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Northwestern's annual Homecoming celebration took place Oct. 7 - 9 and included a parade, a football game and the Miss Cinderella pageant. For more coverage, see pages 2, 6 and 7 in the News.

TOP: Linda Tutwiler, parade marshal, waves to the crowd during the parade Oct. 9. (Photo by Jordan Green)

RIGHT: Steven "Scotty" McClusky, left, was crowned Ranger King. Erika Hernandez, right, was crowned Ranger Queen. Yosbelli Lora, back, holds the crown. (Photo by Devyn Lansden)

BELOW: Miss Cinderella contestants pose for a photo during the Homecoming pageant. (Photo by Devyn Lansden)



CAMPUS SAFETY

Arrests, other crime statistics low in 2020

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

Only three students were arrested on Northwestern's Alva campus in 2020, and all were arrested for liquor law violations, according to the university's annual safety report.

The university released the report in early October, showing that relatively few crimes were reported on the university's campuses in 2020. No cases of murder, rape, incest, robbery, assault, motor vehicle theft, stalking, domestic violence or hate crimes were reported on any Northwestern campuses.

"We're a safe campus," said Calleb Mosburg, Northwestern's dean of student affairs and enrollment management.

The three arrests on the Alva campus

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With enrollment down, recruitment strategy focuses on telling stories

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

Northwestern's recruitment strategy is one word: "Go."

The university's recruiters are going to high schools, going to college fairs and going to football games, telling high school students why they should come to Northwestern.

That's according to Calleb Mosburg, the university's dean of student affairs and enrollment management. He explained the university's recruitment methods in an interview Oct. 11, just days after the university announced its fall enrollment is down by roughly 2.5% compared to last year.

"It's kind of, you know, unfortunate," Mosburg said of the enrollment decline. "We did a lot - as far as recruiting and

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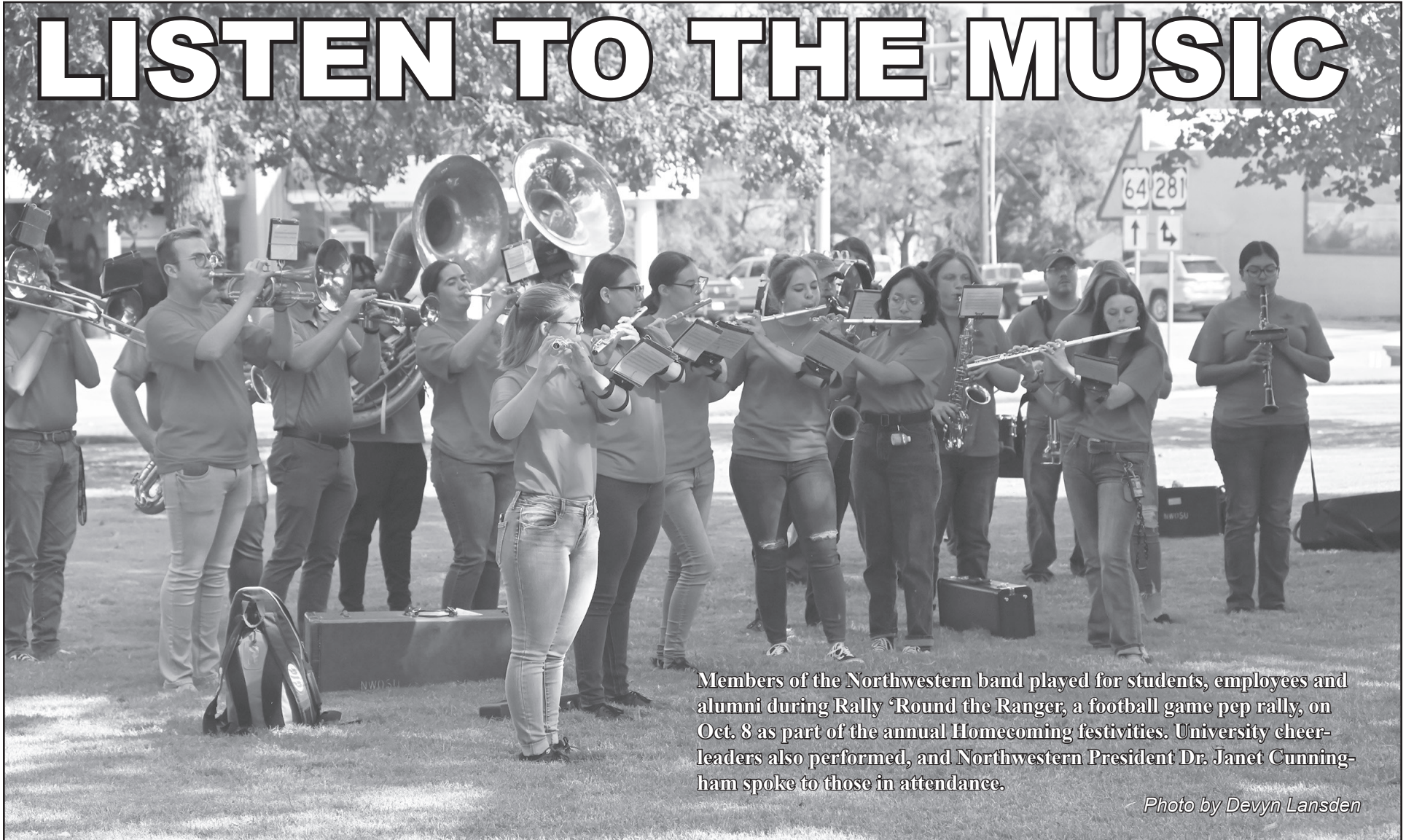
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LISTEN TO THE MUSIC



Members of the Northwestern band played for students, employees and alumni during Rally 'Round the Ranger, a football game pep rally, on Oct. 8 as part of the annual Homecoming festivities. University cheerleaders also performed, and Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham spoke to those in attendance.

Photo by Devyn Lansden

SAFETY: Lack of in-person classes kept campus crime down

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were the first arrests for liquor law violations since at least 2018, according to the report.

The number of arrests fell from 2019, when eight arrests were made for drug abuse violations and two were made for carrying or possessing weapons. In 2018, 14 arrests were made for drug violations, and no other arrests were made.

None of the 2020 arrests occurred in university housing.

DID PANDEMIC IMPACT CAMPUS CRIME IN 2020?

Students weren't on campus after Northwestern switched to online learning at the start of the coronavirus pandemic in March 2020, joining thousands of other schools and universities across the nation in responding to the pandemic.

That may have helped keep the university's crime numbers down, Mosburg said.

"It always feels like your late spring is when a lot of issues will come up," Mosburg said. "We didn't have students here, and campus was pretty much shut down

after spring break."

The annual safety report is mandated under the Clery Act, a federal law requiring colleges and universities to provide crime statistics and information to students. Officials have nine months after the end of a calendar year to compile data and finalize information.

The university report includes all crimes reported on campus, but it doesn't include crimes involving students that take place away from campus – nor does it include on-campus crimes that aren't reported.

BURGLARIES REPORTED AT ALVA, ENID CAMPUSES

Two cases of burglary were reported on the Alva campus in 2020, and one burglary was reported on the university's Enid campus, though no students were arrested in connection with those crimes, according to the report.

The burglary on the Enid campus was the first crime reported there since at least 2017.

No crimes have been reported on the Woodward campus since at least 2017.

Both campuses are commuter campuses, meaning students don't live on school property.

STUDENTS DISCIPLINED FOR DRUG, ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

No arrests were made for drug abuse violations on any university campuses in 2020.

However, 11 referrals for disciplinary action were made for drug abuse violations, and eight were made for liquor law violations on the Alva campus.

Disciplinary action includes citations for students who are caught with alcohol or drugs in dormitories. Students who are cited multiple times may be kicked out, Mosburg said.

In the past, the university has referred students with substance abuse and addiction issues to counseling services, Mosburg said, though this is rare. Usually, students realize they've made a mistake and don't repeat it, he said.

"They get in trouble for it, get a ticket for it, and it usually takes care of itself," he said.

ARE SOME CRIMES UNDERREPORTED?

No cases of rape or domestic violence were reported on Northwestern's campuses in 2020, but law enforcement officials across the nation say sexual assault and other related crimes may be more common than people believe. A 2014 survey by the Department of Justice found that around 80% of rapes and sexual assaults against college-age women are never reported.

"I think it's the same anywhere you go – I think there's more of it that happens than we know about," Mosburg said. "That's why we do as much awareness as we do."

The university conducts meetings with various student groups, as well as employees, to raise awareness about sexual assault, Mosburg said. He said he thinks students who know of such crimes would report them.

"I think there's more of it that's happened that we don't know about, yes," Mosburg said. "But I also feel like we do a really good job, and our campus does a really good job, of looking out for each other."

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE: CASE NUMBERS ON CAMPUS AND AROUND THE AREA

STUDENT CASES:

4

active as of Oct. 15.
This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

EMPLOYEE CASES:

0

active as of Oct. 15.
This number includes cases at Northwestern's Alva, Enid and Woodward campuses.

IN ALVA:

21

active as of Oct. 13.
Alva has had a total of 1,339 cases.

IN OKLAHOMA:

11,905

active as of Oct. 13.
Oklahoma has had a total of 627,699 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

ENROLLMENT: Recruiters 'have got a story to tell'

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retention efforts – a lot of work. I know that's been put in. [It's] definitely not for a lack of effort."

Northwestern's total enrollment for the semester dropped to 1,789, officials said in a news release Oct. 7, though graduate enrollment and concurrent enrollment increased.

College enrollment is down significantly across the nation, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center. Researchers blamed the decline partly on the coronavirus pandemic, and also on continuing challenges universities face in recruiting male students.

This semester's enrollment decline is the latest in a series of student headcount drops at Northwestern. In fall 2020, the university had 1,835 students, a 7% decline from 2019. Officials attributed the drop to pandemic-induced uncertainty. The university's enrollment also dipped in fall 2018, spring 2019, fall 2019 and spring 2020.

NWOSU'S RECRUITING 'SECRET'

Even though enrollment is down, Mosburg said the key to growing the university's student population remains the same: marketing Northwestern as having a family atmosphere.

"We sell on personal attention," he said. "We sell on personalizing everything."

Northwestern has four full-time recruiters, all of whom are Ranger alumni. When they visit schools, their goal is to share their stories of their time in college, said

Mosburg, who was a recruiter himself after graduating from Northwestern.

In part, their experience as students is why recruiters undergo little formal training before they start visiting schools to lure students to Northwestern. Some recruiters have taken part in a day-long "crash course" in recruitment, Mosburg said. During busy seasons, others may talk with Mosburg for a couple of hours after visiting a school.

"We just kind of teach and go as we move forward," Mosburg said. "To say that there's a set, standard time when [training] happens is not usually common because it is 'go time' from the day school starts.

"We've got to look at, on the front end when we hire, are these good representatives of Northwestern? Are these people who have got a story to tell?"

'WE'RE ALL ABOUT PEOPLE'

In addition to visiting high schools and career fairs, recruiters also reach out to prospective students through letters and social media, Mosburg said.

Also among contact methods is a billboard the university has on Interstate 35 near Guthrie. The Northwestern billboard,



Calleb Mosburg

which faces the southbound lanes of the interstate, features pictures of various students.

Students who enrolled for the spring semester on Oct. 12 or 13 were entered for a chance to be on an upcoming billboard, Mosburg said in an email to students.

Beyond the billboard, Mosburg said he doesn't believe spending additional funds on mass marketing campaigns is the way to rope in new Rangers.

"We could turn right back around and not have as many recruiters and start putting much more money budgeted into just marketing campaigns, but we live on personal attention," he said. "That's what we are there for. We call it the 'Ranger family' for a reason. We go see people. We're all about people. We're all about building that relationship."

Recruiters start building those relationships with students while they're in high school or junior college, Mosburg said. He estimates each recruiter has 40 or more high schools to visit.

The university has a sufficient number of recruiters, he said, though he wouldn't object to having a larger staff.

"I'd always be happy to have another recruiter," Mosburg said. "But for what we do, our personal attention, how we reach out, I think we're well-equipped."

When building relationships, recruiters try to motivate prospective students "to the point that they finish here, they go off and do their thing and come back years later."

Recruiters "have got to be able to tell your story, your experience," Mosburg

said. "People can see right through it if it's a crafted, fake thing. They know it. If it's true, then people can relate."

"[Recruiters] get a chance to be able to tell those stories. That's what we do. That's our secret."

WHILE YOU'RE HERE:
Read a story about Tylar Thompson, a new recruiter. **PAGE 8**

ENROLLMENT TASK FORCE TO CREATE NEW IDEAS

The job of outlining the university's recruitment plans is left up to the Enrollment Management Task Force, comprised of faculty and staff who meet monthly to create ideas to drive up enrollment, Mosburg said.

Those ideas, Mosburg said, don't typically come from other institutions. The task force learns from the recruitment strategies of other universities "to some extent," he said, and officials are "all ears when there's other thoughts and stuff being out there."

Any communication between Northwestern and other universities isn't necessarily two-way, he said.

"We don't want to give away our secret, either," he said.

"We live on personal attention. Our plans have always been successful."

IN BRIEF

NWOSU receives grant of more than \$2 million from U.S. Dept. of Education

Northwestern has been awarded a grant of more than \$2 million from the U.S. Department of Education through its Strengthening Institutions Program, officials said Oct. 13.

"The grant is designed to help higher education institutions expand their capacity to serve at-risk students by providing funds to improve and strengthen the institution's academic quality, institutional management and fiscal stability," officials said.

"This program will help empower first-time full-time students with tools they need to succeed in college and direct them toward a career path," Northwestern President Dr. Janet Cunningham said. "As enrollment and retention continue to be topics of conversation in the education industry, receiving this grant will help Northwestern in both of those areas."

Tandy Keenan, director of sponsored programs, helped develop the grant proposal.

"The program will enhance student resources and knowledge, including student coaching and enhanced career exploration, essential for student success," Keenan said.

What's up?

THURSDAY:

The Native American Student Association will host an event on the intramural field at 7 p.m.

NASA members will serve s'mores and tell Native American-themed scary stories for Halloween.

FRIDAY:

Sign-ups for intramural flag football and sand volleyball close Friday. Teams must sign up through IMLeagues, and all team members must have an account on the platform. The events are overseen by Alan Garcia. For more information, contact Garcia by calling 620-621-3266.

FRIDAY:

The Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors will host a masquerade ball in the Student Center Ballroom on Friday starting at 9 p.m. Students can purchase tickets from Carli Seabolt, an NSA member. Tickets can also be purchased at Ryerson Hall.

Tickets cost \$6 each or \$10 for two tickets. All proceeds will go toward a non-profit organization.

OCT. 27:

Sigma Tau Delta will host its annual banned book reading event in the Vinson Hall Alabaster Room to celebrate students' freedom to read. The event begins at 7 p.m.

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OPINION

Fall Break Fun!



Photos by Devyn Lansden

Above: Devyn Lansden took this picture of her dog, Otis, after they finished going on walk on Sunday.

Left: Devyn took this picture at the Beaver Sandhills Friday while on a walk.

“Now is when we all need to keep on working as hard as we have been this whole year.”

— Devyn Lansden

Back to the grind as year winds down

By **DEVYN LANSDEN**
Editorial Editor

I hope everyone had a good break and is having a great first week back. I am glad to be back and in my normal routine again.

Fall break, of course, went by way too quickly. I had a lot of fun being with my parents and boyfriend.

We took our dog Otis to the vet, and he had to stay overnight. He did not want us to leave, but I went and got him the next day.

We are trying to teach Otis to have better manners.

He is a dog who thinks he is a lap dog. He jumps up on people, and he is so strong he could knock people over if they aren't prepared.

Of course, he means well by it, but he just does not know his own strength. But we are teaching him every day.

I got to Beaver Wednesday,

and my parents were taking pictures in Guymon. So, my boyfriend and I made home-made crunch wraps.

We used spicy sausage and white queso, and we air-fried a tortilla. It was better than Taco Bell, if I do say so myself.

Thursday was when I took Otis to the vet, and then I took pictures at the Beaver football game for my dad.

I enjoy taking pictures, and the weather this whole week has been so nice.

Thursday night, I went to a football game in Balko and brought my grandpa with me. I love spending time with my grandparents; I try to be with them as much as I can when I am in Beaver.

Friday morning, we went to Liberal High School and visited my dad.

There are multiple buildings on the Liberal campus. The building my dad was in had a black

theater for kids and a store with shirts that the kids made.

I thought it was neat to see that kids have such a cool opportunity to do things that I never got to do in high school.

My dad showed us around a little bit because kids do not go on campus on Fridays, another thing I wish I had in high school.

Friday was a work day for him, so we got to hang out and see the school for a little bit.

Friday was a fun day; I went on a lot of walks with my boyfriend.

We had to kill time to wait for my parents to get off of work, so we went on walks to pass the time by. That night, we went to the casino in Guymon and went out to eat.

My parents had to take pictures at the bowling alley for senior pictures. My boyfriend and I played two rounds of bowling and I, of course, won.

After we bowled, we headed

back to Beaver, and I got some homework done, which was nice. Then we hung out.

The movie “Halloween Kills” came out last Friday, so that was a priority we had.

We watched the 7:25 p.m. movie, and it was so full in the theater we almost weren't able to sit with each other.

But the movie was great and I thought it was worth it.

Sunday was a relaxing but also sad day. I was not ready to leave and go back to Alva.

The break was so short, but it was so nice to be with my family.

This week has been busy, but there is no better way to start the week than to hit it head-on.

The year is winding down, and some people will use it as an excuse to slack off. But now is when we all need to keep working as hard as we have been this whole year.

We've got this. Let's finish strong.

OPINION



Photo provided

Robert M. Lynch, better known as “Uncle Bob,” and Jordan Green pose for a picture in the cab of a vintage steam engine at the Oklahoma Railway Museum on Friday.

I wish everyone had an Uncle Bob

JORDAN GREEN SAYS



JORDAN GREEN

A couple of weeks ago, I heard an old phrase for the first time: “Bob’s your uncle.”

Across the pond in Europe, it’s a saying that means, “It’s as simple as that.”

It dates back to the late 1800s, when a man was appointed to a prominent political position by his uncle, Robert Gascoyne-Cecil, Britain’s prime minister. Getting the appointment was easy because of his uncle’s influence. And thus the phrase was born.

Much like the nephew in the story, I too have an Uncle Bob – and he too has an awesome influence in my life and the lives of others.

Robert M. Lynch and I aren’t related by blood, but we’re family just the same. Since 2017, we’ve fixed up old tractors, worked on our farms and operated railroad locomotives together.

That’s what we did Friday afternoon. Dressed in black-and-white overalls, donning railroad engineer hats and carrying our pocket watches, we drove to the Oklahoma Railway Museum in Oklahoma City to operate a vintage steam engine.

The locomotive is owned by an Indiana company that takes it around the country to railroad museums, where train lovers like



Photo by Jordan Green

“Uncle Bob” and Jordan Green pose for a picture on their tractors at the Sonic in Blackwell.

Uncle Bob and I can spend a little time at the throttle. Engineers at the museums teach people how to operate the locomotive, giving them a chance to try their hands at railroading the old-fashioned way.

But Uncle Bob didn’t need any training (no pun intended). After all, this wasn’t his first time engineering a steam locomotive. Far from it. He used to operate one at a tractor show in Pawnee, and he’s even had a little time in the cab of two of the nation’s most historic steam locomotives: Frisco Railway No. 1522 and Union Pacific No. 844.

He was a natural when he climbed in the cab of the Le-

high Valley Coal Co.’s venerable steam engine, named “Sadie,” on Friday. He took her down the tracks ever so gently, letting out a long, mellifluous blow on the fine-tuned whistle as the engine trundled along.

Once Uncle Bob’s time at the throttle was up, it was my turn. Typically, one of the museum’s engineers would have shown me how to release the brakes, grip the throttle and let the engine run down the rails. But the museum crew knew Uncle Bob could run the engine well – and they let him teach me how to handle a steam engine for the very first time.

Riding a steam engine is good. Engineering one is better. And

learning how to engineer one from someone you love? That’s the best.

Uncle Bob gave me a valuable education that day, and he’s taught me a whole lot more than how to run a locomotive. Sure, he’s shown me how to work on tractors.

But the way he lives his life is the greatest lesson of all.

Uncle Bob isn’t a Jack-of-all-trades. He’s a Bob-of-all-trades. He’s had a number of careers in his life, and he’s made them his own.

This year marks his 50th year as a volunteer firefighter. And for all of his life, he’s been a farmer and a mechanic, among other oc-

cupations.

If anyone embodies what it means to have a good work ethic, it’s him.

He’s humble about his work, too. He doesn’t boast about his top-notch welding ability. He’s not prideful about his remarkable bass singing voice.

He’s never bragged about the lives he’s saved in his time in law enforcement and firefighting.

He uses his talents and gifts in ways that help other folks; forget about ego.

Most of all, he shows kindness to everyone around him – a trait we need so much more of in this world.

Whenever I need advice, he gives sage wisdom and discernment, just as he does for everyone else in the family.

Luckily, I’m not his only “adopted” nephew; countless other folks call him “Uncle Bob.”

To all of us, he’s an ear to listen, a shoulder to cry on and a heart to love. That’s the perfect combination.

He once told me that all he could ever want to do is make a difference in the lives of others.

If I haven’t already made clear that he has, let me reaffirm it. Without Uncle Bob, I wouldn’t be the man I am today – and the lives of so many other folks wouldn’t be nearly as full as they are.

As I think about the phrase “Bob’s your uncle,” I can’t help but be happy. Bob’s my uncle, and I wish everyone had an Uncle Bob.

2021 HOMECOMING

Like a boomerang, Homecoming comes back

After 2020 pandemic hiatus, annual event returned with familiar scenes and smiles



Photo by Jordan Green

ABOVE: Northwestern students Braylon Bradt, shown on the steer, and Jeff Cher-Aime, shown walking the camel, participated in the Northwestern Homecoming parade in downtown Alva on Oct. 9. Bradt's family owns a local petting zoo where the animals reside.

LEFT: Maria Sosa, Miss Laverne, speed paints Elvis Presley for her talent in the Miss Cinderella pageant Oct. 8. Sosa placed in the Top Five in the pageant.

BELOW: Northwestern track and cross country team members march in the Northwestern Homecoming parade in downtown Alva on Oct. 9.



Photo by Devyn Lansden



Photo by Jordan Green



Photo by Devyn Lansden

ABOVE: Alondra Salas, Miss Ringwood, center, smiles after she discovered she won the Miss Cinderella pageant on Oct. 8.

LEFT: Rowdy Ranger, the university's mascot, flashes his Ranger guns while riding in an open-top car during the Homecoming parade Oct. 9.

BELOW: Justyce Wilson, Miss Woodward, does ballet for her talent portion in the Miss Cinderella pageant. Wilson placed second in the pageant.



Photo by Jordan Green



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Photo by Devyn Lansden

Miss Oklahoma, Ashleigh Robinson, sings for the crowd at the pageant.



Photo by Jordan Green

Crowds lined Barnes Street for the Oct. 9 downtown Homecoming parade.



Photos by Jordan Green

ABOVE: A vintage Ranger-themed fire truck drove in the Oct. 9 Homecoming parade.



A young boy riding in a Freedom Fire & Rescue truck prepares to throw candy out of the truck's window during the Homecoming parade Oct. 9.

FEATURE



Photo by Devyn Landsen

Tylar Thompson, a new Northwestern recruiter, is shown behind her desk in the university recruitment office.

Thompson starts career as Northwestern recruiter

By **COLLIN ZINK**
Student Reporter

Northwestern has a new recruiter, Tylar Thompson.

Thompson is an Alva High School graduate and a 4th generation Ranger.

Her great-grandmother attended Northwestern when the university still had the Castle on the Hill.

Thompson received a bachelor's degree in mass communications with a minor in leadership.

She was involved on campus with the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority and was a part of the President's Leadership Class.

Thompson said she likes Northwestern for many reasons.

"The traditions and the family aspect are what I like the most," Thompson said. "Once you are a part of the Ranger family, you stay a part of it."

Thompson said she enjoys her career as a recruiter.

She likes that she can help students with their future and encourage them.

She also said she thinks she's already made a difference here at Northwestern.

"A lady from California sent me a 'thank you' card saying she felt safe here," Thompson said.

Thompson said she enjoys spending time with her 2-year-old son, Ace. She also likes painting for fun and being outside with family.

Thompson also encouraged anyone looking into a career of being a recruiter to try it.

"Do it," she said, "because you are going to make a difference."



Photo provided

Thompson is pictured with her 2-year-old son, Ace.

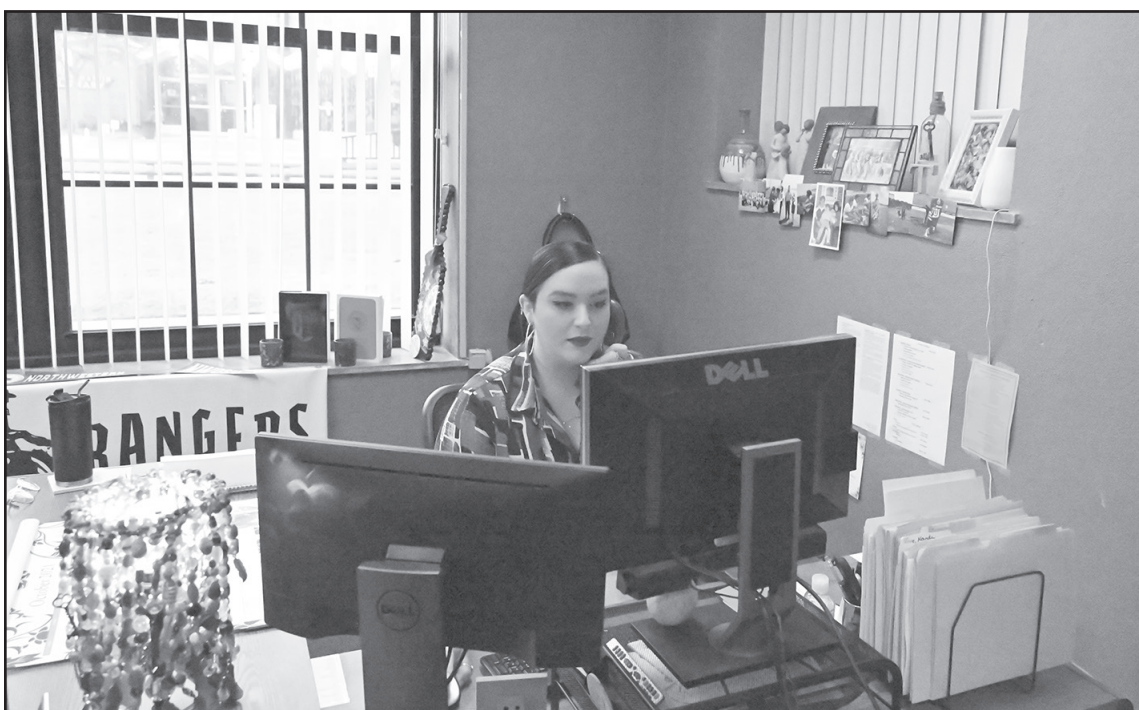


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Thompson said she enjoys her new career in recruiting and helping students with their futures.

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FINE ARTS

‘Music in the Country’ delivers a diverse sound



Photos by Jordan Green

The Northwestern Chorale started its first concert this year with a Māori piece titled “Hutia te Rito.” The three choirs performed at the First Baptist Church of Alva on September 12.



The Northwestern choirs performed a variety of pieces on September 12 at the First Baptist Church of Alva.



Choir director Dr. Karsten Longhurst addresses the audience.

On This Day in History

Date: October 21

- 1879: Thomas Edison perfected a workable electric light.
- 1940: American novelist Ernest Hemingway published his classic novel “For Whom the Bell Tolls.”
- 1941: Wonder Woman made her debut in All-Star Comics issue No. 8, published by All-American Comics, Inc.
- 1964: The American musical film “My Fair Lady,” starring Rex Harrison and Audrey Hepburn, had its world premiere.

Dad Joke of the Week

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Astronaut 2: In space, no one can. Here, use cream.

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FOOTBALL



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Members of the Northwestern football team line up for a play against the Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils on Oct. 9 at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Boll Weevils, 42-23.

Rangers drop two, fall to 0-7

By CADE KENNEDY
Sports Editor

The Northwestern football team lost two more games over the past two weeks, bringing its record to 0-7.

The Rangers have struggled to put points on the board, which is something the coaching staff is addressing.

“We have got to make more plays,” said Matt Walter, the head coach of the Rangers. “We are playing hard, but playing hard doesn’t get it if you can’t make plays when you’re there.”

The Rangers got off to a good start against Arkansas-Monticello, as they scored on their first three drives of the game and had a 17-7 lead at the end of the first quarter.

However, Arkansas-Monticello was able to get back in the game and take a 21-17 lead with 9:51 to go in the second quarter.

The Boll Weevils were able to continue to pull away from the Rangers and get a 42-23 win.

The Rangers had an opportunity to get back into the game, but were not able to get a stop on defense.

The Rangers had several issues on the defensive side of the ball, with the main problem being missed tackles that allowed the Boll Weevils to run for 279 rushing yards.

Arkansas-Monticello ran the ball 53 times, giving the team an average of 5.3 yards per carry.

Southeastern ran for only 114

yards on 41 attempts against the Rangers, giving the Savage Storm an average of 2.8 yards per carry. However, the Savage Storm threw for 279 yards and four touchdowns on 23 completions out of 32 attempts.

The Rangers struggled with penalties against Arkansas-Monticello, as they had 15 penalties for 150 yards, which is the most penalties that the Rangers have committed all season.

The Rangers cleaned this up against Southeastern, as they only committed four penalties for 30 yards.

“We have got to make more plays.”
— Matt Walter,
football coach

Northwestern’s offensive line gave up four sacks for 30 yards against Arkansas-Monticello, which is the most that they have given up in the last four games.

The offensive line showed signs of improvement against Southeastern, as they only gave up two sacks for 14 yards.

The Rangers had multiple turnovers against Southeastern, as the Rangers threw two interceptions and had one fumble.

There were some positives to take away from the Arkansas-Monticello game for Northwestern, with the main one being



Northwestern football players run out of the tunnel before their game against Arkansas-Monticello on Oct. 9.

the offense continuing to play well. The Rangers ran the ball for 173 yards on 32 carries, giving the Rangers an average of 5.4 yards per carry.

The defense for Northwestern forced two turnovers during the game with Arkansas-Monticello, as the Boll Weevils threw two interceptions.

There were not as many posi-

tives to take away from the Southeastern game, as the Rangers’ offense and defense regressed in a 43-10 loss to the Savage Storm.

The Rangers will play Saturday against the Southern Nazarene Crimson Storm at 3 p.m. at Ranger Field.

The last time the Rangers defeated the Crimson Storm at Ranger Field was in 2016.

The Rangers have maintained a 6-2 record against the Crimson Storm since 2012, with the Rangers winning two of the last four meetings. The Rangers won the most recent game between the two, 35-21.

Southern Nazarene has a 1-6 record on the season, with the Crimson Storm’s only win being against Southwestern.

SPORTS

Volleyball rebounding after rocky start

By **COLLIN ZINK**
Student Reporter

After a 1-9 start to the season, Northwestern's volleyball team has shown signs of improvement.

Prior to Northwestern's losses to Arkansas Tech and Harding Friday and Saturday, head coach Fred Aubuchon said the team was doing well. Aubuchon said the team is improving. Players won two of their previous three games and reached many goals.

Aubuchon said the team broke down the season into three parts: the 1-9 start to the season, achieving the goal of going 5-5 in the next 10 games and obtaining an above .500 record during the 10-game stretch.

Aubuchon said players still have more work to do. He said the offense has become more balanced, but the defense needs to improve on blocking.

Aubuchon said senior outside hitter Kaydee Honeycutt has been an impact on the team.

"When she's playing well, we are doing well," Aubuchon said.

The Rangers have been playing teams ranked near or in the Top 25, which is where the team wants to be.

"It's tough," Aubuchon said. "They are up there for a reason. It shows where we need to get to."

Abigail Burns, a freshman setter, said the team is doing

well and is improving. She also said she hopes to advance to the post-season.

"I see us in the GAC Tournament at the end of the season," Burns said.

Burns said players need to work together more and develop teamwork with younger members.

Burns said the beginning of the season was a struggle, but once she understood how Aubuchon runs things, she played better.

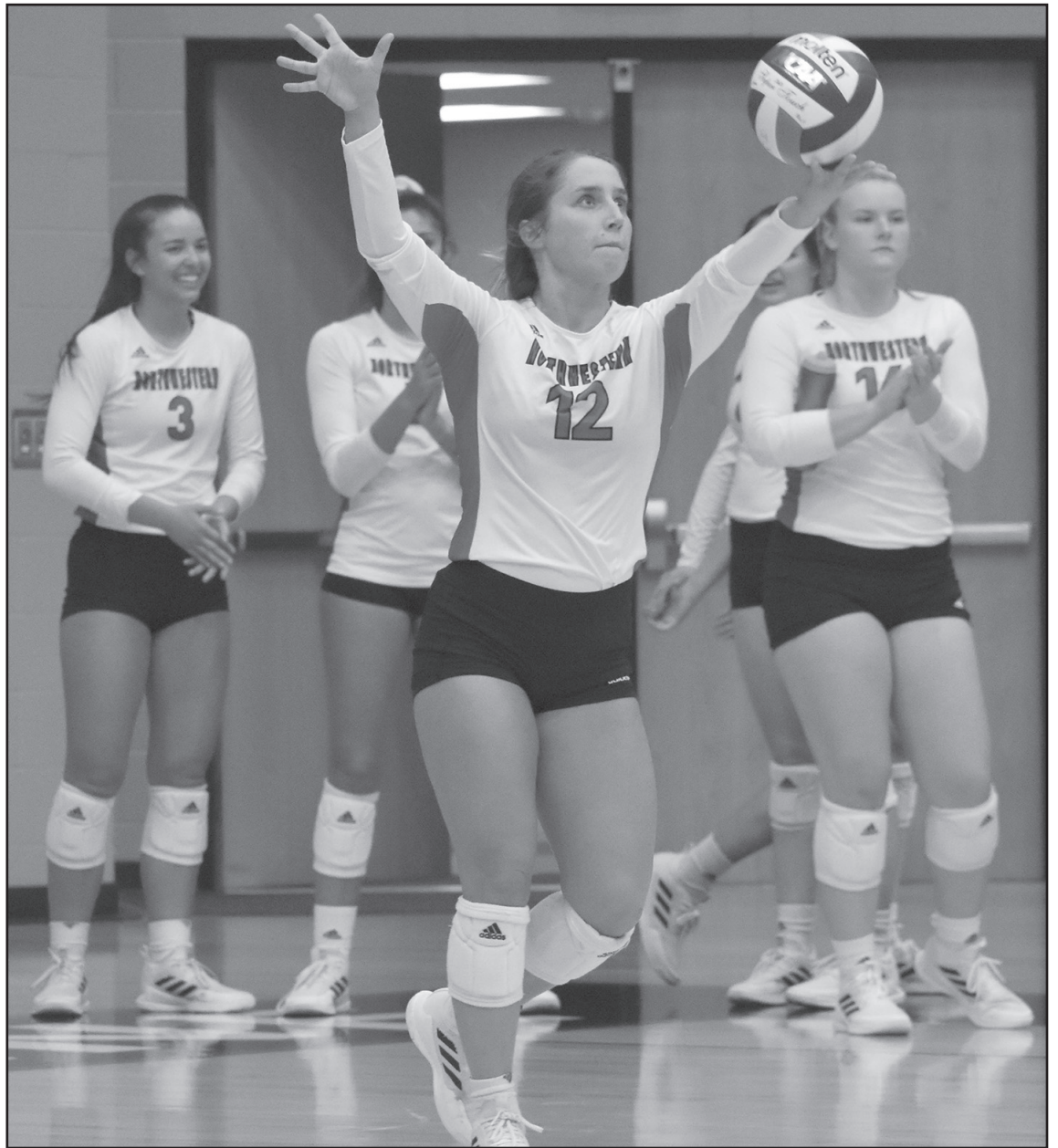
The Rangers have 81 aces so far this season, with redshirt sophomore setter Abby Davis getting two in a row in a quick 2-0 lead in the first set against Harding on Saturday.

Northwestern lost to Harding, 3-1, but won the first set. The Rangers lost Friday night's match against Arkansas Tech, 3-0.

Since Sept. 24, the Rangers have gone 5-6, with the four wins coming against Bethel College, Central Christian College, Oklahoma Christian University and Henderson State University.

Northwestern will face the Arkansas-Monticello Boll Weevils Friday at 6 p.m. in Monticello, Arkansas. The Rangers will head into that matchup with a 7-16 record.

The next home game for the Rangers will be on Nov. 2, when they play Southern Nazarene at 7 p.m. Senior night will be Nov. 12 at 6 p.m. against Southwestern.



Maggie Peterson gets ready to serve during Northwestern's volleyball game at Southern Nazarene on Sept. 21. *File photo*

Rodeo teams ride into new season

By **CONNOR GRAY**
Assistant Editor

The Northwestern rodeo teams have many standouts this year and are performing well in individual competition.

Out of 80 members, only six men and four women can receive points for team scores.

The men are currently in 9th place overall, and the women are in 7th place in the Central Plains Region. There are 13 men's teams and 11 women's teams in the region.

"Team-wise, we are struggling a bit, but individually, we are performing very well for men and women," said head coach Stockton Graves.

Many of the standouts for the men's team placed in the Top 10 in each category they competed in.

For tie-down roping, Brandon Hittle is in ninth place out of 17 competitors with a total of 80 points.

Kaden Greenfield is in 1st place in steer wrestling, with 260 points, which is 95 points ahead of 2nd place.

In team roping header, the Rangers have three in the top ten with Stan Morris and Camden Hoelting in 5th, and Jaden Trimble in 8th, with 120 and 105 points respectively.

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— Stockton Graves

In team roping heeler, Austin Lompe is in 5th place out of 16 with 120 points.

For the women's events, the women have a few that are placing right now.

For breakaway roping, Hannah Zimmers is in seventh place with 115 points, and Jayden Jensen is in 15th place with 40 points.

The Rangers will be back at home for their next meet on Oct. 28 at the Woods County Fairgrounds.

Football season nearing the halfway point

CADE'S CALLS



CADE KENNEDY

Football season is nearly halfway over, and there are still surprises every week.

Starting in Oklahoma, both Oklahoma and Oklahoma State were able to complete come-

backs against Texas. Oklahoma switched quarterbacks against Texas, with Caleb Williams becoming the starter for the Sooners. Oklahoma State relied on its defense to get the job done and held Texas to one total yard for the entire fourth quarter.

For Oklahoma, the offense already looks better with Williams at quarterback. Williams adds another level to Oklahoma's offense, as it is now able to run the ball more efficiently.

Williams also makes everyone around him better, which is something that was not happening with Spencer Rattler as the starting quarterback.

There was one major upset last week in college football, as Purdue upset No. 2 Iowa, 24-7. This game came as an absolute surprise to me, as I expected Iowa's defense to shut Purdue down. As good as Iowa's defense is, the of-

fense must improve if they want a chance at a Big Ten championship.

Purdue has put itself in a great opportunity to win the Big Ten West, as the only challenges that stand in its way are Michigan State and Ohio State.

If Purdue can win one of those games, it will cause chaos in the Big Ten.

AROUND THE NFL

Only a few weeks after the Jets won a game, another team that has suffered over the past three seasons won a game. Jacksonville beat Miami, 23-20, and broke its 20-game losing streak.

Tua Tagovailoa returned from injury this week for Miami, but the quarterback's return did not make a difference.

Cleveland continues to be decimated by injuries, as they lost to Arizona, 37-14.

Arizona is playing great right now, and it is no surprise that the Cardinals are the only undefeated team in the NFL.

Cleveland plays Denver on Thursday night, and it will be a major challenge for Cleveland.

The Browns have two running backs, Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt, ruled out for the game. Quarterback Case Keenum will start, so Cleveland will need help to beat Denver.

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HAMMER TIME



Photo by Jordan Green

Sophomore health and sports science major Noah Miller hits a car with a sledgehammer during the Student Government Association's Car Bash event Oct. 7. The event allows

students to let go of some of their stress before mid-terms. Student Government Association members also served s'mores and set up games for students.