has been assisting as a student volunteer for years.

She said she continues to help with this event because she enjoys serving and helping in any way she can.

However, she likes this event in particular because of the students' reactions.

"I have seen some of the athletes write cards to donors that they have met, and it is awesome to see how personal they get with the thank you cards," Garcia said.

As for another student assisting with the Thank-a-Thon event, she explains how this event is extremely important on our campus.

"I always want to give donors thanks and just let them know I am extremely grateful for them," said Ella Bouse, sophomore psychology major from Woodward.

Bouse shared that she enjoys serving the campus in different ways and she knew assisting with the Thank-a-Thon was another opportunity to do just that.

"I think this event is a great way for students to learn how to give thanks and how to make others feel appreciated," Bouse said.

November is the ideal month

**"I always want to give donors thanks and just let them know I am extremely grateful for them."**

— ELLA BOUSE

to take time to give thanks and gratitude to those who make a difference in your life.

This event is an opportunity for students to truly take the time to thank those who have impacted their academic career along with their time at Northwestern.

"The more people pay attention to and give gratitude, the easier it becomes and the more they are apt to see and acknowledge the good around them," Shelite said.

According to the National Day Calendar, November is national gratitude month.

A study from Berkeley Grad-

uate School reported that around 52% of women and 44% of men regularly express gratitude.

However, 90% of people say they are extremely grateful for their family and closest friends.

Busy schedules, not understanding the impact and assuming gratitude is known are just a few of the reasons many people don't show their gratitude.

However, the impact of a thank you or expression of gratitude can highly impact others.

Along with encouraging them to show gratitude to those who impact their life.

Throughout the month of November, take the time to show gratitude to someone you are thankful for.

You never know the impact it can truly make.

"My biggest hope is that each student understands how blessed they are to have this opportunity and utilize it to do great things and help others when they are able," Shelite said.

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# SPORTS

## NWOSU rodeo a success

By **DERRICK GALINDO**  
Senior Reporter

Northwestern Rangers men's rodeo team took fifth place with 345 points, Oct. 31 through Nov. 1 during the NWOSU Rodeo at the Woods County Fairgrounds.

During the event, NWOSU students took part in handling the event along with competing for their individual or team events.

Logan Mullin took second place in steer wrestling. His earnings of \$426.40 came from his total score of 125 points.

Stormi Hopkins, a sophomore agricultural education major from Claremore, took fifth place in ladies barrel racing. Her earnings of \$730.24 came from a total scoring of 60 points.

Hopkins said she is fortunate to have the ability to do rodeo while in college, but that it still comes with many challenges.

"It's honestly the mental challenges that I face a lot," Hopkins said. "It's easy to feel defeated, but you just got to clear your head before you get in there and try your hardest. My coach has also been really supportive. She's really good about coming up and talking to me before I go in."

Hopkin's coach, Cali Griffin,

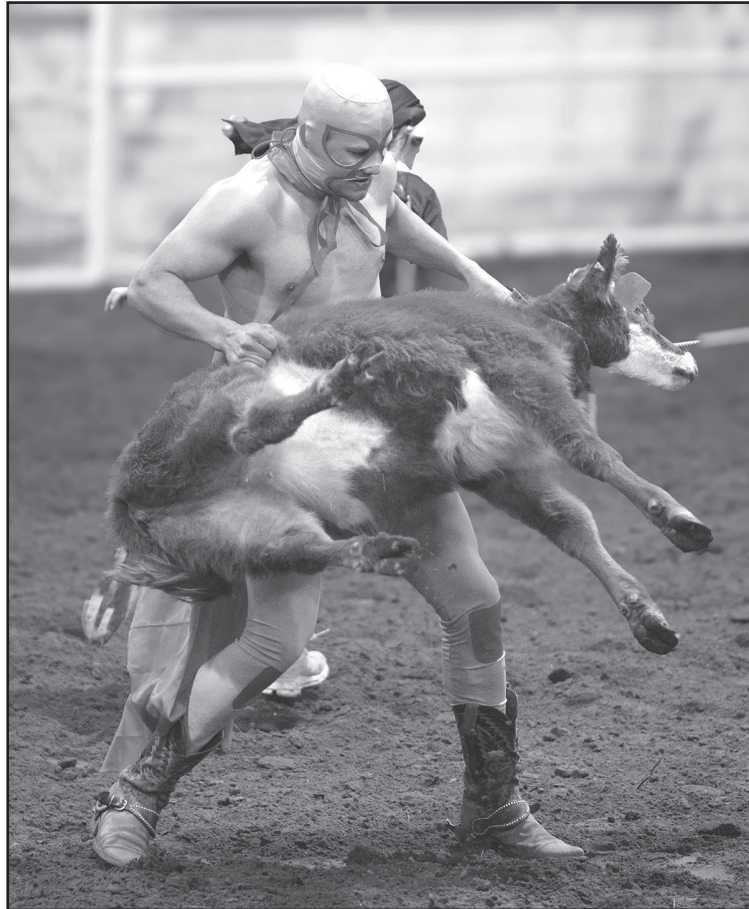


Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Tanner Scheevel from Northeastern Oklahoma A&M wears his Halloween costume as he ties a calf at the Alva Rodeo on Thursday.

said she is thankful of the support from sponsors, volunteers, spectators and her students.

"It's really hard trying to put

on a rodeo and compete at the same time," Griffin said. "I'm very proud of our students for the efforts they put in to put on

### NWOSU Alva Ranger Rodeo Results

#### Tie Down

	Place	1st time	2nd time	Total points	Earnings
Hazen Sparks	7th	10.2s	100s	40	\$233.60
Rhett Murray	8th	11.0s	100s	0	\$0

#### Steer Wrestling

Logan Mullin	2nd	4.2s	6.4s	125	\$426.40
Jacob Haren	3rd	4.9s	5.8s	100	\$229.60
Emmett Edler	4th	56.1s	4.8s	80	\$164.00
Scout Cutsinger(tie)	6th	5.7s	8.4s	10	\$0

#### Goat Tying

Dale Lee Forman	5th	7.0s	6.5s	45	\$25.20
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#### Breakaway

Jaci Traul	10th	2.4s	100s	0	\$0
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#### Team Roping

Kyler Altmiller & Sage Bader	8th	8.1s	100s	0	\$0
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#### Barrel Race

Stormi Hopkins	5th	13.31s	13.25s	60	\$730.24
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a good show for our community, and I think their hard work really paid off. It makes having a rodeo all worth it."

The next rodeo for the Rangers will be by March 7, hosted by Fort Scott Community College in Fort Scott, Kansas.

## Volleyball wins 1 loses 2

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

On Halloween night, the 6-5 NWOSU Rangers' volleyball was able to bring home a win by defeating the 8-3 East Central University Tigers in Ada.

The Rangers had a slow start to the game, and the Tigers won the first set 21-25.

The Rangers got back into the game and won the next set 25-22. As the game went on, the Rangers continued to get better and better.

They won the next set 25-19. NWOSU kept the momentum going and finished the Tigers off defeating them in the 4th and final set 25-16. NWOSU took the decisive victory over ECU 3-1.

### Rangers 1, SNU 3

In the next game Monday, the Rangers volleyball fell to the 4-8 Southern Nazarene University 3-1. The first point was scored by the Storm in a close 23-25 set to get the early advantage over the Rangers.

NWOSU fought back in the second set, overcoming the first loss earlier and they beat the Storm 25-21.

The next set was for the SNU Storm as they seemed to end the Rangers' momentum and got the better of them and got the third set 17-25.

The Rangers were not able to get going again in the final set, and fell to SNU 15-25. Southern Nazarene defeated the Rangers 3

sets to 1.

This game brought the Rangers record to 7-6 in the GAC conference and the Storm to 5-8 in the conference.

After this week, the Rangers sit in the sixth position in the 12 school conference standings. NWOSU's volleyball has a tough week coming up, facing the No. 7, 6-6 Southeastern Oklahoma State on the Nov. 7, then facing the current No. 1, 12-1 Southwestern State University on the Nov. 12, and then going against the No. 4, 8-5 Oklahoma Baptist University.

All of the Rangers games coming up this week are away. They will be in Durant for the game against Southeastern Oklahoma State University and in Weatherford for the game against the Southwestern Oklahoma State University Bulldogs.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Ivanny Blackwood, No. 15, goes up to spike the ball against SNU Monday.

The last time the Rangers met Southeastern, they defeated them 3-2.

When the Rangers met the Bulldogs, they fell to SWOSU 2-3.

When NWOSU faced their final opponent the OBU Bison, they were shut out, losing 3-0.

After the last three games, they will head to the GAC conference tournament.

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# SPORTS

## Rangers can't produce win

By **ELY NOBLE**  
Senior Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State Rangers battled against the Henderson State Reddies in their last home game of the 2024 season on Saturday.

The Reddies took control of the game early, getting the 44-10 victory. This victory bring Henderson State to a 7-2 record, pulling the Rangers down to 2-7 on the season.

The game began with both teams trading off punts, but Henderson State found the endzone first. A 40-yard rush and a 12-yard pass set up a two-yard rushing touchdown, putting the Reddies ahead 7-0 in the first quarter. They added to their lead with a 33-yard field goal in the second quarter bringing the score to 10-0.

Senior running back Darien Gill, who led the team with 46 rushing yards, shared his reflections on playing his final game at Ranger Field.

"It's a bittersweet feeling. I've put a lot into this team, and its been a great journey," Gill said. "We didn't get the win today, but

I'm proud of the guys and the fight we brought."

Halfway into the second quarter, the Reddies added a five-yard touchdown pass to make the score 16-0.

Northwestern's special teams came through when Cade Reynolds recovered a muff punt, allowing kicker Kale Purvis to get the Rangers on the board with a 25-yard field goal. The Rangers would head into halftime trailing the Reddies 16-3.

In the third quarter, the Reddies lead with a 36-yard touchdown pass and a 41-yard rushing touchdown to extend their lead to 30-3. Senior linebacker Coby Tillman lead the team with 13 tackles and added two tackles for loss.

To start the fourth quarter, quarterback Caleb Deal connected with Travis Romar for an electric 84-yard touchdown pass, the Rangers only touchdown of the game, making the score 37-10.

The Rangers defense forced a turnover with Eric Hughes recovering a fumble, Northwestern couldn't tighten the game. Henderson State sealed the game with a final touchdown making the fi-



Photo by Victor Kinzie

Ranger linebackers Wilson Cal, No. 11, and Coby Tillman, No. 44, tackle Henderson State wide receiver, during the game Saturday at Ranger Field. Henderson won, 44-10.

nal score 44-10.

Reflecting on his time as a Ranger, Gill said, "Playing for Northwestern has been a dream

come true. No matter what, I'll always be a Ranger at heart."

The Rangers played the game through some of the .8 inches of

rain that fell in Alva on Saturday.

The Rangers head to Southern Arkansas on Nov. 9 for their next game.

## Soccer shut out by Harding after lightning delays

By **PIPER GALLAGHER**  
Student Reporter

The Lady Ranger soccer team took on the Harding Bisons last Thursday in Alva for a conference match.

The Rangers fell after Harding pulled away in the second half in a final score of 0-3, bringing Northwestern's season record to 2-8-5 overall, with a conference

record of 0-5-4. Harding is now 6-7-1 overall and leads the Great American Conference..

The first half was left unscored by both teams as goalkeeper Rachel Brown defended Northwestern's goal with two saves in the first half.

Tiara Campbell opened the first half with two shots that both ended up too far right of the goal.

Maysa Willis was the goalie for Harding and saved five of

Northwestern's shots in the first half to keep the score 0-0 going into halftime after Lily Anderson, a graduate student on the Ranger soccer team, took a shot minutes before the half ended.

The Bison struck early in the second half as a goal slipped past Brown two minutes into the period. Harding's momentum only continued from there as just nine minutes later they scored again. Both shots were taken by Harding

forward Whitney Thomas.

The Lady Rangers continued to make shots that were saved by Harding's defense.

After a final closing shot made by Harding, the Lady Rangers fell in a 0-3 defeat.

Anderson and Isabella Mcmillan lead the Rangers in shot attempts with two shots each. Brown ended the match with seven saves in total across the two halves.

"I think we have good talent in every position," Brown said. "Right now we're working towards connecting that between defense to mids to forwards..

The Ranger's senior day match against Ouachita Baptist University got postponed because of rain and lightning delays on Saturday, despite the game being moved to Enid because of turf issues.

A rescheduled date has not yet been set for this match.

### Men's Basketball Fall Schedule

- Nov 8 @ NSU
- Nov 9 @ UCO
- Nov 12 vs Barclay College
- Nov 20 vs Cameron University
- Nov 23 vs Adams State University
- Nov 26 vs Friends University
- Dec 5 vs Arkansas Tech (Conf. Opener)
- Dec 7 vs Harding University
- Dec 12 vs SNU
- Dec 16 @ Southeastern OSU
- Dec 19 vs East Central

### Women's Basketball Fall Schedule

- Nov 8 vs Winona State
- Nov 9 vs Minnesota Duluth
- Nov 13 vs Bethel College
- Nov 21 @ Pittsburg State
- Nov 25 @ Cameron University
- Nov 30 vs Friends University
- Dec 5 vs Arkansas Tech (Conf. opener)
- Dec 7 vs Harding University
- Dec 12 vs SNU
- Dec 16 @ Southeastern OSU
- Dec 19 vs East Central