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## Board of Regents visit NWOSU

By **JAXYN CLOUD**  
Senior Reporter

NWOSU hosted the RUSO Board of Regents at their first meeting of the school year Thursday.

The Regional University System of Oklahoma Board of Regents govern six different public universities in Oklahoma, including NWOSU. They are responsible for universities that enroll over 40,000 students each year. Their first meeting of the school year was held at the Ranger Room on NWOSU's campus.

Jane McDermott, a NWOSU alumna and Alva resident, serves as chair of the Board of Regents. "I always like to welcome us for our first meeting of the year here to our home town" McDermott said. "I don't know what Northwestern would be without Alva and I don't know what Alva would be without Northwestern."

Along with NWOSU, the Board of Regents govern East Central University, Northeast-

ern State University, Southeastern Oklahoma State University, Southwestern Oklahoma State University and the University of Central Oklahoma. RUSO was created in 1948 and all of the universities it governs are over one hundred years old.

The Regents are responsible for voting on policy changes, funding management and more. Eight of the Regents are appointed by the governor and the other is the elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Ryan Walters.

NWOSU had a facility renovation request for the Regents at the meeting. NWOSU requested a budget not exceeding \$250,000 to renovate the bathrooms in Shockley Hall, which were originally built in 1939. This request was approved by the board. These renovations will help the restrooms to match up to ADA Compliance.

The next RUSO meeting is Oct. 2 at Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant, Oklahoma, and is open to the public.



Photo by Victor Kinzie

The Regents Room located in Herod Hall has undergone renovations, expecting the room to be finished this fall.

## Soccer defeats Eastern New Mexico



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Jordan Fawcett, No. 29, stopped the ball with her chest, securing the ball for NWOSU.

Northwestern soccer kicked off the season against Eastern New Mexico Thursday at home. On Saturday they played Fort Hays State University in Hays, Kansas. They won that game with the score being 2-1. Their next game is on the road, against the University of Sioux Falls, Friday Sept 12.

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# NEWS

## WHAT'S UP

**September 11**

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ROUNDUP, 7 P.M.**

**BCM MENS BIBLE  
STUDY, 7 P.M.**

**MEDICAL  
SCIENCES CLUB  
KARAOKE NIGHT,  
6 P.M.**



**September 12**

**LIVE MUSIC AT  
NITE LITE, 9 P.M.**



**September 14**

**NWOK CONCERT  
SERIES OPERA  
SINGERS, 2 P.M.**



**September 16**

**SELF DEFENSE  
TRAINING, 1 P.M.**

**CHI ALPHA  
NIGHT, 6 P.M.**



**Upcoming Meetings**

**HALO, VINSON HALL 200, 6:30 P.M.**

### OBI Blood Drive



*Photo by Braxlyn Turner*

Morgan Robinet shows her Ranger pride while donating at the OBI blood drive on Thursday in the Ranger Room of the Student Center.

### JD Annex open



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JD annex reopens Wednesday, Sept 3, after having asbestos removed.



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# NEWS

## Ag professor serves for NASA

By **PIPER GALLAGHER**  
Senior Reporter

Dr. Kent Martin was born and raised in Woods county, and then he went to school at Alva Public Schools before starting his college academics at Northwestern. Eventually he made his way to Oklahoma State University where he earned his bachelor's and master's degree in plant sciences. After, he went to Kansas State University to earn a doctorate degree in agronomy.

**Q. What sold you on coming to NWOSU?**

**A.** I moved back to Oklahoma from Kansas when my dad passed away in 2011, and when I made that move, well I'll back up. My family has a very long history of farming in Woods County, so I'm the 6th generation of one side of the family that has farmed some ground south of Alva. And so I was coming back to, I think you would say, to carry on the legacy of the farm and what the farm means to the family. And so when I did that, with my background and with the education I had been through, I thought this was kind of a great fit to use my education and to have a position, at a good university, that is really close to kind of what my family operation is. And so I actually moved back in 2011 and it just took a while to get back here.

**Q. What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish here?**

**A.** You know, I think really what the first thing I want to do is I want to make sure and have a good relationship and connection to the students. And I know as we start, I'm trying to develop that connection across multiple years and classes of students. And so, I want to develop that, and then as I have had that opportunity to develop that relationship, as they come in and keep it for multiple years, I think that will move on to the later goals, and that is that because I feel like being an agronomy professor here is a discipline where you're at kind of the the intersection of theory

and application, because we have a lot of students who, I think, even today, students that were in my class today, will go home to their family farm tonight or this weekend. And so, being able to give them information that they can actually use and relate it directly to their farming practice is one of the major goals that I have. And then there are some opportunities that I've had over the last 15 or so years, because I've been doing consulting work for the last 15 years since I moved back. There's some opportunities that I see that I think we could enhance the, especially agronomy experience, but agriculture experience in general with Northwestern, so that our students can have kind of a broader range of experiences and see more that we have to offer just because I've kind of been in a lot of different, interesting scenarios that I think I can bring back to Northwestern.

**Q. What is your favorite class to teach and why?**

**A.** Oh, uh, that would make the other classes jealous. So my background all the way through school, and a lot of what I've done in my consulting work between moving back and now has been focused on different nutrient management. So I have a course called Soil Conservation and Fertility, and I would say that's my favorite, just from the standpoint that I have the opportunity to go through all of these things that I have been really, really deep into. It's also a really good, deep thinking class. It is an upper level class, so they already have a lot of the basics. So they ask really good questions, they're great kids, and I think they're ones that can take what we talk about in class again and, like, use that information, literally, that evening or that weekend. So I really like that part of that class.

**Q. What is your "superpower"?**

**A.** It would just be to relate directly to and impact the students. I mean, I think that ultimately that's what we all want to do within the university is to be able to relate to them and to be



Dr. Kent Martin

able to provide them information that changes their lives and that makes them better at what they're passionate about. And so if I can identify that in the students and get that information to them in a way that's entertaining and fun and useful, I think that's what I would be able to do

**Q. What is something most people don't know about you?**

**A.** I was just on a conference call with NASA. So I sit on an advisory committee to NASA. So NASA has a lot of interaction with agriculture and it's an opportunity for agriculture to help direct the activities of NASA. And actually, fun fact, is in October, I think the 9th, NASA will be on campus, so that relationship with them is actually bringing them to Northwestern. Then students will have an opportunity to interact with people from NASA that are literally controlling what satellites do and how they collect data from Earth. And so there are a lot of things like that because I've been a consultant and researcher for the last 15 years. I've done a lot of things that I don't really talk a lot about because there's never really been an outlet for me to talk about it. And a lot of people even hardly believe me whenever I tell them that they're like, what are you doing with NASA? NASA needs to know what is relevant to farmers. And we are in a farm intensive area and right now, they really want to know what farmers in Northwest Oklahoma are doing. Yeah. A lot of people find that pretty fascinating.

## Academic Success Center Open House

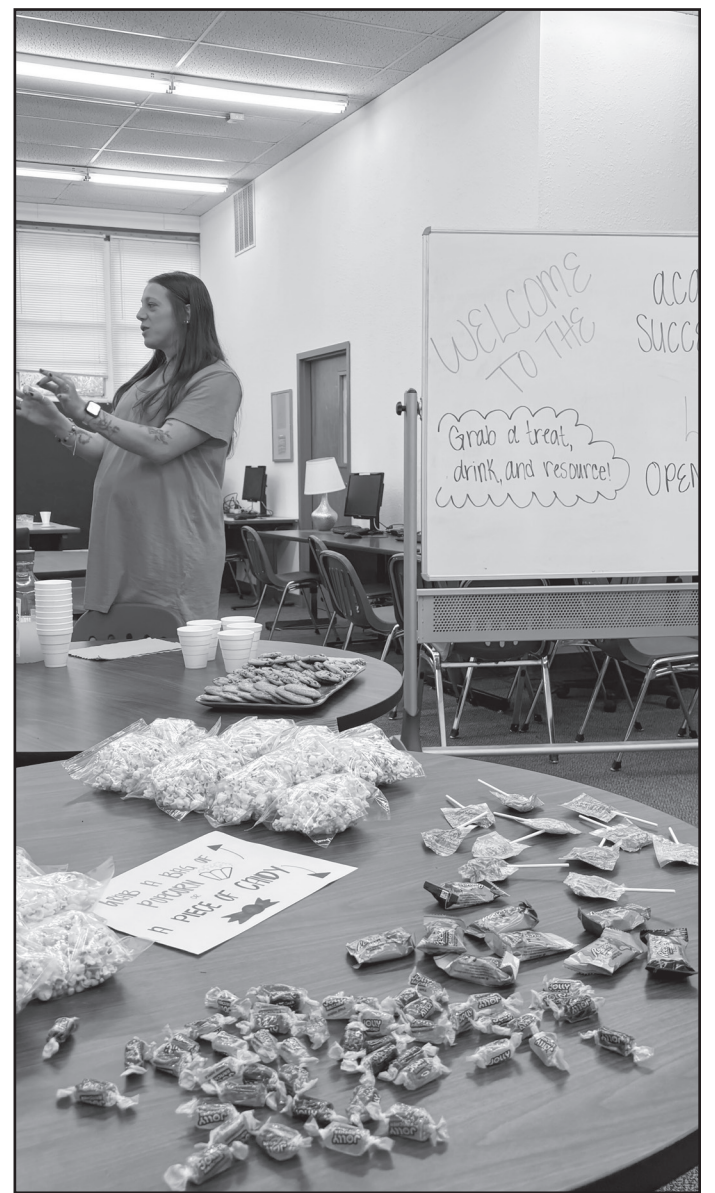


Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Aleysa Rose presents resources available through the Academic Success Center, located in Industrial Education Building 113, at the open house Thursday. The Academic Success Center and LASSO provide tutoring resources, scholarship applications, and other resources to students attending NWOSU. At the open house, they provided popcorn, cookies, and refreshments, along with handouts and helpful information. The event was open to faculty, staff, and any NWOSU student.

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# OPINION

## Generation Z laughs at 9/11

By SARAH BRASHEARS  
AND JESSICA SCHIEBER  
Co-editors-in-chief

From one of the deadliest attacks in the  
history of the United States to a joke on the  
screens of technology 9/11 has been affecting  
citizens all around.

The attack on the twin towers was some-  
thing many people can remember clearly, yet  
generation Z laughs about it.

Kaeli Dance from ABC 4 in Salt Lake City  
has noted that Gen Z has been joking about  
9/11 for a while now. "Why does it seem that  
Gen Z has no respect for what happened or  
why don't they care about it?" are some ques-  
tions that I have asked myself.

One user on Reddit has said that her son  
jokes about 9/11 and claims that she had failed  
somewhere, but what if things weren't that  
simple?

It is common knowledge by now that most  
of Gen Z have dark humor, almost everything  
seems to have a darker meaning behind it.

It's not that Gen Z doesn't realize what  
they're doing but it's more of the fact that they  
don't seem to really care about what happened  
on that day.

Most of Gen Z weren't alive during the  
events of 9/11 and the ones who were alive  
then, happened to be rather young. Some peo-  
ple may argue that dark humor is just how



Illustration by Sarah Brashears

Gen Z copes rather than them being ignorant.

A user on Reddit by the name of screamgeek  
made the comment that dark humor is a thing,  
but mocking mass murder and 9/11 will not  
be funny to them. While coping with dark hu-  
mor may be some people's choice of coping,  
others are just doing it to get their 5 minutes  
of fame. If only a few people had made an  
off handed joke or comment here or there it  
wouldn't be of any problem, but the problem  
happens when it feels like every other video  
you see is a joke about 9/11. President Bush  
stated in his speech, "None of us will ever  
forget this day." Was this the remembrance he  
was pointing towards?

## Amid chaos, the story of a miracle

*Editors's note: The following  
appeared in the Sept. 9, 2021,  
Northwestern News that marked  
the 20th year since 9-11 occurred.*

By DR. KAYLENE  
ARMSTRONG  
News Adviser

My journalism class was silent  
as we watched the television in  
our classroom in disbelief — the  
Twin Towers in New York were  
on fire after being struck by two  
planes hijacked by terrorists.

The division chair of the col-  
lege where I taught in northeast  
Ohio at the time had caught me  
only minutes earlier on my way to  
my class that Tuesday morning. I  
hadn't watched or heard any news  
yet, so I didn't know the terrorist  
attacks had occurred.

"You'll want to turn on the  
TV," he advised. "Great example  
of breaking news."

I had turned off the lights in  
the classroom for better viewing,  
intending that my Journalism 1  
class would watch this breaking  
news event for a few minutes and  
then return to a regular class dis-  
cussion.

That never happened.

The entire class period, we all  
sat and watched wordlessly as  
New York City, about an 8-hour  
drive east of us, mobilized to deal  
with the disaster that killed al-  
most 3,000 people.

When the South Tower col-  
lapsed at 9:59 a.m., many in the  
room gasped. One student, Paula

Kimmich, came to my side and  
asked to speak to me in the hall.

She was fighting tears.

"My sister works in the Twin  
Towers," she explained. "I have  
to go. I don't know when I'll be  
back."

I asked her to do one thing for  
me: "You HAVE to write about  
this experience when you get  
back."

She was shocked that I would  
suggest such a thing but agreed to  
think about it.

Paula did write that story a few  
weeks later, a story of one of the  
miracles of 9/11.

Here's what happened in a nut-  
shell:

After she left campus, Pau-  
la and her brother drove to New  
York, arriving in the wee hours of  
Sept. 12. Friends helped them get  
into the city because many roads  
and bridges were closed. They  
had been unable to contact their  
sister by phone before arriving  
and now searched her apartment  
for anything that might help them  
find her.

They did what everyone trying  
to find loved ones was doing: at-  
tended vigils in the street, scoured  
signs near the Twin Towers where  
people posted pictures and infor-  
mation about the dead or missing,  
wandered the streets looking for  
guidance about what to do next.

Finally, they decided if their  
sister was still alive, she was  
probably hurt, so they split up  
the list of hospitals in the city and  
went looking for her. She wasn't  
at any of them.

They branched out into north-  
ern New Jersey, going to every  
hospital that had taken in the  
wounded. At one hospital, they  
were told no one by that name  
had been admitted, but the hospi-  
tal did have an unidentified wom-  
an whose face was badly swollen  
and eyes bandaged because of in-  
juries from glass and debris. She  
would likely be unidentifiable.  
Besides, she was heavily medi-  
cated and could not talk.

Still, Paula and her brother  
asked to see the woman and im-  
mediately recognized she was  
their sister from a ring she was  
wearing.

The tale made a terrific story  
that ran in the student newspaper  
on Oct. 3. The local daily news-  
paper asked to run it, and Asso-  
ciated Press picked it up as well.

Paula Kimmich was not my  
only connection to the tragedy  
we now call 9/11. Another stu-  
dent lost an aunt when the third  
plane slammed into the Pentagon  
in Washington, D.C.

Several people I knew both off  
and on campus had friends and  
family in New York, either living  
or visiting there at the time. Many  
of those people made their way  
down to the Twin Towers area  
immediately after the attacks and  
reported back on the horrors they  
saw there.

In a way, all of us at the college  
in Ohio felt connected to the ter-  
rorist attack. It seemed everyone  
knew someone with a connection  
to New York that day.

And we all felt a need to do

The truth about these jokes is that they of-  
ten aren't funny and when the wrong person  
sees them it could possibly bring them to re-  
member what happened and bring them back  
to the exact moment they were in when they  
saw the towers fall.

Maybe the person who just saw your joke  
lost family members because of what hap-  
pened.

Maybe the person who seems so antsy  
when they see something about the event  
might be because they saw the horrible event  
on an old TV in their 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classroom.

Being considerate about what happened  
and how it can affect people may just be the  
Gen Z move no one was expecting.

From laughing to asking older people  
about their experience and truly learning why  
the event was so bad could help every see  
each other in a different light.

One user on Reddit claims "They don't  
have the same attachment to this event so they  
probably don't feel the same restraint towards  
it."

Ghostonthehorizon on Reddit claimed  
"Everything is mocked at this point, no dif-  
ferent than the Holocaust, any war, the IRA,  
etc etc."

Many Gen Z students were taught about  
9/11 in odd ways and not everyone could  
grasp why what happened was so important  
to everyone, this reason could be the cause of  
why they joke about it and don't think about  
what the outcome of these jokes could be.

something. That Friday, many  
of the students (the campus had  
8,000 at the time), faculty and  
staff crammed into an open area  
of the student center for a prayer  
service. People reported all-time  
high attendance at church ser-  
vices all over the area for the next  
several Sundays.

In mid-March of the following  
year, I attended a college journal-  
ism conference in New York City.  
A fellow newspaper adviser and  
I visited the viewing stand set up  
near the Twin Towers site. It was  
six months since 9/11, but work-  
men were still clearing the rubble  
— even at 9:30 p.m. when we  
stopped by.

The crowd on the stand was  
solemn, almost reverent. Two  
spotlights pointed skyward, a  
reminder of the two buildings  
that were now just debris. As we  
stood there watching the workers,  
we heard a shout and the work  
stopped.

Men crowded around a small  
area, examining something we  
could not see. We wondered if  
they had found another body or  
part of one. We each said a silent  
prayer.

Then our allotted time on the  
viewing stand was over, and we  
had to leave.

As we headed back to our  
hotel, we felt as if we needed to  
whisper in this place where thou-  
sands lost their lives.

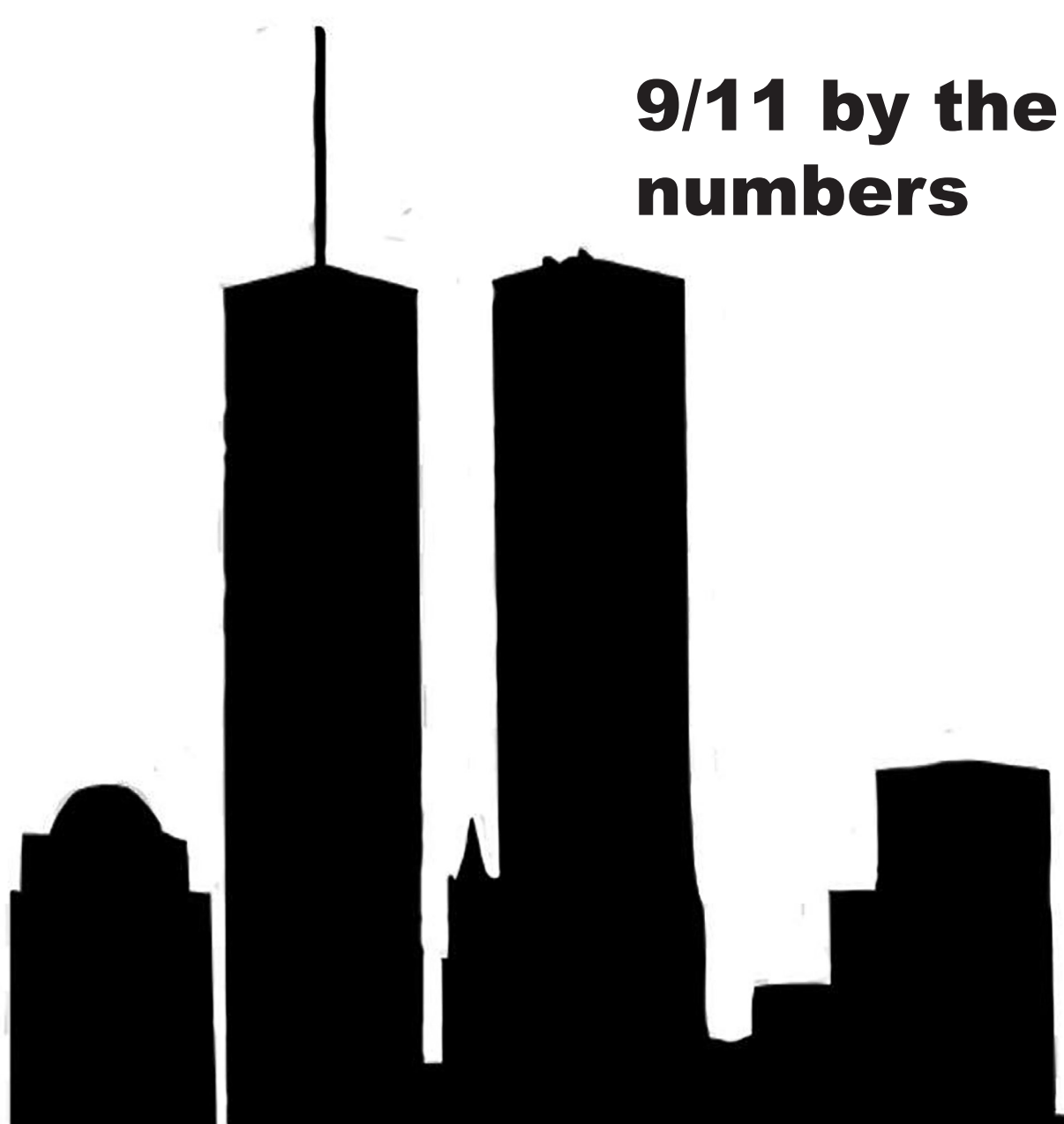
And then we cried for the loss-  
es — and the miracles — from  
9/11.

# REMEMBERING 9/11

## N.Y. skyline changed forever

## Sept. 11 known for many events

### 9/11 by the numbers



**The dead in New York City**

- 2,753 in the towers
- 343 firefighters
- 23 police officers

**10,000 treated for injuries**  
**\$60 billion in damages**  
**\$123 billion in economic loss**

**Ground Zero**

- 3.1 million hours of labor
- 1.8 million tons of debris
- \$750 million total cleanup cost

Sources: CNN and History.com

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**2001:** Al-Qaeda terrorists hijacked four planes, crashing two into the World Trade Centers, one into the Pentagon and another crashed in a field in Pennsylvania.

**1971:** Former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, one of the most significant figures of the Cold War, died.

**1973:** Chilean President Salvador Allende died in a coup staged by the country's armed forces.

**1814:** Battle of Lake Champlain took place with a U.S. fleet destroying a British squadron and forcing them to retreat from trying to take Plattsburgh, New York.

**1812:** The Russian-American Company dedicated Fort Ross, its stronghold on the California coast. Today it is Fort Ross State Historic Park and is located in Sonoma County near Healdsburg.

**1851:** A group of African Americans and white abolitionists in Christiana, Pennsylvania, skirmished with a Maryland posse that was trying to capture four fugitive slaves hiding in the town. Earlier that year, Congress had passed a second fugitive slave law, requiring escaped slaves be returned to their southern owners.

One posse member died and two others were wounded while 37 African Americans and one white man were arrested and charged with treason. Most were acquitted in a later trial.

**1857:** The Mountain Meadows Massacre in southern Utah ended with 120 dead; 18 small children were spared. A group of men from around Cedar City, Utah, and a group of Paiutes decided to take revenge on the wagon train because they believed some of the emigrants were stealing in the area after the locals refused to sell them supplies. The emigrants also were believed to have abused the local Paiute tribe and to have taunted the Mormons about running them out of Missouri in the 1830s.

The Utah men persuaded the emigrants to surrender their arms in exchange for safe passage and then opened fire on the unarmed emigrants.

**1777:** The Battle of Brandywine occurred (Revolutionary War), with 18,000 British attacking Gen. George Washington's 11,000 patriot forces near Philadelphia. More than 1,100 American men were killed or captured. The Americans had to retreat north to Germantown, Pennsylvania, leaving most of the cannon to the British when the horses pulling them were also killed.

— From History.com

## NWOSU, cities across U.S. remember 9/11

The Voicescenter.org website lists more than 1,000 memorials for 9/11 across the country, but one is missing: the one at NWOSU.

The senior class of 2006 installed the piece at the northeast corner of the Green Space, just west of the President's Home. "The Heartland Remembers" is etched in the depiction of the Twin Towers with the Statue of Liberty looking on.

The website does list one Oklahoma memorial, a grove at the University of Oklahoma. The site lists memorials in almost every state. Washington, D.C., area alone has 13 sites. The state of New York has 361 memorials of all kinds, New Jersey 208 and Pennsylvania 25.

The most famous of the memorials is probably in New York City. It honors the 2,977 victims of the attacks there. It is located on the site of the former Twin Towers with the two large reflecting pools of the Memorial Plaza precisely within the footprints where the North and South Towers once stood.

The memorial is an 8-acre plaza within the 16-acre World Trade Center complex.

The Flight 93 National Memorial near Shanksville, Pennsylvania, is a National Park. It overlooks the field where United Airlines Flight 93 crashed, killing the four terrorists, seven crew members and 33 other passengers.

When the passengers and crew realized the terrorists' plan was to attack Washington, D.C., they decided to fight back. The terrorist pilot ended up crashing the plane in the field, killing all aboard.

The Pentagon Memorial was the first one dedicated. It commemorates hijacking of American Airlines Flight 77 that crashed into the Pentagon, killing all 64 people on the plane and 125 people in the Pentagon.

The memorial sits on 2 acres of land right outside where the plane struck the building. It features 184 memorial benches. Each of the steel and granite benches features the engraved name of a victim and a lighted pool of flowing water.

—Sources: the Internet



Photo by Dr. Kaylene Armstrong

NWOSU's 9/11 Memorial is in the Green Space.

# Woods County Fair 2025



A local man looks through all the display quilts behind a quilting booth at the Woods County Fair. Photo by Ingrid Maldonado



A painted pillow, featuring a woodland lake, was awarded second place at the Woods County Fair. Photo by Ingrid Maldonado



Small animals like rabbits and other rodents were showcased at the Woods County Fair Friday. Photo by Ingrid Maldonado



Local children look through the mental health awareness booth and other booths while at the Woods County Fair. Photo by Ingrid Maldonado



A family visits the Woods County Sheriffs Department booth at the County Fair. They participated in the Sheriff's demonstration. Photo by Ingrid Maldonado



Two students sit at the NWOSU booth at the County fair. They handed out flyers and pamphlets to other fairgoers. Photo by Victor Kinzie



Representatives of the company Survival Flight, Alva, Oklahoma, sit at their booth and advertise their company. Photo by Victor Kinzie



Pete, a student at NWOSU, sits at a booth advertising Town and Country Christian church at the Woods County fair. Photos by Victor Kinzie



The Woods County Sheriff and Courthouse Representatives sit at their respective booths at the fair.



The Director of the Standing Ovarions School of Dance shows off her dance equipment at her booth at the Fair.

# FEATURE

## Artists get big wins at the MTV awards

By **JESSICA SCHIEBER**  
Co Editor-in-Chief

The MTV Video Music Awards took place on Saturday. It aired for the first time in 41 years on CBS. It was hosted at the UBS Arena in Elmont, New York.

Some of the awards this year were video of the year, artist of the year, song of the year, best new artist and best pop artist.

The winner of the video of the year award was Ariana Grande with her video for "brighter days ahead". She had to go against Billie Eilish and her "BIRDS OF A FEATHER" video, Kendrick Lamar and "Not Like Us", Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars "Die With A Smile", ROSE and Bruno Mars and "APT.", Sabrina Carpenter "Manchild" and The Weeknd, Playboi Carti and their "Timeless" video.

Artist of the year was won by Lady Gaga. She had to go against Bad Bunny, Beyonce, Kendrick Lamar, Morgan Wallen, Taylor Swift, and The weeknd.

Song of the year was won by ROSE and Bruno Mars with "APT." They had to face Alex Warren with "Ordinary", Billie Eilish's "BIRDS OF A FEATHER", Doechii's "Anxiety", Gracie Abrams' "I love you, I'm Sorry" and Ed Sheeran's "Sapphire". They also won over Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars' "Die With A Smile", Lorde's "What Was That" Tate McRae's "Sports Car" and The Weeknd and Playboi Carti's "Timeless".

The best new artist was won by Alex Warren over sombr and The Marias.

Best pop artist was awarded to Sabrina Carpenter. She won this over names like Ariana Grande, Charli xcx and Justin Bieber.

She also won over Lorde, Miley Cyrus and Tate McRae.

MTV push performance of the year was won by KATSEYE's "Touch" which was released January 2025. This performance beat out Shaboozey's August 2024 "A Bar Song (Tipsy)", September 2024 Ayra Starr's performance "Last Heartbreak Song", Mark Ambor's October 2024 performance of "Belong Together" and Lay Bankz "Graveyard" performance in November 2024. It also won over Dasha's "Bye Bye Bye" performance in December 2024, Jordan Adetunji "Kehlani" in February 2025, March 2025 performance by Leon Thomas "Yes It Is", Livingston's April 2025 performance of "Shadow" and Damiano David's May 2025 performance of "Next Summer." The last two performances it beat were the June 2025 performance of "Sailor Song" by Gigi Perez

and July 2025 performance by of "Sally, When the Wine Runs Out" by Role Model.

The best collaboration was won by Lady Gaga and Bruno Mars with "Die With a Smile" it beat Bailey Zimmerman with Luke Combs' "Backup Plan (Stagecoach Official Music Video)", Kendrick Lamar and SZA with "Luther", and Post Malone feat. Blake Shelton "Pour Me A Drink". It also beat ROSE and Bruno Mars' "APT" and Selena Gomez and benny blanco's "Sunset Blvd".

Best group was won by BLACKPINK. They beat out aespa, All Time Low, Backstreet Boys, Coldplay, Evanescence, Fuerza Regida, Grupo Frontera, Imagine Dragons, Jonas Brothers, KATSEYE, My Chemical Romance, SEVENTEEN, Stray Kids, The Marias and Twenty One Pilots.



## Chargers vs. Chiefs in Brazil

By **JESSICA SCHIEBER**  
Co Editor-in-Chief

On Friday the Los Angeles Chargers won against the Kansas City Chiefs. The game was streamed on Youtube.

Brazilian soccer superstar Neymar was at the game as well as Taylor Swift, who is newly engaged to tight end for the Chiefs, Travis Kelce, and Colombian singer Karol G who preformed at halftime.

The first quarter was not very eventful. In the following Chargers play they got a touchdown. The last three plays of the first quarter had the teams punting.

In the second quarter the Chargers expanded their lead with a field goal. The Chiefs got a repose with a field goal. The teams repeated the same action to end the second quarter with the score being Chargers 13 and Chiefs 6.

The third quarter had the Chargers start with a punt. The Chiefs responded with a touchdown and then the Chargers responded with a touch down of their own bringing the score to Chargers 20 and Chiefs 12.

Kelce shoved Chargers defensive tackle Tair Tart, who hit Kelce's helmet in response. Tart was penalized for unnecessary roughness, but he wasn't ejected because it was an open hand.

In the last quarter the Chiefs started with a touchdown that was immediately responded to with a Chargers touch down. The Chiefs got one last field goal and the game ended with the Chargers having 27 points and the Chiefs having 21 points.

Patrick Mahomes was 24 of 39 for 258 yards, one touchdown and two sacks. He claimed that "this will be a big lesson for us."

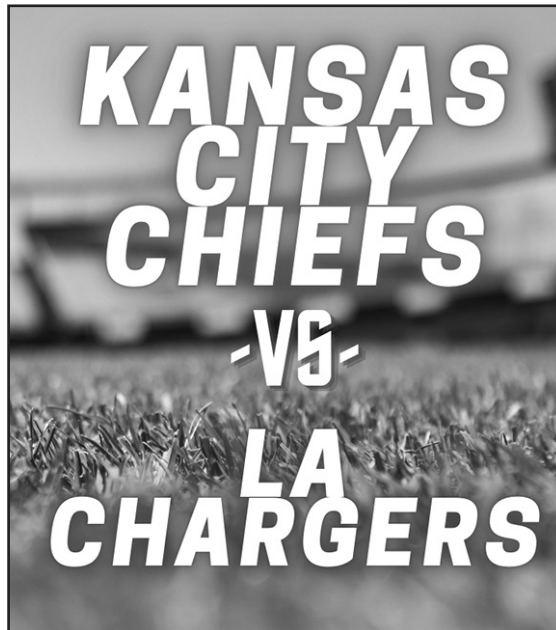
According to ESPN, the Chiefs' defensive tackle Chris Jones said "multiple times we shot ourselves in the foot."

The Chiefs had three plays and then punted. Xavier Worthy, a wide receiver for the chiefs, collided with his teammate Travis Kelce and had to leave the game.

Because of Worthy's injury and Rashee Rice being suspended for six games the team had to rely on JuJu Smith-Schuster and Tyquan Thornton to finish the game.

The two combined had seven catches and 96 yards on nine targets.

Marquise Brown caught 10 passes for 99 receiving yards which has been his most since being a



Chief according to the NFL.

With Worthy being injured and the team already missing Rice they will have to rely on Smith-Schuster and Thornton gong forward. Kelce and his fellow tight end Noah Gray may also see an increase in target share, according to Jeremy Bergman with the NFL. The Chiefs are also missing rookie Jalen Royals who is out with a knee injury.

Justin Herbert had 318-yard and three-touchdowns. Herbert had 32 rushing yards as well.

This was the Chargers first win over the Chiefs since Sept. 26, 2021, which broke a seven-game losing streak against the Chiefs.

According to ESPN, Chargers coach Jim Harbaugh claimed "It's monumental, September 5<sup>th</sup> will go down in some Charger lore, in my opinion. It was a big win."

Next week the Chiefs will face the Philadelphia Eagles and the world will see a Super Bowl rematch.

Philadelphia has played one game, gaining a 1-0 record heading into week two. The Eagles currently head into week two with five known injuries.

The Chiefs sit with two known injuries headed into week two.

The Philadelphia Eagles currently hold a one point favor over the Chiefs, having been predicted to win in this Superbowl rematch.

The Chargers will play the Las Vegas Raiders. Currently, the Chargers are favored to win with a 59.1% chance over the Raiders.

### Matchups to Watch

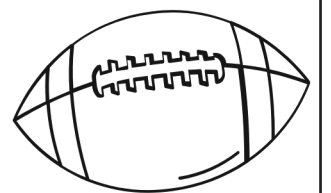
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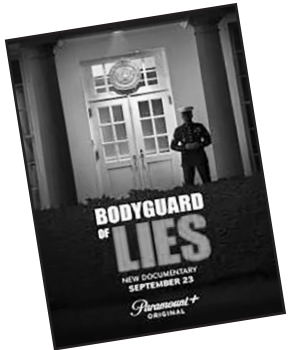
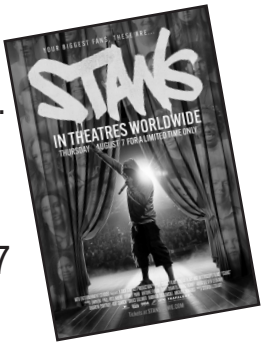
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## Upcoming movies to watch

- "Tulsa King" (Season 3), Sept. 21
- "Bodyguard of Lies", Sept. 23
- "STANS", Sept. 26
- "DMV", Oct. 13
- "Sheriff Country", Oct. 17
- "Boston Blue", Oct. 17
- "The Road", Oct. 19



## Reboots and why they fail

By KEVIN KAUMANS  
Entertainment Editor

Good morning my friends, how was your weekend? Mine was fine, I guess.

I won five dollars that I got from a couple scratch cards I bought two weeks ago in Wichita and used it to buy two more tickets.

I know I shouldn't; I know I'm more likely to make no money or not as much as the last time, but what can I say? I like money.

And that, my beloved readers, brings us to our topic for today: Reboots, and why movie companies seem to push them more and more as we slog further through the 21st century.

Ever since 2020, it has felt like Hollywood as finally run out of ideas and the producers had all come together in one big meeting room and said: "You know what, remember all those franchises from the mid-to-late 1900s that moviegoers we can today use as a prime example of why our films are not all that interesting or inspiring anymore?"

How about -instead of trying to create our own creative properties and try and bring joy and

wonder to a new generation of people- we remake as many old movies as humanly possible and pray to God, Allah, and the Flying Spaghetti Monster that we do not go under when people finally get sick of it."

"Oh, come on Kevin." I hear you roll your eyes. "You are clearly exaggerating to pander to the grifters online who complain about anything slightly political. Movie Companies have been rebooting movies and TV shows before you were even born, why act so outraged about now?"

To answer your question: My problem is not that the concept of reboots themselves exist, it is that it feels like that what 90% of newly released movies are nowadays.

Regardless of what spectrum your political views are on, I think we can all agree that "Disney" re-making one of their classics for the 9000th time has stopped becoming a meme at this point, and is now a tiresome reality.

Some people blame Hollywood's reliance on the newest special effects.

Some blame the unnecessary race-swaps that rarely add anything to the story or even the characters themselves.

Others will say that it is the

fault of the fact that the writers hardly change the original story, and that when they do, it is usually in ways that the fans of the classic movies hate.

A few weeks back, I took a good friend of mine to see the reboot of "The Naked Gun".

The movie was (much to my surprise) actually decent. It was clever and random and even got a few laughs out of my friend. Despite being one of the only modern-day comedies that understands that a R-rated movie can not just get by with toilet humor and excessive cursing,

I still would not say it was anywhere near as good as the original 1988 film.

Mind you, this is not the fault of the actor or the people who work in editing. It is just that, in my personal opinion, the original was so absurd and nonsensical in a creative way that is almost impossible to imitate.

The point is, reboots often fail because they can not recreate the same amount of magic people had when watching the movies they are copying.

If you think I am wrong, then by all means, come up to me and tell me why when you see me on campus. Sound good?

### Let's be real

# Healing is not a hashtag

By SARAH BRASHEARS  
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Imagine a perfect night of self-care after a long day: Multiple motivational and therapeutic quotes from Pinterest taped to the wall to remind you of why you started, coffee or tea in hand, a warm bath running with a cute bath bomb, a candle lit for the perfect lighting, truly the perfect self-care starter pack. But let's be real, is this truly what helps us? Genuine self care is not always photogenic, aesthetic, or even comfortable.

Through social media, the wellness culture has taken what began as a medically rooted practice for mental and physical health and turned it into a scene that looks like a movie. Aesthetic based hashtags and trends, such as #selfcareaesthetic began to rise, along with pretty bottles of skin products and the "clean girl" morning and night routine. After this movement, it is associated with personal wellness that skin care is therapy, candles are calmness, and the next new product is a heal all.

True healing, both physical and mental, is honest and raw. After a while, it will feel boring and repetitive. Go to therapy appointments to truly work through the issue on hand, even if it is uncomfortable. Journal your thoughts, although it may turn into a long

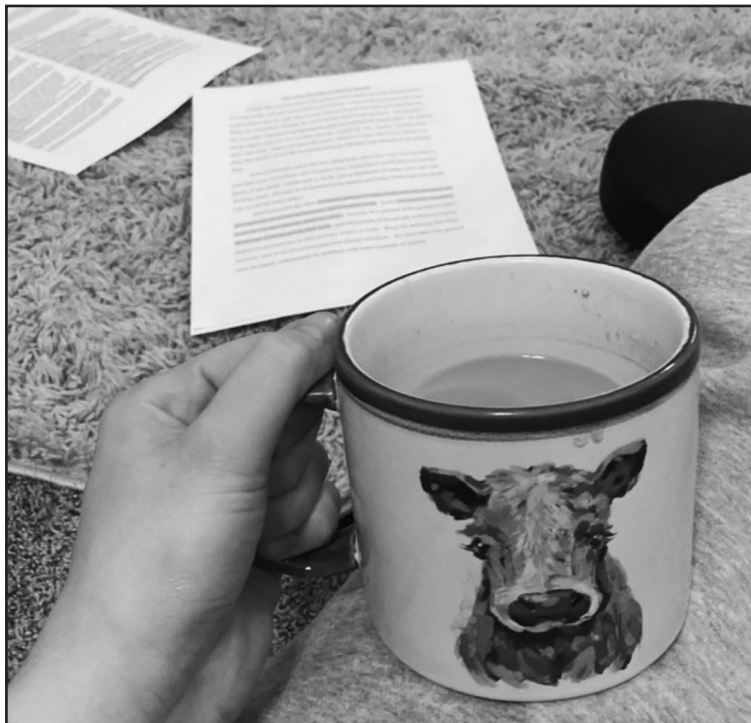


Photo by Sarah Brashears

Self care can be deep journaling and studying during morning coffee.

night of word vomit. Learning to not be a people pleaser, serve from your heart not from obligation.

It'll get uncomfortable, don't get me wrong. As you start setting boundaries, expect the guilty feeling to creep in for a little while. But you are not in the wrong. Setting healthy boundaries in your life is a necessity. Loneliness may be another big factor as you begin to truly work on yourself. When you cut off toxic ties, start to invest

in yourself. Try new hobbies, plan out your day, and even sit in the silence to learn yourself deeper. Choose to face the unresolved trauma instead of scrolling past it.

But the most real thing today: working on yourself is not always Instagram-able. There will be hours of ugly crying. You'll need to clean your space because your mental state depends on it. You may need to ask for help, sometimes facing rejection, even when you don't want to.

Bubble baths and comfort show marathons are not bad - but they are comfort, not healing. Here's the tea: avoid the cliches. Set sound routines built on structure and sleep hygiene. Limit screen time throughout the day, even the "wellness" accounts. Become rooted in your emotions, learning emotional regulation. Repair your relationships rather that avoiding them. Do hard things to improve your wellness.

You don't owe the internet your healing journey. The influencer you love? Not truly a therapist. They are good at what they do, and they may have good advice, but they aren't you. What does your self-care look like? If it is comfort, then it's time to start healing.

### BOOKS TO READ

- "Good Things" by Samin Nosrat, Sept. 16
- "Poems & Prayers" by Matthew McConaughey, Sept. 16
- "Always Remember" by Charlie Mackesy, Oct. 9
- "Remain: A Supernatural Love Story" by Nicholas Sparks & M. Night Shyamalan, Oct. 14
- "The Eleventh Hour" by Salman Rushdie, Nov. 4
- "Star of the Show" by Dolly Parton, Nov. 11



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# SPORTS

## Soccer wins home opener

By **KEN IRVING**  
Senior Reporter

### Game One

Northwestern Soccer beat Eastern New Mexico 1-0 in an old-fashioned slug fest.

Ranger Soccer opened their season at home on Thursday. First year Head Coach Carla Briscoe gave a speech to the Rangers before the game to get them excited and ready to play.

“Ladies we have to play fast and play physical,” Briscoe said. “This team is not better than you, but you can’t let up. You have to keep applying the pressure on them.”

One year being removed from the playing field, first year Assistant Coach Lilly Anderson also encouraged the girls to play confident.

“Girls, y’all have to be confident and take your shots,” Anderson said. “Don’t be hesitant to shoot.”

The Rangers would take their advice and run with it. Two minutes into the match, senior forward Christi-Anne Mills fires a shot at the goal, but it’s blocked by Eastern New Mexico. The Rangers would take nine first half shots on goal.

At the 37 minute mark, Northwestern lined up for a corner kick. Junior midfielder Jenna Mills launched the ball to the middle of the goal. After being kicked around by several defenders from ENMU, the ball squirmed out back towards the corner.



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Lady Ranger Luana San Miguel, No. 9, slide tackles to steal the ball from an attacker from the opposing team, Eastern New Mexico University.

Mills saved the ball and turned her body towards the net and chipped it towards the goal. The ball curved in the air and sliced through the goalies mits into the net to give the Rangers the first goal of the game.

Mills fell to her knees and covered her face in shock. Her teammates surrounded her and celebrated around her. They hugged each other and ran across the field cheering for their teammate.

“If I’m being honest, I was surprised it went in,” Mills said. “I’m glad I did my part for the team to get the win. ... In the locker room, Coach Carla talked about we have to set the tone for the season and we have to come out here and build on it. This first win feels amazing. I’m so excited and happy that we came out here and got the dub. We worked really hard and I know it’s hot out but I’m really glad for the girls to get

the win today.”

Mills scored the lone goal for the Rangers. In the second half the Rangers shot the ball seven times on the goal, narrowly missing the mark.

The Rangers were stout defensively. ENMU only shot the ball six times and Taylor Annen blocked every shot. Annen played a crucial role in the Rangers shut out win.

“For me this shutout means

everything,” Annen said. “As our first game that goes on record to get a shut out and it being my first collegiate shut out is so surreal. It’s a big confidence booster for me and I’m excited to hopefully have many more this season.”

Annen is a sophomore goalie getting her first collegiant action. Her shut out is the first of this season and she will need more if the Rangers want to keep winning.

## Soccer playmakers Lady Rangers make a comeback



**Christi-Anne Mills**  
1 Goal, 7 Shots  
Basseterre, Saint Kitts



**Jenna Mills**  
1 Goal, 1 Assist, 2 Shots  
Mount Vernon, WA



**Taylor Annen**  
21 Saves  
Plano, TX



**Jazelle Alvarado**  
1 Shot, 1 Goal  
Dallas, TX

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

NWOSU defeated Fort Hays State University in a nail-biting comeback on Sunday.

After the 1-0 win over Eastern New Mexico University, the Lady Rangers headed North to face the Fort Hays State University Tigers.

The Tigers scored the first point after a corner kick just two seconds before the 17-minute mark. The rest of the first half was scoreless, and the Lady Rangers pushed on down by one.

In the second half, there was a quick yellow card on Fort Hays, giving the Lady Rangers possession, but nothing came from it. Heading into the late stages of the final half of the game, the Lady Rangers had to find something to get momentum moving and try to get the win.

In minute 82, there was a yellow card against Fort Hays. With a chance to even the score, the Lady Rangers had the pressure on for the first time of the year. Jazelle Alvarado then scored a goal

for NWOSU, assisted by Eryn Warren, to tie the game at one.

With just eight minutes left in the game, the Lady Rangers had the chance to perform a miracle comeback. Just three minutes later, Christi-Anne Mills scored a goal with an assist from Jenna Mills, and the Lady Rangers had the lead by one with just five minutes left.

With one final shot, but it was

saved by Annen, and the Lady Rangers sealed the win to get number two of the year. The Lady Rangers have not had opening back-to-back wins since 2022, and this is the first time they have defeated Fort Hays State.

The Lady Rangers head off to Nebraska to face two teams from South Dakota. The University of Sioux Falls Friday and then Black Hills State University on Sunday.

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# SPORTS

## Football loses game one

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

The Ranger football team lost to the Harding University Bison in the NWOSU home and season opener of the 2025 season.

The Rangers were the underdogs heading into the game, as they were ranked number twelve in the GAC preseason coaches poll. Harding, ranked number one in the poll, was expected to have an easy win.

The game started with the Rangers winning the coin toss and deciding to defend to start the first half.

The Rangers defense was able to make impressive stops, slowing the Bison's offensive charge down the field. Unfortunately, it was only slowed and not stopped.

The Bison scored the first points in the game at the 10-minute mark of the first quarter.

The Rangers were unable to produce anything offensively all game, as they went through the first half with no points on the board.

Eventually, the Bison started scoring and couldn't stop. They scored on every drive in the first half, ending it 35-0.

From the start of the game, it was apparent that the Ranger offense wouldn't be able to do much against the Bison defense.

Every play the Rangers tried, the Bison seemed to be able to counter it. In the first half, the



Photo by Ingrid Maldonado

Ranger defense goes to stop the Harding offense on one of the Bison's drives. This game was a good game for the Ranger defense, getting two fumbles.

NWOSU offense did not cross the 50-yard line to enter the Harding side of the field.

The second half didn't go much better for the Rangers. They received to start the third quarter, had three plays, and punted at the 23-yard line.

After a first and ten for Hard-

ing, there was a forced fumble caused by NWOSU Ranger Malik Young. It was picked up by Aiden Lewis, who ran eighty yards to the endzone to score the Rangers' first touchdown of the year. After a point-after-touchdown attempt from Kale Purvis that was good, the Rangers were down 42-7.

In the fourth, the game slowed down. Only one more touchdown was scored by Harding.

There was a fumble from Harding recovered by Sam Mitchum to give the Rangers their final possession. Harding got the ball back, kneeled twice, and won the game 49-7.

The Rangers defense played an impressive game, stopping multiple drives from Harding and causing a forced fumble to score the first points of the game.

The Rangers' next game is against the Arkansas Tech University Wonderboys. They will play at Arkansas Tech at 7 pm.

## Volleyball has a rough start

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

Last week, the NWOSU volleyball team traveled to Rolla, Missouri, and played four teams.

They first played the Missouri Southern Lions, then the Missouri S&T Miners, the Minnesota State University, Mankato Mavericks, and the Christian Brothers University Buccaneers.

### Match One, 0-3

The first match, against Missouri Southern, did not go very well for the Lady Rangers. They lost 3 sets to 0. Although they were shut out, the Lady Rangers were somewhat competitive in the first two sets. They had 19 in the first and 21 in the second. It seemed that they lost momentum in the third set and lost 14-25.

Ivanny Blackwood had nine kills in the match. Ece Ozdemir had five. Mikayla White and Jady Padilla had nine digs themselves.

### Match Two, 3-0

The second match of the weekend, against Missouri S&T, went better for the Lady Rangers. They

were able to defeat the Miners 3-0. The first set was intense, as the Miners were able to score 24 points to only lose by two points.

The second set wasn't as close, as the Miners only lost by four points.

The third set wasn't a competition. The Lady Rangers scored 25 and the Miners only 12.

Naya Danenburg had 12 kills, and Blackwood had 11. Ece Ozdemir had 11 digs, and Danenburg had 10.

### Match Three, 0-3

The third match, against Minnesota State, Mankato, did not go the way they wanted. They were shut out for the second time of the weekend. This time, the games weren't incredibly close. The first set was 25-22. The second set ended at 25-14. The third ended 25-16.

Blackwood had the most kills in the match with 7. Ozdemir was second with 6. Padilla had the most digs with 9, and Danenburg had 6.

### Match Four, 2-3

The fourth and final match was incredibly competitive and came down to the final possible

set. The Lady Rangers and the Buccaneers had a long, hard fight in this match. NWOSU took the first set, winning 25-13. The next set was taken by CBU 25-19. The Lady Rangers took the third 25-14. In the fourth, the Buccaneers won 25-20.

After trading four sets, the two teams headed to the fifth and final set. The two teams traded points a few times, with no team getting more than two points away from each other. It all came to the end, where the Buccaneers won 15-13.

Ozdemir led the Lady Rangers in kills as she had 17. Danenburg was just behind with 16. Ozdemir led NWOSU in digs as well with 19. Padilla was a close second with 18. White has a total of 52 assists in the match.

This week, the Lady Rangers will travel to Hays, Kansas, to face four more teams.

First is Augustana University, then Bethel College, Fort Hays State University, and then New Mexico Highlands University.

Then on Tuesday, they will be in Ada to face East Central University in the first conference game of the 2025 season.

## Cross country does well

By **OAKLEE FIELDER**  
Sports Editor

Last Saturday, the NWOSU cross country teams traveled to Tyler, Texas, to compete in the first meet of the 2025 season.

The men's team finished third in the 11-team competition. Cooper Bell was the first Ranger to cross the finish line in 18th with a time of 27:30. Riley Herndon was 23rd with a time of 27:41. Edward Robledo-Gonzalez was just behind Herndon in 24th with a time of 27:43. The fourth Ranger was Alan Lares in 32nd with a time of 28:02. Coy Bullard was just behind him in 33rd with a time of 28:11. Andrew Scott was 46th with a time of 29:02. Jordan Pierce was the final Ranger in the top 50 with a 48th place finish and a time of 29:05.

The Lady Rangers didn't do as well as the men, but still ended with a good finishing position of 6th in the standings at the end of the meet. Jessica Myers was the first Lady Ranger in 23rd with a time of 20:42. Cadence Long-Torres was 27th with a time of 20:50.

Harley Woody was 32nd with a time of 21:11. Celeestine Kiborus was just behind Woody, finishing in 33rd with a time of 21:14. Elizabeth Dorado-Barrera was 44th with a time of 22:31. Seriah Vess was behind Dorado-Barrera in 45th with a time of 22:37. Tegan Althouse was 48th with a time of 22:51. Tylea Jones ended the top-50 results for NWOSU as she finished 49th with a time of 22:56.

The Ranger cross country teams head North to Newton, Kansas, to compete at Bethel College.

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# Education professor loves snakes

By **PIPER GALLAGHER**  
Senior Reporter

Shannon Warnock has 15 years of experience in public education, a field that she is very passionate about. After getting her bachelor's degree in elementary education and master's degree in school counseling here at Northwestern she spent time teaching at the K-12 levels.

**Q. What sold you on coming to NWOSU?**

A. I've been teaching some adjunct classes the last three years, which I've really enjoyed, and I wasn't really looking for a new job. I just kind of had a conversation with some of the people who work here, and I loved Northwestern when I was going to school here.

Both my daughters went to school here. So it just kind of feels like home. So when I had the opportunity to do this as a professor, I just thought it would be like the greatest place to work.

**Q. What is one of the first goals you hope to accomplish here?**

A. Oh, gosh. I think really my main goal is to kind of take that shift from being in public education to higher Ed. And because of my passion for public education, I really want to help prepare teachers to be the very best that they can be. So that's just really my goal is to work with future educators, advocate for them, and just help them be the best that they can be.

**Q. What is your favorite class to teach and why?**

A. I really like the child in

adolescent psychology, class and teaching right now. It has a bunch of undergrads in it. It's fun. I really enjoy the school counseling courses that I teach. Those are online, though, so I don't really get to interact with the students. But I think the class I enjoy the most is probably my classroom research class, which is a graduate level course, where students create action plans. They identify a problem in education and then they come up with a plan on how to fix it. And they do the research behind it. So it's always interesting to, you know, brainstorm those ideas, those problems they see while they're in the classroom and then reading their research to see, you know, what they have come up with to kind of address the problem.

**Q. What is your "superpower"?**

er"?

A. Well, I think being a teacher is a superpower personally. You know, it's been a long time since I've been in the classroom, classroom teaching, because I've spent the last few years as a school counselor. But I would say I think really one of my strengths is I'm just a really good listener and I think people usually feel comfortable around me, so I think that is my strength and that can, you know, that can be used in the classroom, out of the classroom in any setting. So I think that's kind of my superpower.

**Q. What is something most people don't know about you?**

A. I would say most people are generally surprised when they find out that I am not afraid of snakes, and I actually had a pet snake, a python when I was



Shannon Warnock

in college, you know, right out of high school, back many years ago. So I kind of like snakes. I think they're cool. So I think that would be a fact that most people would be surprised by.

## Piano Recital



Photo by Jaden Bridges

Dr. Eduardo Moreira performs a solo recital at Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall Wednesday.



## Brooklyn Snow and Matt Greenblatt set to perform

By **KEN IRVING**  
Senior Reporter

Fellers Family Auditorium will be filled with the sounds of wonderful music and voices on September 14<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock in the afternoon.

Opera Singers Brooklyn Snow (soprano) and Matt Greenblatt (tenor) will be making their way to Alva to perform a recital at NWOSU. Single tickets are \$20 for adults, \$15 for seniors and \$5 for students.

The concert series is an annual event that Northwestern Host. It is a three-concert series that is filled with a variety of music. Each year and each concert will feature a different artist. This weekend's artist includes Opera Singers Brooklyn Snow and Matt Greenblatt. They will be traveling from Nashville, Tennessee. Snow and Greenblatt have traveled across the country performing in shows for fans of all ages. Their specialty is classical music.

"Our goal is to provide high quality music to the community," said Eduardo Moreira, the Assistant Professor of Music and the Director of Piano Studies. "We will be showing different styles of music. ... This weekend will be more classical music, but in October we will feature more country."

With student tickets only being five dollars, Northwestern students will have a great opportunity to experience new music and learn about the Opera. Not only is this a great opportunity for NWOSU Students, but Moreira believes that this will be a great opportunity for the city of Alva.

"I think this helps more than

just the University. I think this helps the community. We are in a rather isolated rural area in Oklahoma, so we don't get a chance to have national celebrated artist in our small town. The concert series wants to bring artists who have national and international careers. That's the main thing about the concert series. Despite our geographic location here, we are able to bring very high-quality groups."

This program benefits not only the university, but also the entire community. Since Northwestern is in a rural part of Oklahoma, it's rare for nationally recognized artists to come into town. The goal of the concert series is to feature performers with national and international reputations. Moreira harped on the fact that even with our location, we're still able to bring in outstanding, high-quality groups.

"Each person goes to concerts for different reasons. I just hope that they will experience high quality music performed live and performed well. This concert series will be over a span of three dates. The first one is this Sunday September 14<sup>th</sup> at two o'clock, the next one is October 7<sup>th</sup> at seven o'clock and the last one will be in March."

Sunday's concert series will be great for everyone who is interested in music or wants an opportunity to experience new music.

So, on Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup> bring your family and friends to Fellers Family Auditorium in Herod Hall to experience the fantastic sounds of Brooklyn Snow and Matt Greenblatt as they make their way from Nashville, Tennessee to Alva, Oklahoma.

## NWOSU athlete comes home to teach

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Karry Easterly has 22 years of nursing experience after receiving her associates degree from NOC and her bachelor's degree here at Northwestern. Her experience has spanned from working in hospitals to also being a school nurse. Easterly has 3 kids with her husband and she is currently in a master's program at Northwestern for school counseling.

**Q. What sold you on coming to NWOSU?**

A. I know Northwestern puts out good students and I really wanted to branch out and do something a little different. And I was looking to hopefully finish out my career in teaching. And I knew they put out good nurses because I came from here, but I've worked with a lot of grads and I've had students follow me in their clinicals so I know they put out great students. And I like the people and the camaraderie.

**Q. What is one of the first**

**goals you hope to accomplish here?**

A. Well, I'm learning a lot about teaching already because I haven't taught. I am finishing this master's degree and then I've considered getting a doctorate in nursing education. I kind of would like to make Northwestern my career for the rest of my working days.

**Q. What is your favorite class to teach and why?**

A. It's been adult I for the nursing students, the juniors, because they're learning everything for the first time. It's kind of fun to just see them get that "aha!" moment, and learn things that are new and that they're excited about and they want to learn everything they can about it. It's just that drive like they're new and they want to do this and they're excited to actually do nursing things because they're finally in nursing school..

**Q. What is your "superpower"?**

A. I think making the students feel comfortable. I'm a relaxed



Karry Easterly

person. I'm not very uptight and strict. So I think, I hope anyway, that the students feel comfortable around me and that they can talk to me, and that we can have conversations, and go more in depth rather than just lecturing the whole time.

**Q. What is something most people don't know about you?**

A. I played basketball in college.