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Northwestern rodeo team members brought home prizes after competing in the National Finals Rodeo. PAGE 11

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Where can you get a free bite to eat around campus? Our roving reporter has found the sweet spots around NWOSU. PAGE 8



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Maleah Schmitz and Brenner Clark, two of the first students at NWOSU to be immunized against COVID-19, pose with their immunization cards Jan. 26.

Two Northwestern students talk about being immunized against COVID-19

By **JORDAN GREEN**
Editor-in-Chief

Maleah Schmitz was sitting at home Jan. 18 when her phone rang.

A worker from the Woods County Health Department was calling to tell her that she could be immunized against COVID-19. But if she wanted the vaccine, she would have to be at the health department in 10 minutes.

"I had just woken up, so it was just like a huge rush to get there," Schmitz said.

Schmitz, a junior general studies major at Northwestern, threw on some clothes and raced to her car, driving several blocks to the county health department's building in downtown Alva.

She made it just in time. She parked her car in front of the building and walked inside. And when the nurse stuck the needle in Schmitz's arm, Schmitz became one of the first students at Northwestern to be immunized against the coronavirus.

Since January 18, at least two Northwestern students have been vaccinated against COVID-19. Both students took the vaccine manufactured by Moderna, Inc., one of several companies racing to deliver a vaccine to people in the hopes of
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Caring for kids

Putting their skills to the test, nursing students host pediatric clinic

By **OVELL PATTERSON**
Student Reporter

Junior nursing students at Northwestern conducted a pediatric clinic in Carter Hall on Jan. 20.

Junior nursing students from Ponca City, Enid, Woodward and Alva are taking the nursing care family course, which involves pediatric nursing. The students are learning how to take care of people from the moment they're born

to the time they turn 18.

Some faculty and staff members at Northwestern brought their children and grandchildren to the pediatric clinic, allowing student nurses to perform check-ups.

This allowed nursing students to complete some clinical hours required for their degrees.

Nine children participated in the event: Trenton Clepper and Logan Bay, who are eighth-grade students from Alva; Grady Mahieu, Addisyn Gordon and Parker Grimsley, who are fourth-grade students from Alva; Kendal Collins, a fourth-grade student from Cherokee; Brooklyn Zimmerman, a third-grade student

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Nursing student Makenna Sterling puts a blood pressure cuff on Kade Collins, 5, during a pediatric clinic Jan. 20.

Photo by Jordan Green

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Pandemic, pocketbooks and personalities: Profs. discuss differences in Trump, Biden presidencies

By CADE KENNEDY
Student Reporter

How will Joe Biden's presidency be different from Donald Trump's?

To some, the answer may be obvious. For some additional insight on how the next four years could be different from the previous four, the Northwestern News sat down with two history professors at Northwestern and asked them to give their observations on how the country could change.

DR. ROGER HARDAWAY

Q: Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on Wednesday. What does his inauguration mean for the nation?

A: It means it is time for the country to move in a new direction and unite and heal as Americans, which was the theme of Biden's inauguration.

Q: What are some of the main differences between President Biden and former President Donald Trump?

A: The big difference between the two would be their political parties and their policies. Biden is a Democrat, while Trump is a Republican. Biden also disagreed with and has overturned some of Trump's policies, such as the Paris Climate Accord, as Biden has rejoined it.

Q: In Oklahoma, where the oil industry is a major economic force, how will Biden's presidency affect the state's economy?

A: It depends on exactly what Biden does, such as if he bans fracking, which could negatively impact the economy, or if COVID-19 is defeated, which could cause the economy to go back up.

Q: How did Trump's presidency affect Oklahoma's economy?

A: I am not 100% sure how he affected the economy, but many Oklahomans felt that that he did a good job, which led to Trump winning all 77 counties in Oklahoma.

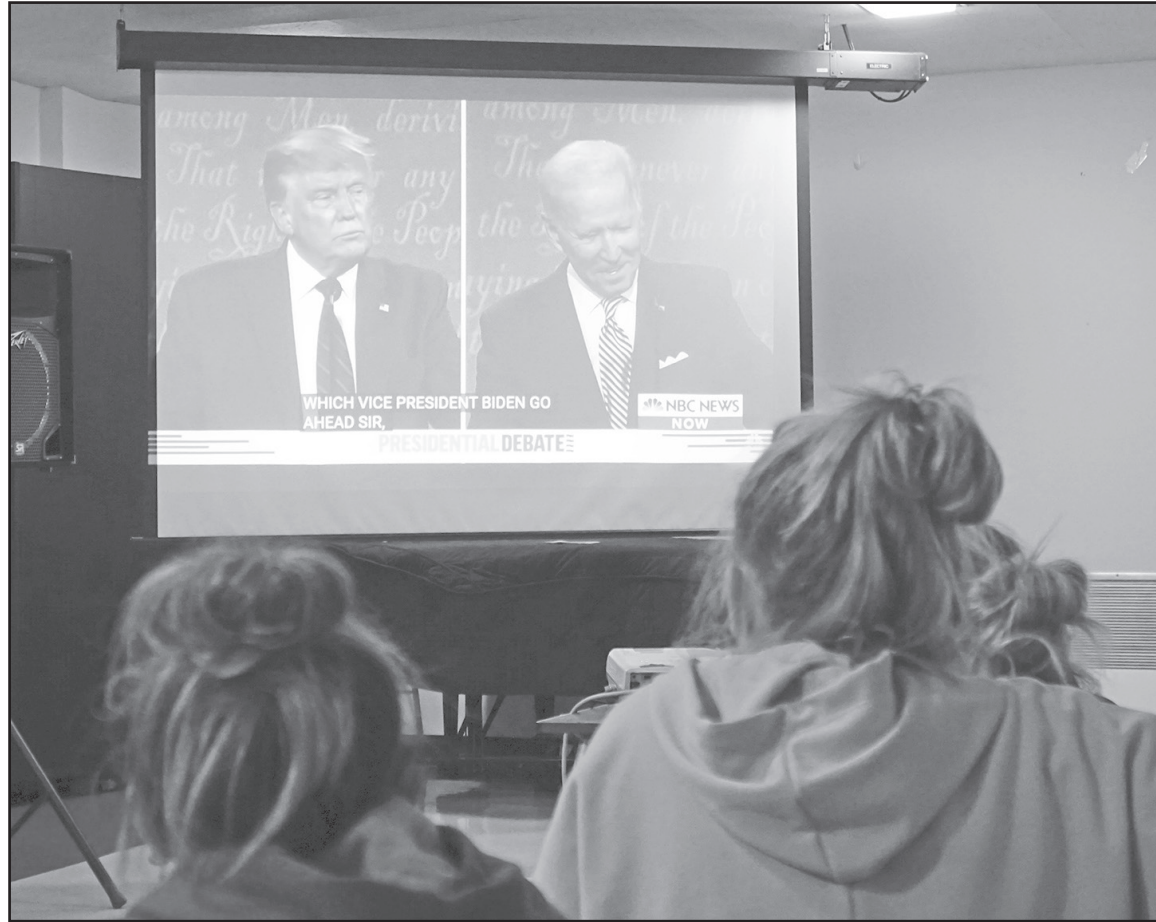
Q: With tensions high across the nation after a raid on the nation's Capital, what can Americans expect President Biden to do to reunite the nation?

A: We can expect Biden to remain upbeat, just like he was during his inauguration speech, and will try to find common ground with Republicans on issues that divide the two parties.

Q: What is Biden's plan to end the coronavirus pandemic?

A: His plan is to put a mask mandate into place in public facilities, speed up the vaccine distribution, and educate people about why taking the vaccine is important.

Q: How will Biden's approach to the pandemic be different from Trump's?



Northwestern students watch the first presidential debate of the 2020 election in September during a watch party in the Student Center Ballroom.

Photo by Jordan Green

A: It will be different in the fact that he has a plan, as Trump said it was not his responsibility and did not have a national policy.

“Biden has already made an impact by pausing student loans until Sept. 30.”
— Dr. Roger Hardaway

Q: For college students, student debt is a major topic. What impact could Biden have on this issue?

A: Biden has already made an impact by pausing student loans until Sept. 30, and several Democrats have called for all student debt to be canceled. The next round of stimulus could help solve this issue, and some states have made community colleges free.

Q: What would you encourage young voters to pay attention to the most over the next four years?

A: I would encourage them to look out for their own best interest and the interest of the country, as well as thinking about if things got better than they were four years ago.

DR. ERIC SCHMALTZ

Q: Joe Biden was sworn in as the 46th president of the United States on Wednesday. What does his inauguration mean for the nation?

A: It means that it is a new beginning in a way, not a clear reset like some people might think. Change may not be as drastic as some were led to believe, but there will still be some lingering issues, such as COVID-19.

Q: What are some of the main differences between President Biden and

former President Donald Trump?

A: The most obvious difference would be the personalities of the two candidates, as Trump acts like he is larger than life, while Biden is an establishment politician. Trump was a political outsider while Biden was a senator and vice president for over half his life. Another difference would be the generations that the two men are from, as Trump is a part of the baby boomers, while Biden is a part of the silent generation just before the baby boomers.

Q: In Oklahoma, where the oil industry is a major economic force, how will Biden's presidency affect the state's economy?

A: He will have a big impact on oil and gas, as 10,000 jobs have already been lost due to the closure of the Keystone XL pipeline. But some companies may be able to bounce back and have a positive effect on the economy.

Q: How did Trump's presidency affect Oklahoma's economy?

A: He was able to create jobs and help the economy grow here after an oil boom that we had just gotten out of, as well as keep the Keystone XL pipeline open, which helped the oil industry.

Q: With tensions high across the nation after a raid on the nation's Capital, what can Americans expect President Biden to do to reunite the nation?

A: It will be a very tall task for Biden to reunite the nation, especially with tensions being high, but Republicans were able to gain ground in the House of Representatives and at the state level. This means that Biden will have to work with everyone to

achieve his goal of reuniting the country. Biden has a history of working together, so he has a good chance to reunite in that way.

Q: What is Biden's plan to end the coronavirus pandemic?

A: His plan is to get 100 million vaccines for people in his first one hundred days, increase distribution of the vaccine, and get more federal involvement into combating the pandemic.

Q: How will Biden's approach to the pandemic be different from Trump's?

A: Biden will try to promote distribution of the vaccine and will try to influence the federal government to be more involved in ending the pandemic.

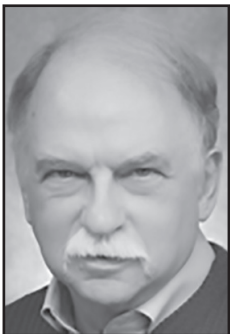
“(Trump) was able to create jobs and help the economy grow here after an oil boom.”
— Dr. Eric Schmaltz

Q: For college students, student debt is a major topic. What impact could Biden have on this issue?

A: Biden has already made an impact on this issue by pausing student loans until September. They may be hoping for an economic rebuild until they take further action after that.

Q: What would you encourage young voters to pay attention to the most over the next four years?

A: I would encourage them to look at the job market, which is the most important factor in a complex economy. I would encourage them to see if there are going to be jobs in that field, will they have to switch jobs, and if there will be opportunities for everybody.



Hardaway



Schmaltz

News

NURSING: Students benefit from clinic

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from Alva; Kade Collins, a Kindergarten student from Cherokee; and Zane Zimmerman, a Pre-K student from Alva.

This was the fifth year of the event.

Dr. Jennifer Mahieu, an assistant professor of nursing at Northwestern, said the event is beneficial both for student nurses and the children who participate.

"It is tons of fun because it is pediatric nursing, and the event

takes some time to set up, but it runs smoothly," she said.

For more information about the university's nursing program, visit <https://www.nwosu.edu/school-of-professional-studies/nursing>.



Above: Nursing student Melissa Bancroft measures Addisyn Gordon's height. Right: Zane Zimmerman smiles as he opens a bag of candy given to him by two nurses following his check-up during the pediatric clinic.



VACCINE: Students felt some short-term side effects after taking shot

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ending a months-long pandemic that has killed more than 400,000 Americans.

Across the nation, healthcare workers and government officials are rolling out plans to distribute vaccines to people who are more likely to develop serious health problems from contracting COVID-19. In Oklahoma, state leaders unveiled a multi-phase plan to administer the vaccines, with elderly people being first in line for inoculations.

Most Oklahomans may have to wait weeks or months to receive theirs. But under Oklahoma's vaccine plan, healthcare workers are eligible to receive vaccines sooner than others.

Both students who got the vaccine work at Holder Drug, a pharmacy in Alva.

Schmitz learned she could take the vaccine after talking to Brenner Clark, a sophomore pre-nursing major who works with her at Holder Drug.

Clark found out pharmacy workers qualified to take the vac-

cine after visiting the Oklahoma State Health Department's website.

"I believe part of it was because I work at Holder's," Clark said. "I think I also qualified because I have asthma."

To get a vaccine, a person must meet certain age-related, occupational and health-related requirements, according to the state health department. The person must sign up to take the vaccine, with many Oklahomans doing so online.

Prospective shot-takers must answer a series of questions on the health department's website when registering to take the vaccine.

After answering the questions, the person will find out whether he or she is eligible for the vaccination.

Once a person is eligible to take the vaccine, he or she must schedule an appointment to be immunized. But Clark wasn't able to set one immediately.

"They had a little map that you could put your location in to see

where you could get a vaccination and when you could get it," he said. "But they didn't have any appointments because they're having a hard time getting everyone vaccinated."

Confused, Clark left the website. A few days later, a health department nurse called him and told him he could be immunized Jan. 19 or Jan. 26.

He chose the former. He drove to the Alva Recreation Complex, where National Guard members were helping health department workers check patients' registration information.

He walked into a room filled with nurses and Guard members. He answered questions nurses asked him and then went into a nearby room where nurses were administering the vaccine.

He rolled up his sleeve and took the shot. After he was immunized, doctors monitored his condition for 30 minutes to see whether he would experience any side effects. Then, doctors released him to return to school.

"That was it," he said.

'A LITTLE OUT OF IT'

Clark said he experienced some soreness and tiredness in the days following his vaccination.

"My arm hurt really bad for the first two days," Clark said. "After a few days, it started wearing off. I didn't really want to sleep on that side the night I got it. As it progressed a few days into it, I kind of started having a few headaches. And not really feeling sick, just kind of out of it. About the same as a flu shot, though."

Four days after he was vaccinated, he told the Northwestern News most of his side effects were gone.

"My arm doesn't hurt anymore," he said Jan. 23. "I still get a couple of headaches, but it's nothing I can't manage with Ibuprofen. ... It's the first 24 to 48 hours getting through the shot that's probably the worst."

Aside from a few headaches, Schmitz said she didn't have any issues in the days following her

immunization.

"It is no different than a flu shot," she said. "The whole experience of it and everything is really no different. The needle is the same size. Any pain that you have from the shot being put in is nothing. It's a small pinch like any other shot. I felt no side effects. I felt a little out of it for a little bit, but that only lasted for about an hour. And that was about it."

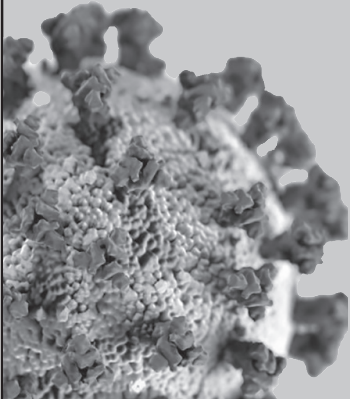
Both Clark and Schmitz will have to take a second dose of the vaccine in the coming weeks. The Moderna vaccine is administered in two phases, with one coming roughly a month after the other.

State health department officials reported Monday that more than 278,000 total coronavirus vaccine doses have been administered in Oklahoma.

Even though she was rushed, Schmitz said she's glad she took the first dose when she did.

"I was like, 'OK, this is it,'" she said. "This is one of my only chances I'm probably going to have. I'd rather not get the virus if I can avoid it."

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: CASE NUMBERS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE AREA



STUDENT CASES:

15

active as of Jan. 22. This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

EMPLOYEE CASES:

4

active as of Jan. 22. This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

IN ALVA:

38

active as of Jan. 27. Alva has had a total of 947 cases.

IN OKLAHOMA:

29,855

active as of Jan. 27. Oklahoma has had total of 379,110 cases.

EDITOR'S NOTE: NWOSU reports new active student and employee cases weekly on Fridays at <https://www.nwosu.edu/coronavirus/active-covid-19-cases-nwosu>.

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Editorial

Switching it up

By DEVYN LANSDEN
Editorial Editor

Have you been thinking of switching up your diet?

Not sure of which approach to take?

I am going to be comparing low carb and high carb diets.

There are so many options and I have tried low carb and I am currently doing a higher carb diet.

We have all heard of the keto diet, that is an example of a low carb diet.

There's more to a low carb diet than just that, so many foods that we eat on a daily basis have carbs and that isn't allowed on keto.

For example, no bread, fruits, grains and sugars. That is very restrictive, and living in Alva makes it even harder because there are not many places besides Walmart to get a variety of foods.

I eat fruit everyday so when I found out this information this diet was a no go for me.

If you are able to maintain this low carb diet there are good things that come out of it.

You eat less processed foods and you lose weight a lot faster.

But with good things comes bad things. Some cons to a low carb diet are consuming a lot of fat.

A lot of saturated fat can cause clogging in your arteries.

If you do decide to do a restrictive diet like keto be safe and start off small. It is more expensive if that is something that is important to you.

I personally think it's worth it to spend a little more money on food that will help your body.

On to high carb diets. This of course can have a negative impact on your body if you do it wrong.

If you do not have control over your diet and consuming too many carbs can lead to your blood sugar levels to get high.

But sticking to two to three solid meals packed with healthy carbs is perfectly fine.

Carbs are where your body gets energy. With my experience, I enjoy the higher carb diet because

I feel more full and free with my food. Carbs are also important for muscle building.

It all just depends on what you're doing to decide which diet to try.

Also, try one out for a couple months and then switch it up if it doesn't work out.

I still try to not eat bread and any unnecessary carbs that's why I say I am doing a higher carb diet. I have recently started lifting weights so I need carbs to give me energy.

I struggle with knowing that healthy carbs are good for you.

I also am trying to eat as less fat as possible and no processed foods. I think making your own food is the best way to diet.

That way you can be in control of what you're putting into your food and body.

It's also really fun to make different kinds of recipes.

So far I have noticed that prioritizing protein, eating your greens, low fat foods and healthy carbs is the best way to go.

It is also less restricting and more filling.

When grocery shopping, don't buy foods that are unhealthy because obviously you're going to eat it.

But also know it is okay to treat yourself.

My favorite foods to eat right now are fruits, I have been having to go to Walmart multiple times in a week to get more fruit.

Eating vegetables is just as important, I eat broccoli and carrots every day, those are my favorite vegetables.

Other than fruits and vegetables I like to eat chicken, I put it in the crock pot or bake it in the oven.

Low fat meats like chicken, turkey, fish and eggs are perfect to eat especially just having a Walmart in Alva is easy to get.

Eating those healthy meats is perfect for dieting because they are low in carbs and high in protein.

They are also high in protein and volume which keeps you full for a long time.

That is also another trick to these diets. Eating food with high volume is essential because it keeps you full.

High volume foods would be the fruit and veggies and of course your protein.

With all this talk about carbs I will mention sugar. Sugar sneaks into foods that we do not realize.

Those sugary coffee drinks that I am very guilty of getting are not only high in sugar but in carbs.

Drinking your carbs like those drinks is the worst you could do if you are looking to lose weight.

But something as small as switching your syrup for sugar free helps.

I have recently started using a sugar free sweetener that I use.

It has made me realize how much sugar I would consume. Little changes will make a difference.

But never forget, it is okay to try new things and quit to do something else.

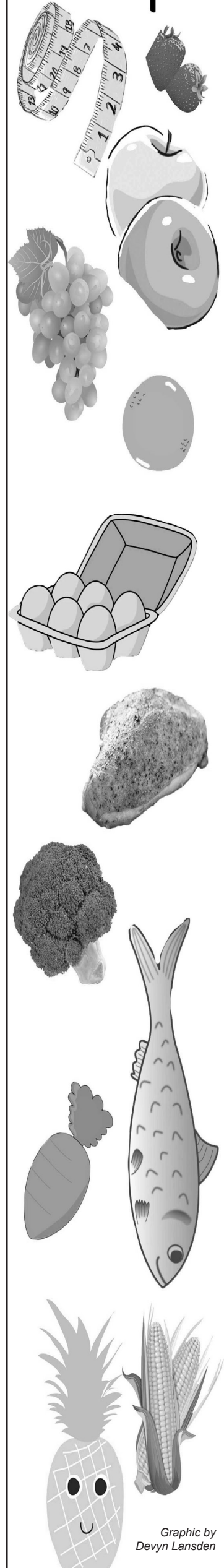
It is also okay to just try out new food one meal at a time to see if you like it.

Starting off small and making little progress is still progress.

Since there are so many diets I think it is fun to try different things and even combine some others.

That is the fun in all of this, switching things up is okay, not liking something and stopping is also okay.

Food is Fun



Graphic by
Devyn Lansden

Editor's rant of the week

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Features Editor

This week, it's going to be less of a rant and more of a suggestion on how to stay safe during the whole pandemic.

My roommate and I have what we call our "COVID bubble," and I think that other people would benefit from this.

Basically, you make a list, either physically or mentally, of all the people you have to be in contact with.

In my case, it's just my roommate and me. Together, we both agree to be extra careful when we are in contact with other people outside of our bubble.

My roommate and I have lots of contact with each other without our masks on, which is fine.

But when in contact with anyone outside of our bubble, we must wear a mask and socially distance, even if we're hanging out with mutual friends.

Last week, we had one of our friends come into our suite for a little bit to help us with our shower head.

In the time she was in our suite, all three of us wore our masks and stayed socially distanced.

I feel like this is the next step of being cautious with the pandemic.

Was it weird to wear mask in my own suite? A little.

But then we all knew we were being safe.

The point of the COVID bubble is to make note of the people around you.

Everyone in your COVID bubble should be aware that you consider them safe, and they should be using the same effort to not come in contact with other people.

I work as an RA and as an editor of the newspaper. I don't count my coworkers, friends or siblings in my COVID bubbles.

If I am around anyone who's not my roommate, I will be wearing my mask.

I will be distancing as a way to protect others and myself.

All this being said, take the pandemic seriously. Wear a mask not just to protect you, but to protect the people around you.

The last thing that you want to know is that you were the cause of someone getting sick and possibly dying.

If people are offended that they're not in your COVID bubble, then those are the people that you don't want to be around.

They're probably not taking the pandemic seriously. And if they are, they shouldn't care that you're wearing a mask around them.

I hope you stay positive and you test negative. And may this year be easier than the last.

Editorial

Remembering a real railroader

By **JORDAN GREEN**
Editor-in-Chief

Sometimes, the words just don't come out right.

Frank "Watermelon" Campbell was a man unlike any other.

He devoted his entire life to working on America's railroads and preserving the history of these powerful institutions.

He died Jan. 6. And even though he was 99 years old – almost 100 – I wasn't ready for him to go.

I still had questions to ask him.

Watermelon started collecting railroad memorabilia while working on the Frisco Railroad.

He was using a coal-oil lantern that kept burning out when he was switching cars. With his boss's blessing, he bought an electric lantern at a department store.

His boss told him to throw the old lantern away.

He didn't. That's how his collection of railroad memorabilia – an assortment of more than 1 million artifacts – began. (And it's how he came to be known as Watermelon: he grew watermelons and brought them to work.)

A lifelong railway conductor, Watermelon started the Railroad Museum of Oklahoma in the late 1980s, eventually moving it into Enid's former Santa Fe Freight Depot – which he restored to house his impressive collection.

I met Watermelon in 2019 when I came to tour the museum.

He donned a western shirt, dusty cowboy hat and a silver bolo tie. I had no idea he was 98



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A boxcar at the Railroad Museum of Oklahoma was painted as a tribute to Frank "Watermelon" Campbell in 2019. The museum hired graffiti artists to paint his nickname and his likeness on the side of the car.

years old. He didn't look 98 – and he didn't act 98.

I was touring the train yard, filled with shiny, colorful railroad cabooses and freight cars, when I saw a green railroad speeder, a vintage piece of equipment used by railroad workers like me in the olden days.

Watermelon gave me permission to fire it up and run it. Ever since then, that speeder has become my pride and joy. I've given dozens of children and adults rides on it, and I've spent a few hundred dollars repairing and maintaining it.

Most importantly, I've enjoyed caring for and operating a real piece of railroading history –

a piece of history that Watermelon spent his life preserving and protecting.

I've always loved trains. I work on the railroad in my hometown, the Blackwell Northern Gateway Railroad, as a track maintainer. I grew up watching "Thomas the Tank Engine." And I believe there are few sounds sweeter than the echo of a train whistle as it rolls across hills and prairies.

Watermelon gave me the chance to live out one of my passions, one that we shared.

Unlike most railroad museum operators – many of whom sadly have reputations of turning away enterprising (and even apprehensive) young volunteers like me –

Watermelon gave me free run of the museum. It has become my "happy" place, just as it has been – and can be – for so many others.

I guess I kind of thought Watermelon would live forever. Heck, he was still climbing around the cabooses in the train yard two weeks before he left this Earth.

If I had known that his time with us was coming to an end – that he was nearing his final destination on life's train ride – I would have asked more questions. About his life. About the history of the railroads. About the railroad cars in the train yard, the pieces of railroad China in the cabinets and about why he

loved the railroads so much that he spent his life paying homage to them.

We were all shocked when God called Watermelon home.

On Tuesday, those of us who knew him gathered at the Emmanuel Church in Enid to say our last goodbyes. Close to 300 people attended either in-person or through a livestream. The pastor delivered a beautiful message. He said something I'll never forget.

Heaven is "Earth with the curse reversed," he said. When we get to heaven, our souls go back to the prime of our lives.

We're young adults again, happy and healthy, surrounded by the people we love and indulging in what we loved to do on Earth.

I know God called Watermelon home in a special way. I bet Watermelon ran a mighty fine train toward the promised land. I know God didn't make him take any sidings on the way up, either.

From his caboose at the end of the train, Watermelon gave the engineer the "Highball!" signal with that old coal-oil lantern and took off to heaven, racing to get there right on time to that Great Depot in the Sky.

I'm sure that, right now, he's taking a lot of heavenly passengers on the best train ride they've ever had – an eternal ride to life everlasting.

The pastor said he believes that, one day, he'll be riding one of Watermelon's trains.

Now that's a ride I can't wait to get my ticket for.

When I climb aboard, he'll be able to tell me all of the answers.



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Frank "Watermelon" Campbell is pictured with his wife, Edna, on Christmas Day in 2020.



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Frank "Watermelon" Campbell is pictured with his daughter, Fran Kroll, while standing on the front of the Railroad Museum of Oklahoma's vintage Frisco Railroad steam locomotive in this photo.

'She was always in search of the truth'

An NWOSU alumna and journalist, Dove shares gospel through media

By **JORDAN GREEN**
Editor-in-Chief

For two months in 2011, Korina Dove had been praying, crying and losing sleep.

She believed that God was calling her to go on a mission trip – a trip far away from her home in Cherokee.

One night in August of that year, she went to a church in nearby Kiowa, Kansas, to hear a sermon. Following the sermon, with tears streaming down her face, she spoke to the pastor.

"He prayed over me," she said. "I've never had anybody pray over me like that before. And when he got finished with it, even he said to me, 'You're going to Thailand.'"

In that moment, Dove – a Northwestern Oklahoma State University graduate and local newspaper reporter – decided to leave behind a career telling the stories of people in northwest Oklahoma to tell the story of Jesus to people in a nation she couldn't even find on a map.

"I can look back now, and I didn't know really what Jesus meant back then," she said. "But I know He was there."

'ALWAYS IN SEARCH OF THE TRUTH'

Dove's friends and family describe her as a free-spirit. They adore her sense of humor, they say, and they know she has a flair for writing.

They also know her as a career journalist who searches for facts and separates them from fiction.

Just ask Steve Valencia, her former professor.

"I think Korina was a very driven student," Valencia said. "You can see pretty quickly in students that are driven and those that really want to perfect their craft. She was one of those."

In 1995, Dove was majoring in English education at Northwestern, and she had to take an elective course.

She signed up for a class about news reporting, which is part of the university's mass communication program.

Valencia, then a professor in the program, taught the class.

Dove said he had a significant impact on her life.

"I went to Steve Valencia's news reporting class the first day, and I fell freaking in love," she said. "I loved it, and I went and changed my major to mass communication within a day or two."

From that moment on, Dove's life would be devoted to media in one way or another.

Later in the semester, Valencia asked Dove to join the Northwestern News, the university's independent student newspaper, as a



Above: Dove, shown on the right side of this photo, poses for a picture with a group of high school students in the Toch Village in Cambodia. Dove taught students as part of her mission trip.

reporter.

Dove became an editor during her junior year, and she had to put her newly acquired journalistic skills to the test when reporting on the Student Government Association.

Student reporters investigated claims that SGA members weren't being transparent during their meetings, she said. Reporting on the issue wasn't easy for the News team, but Dove and her reporters pushed

for greater access to the organization's records. Eventually, they got them.

The struggle helped define Dove's legacy as a journalist, Valencia said.

"She had no fear, and the real good journalists don't," Valencia said. "She was one of those that was always in search of the truth."

Valencia took another job before the start of the 1997 – 1998 school year. Dr. Becky Tallent, a longtime

Oklahoma journalist, became the newspaper's new adviser.

Whether formally or informally, she was also Dove's adviser.

STRUGGLE WITH FAITH

College was a time of uncertainty for Dove. She stopped attending church regularly when she got to college. She said she never lost her Christian faith, though religion began to confuse her. She hadn't al-

ways been a mass communication major, and she questioned whether she could be a reporter.

And if she chose to be a journalist, she faced yet another dilemma: Could she still be a Christian?

"There was that thing back in the late 1990s and early 2000s about, 'Well, journalists are such horrible people that you can't be a Christian and be a journalist at the same time,'" Tallent said. "She had that little bit of doubt because of that at-

titude that was going around."

Tallent and Dove had several conversations about faith – interesting conversations, said Tallent, a member of a Methodist church.

"Finally, one day, she was just like, 'I don't know, Doc,'" Tallent said. "I was like, 'Korina, where are you going to find me Sunday morning? Leland Clegg United Methodist Church. ... Do you think I'm a heathen because I'm a journalist?'" Tallent wasn't the only person



Dove, third from left, is shown with a group of college students from Chiang Rai Rajabhat University in Chiang Rai.

who spoke to Dove about her faith – in part because journalism wasn't the only aspect of Dove's life that made her question religion.

She took a mythology course at Northwestern that confused her, she said. In the class, students heard stories about other beliefs and gods that seemed similar to the ones she had grown up learning at church. She took the view that she would try to believe in not one, but all religions, she said.

For a year, she wondered: Which religion is right?

Then, on a sunny day, she sat down under a tree between the Jesse Dunn building and Vinson Hall.

"I was sitting under that one day, and really struggling," she said. "I just heard God say to me, 'Pick one. Just pick one.' I just kind of looked up to the sky, and I was like, 'Well, I've known you all of my life, and you're what I know, so I pick you.' And that was the end of my confusion."

they could, he said. One time, Dove took several photos of an event hosted by the local school's robotics team. She used the headline "Mr. Roboto."

"Winning the awards isn't what you write a paper for, but it documents your achievements and tells you that you're doing the right thing. It tells me that I accomplished what I set out to do – to produce an award-winning paper for my community."
— Korina Dove

A JOURNEY IN JOURNALISM

In the summer of 1998, Dove began an internship with her hometown newspaper, The Cherokee Messenger and Republican. She worked for Steve Booher, an award-winning journalist who would become one of her lifelong mentors, she said.

"Everything Dr. Tallent taught me in college, Steve Booher was doing, and that's why I loved it there," she said.

Dove left the Cherokee paper in 1999 after she graduated from college. She worked at a few other newspapers in Oklahoma and Kansas before she became the managing editor of The Blackwell Journal-Tribune in Kay County in 2004.

There, she hired a new sports editor for the paper, Mark Evans.

Evans said Dove was a hard-working editor who had a good sense of humor. They used song titles as headlines whenever

ing her to publish public notices from local government agencies.

The North Central Reporter became a legal newspaper after publishing for a year and a half, allowing her to publish notices – and to enter her work in awards contests promoted by the Society of Professional Journalists and the Oklahoma Press Association.

In her three years of contest entries, she won more than 30 awards.

"I'm very proud of that," she said. "That was my paper that I started. Winning the awards isn't what you write a paper for, but

it documents your achievements and tells you that you're doing the right thing. It tells me that I accomplished what I set out to do – to produce an award-winning paper for my community."

She operated the newspaper until 2010. Eventually, the workload of being a one-woman muckraker became too much. She did some freelance work for Grant County, and in 2011, she returned home to work at the Cherokee newspaper, still edited by Booher.

She wouldn't stay.

'JESUS AND MEDIA'

When Dove came home to Cherokee, she knew she wanted to go on a mission trip, she said. She had been on a mission trip in Arizona two years prior, and she wanted to go on another one.

This time, however, she wanted the trip to involve journalism.

She searched the internet for media-related mission trips. During one of her searches, she clicked on a website with links to hundreds of other sites about mission work.

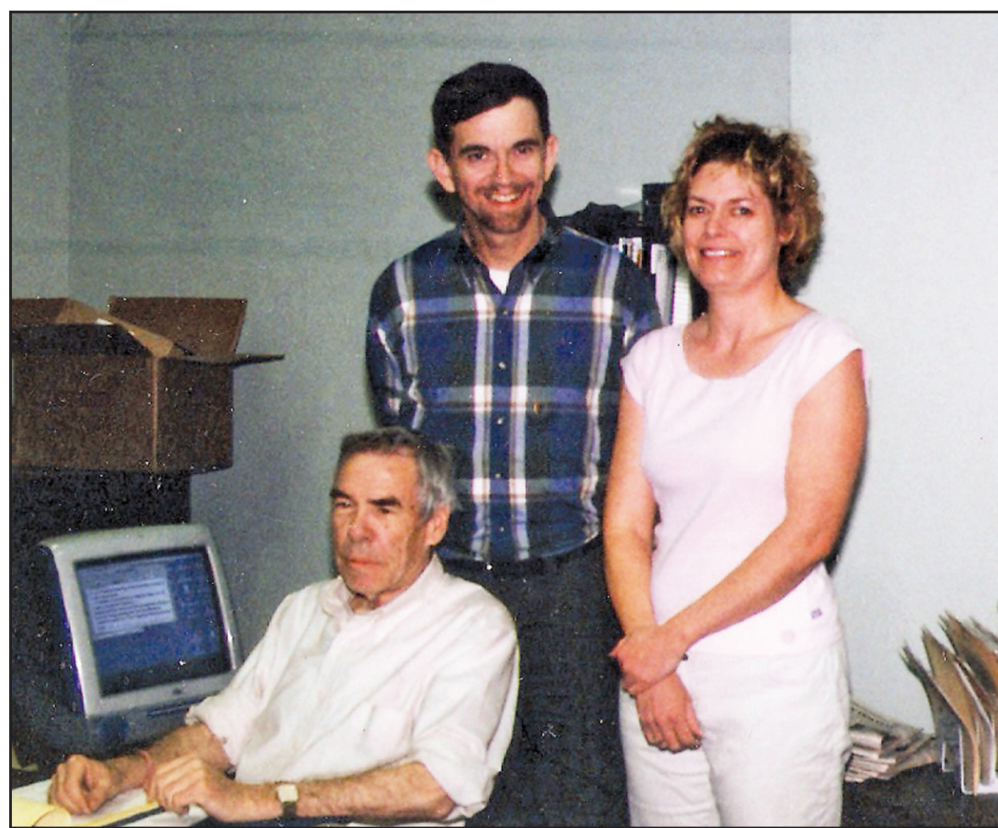
She followed one of the links.

"I was reading it, and I didn't see the name at first," she said. "I was like, 'Oh my gosh, this is exactly what I'm looking for.' And then I looked, and I was like, 'Oh, it's in Thailand.' And I just closed it."

For the next three weeks, she said, the website was all she could think about. She began to believe that God was calling her to go on a mission trip in Thailand to spread the gospel.

But she wasn't sure.

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Left: Dove poses for a portrait with her coworkers at The Blackwell Journal-Tribune: Charles "Scoop" Abbott (seated) and Mark Evans. Abbott was a longtime editor at The Journal-Tribune, and Dove hired Evans as the paper's sports editor. Right: Dove's byline with her maiden name is shown atop one of her stories in the Northwestern News. At the time, she was the paper's associate editor.



Photos provided



Dove and her daughters are dressed up and ready to attend church in Chiang Mai one morning during their first week in Thailand in January 2012. They are wearing traditional Northern Thai outfits.

Feature



Andrea Lauderdale

Campus Kudos Award given

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A Northwestern employee has been awarded for being kind to students and staff at the university.

Andrea Lauderdale received the university's Campus Kudos Award Jan. 13, university officials said in a news release.

Lauderdale, a student success coordinator and transfer student recruiter, "goes above and beyond the call of her office and makes a huge difference in the lives of Northwestern students every day," officials said.

Sue Burks, financial aid assistant director and staff council chair, and staff council member Megan Patel, an international student adviser and administrative assistant to Student Services, presented Lauderdale with her Campus Kudos award.

"Students are always coming in and out of her office, many who need to get enrolled or get advice on what classes might be best for them (whether she's their adviser or not), others who just need help getting something done on campus, and a few who simply need a friendly face and willing ear to listen," said the unnamed person who nominated Lauderdale for the award. "Andrea will drop whatever she's working on in an instant if a student walks into her office and needs help, even if it has nothing to do with her job title. She genuinely wants to see every student succeed and enjoy their experience at Northwestern and exemplifies that in her actions every single day."

The award is presented once each semester to a university employee.

"This makes my heart so happy," Lauderdale said in the news release. "I love my job, coworkers, and our students here at Northwestern. I am so fortunate to be in a place that I look forward to going every day."



Photo by Carson Polk

Students eat in the Baptist Collegiate Ministries in this January photo.

Where can students get free food nearby?

By CARSON POLK
Student Reporter

As a Northwestern student, you might be wondering where you can get a free meal on campus. This information will help you find a place nearby.

- **BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES**

The Baptist Collegiate Ministries, 1020 College Blvd., serves food to students from 11:35 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. every Wednesday. The food varies from week to week depending on which local church cooks the meal.

The BCM is a campus club based on sharing God's teachings and fellowship.

Victoria Vasquez, a freshman at NWOSU, said: "I would say that it's a great experience. They were very welcoming, and they made me always like I was at home. The food was good too. You could tell they made the food from scratch, and wanted you to enjoy it."

- **FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

The First Christian Church, 821 College Ave., serves a free dinner at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays. Drew Kirkley, the pastor at the church, said: "First Christian Church is a loving congregation that loves to worship God, serve the community, and fellowship together."

The captain of the women's golf team, Nikkole Donk, said she goes to the church for free food whenever she has the time.

"First Christian Church is one of the most welcoming groups to be apart of," she said. "They constantly have a smile on their face no matter what. They not only serve up great taco salad and Sante Fe soup, but they also care about how you're doing spiritually and emotionally in life."

- **THE WESLEY HOUSE**

The Wesley House, 1027 8th St., offers free meals on Thursdays from 11:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. The Methodist Church serves the meal.

Brianna Berryman said she likes the food and enjoys the dining experience.

"The Wesley house has very good food, and the environment is really friendly," Berryman said. "They provide a good service, and the people there are just overwhelmingly nice. The food was very homemade, soups and spaghetti and such."

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I 'sing' for ice cream



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Angie Aguilera croons the crowd at the Singin' and Sundaes event Jan. 21. The Northwestern Student Government Association hosted the event, which takes place annually in the Student Center.



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Students were able to sing karaoke and eat ice cream. They wore masks and practiced social distancing during the event.

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Entertainment

What's driving the drama?

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Features Editor

Olivia Rodrigo released the song "Driver's License" this month, and it immediately got to the top of the charts. It's the story of how she and her ex used to talk about driving. When she finally got her driver's license, they're no longer together, so she can't share that moment with him. The song got popular so quickly because of how relatable it is. We might not all have the same situation happen with our driver's license, but many fans took to social media to explain the same scenarios they were in: talking about the future with their boyfriends and girlfriends and breaking up before you got to those points. Right after the release fans, were speculating who the song was about. Most notably, people say it's her co-star from the "High School Musical" series, Joshua Bassett. There's been stories of where he let her drive his car, and fans have suspected they were dating since the release of the series. Fans even noticed that her coworkers had all posted about her new song, and Joshua is the only one that didn't share it on social media.

Olivia and Joshua used to post a lot about each other on social media, and after their last post about each other, Joshua started hanging out with "the blonde girl," Sabrina Carpenter.

Since the release of Olivia's song, Sabrina has also released a song called "Skin." In the song, she says: "Maybe blonde was the only rhyme" and "Don't go driving yourself crazy." Fans have taken these two lines as connections to Olivia's song "Driver's License."

The stars have not yet confirmed any of the speculation, but fans are not backing down. Some are saying that this is going to be Gen Z's version of Team Edward or Team Jacob. If you haven't listened to "Driver's License" or "Skin," I would say you have to listen in that order. Personally, it does sound to me like Sabrina was replying to Olivia's song. But I don't know if a reply was necessary.

Olivia's song is not about hating this girl that her ex was with. It's a love song about how it's sad to not be able to reach the goals that you set with the person you were with. And Sabrina's feels like an unnecessary rebuttal.

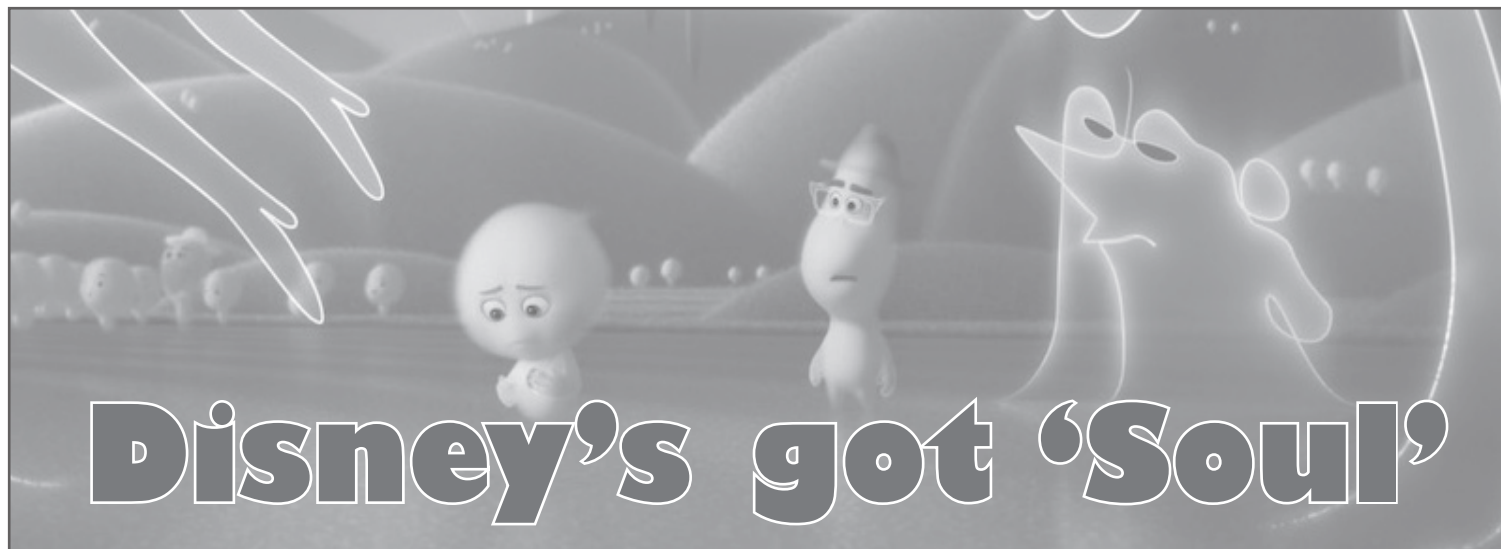


Photo by Netflix Media Center

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Features Editor

"Soul" is a Disney Pixar movie that was released in 2020. It is voiced by several well-known actors, including Jamie Foxx, Tina Fey and Daveed Diggs.

The story follows a middle school band teacher named Joe Gardner after he falls into a manhole, and his soul separates from his body. You watched as he struggles to reunite his

soul and his body by traveling through the astral realm, and you get to see how souls get their personality before you're born. Along the way, he meets a soul called "22" who doesn't want to go down to Earth. You get to see how this grown man interacts with this old soul who has never had a body, and it makes for some funny interactions.

I really like the movie. I had a lot of people around me hype it up, so I knew kind of what to expect.

Disney and Pixar did get

backlash for turning all their POC characters into things that weren't human. From "Princess and the Frog," "Brother Bear" and now the movie "Soul," I do feel like they should work on that as a company.

I give this movie four and a half out of five stars. I really liked it, and there were really good character dynamics. It had a really good plot and teaches a really good lesson. I don't want to give too much of the storyline away, but I think anyone who likes Disney Pixar movies will

like it, especially if you liked "Inside Out," because it has more of the new Disney Pixar "feel" to it.

I think this movie gives an interesting view about before and after life that is not talked about often. It shows that maybe we don't just "poof" into existence. And I like to see that side of the story.

It definitely leaves you thinking about things and might send you into an existential crisis about what your purpose here in life is.

A new format for superhero movies

'WandaVision' series is set up like an old black and white romcom

By MICHELLE WILLSON
Features Editor

This past week, I watched the three-episode series on Disney plus called "WandaVision."

I have always considered myself a casual Marvel fan.

I try to watch the movies as soon as they come out, but not always in theater. Sometimes, I wait until they come out on a streaming service.

This is the second time I've started something and then realized that I haven't watched a movie that would go before it.

You see, I haven't seen

"Endgame." I'm avoiding it. I've heard many spoilers, and I just don't know if I'm ready for the emotional turmoil.

I have also never read the comic books. So, going into "WandaVision," I'd only seen her in the older Avengers movies.

That being said, I missed some of the Easter eggs that were in the series. But I don't think it affected my understanding.

It's set like an old classic romance. They're pretending to be this normal couple when obviously Wanda has powers and vision that are not human.

In any instance that goes wrong, Wanda changes her reality, which adds some funny twists throughout the series.

I personally liked it, but I've always liked the atmosphere of old shows. I like how, as the series progresses, it uses the same people, but through different decades. You might have to watch it to understand.



Photo by Netflix Media Center

There were some instances where I was very confused and have to look up what it meant.

But my confusion came from my lack of knowledge of the other preceding movies.

If you haven't "WandaVision" yet, I recommend you do. But watch the two-episode "Marvel Legends" before you do it.

It kind of recaps "WandaVision's" stories, so you're more caught up. You understand how their powers play into it, how they fell in love, all of it. My mistake was watching it after.

I give this series a three out of five stars. It's not my favorite, but I might watch it again.

I recommend it to anyone who likes Marvel, anyone who likes old movies and the supernatural, and anyone who likes to look for Easter eggs in movies. This series has a lot of ties to the Avengers movies.

At one point, the series is stopped for a fake commercial. And if you're paying attention, it's from Stark industries, which I thought was funny.

I would definitely give this series a watch. It's got some new elements than the older movies because it's not a classic superhero movie.

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Sports

Cross-country starts season in Shawnee



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Emily Smith, left, finishes the last stretch of the two-mile race next to an Oklahoma Baptist runner in Shawnee.



Photo by Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche

Chris Kincaid runs his pace at the season opening race hosted by OBU.

By **DACODA MCDOWELL-WAHPEKECHE**
Sports Editor

SHAWNEE – In the first race in more than one year, the Northwestern men's cross-country team took fifth place at Gordon Cooper Technology Center on Jan. 22 while the women's team could not officially compete.

Oklahoma Baptist University, another member of the Great American Conference, was host to the first meet of the season. Oklahoma Baptist took the victory in both the men's and women's races. Northwestern took fifth place in the men's race.

Northwestern has six returners from last season and two new runners on the men's team.

Timothy Jacobson and Noble Buckhaults finished neck-and-neck in the race, with Jacobson getting the edge. He finished with a time of 24:07.69. Buckhaults finished with a time of 24:07.98.

Chris Kincaid finished third among the Northwestern runners, with a time of 25:00.60.

"It feels pretty good to be back," Kincaid said. "I am not as healthy as I used to be because I haven't raced in a year and a half due to injury and due to the coronavirus pandemic, but it feels good to be out here with the school and show what this school stands for."

Nick Castillo finished his first race with a time of 26:16.80. Victor Cruz finished with a time of 26:41.18. Nick Nakvinda made his collegiate athletic debut with a time of 27:00.79. David Clemente and Caleb Pierce rounded out the team's race.

On the women's team, three Lady Rangers competed for the program. Emily Smith and Malory Paruszewski made their collegiate debuts after a delayed start to the season because of the coronavirus. Melissa Perez, a junior at Northwestern, returned for her second season.

The women's team did not have enough runners to compete for points at the event. Several runners stayed in Alva because of COVID-19 safety protocols.

The course at Gordon Cooper

Technology Center was home to the Oklahoma Secondary Schools Athletic Association cross-country state championship races until 2020. Smith is familiar with the course because she is a three-time state qualifier from Holdenville.

Smith ran the two-mile race with a time of 13:27.28 to finish 19th overall in the race. Perez followed with a time of 16:14.40 with Paruszewski following with 16:54.64.

"Now we kind of see how we stack up against competition," assistant coach Craig Binkley said. "This really sets the bar as far as how we make that next step into getting better in competing against those teams."

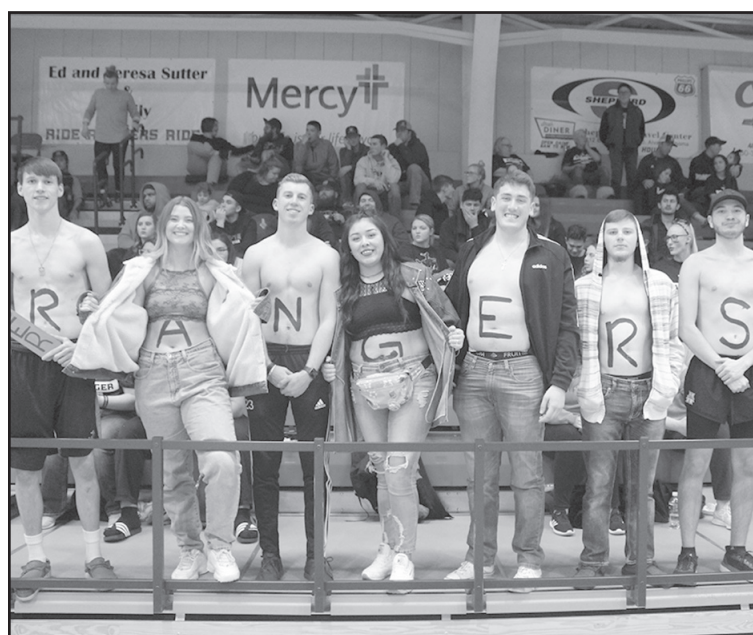
The last race for the Northwestern cross-country program was at the NCAA Division Two Central Region Championship in Joplin, Missouri.

Northwestern is competing in a shortened season because of the coronavirus. They run two other races before competing in the Great American Conference Championship on Feb. 27 in Weatherford.



Photo by Dacoda McDowell-Wahpekeche

Noble Buckhaults (left) and Timothy Jacobson (right) run together to push through their race at Gordon Cooper Technology Center.



School spirit still important amid pandemic

RANGER REPORT



DACODA MCDOWELL-WAHPEKECHE

pandemic started. Sadly, we have lost our passion to support each other through these times of uncertainty.

Playing with no fans in attendance is tough on athletes.

Fans would fill the stands inside Percutell Fieldhouse for every home game before the coronavirus

The Northwestern vs. Southwestern game on Feb. 13, 2020, was an amazing game to attend. Fans from Northwestern trash talked to the Southwestern players from the stands.

Many students made the games last year.

To the left of this column is a picture of a group of students, including myself, shirtless with the word "RANGERS" across our bodies at that game. We were ready to be rowdy.

Many events are going on around campus, but I wish we could attend sporting events. Fans

must watch the game through livestreams online because of the Great American Conference's COVID-19 protocols.

Fans should be allowed to come together in a reasonably safe way to support the home team even through the pandemic. We may be living in a virtual world, but we can treat every sporting event like the Super Bowl. We can hang out and support the team through a television.

Even though we must watch through the television, we could still be supportive of Northwestern's sporting events.

Sports

Living life in the fast lane

NWOSU rodeo team member crowned NFR World Champion

FROM STAFF REPORTS

A former member of the Northwestern rodeo team has been crowned the National Finals Rodeo World Champion, and a current Northwestern student placed in the top 10 in December 2020.

Bridger Anderson, a junior from Carrington, North Dakota, and Jacob Edler, a Northwestern graduate from State Center, Iowa, competed in the steer wrestling competition at the National Finals Rodeo in Arlington, Texas.

“You have 70 rodeos to go to, that’s the limit,” said Stockton Graves, NWOSU rodeo head coach. “It’s just the top 15 money winners of the season qualify for the National Finals Rodeo.”

Rodeo participants are limited to 70 rodeos per season. Anderson and Edler both qualified for the National Finals Rodeo because of their previous rodeo successes.

“It’s a pretty surreal moment,” Anderson said. “Ever since being a toddler, every rodeo kid dreams of qualifying for National Finals Rodeo.”

Both Anderson and Edler



Jacob Edler wrestles a steer into the dirt in Globe Life Field at Arlington, Texas for the National Finals Rodeo. Photo by Ted Harbin

placed in and received earnings from the National Finals Rodeo.

In 10 rounds of wrestling steers into the dirt at Globe Life Field, Edler had a total of 43.4 seconds. This time was enough to win him a world championship.

In 2016, Edler finished second overall at the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyo-

ming. He finished behind College National Final Rodeo champion J.D. Struxness, a fellow Northwestern graduate.

After nine rounds, Edler was sitting at sixth overall at the National Finals Rodeo in 2020. He finished his National Finals Rodeo experience with a time of 3.9 seconds in the tenth round. This

finish pushed him to the top.

Anderson placed 9th at the National Finals Rodeo.

After stumbling out of the barrier in the ninth round, Anderson was penalized with an additional 10 seconds to ninth round finish. Even with his first place finish in the second round of the event, he could not catch up.

**2021
Central Plains Region
College Rodeo Schedule**
 — NWOSU (Alva)
Feb. 18 – 20
 — FSCC (Ft. Scott, Ks.)
Mar. 12 – 14
 — SOSU (Durant)
Mar. 26 – 28
 — OSU (Stillwater)
Apr. 1 – 3
 — SWOSU (Weatherford)
Apr. 8 – 10
 — FHSU (Hays, Ks.)
Apr. 16 – 18
 — OPSU (Guymon)
Apr. 22 – 24
 — CCC (Colby, Ks.)
Apr. 30 – May 2
 — CNFR (Casper, Wy.)
June 14 – 20

Graves said he is proud of his athletes.

“More so, I think for the university,” Graves said. “I am proud of them because they are on my team. I am more proud for the university because they represent Northwestern very well. With their success, it shows what we can do here in Alva.”

The Northwestern rodeo team will host its first rodeo of the year in Alva on Feb. 18 – 20. They will compete in nine rodeos throughout the semester to qualify for the College National Finals Rodeo in Casper, Wyoming.

Volleyball excited to start season

By CAMERON GORDON
Student Reporter

Kate Deterding is an outside hitter for Northwestern volleyball team. She is a senior from Lindsay, KS, majoring in Health and Sports Science.

Q: How has your season started off?

A: It has been good. It’s been a little tough considering we’ve been practicing for two semesters and we haven’t competed in over 400 days. I think it’s wearing on us a little bit, but we’re just excited to play.

Q: How does it feel to be able to play?

A: It’s awesome, I mean, I guess we’ll find out after Saturday. We’re just excited to have real competition, besides just playing each other. So we’re really looking forward to it.

Q: What’s the most exciting part of being back in the game?

A: I’m a very competitive person. So I love the competition and I like playing with my team, not against my team.

I’m just excited to play together and play against other opponents.

Q: What is your team doing to stay safe from the coronavirus?

A: We follow a lot of protocols. We have to wear masks

while we play, and for the longest time we actually had plastic covering the net, which is kind of crazy. We also just follow social distancing rules and we stay pretty on top of that.

Q: What is one of your team goals for this year?

A: Win the conference tournament.

Q: What’s your favorite part of being on the team?

A: I love the girls. I’ve made my best friends through volleyball and it’s just fun, and playing with all my friends, it’s just the best thing ever really.

The volleyball team will play Oklahoma Baptist on Feb. 2.



Sydnee Miller and Kate Deterding celebrate a point for Northwestern during the season opening game against Friends University on Jan. 23. Photo by Athletic Communications

WHAT’S NEXT FOR RANGER SPORTS

<p>BASKETBALL Jan. 28 — MBB, NWOSU (2 - 2) vs ECU (3 - 4) in Alva — WBB, NWOSU (4 - 5) vs ECU (6 - 1) in Alva Jan. 30 — MBB, NWOSU (2 - 2) vs SOSU (2 - 5) @ Durant — WBB, NWOSU (4 - 5) vs SOSU (4 - 4) @ Durant</p>	<p>CROSS-COUNTRY Jan. 29 — WXC race The Great American Conference Preview @ Weatherford — MXC race The Great American Conference Preview @ Weatherford</p>	<p>VOLLEYBALL Feb. 2 — VB, NWOSU (1 - 0) vs OBU (1 - 0) @ Shawnee</p> <p>Livestreams of NWOSU home games available here:</p> 
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DOVE: Newspaper work helps Northwestern alumna tell Bible stories for children

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She went to see her pastor, assuming he would tell her that her idea wasn't practical.

Instead, he said his brother had gone on a mission trip to China. The pastor supported Dove's idea.

Dove prayed about the situation for several more weeks before she went to a church in Kiowa, Kansas, to watch a sermon being simulcast from another church.

At one point in the sermon, the speaker – evangelist Beth Moore – pointed out toward the audience and said the words, "Straighten up."

Those words, Dove said, were a sign from God.

"Beth Moore pointed her finger right at me in that auditorium, and I lost it," Dove said. "I just left that day, and I knew that was where I was going."

TAKING THE LEAP

Going on a trip to Thailand would be expensive for Dove and her two young daughters: Justine, then 8 years old, and Jaynee, then 9. The total cost of the trip would be \$14,000.

She raised the sum in a month and a half.

Dove and her daughters left on New Year's Day in 2012. When they arrived in Thailand, Dove started mission training with the "Youth With a Mission" program, a Christian outreach group that operates schools in places around the globe, among other works.

During her six-month training, Dove learned how to use her

skills in journalism to teach students about the Bible.

"It's a full-time job," she said. "It was hard. Very hard. But it was everything I wanted. It was just all day, every day, Jesus and media."

Dove and her children moved to Cambodia for two and a half months after the first three months of her training session were over. She joined six other missionaries to teach English at a school with students ages 5 to 18.

Her team created a coloring book for the students, telling stories of the Bible. Luckily, Dove said, her time designing newspapers came in handy.

"I was the only one who knew how to use InDesign, so I got to do all of the layout and design stuff," she said. "It was my honor to do that. We told the story – it was a simple Bible story – and we had to translate it into Khmer [pronounced ka-MAI] when we got to Cambodia. We would teach English words out of it."

Dove's newspaper experience and command of the English language were useful teaching tools. Still, she had trouble transitioning from the newsroom to the classroom, her daughter, Jaynee Inman, said.

"With mission work, a lot of it is very spontaneous, just like moving to Thailand was," Inman said. "A lot of it is just waiting on God, and I think that was hard for her. She didn't have a clear path of what was happening. When she was a reporter, she did. She knew what she wanted, and she did it. When she came into the



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Korina Dove poses for a photo with some of her friends and family members in Bangkok, Thailand.

mission field, it was really difficult because she didn't get to see that straight path."

Dove still doesn't always see a clear "end goal" in mission work. She's learned to accept it.

"That's the downside of missions is you don't know how you affect people," she said. "I think that's the beauty of it, too. Sometimes, you don't need to know."

STILL WRITING – AND STILL BELIEVING

Since moving to Thailand in 2012, Dove has served both as a

missionary and an educator. She also married Russ Pattinson, an English teacher from England.

After her mission trip ended, she got a job with the Royal Thai Navy as an English teacher. Now, she writes travel guides for Agoda.com, Southeast Asia's largest online travel agency.

It's not newspaper reporting, and it's not mission work, she said. But she still gets to do what she loves – write.

"There's never been a day that I haven't wanted to go to work," she said. "It's that fun of a job. I have awesome teammates, and I

love what I do."

At one point in her life, Dove questioned whether she could be a journalist and a Christian. Now, she said, she lives a life devoted to telling the gospel of Jesus through media.

In her eyes, she knows the truth.

"Through all of those things, the hard times, I just always had kind of this sense that I was doing the right thing," she said. "Everything happens for a reason, and God always makes something good out of that. I never lost that truth."