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## Monday Night Football's Most Memorable Guest Appearance

Kaley Conner

Just a few days after Halloween, a black cat visited the Dallas Cowboys and New York Giants in the middle of their primetime football game on Monday night. Late in the second quarter, a Giants drive was interrupted by the cat running onto the field, apparently unconcerned about the importance of the NFC East faceoff. The incident was referred to as a "feline interruption" by the press box announcer, but I personally think the little guy's early halftime appearance was the highlight of the game and one that's sure to be remembered. Thankfully, things played out well for the cat, who was definitely scared and confused. I mean, who wouldn't be nervous during an impulsive rush onto the field in the middle of an NFL game? It eventually made its way off the field thanks to the careful direction of the stadium crew and the New Jersey Police Department.

The cat, I'm sure, was just searching for the perfect opportunity to showcase his athletic skills, and what better way to do so than on live television in the middle of a Monday night football match? The lateral movement and quickness it showed on its way to the endzone was enough to put every player in that game to shame. However, it appeared to inspire the Cowboys to pick up the pace; they trailed 9-3 before it appeared, and they went on to beat the Giants 37-18 after their furry friend had left the stadium. The Dallas Cowboys' official twitter page even named him the Cowboys' player of the game. What an inspiration.

No matter which team you were rooting for in this game, I think we can all appreciate this star player's short-lived fame

## Beethoven's 250th Anniversary Piano Recital

Will Thiele

This coming Saturday, November 9, OPSU will be hosting a celebration of Kaspar Anton Karl van Beethoven's music in a solo performance by Dr. Lucy Tan in the Centennial Theater at 7 P.M. and will run close to an hour and a half with a brief intermission. While the date of the performance didn't land on the exact date of Beethoven's birth because of scheduling it is being called Beethoven's 250th Anniversary Piano Recital in honor of the man and his music. Dr. Tan wants anyone and everyone to be there! When asked about the purpose of this event, Dr. Tan said that she wants it to be "an opportunity for people to become educated on Beethoven and classical music." Her ambition in bring this recital to OPSU is that she wanted to bring a big city cultural experience to a smaller rural setting, in which if someone didn't take a two-hour trip to Amarillo, they might not otherwise be exposed to it, and she wants to take advantage of a chance to bring more culture and arts to the Panhandle. Dr. Tan has been in music for next to 25 years playing the piano. She is on her third year of teaching at OPSU. Dr. Tan's favorite part of teaching is working with driven students who are passionate about music. Don't miss out on the chance to expose yourself to a new experience Saturday night at the centennial Theater at 7:30 P.M. See you there!

## Equestrian Team Takes on Canyon

Megan Godfrey

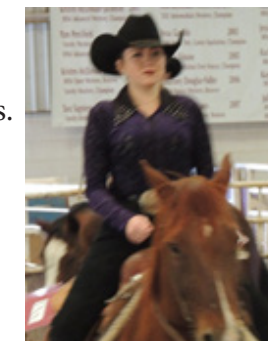


This past weekend, Nov. 2nd & 3rd, the equestrian team competed at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Tx. They represented OPSU proudly, bringing home a handful of ribbons.



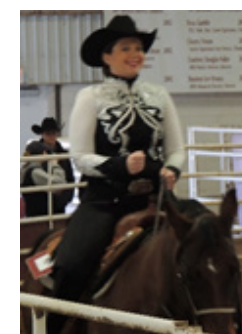
**Grace Goad**

Level I Horsemanship  
4th place on Saturday, riding Shameless.  
3rd place on Sunday, riding Uno.



**MacKenzie Leach**

Rookie A Horsemanship  
Reserve on Saturday, riding Doc



**Sara Atha**

Rookie A Horsemanship  
4th place on Saturday, riding Tex.  
4th place on Sunday, riding Oh.



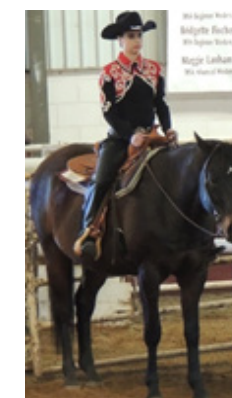
**Jacee Barr**

Rookie B Horsemanship  
4th place on Saturday, riding Oso.  
2nd place on Sunday, riding Henry.



**MaKayla Hoffman**

Level I Horsemanship  
6th place on Saturday, riding Shameless.  
3rd place on Sunday, riding Marlin.



**Kassidy Weaver**

Rookie B Horsemanship  
4th place on Saturday, riding Henry.

## Another Successful Rodeo in the Books

Will Thiele

Another successful rodeo was put in the books this past weekend by Panhandle State's rodeo team. Both the Men's and Women's team both ended up taking first, the men's team being led by all-around cowboy champ Ean Price, and the women's team being led by all-around champ Beau Peterson.

In the bareback riding Jade Taton made 70 point ride in the long round to get third, then came back to the short-go with a 67 point ride to place third in the go again, overall placing second in the average for the weekend.

In the tie-down roping Trevor Meir split the long-round for first with a 9.4 second run, Bailey Small and Hadly McCormick split 10th whole with a 10.4 second run. In the short-go, Small and McCormick were met were a bit of hard luck, but Meir came back with a 10.6 second run to place fourth in the round, and fourth in the average for the weekend.

In the breakaway roping Sierra Smith and Beau Peterson both split fourth in the long-round with a 2.4 second run. In the short-go Beau had a little bit of hard luck, but Smith came back to get fifth in the round and fifth in the average.

In the saddle bronc riding, Ean Price cleaned house to win the first round with a seventy-eight-point ride. Bailey Small and Lane Giovanetti both split 5th in the round with a 55-point ride. In the short-go no one from any of the teams covered their broncs, making Price the winner for the weekend.

In the steer wrestling, Price came back strong again to place fourth in the round with a 5 second run. Whitt Crozier placed 10th in the round with a 5.4 second run. In the short go, Whitt received a no-time for his efforts while Price came back with a 4 second run to win the short-go and win the average.

In the goat tying, Beau Peterson was on fire again, winning the first round with a time of 5.8 seconds. Sierra Smith placed sixth with a time of 6.7, and Linzie Van Horn tied for the eighth, ninth, and tenth whole with a time of with a time of 6.8 seconds. In the short-go, Peterson came back to win the round with a blistering 6.2 second run, Smith tied for second in the round with a 6.4 second run, and Van Horn placed fourth in the go with another 6.8 second run. Peterson came out on top winning the average for the weekend, and Smith ended up placing third in the average, Van Horn ended up seventh.

In the team roping, Ean Price and his partner Taylor Lagasse from Southwest Oklahoma State University tied for first in the long with a 6.4 second run. Sam Goings and his partner Zane Thompson from Northwestern Oklahoma State University placed second with a 6.6 second run. Tatum Hall and Taylor Jacobson went seventh in the long-round with a 8.3 second run. In the short-go Goings and Thompson came out to rope their steer in 11.4 seconds placing fourth in the short-go and fourth in the average. Price and Lagasse came out with a 12.7 second run to place them fifth in the round and fifth in the average. Hall and Jacobson were met with hardship and ended up with a no-time in the short-go.

In the barrel racing the OPSU ladies came to compete with Sierra Smith placing second in the first round with a time of 12.87 seconds, behind Beau Peterson with a time of 12.72 seconds who won the first round. In the short-go, Smith came back strong to run a 12.79 second run placing second in the round and first in the average. Peterson ran a 13.11 to place sixth in the round and fourth in the average for the weekend.

OPSU's next rodeo to compete at will be at Kansas State University on the weekend of February 14. Stayed Tuned!

## A new push for gun violence prevention wins support from Republicans and Democrats on Capitol Hill

Annette Gandara

Bipartisan lawmakers are releasing a new legislation that hopes to prevent gun violence by promoting safe storage of firearms. The legislation, which would provide a tax credit to retailers in the U.S., is titled the Prevent Family Fire Act of 2019 and was introduced in the House by Democratic Representative Mike Levin of California and Republican Representative Rodney Davis of Illinois. Co-sponsors for this legislation include House Democrats and Republican Representatives Mike Turner of Ohio and Elise Stefanik of New York.



The bill text states that such a device must be made for the purpose of "denying unauthorized access to, or rendering inoperable, a firearm or ammunition and must secure by a combination lock, key lock or lock based on biometric information." Rodney Davis states that "Firearm safety is extremely important and encouraging the sale of more gun safes will help increase safety. These are the kinds of bipartisan solutions we need to help reduce suicide, accidental shootings, theft of firearms, and other instances of gun violence."

Having both Republicans and Democrats come together on this issue shows the significance level gun legislation has taken on Capitol Hill and the changes both parties are willing to make in order to terminate gun violence.

## Man Booker Prize shortlist in full: Female authors dominate prestigious book awards

Annette Gandara

Works by Anna Burns, Esi Edugyan, Daisy Johnson, and Rachel Kushner push to make this year's Man Booker prize shortlist female dominated. Johnson even becomes the youngest author to make the shortlist, beating Eleanor Catton by a few months who, in 2013, was the youngest author included in the list. Catton also snagged the prize this year.

Also included in the Man Booker Prize shortlist are Richard Powers and Robin Robertson with their novels *The Overstory* and *The Long Take*.

Kwame Anthony Appiah, chair of the judges, comments, "All of our six finalists are miracles of stylistic invention. In each of them the language takes centre stage. And yet in every other respect they are remarkably diverse, exploring a multitude of subjects ranging across space and time."

The criteria for the Man Booker Prize include, their work must be written in English and published in the UK and Ireland. Writers from all nationalities are eligible. This year's shortlist included three authors from the UK, two from the US, and one from Canada



## Poetry Commentary: "Trees" by Joyce Kilmer

Will Thiele

Since we don't have too many trees out here in the panhandle, I thought I'd provide a poem about them this week! I won't butcher it by telling you what I think every line means or doesn't mean, I think that the true fun in poems is finding out what it means to you, and that can be pretty subjective since we are all so different. What I liked about this poem is how Mr. Kilmer personified the tree giving it life-like qualities. He almost makes the tree out to have a soul. He reiterates the dependency of the tree on the earth in stanza two as well as stanza five. In both stanzas, I feel like Kilmer is expressing how bad a tree needs someone. It made me think of us as people how we really do need each other. When you look at our physical needs unless we were Daniel Boone, or Davy Crockett we really couldn't make it alone in this world. Obviously, some people are more capable than others but if you think about it skills-wise we all need each other. The doctor needs a mechanic to fix his coughing car, and the mechanic may need the doctor to fix his aching back. The list could go on for a ways about physical needs, but what about emotional needs. I don't think I'm making too big of an assumption when I say we all need someone emotionally, and if a person says they don't, they probably just haven't struggled enough yet to recognize their need. I like how in the last night of the poem how Kilmer humbles himself and brings himself down to our level, while holding up God and glorifying Him in what he has done in creation. I think sometimes artist can get a little introspective and be a little lofty but that simple line of "Poems are made by fools like me", makes Kilmer a whole lot more down to earth. That's all I got!

I think that I shall never see  
A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest  
Against the earth's sweet flowing  
breast;

A tree that looks at God all day,  
And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

A tree that may in Summer wear  
A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain;  
Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,  
But only God can make a tree.

# Equine Word Search



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# Joke of the Week

I love the way the Earth rotates...

It just really makes my day.



## Animal Abusers May Become Felons

Megan Godfrey

The House passed a bill that makes animal cruelty a felony. If convicted, offenders can face up to seven years in prison, as well as receiving fines. U.S. lawmakers previously passed the Preventing Animal Cruelty and Torture (PACT) Act, eliminating go arounds in past legislation. The newly passed law expands on the Animal Crush Video Prohibition Act (passed in 2010). While classifying the making and distribution of animal “crushing” videos illegal, the actual acts of cruelty remained legal.

The passage of the PACT Act was a pivotal step in improving present animal welfare, making cruel and inhumane acts towards animals deemed as criminal. The legislation has also taken the measures to protect farmers, ranchers, hunters, and researchers, while targeting those who are not part of these groups. If the Senate passes this bill, animal abusers that are convicted will be facing fines and prison time.



## Campus Events

### 11/6

- Thanksgiving Bake Sale 10:30 AM - 2:00 PM Student Union
- OIL (Oklahoma Intercollegiate Legislator) Meeting 5:30 PM -6:45 PM SAB 202

### 11/7

- Weekly Game Night 6:00 PM -9:30 PM McKee Library

### 11/8

- Men’s Soccer at Sooner Athletic Conference TBA
- ARC Major’s Fair 11:00 AM -1:00 PM Ballroom
- OPSU Professional Development 12:30 PM -1:00 PM Library Computer Lab/Tutoring Lab
- Women’s Volleyball VS Southwestern Christian 7:00 PM Anchor D Arena

### 11/9

- Women’s Cross Country Sooner Athletic Conference Oklahoma City, OK (Woodson Park)
- Aggie Day 9:00 AM -12:00 PM Athletic Team Meeting Room
- Women’s Volleyball VS Oklahoma City 1:00 PM Anchor D Arena
- Football VS Southwestern Assemblies of God (Texas) –GUNS & HOSES 2:00 PM Anchor D Stadium
- Men’s Basketball at University of the Southwest (N.M.) 3:00 PM Hobbs, NM
- Beethoven 250th Anniversary Piano Recital 7:00 PM -8:30 PM Centennial Theater

### 11/11

- Women’s Basketball VS Manhattan Christian College 6:00 PM Anchor D Arena

### 11/12

- HALO Meetings 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM HMH 139