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Smile of the Week

Hailey Clark, Northwestern Foundation office manager, said her family, friends, fiancé Clay and a good country song.

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If you'd like to be the Smile of the Week, please send in a photo of you smiling and a short description of why you're smiling to **nwnews@nwosu.edu**!

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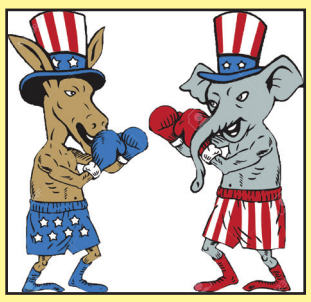

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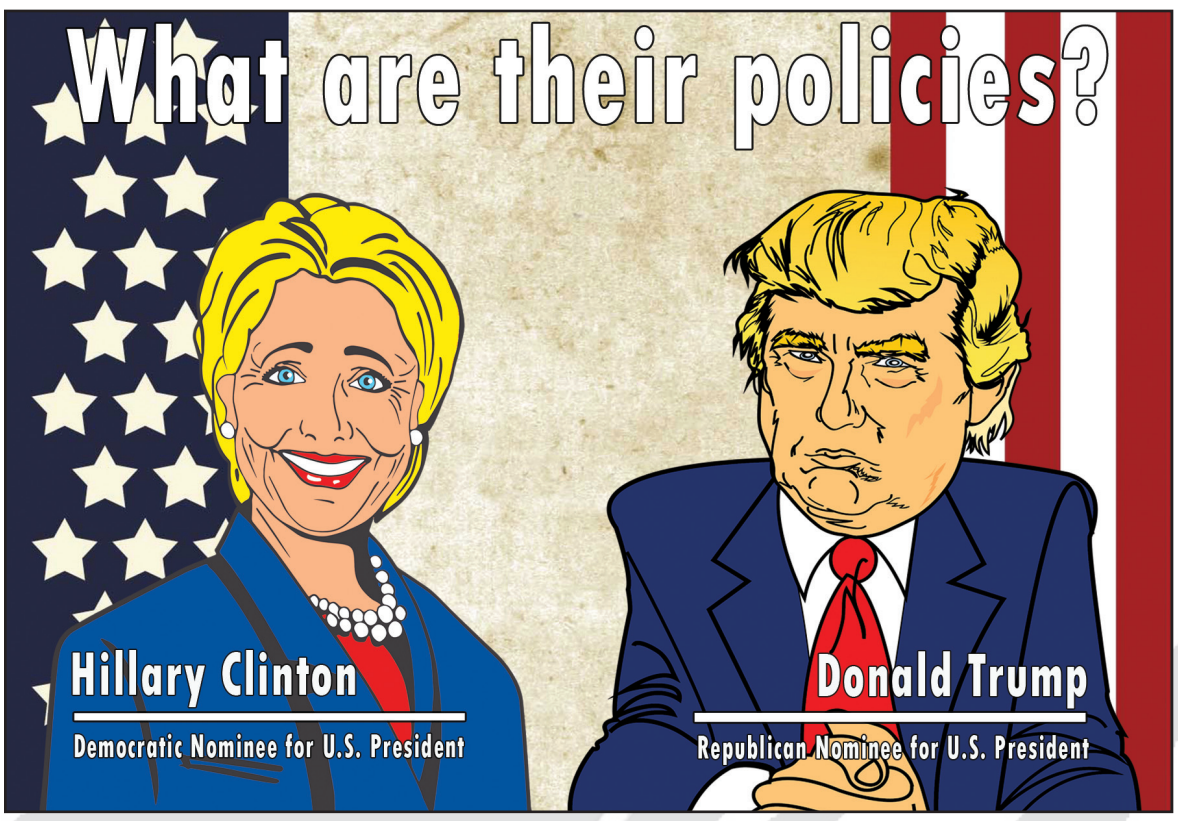

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Presidential candidates viewpoints assessed

By PATRICIA PIXLER
Student Reporter

There is less than a week to go to Election Day 2016. Democratic presidential-nominee Hillary Clinton will face-off against Republican presidential-nominee Donald Trump for the Presidency of the United States. Both presidential campaigns have had their ups and down as they've climbed in the polls. It's time to take a look at the policies behind the candidates.

On America's Infrastructure:

Clinton plans to fix America's aging infrastructure by investing in a $275 billion, five-year plan to rebuild and put Americans to work. Clinton also intends expand public transit options, improve availability of broadband internet, modernize America's national airspace, and invest in clean energy.

Trump wants to transform America's infrastructure for an opportunity to accelerate economic growth and rapid productivity with a deficit-neutral plan. He also intends to shift government spending from globalization and have a more American-focused spending scheme, and make cost-effective public transportation, improve airports and air traffic control, and make clean water for Americans a priority.

On Tax Systems:

Clinton plans to restore fairness into the tax code, with wealthy individuals paying their fair share of taxes. Clinton intends to close corporate and Wall Street tax loopholes and provide tax relief to working families. She also plans to simplify and cut taxes for small business so they can hire workers and expand their business.

Trump plans to reduce taxes for everyone, especially for working and middle-income Americans. Trump also intends the rich will pay their fair share but no one will pay so much that it undermines their ability to compete. He also plans to eliminate special interest loopholes and make the business tax rate competitive to keep jobs in America.

On Gun Control:

Clinton plans to expand background checks for gun sales, as well as close the gun show and internet sales loopholes and get rid of the Charleston Loophole. Clinton intends to take on the gun lobby and keep guns out of the possession of domestic abusers, violent criminals, and the severely mentally ill.

Trump plans to defend the Second Amendment so no one's right to keep and bear Arms is infringed upon. He intends to enforce the laws to be serious about prosecuting criminals and get gang members and drug dealers off the streets.

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Are you prepared for voting?

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor in Chief

Election Day in the United States is Tuesday, and we answer the question that you're asking yourself prior to decision day.

Q: When do the polls open?

A: Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Lines are possible at peak voting times. Anyone in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to cast a ballot.

Q: Where do I vote?

A: Visit election.ok.gov or the professional building in downtown Alva to determine your polling location.

Voters who have moved since the last election, but who have not transferred their voter registration to their new address, may do so on Election Day by going to vote at the polling place where their registration has been in the past.

While voting, they may fill out a form instructing the County Election Board to transfer their registration to the new address before the next election.

Q: What do I need to bring with me on Election Day?

A: Voters need to present proof of identity before receiving a ballot. Voters have three ways to present proof.

1. Show a valid photo ID issued by federal, state or tribal government
2. Show the free voter identification card issued to every voter by the County Election Board
3. Sign an affidavit and vote a provisional ballot

Q: What happens if I have a physical disability?

A: Those needing help to the polling place, marking their ballots blind or visually disables, and illiterate voters, may be assisted by a person the voter chooses.

In all cases, a person providing such assistance may not be the voter's employer or an agent of the employer or an officer or agent of the voter's union. The person mush also swear or affirm that the voter's ballots will be marked in accordance with the voter's wishes.

Q: What happens if I become injured after 5 p.m. on Election Day?

A: Those injured can still request an emergency absentee ballot.

Those who might qualify for an emergency absentee ballot should contact the County Election Board office at 580-327-1452 ASAP for more information.

Source: *Woods County Election Board press release*

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News

Last Thursday, Northwestern CORE club hosted a panel discussion over State Question 777. Panel members on the Enid campus (Pictured) were Bill Steinert, who was arguing in the favor of the proposed question, and Paulette Rink and Ben Ezzell, who were both arguing against the proposed question. On the Alva campus, panel members were (not pictured) Sue Selmen, arguing against the question and Tim Ohm, arguing in favor of the question. */Photo by Rachel Emerson*

Campus club invites students to cutural dance

By HAYLEE BATES
News Editor

The International Student Association will host a multicultural dance on Nov. 10, from 7 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. in the student center ballroom.

All students, faculty, staff and family members are welcome to attend the dance. The entry cost is $2 per person. The majority of the money raised will go toward sponsoring future events, and 15 percent of the funds raised will go toward the International Student Scholarship Fund.

For more information on the multicultural dance, students can contact Rebecca Cook, international student adviser. Her email is rlcook@nwosu.edu, or individuals can call her at (580) 327-8435.

Anime and Manga club plans for watch party

By JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

The Anime and Manga club will be holding a watch party Saturday, Nov. 5, from noon to 6 p.m. for a come and go watch party in the Student Center Ballroom.

A few weeks ago, the club voted on three different animes to show at this first watch party, and they decided on "My Hero Academia," "One Punch Man" and "Starting Life in Another World."

The plan is to cycle three episodes of each, and if time permits, to watch a few more episodes of each series.

"The event gives anime lovers a chance to watch shows they like with people who have the same interests; we'll also have the opportunity to talk about series we like and give each other recommendations between episodes," said Chris Dickson, club membership coordinator.

"My Hero Academia" is a Japanese superhero Manga series written and illustrated by Kōhei Horikoshi. The story follows Izuku Midoriya, a boy born without superpowers in a world where they are the norm.

Midoriya still dreams of becoming a superhero himself and is scouted by the world's greatest hero. The hero shares his powers with Izuku after recognizing his value and enrolls him in a high school for heroes in training.

"One-Punch Man" is an ongoing Japanese superhero parody web-comic. It was created by an author using the pseudonym One which began publication in early 2009. "One-Punch Man" tells the story of Saitama, a completely overpowered superhero who has grown bored by the absence of challenge in his fight against evil.

"Starting Life in Another World" is a Japanese light novel series written by Tappei Nagatsuki and illustrated by Shinichirou Otsuka. The story centers on Subaru Natsuki, a hikikomori who suddenly finds himself transported to another world on his way home from the convenience store.

Participants are encouraged to bring money for pizza that will be provided during the watch party.

For more information about the Anime and Manga Club and the watch party, contact Chris Dickson at cwdickson41@rangers.nwosu.edu.

Kandi Hughart (left) was crowned Miss Northwestern, Emily Sanders (right) was crowned Miss Northwestern's Outstanding Teen and Asbrie Heaton (center) was named Miss Northwestern's Star on Sunday. The new title holders will represent Northwestern Oklahoma State University at the Miss Oklahoma Pageant in June. */Courtesy of University Relations*

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Education fair opens for all future teachers

By MEGAN GARNETT
Student Reporter

The Fall 2016 Education Fair will be hosted at NWOSU to help students find employment in Oklahoma Schools.

The event will be held in the Ranger Room from 10 a.m. to noon on Nov. 2.

Northwestern professor and associate dean of education, Christee Jenlink called the event, "...an excellent opportunity for teacher candidates to have personal discussions with our school partners on their teaching needs."

Jenlink said, "The one on one discussions are of utmost importance in understanding needs and expectations of our schools. All education majors need to attend to talk with superintendents, principals and human resource directors to gain practical knowledge of educational needs and practices to align those with what they are learning in their preparation program."

15 high schools and entities will attend the career fair to help Northwestern Oklahoma State University education majors who are looking for employment.

Andrea Lauderdale, career services coordinator said that the event would be "vital...[for]...education students to attend in order to make the necessary contacts for employment."

"Public schools are in desperate need for quality teachers now and in the future," Lauderdale said. "The goal of the Education Career Fair is to help schools find quality teachers to fill their job openings.

Questions about the Education Career Fair can be answered by Andrea Lauderdale at 580-327-8606 or amlauderdale@nwosu.edu.

Voting on state question 790

By JORDAN MCLEMORE
Staff Reporter

Election Day is Nov. 8, and there are many items on the ballot this year, one of them being state questions 790.

According to okpolicy.org, SQ 790 repeals Article 2, section 5 of the state constitution. The language to be repeated prohibits the use of state money or property for religious or sectarian purposes. Article 2, Section 5 reads: "No public money or property shall ever be appropriated, applied, donated, or used, directly or indirectly, for the use, benefit, or support of any sect, church, denomination, or system or religion, or for the use, benefit, or support of any priest, preacher, minister, or other religious teacher or dignitary, or sectarian institution as such." The repeal of Article 2, Section 5 is supported by school choice advocates who believe it may interfere with proposed and existing voucher programs.

The proposed question arose from a state Supreme Court decision ordering the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the Capitol grounds and from concerns the ban could affect the eligibility of certain institutions for school vouchers, Oklahoma's Promise scholarships, Medicaid and other state-funded programs.

SQ 790 was placed on the ballot by a majority vote in the Oklahoma Legislature. Supporters of the state question in the Legislature said they were motivated by a recent Oklahoma Supreme Court decision, Prescott v. Oklahoma Capitol Preservation Commission, where the court ruled that a Ten Commandments monument on the State Capitol grounds was an unconstitutional use of public property based on Article 2, Section 5.

Even if voters approve SQ 790, there is some possibility that the United States Supreme Court will rule that the Ten Commandment monument's display on public grounds violates the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. Previous U.S. Supreme Court decisions have prohibited some Ten Commandment monument displays while allowing others. The Court's reasoning has depended on the history and context of each monument.

People supporting SQ 790 say that Oklahoma Supreme Court's interpretations of Article 2, Section 5 ban the Ten Commandments monuments on public grounds and this, in turn, makes Oklahoma hostile to religion.

People opposing SQ 790 say that repealing Article 2, Section 5, would threaten to allow taxpayer support of sectarian religion in ways that would threaten the separation of church and state and divide Oklahomans along religious lines.

If SQ 790 passes, it would remove Article 2, Section 5 of the Oklahoma Constitution. This has been interpreted by the Oklahoma courts as requiring the removal of a Ten Commandments monument from the grounds of the State Capitol. If this measure repealing Article 2, Section 5 is passed, the government would still be required to comply with the Establishment Clause of the United States Constitution, which is a similar constitutional establishment that prevents the government from endorsing a religion or becoming excessively involved with religion.

What needs to be remembered during election time, however, is to be informed on all sides of the questions on the ballot. SQ 790 is just one of many and everyone has an opinion. Voters need to do research, which will allow them to make an informed decision.

Alcohol law to be voted on

By COOPER STANLEY
Student Reporter

The Oklahoma voters will vote on a bill to change Oklahoma's alcohol laws, specifically targeting beer sold in grocery and convince stores, this month.

Bill 383 would essentially allow for more lenient alcohol laws in Oklahoma. Currently the highest percentage of beer Oklahomans can buy in a convenience or grocery store is a beer at 3.2 percent or less. Convenience and grocery stores can only sell beer if bill 383 is passed; these stores would be allowed to sell full strength beer up to 8.99 percent and also be allowed to sell wine and spirits for the first time at 15 percent. In Oklahoma only liquor stores are allowed to sell full strength beer, however even these stores have strict rules that will be affected if bill 383 is passed. Liquor stores are only allowed to sell beer and wine warm and between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday. If bill 383 is passed this will allow all liquor stores to sell cold beer and wine, as well as increase the hours that liquor and beer can be purchased to 10 a.m. to midnight Monday through Saturday.

Bill 383 only has one more vote to go through to be finalized. It has already gone through the senate and won with a vote of 33 to 12, and then it went through the house by a closer vote of 52 to 45. A majority vote will pass Bill 383 in this upcoming Oklahoma legislature vote.

Northwestern business administration student, 22-year-old, Christian Hammerl said, "I think that it's a good idea. They already sell liquor in stores that are of higher percent than beer, and the higher alcohol content beer just tastes better, which is why most people buy beer in the first place."

Bill 383 will be passed or rejected this month by the Oklahoma legislator, if passed; the rule change will be in effect Nov. 1, 2018.

Voters show different sides on state topics

By KATELYNN BALL
Staff Reporter

State Question 780 and 781 go hand in hand because they both have to do with reducing prison population and transforming money for crimes to better fund mental health illnesses.

"State Question 780 changes the classification of simple drug possession crimes from felony to misdemeanor. It also raises the dollar amount that determines whether property crimes are a felony or misdemeanor from $500 to $1,000. Anticipating fewer prison receptions for drug possession, State Question 781 directs the cost savings from State Question 780 to a fund that would be distributed to counties to provide mental health and substance abuse services. The state Office of Management and Enterprise Services is directed to determine the annual savings, which will be distributed to counties in proportion to their population," according to "The Gist" on okpolicy.com.

Opponents of state question 780 say, "Without felony drug possession charges, defendants are less likely to complete substance abuse treatment. Prosecutors would no longer be able to use the threat of felony drug possession charges to compel gang members to testify against one another."

Oklahoma is ranked second in the rate of adult's incarceration with mental illnesses but without adequate funding. Oklahoma ranks 44 in funding for mental illnesses. Mental illnesses are real illnesses that deserve better funding for the health of the people of Oklahoma.

"By directing the cost savings back to communities, the state can address the substance abuse and mental health issues that cause crime in the first place," said supporters of State Question 781.

Opponents of state question 781 said, "SQ 781 leaves the calculation of cost savings to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services, but there is no guidance on how the calculation should be made. Counties that may have more people in jail or on community supervision will be responsible for more offenders but may not have sufficient funding to handle them."

As for State Question 780, this year 2016 state legislature has already taken steps to lesson penalties for drug offences.

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Resident assistants plan events for dorm residents

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Staff Reporter

Residence life is a large part of the college experience.

The residence halls at Northwestern work hard to make students feel at home by providing activities designed to get students involved within the dorms.

Kaylyn Hansen, director of housing at Northwestern, encourages students in the dorms to get involved.

"I believe that getting involved on campus will help students in being successful while in college and it can teach skills that being in the classroom cannot," Hansen said.

In addition, Hansen said her favorite part about going to the dorm events is meeting the residents.

Tatum Radcliff, Fryer Hall supervisor, oversees the events the resident assistants organize. Radcliff said, each RA has the opportunity to plan one event per semester with a partner. The RA's are encouraged to reach out to the residents for ideas, and residents can suggest any ideas they may have.

"Overseeing these events is one of my favorite parts of being a Hall Supervisor, because I get to see my RA's grow as leaders and other girls come and enjoy their hard work in putting them together," Radcliff said.

Kelsey Leveling, Northwestern senior, and Fryer Hall has been a resident assistant for the past three years. She and the other RA's in Fryer are in charge of organizing and putting on the activities in the dorms. Leveling said the dorm activity planned for December is making Christmas ornaments for Fryer Hall.

The RA's and hall supervisors of each dorm work hard to create enjoyable events for their residents to attend. These events establish a positive environment for the residents, and can help residents become more involved in their dorm life of campus.

Help Wanted
Lutheran Daycare has openings for director, master teacher and part-time caregiver. Please fill out application at 902 2nd St. and bring a copy of class schedule for availability.

The Way We See It

Editorial Section

Employee of the Week

Courtesy of University Relations

Rachel Emerson
Production Manager

This column of text is exactly 5.1394 inches tall, and it's nowhere near the amount of space needed to explain how valuable our production manager, Rachel Emerson, is to the Northwestern News team.

Emerson has worked on the news team for just over a year. Since her start, she has made a great positive impact on the production of the newspaper as well as on the team itself.

She is hardworking, reliable and just an all-around real MVP.

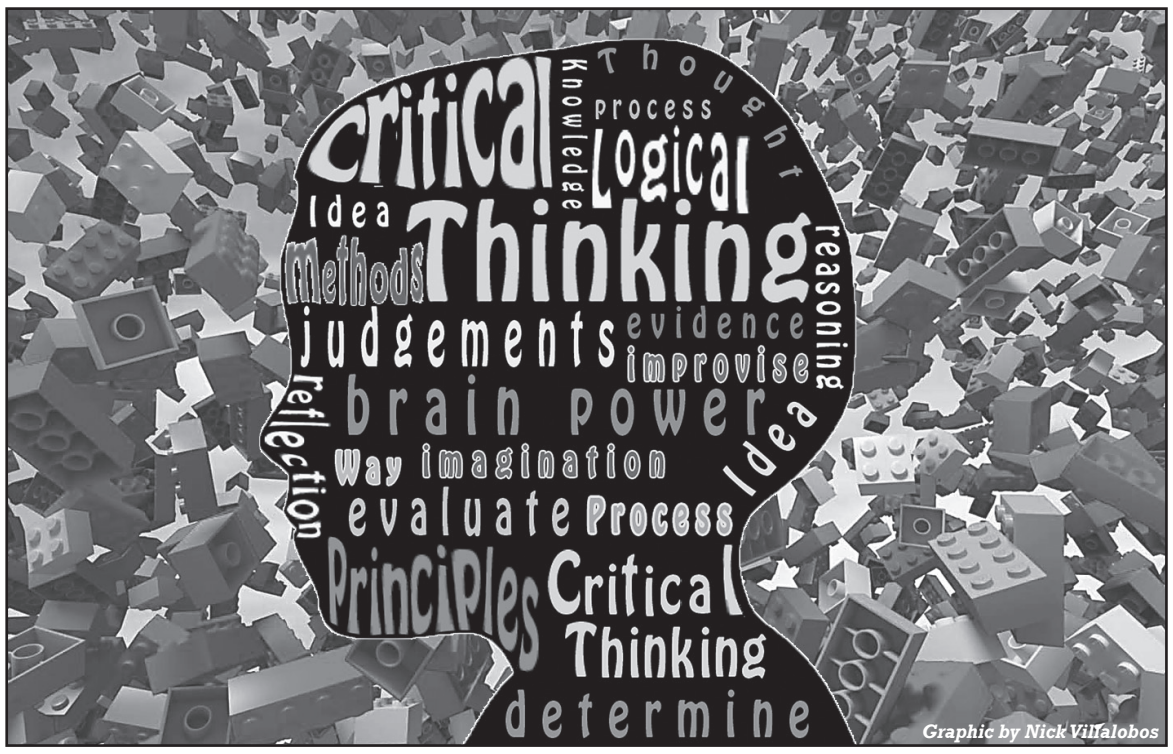
Each week, when she is faced with a design challenge, she is able to conquer the obstacle with relative ease.

Emerson doesn't like being called a creative genius of InDesign (the design program we use for newspaper), but in all honesty, that's exactly what she is.

For all the time and effort that you have spent on this newspaper over the last year, we at the Northwestern News thank you from the bottom of our hearts Rachel!

Critical thinking no more

Protocal has extinguished the ability to think critically in today's world.



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Picture this, the year is 1980 and an 8-year-old boy is sitting in the middle of his bedroom floor playing with a tub of assorted Lego's.

He tells himself, 'I want to build a house,' and using just his imagination, he presumes to build a house.

After completing the house he next tells himself, 'I want to build a convertible car,' and again using only his imagination, he presumes to build a convertible car.

Flash forward to the present, that once 8-year-old boy is now grown into a 36-year-old man, and he stands at the doorway of his son's bedroom watching his son play with a Lego kit.

As the father watches, he sees his son going step-by-step on the instruction manual, in hopes of building a house and a convertible car.

In the father's generation, it took not only imagination, but critical thinking to build that Lego car and house, whereas in today's generation it only took following predetermined instructions to build the car and house.

What's the significance?

Critical thinking was a part of that man's childhood, and it most likely has now become a part of his adulthood as well. Unfortunately the same can probably not be said about his son.

This illustration reflects how much of today's generation is. Today the kids are provided step-by-step instructions to figure out problems they are given instead of using their critical thinking process.

Unfortunately that's not how everything works in today's world.

Take this newspaper for example. Each week we, the staff, come in to layout pages. Sure we have instructions, and templates that are drawn out for us, but most of the time both of those are only suggestions and we alter them quite a bit to get the design to our liking.

Our job requires critical thinking and a lot of it because that's how the real world truly is.

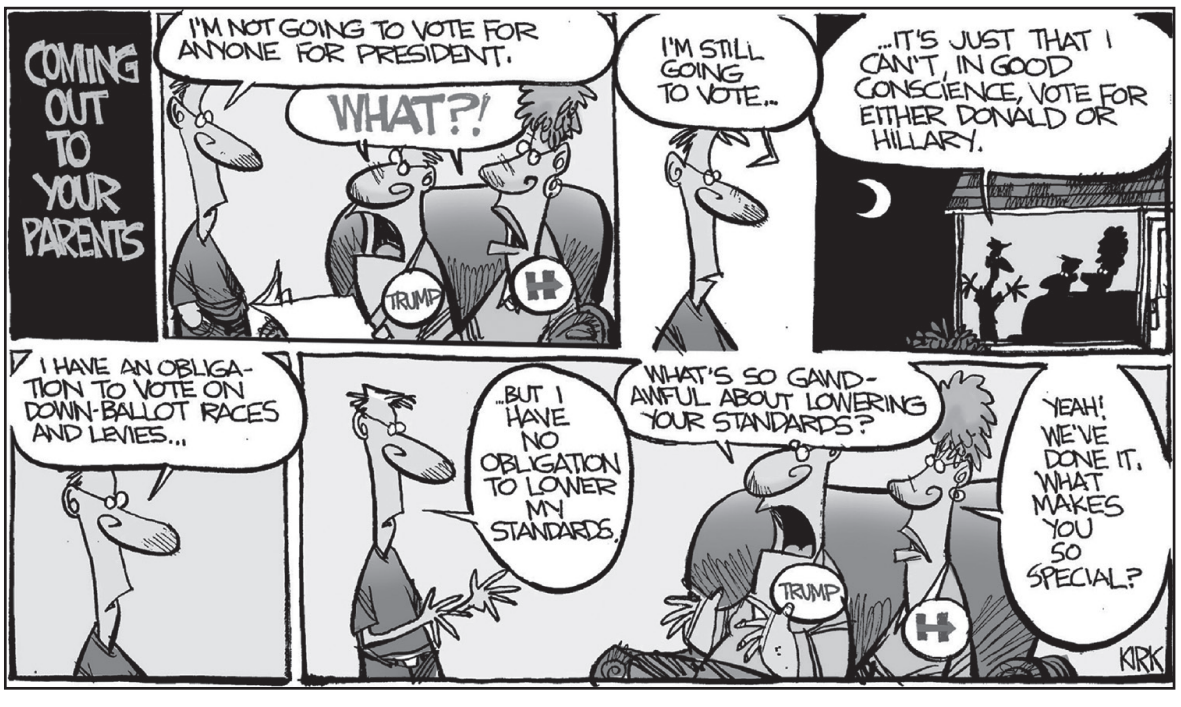
The world has no predetermined instructions drawn out for it. It's like the wind in the middle of autumn. It's either the perfect amount of breeze or it's too much to handle for one day.

Critical thinking is required of a person if they want to truly succeed in life after college or life in college even.

During the father's era, critical thinking was so common that even the Lego Company helped it along in the kid's lives.

Unfortunately, it seems that today's generation has slipped so much in the critical thinking category that the Lego Company is now forced to provide predetermined instructions to simply build a house and a car.

What has changed?



The Leap: *Part I*

How four brothers bonded while falling 11,000 feet

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Editor in Chief

The wind was roaring, and the weather was cold as I dropped from 11,000 feet to the hard earth that October day.

The day was Friday, Oct. 21, and it started earlier than any other day on fall break during my senior year of college.

My friends, Jesse, Bruno, Dep and I met in the second floor lobby, and then we departed for Kansas City, Missouri, to leap from a single engine airplane to try our hand at tandem skydiving.

The idea of taking the leap came a week earlier when our friend told us about her experience skydiving and the awestruck moment that she had gotten from it.

Before she was even able to finish the story of her experience the four of us guys looked at one another and said, "We're in. Let's do it." And just like that, we were committed.

Now, the weeks prior to when we made the decision to jump was trying for each of us guys.

For me, it was a stent of rough patches within my walk of faith that I struggled with. For Jesse, the struggle came from the stress that his nursing classes brought him. For Bruno, it was a change in life plans that had him struggling. Then finally, for Dep, the struggle was from the tiring hours of both work and school.

Maybe each of our personal struggles led to us making the decision to skydive, maybe it wasn't, but only the Lord above knows the real reason for the jump.

When the jump day came, nerves were at an all time high within the group, especially after the terrifyingly worded paperwork, frightening training video and somewhat reassuring pep talk from the instructors (Whew, each of those literally made me sweat that day).

But, after those three things were out of the way, the four of us were each suited up in our harnesses and directed to the airplane. Then liftoff. **(To be continued)**

Part II of The Leap will be in next week's issue of the Northwestern News. Stay tuned!

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Your Voice

Let's talk politics

Columnist adds insight to presidential election

By CHRIS AGBOLA
Staff Columnist

November is upon us and in five days, America goes to the polls. It is interesting how time flew by quickly.

It was only a few months ago where lots of individuals began contesting in primaries seeking to be their political party's presidential nominee. The rest is history.

The last folks standing in the race for the oval office in one of the most unpredictable election in the history of the United States are Hillary Clinton as the Democratic Party's nominee, Donald Trump as the Republican Party's nominee, Gary Johnson as the Libertarian Party's nominee and Jill Stein as the Green Party's nominee. Here are a few pointers for heading into Tuesday:

1. **Vote Platform and Not Candidate:** There has been unprecedented bickering as to who is more qualified to be the President of the United States based on past events, decisions and experiences.

However, an in-depth understanding of the Federal form of government reveals that, an elected president and senate will run a nation based on their affiliated political party's ideologies. On the campaign trail, candidates seeking to be elected deliver their message, which sets them apart from their opponents.

Some of the ideas and promises will eventually be carried out should they be elected whereas others are only for branding purposes to secure a support base.

Eligible voters have a preconceived ideology as to how the union should be run, which aligns with at least one of the political platforms being represented. As such, voting the platform that aligns with individual principles should be the way to go.

2.The Polls Might Be Wrong: In making of polls, a select few used to determine their opinions or favorability of a candidate.

In general, a poll is not the exact representation of how groups of people think or feel. It is an estimate that can be prone to biases based on the factors considered when gathering of the data is being done. So that the X news polls indicates that candidate A or B is leading does not insinuate that candidate C cannot be the emergent winner on Election Day.

A winner is determined based on the number of voters who turn out to cast their votes. So in order for an individual's candidate to win, he or she must ensure to vote and mobilize others to vote for the preferred candidate as well

3. The Media Is Skewed: It is rather unfortunate to indicate that, the electronic and print media that are supposed to be independent and transparent have their preferred candidates who they desire to be elected.

I am not making this point to bash or discredit the media for the tremendous job they have been undertaking throughout the entire election process. It is based on the assertion that, which media house you listen or read from will tell you who is the better candidate to support. So, depending on the media to make a choice is somewhat not objective.

Listening, watching or reading the news from diverse outlets will create a balance at least for an informed choice.

The various media platforms have individuals with political affiliations as employees so it makes sense to an extend why the support whomever they desire as more "fit."

4.Voting Is A Right: Across the world, the right to vote is not extensively practiced in all countries.

In the United States, some citizens are apathetic towards their civic right based on the notion that whoever wins does not have a direct bearing on their families or the assertion that, politicians are all liars and must not be trusted and so they refuse to vote.

The catch to acting this way is that, not voting ensures that whomever the eligible voter is less likely to support eventually wins because they did not go out to vote for their more preferred candidate as a vote could make the difference. Voting is an avenue for expressing patriotism as well.

5. The Beauty of Democracy Is the Unexpected: On Tuesday, eligible voters and those who have engaged in early voting will all desire to be informed by the close of the day or the next one that, the candidate for which they casted their vote won.

However, who ever wins in Election 2016 will be the person whose message resonated with voters and caused them to support them. In the end, let us all appreciate the process of democracy the winner, notwithstanding.

5 QUESTIONS WITH

Hailey Clark

1 Where were you born and raised?
"Tulsa, Oklahoma"

2 What were a few of your favorite things to do growing up?
"Music has always been a huge part of my life. I took voice lessons, piano lessons, sang in my church and was in my school choir."

3 Who were some of your favorite people to be around as a child?
"I loved spending time with my Papa Herb. We had the best time eating ice cream and watching the Andy Griffith Show."

4 Where did you attend college?
"Oklahoma State University"

5 What is it like to work in the Foundation office at Northwestern?
"Being a recent college graduate, I was nervous about my first job. Working in the Foundation office here at Northwestern has been a great experience. I work with amazing people who help make great things happen for the students and the university."

Feature

Viewpoints

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He plans to fix America's broken mental health system and ensure that it is a national right to carry guns in all 50 states and that military bases and recruiting centers have a right to bear arms to defend themselves.

On Immigration:

Clinton plans to introduce comprehensive immigration reform with a pathway to full and equal citizenship for all immigrants. She plans to end the three-year and ten-year bars that force families to remain hidden, or force them to split up. Clinton intends to end family detention centers, close private immigration detention centers, and promote naturalization and immigrant integration. She will defend President Obama's executive actions in the pursuit of treating immigrants fairly and humanely.

Trump intends to establish new immigration controls to insure that jobs are offered to Americans first. Trump intends to protect the economic well-being of the lawful immigrants already in America and curb uncontrolled foreign worker admissions. He would put into place a system where immigrants are selected based on their likelihood of being successful in America and their ability to be financially self-sufficient. Trump intends to build a physical wall along the U.S.-Mexico border and terminate President Obama's executive actions to enforce all current immigration laws.

On Healthcare:

Clinton plans to defend and expand the Affordable Care Act, bringing down out of pocket expenses for patients. She intends to reduce the cost of prescription drugs and protect consumers from the pharmaceutical companies. Clinton wants to expand affordable healthcare to families, regardless of their immigration status, as well as ensure that the lowest-income Americans will be able to enroll in an expanded Medicaid system.

Trump plans to repeal Obamacare and replace it with Health Savings Accounts. He intends to work with Congress to create a patient-centered health care system as well as allow people to purchase insurance across state lines to create a dynamic market. Trump wants to work with states to ensure that high-risk individuals who do not have continuous coverage receive coverage and that states are able to design Medicaid programs that will better serve low-income citizens.

Political issues within parties

By MEGAN MAHARRY
Student Reporter

The Democratic and Republican parties do not always see eye to eye. There are many issues the parties have split views over, and several concerns the parties have with each other.

Healthcare is one issue on which they disagree. Democrats believe health care is a right, not a privilege. They support both Medicare and the Affordable Care Act. The Republicans, however, want to do away with these elements of healthcare.

The Republicans want to repeal the Affordable Care Act, and limit federal requirements on both private insurance and Medicaid. Republicans are concerned with the costs of healthcare, while Democrats say the health care system should put its people before the profits.

The parties also have concerns with each other over taxes. Democrats want to provide tax code rewards to businesses for keeping jobs available in United States.

They believe millionaires and billionaires should pay their fair share of taxes. They also want to offer tax relief to middle-class families.

The Republicans have concerns over these views. In some cases, they believe higher taxes can stimulate economic growth. Therefore, they believe taxes should be lower.

Regarding the issue of foreign policy, Democrats and Republicans both believe the United States should be leaders for the rest of the world.

They both believe the military should be the strongest.

However, Democrats think military forces should only be used when necessary and believe war should be used as a last resort. Republicans believe the military should have vast superiority over all other nations.

The Democrats believe the United States should lead the world to grow the economy and make the country safer. The Republicans believe the United States's job is to retake its position as the leader of the world.

Another concern between the parties is the issue of immigration. The Democrats support legal immigration within reason. They believe people should come into the United States with visas.

A main concern of the Democrats is fixing the immigration system in order to keep families together, and allow people a chance to work toward citizenship.

The Democrats support Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals and Deferred Action for Parents of Americans. These acts help prevent deportation of certain immigrants; therefore, keeping families from being separated. The Republicans do not support these acts. They believe illegal immigration is a danger to everyone, and believe all illegal immigrants should be deported.

While the parties share similar views on some issues, there are vast concerns each party has about the other. These issues and concerns will continue to divide the voters in the upcoming election.

This Day in History

Voter turnout yields embarrassing results

By JUSTIN TINDER
Student Reporter

This article originally ran on November 3, 1988 in the Northwestern news.

Now is the time for all good citizens to come to the aid of their nation. No, this is not typing practice, just the age-old plea for everyone to vote in the general election, Tuesday.

There have been several articles written about why people should go out and vote. It really is a shame that they are necessary. It's regrettable that Americans don't take seriously the responsibility that the founding fathers fought to make their right.

Around the country, voter turn-out flounders around the 50-percent level.

A check at the Woods County Courthouse revealed that in the 1984 general election only 7,125 (65 percent) of 10,900 eligible persons bothered to register to vote, and only 5,433 actually cast is a ballot. What all this means is that less than half of the Woods County electorate voted.

These figures really are embarrassing. How can we claim our position as the world's leader for democracy while fewer than half of the eligible electorate participates in the selection of our leaders. We surely are setting a bad example.

People shouldn't let the fact that their candidate is ahead or behind in the polls determine whether or not they will go ahead and vote. It is dangerous to assume that their vote won't make a difference. If they think that way, there are bound to be a million others who think the same way.

In 1960, John Kennedy overcame a deficit in the polls and won the presidency with an advantage of only 112,000 votes out of 70 million cast. Just think, if those 112,000 people believed that their votes didn't matter, Richard Nixon would have been erasing tapes eight years earlier.

Americans should be doers not watchers. America can't afford to continue to let the minority make decisions for the majority simply because the majority is too lazy or disinterested to vote.

Week long manhunt ends with shootout

By VICTORIA SCHNAUFFER
Student Reporter

Photo provided

Michael Vance

The week long manhunt for murder suspect, Michael Vance, ended late Sunday evening during a shoot-out with police.

Michael Vance was due in court on charges of sexual assault of a child, this week.

It was recorded that Vance had the aids virus which is shared by sexual contact and blood. He was accused of being inappropriate with a 15-year- old female.

Last Sunday, Oct. 23, Vance found himself in a shoot-out with police, in Lincoln County, leaving two police officers wounded.

Early Monday morning, Oct. 24, during the hunt for Vance, police found the bodies of Vance's aunt and uncle, Valerie Kay and Ronald Wilkson, in their Luther home.

Police said that Vance left the scene of the first police shoot out, in a police vehicle, then car jacked a nearby vehicle and possibly found a third.

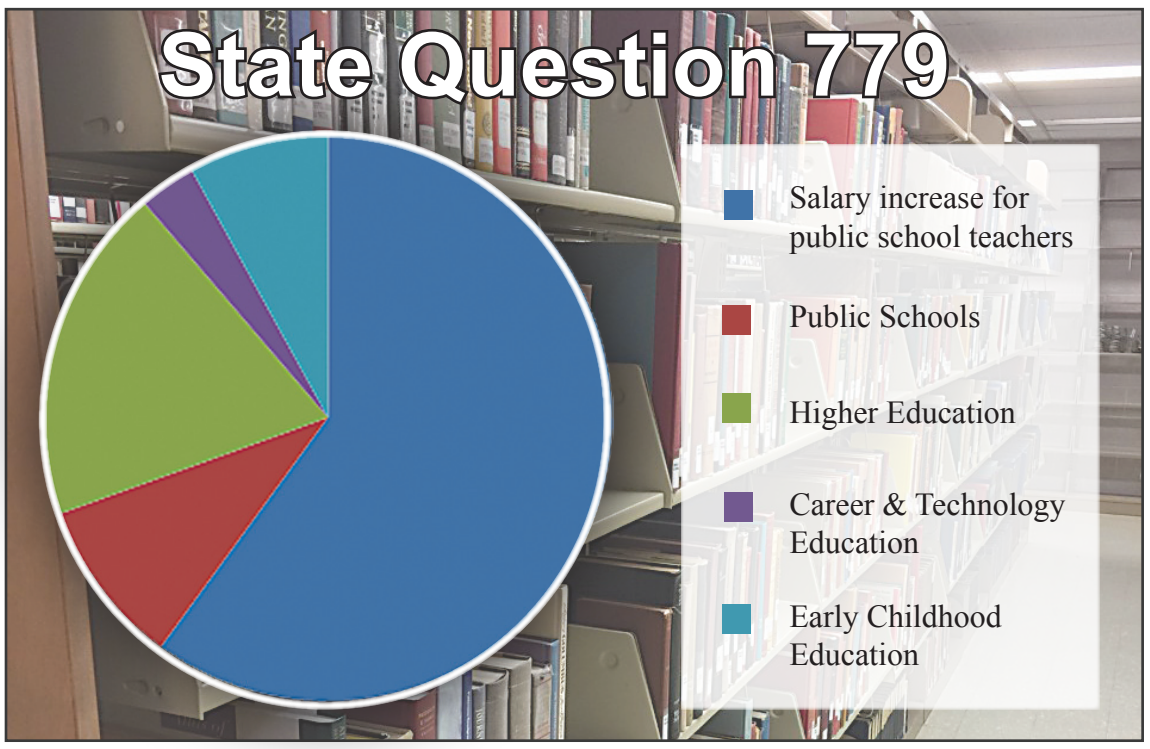
Vance was also accused of shooting a store clerk, in the leg, in Sayre and attempted to take her vehicle. She is in recovery.

Throughout his run from authorities, Vance used Facebook live stream to send out two messages in a stolen truck. He showed his gun in the videos and claims things would get more intense. He continued to make threats to other family members. Authorities were afraid he would try to spread the aids virus to others.

Around 9:30 pm, on Sunday evening, Vance entered into another shootout with Dewey County Sherriff, Clay Saunder, who pulled over the vehicle Vance was traveling in. Saunder was shot twice and Vance escaped.

Fourty-five minutes later, Vance was shot and killed during a second shooting. Vance was wanted on two counts of first-degree murder, unauthorized use of a vehicle and being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Feature



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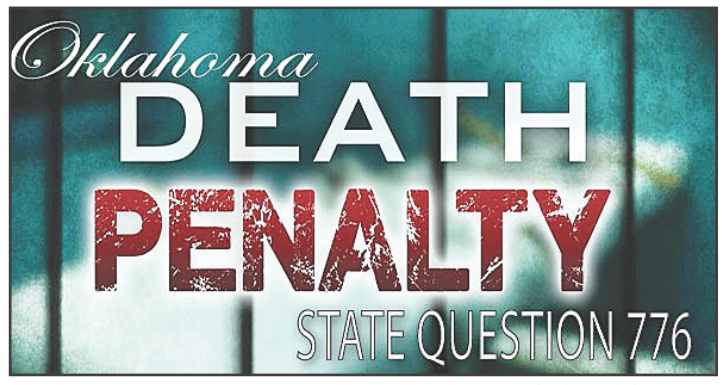
State Question 779, also known as the Oklahoma One Percent Sales Tax adds a new Article to the Oklahoma Constitution to a limited purpose fund to improve public education. The tax will levee a one cent sales and use tax to improve public education, by increasing teacher salaries, addressing teacher shortages, implementing programs to improve reading in early grades, increase high school graduation rates and college and career readiness and college affordability, improving higher education and career and technology education, and increasing access to voluntary early learning opportunities for low-income and at-risk children.

"To not adequately fund education, Pre-K through higher education, is to hinder the economic growth and subsequent quality of life for Oklahoma families. The citizens of Oklahoma have to make it clear to our governing bodies that inadequate funding of education is not an option, and it is time to change. The way that occurs is up to the people. Investing in education is an investment in people. Ultimately, that is the only investment that matters."

~ Christee Jenlink
Northwestern Associate Dean and professor of Education

"While there are those that do agree to the state question, some would disagree on what the state question because of what the outcome would be if the 1 percent tax does come into effect where it will cost some small businesses and also cut on some small families that are already struggling in this economy."

~ Sabreena Burks
Student Reporter



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"I feel this is a necessary amendment to our Constitution to number one, establish that the death penalty is not cruel and unusual punishment, to number two, to make it clear that the legislature has the authority to alter those death penalty statutes, and to also ensure that, if a method of execution is declared unconstitutional, then the sentence can still be carried out by another method."

~ Anthony Sykes
Senator of Oklahoma

"Corruption of power is a real thing in our justice system, therefore the risk of possible wrongful convictions resulting in the death penalty should be eliminated by not allowing the death penalty all together,"

~ Keith Wear
Assistant Athletic Trainer for Northwestern Athletics

State Question 776 is a constitutinal amendment that affirms the state of Oklahoma's right to perfomr executions. It gives the Legislature the power to designate any method of execution, prohibits the reduction of death sentence due to an invalid method of execution, and prohibits the death penalty from being ruled "cruel and unusual punishment" or unconstituational according to the Oklahoma Constituation.

State Question 777

"We have people getting farther and farther from agriculture. The average person doesn't know how it works. It would be a way for producers to protect how they work because there is so much misinformation out there about agriculture."

~ Trae Watson
Northwestern Ag Business Senior

This decision is the state question 777, otherwise known as Oklahoma's right to farm. According to www.oklahomarighttofarm.com, the new section creates state constitutional rights that guarantee the right to make use of agricultural technology, the right to make use of livestock procedures and the right to make use of ranching practices.

The extra protection is a limit on lawmaker's ability to interfere with the exercise of these rights. SQ777 will impact state laws related to trespassing, eminent domain, dominance of mineral interest, easements, property rights and any state statutes and political subdivision ordinances enacted before Dec. 31, 2014.

"I understand both view point on the topic of SQ777, but I believe farmers should have the right to farm the way they have been for years. Farmers do not need an amendment to give big agriculture corporations free reign over how farms are ran."

~ Shaquille William
Northwestern Criminal Justice major

Photo by Nick Villalobos

Entertainment

Calendar of Events

November 3

Enchilada Party
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Education Center 109

November 3

Resume Workshop
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Education Center 108

November 3

Ecology Guest Speaker
7 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Science Amphitheater

November 4

Red Riot Volleyball game
7 p.m.
Percefull Fieldhouse

November 5

Anime & Manga club watch party
Noon - 6 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

November 6

Rake and Run Community Service project
2 p.m. - 6 p.m.
Fryer Hall

November 8

Election Day!!

November 10

Multicultural Dance
7 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.
Student Center Ballroom

November 14

Thanksgiving Etiquette Dinner
6 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Ranger Room

Dr. Shelly Wells, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, was recognized at Oklahoma Nurses Association's awards luncheon for receiving the Nightingale Award of Excellence./ *Courtesy of University Relations*

Wells receives award

Oklahoma Nurses Association (ONA) recognized one of Northwestern Oklahoma State University's division chairs recently.

Dr. Shelly Wells, associate professor of nursing and chair of the Division of Nursing, was awarded the Nightingale Award of Excellence.

This award is presented to an ONA member, who during their career has provided service and dedication to the association, exemplified the characteristics of the professional nurse, implemented unique strategies to fulfill professional and community role responsibilities, as well as being engaged in a variety of roles that enhance the image of the nursing profession.

"My initial response was one of surprise—it is quite humbling to be recognized for one's work by peers and mentors," Wells said. "Looking out at that crowd and seeing nurses who are recognized around the state for the work they have accomplished and knowing that they are standing up in response to me winning the award was thrilling.

"While this award is given to one nurse annually, it actually belongs to more than me," Wells said. "It is because of great nurses throughout the state that I am able to do what I do. I am only one nurse, but I want to see all nurses succeed, and whatever I can do to assist another nurse to be successful actually steers me towards meeting my goals of touching the lives of many patients and helping them to be the best that they can be and live the best lives possible."

ONA is the professional association for all registered nurses in Oklahoma. It is a community of nurses across all specialties and practice settings working to promote the profession of nursing.

This community of nurses is working to address the issues that face nursing on a daily basis, as well as other issues of importance – nurse-force numbers, workplace safety, standards of care, scope of practice and patient safety. ONA focuses on practice, educational, political and professional issues that impact registered nurses in Oklahoma.

Dr. Bo Hannaford, vice president for academic affairs, is grateful to have such a dedicated division chair to be helping Northwestern's students.

"We are very excited about Dr. Wells receiving the Nightingale Award of Excellence," Hannaford said.

"She is very deserving of this award," Wells said. "Her dedication to Northwestern and the profession of nursing has been nothing but outstanding. Under her leadership and the hard work of our faculty, our Division of Nursing continues to excel."

Wells looks forward to more progress in Northwestern's new Doctorate of Nursing Program (DNP).

"Winning this award only makes me want to work harder at Northwestern as nursing pursues opportunities to improve the health of the citizens in our region," Wells said. "Rural healthcare has many deficits, but nursing has a real chance to make a difference in the lives of our people. The graduates of our BSN program provide a good foundation to improve the health care situation in northwestern Oklahoma. The new BSN-to-DNP Family Nurse Practitioner program with its emphasis on the health needs of the rural communities will only lead to healthier improvements for our area."

For more information on Northwestern's nursing program, contact Wells at (580) 327-8489 or scwells@nwosu.edu.

top ten

Most Dependable Vehicles

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10. Lincoln

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King Crossword

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1 High point
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12 Fly high
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14 Sea eagle
15 Multi-Grammy-winning gospel singer
17 Helps
18 Faux —
19 Inquire
20 Snob
21 With it
22 "Unh-unh"
23 Threw a party for
26 Kingston's island
30 Prayer ending
31 Space
32 Thy
33 Commemorative coin, maybe
35 Doctrine
36 Thanksgiving veggie
37 Two, in Tijuana
38 Capital letter key
41 Zodiac cat
42 Ernesto Guevara
45 Novice
46 "Lord of the Rings" cast member
48 Smell
49 Blackbird
50 Franc replacement
51 Hang in the balance
52 Solidify
53 Marries

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1 Now, on a memo
2 Prolonged sleep
3 Baseball's "Say Hey Kid"
4 Work unit
5 Necklace fastener
6 Yarn bundle
7 Performance
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20 Muppet eagle
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22 Siesta
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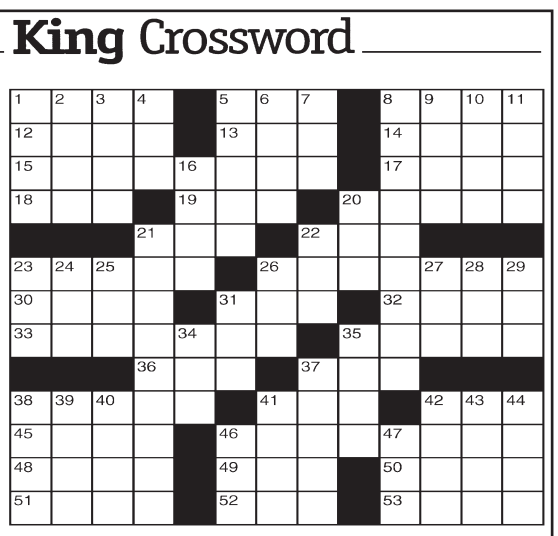

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Inspiration for the week

Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out.

- Robert Collier -

King Crossword — Answers

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Answers to Oct. 27 puzzle

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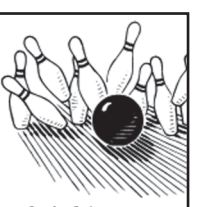

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Sports

Women's team wins home rodeo

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Katy Miller breathed a hefty sigh Saturday night.

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University cowgirl had overcome some early season issues and put together two solid runs to win both the breakaway roping and women's all-around crown and help guide the team to the women's title at their home rodeo

"My roping hasn't been going very good at the rodeos this year," said Miller, a junior from Faith, South Dakota.

Miller said: "I could do it time and time again in the practice pen, but it wasn't paying off when I'd get to the ropings. I changed some things and figured it out, and the weekend went good.One of my friends told me I needed to quit riding with my knees and start riding with my feet, and that made all the difference."

Miller posted a 2.7-second run in the first round to finish in a three-way tie for fifth place, then followed that with a 2.5 in the championship round to clinch the title. She was one of three Northwestern ropers who scored points: Cassy Woodward of Dupree, South Dakota, was 2.4 to finish second in the long round, while Taige Trent of Burrton, Kansas placed fourth in the first round, fifth in the short round and fifth overall.

"I think our women's team is really strong," Miller said. "We have Tearnee Nelson from my hometown, and she got us a lot of points this weekend."

Miller roping her calf in the short round securing the All-Around title./*Photo Provided*

Nelson was 6.1 seconds to tie for the first-round victory, then posted a 6.4 to finish second in the final round and second overall in the goat tying. She earned 155 points for the team, while Miller was 6.5 in the opening round to finish in a tie for fifth place with teammate Jenny Massing of Ponoka, Alberta, then was 7.6 to place sixth in the short round and the average.

Miller acquired 165 points between the two events, which boosted her to the top spot in the all-around.

"Winning the all-around means a lot," Miller said. "Winning in Alva really meant a lot. My mom got to come from South Dakota to watch, and there were a lot of people from town, teachers and friends from school. It was cool to win at our home rodeo."

The Rangers also vaulted to the team title with the help of barrel racer Sara Bynum from Beggs who finished fourth in the long round; a tipped barrel cost her in the final round.

Christina Munster starts the barrel racing on Oct. 27 during the rodeo performance./*Photo Provided*

"I think our team is very capable of winning the region like we have the last few years," Miller said. "We haven't come together in the past few rodeos like we know we can. We have six rodeos to go in the season, so we have lots of room to make up points."

While the Northwestern women capitalized on the home rodeo, the men also gathered crucial points, finishing fourth. They were paced by steer wrestler Grayson Allred of Kanarraville, Utah, who won the first round, was runner-up in the short round and had the fastest two-run cumulative time of 8.8 seconds to claim the average title.

But he was just one of four Rangers who placed in bulldogging: Joby Allen of Alva was fourth, Ethan Price of Leedey was fifth and Cody Devers of Perryton, Texas, was sixth. Price also finished fourth in tie-down roping, just behind Mason Bowen of Bullard, Texas, whose two-run cumulative time of 18.9 seconds was good enough for third.

Team roping header Dylan Schulenberg of Coal Valley, Illinois, continues to find success with his heeler, Wyatt Miller of Fort Scott Community College; they finished second in both rounds and the average, and Schulenberg has a firm grip on first place in the standings.

The weekend, though, belonged to the women's team, which will carry over the success of the final fall rodeo into the spring portion of the season.

Miller said: "Stockton gave us a talk before the weekend. He told us to bear down, that this was our home rodeo, and we needed to put on a show. We wanted to finish the fall season strong because none of us were happy with where we're sitting in the standings. Now we've got a better start at it. We all just knew it was time to get some more points and quit messing around."

Athletic Events

November 3

Mens Basketball

7 p.m. Rangers at University of Science and Arts

November 4

Womens Volleyball

7 p.m. Rangers vs. Southeastern Oklahoma State University

November 5

Cross Country

9 a.m. Rangers at Sioux Falls, SD

Womens volleyball

11 a.m. Rangers vs. East Central University

Football

2 p.m. Rangers vs. Harding University

November 10

Womens Volleyball

7 p.m. Rangers vs. Southwestern Oklahoma State University

Womens soccer ends their 2016 season

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State University women's soccer team was defeated by conference foe Oklahoma Baptist University on Saturday at Shawnee by a final score of 4-0.

Kaitlin Bell had the only shot recorded for Northwestern. Oklahoma Baptist scored two goals before the 30-minute mark and put the Rangers on their heels.

Yazmin Gomez led the Rangers this season in total goals scored with three and total shots on goal with 15. Briana Legaspi totaled 125 saves on the season. Northwestern as a team tallied 134 shots on the season

This was the final contest of the 2016 season for Northwestern.

Records: Northwestern Oklahoma State University (0-18, 0-12 GAC) Oklahoma Baptist (10-5-1, 7-4-1 GAC)

Key player Briana Legaspi./*Photo Provided*

Key player Kaitlin Bell./*Photo Provided*

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Sports

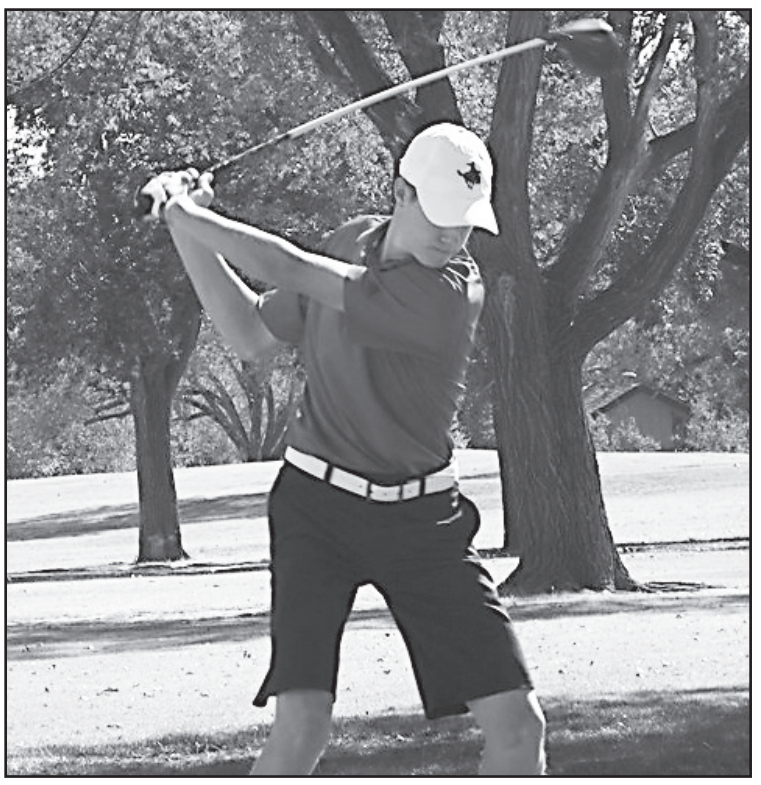
Hixon earns athlete of the month

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Freshman Cody Hixon capped off his impressive first semester of collegiate golf by taking home the Great American Conference Male Golfer of the Week, honor.

Hixon earned the award by firing rounds of 72 and 74 to finish in third place, at the Northwestern Oklahoma State University Invite, at Meadlowlake Golf Course, in Enid during Oct. 23-24. Hixon helped lead the Rangers to a two-stroke comeback to take the team title for their first win in the NCAA Division II era.

Hixon had a stellar first semester campaign, of golf, including matching the school individual low round of 68, as well taking home the Blue Sky Media Northwestern September Athlete of the Month honor.



Cody Hixon driving the ball at the NWOSU Invite golf meet./*Photo Provided*

Hixon also helped the team post their lowest team score as a Division II program, a 288 during the final round of competition in the Great American Conference Preview, at Lake Hefner Golf Course, in Oklahoma City.

Hixon is originally from Pawnee and is currently majoring in Business Management. In high school he averaged 73 in his senior year. He was also a class 2A All-state performer for Pawnee High School. Hixon plans on going into the golf business upon graduation.

Hixon and the Rangers will begin their spring semester in early March and will finish the spring semester at the Great American Conference Championships at Hot Springs Country Club, Arkansas in late April.

Ranger football comes up short

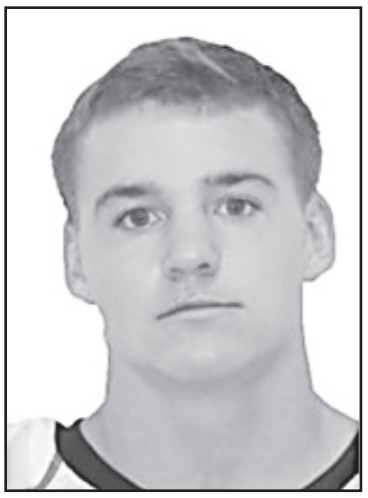
By RYAN SHUMAKER
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University traveled to Russellville, Arkansas, to take on the Wonder Boys of Arkansas Tech. It turned out to be a great one, but one in which the Rangers came up short 41-35.

Reid Miller continued his brilliant senior season on Oct. 29, throwing three touchdowns and passing for 344 yards. Jacob Peyton was the lead rusher for the Ranger offense, as he carried the rock 20 times for 74 total yards and a score.

In his first game back from injury, Horatio Smith, had a big day, catching nine passes for 91 yards and two touchdowns; although, he didn't cross the goal line in the game.

Tamarick Courtney led the team in yards receiving, as he caught two passes for 98 yards with 64 being the long reception on the day.For the third straight game, Maurice Wright Jr. was the lead tackler for the Rangers as he collected 10 on the afternoon. He also came up with a forced fumble in the process.



Key offensive players Jacob Peyton and Reid Miller./*Photo Provided*

Senior defensive back, Jordan Norris was also solid defensively, picking off two passes in the game and taking one back for the score, which was a huge play in a key time.

Both teams were sound defensively in the first quarter as it actually came to a close scoreless, but Arkansas Tech drove the ball 86 yards down the field on the first drive of the second to make the score 7-0.

They put one more score on the board before halftime, making it 14-0.

Immediately out of the break on their first possession, the Wonder Boys put another score on the board, on a 49 yard pass, to the end zone.

Later on in the third quarter, Northwestern found the scoreboard, and they would find it often later on.

For the second time in the ballgame, ATU went up by 21 points, but the Rangers came back with a vengeance. The third finished with the visitors making it a 14-point game at 28-14, and it only became more interesting from there.

After one more Tech score, Northwestern went on a 21-point run to tie it up at 35 all.

Unfortunately for the Rangers, the tie didn't last too long as the Wonder Boys drove down the field and crossed the goal line in just four plays.With 4:21 on the play clock, Northwestern mounted their final try at a comeback.

Beginning at their own 30 yard line, the Rangers drove 34 yards and reached as far as the 18 yard line, before a holding penalty, two attempts at the endzone and a sack ultimately ended the game for the Rangers in heartbreaking fashion, 41-35.

Miller once again erased former records and now has the all-time TD's record, at Northwestern, as he surpassed Kyle Jech who held the record for four years.Reid has 72 passing touchdowns in his illustrious career, two more now than the previous holder, Jech.

Northwestern will kick-off the next game at 2 p.m. on Saturday, where they will be hosting Harding University. It will be the last home game for 22 Ranger seniors.

Rangers defeated by Bison 3-1

By RANGERS ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT

Northwestern Oklahoma State women's volleyball was defeated by Oklahoma Baptist by a final score of 3-1 on Saturday at the Percefull Fieldhouse.

Fresh off of a tough road loss at Southern Nazarene on Oct. 27, the Rangers came out in the first set with vengeance at home in Percefull Fieldhouse.

Three out of the first four kills belonged to Natalie Fahey, who had a strong performance on the offensive attack for the Rangers as she hit .320 throughout the afternoon. The Rangers capitalized on the early onslaught of kills by Fahey and never allowed the Bison back into the set, winning 25-19.

As a team, the Rangers only committed three attack errors throughout the set, while hitting .326 as a team. Fahey led the Rangers in kills with 13. Hannah Williams and Asia Pipkin both had 10 kills throughout the match. Vanessa Maile, Cassidy Hackett and Kiauna Clark all reached double digits in the assists category. Carley Greer led the defensive charge with 20 digs.

The Rangers rode the momentum they established in the first set and jumped out to an 8-4 lead in the second set of the ballgame. However, the Bison slowly cut into the Rangers lead and after a timeout at the 13-9 mark got on a roll and went up 21-18.

The Rangers proved their resilience however by slowing down the Oklahoma Baptist attack and tying the match up at 21-21. Unfortunately for the home team, the Bison pulled out the points when it mattered, and took the set 27-25.

The third and fourth sets were tough ones as the Rangers couldn't manage to find a way to slow down the Bison. In the third set the Bison opened up a 24-14 lead, but before allowing the final point in the set, Northwestern strung together four points to show they wouldn't go down without a fight. The Bison exploded in the final set and finished off the Rangers by a score of 25-12.

Northwestern volleyball will return to action at 7 p.m. on Friday at home in Percefull Fieldhouse against conference opponent Southeastern Oklahoma State.

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Area News

Aeronautics Commission encourages drone users to study Part 107 and Oklahoma drone laws./ *Graphic provided*

No drone zone now in effect

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma – New security concerns for businesses, government facilities and private citizens arose last session and was addressed by House Bill 2599 which restricted flight of unmanned aircraft over locations and businesses that are considered critical infrastructure.

Sen. Ron Sharp was the principal Senate author of the bill that he says will help better protect the privacy and security of Oklahoma businesses and facilities.

"What fences and barriers do to prevent trespassers at critical sites, House Bill 2499 is trying to do in the airspace with new technology of unmanned aircraft," said Sharp, R-Shawnee.

HB 2599 restricts flights of drones over "critical infrastructure" less than 400 feet above ground level or past their fence lines. The bill also requires signage on such property forbidding flight of drones without site authorization. Violators can be found civilly liable for damages to the property, environment or human health.

Law enforcement, government, critical infrastructure facility owners and operators authorized by the FAA to conduct operations over that airspace are exempt under HB 2599.

Part 107 rules were released in August of this year outlining federal rules for drones. Operators must maintain a visual line-of-sight during daylight operations and the Unmanned Ariel System (UAS) must weigh less than 55 lbs. and be registered.

More information about drone statutes and rules may be addressed to the Oklahoma Aeronautics Commission.

Rep. Justin Wood was the House author of HB 2599, which went into effect Nov. 1.

Paul Walsh/*Photo provided*

Walsh to lead art class in Eufaula Friday

The Cork and Canvas with artist Paul Walsh is 6 p.m. Friday in Eufaula and painters are encouraged to bring their creativity.

Cost for the event is $35 and tickets can be purchased online at legacyonmainstreet.com or at Our Favoite Place, 127 N. Main St., Eufaula. No previous experience is required.

Paul Walsh, a graduate of East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma has a B.A. in Art and a M.A. in Art Education.

After serving in the Army during the Vietnam War, he returned to central Oklahoma where he taught art in public school for thirty-seven years, thirty-five of which were at Sulphur High School.

Since retiring in 2002, Walsh actively pursues his love of art and is currently an adjunct teacher at East Central University in Ada, Oklahoma.

Walsh uses the landscape for his primary image often calling his paintings 'tree portraits'. Through his quiet compositions, color usage and textures, he interprets the area's subtle beauty with his unique style.

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Oklahoma public school assessment released

OKLAHOMA CITY (Oct. 27, 2016) – The State Board of Education (SBE) Thursday approved the release of 2016 A-F Report Cards for all public schools in Oklahoma.

They are available at afreportcards.ok.gov.

The report cards released today are likely to be the last using the A-F calculations that have been in effect since the 2012-2013 school year.

Under the federal Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and a new state law, House Bill 3218, the Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE) is developing a new school accountability calculation to take effect in the 2017-2018 school year.

"Our sights are fixed on a stronger school accountability system that will be a more meaningful and accurate measure for Oklahoma schools and districts," said Joy Hofmeister, state superintendent of public instruction, "one that will better provide contextual information that educators, families and communities need to know about our schools, their academic performance, student growth and progress especially for high-need and at-risk student groups."

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