

What's Happening

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NOC sponsors Full Moon Concert on Oct. 5

Roustabout alums to perform

Brandon Haynes featuring Northern Oklahoma College Roustabout Alumni, will headline the season finale Full Moon Concert on Sunday, Oct. 5 in Tonkawa Centennial Park, 301 East Grand, Tonkawa, OK.

The musically eclectic evening will feature twenty-one NOC Roustabout alumni including Brandon Haynes (piano/vocal), Brad Matson, (percussion/drums), Hunter Vogle (drums/guitar/vocal), Erik Willadsen (guitar), Jordan Gorath (drums), Ally Riddle, (bass), Luke McHenry, (trombone), and Faith Crum, (guitar).

The audience will enjoy a broad selection of covers including pop, rock, and some good ole' oldies! Additional alumni performing vocally include Kristi Browne, Josh Engle, Jera Kiespert, Sarah Machia, Tarryn Pruett, Kenneth Thomas, Alyssa Baker, Chase Manly, Alea Hunt, Truman Hague, Nick Kelly, Sarah Hunsucker and Regan Clapper. Joining Haynes to emcee the evening is former Roustabout Director Dineo Heilmann.

Haynes teaches music and is the vocal director and musical arranger for the Roustabouts at Northern Oklahoma College. He is also the director of music and worship arts at First United Methodist Church in Tonkawa and the artistic

director for the Choral Arts Society of Northern Oklahoma (CASANO) Ponca City community choir.

The family-friendly outdoor concert begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Heart in the Park Pavilion and is free to all. The NOC Foundation along with the Alumni and Community Relations are supporting this community event and will host an information booth with giveaways, bottled water and games.

Since bench seating in the park is limited, the public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Pets on leashes are welcome and restroom facilities are located across the street in the Santa Fe Depot. Throughout the evening, concert goers may walk the world's only heart-shaped labyrinth, and the evening concludes with the traditional group howl at the full moon.

Northern Oklahoma College and NOC Foundation joins North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park Committee to sponsor this event. In case of inclement weather or for more information, check for Full Moon Concert updates at <https://heartinthepark.org/> and on NCOAC Facebook: www.facebook.com/TonkawaArts/ or by messaging 580-628-0108.



Singers Kenneth Thomas and Alea Hunt will join Brandon Haynes & NOC Roustabout Alumni at the Heart in the Park Pavilion to perform pop and rock covers at the Sunday, October 5 Full Moon Concert in Tonkawa. More than twenty NOC Roustabout Alumni will be featured throughout the night. The unique full moon concert series is in its 11th year and is sponsored by North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park committee. The October event is co-sponsored by Northern Oklahoma College Foundation. Music begins at 6:30 p.m. with free admission in Tonkawa Centennial Park, 301 East Grand.

'The Foreigner' at KPAC through Oct. 5

The Northern Oklahoma Division of Fine Arts presents "The Foreigner" in the Dineo Heilmann Auditorium inside the Kinzer Performing Arts Center at NOC Tonkawa.

Showtime is 7:30 p.m. Oct. 2-4 and 2 p.m. on Oct. 5.

"The Foreigner" is a play about understanding, kindness, and the sometime unexpected ways in which we connect with one another," said director Nathan Oesterle. "It's a celebration of what can happen when we take the time to see each other—not as strangers—but as people, just as imperfect, just as vulnerable, and just as capable of love and laughter as anyone else."

"It has been an absolute joy to bring *The Foreigner* to life with this incredible cast," he added.

"The blend of humor, heart, and humanity that Larry Shue crafted in this play is a challenge to navigate, but the cast has truly risen to the occasion. I could not be prouder of the work they have done—each actor has brought depth, warmth, and a perfect dose of wit to their characters. Their dedication and commitment to telling this story have been inspiring."

Admission is \$10 for adults and \$7 for children. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Admission is free for NOC students, faculty, and staff with ID.

"The Foreigner" by Larry Shue, is directed by NOC Technical Theatre Instructor Nathan Oesterle.

October faculty/staff birthdays



Chance Blackdeer	Oct. 2	Tricia Moore	Oct. 17
Tracy McCune	Oct. 3	Amanda Horton	Oct. 18
Jayne Elam	Oct. 4	Alyce Webb	Oct. 22
Kyle Smith	Oct. 4	Gene Mayo	Oct. 27
Steven Kissel	Oct. 5	Wendy O'Neill	Oct. 27
Chelsie Taylor	Oct. 8	Vickie Crouch	Oct. 28
Jalana Cloud	Oct. 15	Courtney Miller	Oct. 28
Melisa Cottle	Oct. 16	Eddie Dixon	Oct. 29
Lori Erasmus	Oct. 17	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30

THE FOREIGNER

Northern Oklahoma College
Division of Fine Arts
presents

By Larry Shue

Directed by Nathan Oesterle

Dineo Heilmann Auditorium
inside the
Kinzer Performing Arts Center
NOC Tonkawa

October 2-5, 2025

Thursday-Saturday, 7:30 pm
Sunday, 2 pm

\$10 Adults | \$7 Students

Free Admission for NOC Students
and Employees with ID.

*Children under age 12 must be
accompanied by an adult.*

NOC regents approve capital campaign for athletic training center

Northern Oklahoma College approved a new capital campaign to raise funds for a new Athletic Training Education Center on the Enid campus at Wednesday's regents' meeting.

Regents also approved a Capital Project Agreement between NOC, Enid Public Schools, and the Northern Oklahoma College Foundation, Inc. for the Athletic Training Education Center and Failing Field renovation.

Vice President for Enid Jeremy Hise outlined the proposal that would cost \$1.536 million for the athletic training education center and Failing Field renovation.

NOC has received \$675,000 in P3 (Public-Private Partnerships) Funds for this project. The funding goes toward the athletic training education center classroom and lab space. The P3 partnership includes Great Salt Plains, St. Mary's and Enid Public Schools.

Hise said that Enid Public Schools are considering a \$500,000 commitment for the project leaving a potential of \$361,500 in needed funds. The Northern Oklahoma College Foundation approved the new campaign to raise the needed funds at its August meeting.

Hise said the new facility would not only provide opportunities for NOC Enid athletic training students but also meet the workforce needs for northwestern Oklahoma. He added that athletic trainers are challenging to find in rural areas but students in other health fields also would benefit from the education center.

NOC recently hired a new athletic trainer in 2024 but spent the previous year without an athletic trainer due to shortages in Oklahoma and nationally.

"This is definitely a workforce need," Hise said. "We will be providing better opportunities for good careers for our students. It will also benefit

Enid Public Schools, David Allen Memorial Ballpark, and the City of Enid."

The new facility would include 783 square feet for the training room and 729 square feet for the classroom. The new facility would be 2,000 square feet total. Hise said the space is more than adequate for growth not only in the athletic training program but also to meet the needs of student athletes should NOC Enid add more athletic programs in the future.

Hise said that additional growth in the athletic training program is expected with the addition of the facility.

The current space for athletic training at NOC Enid is in the Mabee Center. The classroom space is 368 square feet and the athletic training room is 468 square feet. The athletic training space is currently down stairs in the Mabee Center with entry points being stairs or a ramp.

Hise added that NOC is applying for a grant that could help with funding for the project, if approved.

In other business, Vice President for Financial Affairs Anita Simpson provided the financial report for August and September.

The regents also approved five purchases of more than \$25,000. They include 32 commercial washers/dryers for the residence halls at Enid and Tonkawa, \$59,490.48; School Dude Annual Software, \$30,927.22; Two Outdoor A/C Units, \$32,348.00; Annual PowerFAIDS, Subscription, \$29,392.44; and Sewer Line Repair in Enid, \$55,500.00.

In administrator updates, Vice President for Academic Affairs Dr. Shelly Mencacci reported that Engineering, Physical Sciences, and Process Technology received a \$470,155.00

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SUNDAY | OCTOBER 5, 2025 | 7 PM

at Heart in the Park Pavillion

Tonkawa Centennial Park | 301 East Grand

FULL

MOON

CONCERT

Brandon Haynes and NOC Roustabout Alumni

Brandon Haynes, lead-vocals/piano | Brad Matson, auxiliary percussion John Shwayat, bass

Hunter Vogele, drum-set | Erik Willadsen, guitar

featuring

NOC Roustabouts & Alumni

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Regents

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grant over the next five years from NASA. The project includes collaboration with identified partners to install and monitor environmental equipment.

Vice President for Development and Community Relations Sheri Snyder reported that NOC's new website launched on Sept. 2 with site administrators receiving training videos for their individual pages this week. She also reported that the Renfro Lectureship Program featuring Terry Bradshaw on Oct. 9 is sold out.

Vice President for Enrollment Management Dr. Rick Edgington reported that summer enrollment was up 17% in head count and 21% in credit hour production. He said fall enrollment is at a 1% increase over last fall but there could be additional enrollment for L8 courses.

Vice President Simpson also reported that

a long-range planning meeting will be held in October for the distribution of deferred maintenance funds. She said those funds are appreciated as they help NOC with existing facility maintenance.

Dr. Marsh Howard, Vice President for Stillwater, reported that NOC Stillwater participated in the Day of Caring in Stillwater. He also reported that he is working on a \$5.9 million TSET Legacy Grant that if awarded, would fund the Athletic Training Education Center/Failing Field Renovation, Pond Renovation Project, and an Art Building Renovation converting it to a Family Resource Center, all at NOC Enid.

Vice President Jason Johnson reported that three NOC wrestlers are in Greece competing at the Beach Wrestling World Championships this week.

The next meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 22 in Tonkawa at 2 p.m.



Four NOC engineering students attended OSU Up Close, a transfer day event at Oklahoma State University this past week. Students needing information about transferring to a four-year school can contact Director of Student Retention and First Year Experience Kathleen Swain at kathleen.swain@noc.edu

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

FALL 2025

NOC ENID



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Week 2: Thursday, August 28
BLOCK PARTY 7 pm
EB Lawn
(Cornhole Tournament for TV)

Week 3: Thursday, Sept. 4
TRIVIA NIGHT 7 pm
Gantz Student Center
(Win a New TV!)

Week 4: Thursday, Sept. 11
COMETS BASEBALL GAME
7 pm, OKC (\$10 to reserve)

Week 5: Thursday Sept. 18
BOWLING NIGHT 7 pm
Oakwood Bowl

Week 6: Thursday, Sept. 25
KARAOKE NIGHT 7 pm
Gantz Student Center

Week 7:-Thursday, October 2
Murder Mystery Dinner
7 pm/ Gantz Student Center
(\$5 to reserve your spot)

Week 8: Thursday, October 9
PING PONG TOURNAMENT AND MOCKTAIL SOCIAL
7 pm / Gantz Student Center
(Winner gets Prize)

Week 9: Thursday, October 16
GOLF SIMULATOR 7 pm
Gantz Student Center

Week 10: Thursday, October 23
BINGO FOR FOOD 7 pm
(Winners get food / Air Fryer)

Week 11: October 26- 31 TBA
PLANETARIUM SHOW 7 pm
Bert Mackie Planetarium

Week 12:- Thursday, Nov. 6
BOB ROSS PAINT NIGHT
7 pm / Gantz Student Center
(Paint, Easels, Brushes provided)

Week 13: Thursday, Nov. 13
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT 7 pm
Gantz Student Center
(Cash and Prize Giveaways)

Week 14: Monday, Nov. 17
CUSTOM HAT NIGHT 7 pm
7 pm Gantz Student Center

Week 15: Monday, Dec. 1
QUILT/BLANKET MAKING 7 pm
Gantz Student Center

Week 16: Monday, Dec. 8
FOOD FOR FINALS
10 pm-Midnight
Jets Café

Life changing.



Hispanic Heritage Club

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 – Oct. 15), new member Esmeralda Calderon, helped sponsors Dr. McCoy and Dr. Munro decorate the Display Case in Harmon Science at NOC Enid.



<https://cp14.classclimatesurveys.com/noc/online.php?p=77CRH>

NOC Enid Hispanic Club QR Code

Life changing.





NOC Tonkawa Fall 2025 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

<p>Tuesday, September 23 Pizza, Pool and Letters Home Student Union 7:30 pm</p>	
<p>Monday, September 29 Dodgeball Tennis Courts 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Monday, November 10 Karaoke Walcher Conference Center 7:30 pm [across from bookstore]</p>
<p>Monday, October 6 Bingo for Food Memorial Student Union 7:30 pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 11 Veterans Day Wall of Honor Outside Student Affairs Office 8 am – Noon</p>
<p>Monday, October 13 Inflatable Putt-Putt 4-8 pm by Heilmann Gazebo</p>	<p>Monday, November 17 Campus Wide Hide n Seek Meet at Gazebo 8 pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, October 21 Bubble Soccer Soccer Field 6-8 pm</p>	<p>Tuesday, November 18 Miss NOC Competition KPAC 7:30 pm</p>
<p>Monday, October 27 Halloween Movie Night 7:30 pm Wilkin Auditorium</p>	<p>November 24 – 28 Thanksgiving Break</p>
<p>Friday, October 31 Trick or Treat Fair on Circle 5:30-7:30 pm</p>	<p>Monday, December 8 Food for Finals Mavericks Café 9 –11pm</p>
<p>Tuesday, November 4 Bingo for Food Student Union 7:30 pm</p>	



Winter Break Begins
December 12
Dorms close at 10 am



Four NOC students showed sheep at the Tulsa State Fair last weekend. The students were named Premier Exhibitors at the show.

Sheep Center at Tulsa State Fair

TULSA, Oklahoma -- The NOC Sheep Production and Management class participated in the Open Sheep show at the Tulsa State Fair last week with great success exhibiting the NOC Sheep Center Show Flock.

Participants in the class include Paige Burns, Washington, OK; Morgan Dolezal, Perry, OK; Lilly Martin, Bennington, OK; and Rosa Mendiola, Kuna, ID. (in the backdrop pictures assisting the students were Jackson Harper of Madill and Adi Sheets of Perry)

The results of the show included NOC having the top exhibited flock of Dorset's as they were named Premier Exhibitors. They exhibited the Champion and Reserve Champion Dorset Rams and the Champion Dorset Ewe. In the Hampshire Division they exhibited the Champion Hampshire Ram and the Reserve Champion Hampshire Flock.

The student's next event will be the North American International Livestock Exposition in November.



A day for high school juniors, seniors and their parents to get an up-close look at what Northern has to offer.

FREE T-SHIRT

**PRIZE
GIVEAWAYS**

CAMPUS TOURS

**MEET FACULTY
AND STAFF**

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Northern Encounter Fall 2025



ENID | OCTOBER 8

GANTZ STUDENT CENTER | 9:00-11:30 am
580.548.2353

STILLWATER | OCTOBER 15

NOC STILLWATER BUILDING | 9:00-11:30 am
580.628.6904

TONKAWA | OCTOBER 22

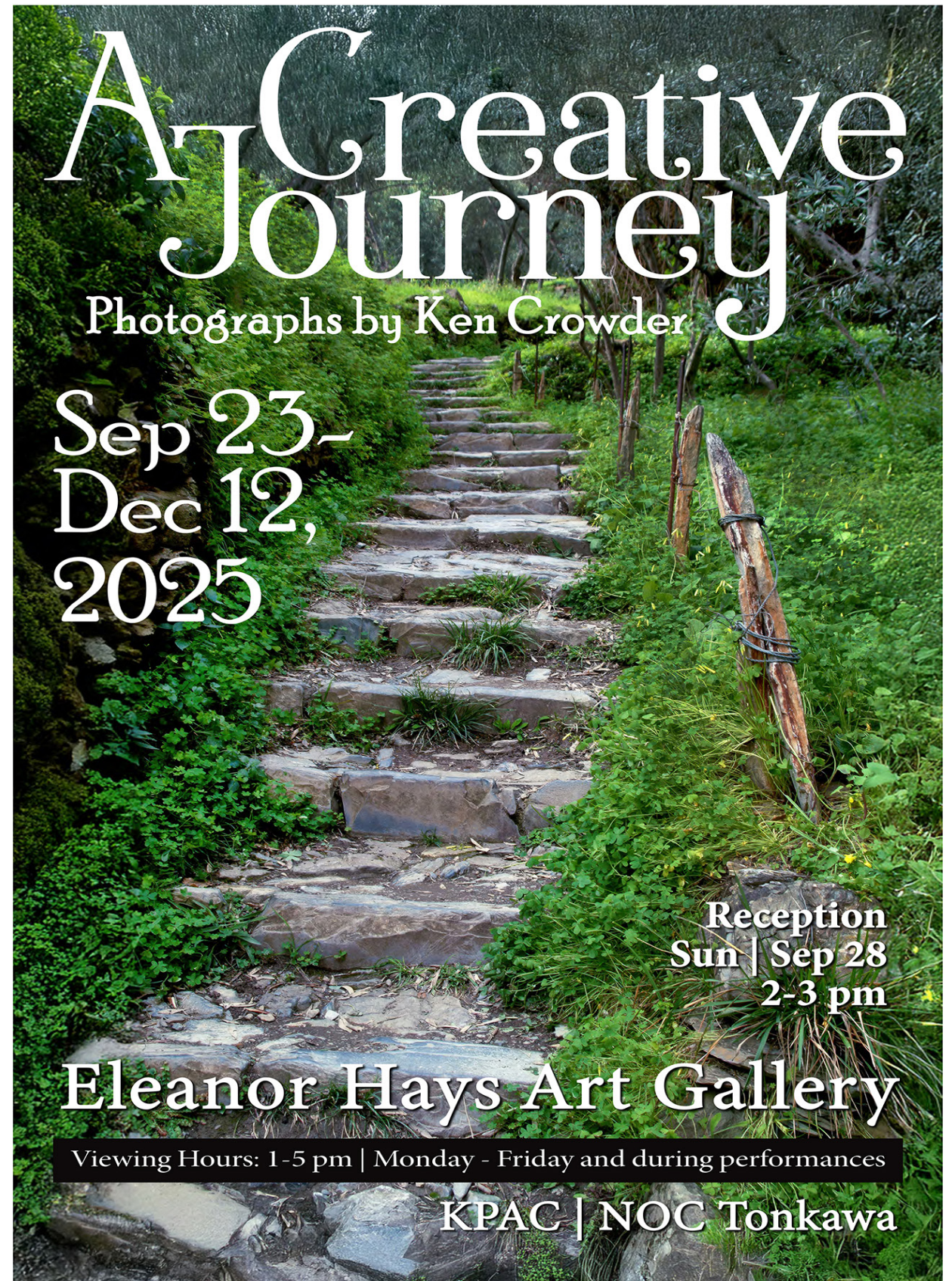
RENFRO CENTER | 9:00-11:30 am
580.628.6668

**SCAN CODE
TO REGISTER**





The NOC Pre-Engineering/Rocket Club had a number of activities last month. Jose Sosa Martinez – passed his level 1 certification and Ty Jansma flew at the Tulsa Rocketry High Frontier even Sept. 27-28. Former NOC Student Grant Biggers was present (recently got his Level 2 certification) and flew his rocket as well. During the event, NOC helped to support student level 1 certifications for a group out of Richardson, TX. – Photo rocket on Pad – Jose’s Level 1, Award Winner of NOC sponsored prize, NOC table at High Frontier, Ty Jansma, Jose Sosa Martinez, and Otto Cardwell at prep day.



A Creative Journey

Photographs by Ken Crowder

Sep 23–
Dec 12,
2025

Reception
Sun | Sep 28
2-3 pm

Eleanor Hays Art Gallery

Viewing Hours: 1-5 pm | Monday - Friday and during performances

KPAC | NOC Tonkawa

Ken Crowder photo exhibit at NOC's Eleanor Hays Gallery through Dec. 12

'A Creative Journey,' featuring a retrospective body of work by Oklahoma photographer/artist Ken Crowder is currently on view in the Eleanor Hays Art Gallery on the Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa campus.

A *Creative Journey* remains in the gallery through Dec. 12. The gallery, located in the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, is open 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, by private appointment, and during events in the KPAC Auditorium. Admission is free.

Over 75 photos of diverse subjects include portraits, landscapes, panoramic scenes, rural and pastoral scenes, color abstractions and still life genre. Crowder includes narratives throughout the exhibit and attendees will enjoy two large panels that highlight his professional work as a commercial photographer as well as his 7-year career as Photojournalist in the US Navy.

Crowder shares, "For 44 years I have worked as a professional photographer. Starting as a US Navy photojournalist in 1981, I served in that capacity for seven years. I was an industrial photographer and photo lab technician for the next five years working at both Mertz, Inc. and Conoco Oil in Ponca City. Being self-employed for the last 32 years, I have photographed weddings, senior portraits, community events, family portraits, talent headshots, commercial advertising and fine art as well as a few video productions."

"The images in *A Creative Journey* come from different aspects of my career," he added. "Even though the photographs are of many different subject matters, the goal and the feeling I had when actually pressing the shutter was always the same. I strove to make meaningful and artistic images no matter what or who was on the other side of the camera."



Tonkawa photographer Ken Crowder’s work is on exhibit at NOC Tonkawa’s Eleanor Hays Art Gallery through Dec. 12. Crowder (left) explains some of his work, held by gallery director Audrey Schmitz.

NOC Calendar

Oct. 4
Away Mavs Softball at CBC Invitational, Conway (AR)
Away Jets Softball vs. Ft. Hays (KS)
Away Mavs Baseball vs. UA Pine Bluff (AR)
'The Foreigner,' KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 5
Away Jets and Lady Jets Soccer vs. Murray State, 1 p.m./3 p.m.
Home Jets Softball vs. Epic Travel Team, 1 p.m.
'The Foreigner,' KPAC, 2 p.m., Tonkawa
Full Moon Concert, Heart in the Park, 6:30

p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 6
Bingo for Food, Student Union, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 7
ACT Prep Workshop, Montgomery Hall, 8:30 a.m., Enid
Free Lunch, BCM, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Tonkawa
Northern Thunder Club Meeting, Crowder 103, 12:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Away Jets Softball vs. Kansas Wesleyan (KS), 3

p.m.
The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid

Oct. 8
Northern Encounter, Gantz Center, 9 a.m., Enid
Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa
Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Student Center, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid
Away Jets and Lady Jets Soccer vs. NEO, 5 p.m./7 p.m.
The Gathering, BCM, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 9
Away Jets Baseball at UCO Festival, 9 a.m.
Away Mavs Baseball at UCO Festival, TBA
BCM Bible Study, Gantz Student Lounge, 1 p.m., Enid
Ping Pong Tournament, Gantz Center, 7 p.m., Enid

Oct. 10
Away Mavs Baseball vs. Hesston (KS), 1 p.m.
Away Mavs Softball vs. SWOSU, 3 p.m.