

WELCOME BACK, ALUMNI!

We at the Northwestern News hope you have a splendid time during Homecoming. Check out this edition of the News for a complete schedule of events and other interesting stories sure to make this celebration memorable. Ride, Rangers, Ride!



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Parade, pageantry and pigskin

Here's what you need to know about this week's events

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Northwestern News

From football to fellowship with friends, Northwestern's Homecoming celebration will offer several events for students and returning alumni.

The theme for this year's celebration, which starts Thursday, is "Game On: Ranger 2021 Edition."



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ONLINE:

Visit <https://northwesternnews.rangerpulse.com/> for more coverage of Homecoming.

Here's a list of the events you can check out this weekend.

THURSDAY:

- The Miss Cinderella talent show will take place at 7:30 p.m. in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

FRIDAY:

- The "Rally 'Round the Ranger" Homecoming pep rally will take place at noon at the Ranger

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Tutwiler to lead parade

By **CAITLIN HOFEN**
Features Editor

Linda Tutwiler will carry the title of parade marshal in Northwestern Oklahoma State University's Homecoming parade this year.

Tutwiler said she is excited for the opportunity, and she doesn't take it lightly.

"It was such an honor to be chosen," Tutwiler said. "I was so surprised and honored that I was even considered."

An Alva resident for nearly 50 years, Tutwiler started working at Northwestern as the pres-

ident's administrative assistant in 1986. She held that position for 23 years.

"I worked under four different presidents during my time at Northwestern," Tutwiler said. "I learned so much from each of their different leadership styles. I also made many lifelong friends."

While working at Northwestern, Tutwiler chose to further her



Tutwiler

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TOP LEFT: Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham (left), husband Rick Cunningham (right), and their grandchildren — Zane Zimmerman (seated, left) Brooklyn Zimmerman (seated, center) and Cloey Cunningham (seated, right) — wave to crowds during the 2019 Homecoming parade in downtown Alva.

TOP RIGHT: Members of the Northwestern band prepare for the 2019 Homecoming football game at Ranger Field.

BOTTOM LEFT: Players in the 2019 Homecoming game are shown.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Carli Sebolt, Miss Cinderella 2019, waves during the parade.

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statue. The event is open to the public, and pizza will be served afterward.

- A co-ed softball game in which alumni from the university's baseball and softball teams can participate will take place Friday at 7 p.m.

- The Miss Cinderella pageant will take place at 8 p.m. in the Herod Hall Auditorium.

SATURDAY:

- The annual Ranger Run, which is a 5K race or one-mile "Fun Run," will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday in Alva's Downtown Square. Fees for the events are \$15 for the 5K and \$10 for the Fun Run. Race-day registration will be \$5 more. Pre-registration also can be completed in person at the J.R. Holder Wellness Center. The Northwestern Foundation and Alumni Association will partner with the J.R. Holder Wellness Center for the event and will provide T-shirts to runners.

- Also at 8 a.m., foundation workers will set up a tent and serve free doughnuts, coffee and hot cocoa to alumni across from the Rialto Theater in the Downtown Square. The foundation will sell T-shirts, Homecoming buttons and other Ranger-themed merchandise, including spatulas and Christmas ornaments. The foundation will give away free Ranger sunglasses to children.

- The annual Homecoming parade will take place in downtown Alva starting at 10 a.m. A reception for Linda Tutwiler, the parade marshal, will take place at 9 a.m. at the alumni tent.

- After the parade, lunch will be served on the square. Each meal will cost \$6. Lunch will be served directly across from the Rialto Theater.

- At 1:30 p.m., past members of the Northwestern President's Leadership Class will have a reunion to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the class.

- At 2 p.m., alumni who are participating in the alumni band will rehearse in the band room on the third floor of Ryerson Hall. Dr. Mike Knedler, who retired from Northwestern in June 2015 after 32 years as a Ranger, will direct the band.

Knedler also served as dean of



File photos

Members of the Northwestern band prepare for the 2019 Homecoming football game at Ranger Field, one of several annual Homecoming events.

humanities and social sciences, and before leaving Northwestern, he led the School of Arts and Sciences.

- The football game with the University of Arkansas at Monticello is scheduled for 4 p.m. at Ranger Field.

- After the kickoff, a drawing will take place from among the numbered Homecoming buttons. The winner will be announced at the game. The winner, who must be at the game and produce the winning numbered button, will receive \$500 in Alva Chamber Bucks.

WHAT ELSE YOU SHOULD KNOW:

Homecoming buttons, designed once again by Angelia Case, academic projects assistant/media specialist at Northwestern, are the main source of funding for the celebration. Buttons can be used for admission to Miss Cinderella events and the football game. Some local merchants will offer discounts to those who wear a button into their businesses.

A full calendar of events and is available at www.nwosu.edu/homecoming.

2021 HOMECOMING

Campus clubs to raise funds during Homecoming events

By GAVIN MENDOZA
Student Reporter

Northwestern's Homecoming starts Thursday, and university club members say they are excited to greet returning alumni.

A number of clubs will participate in Homecoming events this year, said Olivia Yandel, assistant director of the J.R. Holder Wellness Center, who is overseeing some Homecoming activities.

So far, the Student Athlete Advisory Committee, the Student Nurses Association and the College Republicans have signed up to help, Yandel said. Clubs will raise funds for their organizations by handing out water, T-shirts and other goods in the Downtown Square Saturday morning.

"It's a really cool tradition that allows our clubs to do that," Yandel said. "I really think that it just adds to the busy-ness of Homecoming. It really helps our clubs and organizations to get some exposure, not just on Northwestern's campus, but out into the community."

Alumni also have the opportunity to visit with members of clubs they were a part of during their college years, Yandel said.

Maggie Peterson, a senior majoring in chemistry and biology, is the president of SAAC. She said she is excited for Homecoming and for her club's booth.

"We are going to be selling T-shirts, and we'll do face paint in order to fundraise and let people know more about SAAC," Peterson said. "We decided to do face paint and T-shirts because we wanted to make sure everybody knew about SAAC in a fun way rather than a club that is all about NCAA legislation."

Peterson said the organization is a way for athletes to make their voices heard, and she hopes people will visit their booth.

Carys Delaplaine, a nursing major, is a member of the nursing association. Delaplaine said she is eager to have people come to her club's booth.

"We are going to have corn-hole set up, and we are also going to be taking blood pressures for the community for free," Delaplaine said. "We are also having a fundraiser. We are selling Northwestern jackets."

Delaplaine said taking blood pressure is a great way her club can gain support from the community. She does not think the club has ever had corn-hole at its booth, but she is excited to have it.

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: CASE NUMBERS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE AREA

STUDENT CASES:

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active as of Oct. 1.
This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

EMPLOYEE CASES:

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IN ALVA:

37

active as of Sept. 29.
Alva has had a total of 1,311 cases.

IN OKLAHOMA:

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active as of Sept. 29.
Oklahoma has had a total of 609,737 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>.

NEWS

MARIA CARDONITA, 1980-2021

Counting on a smile

Education major remembered for the lesson she happily taught others

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



Maria Cardonita

She smiled.
She taught.
She listened.
She cared.
And she died. But in her time on Earth, she lived a fun life – and she helped others enjoy theirs.

Maria Cardonita, a 41-year-old elementary education major in her junior year at Northwestern, died Sept. 29. Her funeral was Tuesday.

Cardonita is survived by her husband, Tommy, and their two children, Julius and Jordyn, according to her obituary.

And she's survived by something else: her smile.

Cardonita worked at the local head start as a family advocate, serving as a liaison between families and educators. Dr. Christee Jenlink, the chair of the division of education at Northwestern, said it was a fitting role for someone who embraced motherhood – the highs and the lows, the easy moments and the difficult ones.

"I think she would have been a great teacher because she could roll through the tough times," Jenlink said. "She would have been an encourager, a supporter, as a teacher."

To her friends, she was a careful listener.

Amy Melton, a secretary in the division of education, met Cardonita when Cardonita and her family moved from New Mexico to Alva eight years ago. Melton said she thought Cardonita needed a friend. But Melton would soon learn that she needed one herself.

Melton has a son with special needs, she said. And whenever she wanted to confide in someone about the challenges of parenting, Cardonita was there. Melton and Cardonita often worked out at the gym together, talking about their

lives.

Patiently, intently and caring-ly, Cardonita heard what Melton had to say.

"She would just listen to my hardship of what we face daily," Melton said. "She was a gem."

She could lighten the mood, too, with her warm sense of humor. She didn't just tell jokes, though. Usually, she was the subject.

"She could laugh at herself," Melton said. "She was never so serious that she'd get upset."

In part, that's because Cardonita was fun to be around, Melton said. And helping others have fun? In Jenlink's eyes, that was one of Cardonita's gifts – and one of the lessons she taught with a smile.

"Learning should be fun, no matter what level," Jenlink said. "That doesn't mean she didn't take it seriously, because she did. But for Maria, she wanted to have fun while she learned. And walking into a classroom, if she was in there, I could always count on her looking up and smiling. Always."

"No matter what. It was still there."

What's up?

OCT. 10:

The Computer Science and E-Sports Club will host a Super Smash Brothers Ultimate Event in Shockley Hall Room 116 on Oct. 10 starting at 5:30 p.m.

Prospective gamers are invited to bring their own Nintendo Switches and controllers.

More tournaments are possible.

OCT. 7:

The annual Northwestern at Night event will begin at 7 p.m. on the intramural field on Oct. 7.

Students will be able to hit a car with a sledge-hammer, and they'll be able to play lawn games and eat S'mores.

Music will be played.

OCT. 14 AND 15:

Employees and students at Northwestern will be able to enjoy a few days off as the university will close for fall break Oct. 14 and 15.

Classes will resume, and all university offices will be open during regular business hours on Oct. 18.

OCT. 20

Northwestern's artist-in-residence will host a discussion at 6 p.m. Oct. 20 in Jesse Dunn Room 324.

Sophia Farmer is a ceramicist, watercolor illustrator, poet and baker, university officials said.

The artist talk is open to all students, faculty and staff.

Masks will be required, officials said.

Campus Ministry

Sacred Heart Catholic Church proudly serves students at Northwestern Oklahoma State University. During the school year, students are welcome to join us to pray the Holy Rosary and Holy Mass in the College Chapel. This spiritual ministry encourages the young people to pursue meaning in their lives and invest in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Open to Catholic and non-Catholic college students.



Place: Northwestern College Chapel, Student Center, Second Floor
Time: Thursdays at 1 p.m.

For more information, contact church office at 580-327-0339 or office@sacredheartalva.org.

IN BRIEF

Regents give award for partnership to ALCA, NWOSU

Aurora Learning Community Association, in partnership with Northwestern Oklahoma State University, has received the 2021 Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education Regents Business Partnership Excellence Award.

"This award is designed to highlight successful partnerships and to further cultivate a higher learning environment through the State Regents' Economic Development Grants," university officials said in a news release.

The association provides an online education portfolio platform for bachelor- and master-level students as well as faculty, officials said.

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OPINION



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Devyn Lansden (back right) is pictured above with her Ranger Connection class at Freshmen Orientation in August.

Fall break is just around the corner

By **DEVYN LANSDEN**
Editorial Editor

We only have a few more days until we have a break.

I have been busy and trying not to think about fall break. But it is so close now I cannot help but be ready for it.

It is so hard to believe it is time for midterms. That cannot be right.

But it is. I feel like I was just writing about my summer, and now it is time for the first break of this semester.

But before I get too excited, I have to get through the busy Homecoming week first. I am ready for Homecoming. It has been too long. This week, we also had Freshmen Frenzy.

I feel bad for the kids who did not get to experience it last year; it is a blast.

Since I am a peer leader, my class color was green, and our team name is "Chick Hicks" from the Disney movie "Cars."

We have to do a skit that has to be under two minutes, and our skit will be short but funny.

The class will all pretend to sit on an invisible bench. I will show up and say, "What are you guys doing? I moved the bench over

there." And they will all fall to the ground.

Freshmen Frenzy was a fun time for everyone. Unfortunately, my team did not win, but we had a lot of fun.

I think we bonded a lot more. As a peer leader, I want the kids in my class to want to talk to me as their friend.

We worked as a team in the games we had to do, and it was a successful night. That in itself is a win.

The games we played were four one-minute rounds of shooting a basketball into a trash can.

The kids in my class were the ones shooting into the trash cans, and I had to retrieve the basketball and throw back to the next person.

The next game had to deal with water. The classes had to run to the bucket and soak their sponge and run it over to their bucket.

Whoever had the most water in their bucket won. My class did well, but some of the other classes were dedicated. I know one team dipped their shoes in the bucket, and another team drank water. Whatever it takes to win, I guess.

This week is full of fun events for everyone. I am having a blast being involved with everything. It is making the semester go by so quickly. I don't know if that is a good or bad thing.

This week, I am going to live in the moment. I am going to enjoy every moment of each day.

This past weekend, I prepared for the next week, and I was the most productive I have been in a long time.

I usually wait to do laundry on Sunday, but this weekend, I did it on Saturday and had time Sunday to clean other things.

I can now say I am an early riser. I woke up without an alarm before 8 in the morning both days this weekend.

I went on a long walk both mornings with my boyfriend and got a lot of work done, too. We went to Enid and ate sushi.

I haven't had sushi in a long time, so we were craving it.

Walking is the best exercise, especially when the weather is nice. Both mornings, it was beautiful outside. The best weather is the early fall mornings. It isn't too cold or too hot.

We are at the time of the season where the mornings are perfect, so I enjoy going on walks in the morning. I highly recommend going for walks every day. Grab a friend you can talk to, and just walk.

I always try to reach 10,000 steps in a day, so I am always down to go for a walk.

I hope everyone has a great break. Don't forget to get your steps in.

Enjoy every day one step at a time

OPINION

Still bringing communities together!



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We all need newspapers

Unlike social media platforms, newspapers unite, inform and empower people

JORDAN GREEN SAYS



JORDAN GREEN

I'm a newspaperman, so I'm used to asking people questions. But sometimes, people turn the questions around on me.

Here's one I've been asked a lot: Who needs newspapers anymore?

When I hear this question, I smile. Because when I respond, I get to make a case for one of the most important pieces of our social fabric: the printed word, a platform to discuss problems, explore solutions, highlight achievement and expose wrongdoing.

This week is National Newspaper Week, a time when news folks like me try to persuade people like you to support our work. This task has gotten tougher in the last few years. Trust in news outlets is at an all-time low – and “fake news” is on the rise.

Yes, you read that right. A member of “the media” – a weak and inappropriate generalization, but a popular term nevertheless – just told you that fake news is a real problem.

But you won't find fake news in a newspaper. Instead, you'll find it on social media.

Many of us are aware that social media is contributing to great division in our country. People of different political views, ideologies and heritages are increasingly polarized. In large part, that's because what we see on social media enrages us and preys on our most depraved emotions.

The posts that come across our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram feeds aren't there by chance. They're dictated by algorithms, which are

computerized codes designed to give us content that will elicit strong reactions from us. When you react to a post – whether you click “like” or use the “angry” emoticon – you'll be fed more posts that are in line with the response you gave.

It's all about making money. The more posts we see, the more advertisements we'll click on. Big Tech rakes in the dough.

So, if you're leaving angry comments on every post you read about Republicans or Democrats, expect to get more posts that'll make you even angrier. This leads to confirmation bias, which makes us believe that everything we think is right – and anyone who thinks differently is wrong.

What's the solution? Getting your news from a source of information that's fair, balanced and not controlled by computer algorithms: the newspaper.

Unlike social media, newspapers aim to offer two sides (or more) to every story.

The values of fairness and balance in newspaper stories, whether political or not, are central to the work of journalists. Sure, some of our stories are bound to make you mad.

The truth hurts. But we don't write in an attempt to make people feel any particular emotion. Our sole goal is to make your life better by arming you with knowledge – something lacking in our society.

We want to help you make informed decisions. We are not, however, trying to make your decisions for you.

We believe in freedom of thought and expression. We endeavor to help you exercise those rights.

Journalists, unlike social media users (especially those “crazy uncles” we all hear about),

are ethically obligated to tell the truth. Yes, some journalists throughout history have fabricated and embellished stories, but the truth is eventually revealed – and these scoundrels are dealt with. We journalists strive to be accurate in all we write, photograph and otherwise communicate. At the same time, we're humans, and we make mistakes. But we do our best to avoid them, and we correct them when we learn of them.

And newspapers, unlike social media, aren't controlled by computer magic.

The stories you see in these pages are created and placed there by human beings – human beings who genuinely love their jobs and believe they have a calling to help other people. I know I do. After all, we don't work for the money.

To some folks, print media may seem like yesterday's news. But where are modern communication platforms like social media getting us today?

The political posts you see on Facebook aren't always true.

The scientific memes you see on Instagram aren't always accurate.

The soundbites you watch on TikTok aren't always presented in the right context.

But the stories you read in the newspaper are written with care.

They're told with integrity. They're crafted after hours and hours of interviewing, researching and fact-checking.

And they're published with one thing in mind: helping you, the reader.

You may follow a lot of people on social media.

Today, try following the leader: your local newspaper.

Who needs newspapers anymore? All of us do.

ONE FISHY PLAY

'A Tuna Christmas' cast leaves Ranger show-goers with a Texas-sized laugh or two — and a few salty satirical jokes



Northwestern theater students hosted their first production of the fall semester, "A Tuna Christmas," in Herod Hall Sept. 30 — Oct. 2. The play, a comedic story about the happenings in the fictional tiny town of Tuna, Texas, is set during the 1980s. The play follows the spring performance of "Greater Tuna," and some characters continued their roles this semester.

ABOVE: Mass communication major Aliyah Bidwell (left) plays the part of Farley Burkhalter placing an order at a restaurant while student Felicity Wall (right) plays the part of waitress Inita Goodwin.

LEFT: Nursing major Adele Callaway (left), playing the part of Pearl Burras, prepares to shoot a slingshot at a bird. Graduate student Madison Wilson (right), playing the part of Dixie Deberry, looks toward the fictional target.

BELOW: Biology major Anastasia Harper (left), playing the part of local animal caretaker Petey Fisk, talks to Felicity Wall, playing the part of waitress Inita Goodwin.

Photos by Devyn Lansden



2021 HOMECOMING

2021 RANGER ROYALTY FINALISTS



Photos by Jordan Green

The 2021 Ranger Royalty finalists were named during a banquet on Sept. 29. Shown above, from left to right, are: Ranger King finalists Anderson Ramirez,

Stephen McClusky and Reggie Hinson; Freshman Queen Sagelyn Budy; and Ranger Queen finalists Jerika Coon, Erika Hernandez and Savannah Francis.



ABOVE: Flower girl Sequin Graves, left, looks on as 2019 Freshman Queen Payton Scott crowns 2021 Freshman Queen Sagelyn Budy during the Ranger Royalty Banquet on Sept. 29. Student Government Association officer Angel Marshall, right, looks on.



Flower girl Sequin Graves (left), daughter of Northwestern rodeo coach Stockton Graves, and crown bearer Zane Zimmerman (right), grandson of Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham, pose for a portrait during the Ranger Royalty Banquet on Sept. 29.

Ranger King and Queen will be named during the football game Saturday.

FEATURE

TUTWILER: 'I can't wait to wave to everybody'

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education. She graduated summa cum laude in 1992 with a bachelor's degree in office administration and a master of education degree in 1998, obtaining both from Northwestern.

Tutwiler has two sons: Mark, who graduated with her in 1992, and Eric, who has worked at Northwestern for 21 years.

As a Northwestern alumnae, Tutwiler remains active on campus, serving as the chair of the Northwestern Foundation Stewardship Committee and attending any Ranger event she can.

"I love going to the plays on campus, so I try to go to every one I can," Tutwiler said. "I'm also a season ticketholder for the Northwestern concert series on campus. I think the band and choral concerts are always great, too.

"I try to attend every football and basketball game I can. I enjoy getting to know the players and cheering on Northwestern. I try to stay involved as much as possible."

In the Alva community, Tutwiler is a member of the Woods County Retired Educators Association, the Nescatunga Arts and Humanities Council and is a volunteer with the Graceful Arts Gallery and Studio.

Tutwiler said her favorite Homecoming tradition is watching the parade.

"I always love watching the bands in the parade," Tutwiler said. "I think I should've been a musician so I could march in the band with them. I love hearing the Ranger band play 'Ride Rangers, Ride' as they march around the square."

Northwestern's Homecoming was canceled in 2020 because of the coronavirus pandemic. Tutwiler said she couldn't be happier to have Homecoming continue this year.

"I think it's fabulous that we can have Homecoming this year," Tutwiler said. "We missed so much because of the pandemic, and I can't wait to wave to everybody and see their happy faces."



1. Tutwiler (left) is shown with her friends Carla White and Vada Parker during Homecoming in 2019.
2. Tutwiler is shown at her Northwestern retirement reception in 2009 with Dr. Janet Cunningham.
3. Tutwiler worked at Northwestern for 23 years as the president's administrative assistant.
4. Tutwiler is shown with her sons Mark (left) and Eric (right) in 2016.

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ENTERTAINMENT

FINE ARTS

Choirs to perform in first concert of the year

By **CAITLIN HOFEN**
Features Editor

The Northwestern choirs will perform in their first concert of the year on Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the First Baptist Church of Alva.

Titled “Music in the Country,” the concert will feature a variety of music including “Shenandoah,” “Down by the Riverside” and “Way Over in Beulah Lan’.”

“Our choirs sound great,” said Dr. Karsten Longhurst, director of choral studies. “The students have worked very hard on these pieces. We’re going to highlight some folk pieces, spiritual, gospel and more. We will sing a song in the Māori language, which sounds very interesting.”

Consisting of three choirs, Northwestern’s choir program has younger members this year, Longhurst said.

“Many of our new singers come with a lot of experience,” Longhurst said. “I love the energy and excitement we’ve developed. There is a learning curve with how the program works and our expectations, but they are taking



The Northwestern Chorale performs in October 2019. The university choirs will perform a variety of music on Tuesday at the First Baptist Church. File photo

everything in stride. Sixty percent of our program is underclassmen, so it’s been very interesting to see how they mix with our upper-

classmen.”

The Northwestern choirs will be accompanied on the piano by Dr. Jennifer Hemken, one of the

newest faculty members of the Fine Arts Department.

The First Baptist Church is at 714 College Ave.

EDITOR’S NOTE: Features Editor Caitlin Hofen is a member of the university’s choirs.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Assassin game Deathloop hits — and kills — the target

By **DIANE TODD**
Guest Columnist

Recently, I’ve found myself in a bit of a lull entertainment-wise.

The pandemic slowed down a lot of productions to the point where it felt a lot like when I was a little kid again, hearing about everyone waiting for the newest episode of WandaVision to release or watching movies for the first time at home.

Now things are almost back to normal again, and I realized I was getting tired of playing the same old things every time I turned on a console.

Insert Deathloop. Deathloop is a game that caught my eye because its creators are the makers of the Dishonored franchise.

I read up on the game and decided to buy it almost instantly.

Essentially, you’re playing an assassin who doesn’t have any idea who he is. You’re stuck on an island that you don’t remember. You’re hallucinating words in the sky. A woman is out to assassinate you before you kill your targets. And you’re stuck in a never-ending time loop? I’m in.

The main character, Colt, is sarcastic, cusses like a sailor and is just as confused as the player the entire time.

The game itself is beautiful. The characters are witty with well-developed personalities, the mechanics are very user-friendly, and it just makes you feel cool.

It never feels old, no matter how many iterations of the day you’ve played, because they’re always a little bit different, and it’s not a gory game by any means.

“The game itself is beautiful. ... It never feels old.”
— *Diane Todd*

You can play as the other assassin and invade other players’ timelines to try to kill their Colt.

There are tons of upgrades, and you are highly rewarded for succeeding in killing the targets.

It’s also a game with plenty of secrets, and you have to sleuth your way to the truth, because you can complete the storyline without finding half of what the game offers.

The only downside I might have for the game is availability, as it is a PS5 and PC exclusive, but if you have one of those, you definitely have to try this game.

On This Day in History

Date: October 7

- 1849: American poet, critic and short-story writer Edgar Allen Poe died in Baltimore, Maryland.
- 1916: Georgia Tech defeated Cumberland University, 222-0, the most lopsided score in the history of U.S. college football.
- 1954: The Metropolitan Opera Company hired Marian Anderson, who became the first Black singer the company ever hired.
- 1982: “Cats” the musical opened on Broadway in New York.

Dad Joke of the Week:

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FOOTBALL



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Tanner Clarkson, center, looks to throw the ball during Northwestern's game against East Central on Sept. 25. The Rangers lost to Ouachita Baptist on Oct. 2 at Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Rangers demolished by Ouachita Baptist, 64-17

By CADE KENNEDY
Sports Editor

The Northwestern football team lost to Ouachita Baptist, 64-17, on Oct. 2 at Cliff Harris Stadium in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

Several of the Rangers that played in the game were either freshmen or sophomores, so the game was a learning experience.

"Ouachita Baptist is a very good measuring stick for us," said Matt Walter, the head coach of the Rangers. "We played a lot of young players, and they got first-hand experience of what a playoff team looks like, and what a Top 10 team in the country looks like."

Ouachita Baptist ran over the Rangers, as the Tigers had 442 rushing yards on the day. Ouachita ran the ball 44 times throughout the game, giving it an average of 10 yards per carry, meaning the team averaged a first down every time it ran the ball.

The Rangers had more carries than the Tigers, but were not able to produce the same results. The Rangers rushed for 150 yards on 46 carries and only averaged 3.3 yards per carry.

Ouachita Baptist set the tone for the game on its first drive, as players ran the ball for four straight plays, including a 42-yard touchdown run by Kendel Givens to put the Tigers on the board.

The Rangers marched down the field on their first drive but were stopped when they threw an

incomplete pass on fourth down. Ouachita Baptist continued to gash the Ranger defense, and the Tigers rolled through the game.

Despite the score, there were positives to take away from the game for Northwestern.

The Rangers were able to win the time of possession battle, as Ouachita Baptist had the ball for 25 minutes, while the Rangers had the ball for 35 minutes.

"They got first-hand experience of what a playoff team looks like."

— Matt Walter

The Rangers committed six penalties for 45 yards, which will continue to bring their average number of penalties down.

The Rangers will play Saturday against the Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils at 4 p.m. at Ranger Field for Homecoming. The Rangers have maintained a 5-3 record against the Boll Weevils since 2012, but three of the last four meetings between the two teams were one possession games.

Arkansas-Monticello has a 3-2 record on the season, with wins over Southwestern, Arkansas Tech and Southern Nazarene, and losses to Henderson State and Oklahoma Baptist.



A Northwestern defender, right, tries to prevent an East Central receiver from catching the ball on Sept. 25 at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to Ouachita Baptist on Oct. 2, 64-17, at Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

SPORTS

Golf team shooting for great start

By **CONNOR GRAY**
Assistant Editor

Northwestern's golf teams are full of experienced golfers and continue to improve as the season goes on.

Northwestern is in the non-championship season and has been competing in fall tournaments to prepare and see where the team is at for the championship season next semester.

The teams play in four tournaments. The men have participated in three tournaments, and the women have participated in two so far.

The team's totals have been going down with each tournament, from where they were to start the season.

Logan Johnson, Cade Seymour and Keenan Hofstead are leading the way for the men's team, as each of them has played in each tournament.

Johnson leads the men's team with 221 total strokes in three rounds in the first two tournaments, giving him an average of nearly 74 strokes per round.

Seymour had 228 strokes in the first tournament and lowered his total to 224 in the next tournament.

Hofstead had 222 strokes in the first tournament but faltered in the next with 237.

Men play three rounds of golf, while the women typically play two rounds.

Samantha Friday and Madi-

son Masch have been battling for the title of the best golfer on the women's team, as each of them put up strong numbers through two tournaments.

Friday had 169 strokes in the first tournament but dropped down to 158 in the next tournament.

Masch tallied up 161 strokes in the first tournament and 164 strokes in the next tournament.

The first four tournaments determine where teams are at and whether they will be in the Top 10 regionally.

"We're in these tournaments to win, but also improve as we go into the next semester," said Timothy Lauderdale, the head coach of the golf teams.

Assistant coach David Rogers has been working with the men and women on their short game, improving on putting, chip shots and accuracy.

"With golf, the game is truly played from inside 150 yards," Rogers said. "There will always be challenging long shots, but where we will separate ourselves is with short game."

Lauderdale is happy with the teams so far, as they have been able to drop their stroke totals individually and as a team.

The next tournament will be the Ranger Invite in Enid Oct. 18 and 19.

The men last won the tournament in 2018, and the women have won it three times since Lauderdale has been here at Northwestern.



A Northwestern golf player watches the ball as it rolls across the grass in Hot Springs, Arkansas, on April 19. *File photo*

Football season brings more surprises for fans

CADE'S CALLS



CADE KENNEDY

As football season continues, the story lines continue to deviate from what most people expected.

Starting with the state of Oklahoma, both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State were able to win on Oct. 2.

Oklahoma defeated Kansas State for the first time in three years and showed several signs of improvement while doing it. The offensive line for the Sooners was able to open holes for the first time this year, which allowed the rest of the offense to score 37 points. The defense for the Sooners continued to look the same as it has all year, with the defensive line making plays and the secondary still having struggles.

Oklahoma State defeated Baylor 24-14 and dominated the entire first half of the game. However, the Cowboys' offense is still holding them back, as they had

three turnovers that allowed Baylor to stay in the game. If Oklahoma State can stop turning the ball over, they could be contenders for the Big 12 title.

NATIONAL GAMES OF THE WEEK

Georgia shut down Arkansas, 37-0, in a game that was still not as close as the score indicated. Georgia's defense looked dominant throughout the entire game, as Arkansas had only 162 total yards of offense. With a performance like that, the Bulldogs showed the nation why they are the No. 2 team in the country.

Alabama blasted Ole Miss, 42-21, as Alabama continues to dismantle every team on the schedule. The Ole Miss offense looked out of sync and played horribly in the first half. Alabama's defense had several moments where it gave Ole Miss an opportunity to score, but Ole Miss made too many mistakes and took itself out of the game.

One game that lived up to expectations involved Cincinnati beating Notre Dame, 24-13.

Cincinnati looked great the entire first half, but Notre Dame changed quarterbacks at halftime and played better in the second half.

ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER UPSET

The upset of the week involved Stanford defeating Oregon, 31-24, in overtime. Stanford's final drive of regulation was not pretty, but it was successful. Stanford's quarterback, Tanner McKee, has played well for the Cardinals since he became the starter. If he continues to play like he has, Stanford may become a contender for the Pac-12 Crown.

CHAOS IN THE NFL

The strangest game this week involved something that does not happen often: the New York Jets won a game. The Jets defeated Tennessee in overtime, 27-24, despite New York's best efforts to snatch defeat from the jaws of victory.

The biggest storyline in Week Four of the NFL concluded with a

good game, as Tampa Bay defeated New England, 19-17, in Tom Brady's return to Gillette Stadium. New England played better in the second half, but it was still not enough to beat one of the most talented teams in the NFL.

Chicago defeated Detroit, 24-14, in a game that revealed the ups and downs of both teams. Chicago looked solid for most of the game, and Justin Fields, Chicago's quarterback, showed signs of improvement.

There will be several games to watch during this week, with

Penn State at Iowa being the marquee match-up in college football this week. Other great college football games to look out for will be Oklahoma vs. Texas, Arkansas at Ole Miss and Georgia at Auburn.

For the NFL, the Los Angeles Rams at Seattle on Thursday night will be a great game to watch. Some other games to keep an eye on will be Cleveland at the Los Angeles Chargers, San Francisco at Arizona and Buffalo at Kansas City.

Enjoy a great week of football.

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2021 HOMECOMING



WINDOW ON THE WORLD

Drawings of football players are displayed in windows of Ryerson Hall as shown Wednesday morning. Members of the Northwestern Art Society made the drawings a few years ago, and they grace the building's windows during Homecoming week.

In other Homecoming news, the winners of the Homecom-

ing Decorating Contest have been announced.

In the door/window category, first place went to Coach Jill Lancaster; second place went to the dean of faculty's office; third place went to the university housing office.

In the dormitory category, first place went to South Hall; second place went to Fryer Hall; and third place went to Coronado Hall.

In the office/department category, first place went to the university business office; second place went to the athletics department; third place went to the library.

In the spirit sheets category, the art society won the Best of Show Award; the Student Government Association won the Creativity Award; and the Medical Sciences Club won the Ranger Spirit Award.

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