

What's Happening

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Tonkawa Homecoming planned for next week

NOC Tonkawa has a number of activities planned for Homecoming next week including the Homecoming wrestling match against Carl Albert on Wednesday at 6 p.m. and the Roustabout Homecoming Show set for Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Also planned are a bonfire Monday evening at 8 p.m. and also the "That's No Bull Revue" on Tuesday night at 8 p.m. at Wilkin Hall.


These events are all weather permitting. Please watch your email for event updates.



NOC Tonkawa students will perform Homcoming skits at the "That's No Bull Review" during Homecoming Week. This year's review is set for Tuesday.



HOMECOMING KING & QUEEN VOTING

 **VOTING BEGINS**

January 20	Homecoming Voting 9am–1pm Student Affairs Office
January 21	Homecoming Voting 9am–1pm Student Affairs Office
January 26	Homecoming Voting 9am–1pm Student Affairs Office Homecoming Bonfire 8pm Outside Fieldhouse
January 27	Homecoming Voting 9am–1pm Student Affairs Office That's No Bull Revue 8pm Wilkin Auditorium
January 28	Homecoming Wrestling Dual 6pm Homecoming 5th Quarter [Immediately Following Dual] Wellness Center [Food, games, mechanical bull]
January 29	Homecoming Roustabout Show 7:30pm KPAC



The Northern Oklahoma College Roustabouts will host their annual Homecoming Show Thursday, Jan. 29, in Tonkawa. The performance, set to start at 7:30 p.m. inside the Kinzer Performing Arts Center, is free of charge but students under 12 should be accompanied by an adult.

Staculty January Birthdays



Adam Kowalski	Jan. 24	Valarie Wade	Jan. 28
Madison Barnes	Jan. 25	Malik Owdtollah	Jan. 29
Kyle Mayo	Jan. 25	Bridget Napoli	Jan. 30
Lindsey Copley	Jan. 27	Alene Pitts	Jan. 30
Karri Morrill	Jan. 28		



THURSDAY, JANUARY 29 | 7:30 PM
KPAC | DINEO HEILMANN AUDITORIUM
NOC TONKAWA

FREE ADMISSION

NOC Enid Viva la Raza collecting winter items for SOS

The NOC Enid Hispanic Heritage Club, Viva la Raza, is collecting gently used winter caps, coats, sweaters, jackets, scarfs, glooves, ear muffs, blankets and quilts for the Enid SOS (Street Outreach Service).

The boxes are located in Harmon Science. Four boxes have already been collected.

Rhonda Stevinson (left), and one of her volunteers, Andrew (right) picked up the boxes this week.

Their mission and more about their community work can be found on their website, Enid Street Outreach Services.



Free tax service available at Tonkawa through NOC and IRS program

Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa is providing free basic income tax return preparation for students, NOC employees, and area residents starting Feb. 12 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. 12.

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. 12, Feb. 26, March 12, March 26, and April 9. The CEC is located in the Vineyard Administration/Library building.

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

HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES

Tuesday | February 3

JET-FUELED FUN

7 pm, Briggs Auditorium

Skits and Laughs

Wednesday | February 4

S'MORE FUN!

7 pm at Sand Volleyball Courts

S'mores and Hot Chocolate

NORTHERN OKLAHOMA COLLEGE

JETS

HOMECOMING 2026

Students may pick up their FREE HOMECOMING SHIRT at the Home Basketball Games on January 29.

For more information, contact Chance Blackdeer, 580.548.2344 or chance.blackdeer@noc.edu.

Thursday | February 5 | Mabee Center

HOMECOMING BASKETBALL GAMES

VS EASTERN OKLAHOMA

5:30 pm Women / 7:30 pm Men

Food, Music, Games in the small gym after the game

NOC Tonkawa Phi Theta Kappa sponsors 'Knot Blanket Making' Thursday

The NOC Tonkawa Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is sponsoring a 'Knot Blanket Making' project on Thursday, Jan. 29, from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Renfro Center.

All students are welcome to participate with blankets donated to the local children's shelter. Students are encouraged to bring community service forms for hours served.

Donations of 1.5 yards of fabric and fleece blankets are needed. Each blanket will be made with two blankets of the same size or two pieces of 1.5 yard of fabric.

Pizza, cookies, and drinks will be provided

NOC Calendar

Jan. 24 Away Lady Mavs Wrestling at National Coaches Duals at Ephraim (UT), 9 a.m.	Jan. 24 Tonkawa Free BCM Lunch, Gantz Center, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid
Jan. 25 Spring Semester Scholarship Deadline	Jan. 25 Homecoming Lady Mavs/Mavs Wrestling vs. Carl Albert, 6 p.m./7 p.m.
Jan. 26 Homecoming Voting, Student Affairs Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Away Lady Mavs/Mavs Basketball vs. Connors, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Homecoming Bonfire, College Circle by Fieldhouse, 8 p.m.	Jan. 26 Homecoming 5 th Quarter, Wellness Center, After Wrestling, Tonkawa
Jan. 27 Homecoming Voting, Student Affairs Office, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa That's No Bull Revue, Wilkin Hall Auditorium, 8 p.m., Tonkawa The Gathering, BCM, 8 p.m., Enid	Jan. 27 Home Lady Jets/Jets Basketball vs. Redlands, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Away Lady Mavs/Mavs Basketball vs. Eastern, 5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. Phi Theta Kappa Blanket Making, Renfro Center, 6 p.m. – 8 p.m., Tonkawa Roustabouts Homecoming Show, Dineo Heilmann Auditorium-KPAC, 7:30 p.m., Tonkawa
Jan. 28 Free Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.,	Jan. 28 Final Day to Drop with Full Refund
	Jan. 29



NOC ENID SPRING 2026 STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Join Us!

January 21	KARAOKE NIGHT	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
January 28	BINGO FOR FOOD	Gantz Center 7pm
February 2-6	HOMECOMING WEEK	Times Vary
February 11	CROCHET NIGHT	Gantz Center 7 pm [Making Woobles]
February 18	MOVIE NIGHT	Gantz Center, Montgomery 7 pm Students pick the movie
February 25	BOB ROSS PAINT NIGHT	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
March 4	CUP PONG TOURNAMENT	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
March 11	BINGO FOR FOOD	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
March 25	TRIVIA NIGHT	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
April 3	GOLF SIMULATOR	Mabee Center Racquetball Courts 7 pm
April 8	BOWLING NIGHT	Oakwood Bowl 7 pm
April 14	BOARD GAME NIGHT	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
April 22	ARTS & CRAFTS NIGHT	Gantz Center, Montgomery Hall 7 pm
April 29	PING PONG TOURNAMENT	Jets Residence Hall Lobby 7 pm



NOC Star Gate

A Weekly Portal to the North Oklahoma Sky
Brought to you by the Bert & Janice Mackey Planetarium at Northern Oklahoma College

This Week's Viewing Conditions:*The Moon:*
 The Moon is currently waxing, gaining in brightness. The first quarter will be on January 26, and the Moon's brightness will continue to increase as it reaches Full. So as the week progresses, the dimmer stars will fade. But, this is an excellent time to view features of the moon's surface.

Weather: Check the forecast! Unfortunately, our weather forecast for the weekend is not ideal for getting out and seeing the stars. We have winter weather on the way, with overcast skies.

Highlights for the Week of Friday, Jan. 23 – Jan. 30, 2026

This Week – If there is a break in the weather, the Moon and Saturn will be close together in the western sky in the evening. This will make Saturn easier to locate. The Moon will be the guide through the week, as the first-quarter moon will be near the Pleiades star cluster, and then later among the bright winter stars, Capella, Betelgeuse, and Aldebaran.

The planet Neptune will be visible near Saturn in the west.

Astronomical Notes

Waxing and Waning

As the Moon moves through its phases from new to first-quarter to full to third-quarter and back to new, the Moon is said to be either waxing or waning. As the Moon heads to full, more and more of the Moon is illuminated, or could be said to be growing, hence waxing. After the full Moon, it diminishes or begins to wane. In the Northern Hemisphere, the light appears on the right as it is waxing, and on the left as it is



waning.

Citizen Science Corner: The NOC Challenge

This Week's Mission: Shadow Hunting

The line on the Moon that demarcates “day and night” is called the Terminator. You can use this line to observe features on the Moon as the shadows make flat-looking features “pop” into 3D relief. As this line moves across the surface from right to left, look for the large, dark, flat plains, the “Seas” or Maria, Mare Crisium (Sea of Crises) and Mare Tranquillitatis (Sea of Tranquility). As the sunlight hits the rims of the craters Theophilus and Cyrillus, you can see the high peaks glowing, while the crater floors remain in the dark.

Pro Viewing Tip

A tip to help you determine if the Moon is waxing or waning. You can use the “DOC” method. When the Moon looks like a big D it

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NOC ENID

PLANETARIUM SHOW

**Tuesday,
 February 3, 2026 | 6 pm**

Mackie Planetarium

Free Admission

[Donated non-perishable food items accepted]

NOC Life changing.

Star Gate

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Photo Credit: NOC maintains a license with Slooh to capture images with the Slooh Telescopes. This photograph of the Waxing Moon was taken through the Slooh Telescopes by Dr. Frankie Wood-Black on Nov. 29, 2025, through the Australia One Telescope.

Planetarium Show set for Feb. 3

The Mackie Planetarium at Northern Oklahoma College Enid will present the February show on Tuesday Feb. 3 at 6 p.m.

NOC will show the night sky over Enid during February. The show will be “3000 years of astronomy.” Director Fritz Osell will show the

history of the science of astronomy and discoveries from ancient times to the present.

The next two shows will be March 3 and April 7. Show times are 6 p.m.

Admission is free but food donations of non-perishable food is accepted.



The NOC Tonkawa BCM performs a skit at the 2025 “That’s No Bull Review.”

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BLANKET MAKING

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY
ALL ARE WELCOME!!

DONATIONS NEEDED:

- 1.5 yd fabric
- fleece blankets

PIZZA, COOKIES, AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

29 January
6:00-8:00 pm

@ RENFRO CENTER

Each blanket will be made with either two blankets of the same size or 2 pieces of 1.5 yd fabric.

Blankets will be donated to local children's shelter

Bring community service forms for hours served