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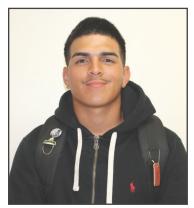


Photo by Angel Perez

Baseball player Jose Rubalcava says he is smiling because he is able to continue playing the game he loves while getting a great education.

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Last Thursday the Northwestern Rangers traveled to Ada and battled head-to-head against the East Central University tigers in their season opener and came out on top 21-13. See RANGERS, Pg 10

Fine Arts handles funding woes

By MCKAYLA HOLSON ASHLEY WATTS **Editors**

With growth comes growing

The choirs and bands had an increase in membership this year.

"We had a modest recruiting year for majors and minors," said Karsten Longhurst, NWOSU choir director. "We've had a lot of interest from incoming freshmen who are not majoring or minoring in music to sing in the choirs."

The choirs are able to make adjustments to help lessen the impact of their reduced budgets.

"The university has always made a big priority to make the Fine Arts a focus, and we've always been well-funded, even over the past few years when unprecedented cuts had been made to the universities funding," Longhurst said. "Regardless, we've been fortunate to be able to not feel a lot of those hits until this year."

Longhurst said the budgetary portion the department usually gets from the school was less than last year, but the administration has always done a great job of protecting the budget for the stu-

"It [the budget cut] impacts us when we look at taking students places, purchasing more music, and purchasing materials we



Karsten Longhurst

need to operate," Longhurst said. "We're fortunate that we have lots of support through endowment funds that are set up for specific purposes like choir or professional development for faculty or professional opportunities for students and faculty."

Because of budget cuts, measures were taken to ensure the bands and choirs are able to continue their activities.

For the choirs, Longhurst is using music that is already in the choir library instead of purchasing newer music. He also said he will have to "dip into" the choir's foundation funds to take the members on tour. The tours are recruitment opportunities for the choir.

Longhurst said that the members will do an international tour within a couple of years. He said money from the university and endowment funds reduces the



cost of the tour by almost 50 percent for students. This support allows students to be able to take part in the experiences the choirs have to offer.

As a part of travel, the members also get to attend conferences. There are two conferences the choir attends and one conference band attends.

"I find that the ability to go to those conferences just enlarges their vision of what we do here," Longhurst said.

"The students get to see a community that supports their profession. Our endowment funds, some of our student travel money, and some of our foundation money, helps pay for that," Longhurst

The choirs and band also fundraise to add a little extra money to their accounts. The choir's fundraisers help take

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Valencia set to transfer to Rogers State

By BRYANT VENOSDEL

Student Reporter

Steve Valencia, Northwestern Oklahoma State University's associate vice president for university relations, is leaving the university after a 23-year career.

On Sept. 30, Valencia will start a new job as the vice president for development at Rogers State University.

"The opening developed, and I had people who encouraged me to look into the opportunity," Valencia said. "I'll be working with the Rogers State Foundation to raise money for students and the university. I will also be working on the annual giving programs with donors, and I'll be overseeing the alumni association."

Valencia, an NWOSU alumnus, said it was hard to leave the place he has worked for so long.

"It's a little bittersweet leaving a place you've always been, but I am ready for a new challenge," Valencia said.

Matt Adair, assistant dean of student affairs and recruitment, recalled working with Valenica.

"When I had been teaching in communication, Steve had been through our communication program, so he was extremely supportive," Adair said. "He is a great guy and a phenomenal Ranger."

Valarie Case, NWOSU's University Relations specialist, has known Valencia for a long time.

"I have worked with him since he started here," Case said. "We are both from Waynoka, we went to the same high school, and we both went to school here at Northwestern."

Valencia said he will start his new job by adjusting to the work environment at Rogers State.

"I will probably spend the first 90 days just learning and listening a lot," Valencia said. "They've given me a blank slate with what I want to do, but it will take some time to learn the traditions and culture that take place."

Valencia also offered some advice to whoever takes his position: "Trust your instincts and put your own stamp on things."

"I am always going be a Ranger," Valencia said. "I've been very fortunate with my incredible staff. President Cunningham has been great to work with along with the other members of the senior staff, and I look forward to developing some of those relationships at Rogers."

News

Leaders named for NWOSU pageant

By **LOGAN MERIWETHER**Student Reporter

The Miss Northwestern organization has filled the positions of executive director and teen director for the 2019-2020 school year. Paige Fischer will serve as executive director, and Olivia Yandel will serve as the teen director.

Here is what you need to know about each role.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Q: Paige, you are the Miss Northwestern executive director. What does this job entail?

A: I am in charge of leading the Miss Northwestern Committee and organizing the Miss Northwestern competition. Once the Miss Northwestern competition wraps up, I will provide support and guidance for our new Miss Northwestern as she prepares for Miss Oklahoma.

Q: How did you get this position?

A: I was approached about the position by Chesnei Thomas, the former executive director. I know I am going to have some big shoes to fill, as Chesnei took Miss Northwestern to the next level while she was in charge. Chesnei is organized and creative, and she knew all of the "ins-and-outs" of how to run a successful local competition. I am grateful that she will be there to provide support along the way.

Q: What would you like to say to the people who hired you for this position?

A: I would just want them to know how excited and grate-



Paige Fischer



Olivia Yandel

ful I am for this opportunity. The icing on top is having Olivia as the teen director. We worked together in the NWOSU Recruitment Office, and there is no one else in the world I would rather be on this adventure with.

Q: What should we know about the Miss Northwestern Program?

A: It is an amazing opportunity for NWOSU ladies to earn scholarships – and even have the opportunity to go to the Miss Oklahoma competition. It's a fabulous way for them to get out of their "comfort zones" and try something new. We will be hosting an information night on September 16 at 6 p.m. in the Student Center Wyatt Room. If any women have interest in Miss Northwestern, I encourage them to come find

out more on September 16.

TEEN DIRECTOR

Q: Olivia, you are the teen director of the Miss Northwestern organization. What does your job entail?

A: I will be recruiting young ladies across the state of Oklahoma to come to the pageant, and I will find a good representative for Northwestern at the Miss Oklahoma Teen Pageant. I will be helping the teens turn in their paperwork on time and properly. Once a Miss Northwestern is crowned, I am their "support system," making sure they get their paperwork in. I help the teen pick out the proper dress, and make sure they are up-to-date on events coming up.

Q: How did you get this position?

A: Paige Fischer asked me if I wanted the job. We have worked together for four years in the recruitment office previously. We work well together, and Paige thinks I am a very well-organized and hard-working person.

Q: What would you like to say to the people that hired you for this position?

A: I want to thank them for the opportunity to take over as the new teen director. I know this is a big deal for Northwestern. ... Our main goal with these teens is to give them the best possible outlook on how Northwestern is because we have the possibility to recruit these teens to come to Northwestern. I am proud that they have entrusted me with these duties, and that they have given me the opportunities to show [students] around and let them know what Northwestern is like.

Blinded by the light

Crosswalk repairs characterized by confusion

By **GEORGE SMITH**Student Reporter

The lights for the crosswalk connecting the Baptist Collegiate Ministries building to the NWOSU campus stopped working for a few days in August, but the campus maintenance department was able to fix the problem before any students were injured while crossing Highway 281 east of campus.

Crosswalks give pedestrians designated "safe spaces" to cross otherwise busy roads. This particular crosswalk is the only crosswalk in Alva that is not located at a stoplight, so it has warning lights instead.

When activated, the warning lights flash, advising drivers to slow down for pedestrians. The crosswalk has heavy foot traffic from college students and administrators alike.

Fixing the lights was easy, according to workers with the campus maintenance department. They said a loose wire simply needed to be "tightened down."

The biggest problem, they said, was deciding who is actually in

charge of maintaining the lights.

After students notified Ethan Kennedy, chief of police for the Alva campus, and Calleb Mosburg, dean of student affairs and enrollment management, school officials contacted the Oklahoma Department of Transportation. A subsequent Facebook post from NWOSU claimed that ODOT would be making the repairs. Transportation department officials, however, said that the maintenance of the warning is up to the city of Alva.

The Northwestern News contacted Alva City Manager Joe Don, who said that NWOSU is responsible for maintaining the crosswalk lights.

Ultimately, NWOSU workers did repair the lights. Campus workers say they will be able to make any other needed repairs to the lights in the future.

Kennedy and Mosburg said they want to remind students to be vigilant of irregular events that happen around the campus. They advised students to use caution and practice "common sense" when crossing roads.



Photo by Leah Darnell

The lights for the crosswalk connecting the Baptist Collegiate Ministries building to the NWOSU campus stopped working for a few days, but the campus maintenance department was able to fix them.

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FUNDING: Band buys used instruments to lower costs

Continued from Page 1 members outside of the region.

BAND

The band is currently fundraising for a new trailer.

"The biggest problem with our trailer [now] is storage," said Seth Cudd, NWOSU band director. "There's no storage, there's no shelving, there's no place to hang clothes."

The band budget for the year was actually increased, and this has helped with what Cudd called "growing pains."

"I feel like administration really supports the band," Cudd said. "They want the band to grow, and they put money there to make it happen."

Because of the increase, the band will need to purchase at least 20 to 30 uniforms to be ready for next year. Uniforms for marching band are not cheap and take a long time to make. This is why they will be ordered sometime in the near future for next year's marching season, Cudd said.

The pit band will also not be wearing uniforms this year because of the lack of supplies. The colorguard does not wear the same uniforms that the rest of the band does, but their poles and flags need to be purchased in addition to their unique uniforms. The colorguard has doubled in size since last year.

With the increase in membership, the band has also had to purchase instruments for students. To help lower those costs, the instruments were bought used.

"I feel like we've been given quite a bit of money to work with, so it's just a matter of me figuring that out," Cudd said. "That's why I bought some used tubas and things like that to try to save us some money so we can spend it in other places because I feel like we need it. It's all going to work out, but it's part of being a person who manages a budget. It's my job to try to figure out how to make it

"I feel like administration really supports the band. They want the band to grow, and they put money there to make it happen." — Seth Cudd

all work."

Cudd said he thinks the administration's support is part of why the band program — and the Fine Arts department in general — is growing.

"We [the band and its members] are really appreciative of the administration's support," Cudd said. "I want to be clear and I want them to know that we appreciate them and what they do."

"I think Northwestern has a really strong 'corner,' or 'niche,' that we fulfill," Longhurst said. "The Northwestern experience is unique, and I love what we offer students. I love how we support them, and I love seeing students who studied here and the great things they're doing now."

What's up?

Tonight

Suicide **Prevention**

Herod Hall Auditorium



7 p.m.

Miss NWOSU Info Night

Women currently enrolled at Northwestern are welcome to attend the information session to learn more about competing in the Miss Northwestern Pageant, Student Center Wyatt Room.

Sept. 16. 6 p.m.



Constitution Day 2019

This will be a discussion on the life and constitutional contributions of John Dickinson, Ranger Room. Open to everyone.

Sept. 18 Noon

Rangers Got Talent

SGA is hosting Rangers Got Talent 2019. Students will showcase their talents to win cash prizes in the Student Center Ballroom.

1st place: \$100 2nd place: \$50 3d place: \$25

Sept. 19 7 p.m.



Family Day Alumni/ Ranger Student Luncheon

Register at mynwfoundation.com/apl

Sept. 14 Noon

Walking Taco Tuesday Spanish Club Meeting

We will be serving walking tacos, while talking about future Spanish club events/ meetings. Open to anyone interested in learning more about our club. Student Center Ballroom.

Sept 17. 6 p.m.



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Family Day set for Sept. 14

By GEORGE SMITH

Student Reporter

Family day is this weekend and there are a lot of opportunities for parents to spend time with their college students.

With events kicking off Friday at 9.am. students and parents can go "Shopping for Tuition" which allows them to walk into local businesses and register for a drawing during halftime of Saturday's game for a chance to win a \$500, \$300, or \$200 tuition waiver.

That event will end at five in the afternoon and conclude all the events for Friday. Saturday is Game Day! From 10 a.m. to noon more "Shopping for Tuition" ensues at some of the same and different businesses.

A list of all participating businesses is located on the school website and is updated daily as new businesses have also decided to contribute. At noon on Sunday a special event is happening.

Students in Ranger Connection classes were polled to determine how many freshmen had Northwestern Alumni parents and those freshman and parents are invited to a luncheon Saturday at noon in the Student Center.

Afterwards Family Day Registration starts in the Student Center Commons area and runs on until 2:30 p.m. Following registration in the Student Center Commons is the Presidential Pre-Game.

At 4 p.m. there will be a tailgate party on the west side of the Ranger Fieldhouse and kickoff is at 6 p.m. Some students said they were feeling excited to see their parents and are excited for the game.

For more information about Family Day and a list of the local businesses participating and what days they are taking part in the "Shopping for Tuition" event visit: www.nwosu.edu/traditions/ family-day



Above: Family Day 2018. This year, Family Day is set for Sept. 14 and following the afternoons events. Northwestern will host its first football game against Southeastern at 6 p.m.



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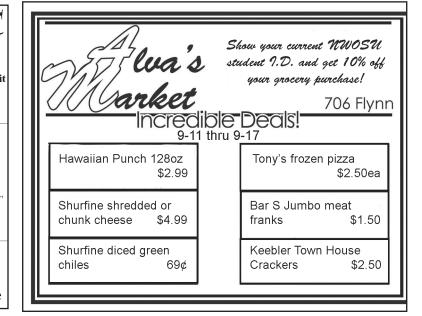
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Editorial

It's OK to ask for help

By JORDAN GREEN
News Editor

I spent my Saturday doing something that not many people ever get the chance to do: Work on a railroad motor-car.

I'm a volunteer at the Railroad Museum of Oklahoma in Enid, where I maintain the museum's railroad equipment, teach people about the history of railroading, and take passengers on short motor-car – also called "speeder" – excursions around the property.

When I got to the museum, I was delighted to find out that some folks wanted to take a ride that day. I fired up the speeder and took them for a short ride around the museum.

A very short one.

After running around the museum for a few minutes, the speeder stopped running. It sputtered, backfired, and died. It wouldn't start again, and I couldn't figure out why.

I called my trusty uncle for help, and we started sorting out what we thought to be the problem. I replaced several components in the electrical system, but that didn't get it going again. Then I tried putting a new fuel line on it, but it still wouldn't run.

So, after several hours of work and many trips to the auto-parts store, I still couldn't get the old speeder up and going again. And then, it was time to head home.

As I drove home, I was dismayed. I had really hoped to have a good day

taking people around the museum. But more than anything, I felt defeated. I felt like I wasn't "good" enough to fix it.

Have you ever felt that way about something?

Many times, we face problems in our lives that we don't think we can handle. If you're having trouble managing your budget, you might not be able to figure out where you're spending too much money. If you're in a relationship, you might not be able to figure out what has caused tension between you and your loved one. If you're trying to become healthier, you might not understand which parts of your lifestyle need to be changed.

And, if you're working on a railroad speeder, you might not know which engine component isn't working.

We often feel like we don't "measure up" to the tasks before us. That's where we are wrong – and that's why we can't seem to find solutions to the things that plague us.

Zig Ziglar once said, "It is your attitude, not your aptitude, that determines your altitude."

Leave it to Zig to hit the nail on the head.

You don't have to have a lot of knowledge or experience to be good at something; you just have to be willing to work hard for it.

No matter the problems you face, ask friends, family members, or professionals for help. Sometimes it's hard to

share our

"From what I've seen, it isn't so much the act of asking that paralyzes us--it's what lies beneath: the fear of being vulnerable, the fear of rejection, the fear of looking needy or weak. The fear of being seen as a burdensome member of the community instead of a productive one. It points, fundamentally, to our sepa-

ration from one another."

— Amanda Palmer, The Art of Asking; or, How I Learned to

Stop Worrying and Let People Help

problems with others, so pick whichever person you feel most comfortable with. And once you've been given some input, put that advice into practice.

Changing your spending habits, the terms of your relationship, and your lifestyle choices will be difficult, but you can make them. You don't have to be the smartest person

"You don't have to have a lot of knowledge or experience to be good at something; you just have to be willing to work hard for it"

in the world to figure out that you eat too much takeout, that you are too demanding, or that you have a poor diet. You just have to be willing to make changes once you figure out what's wrong.

I'll keep getting help from folks, and I'll eventually get that speeder running again. I know that I have a lot to learn about it, but I'm willing to do that.

This week, face your problems with a good attitude. Be willing to ask for help, and when you're given advice, don't brush it off. Commit to making the changes you need to make, and you'll be on the right path.

Only you can say how capable you are, and being capable starts with having a good attitude.

"Never let your ego get in the way of asking for help when in desperate need. We have all been helped at a point in our lives."

— Edmond Mbiaka

EDITOR'S RANT OF THE WEEK

By ASHLEY STREHL Editor-in-Chief

This week I'm going to discuss something with you all that I'm not usually comfortable talking about. My nicotine addiction. Yes, I am one of the many young American's who had "just one" cigarette and was hooked... No, that's really not how it happened. My story is similar to others, and I'm going to tell you why.

The whole reason I am going to be discussing this topic is because all I ever see in the news anymore is how people are dying from vaping. Clearly this is something to be taken seriously, but the headlines are too vague, people aren't just dying from vaping, they are dying from vaping juice that they have bought online. Not from juice that was locally mixed, like the ones from the shops that I purchase my juices from.

Did I start vaping because I thought it was cool or hip? No. I started vaping because I had a serious addiction to cigarettes. I couldn't go more than an hour maybe hour and a half without craving one. I smoked around 10 cigarettes a day, about half a pack, and while some people have worse addictions, I think mine was pretty bad.

I constantly smelled, and when I felt like I needed one I'd be irritated and on edge, my hair dried up and my teeth turned yellow. At the time, I was going through some personal issues. While that is not much of an excuse, it's the reason why I starded. I also hung out with a few friends that liked to smoke as well. It was all about what and who I surrounded myself with.

But when I started vaping instead of smoking a lot changed. For starters, I smelled better. I now save at least \$100 a month. I found myself being able to walk up stairs and across campus without feeling like I was going to pass out. My hair got softer, my teeth got whiter, and I even lost weight.

So with this editorial am I telling you that vaping IS better for you than smoking? Yes. Am I telling you to actually read the article titled: "STOP VAPING OR YOURE GONNA DIE" before you share it with me? Yes. Am I telling you that vaping improved my life? Yes.

I could go on and on about this but in the end this is just the way vaping has affected me. Just don't judge a vaper, you don't know their story.

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Editorial

Is bad luck real?

By MCKAYLA HOLSON

Editorial Editor

Do you ever have those times in your life where you swear you have the worst luck in the world? How on Earth does one shake the bad luck away? How did it even get there in the first place?

The majority of us have heard about how breaking mirrors, walking under ladders or opening an umbrella indoors causes bad luck, but I haven't done any of those things. So, what could be causing these feelings of bad luck?

Alexa Mellardo from Elite Daily lists 14 things that can cause bad luck. Among them are getting into bed on the wrong side, sleeping on a table, not wearing earrings on a boat, not eating an apple every day and placing your hat on a bed or table.

Mellardo said you need to get out of bed on the exact side you got in or you'll have bad luck for the entire day. Superstitionsonline says to put on your right sock and shoe first when dressing to combat the bad luck. Superstitionsonline also says that putting your head north when you sleep will cause bad luck. It says that, in Japan,

only dead people lie with their head to the north.

Maybe that's my problem.

Sleeping on a table? I don't think I've ever done that before. Even if you don't get bad luck from it, you'll surely get bad back pain.

The earring superstition comes from pirates and sailors. Pirates and sailors wore earrings so they wouldn't drown in the water.

I don't eat an apple a day, but I do eat an apple occasionally. This superstition comes from "an apple a day keeps the doctor away."

Placing your hat on your bed or table comes from an old superstition about evil spirits according to Laurie L. Dove with howstuffworks.com. People thought evil spirits lived in hats and placing the hat on a bed would allow the spirits to transfer over, but Dove said it was probably just static electricity.

While these superstitions are said to cause bad luck, do they really cause bad luck?

Leon Ho, founder and CEO of Lifehack, said good luck and bad luck don't exist the way we think they do.

"Your luck is no worse—and no better—than anyone else's," Ho said. "It just feels that way."

To help get rid of the feelings of

bad luck, Ho said to stop believing what happens in life is out of your control and to remember what you pay attention to is what grows in your mind.

What happens in your life isn't controlled by destiny, luck, other people or supernatural forces.

"Fatalism feeds on itself until people become passive 'victims' of life's blows," Ho said.

Don't focus on the bad, focus on the good. The world isn't out to get you, even if it seems that way some days.

"If it isn't working for you, change it," Ho said.

I found a post on Twitter by @ cryptoseneca that says, "Easy to spot a yellow car when you are always thinking of a yellow car. Easy to spot opportunity when you are always thinking of opportunity.

Easy to spot reasons to be mad when you are always thinking of being mad. You become what you constantly think about. Watch yourself."

It's easy to spot the bad when you're always thinking about the bad.

If you think your life is filled with bad luck, keep your head up and focus on the sunshine in your life. Your luck will turn around.

Inspiration

Nurture your mind with great thoughts, for you will never go any higher than you think.

Benjamin Disraeli

"We are all in the gutter, but some of us are looking at the stars."

Oscar Wilde

"If you don't like something, change it. If you can't change it, change your attitude."

Maya Angelou

Spider-Man in a web of controversy

By **ASHLEY WATTS**Sports Editor

If you are like me, Spiderman joining the MCU universe was one of the best things to happen in the movie industry, but as of a few months ago my dreams of seeing Tom Holland continue to team up with members of the Avenger family have been crushed.

If you have not heard

yet, Disney and Sony have not c o m e to terms over the dealing with Spiderman. Most people are saying that Disney is to blame for the problem, but honestly I blame both parties. In my opinion, both Sony and Disney are being greedy with how much money they want out of Spiderman. Maybe if Spiderman wasn't as famous as he was we wouldn't have this problem, bu Tom Holland has brought a different way of portraying the beloved superhero.

Even though we will no longer see Spiderman team up with the Avengers we could potentially see him with Deadpool. Spiderman and Deadpool have multiple comics together, and I think it would be hilarious to see them act together in a movie.

The newest Spiderman movie came out before Disney and Sony started arguing over the contract. In my opinion, I think that Far From Home

think that Far From Home is the best

Spiderman movie, and it ended with a big cliffhanger.

I wonder if Sony will continue the story line that was set for Peter Parker in the latest film.

If they don't, I know, a lot of Spiderman fans will be upset because Spiderman is such a beloved character.

Another thing that I am confused about with the Disney

and Sony argument is the Avengers movies. Since Disney owns the Avengers movies will Spiderman still be in them or are they going to cut his character out completely.

This whole argument makes me mad and confuses me. I just want to see Spiderman, aka Tom Holland, continue making amazing movies with and without the rest of the avengers family.

"When you can do the things I can, but you don't, and then bad things happen, they happen because of you."

-Peter Parker

Have a poem you would like to share? An opinion in need of expressing? A topic you find interesting and think more people should know about? Send it in!

If you would like your work to be shown in the pages of the North-western newspaper, don't be afraid to send it in. We'd love to hear what you have to say!

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News

The fair is moving on



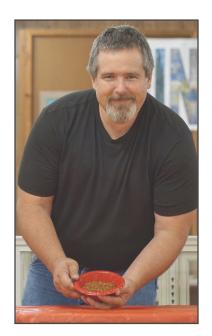
Above: Liam Washburn, 7, smells a yellow flower on display in the Women's Building at the Woods County Fair Friday night.

The Woods County Fair was held Sept. 7 - 9 at the county fairgrounds in Alva. Between livestock shows, chili-cooking contests, and live musical performances, those in attendance were sure to have had a grand — or fair — experience.



Photos by Jordan Green

Above: Two local youths compete in the horse show held Friday night.



Above: Gregory McClure won third place in the chili-cooking contest.



Above: Carlee and Sierra Trekell smile for the camera while taking sips of their fruit-flavord drinks at the county fair. Carlee is using sign-language to say "I love you" with her left hand. The girls' grandmother, Kim Trekell, is a student in the Doctorate of Nursing program at NWOSU.



Above: A piece of metal art shaped like a butterfly was on display. The piece was crafted using horseshoes, a railroad spike, and paint.



At left: Autumn Ragland, lead singer for the Oklahoma-based Red Dirt group Ragland, performs on a makeshift stage east of the horse barn at the Woods County Fair Friday night.

At right: A goat on display in the stock-barn looks on as children pass by in the aisles.



Feature

Lauderdale: A 'bad mama llama'

By **EMMA SPORLEDER**Student Reporter

Andrea Lauderdale would not change a thing.

Every decision, every mistake and every person that she has met has all led her right here to Alva, the place that she believes her, and her family truly belong.

Lauderdale has been staff for Northwestern Oklahoma State University for three years, her first year at Northwestern she started as the office manager for the recruitment office on campus, and then became the transfer recruiter and career services coordinator.

Today, she serves as the Coordinator of Student Success and is still the transfer recruiter. Lauderdale works with incoming transfer students by helping them set up their schedule to get enrolled. She also handles retention numbers and works to keep students enrolled at Northwestern.

Lauderdale's husband is Tim Lauderdale, a NWOSU graduate and the associate athletic director for internal operations and the director of ranger golf.

After eight years of dating, she married her high school sweetheart. They have now been married for 10 years. Each year on their anniversary, they get a caricature done. The same woman has drawn it for the couple each year and this is Lauderdale's favorite tradition.

Lauderdale and her husband have moved around a lot. "Every single move has proved to be exactly what was right for my family and I at the time," Lauderdale said.

It all started for Lauderdale in Shattuck, where she was born and lived until she was two years old. Her parents then moved to Watonga and they resided there for two years, Lauderdale's family then moved to Chandler and lived there through fourth grade, and then she finally finished her childhood just 64 miles away from Alva in Woodward where she finished high school and married Tim Lauderdale.

Upon graduating high school, Andrea attended Oklahoma State University and received her bachelor of arts degree in psychology. After she received her degree, Lauderdale moved to Alva to be with her husband and to be a family support specialist for Department of Human Services.

After two years in Alva, Andrea and Tim moved to Wichita, Kansas, where she worked as an administrative assistant on the west campus for Wichita State University.

After a year in Wichita, she became a secretary at Meridian Technology Center in Stillwater and worked there for a year. Then she moved to Woodward and became a childcare licensing specialist, but after the year as a specialist, she decided to stay home with her children. She stayed home for two years before moving back to Alva.

Lauderdale says that her children are her biggest accomplishment, being responsible for her three boys and watching them grown and learn is a feeling that she will never forget.

Lauderdale's kids' names are Bentley, Beckham and Braxton. Bentley is six and Andrea describes him to be so smart, kind, and soft-hearted.

Andrea says that Beckham is three and he is wild, he is so sweet and so sour she tells, "He's a real-life Sour Patch Kid." Then there is Braxton who will be two soon, "Braxton is ornery, silly and so sweet," Andrea exclaimed!

Lauderdale's children are what make her most proud and she sees her husband and herself in each one of them. "I can literally feel my heart swell when I think about them," Lauderdale says compassionately.

It's all about family

Lauderdale is family oriented, and says her mother Sandy Boston is someone who has influenced her the most. Her mother is "strong, confident, generous, caring, and someone that I have always wanted to be like," Lauderdale said.

Along with Lauderdale's family, she is passionate about people, specifically people who are suffering, kids who are abused, neglected or hungry. "It hurts my stomach just thinking about it," she said.

If you ask Andrea what her fears are, she will inform you that she once had a lot of fears. She used to fear failing classes, being alone, spiders and dying. Then they were just fears of things that affected her. Now that she has a family her fears have changed.

Lauderdale fears disappointing the people that she loves, she fears failing her kids and not being a good wife. Lauderdale says her biggest fear of them all is never finding her true purpose in life.

Lauderdale tried not to get too deep or personal, but depression was once a real difficulty for her. She believes that she has always had it, but it was brought to the fire-front when she had her first baby and suffered from postpartum depression.

"It was real, and scary, and sad and it was hard," she said. "I haven't overcome it completely and I still battle with it, but I know how to handle it now."

Lauderdale is the coordinator of student success because she



Photos provided

Tim Lauderdale holds his son Beckham while Andrea holds Braxton and Bentley poses in front

genuinely loves it. She has never been career driven and says she has never had a dream job. Lauderdale just wants to do something that makes her happy and says she has found it and for that she is so fortunate.

Lauderdale says that she has known for a while that she loves the job that she is apart of and doesn't want to change jobs.

Her love was confirmed recently when a student came to her and asked her how she found her perfect job, this student assured her that the job is perfect for her because she is good at it and it allows her to help various people.

This reassurance felt great to Lauderdale and is what makes her confident that she is exactly where she needs to be. Dean of Student Affairs, friend and coworker Calleb Mosburg said "Andrea has done a fantastic job in Student Success, I've enjoyed her working in Student Services and she does a great job with the students."

A few years ago, Lauderdale chose a job for money and realized it was the wrong choice. She was disappointed that she chose dollar signs over happiness, but it was a lesson learned.

Lauderdale has big dreams of changing lives and making a difference in the world, but a personal accomplishment would be for her to become a runner and re-learn how to play the flute that she has



Andrea Lauderdale poses with her oldest son, Bentley

not played since eighth grade.

When speaking to those who know Lauderdale on a personal level, they find that there is not a bad thing to be said about her.

After sitting down with Sandy Boston, who is Lauderdale's mother, you will learn that "Andrea has the biggest heart of anybody I know. She is compassionate to others and a born leader! From teaching her brother the fine art of 'pretty pretty princess' to leading her high school class as president.

She has accomplished whatever she sets her mind to and I am in awe of her work ethics and desire to help the students at NWOSU. I am proud of all she has done but most of all, the incredible mom she is to her three boys. She makes me proud to be her mom!"

"My mom is really good at taking care of my brothers," said her oldest son Bentley Lauderdale. Beckham Lauderdale her middle child says, "My mom is a bad mama llama."

Feature

Phi Delta's fun and games



Photo by Leah Darnel

Phi Delta hosted a Game Night on September 5th in Fine Arts. Snacks and drinks were provided and there were several different games to play. Here, Sophomore Hunter McEachern, Junior and Phi Delt Vice-President McKayla Holson, Sophomore and Phi Delta President Dakota Retherford and Freshaman Toby Carter are playing UNO.

NWOSU Sororities hold 2019 Fall recruitment

By **AMBER SCALES**Student Reporter

Northwestern Oklahoma State University's two sororities have held a few recruitment nights, dubbed "Greek Nights," since the fall semester began. The Northwestern News sat down with leaders from each sorority to ask them why they feel sororities are good for female students.

MORGAN VILLARREAL, DELTA ZETA VICE PRESIDENT

Q: Why do you like being in a sorority?

A: I like it because it does give you a sisterhood. The other day, I was having a hard day, and I called my sisters for advice.

Q: What are the benefits of being in a sorority?

A: The benefit is that you do get a lasting "sisterhood" and friends forever. ... If you go to a job interview and they see that you are a part of a sorority, they will know that you have leadership skills. [Being in a sorority] makes you accountable to your academics.

RHIANNA CHESSER,

Q: Why do you like being in a sorority?

A: The sisterhood is great, and it really does hold you accountable.

We have study hours, so we make sure you're going to class and making good grades. I came here from eastern Oklahoma, so I had no idea who anyone was out here, so I joined. It really is just a great support system.

Q: What are the benefits of being in a sorority?

A: You get a lot of service opportunities, which is cool if you want to go into that kind of field. You get a lot of service hours with national organizations and local ones as well. [For example], we get to go and do stuff for [the Special Olympics]. We volunteer too, so that is something that I consider to be a "plus" of being in a sorority. You're helping your community.





Photo by Leah Darnell



Photo by Leah Darnell

Exploring majorsCriminal Justice

By ANGEL PEREZ
Student Reporter

Why did you choose your major?

I chose Criminal Justice because I've always been interested in law and law enforcement. I've always. I've always wanted to be on my feet and in the field so I've been drawn to law enforcement and like being a federal agent.



Bryce Donovan

What is your favorite class?

Court Procedures.

What is the best part of being in your major?

Taking to all experienced people in my field and hearing their stories. It's also really interesting to learn about the different ways can make this world a better place.

Tips for underclassmen in the major?

My tips for underclassmen are to really listen to the professor who have been in that field because they have so much experience and knowledge to offer.

What is your dream job with the major?

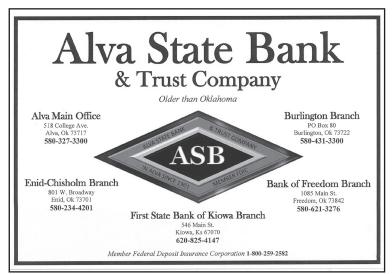
Other than obviously playing professional baseball, I'd like to go into the army and then after that work in perhaps the FBI for the Behavioral Analysts Unit or maybe for Homeland Security.

'I can't I am at rehearsal'



Photo by Michelle Willso

Alumna Erin Lehr, Freshman Jacob Ervin and Associate Professor of Mathematics Dr. Dena Walker rehearsing their scene in "Arsenic and Old lace". The actors rehears every night but Tuesdays in the fine arts performance room. The performances will be October 3-5.



Entertainment



Hamilton is passionately smashing every expectation

By **MICHELLE WILSON** *Feature/Entertainment Editor*

You have most likey heard of "Hamilton," the rap musical on Broadway. The story follows the life of Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States.

The musical was written by Lin Manual Miranda. It tells the story of Hamilton, an immigrant, who was born in the Caribbean. He made a name for himself through his writing.

In the first song, we see Hamilton's life — from his childhood to his teenage years — flash before your eyes.

We then watch Hamilton as he fights in the revolution, becomes George Washington's "right-hand man," becomes a lawyer, works as treasury secretary of the United States, and dies in a duel at the hands of Aaron Burr, the vice president at the time.

I have been listing to the show's soundtrack for about four years now, but seeing the performance live allowed me to experience things that the soundtrack lacks. The costumes, choreography, and lights all came together to make one captivating scene.

The ensemble's moves are meticulously choreographed, and they flow perfectly. One of the scenes that really stands out is in the hurricane. As Hamilton sings, the ensemble slowly moves the furniture around, giving the appearance that Hamilton is in the eye of a hurricane.

The ensemble also "dance-fights" and works as the stage crew, moving set pieces on and off the stage to create scenes.

My favorite scene by far is last duel. One of the ensemble members is the bullet, and you see the scene in slow motion as Hamilton sings about his legacy. They choreography is beautifully meshed, so the scene plays out



without taking your attention away from the lyrics.

The lights amazed me. Whenever King George III came out on stage, the lights made a jewel design on the stage floor. When Angelica Schyler sings "Satisfied," the stage floor looked like an iris. It really made each scene stand out on its own.

One of the interesting "twists" is the "double-casting" in acts one and two. After a short investigation, I found out that this is partly due to a line in the first song. The actors say, "We fought with him, me? Died for him, me? I loved him."

"We fought with him" is sung by the actor who plays both Marquis de Lafayette and Thomas Jefferson, and the actor who plays Hercules Mulligan and James Madison. They both technically fought with Hamilton. Lafayette and Muligan fought by his side, but Jefferson and Madison fought against him. The line "Me? I died for him" is sung by the actor who plays both the roles of John Laurens and Philip Hamilton.

There is a down side for knowing the music so well. Parts that were funny for other audience members were not funny to me because I had heard them so many times before. What



made me laugh was the different inflections that the actors chose to do. They put their own "spins" on their lines, making the lines funnier than they were before.

I do advise that, if you are taking kids, you need to be aware that some parts of the soundtrack have swear words, and allude to some adult topics. Make sure you listen to the music before allowing children to see the show.

With all things considered, I would give Hamilton five stars out of five. I would definitely go see it again if the tickets were cheaper.

'It' is back

Pennywise is scaring theaters again

By: BAILEY RANKIN Student Reporter

27 years have passed and IT is back. Now, the Losers Club has to reunite and fight, not only IT, but their deep seated fears as well.

"IT Chapter 2" holds no punches, that is made explicitly clear within the first ten minutes of the film.

The first few scenes set a tone for the film that tells the audience to strap in and get ready for a rough ride, almost like the director, Andy Muschietti, is saying "Yeah, this is how we are starting the movie. Do you think you will be able to handle the rest?"

"IT Chapter 2" lacks the tense and terrifying atmosphere of the first film. Perhaps this is due to the fact that these are not children who are scared now; they've grown into adults who have to deal with ... taxes, or whatever.

These people are not scared of werewolves or mummies or clowns anymore.

However, just because "IT Chapter 2" is not going to give you nightmares for 27 years does not mean it was a bad film.

The transitions between scenes and flashbacks are unique and creative.

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cinematography and certain phenomenal, acting between members of the Club is great. Although I

Although I that even though the chemistry with the adult cast was there, it was not as strong as the child actors' connection in the first movie.

When people ask me about "IT Chapter 2" and what horrors to expect I give them this disclaimer before they decide to go see a two hour and fifty minute movie: If you are looking for a horror movie that is not what





you will find in the theatre, "IT Chapter 2" is a science fiction film that was made to explain how Pennywise came to be, but ends up confusing the audience (me) more than clarifying how all of this started.

Truth be told, if you go in expecting a replica of the first film you're going to be disappointed. "IT (2017)" is in a caliber of ITs own (pun intended).

Go in with an open mind and you may come out appreciating the different direction and feel this movie takes.

"IT (2017)" could be seen as a coming of age film with a few deaths and a deranged clown. Due to terrorization from Pennywise, fear forces these kids to grow up. By the end of the film the kids think they have a hold of what truly terrifies them, or they think they at least know how to deal with those problems.

But then here comes the second movie with old fears resurfacing and new fears (and feelings) developing and now they have to figure it all out again.

I see as an analogy for life.
As a kid, when you problem you think an easy solution think an easy solution think think and think think and think thi

problems change or grow and develop. Then suddenly, you are an adult and you are scrambling for answers or a way to fix this "problem", whatever it may be, and you realize you are still a kid and you are not quite sure how you ever convinced yourself you were not.

But hey, Bill Hader was funny!

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Sports

Rangers win, 21-13 against ECU

By ASHLEY WATTS

Sports Editor

Northwestern Oklahoma State University football played in their first football game of the year on Sept. 5 in Ada against the East Central Tigers.

Football

The Rangers came out on top with a score of 21-13. The red and black defense was the talk of the game. They contributed 12 of the 21 points scored in the game. Not only did they contribute most of the points, but the defense also forced two fumbles on the five-yard line

Redshirt senior, Dakota Driskill was the key player of the game for the Rangers. Early in the third quarter, Driskill ran back a 48-yard fumble recovery for a touchdown and had a total of 14 tackles throughout the game. Not only did Driskill lead the Ranger defense, but he was also just named Co-Defensive player of the week for the Great American Conference.

Driskill was not the only defense player that scored a touchdown for the Rangers though.



Photo by Mariah Wyatt

The Rangers will head home to host their home opener on Sept. 14. This football game will also be Family Day.

Early in the fourth quarter freshman, Jailyn Reed, caught an interception that ended up being a 22-yard pick-six.

The question of who would play quarterback was also in play for the Rangers. At the beginning of the season the fans did not know who would play quarterback, but junior, Trent Easley stepped up to the plate to play the open position. Easley threw for 158-yards, which included a touchdown in the second quarter.

East Central led the Rangers in first downs, rushing and passing, but in the end the Rangers took the game. The Tigers also scored the opening points of the game, but the Ranger defense shut them down after that.

The NWOSU Rangers will head to Ranger Field for their home opener on Saturday, September 14 against Southeastern Oklahoma State University. The 1-0 football team is looking to improve their record to 2-0 for the first time since 2004. This game will also be family day for NWOSU.

Photo by Angel Perez Tiana Young-Mauchly eyes the ball.

Soccer falls short in home opener

By **ALEJANDRO AARON**Student Reporter

The Rangers women's soccer team fell Monday 3-0 to the Lions in the home opener.

The women came out battling hard to start the game. The fight they brought to score on the Texas A&M Commerce's defense brought energy to the game. Shot after shot, the fight continued as the score remained 0-0 in the beginning of the first half. After a few blocked goals, the Lions defense eventually got two goals toward the middle of the first half.

Their defense improved after the two unanswered goals slipped through their hands. The solid defense held off the Lions scoring for the remainder of the half, leaving the score at 2-0 with the Rangers trailing.

The Rangers came out of halftime with some roster adjustments, but that did not change the intensity and energy of the game. They continued to attack the Lions defense and took multiple shots at the goal.

As Pricilla Villalobos, forward, was running down the field, she got the ball and managed to make a goal that was called back for off sides, leaving the score at 2-0. Despite the offside call, the Rangers continued to compete at a high level.

Toward the end of the second half, the Lions squeezed in another goal, which made the score 3-0 with the Rangers behind. The lady Rangers look to make a win at their next game on Sept. 13 here in Alva against Oklahoma Panhandle State University.

Men's and women's golf compete in first tournament; Sophomore Tennyson aces No.4

By **ASHLEY WATTS**Sports Editor

The women's golf team competed in their first golf tournament in Blue Springs, Missouri, at the Central Region Fall Preview hosted by Southwestern Oklahoma State University.

After a first solid round of 356, the Rangers improved two strokes, 354, on day two. The women's golf team was led by sol returner, Ashley Watts. Watts totaled out the tournament with an 84-84-168 which placed her in a tie for 74th place.

Sophomore, Makena Tennyson had a round to remember her first day. She sunk a hole-in-one on the fourth hole. Tennyson posted an 87 the first day and improved one stroke the second day, 86.

Cali Taylor, sophmore, and Madison Masch, sophomore both finished the tournament in a tie with each other for 95th place. Taylor carded a 95-94-189 and Masch was right there with her with a 99-90-189.

Freshman, Angela Egger rounded out the team scores for NWOSU with an 90-112-202.

The lady Rangers hope to keep improving as they head home for their next tournament on Sept. 15-17 for the Ranger Invite held at Meadowlake Golf Course in Enid.

The men's golf team competed in the Great American Conference preview held at Lake Hefner Golf Course in Oklahoma City last Monday and Tuesday.

Senior, Parker Rehorn led the Rangers by shooting a low score of 71-70-74-215 for a 54-hole total score. This score put Rehorn in a tie for 17th place.

Ben Baker finished second for the team with a solid score of 71-77-78-226. The two newcomers on the team, Joey Nix and Keenan Hofstad, both came in with a total of 230. Nix turned in a 76-80-74 and Hofstad came in with a 77-76-77. Senior, Colton Person finished out the black and red by carding a 78-80-78-236.

Along with the five member team the Rangers brought 4 individuals to compete alongside the team. Tanner Griffith led the individuals with a score of 83-77-76-236 and JaunGui Angarita tied Griffith and Person with a 236 total

Freshman, Ben Huxtable and Julien Coulson rounded out the individual scores. Huxtable carded a 77-78-83-238 while Coulson came in with a 54-hole total of 82-79-81-242.

The men's golf team will also head home to co-host the Ranger Invite on Sept. 15-17 at Meadow-lake Golf Course in Enid. After the Ranger Invite the men's team will take a month long break before their next tounrmanet in Wichita Falls, Texas.



Photo provided

Mackena Tennyson aced hole No.4.

Sports

Cross Country competes at UCO Land Run

By Nick Dill Student Reporter

The Northwestern men's and women's cross country teams ran at the UCO Land Run. The race took place on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The men's team finished sixth place.

Garrison Blanton finished 13th place with a time of 21:01.14. His time was just seven seconds behind the overall winner. Kory Wilson and Noble Buckhaults finished 46th and 47th place. Wilson finished with a time of 22:50.84 and Buckhaults finished with 22:56.85.

"Today was an exceptional first meet of the season," head coach Jill Lancaster said. "Today we closed the gap throughout the team, and we are working better."

11 men competed as individuals in the meet. Victor Cruz had the best individual time with a 23:27.00. Northwestern competed against many other universities. A few schools competing were Oklahoma Christian, Southern Nazarene, Oklahoma Baptist and Pittsburgh State. Pittsburgh State won the meet.

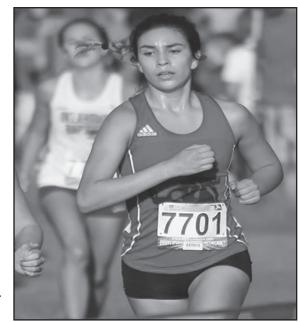
New assistant coach Craig Binkley had some comments about

"The men look solid. We had a ton of new runners going today, and they performed wonderfully," Brinkley said. "This was the new guys first four-mile run, after being used to running a 5k. We are really looking forward to what's next."

The Northwestern women's cross ountry team finished 11th place at the UCO Land Run.

Jasmin Garcia was the first Ranger to finish with a time of 20:50.99. Garcia finished 37th place. The next Ranger to finish was Jessalyn Rivet-Tissot with a time of 21:32.66.

"I felt that we performed better than what was expected from us," Lancaster said. "For this first meet, it was important that we work on closing the gap throughout the team and for us to continue to work together. We are working on



Jasmin Garcia, freshman, placed 37th.

growing and developing the youth."

Camille Lear finished in the top 20 with a time of 21:45.90. Madison Meyer and Mariah Mallory were the last two runners to finish as the top 5 runners for the



Junior, Garrison Blanton finished in 13th place.

Rangers. Meyer had a time of 21: going forward." 49.92, and Mallory finished with a time of 21:56.95.

"I felt that our freshmen really stepped up and did great today," Brinkely said. "We had a good day and it's a great first race to build on

The women's and men's cross country's next race will be on Sept.13 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the Aggie Duels.

Volleyball kicks off the season on the road at the ASU Invitational

By Nick Dill Student Reporter

The Northwestern Volleyball team competed at the Kathleen Brasfield ASU Invitational. The Rangers first faced off against Texas A&M Kingsville and Fort Lewis University. In game No. 1, The Javelinas of Texas A&M Kingsville came out hot with a 5-0 lead. The Rangers tied it at 8 all.

Kaydee Honeycutt and Kiauna Clark helped keep the Rangers in the match. Unfortunately, the Rangers lost the first set 25-21.

In the second set, Kate Deterding had three kills within the first four points of the match.

The score was 10-10 until A&M Kingsville got on a roll. They won the second set 25-19.

The third set went similar to the second one with the core being tied 10-10. The Javelinas won the third set 18-25.

Northwestern faced off against Fort Lewis University Skyhawks in the second game.

The Rangers were behind and then Honeycutt turned it around for the rangers with back to back kills. Northwestern came back to

tie the game at 22-22.

The Rangers fell just short and lost the match 25-23.

The next three sets were a back and forth battle. The Skyhawks won the second game 26-24.

Although the Rangers lost 26-24 the Rangers led 20-15 in the last set. The Skyhawks were able to overcome the deficit and win 26-24.

On day two of the tournament, the Rangers faced off against New Mexico Highlands University and Angelo State University.

The first game was against New Mexico Highlands Cowgirls. The Rangers had an early lead and kept it. Northwestern lead 8-2 and never let up, and won the first set

The Cowgirls led for half of the second set. but Northwestern won the second set 25-23.

binson had a great match with 28 assists. Northwestern was able to secure the win 22-16. The Rangers were able to recover from errors and won the final set 25-21. The Rangers earned their first win of the season.

In match 2, the Rangers faced

off against Angelo State University Belles. Angelo State was able to finish and capture the win in the first set 14-25. Northwestern could not find a groove in the second set. Angelo State stayed consistent and won the second set 13-25.

It was a back and forth battle in the first half of the last set. Angelo State won the third set 15-25.

The Rangers finished with a record of 1-3 at the end of the tournament.

The lady Rangers will head to Hays, Kansas, to compete in the Tiger Classic on Sept. 13-14.

Northwestern played its home opener Tues-The Rangers In the third set, Kaitlyn lost the first set, but bounced back to win three straight sets. They defeated Newman 3-1.



NWOSU will play their home opener on Sept. 7 vs Newman University.



The Rangers will hit the road to play at the Tiger Classic on Sept. 13-14.

Volleyball travels:

Soccer at home:

Football at home:

Women's Golf at home:

Men's Golf at home:

Tiger Classic Sept. 13-14

Oklahoma Panhandle State Sept. 13

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Ranger Invitational Sept. 15-17

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Herod hosts The 3 Redneck Tenors







Top Left: Redneck tenor Blake Davidson sings his heart out for the crowd in Herod on Tuesday night September 10

Bottom Left: The Redneck Tenors from left, Jonathan Frugé, Matthew Lord and Blake Davidson

Top Right: It has been said that if Larry the Cable Guy, Il Divo, and Mrs. Doubtfire had a baby, that child would be The 3 Redneck Tenors

Bottom Right: Davidson, Frugé and Lord display their talents to the Herod Hall audience



Photos by Leah Darnell