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Theatre department prepares for upcoming play 'Cinderella Waltz'

Under direction of Tracy Meza, the cast and crew of "Cinderella Waltz" look to open their performance for the Northwestern crowd Oct. 1, 2 and 3.

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Ranger Royalty candidates announced

By JORDAN MCLEMORE
News Editor

With Ranger Royalty applications in, voting for King, Queen, and Freshman Queen will begin next week in the student center. Homecoming will take place Oct. 10 and until then, all candidates are campaigning heavily to get the most votes.

The candidates running this year are: Isileli Ofiu and Clayton Garcia for King.

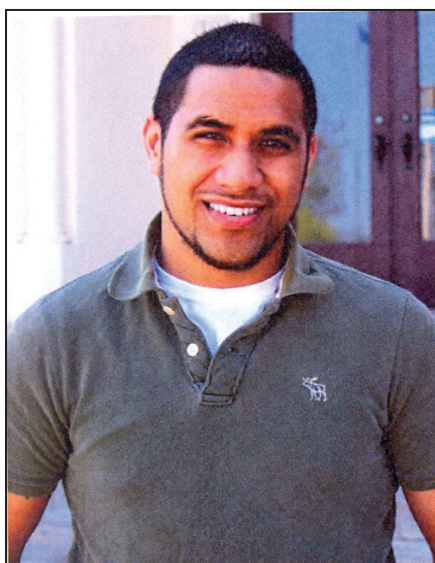
Abbie Tillman, Montana McCullough, Kaci Hansen, and Shelby Boxberger are running for Queen.

For Freshman Queen, Sadie Vore, Kylee Pelfrey, Jakeria Otry, Taylor Hayden, ShyAnn Floyd, Tiana Eaton, Cassidy Clark, and Tobi-Rae Barker are the contestants running.

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Freshman Queen: Taylor Hayden is majoring in political science. She is on the volleyball team and loves hiking and learning about history.



Ranger King: Isileli Ofiu is a senior Music Education major involved in choir. He loves listening to music and spending time with his kids and doing sports with them. He is sponsored by the Northwestern



Ranger King: Clayton Garcia is in graduate school, studying Adult Education Management and Administration. He likes playing Ping Pong and hackey sack. He is being sponsored by the NWOSU Baseball

Correction made to last week's Coronado Hall fight article

A story in the Sept. 17 issue regarding a fight at Coronado Hall contained incorrect information.

One of the students involved in the altercation was incorrectly reported as being suspended from the university and removed from the dorms. That student was removed from the dorms but voluntarily withdrew from the university, said Steven Valencia, associate vice president for university relations. He noted that no other disciplinary action was taken in this case.

"Any time there is an incident that involves violence, we are concerned for the safety of our students, and we will take whatever action we deem appropriate," said Valencia.

Incidents such as this one are turned over to Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs, who handles disciplinary issues.

Northwestern News apologizes for its inaccurately reported information and to any one it has misled.



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OPINION

Bureaucratic babble: Columnists highlight key Republican standouts from debate

By JORDAN EVANS
Columnist

Over a week has passed since the Republican Debate last Wednesday, but I'm going to take a moment to review it nevertheless. The 11 presidential hopefuls used their time together to discuss their beliefs, some current national problems and attempted to tear down their opponents. With such a large field, I won't be able to converse about each of them, so I will just touch on the standouts. The obvious winner of the debate was Carly Fiorina. She was not only powerful when she spoke, but her answers were well thought out, and she explained her stance in a respectable and direct manner. Her victory is now official with her poll number soaring, placing her in second overall behind Donald Trump, whose number took a small hit. The cause of Trump's decrease in his backing is likely the fact he was caught with his foot in his mouth many times throughout the night. One example was Fiorina's response to his quote in Rolling Stone stating "Look at that face! Would anyone vote for that?"



Fiorina's response to this was "I think women all over this country heard very clearly what Mr. Trump said." Granted Trump was the target for many of the questionings though the night, but that's what happens when he put a bulls-eye on his back by attacking every candidate any chance he gets.

Another notable candidate was Marco Rubio. Rubio proved his knowledge though his well-spoken banter with the other candidates, his stance on foreign policy and his understanding of the need to communicate with the growing

Hispanic population. In response to Trump's criticism of Jeb Bush speaking in Spanish, he stated, "If they get their news in Spanish, I want them to hear that directly from me. Not from a translator at Univision."

Ben Carson has been making some noise in the polls recently, yet he was relatively quiet in the debate. His soft voice and timid demeanor left him in the shadows of the others.

Jeb Bush is another who didn't stand out much in the debate. He took to the offensive during the debate, calling out Trump's statement that Bush is soft on immigration due to his wife's heritage. Bush asked Trump to apologize to his wife, and yet Trump refused. Another Bush highlight was his announcement that he had smoked Marijuana once 40 years ago, stating it should be a state's right to decide on its legality.

Overall this debate probably won't have a huge impact on the actual election, yet it was a great chance for a few candidates to get their name out there and to narrow the field a bit. In my opinion, the ones to watch in the Republican race will be Bush, Fiorina, and Rubio.

Chris shows debate from different perspective, Fiorina still clear winner

By CHRIS AGBOLA
Columnist

The Conservatives went at it again in an epoch making and sizzling debate at the Ronald Regan Presidential library located at Simi Valley, California. With a record of 23 million viewers, history was made for the Cable News Network (CNN). The highpoints to the build up of the 3-hour event featured news on the former Texas Governor, Rick Perry's pullout of the race due to financial constraints and introduction of Carly Fiorina, the ex Hewlett Packard CEO and anticipation of how she will fare on the bigger platform after winning the happy hour debate of the first Republican debate on FOX. The billionaire and erstwhile show host, Mr. Donald Trump came into the debate as his usual self, high and flying Mr. no filter and anti political correctness front-runner. His opening remark was a hit at Sen. Rand Paul, stating he didn't understand why the senator was on stage having been polling at 1%. The Kentucky senator immediately responded to Mr. Trump describing his conduct as of the junior high school level and wondered how a person of his demeanor could manage the affairs of the country. The great Donald had exchanges with Sen. Marko Rubio, Carly Fiorina, Governor Walker of Wisconsin and ex Governor Bush of Florida. On the whole, I think it was rather humbling night for Mr. Trump. Selecting the secret code name 'humble' when the host posed the question of what their code names will be should they become President of the United States was how I thought he felt about his night. The other candidates gave him an equal fight and he gradually faded away when the



questions switched to more practical and calm discussions. Donald Trump agreed with a lot of opinions during the debate from his opponents as well including an unusual high five with Dr. Carson and Jeb Bush. He's still the front-runner anyway. Could the polls alter? We'll look forward to the interesting things that will transpire in the coming months.

Dr. Ben Carson didn't really have a huge night as well, because he was quite extra quiet. He also came into the debate as what he's always been- calm, analytical, a careful selector of words and an anti-fighter. This has helped his surge in the polls by closing in on Trump. Even though the nature of the questions was geared towards hitting at other candidates, Dr. Carson chose the peace way every time. During the debate, he called Mr. Trump an OK doctor when he was correlating autism to vaccines. Again, the retired pediatric neurosurgeon denied claims that he was referring to Governor Chris Christie of New Jersey on a statement he made even though the debate host suggested so. Does he need to be more energetic and outspoken? Will this approach work for him during the national elections should he win the Republican primaries?

These questions and others will definitely be answered soon!

In terms of declaring who won the debate, an objective answer will be Carly Fiorina. Her responses to questions were phenomenal, and she gave Trump a lot to ponder about. Her strong opinion on Planned Parenthood and foreign policy exhibited she meant business and was a strong holder of conservative values and wasn't leaving anything to chance. A mix to her high night was when she made a personal revelation about burying a child to drug addiction and that laws on drugs needed serious attention. That spoke a lot about her personality. Will she surge in the polls and possibly win the nomination? We'll keep our fingers crossed.

Among the senators in the race, Marco Rubio stood out also. A strong holder of conservative principles, Rubio showed why he could be the nominee. A natural public speaker, he was versatile and knowledgeable on issues and offered workable policies. He should be someone to watch.

Speaking of the governors, Christie gave the impression that he wasn't narcissistic when there was a back and forth exchange between Fiorina and Trump over their business successes and failure by calling them to order and urging the focus on pertinent issues regarding the citizens instead. He was strong on banning marijuana and calling for the prosecution of Hillary Clinton over her email scandal. Christie made a lot of references about what he's done as New Jersey governor as well. Scott Walker of Wisconsin focused more on his accomplishments as governor of the state in his discussions mostly on tax issues.

On the whole, the Republican Party was the winner owing to the diverse talents it has. Whoever wins the primaries will sure be able to beat Hillary Clinton, Bernie Sanders or Vice President Biden should he decide to run and win the nomination.

OPINION

It's not all about you!

Columnist encourages everyone to be a better, more selfless person

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

Let me take a selfie.

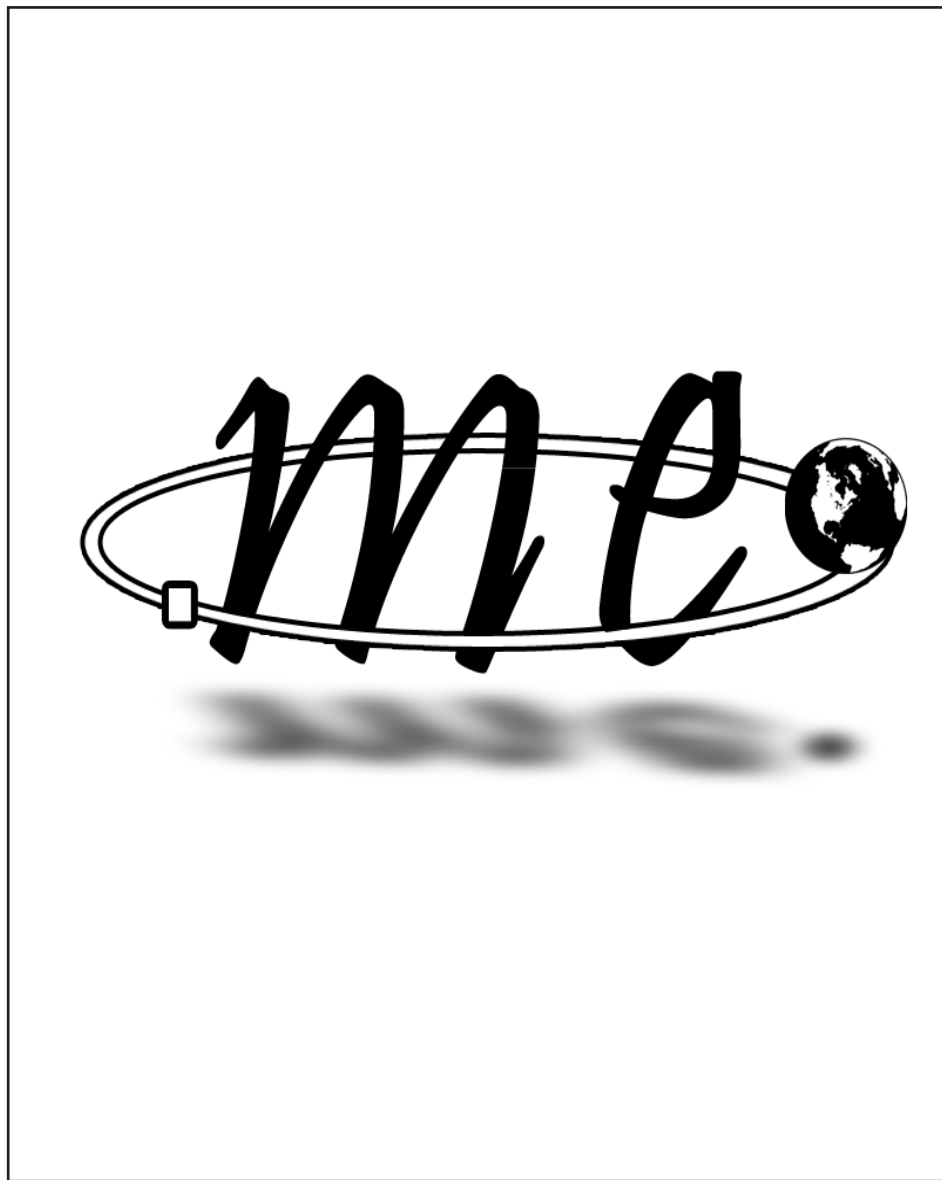
We live in a Kardashian culture of "me, me, me." Selfishness and self-centeredness has bombarded every crevice of society. Since when did we become so motivated by self-interest and forget to care about others?

Now before I begin, this isn't a self-righteous rant about how I know all the solutions of the world; I am just as prone to a selfish moment

as Kim Kardashian. (Lord help me.) Yes, at times I'll do something my way instead of listening to suggestions. Once every couple months I'll finally have a good hair day, and my selfie might appear on Instagram. I'm just as guilty as the next person. But hey, I'll let you have the last cookie, most of the time.

In a sense, selfishness is truly human nature. From birth, we cry when we want something, without care of others in our surroundings. In fact, selflessness is something that must be taught. Share your toys. Use your manners. Don't have a tantrum. Yet that nagging desire to turn back to "me, me, me" is always lurking in the shadows of our subconsciouses. People litter instead of walking two steps to a trashcan, because that just takes WAY too much energy. Putting 40 items down on express lane because you don't want to wait in line, but it's perfectly acceptable to make everyone else wait behind you. I bet you have a selfie stick somewhere in that giant pile of crap, madam!

I see selfishness everywhere. Perhaps it truly is infesting our culture more and more. Maybe social media has played its part in the "me attitude." Or maybe it's because I am in college, an institution that demands you think about yourself and your future in excess. Whatever



Graphic by Michael Collins



the cause, I know we are capable of much, much more.

Character has broken down due to our self-centered ways. Don't misunderstand me, self-expression is awesome! You do you, boo boo! But every now and then, or as often as you possibly can, do something for

someone else. This isn't a hopeless rant about how awful we all are; it's a plea for use to strive for better. Help others, volunteer (not just for community service hours), be good and kind to each other. Be better, because we are capable of so much, together.

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Roundtable to meet Monday

The Writer's Roundtable at NWOSU is an organization open to students and staff of Northwestern to help expand their creative writing. The most important part of this club is to receive criticism to help them improve their writing. Advice is given from members of the club.

There is a meeting of the Roundtable on Monday the 28th, in Vinson Hall. For more information, contact advisor, Mrs. Dawn Allen, at dfallen@nwosu.edu.

Float entry forms due

NWOSU Alva Campus Homecoming float deadline has been set for Tuesday, Oct. 6. The theme is "Ranger Nation: Ride of Fame." Entry Forms must be turned into the Office of Student Services of the first floor of the Fine Arts Building, room 126, by 5 p.m.

All floats will participate in the homecoming parade at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 10 in downtown Alva. Floats must be complete and in line by 9 a.m. in order for judging to begin. Judging will take place before and during the parade. Winners will be announced during the awards ceremony at 11:30 a.m. on the Woods County Courthouse stage.

Three float categories for registration are: campus organization or group, commercial business, or off-campus non-profit group. All applications should include a sketch or design, including details for approval. There is a \$100 deposit for using the Armory for float building.

Entrants in the float contest are asked to design their floats according to the homecoming theme: "Ranger Nation: Ride of Fame."

Prizes include \$200 for first place, \$150 for second place, and \$100 for third place. In addition, each float will be considered for the President's Award -- \$100 and engraved plaque -- for the best overall float, and the Alumni Association Award of \$75 for an exceptional display of Ranger spirit.

For more information contact float chairman of homecoming Dr. Richmond Adams, assistant professor of English, at (580) 327-8428 or rbadams@nwosu.edu.

Wellness Center to hold powerlifting competition

By Cooper Stanley
Student Reporter

The J.R Holder Wellness center is holding a powerlifting competition on October 3 for all participating men and October 4 for women.

The participants will be separated by weight classes to keep the competition fair and competitive amongst all athletes; each participant must weigh in with a wellness staff member sometime between September 29 and October 1.

Registration will cost participants \$15 and must be completed by September 28; however, registration includes a participation T-shirt.

The powerlifting competition itself will be decided by the three power weight lifting moves: the bench press, barbell squat, and barbell deadlift; all participants will be given three attempts to lift as much weight as they can in all three classic movements.

For any further questions contact Richard Burdick at 580-327-8109.



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News

'Cinderella Waltz' theater production to take stage next week

By JACLYN BURKE
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University Department of Fine Arts presents "Cinderella Waltz," a senior capstone production which will begin Oct.

"The Senior Capstone course is a senior student's opportunity to display his skill in all areas of a theatrical production. It is extremely challenging and difficult," said Kimberly Weast, professor of theater arts.

Tracy Meza is the senior in charge of this production and has been preparing for months. In addition to directing the entire play, she is in charge of costumes, lighting, design, installing the set, all character movements and every other aspect necessary to run a production.

"The senior is not only being evaluated by his audience and I, but is also required to defend his production to theater professionals," Weast said.

Although Meza has a lot on her plate with the various challenges, she also has many people backing her.

"This play proves to me again that I have the most dedicated, hardworking and loyal theater students anywhere," said Weast. "Our students are a team and they work with and for each other to be successful. They all know that one day they will be the leader of the Theatre



Photo by Osam Sakamoto
Natalie Sacket (Left) and Charlie Wylie (right) practice a scene from their upcoming performances Oct. 1 and 2.

Company for eight weeks and so they give each other their all."

There is one student recently transferred to Northwestern who has worked with scenic design before, so the student has been able to use his skills to make the set spectacular, Meza said.

Another key person needed for the success of this production is the assistant stage manager, Tori Hurley. She said she looks forward to "being able to put it together with the cast and seeing how people react to it."

Meza said every night at rehearsal, the cast blows her

away and is still able to make her laugh at the play even though they have already run through it numerous times. Meza said the theme of the play is sure to help kick start October into the Halloween theme.

"Cinderella Waltz" is not the typical Cinderella story. It is based on The Brothers Grimm.

"Rosey Snow is trapped in a fairy tale world that is by turns funny and a little frightening, with her stepsisters Goneril and Regan, her demented stepmother, her lecherous father, a bewildered prince, a fairy godmother who sings salty old sailor songs, a troll and a possibly homicidal village idiot," according to saumuelfrench.

com, a publishing company. The Northwestern production has a little twist to it with a surprise ending that is sure to be a hit, Meza said.

The production will run at 7:30 p.m. Oct. 1 and 2 and again at 2 p.m. Oct. 3 in the Herrod Hall Auditorium. Admission is \$3 for students with ID, \$6 for staff with ID and \$10 for the general public.

The entire theater department looks forward to this production and hopes the student body is just as excited as they are, Meza said. "We were able to cast amazing talent for this show, and they have worked extremely hard to pull off a wonderful Northwestern production," Meza said.

Annual 5k Ranger Run will take place as part of Homecoming festivities

The 30th annual 5K Ranger Run and One Mile Fun Run will take place on Oct. 10 as part of Northwestern Oklahoma State University's annual homecoming celebration. The races will start promptly at 8 a.m. in front of the Rialto Theatre.

Registration fees are \$15 for the Ranger Run and \$10 for the Fun Run if the participants sign up by Oct. 5. Registration will be open the day of the races at 7:15 a.m. to 7:45 a.m. for an additional \$5.

All participants will receive an official homecoming t-shirt.

The Ranger Run is divided into seven different age categories (12 or under through 60+ years) while the Fun Run has two age categories (12 or under and 13+).

Many prizes will be awarded to winners in the Ranger Run, including medals and gift certificates to the J.R. Holder Wellness Center going to the top three finishers in each division; trophies, Alva Chamber bucks, and certificates to the first overall male and female runners; and Alva Chamber bucks to the first alumni male and female runners. Awards also will be given to the top three in both divisions of the Fun Run.

More information and the entry form to enter the races can be found at www.nwosu.edu/ranger-run or by contacting the Northwestern Alumni Association office at (580) 327-8593 or at nwalumni@nwosu.edu.

Three seniors awarded the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship

Three Northwestern Oklahoma State University senior education students were awarded the Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded this semester are Ana Gomez of Enid, majoring in elementary education; Josi Hasenauer of Wallace, Nebraska, majoring in social science education; and Amanda Cutsinger of Enid, majoring



Photo provided

in early childhood education. Each semester the scholarships are awarded to teacher candidates who are completing their professional semester

Dr. Bo Hannaford, dean of the School of Professional Studies, presented the students their scholarship.

The Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation works primarily with children with language and/or reading disorders.

Recipients are chosen by members of the Teacher Education Faculty who have reviewed all applications and voted on the candidate they feel is the best choice.

For more information on the Guthrie Scottish Rite scholarship or the Department of Education contact Dr. Christee Jenlink, division of education chair, at (580) 327-8450 or email cmjenlink@nwosu.edu.



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News Brief Jones to ride for MS

By MICHAEL COLLINS
Editor-In-Chief

Former assistant professor of health and physical education, Elda Jones will be riding in the Oklahoma MS Bike Ride: The Road Divided this weekend.

The bike ride is a donation campaign to help fund research and services to those suffering from multiple sclerosis, or MS.

The ride will start on the campus of Oklahoma University, run through Oklahoma City and end on the rival campus of OSU. According to Jones, this is approximately a journey of around 150 miles. She says she will ride the last 10 miles into Boone Pickens Stadium after riding for her first time last year.

To donate to Jones' ride online, visit nationalmssociety.org/oke, click "Donate" and then click "Support an Event Participant". Then type in Elda Jones, click "Find a Participant" and then click "Donate Now".

Donation checks can also be made out to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 4606 E. 67th Street, Suite 103, Tulsa, OK, 74136. Jones asks that donators include her name and the bike ride in the memo. Donations also can be taken to Karen Thomas at Alva State Bank.

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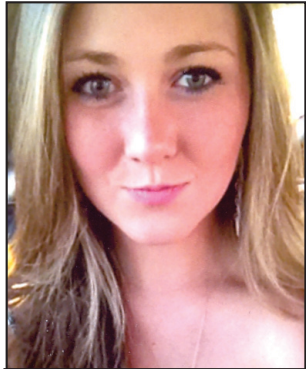
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Ranger Royalty candidates announced (cont.)

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Freshman Queen: Tobi-Rae Barker is majoring in Biology/Chemistry and is on the volleyball team. She is also a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and enjoys spending time with her friends and family.



Freshman Queen: Kylee Pelfrey is undecided in her major. She is on the soccer team and also in Presidents Leadership Class. She is sponsored by her soccer team



Freshman Queen: Kassidy Clark is majoring in education and involved in many things on campus. She is on NWOSU's cheer team, a member of Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority, and Student Government Association.



Ranger Queen: Shelby Boxberger is a senior health and sports science major. She is involved in The Herd and is a student athletic training assistant. Her sponsor is the NWOSU Cheerleaders, which she cheers on.

Ranger Queen: Abbie Tillman is a junior pre-veterinary major involved in many clubs on campus. Her favorite activities are playing with snakes, cooking, and reading. The Medical Sciences Club, which she is an officer of, is sponsoring her.

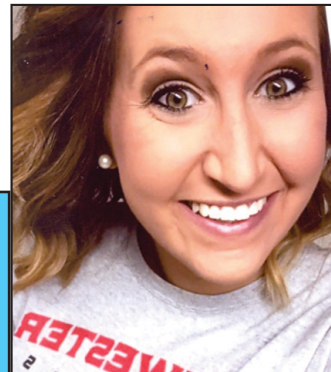


Ranger Queen: Kaci Hansen is majoring in early childhood education and is a junior. Her favorite things to do are hiking, running, and spending time with her family. She is on the NWOSU women's basketball team, who is also her sponsor.



Freshman Queen: ShyAnn Floyd is majoring in speech and theatre. She is in the color guard, choir, theatre, and Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority.

Freshman Queen: Jakeria Otey is majoring in education. Otey enjoys shopping, playing basketball, and studying.



Freshman Queen: Tiana Eaton is a nursing major and also is a trainer for the football team. Her favorite subject is psychology, and she enjoys spending time with her friends and family.



Freshman Queen: Sadie Vore is a freshman majoring in elementary education. She enjoys playing the piano and being involved on campus.

Ranger Queen: Montana McCullough is a junior majoring in Agriculture Education. She enjoys hanging out with her friends and working, and is involved in Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and The Herd. ASA is her sponsor.



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OCT. 8-10

SPORTS

Soccer notches its first win Saturday; Falls to Southwestern Tuesday

By NICK VILLALOBOS
Sports Editor

Northwestern net's a 1-0 victory over Oklahoma Christian behind Legaspi's 13 saves on Saturday but were not able to outlast the Bulldogs on Tuesday.

Reigning GAC goalkeeper of the year, Briana Legaspi came up big for the Rangers Saturday, as she filled the afternoon with amazing highlight saves against the Eagles.

As the back and forth first half was coming to a close, Legaspi made her first outstanding save of the game with an over the head two handed glove save.

The save kept the game at 0-0 as the game went to halftime.

Legaspi recorded her next highlight save at the 49 minute mark of the game when she faced a very crucial Eagle penalty kick.

Along with the great defensive play by Legaspi,

Rangers Arlet Polack and Alyssa Williams had great days on the offensive side.

Polack was a key offensive threat for the Rangers as she recorded two shots on goal, with one goal coming at the 48 minute mark.

Williams also made an offensive threat for the Rangers as she recorded three shots at the goal.

The win for Northwestern was head coach Craig Liddell's first NCAA win.

The Rangers then played arch rival and conference opponent Southwestern on Tuesday.

Unfortunately a very strong offensive performance from the Bulldogs was too much for the Rangers as they fell 2-0 on the road in Weatherford, Okla. according to swosuathletics.com.

Northwestern (1-3-1) will head home to the Alva Rec Complex to face the Newman University Jets tonight at 7 p.m.

Pictures from Rangers soccer Saturday against the Reddies



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Ranger Rebecca Jones outruns Reddie defender in Saturday's 1-0 win over Henderson State.

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Football falls to Henderson State on Saturday at home

By CAITLYN COODY
Student Reporter

Northwestern football battled with Henderson State on Saturday at home but fell 25-17.

If you left before half time, you probably assumed Northwestern was going to be swept.

However, the 100 yard touchdown by Henderson's Corey Chappell did not discourage our Ranger players.

Northwestern fought throughout the entire game; past the five interceptions and four sacks on quarterback Reid Miller.

In the first three quarters, Henderson dominated the playing field.

The Reddies defense filled every hole and covered every receiver.

Northwestern offense had a tough time breaking through that defensive line. However, Henderson was facing the same issues.

Ranger defense was immovable. Devin Peyton, alone, had 19 total tackles for the game. Jacoby Beasley and Derrick Thompson both had crucial tackles during the game; Reddie quarter backs didn't know what hit them.

Henderson ended up scoring three touchdowns and had an unimpressive 25 yard

field goal in the first three quarters before Ranger football caught their wind in the final quarter.

Northwestern's Jordan Norris, got the Rangers fired up after intercepting a Henderson pass by Dallas Hardison, late in the fourth quarter. Norris ran the ball for a 22 yard touchdown!

The field goal, by Will Hawkins, was good and that fueled the Rangers' fire.

Northwestern continued with a passing game and, starting quarterback, Reid Miller, threw a bullet to Arte' Miura Jr. for a whopping 55 yard touchdown.

Unfortunately, Miller's last heave down field ended up in the arms of a Henderson defender.

The late interception resulted in Henderson taking 25-17 the victory over the Red-and-Black.

If you were to ask me, the Rangers had an impressive game. They only allowed Henderson to score 10 points.

Reddie special teams and rushing yards are what inevitably lead Henderson State to a victory.

The Rangers (1-2, 1-2) next outing is Saturday at 7 p.m. in Arkadelphia, Ark. as they face the conference foe, Ouachita Baptist Tigers.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Rangers fight hard against the Reddies on Saturday but fall 25-17.



Photo by Osamu Sakamoto

Ranger running back Charles Davis Jr. finds a running lane on Saturday.

Sports Brief:

Volleyball falls to Broncos on the road 3-1

By ADRIANA BECERRA
Student Reporter

The Northwestern Oklahoma State University volleyball team traveled to Edmond, Okla. to take on the Broncos of University of Central Oklahoma on Friday. The Rangers battled and took the Broncos to 4 sets but lost 3-1.

The games were close but the rangers couldn't keep up (19-25, 16-25, 25-18, 16-25).

Leading the Rangers with 16 kills and aces with three was Nora To'omalatai.

Kaydee Yukawa added 19 assists. Vanessa Maile followed closely behind with a total of 17.

The Rangers finished with 48 kills, 5 aces, 5 blocks, 42 assists and 53 digs.

Up next, the Lady Rangers will travel to conference rival, Southwestern Oklahoma State, on Thursday, September 24.

The match is set to begin at 7 p.m. After that the Rangers will be on the road until they return home on October 2.

For more information on the Lady Ranger Volleyball team, check out RideRangersRide.com.

Golf team looks to improve after first tournament

By JACLYN BURKE
Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University golfers have started their seasons off well, but still look to improve as the season progresses.

The head golf coach, Dick Kaiser said, "The guys had to battle extremely strong winds during the first 36 holes played on Monday and it made playing in those conditions very challenging." However, there were improvements seen as each round passed.

As for the women, "The course at Cherokee Springs in Tahlequah was very challenging for the ladies, especially since the three freshmen had never played the course," said Kaiser.

Drew Sims, a 20-year-old from Coalgate, Okla said, "I think the more this team plays and gets comfortable playing in tournaments again we will see improvement."

For the ladies, they will benefit from more playing time, said Kaiser.

Players on both teams seek consistency, which is one of the most important skills needed to be successful in golf.

"I look to improve for the rest of the season by becoming more consistent with my play. I want to continue

to put in as much time as I can to become the best golfer that I can be," said Trevor Montgomery, a junior from Bristow, Okla.

Kaiser said a few ways the teams hope to achieve more consistency are "through individual instruction on improving a swing path and talking game strategy during a practice round."

In order to help for tournament preparations, coaches figure out which obstacles will be presented at the next tournament. Then, they are able to simulate situations similar to what the players will face during competition. This gives the players confidence going into their tournament.

Confidence is key in any sport, but especially in golf.

The players must be confident in their own skills if they want to succeed. There are a few important skills that are needed to ensure success in golf.

Kaiser said, "Everyone is going to struggle in a round of golf somewhere but it's important to not let that hole ruin a whole round by doing something crazy."

Checking your golf ego at the door is another concept Kaiser emphasizes. "Collegiate golfers must play the course that is laid out in front of them

and use their innate skills to score. Often forcing things or trying to overpower a course only ends up with big scores," said Kaiser.

As the season progresses, athletes are already looking forward to certain tournaments throughout the year.

Montgomery is looking forward to the Conference Tournament next semester.

"I believe that with the team we have this year we will be able to compete with the other schools. It is exciting because of all the potential each of us have to play well," said Montgomery.

The golf team will take to the course again on Sept. 28 for the SEOSU-Chickasaw Pointe tournament in Durant, Okla.

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SPORTS

Four families, one team: Four pairs of siblings headline this year's Northwestern rodeo team

By SARAH OTTO
Student Reporter

The Miller's, Nelson's, Allred's, and the Munsell's make up eight of the athletes on the Ranger rodeo roster this year.

Shayna Miller, a highly recognizable name from winning championship buckles last year, not only made the trip back to Oklahoma from South Dakota for her senior year, but brought her younger sister along with her.

Her sister, Katy Miller, is two years younger, but just as talented. This is her sophomore year, but first year to go to school at Northwestern.

As a senior in high school, she won the state high school finals in goat tying. Shayna said, "I love having her here! We have practiced together since we were little kids, and she has always been my biggest competition. We push each other, and to rodeo with her at the collegiate level will keep us both striving to be our best." Younger sister Katy agrees, "It's awesome! We push each other harder than any coach could, and we are both critical for the other's success."

Tearnee Nelson, also a South Dakota native, begins her second year as a Ranger. She brought her younger brother, Wylee Nelson, a freshman, along with her. Tearnee said, "It's nice to have family down here, it feels like I am at home practicing. It also takes a little pressure off of me knowing he will help me whenever I need



Photo provided

Four pairs of siblings make up part of this year's rodeo team roster.

him too."

Older sister Tearnee has high hopes for her younger brother. She expects him to do well in both of his events, and to have confidence in himself. She said, "He will be rodeoing against tough competition down here, which will only make him better."

She has set the goal of being a tougher competitor for herself this year. The brother and sister duo will be team roping together at the college rodeos. Wylee said, "Rodeoing is always fun, but when you can with your sibling, it is even better."

Utah natives, Laremi and younger brother Grayson (Buba) Allred are both back to rodeo for

Northwestern this year.

Buba made the college finals last year as a freshman, and Laremi ended her season in the top 15 of the Central Plains Region in the goat tying. "We constantly get asked if we live together, and yes we do, which I think is a really good thing for the both of us. We push each other to practice harder," said Laremi.

The siblings have enough horses amongst themselves that they can pretty much mount for any and all events, which comes in handy for the Utah pair.

Buba is pretty fond of his 13 month older sister, he said, "She is a good influence on my rodeo career, and pushes me to be my

best. She doesn't cut me much slack when it comes to working out and practicing."

Oklahoma locals made the hour and a half trip from Harmon to Alva to compete for the Ranger rodeo team.

Taylor Munsell is a freshman, and older brother Hunter Munsell is a senior. Hunter is a transfer from WOSC where he finished fourth in the team roping Central Plains Region. Talent runs in the family because in high school Taylor was a two time national rodeo qualifier for Oklahoma, and finished third at the International Finals Youth Rodeo in breakaway roping.

Taylor got released to start roping three weeks ago from having shoulder surgery, which her brother helped her get through.

She said, "He kept my horses working for me the last four months." She continued, "It's pretty neat to be college rodeoing with him, I have looked up to him my whole life in the team roping, and it is nice to have him here to help me with my horses and to get me out of slumps when I have an off day."

Hunter agrees with his younger sister, "It's nice to be able to help each other out. Whatever the case may be, a traveling partner to the rodeos or if one of us needs a horse to ride."

The four sets of siblings will definitely be pushing each other to do their best, and will be athletes to keep an eye on as the season progresses.

News Brief:

Annual Golf Classic approaching quickly

The annual Northwestern Oklahoma State University President's Association Golf Classic, sponsored by The Stock Exchange Bank, is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 1, at Woodward's Boiling Springs Golf Club.

The tournament begins with a shotgun start at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served during the tournament.

The Stock Exchange Bank serves as the title sponsor of the tournament, continuing its strong support of Northwestern and the President's Association.

The event is a benefit for the President's Association program at Northwestern. Since its inception in 2000, the program has supported the development of the President's Leadership Class program, sponsored the participation of students in national events and competitions, provided funds for special unmet needs to enhance teaching and learning, and supported special projects to enhance student recruitment and retention.

"We hope our alumni and businesses from all three of our campus communities will support this event and make plans for a great day of golf and fellowship," said Dr. Janet Cunningham, university president.

"The Stock Exchange Bank and its employees have been actively involved in supporting Northwestern and its students in a number of different ways," Cunningham said. "They are corporate partners in the truest sense of the term, and we are thrilled they will serve as the title sponsor for the second consecutive year."

The tournament features a four-person scramble format.

Entry fees are \$400 per four-person team, and will include green fees, use of a golf cart and lunch. President's Association members who pledge at the \$1,000 or \$500 levels will automatically receive up to two complimentary individual entries.

Businesses or groups also may secure Ranger Sponsorships that include a four-person team entry and advertising package. Sponsorships of individual holes and tournament prizes also are available.

Entry and sponsorship information is available by contacting Steve Valencia at (580) 327-8478 or sjvalencia@nwosu.edu. Entry deadline is Tuesday, Sept. 29.

Northwestern intramural football in full swing

By ALEXANDER REYES
Student Reporter

Northwestern is halfway through the intramural football season, so here's a quick recap.

The current standings are: First, Captain Crunch and the Cereal Killers. Tied first, Touchdowns Automatic. Second, Cooler Bandits. Third, Mel Kiper's Best Available. Fourth, NWOSU Rodeo. Fifth, The A-team. Sixth, The Fighting Farmers. Tied

seventh, The Underdogs (but that may turn around). Tied seventh is the Angels of Death.

Sep. 21 the top two teams will compete to see who remains undefeated. Will it be part of a balanced breakfast murderers or the non-manual scorers?

The next day the two bottom teams will compete.

Who will be at the bottom when all is said and done? Will The Underdogs pull some movie magic and avoid the bottom, or will Angels of Death finally reap their first win?

"It's a lot bigger deal for some people," said Chris Lauderdale, the current director of Northwestern intramural sports.

"The winner gets a T-shirt if they win but, the bragging rights are very real for some."

The T-shirts are sport specific and not just generic designs. "If they've won one sport, they may try to get one in another," Lauderdale said.

There will be a tournament once all the regular season games are done. Northwestern will have one true champion for flag football the rest of the year. "I really enjoy it I always try to get students involved," Lauderdale said.

He has been the director of intramurals for about six years overall.

"We usually try to end football before fall break," he said. "That way we can start fresh with whatever we're doing next."

Volleyball and dodgeball are

the next intramurals coming up once football is over. "Hopefully, we get enough teams," he said. "Last year is the first I know of that we didn't have either."

The Intramurals team will send flyers and emails to everyone about the upcoming sports, and when the 2 meetings for them will be.

To follow along with how the football bracket progresses as the season rolls on, visit the Northwestern home page at nwosu.edu and type Intramural Football in the search bar.



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Features

Real heroes deserve praise, utmost respect

Comic heroes in spotlight on Friday

By NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

It's a bird! It's a plane! No, it's Superman! Friday is National Comic Book Day. With this day, superheroes will come "Hulk-smashing" into the limelight.

Superheroes have intrigued and delighted audiences for decades, with Batman being born to the comic book world in 1938 and Superman also in 1938. Heroes like these two muscular, mysterious crime-fighters have remained an essential part of pop culture since their creation. In past years, this has been particularly evident, with the revamp of Marvel classics in the Avengers series, and DC Comics joining the hero hysteria.

With a day like National Comic Book Day, the influences of both fictional and real heroes are brought to mind, whether that influence is using spidey-senses to inspire young children, or serving others in the community. You don't need a cape to be someone's hero.

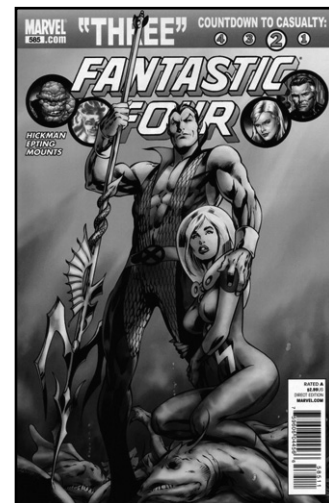
The idea of a hero has changed throughout the centuries. From gladiator, to knight, to Western cowboy, to men that can fly in stretchy tights, our perceptions of the ideal superhero has modified with our culture. We tend to revere these fictional characters, yet often forget the respect that our modern, tangible heroes truly deserve.

Being a hero means one must face adversity with strength and courage. A hero must commit to self-sacrifice and maintain a belief in some greater good.

One doesn't require super strength to be strong against the challenge. One does not need X-ray vision to see a better future that can be obtained. One does not need to shoot fireballs to be able to brighten the life of another. One does not need the ability to fly to help someone



Superman debuted in 1939. This first issue is valued at \$750,000 by ComicBookRealm.com



Fantastic Four cover in 2011.



Incredible Hulk cover, 1974

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soar. One does not need superhuman speed to rush in and save another's life.

There are examples of heroes all throughout our society. Teachers use their patience, intelligence, and caring attitude to shape young minds. Police use their strength, determination, and willingness to risk their lives to protect our communities.

Our military have the strength and courage to live extraordinarily perilous lives in an effort to protect our lives and our freedoms from the villains of the world. Farmers use their ability

to create new life to feed nations.

All around us are hidden superheroes, using their superhuman powers of caring for others to better this world. They might not wear stretchy tights or have fancy gadgets or capes or have perfectly defined muscles.

Superheroes are pretty awesome, but I think our real heroes are the ones who truly deserve the utmost respect. So go watch a superhero movie or read some comics on National Comic Day, but don't forget about the modern heroes who deserve our thanks.



Sequel doesn't live up to hype

By CHRIS PUNTO & NATALIE SACKET

"Maze Runner: the Scorch Trials"



Chris: 2.5 out of 5

Alright everyone. You can blame Natalie for this terrible review. I haven't seen the first "Maze Runner" movie, so I am completely and utterly lost as far as plot goes. My colleague knew this, but she's too chicken to watch "The Visit."

Anyway, here we go. Acting was pretty good for a teenage dystopian style movie. Something I can't rightly say about movies like the "Divergent" series. This film stars Dylan O'Brien, and now I can see why people wanted him to portray the next Spider-Man. He can pull off that teenage stud that so many actors his age want to get down.

As far as the movie itself goes, it seems like it would have been a good movie if I knew what it was about at all. I'm just kinda tired of this whole "in the future where the government is hiding something from you" storyline. It's been done over and over, and, yes, Hollywood is making millions off the masses of people who watch them, but come on -- something original is desperately in need.

Bottom line: I'm pretty neutral overall, I guess. Plot scores right in the middle because of how much I don't know about it. Acting scores highly for me. And creativity scores low on my scale. I'm sure if I watch the first movie and then go back and watch this again, it'll be a pretty decent movie. I apologize to the readers that expected more out of this review. Blame Natalie.

Natalie: 2.5 out of 5



The release of "The Maze Runner" last September de-

lighted me. It was exciting, thrilling, and unlike the other young adult novel movies that have bombarded theaters in past years. (Sorry Katniss and Tris.) It maintained action, excitement, and sizzle, without losing sight of the unique plot. Because of this, I was thrilled to see what director Wes Ball would do with the sequel, "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials." Unfortunately, this film did not live up to my high expectations.

Not to spoil anything, but here's a spoiler: this film becomes filled with zombie-like creatures called "cranks." They're more blood-curdling than your typical "Walking Dead" creatures, as these run. Fast. Terrifying.

Speaking of running, there is SO much running in this film. Running from cranks, running from lightning, running from guys with guns, running from responsibilities. Seriously, learn how to ride a bike or drive, or something. Despite all the running, this film certainly didn't make it terribly far.

I still enjoyed "Maze Runner: The Scorch Trials;" don't take my criticism too harshly. However, this series seemed to lose its imagination and ability to stray from the typical young adult film.

Rather than maintaining its creativity, it threw in zombies, betrayal and teen romance. The storyline did surprise me, as it was not at all what I expected. But that's only because I expected much more.

I will say, if you haven't seen the first film, this sequel will confuse you. (Sorry Chris.) They make numerous references to happenings of the first film, without any explanation. If you choose to watch this sequel, watch "Maze Runner" first. The sequel picks right up where the prequel ended.

Bottom Line: It's not AW-FUL; perhaps I'm just bitter because I expected much more. If you're a fan of minimal plot development and zombies, this is a good way to spend an evening.

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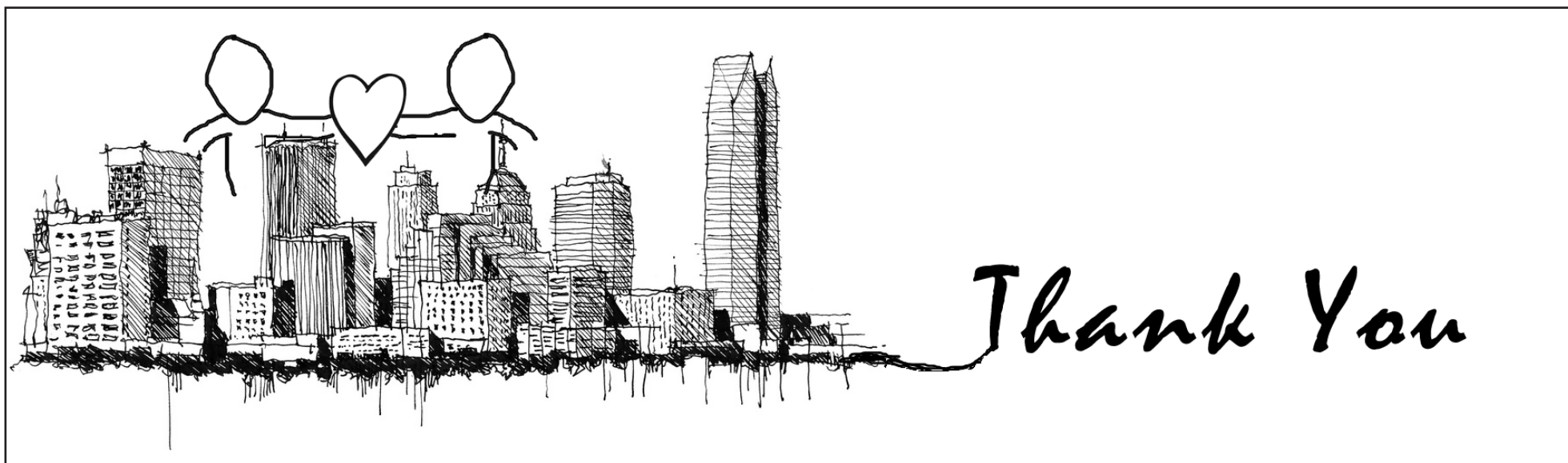
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Features



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Writer challenges students to five acts of kindness to offer on campus

BY TRACY MEZA
Student Writer

It is time to spread a little kindness, Northwestern! Accept the challenge of spreading kindness around campus this week by completing good deeds for others. This is the time of the semester when most college students start to feel a little homesick.

The excitement of the new

school year has settled down, and classes are in full swing, causing the typical student to feel a little overwhelmed and in need of some random acts of kindness.

Therefore, your challenge (if you choose to accept it) is to complete at least five good deeds for your fellow college students this week. Having trouble with this challenge? Not a problem; here are some suggestions to get you

started.

- Write a thank you note to someone you see who is working extra hard and could use a little cheering up.

- Take someone that is having a rough day out to dinner. It could help turn his or her entire day around.

- Help out the custodial staff by picking up trash that you see lying around campus.

- Help someone take a load off by carrying their books to

class for them.

- Buy someone a soda or snack without he or she even asking.

- Make a thank-you banner for a hard working professor and tape it to their door.

- Make cookies for the entire class to enjoy. Maybe bring a couple pieces of fruit for those that do not eat sweets.

- Put together a care package to cheer up a sick friend in need, include items

mom would make, like chicken noodle soup.

- Pull a friend struggling in classes into a study group to help them out.

- Offer a friend without a car a ride to the store for grocery shopping.

These are just some suggestions to get you started. Be creative and think of your own ways to spread the kindness across Northwestern throughout the week.

Childhood movies are making a comeback on the big screen

BY NATALIE SACKET
Feature Editor

With the release of "The Jungle Book" trailer last week, movie lovers were understandably ecstatic. This film is just one of the many live-action Disney films that will make all of our childhood fantasies come to life. With films like "Cinderella," which made its live-action appearance last March, we have a lot to look forward to with these remakes.

Based from the trailer, this film will have all the "bare necessities." With actors like Scarlett Johansson, Christopher Walken, and Bill Murray, expectations will be high. Special and practical effects have made leaps in past years, truly awakening the imaginations of viewers. The trailer for "The Jungle Book" is awesome. You should really check it out. (After you finish my article, of

course.)

If you're excited about the release of "The Jungle Book," the film will be released April 15, 2016. You've only seven months of waiting!

As if you couldn't get more excited, here are some more live-action Disney remakes you have to look forward to: "Beauty and the Beast," "The Little Mermaid," "Dumbo," "Pinocchio," "Mulan," "Aladdin," "Prince Charming," "Winnie the Pooh," and "Chip 'n' Dale." (No, not like "Magic Mike," like the chipmunks.) The animated characters you adored as children will come to life on the big screen, and their legacies will be carried on.

So keep a lookout in coming years for these exciting new releases. Now, you can go check out "The Jungle Book" trailer. You won't be disappointed.

Enjoy the nice weather while you still can

BY JACLYN BURKE
Student Writer

Summer break is just a memory at this time of the semester, so that can only mean one thing: Winter is just around the corner. Now is the time to get outside and get to know Alva and the surrounding areas. Take a break from your homework and explore some interesting places that the community has to offer.

1. Great Salt Plains Lake

Go see some scenic views. Take a boat, a fishing pole and enjoy a quiet evening out by the lake. The view is great, but the sunsets are even more phenomenal. There is no cost to get into the lake area, and it is only 20 minutes away from

campus. Bring a picnic lunch and make a day of it.

2. Northwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo

The NWOSU rodeo will be held in Alva, OK on Oct. 29-31. It will be a fun weekend of rodeo performances. Who knows, you might even run into some of your fellow classmates that will be competing in various events.

3. Alva Speedway

The Woods County Fairgrounds is home to the newly renovated Alva Speedway. It is located just south of the Ranger football field. If you are a race fan, this is the place for you to go spend a weekend evening watching some kart racing. Check out their Facebook page for updates

on the race schedule.

4. Little Sahara State Park

Bring your own ATV and race the sand dunes and participate in other activities, or go watch some of the action packed things that will be going on. It is just a 30 minute drive from Alva to Waynoka.

5. Alva Golf and Country Club.

If golfing is your thing, go out and play some golf, or just have a good time with your golfer friends while the weather is nice, because it will not be like that for long, as temperatures are already starting to drop. Head north on 281 in Alva for 3 miles and you're there. Their regular hours are from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

6. Faulkner Cave

Faulkner Cave is sure to spark some interest. You better not wait too long to go visit because the cave will get really cold quickly as the temperatures start to drop. It is located in Alva. While you're there, you can go for a hike around Short's Canyon Park, which is where Faulkner's Cave is located. The cave is typically open from 5:00am to 9:00 pm.

We all know Alva is a small town with what seems to be nothing to do, but do not be fooled. There are plenty of other activities to do before winter shows up and it becomes too cold for these outdoor adventures.



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