

# What's Happening

## January 31, 2025

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## Stillwater nurses pinning held

Three Northern Oklahoma College Nursing Students received their nurses' pins at a ceremony at NOC Tonkawa Friday evening in the 51st Class of NOC Nursing at NOC Stillwater.

Nursing students from the Stillwater campus received their pins and cited the Florence Nightingale Pledge.

Nurses receiving their pins were Ashley Danielle Engle, Brian Halpin, and Jenny Hoyle.

The guest speaker was Lou Anne Treadwell, BSN, RN, CCRN, RN of Stillwater Medical Center.

Dr. Vickie Crouch pinned each member of the graduating class with a nursing pin that is

unique to NOC.

This is the first class of December graduates from NOC Nursing as the first spring admission class on Stillwater campus. NOC Nursing Division Chair Dr. Nikole Hicks congratulates each member of the graduating class and thanks NOC's community partners for their support as NOC Nursing expands to fall and spring admissions on all campuses.

### Nursing Awards

Alpha Delta Nu Honor Society – Ashley Engle, Brian Halpin

Exceptional Preceptor Award – Kasey Platt, Stillwater Medical Center



NOC Nursing graduates and faculty at the NOC Nurses Pinning Ceremony December 6 at NOC Stillwater. (photo by Shiloh Martin/Northern Oklahoma College).

## VITA tax prep program begins in Feb.

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents starting Feb. 13 at NOC Tonkawa.

Singles or families making less than \$75,000 per year qualify for the free service.

Trained tax preparers from the NOC Business Division and area volunteers will be available for tax assistance beginning on specific Thursdays starting Feb. 13. Taxpayers also have an option to prepare their own basic federal and state tax return using the free e-filing software.

Cara Beth Johnson, Business division chair

said, "This is a great opportunity for our students to provide a community service and gain tax preparation experience."

The Cultural Engagement Center (CEC) is hosting the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program Feb. 13, Feb. 27, March 13, March 27, and April 10. The CEC is located in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

Interested parties need to provide a photo ID for all filers; Social Security cards and birthdates for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents;

(See **Tax** on Page 2)

## Tonkawa Homecoming Activities

Feb. 3: Homecoming Bonfire, S'mores and Hot Cocoa, 8 p.m.

Feb. 4: Homecoming Voting, Student Affairs Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Feb. 4: Homecoming That's No Bull Revue, Wilkin Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Feb. 5: Homecoming Voting, Student Affairs Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Feb. 5: Homecoming Roustabout Show, KPAC, 7:30 p.m.

Feb. 6: Homecoming Basketball Game/Coronation, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

Feb. 6: Homecoming 5th Quarter in East Gym, After the men's game



# Tax

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W-2 forms; 1099 forms; receipts for childcare costs, education expenses, and other deductions; checking account and routing number for refund; and 1095-A, -B, or -C healthcare coverage or exemption.

Tax preparation is done by appointment only. Please contact Cara Beth Johnson at 580.628.6340 or carolyn.johnson@noc.edu. Northern Oklahoma College and the IRS are sponsoring the program.

## Roustabout show Wednesday

The NOC Division of Fine Arts is hosting the annual Roustabout Homecoming Show on Wednesday, Feb. 5. The show is set to begin at 7L30 p.m. at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

## January/February Faculty/Staff Birthdays



Audrey Schmitz	Jan. 31	Lynn Demuth	Feb. 16
Kathleen Otto	Feb. 1	Cooper Battisti	Feb. 20
Kayla Kelso	Feb. 2	Bradley Klump	Feb. 20
Fallyn Marshall	Feb. 3	Audra Biggs	Feb. 23
Susie Barnes	Feb. 5	Jimmy Dickinson	Feb. 24
Darrell Frost	Feb. 5	Jeremy Hise	Feb. 24
Brenda Pennington	Feb. 12	Tony Barnes	Feb. 25
Jeff Ray	Feb. 13	Jonie Johnson	Feb. 28
Lauren Kennedy	Feb. 14	Harley Morton	Feb. 28







Lakeylynn Thompson, NOC Enid Jets pitcher

# Youth serves for Jets Softball

The NOC Enid Jets Softball Team opens the 2025 season in Weatherford (TX) for four games in the Weatherford Tournament.

The Jets are under second year head coach Steve Kissel. The Jets were 17-36 in Kissel’s first year. “We have a young team but are very talented and athletic,” Kissel said. “We have a chance to have a very good year.”

Kissel said the strength of the team is sophomore Lakelynn Thompson, the Jets top starting pitcher.

“I like out pitching depth and along with our speed and power on offense,” Kissel said.

Youth is Kissel’s biggest concern.

“We have 22 freshmen so the key is how fast we mature as a team,’ he said.

The Jets line-up includes Cassidy Cook, Morgan Hayes, and Sonia Mena in the outfield. On the infield, the Jets will start Albaney Pritchard, Brylee Davis, Zoie Zachary, and Emily Gregory. Shelbi Pearson will catch along with Hayden Houlcomb who will catch and play in the outfield.

Working in the circle will be Thompson along with fellow sophomores Caitlyn Byrne and Giselle Peralta and freshmen KK Harjo and Lillyan Ball.

“I think the region is wide open,” Kissel said. Connors finished strong last year, Seminole is always good along with Eastern, NEO and Rose. If a team gets hot at the tournament, they can win it like Connors did last year.”

NOC Tonkawa

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPRING 2025

JANUARY

28 | TUE

Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30pm

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

29 | WED

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

30 | THUR

Homecoming Shirt Giveaway between basketball games | Fieldhouse Lobby

FEBRUARY

03 | MON

Homecoming Bonfire | S'mores and Hot Cocoa | 8pm

04 | TUE

Homecoming That's No Bull Revue | Wilkin Auditorium | 8pm

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

05 | WED

Homecoming Roustabout Show | KPAC - 7:30pm

Homecoming Voting | Student Affairs Office | 9am-1pm

06 | THUR

Homecoming Basketball Game | Coronation

5th Quarter | East Gym | Inflatables, Food & Games [Following basketball game]

12 | WED

Karaoke | Walcher Conference Center | 7:30pm

19 | WED

Pizza, Pool and Air Hockey | Student Union | 7:30pm

24 | MON

Paint Night | 7pm

\*Please sign up in Student Affairs by Monday, February 10\*

\*You MUST sign up to reserve a spot\*

27 | THUR

Bedlam Basketball | Women 5:30pm | Men 7:30pm

MARCH

05 | WED

Bingo for Food | Student Union | 7:30pm

10 | MON

SINGO | 7:30pm

17-21

Spring Break

25 | TUE

Hypnotist Show | KPAC | 7:30pm

31 | MON

Dodgeball | Gym | 7:30pm

APRIL

07 | MON

Exotic Petting Zoo | 10am-Noon

16 | WED

Spring Fling:

Archery Tag | 5-7pm

Ice Cream Truck | 5-7pm

Concert on Circle | 7:30pm

21 | MON

Easter Egg Hunt | 7pm | meet at Gazebo

28 | MON

End of Year Bash | Inflatables | 4-8pm | By Gazebo

MAY

05 | MON

Food for Finals | Ice Cream Truck | 10am-1pm | Circle Drive





Mavs' Baseball celebrates a win in 2024

# Maverick baseball starts Saturday

The NOC Mavs baseball team opens the season this weekend as the Mavs host Iowa Lakes (IA) in doubleheaders Saturday and Sunday starting at noon each day.

The Mavs are under the tutelage of second year head coach who guided the Mavs to a 42-19 record, the Mavs reached the finals of the Region 2 Tournament.

Keeran is excited about this year's team.

"This group loves competing, they're a competitive bunch and looking forward to playing another team," Keeran said. "We're very balanced and have good depth. We had a great fall, and got some guys healthy. To have (sophomore catcher) Blade Carver (Preseason NJCAA Division 2 Player of the Year) is a nice thing too."

In looking at the team's strength, Keeran pointed to the starting rotation.

"Although we had the #1 offense in the country last year for our level and are known for our offense, our starting pitching 1-4 is incredibly talented," Keeran said. "All four are committed to very good four-year programs. (Camden) Edge, (Nakni) Anna, (Logan) Taylor, and (Jacob) Culp are as good as they get at this level.

They need to get better outing to outing though for us to get where we want to be."

The Mavs have to replace a number of position players from last year but Keeran isn't concerned.

"We just to need to get the early jitters out of the way and play free," he said.

The projected line-up for the Mavs includes Will Johnson (SS), Jadan Boyce (RF), Blade Carver (C), Christian Stratis (LF), Aidan Zakarewicz (DH), Joseph Canzoni (3B), Carson Taylor (2B), Hendrick Vandermeer/Kingston Hangartner (1B), and Eric Harper/Braylon Watson (CF). Others expected to contribute include Robert Evans (C), Bill McCarter (IF), Caleb Watkins (OF), and Bodie Amberson (IF).

The rotation will be Camden Edge, Nakni Anna, Logan Taylor, and Jacob Culp with Aidan Hansen set to close. Other bullpen pieces include Liam McKinney, Kaegan Baker, Evan Rollison, Garrett Folmar, Kolby Heskett, Rylan Newman, Grayson Brown, and Collin Berry.

"Region 2 is one of the toughest region in the nation," Keeran said. "it is extremely deep."

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*February 13th and 27th,  
March 13th and 27th,  
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- Receipts for childcare costs, education expenses and other deductions
- Checking account and routing number for refund
- 1095-A or healthcare coverage or exemption





Jets Baseball celebrates a win in 2024

# Jets baseball opens Saturday in Enid

The NOC Enid Jets open play in 2025 this weekend as the Jets host Des Moines Area Community College Saturday and Sunday with doubleheaders starting at noon each day.

The Jets are led by second year head coach Ryan Bay. Bay led the Jets to a 33-21 record.

“We are excited for the season,” Bay said. “We have a talented, hard working group of players.”

Bay said the strength of the Jets team is experience.

“We have several key returners combined with talented group of transfers makes us a very experienced team,” Bay said. “We have several guys who have tasted success at this level but that are hungry for more.”

Bay added that an area of concern is depth on the mound.

“We have a talented pitching staff,” Bay said. “But we need to stay healthy.”

The tentative lineup for the Jets includes Jhett Creel and Parker Jeffrey at catcher with Gra-

ham Hylton seeing time as well.

Cooper Smith (1B), Ivan Gomez/Gabe Glenn (2B), BJ Pierre, Noah Smith, and Gabe Glenn will all see time at third base. Jesse Ponce is set at shortstop with Rhen Rutledge, Ty Wilson, Pierre and Cale Wetwiska set to play the outfield. The designated hitter spot will be filled with all three catchers, Wetwiska, and Noah Smith.

The opening weekend rotation is Cale Wetwiska, Garrett Payne, Bennett Percival, and Ty Pankonin. Bullpen arms that could be potential starters include Jabe Schlehuber, Corbin Kwan, and Carlos Lopez.

The back end of the bullpen will be manned by Blake Limberg, Wyatt Rutledge, and Logan Wade.

“The region is always competitive,” Bay said. “This year won’t be any different.”

NOC ENID

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

SPRING 2025

JANUARY

13 | MONWelcome Back Pancake Bar | Jets Café | 8 am

21 | TUEKaraoke | Gantz Center | 7 pm

28 | TUEMovie Night with Cookies | Gantz Center | 7 pm

FEBRUARY

04 | TUECereal Night | Jets Upstairs Lobby | 7 pm

11 | TUEFree-Throw Contest | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

12 | WEDThree-Point Contest, Skills Challenge | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

13 | THURHomecoming Game | 5th Quarter, Following Game | Mabee Small Gym

18 | TUECelebrity Scavenger Hunt | Gantz Center | 7 pm

25 | TUEBowling at Oakwood Bowl | 4709 W Owen K Garriott Rd | 7:30-9:30 pm

MARCH

04 | TUEBingo for Food | Gantz Center | 7:30pm

10 | MONTrivia Night | Gantz Center | 7 pm

25 | TUEMovie Night with Pizza | Gantz Center | 7 pm

APRIL

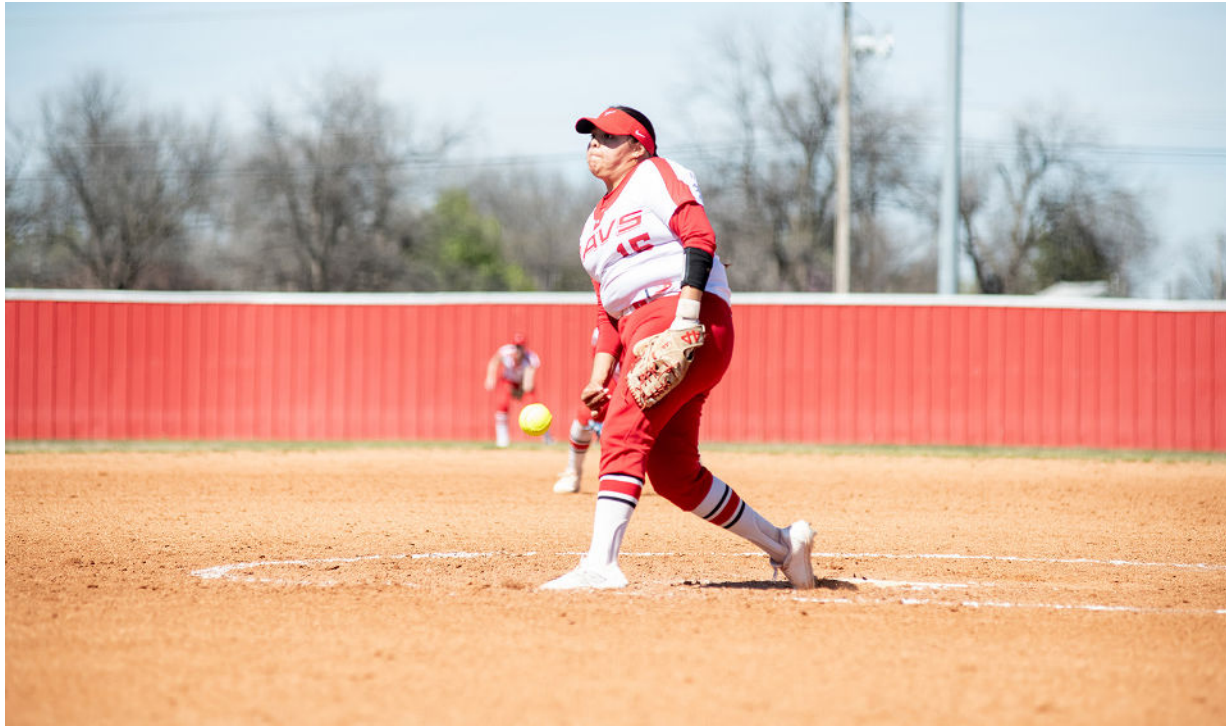
01 | TUEMini Golf at 4R Kids Mini Golf | 710 Overland Trail | 7 pm

08 | TUECapture the Flag | Mabee Small Gym | 7 pm

15 | TUECornhole Tournament | Courtyard between EB and Jets | 7 pm

22 | TUEUNO Game Night | Gantz Center | 7 pm





Mavs pitcher Jordan Johnson

## Mavs softball opens play Tuesday

The NOC Mavs Softball team opens the regular season Tuesday as the Mavs host Southern Nazarene JV at 1 p.m.

The Mavs are under first year head coach Jeff Ray who comes to NOC from Blackwell High School.

“Coming off a strong first fall together I think we’ve finally started to believe that our best is good enough to compete with anyone,” Ray said. “We just need to bring it every time out. I know we will play hard and aggressively. And, I know we’ll play for each other. We don’t have a large roster so it will take everyone.”

Ray says the strength of this year’s team is all across the board.

“I think we’re good enough offensively to never be out of game and I think we have the potential to possibly be special defensively over the course of a season,” he added. “Pitching was an unknown coming in but if we can stay healthy, we will have four solid pitchers in the rotation with two lefties and two righties.”

Rays’ concern is depth.

“We only have 15 on the roster currently and we had some injuries in the fall,” he said. “We have to find a way to stay healthy this spring.”

Ray thinks the region is wide open.

“I expect Seminole to be Seminole again,” he said. “Rose has one very good arm and lots of 2nd year kids, but it will be down to who’s playing best and together when it counts.”

Tentatively, the Mavs will start Payton St. Andrews behind the plate, Macy Willing/Kaidence Calvert at first, Elyssa Kaniatobe at second base, Faith Williams at shortstop and Kerik Brown at third. Mikayla Arnold, Jules Leach, and Maggie Glasgow will man the outfield with Jadison Ackerman the designated player. Other contributors include Kailey Rich and Kayla Stover.

The pitching rotation will include Jordan Johnson, Makenzie Wilson, Kaidence Calvert, and Kennedy Zook.

# Northern Encounter

## Spring 2025

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# NOC Calendar

## Feb. 1

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Iowa Lakes, 1 p.m./3 p.m.  
Home Jets Baseball vs. Des Moines Area (IA), noon/2 p.m.  
Away Jets Softball v. Weatherford (TX), noon  
Away Jets Softball vs. Northeast (TX) at Weatherford (TX), 2 p.m.

## Feb. 2

Home Mavs Baseball vs. Iowa Lakes, 1 p.m./3 p.m.  
Home Jets Baseball vs. Des Moines Area (IA), noon/2 p.m.

## Feb. 3

Away Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. Redlands, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.  
Away Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. NEO, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.

## Feb. 4

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:15 a.m. – 1 p.m.,

## Tonkawa

Home Mavs Softball vs. Southern Nazarene JV, 1 p.m./3 p.m.  
Cereal Night, Jets Dorm Upstairs Lobby, 7 p.m.  
The Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid

## Feb. 5

Northern Encounter, Gantz Center, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m.  
Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa  
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid  
Roustabouts Homecoming Show, KPAC, 7:30 p.m.  
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

## Feb. 6

Home Jets and Lady Jets Basketball vs. NEO, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.  
Homecoming Mavs and Lady Mavs Basketball vs. Eastern, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m.



## NOC Student Art of the Week

Delaney Fox, Art Major, Tonkawa, OK  
“Rooted In” Stoneware with Stains

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## **NOC STILLWATER**

February 10th / 11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
*Classroom Building, Brown Room*

## **NOC ENID**

February 11th / 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
*Everest Administration Building, Lobby*

## **NOC TONKAWA**

February 12th / 4:00 – 6:00 pm  
*Vineyard Library-Administration Building  
Cultural Engagement Center (CEC)*

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