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Check out the contestants for this year's Ranger Royalty and Miss Northwestern competitions in this edition of the News.

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Graveyard smash

'Zombie Prom' a wacky blast from the past

Northwestern theater students took audiences back to 1957 for the fall production of "Zombie Prom," a musical about the troubles and tribulations of high school drama during the Cold War. ABOVE: Kenzi Cronkhite (as Coco), Jerilynn Wilkins (as Toffee Little), Emily Smith (as Ginger) and Kylee Harzman (as Candy) perform a musical number during a dress rehearsal Oct. 4.



ABOVE: Jameson Hale (as Jonny Warner) and Jerilynn Wilkins (as Toffee Little) talk and smile on stage during a scene Oct. 4.



LEFT: Levi Crumpton (as Miss Delilah Strict) talks on a vintage microphone during an Oct. 4 dress rehearsal.

LEFT: Cast members sing and dance during an Oct. 4 dress rehearsal. "Zombie Prom," an off-Broadway musical that premiered in 1996, tells the story of high school students who become zombies after a nuclear explosion.

Photos by Jordan Green

WORLD NEWS

Students have ties to people affected by storm

By GAVIN MENDOZA
News Editor

Hurricane Ian swept across Latin America and the east coast of the United States in late September and early October, and two Northwestern students have connections to people impacted by the record-breaking storm.

Hurricane Ian first struck Cayo Coast, Florida, and was the deadliest hurricane to hit the state since 1935, killing nearly 120 people. The hurricane leveled homes, apartments and businesses, destroying more than \$50 billion worth of property.

"The worst damage done is everything is completely flooded."
— Bryan Guerrero

Bryan Guerrero, a Northwestern senior health and sports science major who is originally from the Dominican Republic, said his immediate family wasn't personally affected. However, he knows how tropical storms can hurt communities.

"My family did not have to evacuate," Guerrero said. "It affected a lot more people who live around big rivers and the beaches and coasts."

Guerrero grew up in the Dominican Republic but moved to Braintree, Massachusetts, for high school.

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NEWS



Photo by Colby Dalton

Some of the items in the campus police department's lost-and-found collection are shown Tuesday. Students who find missing items should turn them in at the campus police office, where owners can reclaim them.

Finding what you're looking for

Lost-and-found a treasure trove of missing goods

By **CONNOR GRAY**
Senior Reporter

When stuff turns up missing at Northwestern, where does it go?

Students who find lost keys, phones and other items can turn them in at the campus police office – and that's where students on the hunt for missing goods can start their search.

The campus police depart-

ment's office is in the Student Center. Many objects have been found and returned to their owners, but some have yet to be reunited with.

"We usually don't have any issue of getting items back to the owner," Northwestern Police Chief Dennis Kilmer said.

The department stores the items in boxes. Hoodies, T-shirts, earbuds and phones are some of the items that typically go in a lost-and-found box.

Student workers keep records of the items they've been given, the people who turned them in, the date the objects were found

and the locations they were found.

"If somebody has lost something they ask, 'Do you have this item?' If we do, we get it for them," Kilmer said.

Unclaimed items remain in the lost-and-found, and sometimes, they stick around for a long time.

"We've had stuff from last year like backpacks, coats, boots and shirts," Kilmer said. "If it's something usable like clothing, I would like to see about donating it to a 'warmth for winter' kind of thing," Kilmer said.

The campus police department's phone number is 580-327-8511.

HURRICANE: Student says storm 'makes you think and be grateful for everything'

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"The damage was a big impact on the community and every one the storm touched," Guerrero said. "Everything is completely flooded."

Guerrero said that, while storms hit communities and families hard, the best of humanity is often put on full display in a storm's aftermath.

"The community helps each other by coming together and always sharing needs, especially for the people that were hit by the storm the hardest," Guerrero said.

Joseph Frisby, a senior business administration major from Denton, Texas, said some of his friends in Florida have been affected by the storm.

"The hurricane hit our family friends in Sarasota, Florida," Frisby said. Sarasota is located on the east coast of Florida in the Gulf of Mexico.

"The house they live in had the shingles completely torn off, and the screens protecting their pool were torn off and had damage in other areas," Frisby said. "The damage and impact the storm has had on their community is not only going to take time to replace the material things, but maybe more time to help heal their spirits."

The storm was disastrous for some people, Frisby said.

"It really makes you think and be thankful for everything you have," Frisby said. "Those affected will stay in my prayers."

IAN'S TOLL

150 mph

Storm's estimated speed as it hit Cayo Costa, an island off the coast of Florida.

2.3 million

Number of Floridians without electricity after Hurricane Ian made landfall.

28.6 inches

Amount of rain that fell on New Smyrna Beach, Florida, in 27 hours during Hurricane Ian.

250 rescues

Number of times first responders rescued people from water in Orlando during storm.

119 deaths

Estimated number of people whose deaths have been traced to Hurricane Ian.

\$57 billion

Estimated cost of U.S. property damage from Hurricane Ian.

Sources: ABC News, New York Times, Insurance Business Mag

CAMPUS BRIEFS

SENIORS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP

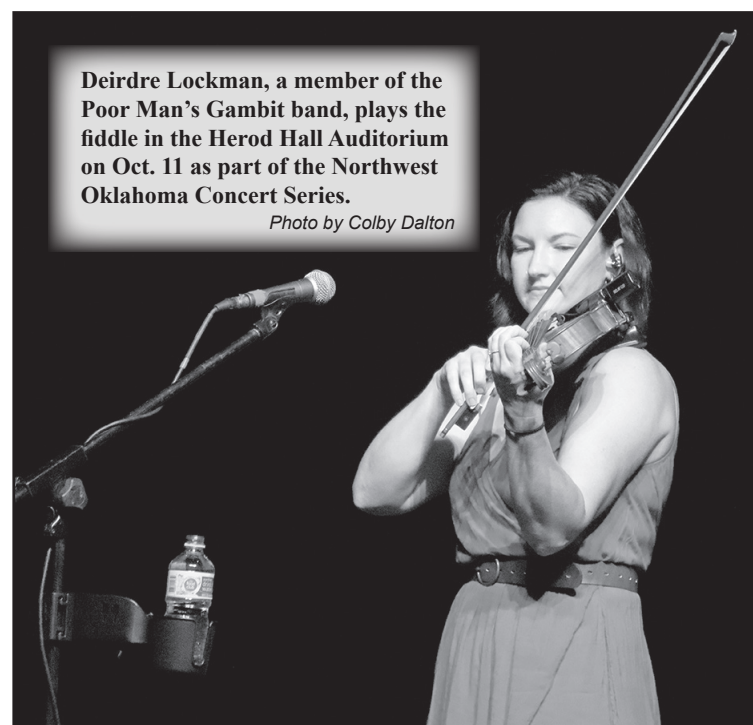
Four Northwestern Oklahoma State University seniors were awarded the 2022 Guthrie Scottish Rite Scholarship given by the Guthrie Scottish Rite Charitable and Educational Foundation.

Those awarded this semester are Jayden Dillon of Helena, English education; Juan Licea Jr. of Gonzales, Texas, mathematics education; Camille Soderstrom of Dewey, English education; and Susannah Welty of Modesto, California, elementary education.

Each semester the scholarships are awarded to teacher candidates who are completing their professional semester.

CONGRESSMAN TO VISIT CAMPUS

Oklahoma Congressman Frank Lucas, R-Cheyenne, will visit Northwestern to host a town hall-style meeting in the Student Center Ranger Room on Oct. 27. The event begins at 11 a.m. and is open to the public. Lucas is



Deirdre Lockman, a member of the Poor Man's Gambit band, plays the fiddle in the Herod Hall Auditorium on Oct. 11 as part of the Northwest Oklahoma Concert Series.

Photo by Colby Dalton

making the stop as part of a tour across his expansive district in the Sooner State, which stretches from Oklahoma City to the Panhandle. Lucas, a Republican, won reelection this year. Lucas represents Oklahoma's third congressional district.

SOCIAL WORK MAJOR RECEIVES STIPEND

Woodward campus senior Carolyn Reaves of Fort Supply is the stipend recipient of the Child Welfare Professional Enhancement Program for the year.

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NEWS



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Students stand in line at the 10-4 Mexican food truck on the Northwestern intramural field Monday night. The Baptist Collegiate Ministries hosted a volleyball tournament, cornhole and other activities for students.

BCM offers food, fun, games for Northwestern students



Daisy Chavez, a senior secondary math education major, prepares to toss a cornhole bag as Mackayla Womack, a health and sports science major, tosses a bag Monday on the intramural field.



Photos by Colby Dalton

Oklahoma Education Association Representative Jack Frazier, right, speaks to students Erika Hernandez, Jack McCoy, Itzy Gutierrez and Donovan Paden at the career fair in the Student Center Ballroom on Monday.

Takin' care of business

Jennifer Dye, executive director of human resources for Ponca City Public Schools, speaks with Northwestern students Carlie Badley and Tyauna Vaught during the career fair Monday.



What's up?

THURSDAY

The Northwestern Medical Sciences Club will meet Thursday from 5 to 9 p.m. in the Science Amphitheater. The club is meant to provide Northwestern students who are interested in the medical field an opportunity to become better informed, promote activities related to the medical field and secure intellectual stimulation in the field.

NWOSU will host its first Silent Disco event in the Student Center Ballroom Thursday from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. One hundred headphones will be handed out with three different DJ playlists playing.

SUNDAY

The Miss Northwestern and the Miss Northwestern Outstanding Teen scholarship pageant will occur Sunday in the Herod Hall Auditorium from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and tickets can be purchased at the door for \$10. Tickets cost \$3 for students with ID.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY

The Thankathon event will occur Monday and Tuesday from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Student Center. The event is meant for students to express their gratitude to Northwestern donors.

WEDNESDAY

The Ranger Royalty Banquet will occur from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom. The banquet is open only to individuals running for Ranger Royalty and their escorts. The top three finalists for king and queen will be announced along with freshman queen.

OCT. 27

NWOSU Esports is planning to host the Oklahoma Scholastic Esports regional qualifier for Super Smash Brothers Ultimate. It is open to middle and high schoolers that are part of OKSE. The qualifier will be in the Shockley Hall Esports arena on the first floor from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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OPINION

Rest is important for mental health

By **J.D. EDDY**
Editorial Editor

Taking mental health breaks is an essential part of lowering your stress level.

When I started this semester off, I wasn't very stressed out. Now, since I'm going to school while working at the veterinarian's office and the campus newspaper, I have taken a lot of weight on my shoulders – mentally speaking, at least.

"I think we all need to do a better job of talking about mental health, and taking breaks is a part of that."

— **J.D. Eddy**

Having all of this to do at the same time seemed to stress me out more than I originally thought it would. But it is not all bad; I actually enjoy what I do.

However, we still need breaks from things we like to do so we can recuperate. For example, the week of fall break, we didn't have the newspaper. Now, I'm not saying I don't like working there. I'm just saying that I needed a break for a few days to recharge a little bit. This does not just relate to work or even school for that matter.

There are things in life that you just need a break from. Some things you might need to get away from are family, friends, relationships and the town you're



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The author takes a nap with Bobbie the dog. The author believes that taking breaks is important for students.

from. It's good to find some ways to get away for a little while so you don't get stuck in the same patterns.

Takin breaks, like a vacation, can help students and employees focus more throughout the day while also reducing stress levels.

If you do not take at least a little time off, you can start to feel depressed, stressed out, unmotivated and not focused on the tasks at hand. Some of these breaks can help improve your physical

health as well.

I think we all need to do a better job of talking about mental health, and taking breaks is a part of that.

Most students tend to get more stressed out about homework than anything; they feel as if it is piling up without any time to get it all done.

Studying for exams is another major source of stress.

According to the American Psychological Association, about

88% of college students say their school lives are stressful. It's shocking that most college students say their college careers are more stressful than fun.

Taking breaks, however, can help break up the hard times. They allow you to focus on your work and improve your mood. If you ever find yourself unmotivated or just unhappy with what you are doing at that time, take a break for a little bit and allow yourself to mentally recharge.

Preventing opioid abuse is vital

By **CHLOE KUNNEMANN**
Guest Columnist

Many readers have probably heard about the opioid crisis in America.

Opioids are a schedule two prescription drug that is medically prescribed to patients to control moderate to severe pain. The most prescribed opioids resulting in overdose deaths are from oxycodone and hydrocodone.

These drugs are particularly dangerous as they can stop a person's breathing, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Prescribed opioids pose a risk of addiction and can be difficult for patients to stop using if they are not closely monitored by their doctor.

The reaction of other prescribed drugs, while taken with opioids, like benzodiazepines, can also lead to an opioid overdose. In addition to the risk of overdose, opioids' long-term effects are still unknown. However, individuals can experience side effects like increased

sensitivity to pain, constipation, depression, nausea and low testosterone levels, the CDC reports.

"The opioid crisis is prevalent in all of America. All states throughout the United States have a high rate of opioid prescriptions."

— **Chloe Kunnemann**

The opioid crisis is prevalent in all of America. All states throughout the United States have a high rate of opioid prescriptions. The excess level of prescriptions has resulted in the federal government monitoring and regulating opioid prescriptions.

If you or someone else needs to talk to someone, call the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's national helpline at 1-800-662-HELP or text 1-800-487-4889.

Prescription stimulants have the highest rate of misuse in young adults over other prescribed drugs. Stimulants such as amphetamine have various medical uses. Others like nicotine have no medical use, but they are extremely addictive.

Most stimulants are received illegally through buying or trading from an individual who is prescribed the stimulant, according to SAMHSA officials. Stimulants have negative side effects like insomnia, dizziness and nervousness. Effects range from irregular heartbeats, seizures, heart failure and psychosis. The use of stimulants and other controlled substances can lead to misuse and addiction.

Northwestern student Chloe Kunnemann wrote this column on behalf of the Northwestern Counseling and Career Services office.

OPINION



How an old tractor changed my life

The friends we call family come to us in many ways. I've found them by working on classic farm equipment.

TOP LEFT: Phil Green, the author's father, and Bob Lynch, the author's "adopted" uncle, lower the tractor's engine into place Saturday in a building at the author's home in Blackwell.

BOTTOM LEFT: Jim Denney and the author look on as the tractor fires up for the first time in five years on Sunday.

TOP RIGHT: Uncle Bob Lynch, Jim Denney, the author and Warren Lloyd pose for a photo with the tractor after getting it running Sunday.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The author uses a wrench to torque rod bolts on the tractor's engine on Friday.

Photos provided

JORDAN GREEN SAYS



JORDAN GREEN

In the world of vintage tractor collecting, everyone has a "someday" project — a tractor you swear you'll get running again one of those days.

The problem, however, is that "someday" rarely comes. The tractor keeps rusting away.

But thanks to the help of my family and friends, one of my "someday" projects is finally complete. On Sunday, after five years of collecting dust in my barn, the first tractor I ever had roared back to life.

That tractor changed my life. Today, it's a part of my life once again.

Back in 2016, Blackwell farmer Dennis Muret gave me the coolest toy in the world: a 1959 Farmall Cub. He hadn't used it in years, and it was taking up space in his barn. Some friends and I loaded it onto my flatbed trailer and took it to my barn a few miles away.

Before long, that old tin barn became a classroom. Wheeler Cobb, whom I met a few years prior when he was a substitute teacher at Blackwell Middle School, was a mechanic by trade. He made several trips with me to the barn and taught me how to work on the old Cub.

We worked on the tractor for a few weeks. After putting in new spark plugs and fluids, we got the Cub running again. It was my pride and joy, and I soon became addicted to tractors.

Having an operable tractor opened my eyes to an entirely new world — and an entirely different, wonderful group of people. The next spring, I took the Cub to the Oklahoma Steam Threshers & Gas Engine Association's show in Pawnee. That's where I met Bob Lynch, now known as Uncle Bob. That's also where I first spent quality time with Jim Denney and other collectors. They soon became just as much family as anybody in my bloodline.

I drove the Cub quite a bit in the first couple of years I had it. But the old tractor had been used a lot in its nearly 60 years of farming, and its engine didn't have much life left. By the end of 2017, it quit running. And with only limited mechanical expertise, I had no choice but to relegate it to the corner of the barn, where it sat in dusty silence.

Time went on, and life started to move quickly. I graduated from high school, started college, had two summer internships in Oklahoma City and stayed busy with school, work and other projects. But this summer, as I prepared to start my senior year, the Cub crossed my mind again.

My internship with The Saturday Evening Post magazine allowed me to work from home, and I had more time to visit the farm than I had in several years. I knew my senior year of college would be busy (it has been so far), and I wanted to get some of my big projects completed before I got out into the real world. And the biggest was the little old Cub.

So, in June, my dad and I went to the farm, loaded the Cub up and brought it to town. We parked it in the shop at our house and dismantled the engine. We took the engine block to a mechanic to have the valves repaired, and we ordered shiny new piston rings, gaskets and seals for the engine.

The only thing left to do was put it all back together. Dad, Uncle Bob and friends Jim Denney and Warren Lloyd spent the better part of Friday, Saturday and Sunday teaching me how to reassemble an engine, a lesson that was as exciting as it was challenging.

The precision involved in every step of the process — putting new rings on the pistons, tightening and torquing bolts to precise specifications and putting new parts together in just the right order — is strenuous.

To top it all off, the engine is not easy to reattach to the transmission. Thankfully, Dad figured out a pretty clever winch system. It helped us lift the block, but it didn't lessen the gravity of the situation:

Our work had to be exact.

We had some close encounters with trouble through the process. We needed parts we didn't have and found out the factory shipped us a couple of incorrect parts. Blackwell's NAPA and O'Reilly's workers saved us, though, and got us what we needed.

After hours and hours of work and several last-minute adjustments, we pulled the long, metal rod to trigger the starter Sunday evening. The engine turned over just a few times before it revved up, filling the barn with that familiar whirring sound. Hearing the engine come alive for the first time in five years was an experience unlike any other. Imagine going that long without hearing your favorite song, and when you finally hear it again, you're with your best friends and family. Few things in life could be better than that.

As I eased the Cub out of the barn, I was flooded with memories of Dennis and Wheeler. I can still remember Dennis' smile when he gave me the tractor back in 2016. I can still picture Wheeler showing me how to install spark plugs and work on the carburetor, too.

Those two guys were like grandfathers to me. They were generous, patient, kind, good-natured and good-humored. I cherish every moment I spent with them, hearing their stories and learning their life lessons. I miss them so much.

Those guys changed my life with that tractor, and that's why this simple, small machine is such a big part of my life. They were my family, and this tractor allowed me to meet other tractor folks who — like Jim, Warren and Uncle Bob — have become my family, too. My life wouldn't be complete without them.

For a little while, Heaven seemed to be on Earth on Sunday as I sat perched atop my Cub, looking at the road ahead as my playground. I sure have missed that view. Wheeler and Dennis, however, had the best vantage point. With the help of folks I love, five years' worth of "some days" came to a beautiful end on Sunday when an old tractor came back to life.

2022 RANGER ROYALTY CONTESTANTS

Homecoming begins Nov. 3, and students are preparing for the annual festivity. This year's Ranger Royalty candidates have started campaigning to have top Homecoming honors. Students will vote via email to elect this year's Ranger Queen, Ranger King and Freshman Queen. Ballots will be sent soon, so students should check their email accounts. The Ranger Royalty banquet, when the top three finalists for each position will be named, will take place Wednesday.

Photos provided

Ranger Queen



Shaylee Beck from White Deer, Texas, is a junior health and sports science major. She is a student athletic trainer for Ranger football and is a member of Delta Zeta Sorority.
Jaeden Coon is a senior health and sports science and sports psychology major from Sapulpa. She is a member of NASA and the women's cross country and track team.
Jerika Coon is a senior from Sapulpa. She is sponsored by Student Support Services. She is a member of the women's cross country and track and field teams.
Abigail Gregory is a senior early childhood education major from Woodward. She is a member of the OAEA and the Woodward Leadership Advisory Board.
Olumurewa Debbie Olalere is a senior psychology major from Las Vegas, Nevada. She is sponsored by the Black Student Union, a club she founded on campus.
Sadrie Overall is a junior biology major and theater minor from Iola, Kansas. She is a part of the Castle Players, the theater program and the BCM leadership team.
Paige Robinette is a senior chemistry major from Waukomis. She is a member of the Ranger cheer squad and Northwestern Scholar Ambassadors.
Carli Seabolt from Perry is a junior business and marketing major. She was Miss Northwestern 2022, a member of the President's Leadership Class and business club.

Ranger King



Alex Baxter from Moore is a junior health and sports science education major. He is sponsored by the Ranger football team. He enjoys lifting weights.
Tyler Blankenship is a sophomore from Macomb. He enjoys raising sheep, juggling and being involved in FCA, BCM and SGA.

Freshman Queen



Kaylor Cheves is a nursing major. She is part of Aggie Club, Native American Student Association, the Ranger cheer squad and the chemistry club.
Kenzi Cronkhite from Enid is a vocal music education major. She is part of the NWOSU choirs and the Ranger cheer team.
Emily Glunt is a business major from Beaver. She can play the piano and solve a Rubik's cube. She is a member of the Ranger Business Club.
Reagan Hiner from Shattuck is an education major and member of the Ranger cheer squad. She enjoys writing, fishing, reading and Bible study.
Alexandra Kepley from Holcomb, Kansas, plays the sousaphone in the marching band. She is a manager for the cross country team.
Chloe Lehr from Alva is a secondary science education major. She is involved in chemistry club, Writer's Roundtable and SGA.
Maria Sosa is a freshman biology major from Laverne. She is sponsored by the chemistry club. She is involved in chemistry club and biology club.
Kayli Stewart from Burlington is a biology and chemistry major sponsored by the Medical Sciences Club. She enjoys arts, crafts and singing.
Jenna Swenson from Woodward is a social work major. She gives music lessons and is a member of the Woodward Leadership Advisory Board.
Mackayla Womack is a health and sports science education major and a member of the women's track and field team. She is active in the BCM.



Fernando Nunez is a junior psychology major from Laverne. He is part of the BCM leadership team and is a Student Support Services coach.
Rosco Setzer is from Chelsea and is an agriculture education major. He is part of the men's cross country team, cheer and Aggie Club.

2022 MISS NORTHWESTERN CONTESTANTS

The annual Miss Northwestern competition takes place Sunday in Herod Hall at 6 p.m. Tickets cost \$10 at the door and \$3 for students with ID. The winner will represent Northwestern during next year's Miss Oklahoma competition. The Miss Northwestern Outstanding Teen will also be determined. Candidates receive scholarships and other prizes based on placement. For more photos of contestants, see page 12.

Photos by Laney Cook



Jadyn Budig is a senior biology and chemistry, pre-med, major from Shattuck. She will perform a vocal solo.
Ella Gibson is a freshman psychology major from Pond Creek. She will give a slam poetry reading.
Chloe Lehr is a freshman secondary science education major from Alva. She will perform a jazz dance.
Halea Locke is a sophomore early childhood education major from Hooker. She will give a speed painting demonstration.
KD McCleary is a senior chemistry and biology major from Blackwell. She will perform a vocal solo.
Madison McMahan is a junior biology major from McAlester. She will perform a jazz dance.
Jordan Pierce is a freshman biology major from Enid. She will perform a flag routine.
M'Cheila Rader is a junior English major from Eudora, Kansas. She will perform a vocal solo.
Elisabeth Ridgway is a sophomore biology major from Alva. She will perform a jazz dance.
Emily Smith is a junior vocal music education major from Holdenville. She will perform a vocal solo.
Cora Beth Taylor is a junior biology major from Kingfisher. She will perform a vocal solo.

FEATURE



Photos by Caitlin Hofen

The university choirs performed in their first concert of the year Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church of Alva. The choir invites community members to join the Monday night choir.

Choirs perform in first concert of the year

Northwestern's three choirs serenade audience members at Alva First Baptist Church



ABOVE: The three choirs performed a variety of pieces accompanied by Dr. Eduardo Moreira on the piano. LEFT: The choirs have been rehearsing since August with events like their All-State choir workshop.




Sigma Tau Delta to host banned book reading

Banned Book Reading

Thursday, October 27

7:00 pm

Alabaster Room



SIGMA TAU DELTA
INTERNATIONAL ENGLISH HONOR SOCIETY

By **ALLISON SCHIEBER**
Student Reporter

Sigma Tau Delta, an English honor society, will host its annual banned book reading Oct. 27 in the Alabaster Room in Vinson Hall.

The event is associated with Banned Book Week, which started in the early 1980s.

Sigma Tau Delta is looking for volunteers to read a passage from a banned book. If interested, contact the sponsor, Dr. Matthew Lambert, via email at mmlambert@nwsu.edu.

A banned book is challenged because of its content or author and is not allowed in some schools or libraries.

Lambert said his favorite banned book is Tony Morrison's "Beloved."

In 2021, the American Library Association reported 1,597 book challenges or removals, according to Tulsa Public Radio. That figure is the highest in 2021.

Banned books in Oklahoma may include books like, "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Lord of the

Flies" and "Harry Potter."

Limiting the number of books in schools that speak about educational topics could potentially affect how teachers work, Lambert said.

Lambert said the event's goal is "to help us have a debate that the United States still faces," Lambert said.

The debate over the content of

books in public schools has been heightened in the Sooner State since House Bill 1775 went into effect this year.

The bill bans classroom discussion of some topics related to race, gender and sex.

Conservative politicians say the bill was meant to protect children from harmful content, while liberals say it is too restrictive.

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Museum hosts bingo night

By **KRISTEN KIRTLEY**
Student Reporter

Bingo!

The Cherokee Strip Museum hosts bingo night the third Thursday of each month.

Participants are invited to join in the fun Thursday at 901 14th St. The museum annex doors open at 6 p.m. so participants have time to pick up their bingo cards, partake of refreshments and find a place to sit before beginning the game.

A minimum of 20 games of bingo are played. At the end of each game, the winner receives a cash prize.

The cash prize is 50% of the profit made from the game. The other 50% of the profit made from the game goes partly to the museum and partly to the American Legion.

The museum is the main sponsor of bingo night, meaning it does all the prep work and purchases all of the bingo supplies.

American Legion members help by volunteering on bingo night, gathering cards and setting up bingo equipment.

The portion of the profits that goes to the American Legion is

used to fund a future scholarship.

Elaine Graybill, business manager of the Cherokee Strip Museum, said she thinks the most enjoyable part of bingo night is socializing with others.

She said that there is usually a new participant each time. She also said the museum wants to get more people involved.

Don Lynch, chairman of the museum board, said there are people in attendance who play bingo all over the country as well.

Anyone 18 and older is welcome to play.

Not just any establishment can host bingo. In order for a place to have permission to host bingo, it must apply to get a license. There are certain requirements that must be met in order to receive a license.

One of the requirements is that the establishment applying must be a non-profit. The establishment has to prove that it is a non-profit with certain documents.

The museum is independently owned, meaning it is not owned by any other museum, and it is not state-owned.

The people running it are in charge of doing their own fundraising in order to keep the museum running.



Photo provided

Participants in the Sept. 22 bingo night enjoyed food and fellowship. The Cherokee Strip Museum hosts this.

Graybill said they try to host events that will entertain people and make money for the museum.

HAUNTED HISTORY

At the end of the month, the

museum is hosting another fundraiser called "Our Haunted History."

During this event, employees will take people through the museum on a guided tour, where storytellers will entertain people

with spooky history lessons.

Admission to the event costs \$10 per person. For more information about bingo night, visit the Cherokee Strip Museum Facebook page or call the museum at 580-327-2030.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Halloween Ends' completes trilogy

By **CONNOR GRAY**
Senior Reporter

What would Halloween be without talking about a horror movie, especially about the icon himself, Michael Myers?

The final movie in the newest "Halloween" trilogy is "Halloween Ends."

The film starts out a year after "Halloween Kills."

It focuses on a new character, Corey Cunningham, who babysits a kid named Jeremy. At first, they seem to like each other in front of Jeremy's parents.

However, as soon as the parents leave for a party, Jeremy is antagonistic towards Corey and pulls a sadistic prank on him that gets him locked in the attic on the third floor.

While Corey is trying to get the door open, Jeremy keeps taunting him from behind the door.

Unfortunately, after Corey kicks the door open, Jeremy flies over the railing and dies after hitting the ground.

The parents come in horrified, and Corey is arrested.

It then cuts to a well-put-together intro with a fantastic score by the original creator of the Halloween franchise, John Carpenter.

The movie then cuts to three

years later and we find out Michael Myers hasn't been seen since 2018.

Laurie Stroud is writing a book about Myers and hopes her story can help others move on from their boogeyman.

It seems she has been able to move on over the course of the film, but she encounters reminders in Haddonfield, Illinois, of what happened four years ago.

She slowly starts to go back to how she was, especially when Corey starts hanging around her granddaughter, Allyson.

Corey's role in the film is the town of Haddonfield turning him into another killer like Michael.

Michael overall takes a back seat to what is going on with Corey.

Accidentally killing Jeremy ruined his life, as people already judged him as a killer even though the police ruled it a freak accident because Corey had no intention of killing him.

Corey is bullied and belittled by the town even though I wished they showed a little more.

Allyson meets Corey after he cuts his hand by crushing a bottle of milk. She shows an interest in him at the hospital where she works and they eventually fall in love.

Unfortunately, Corey slowly

loses it and becomes a killer, taking Michael's mask and pretends to be him.

But don't worry. Michael has great moments in the film, especially in the final encounter with Laurie.

I found this to be the best part of the film.

FINAL THOUGHTS

The film is well-shot, the music is fantastic, the acting is on-point, and the kills are top-notch, but its story is overall weak.

It's a fun slasher film, and this trilogy was going to be hard to end.

In regards to Corey, I personally enjoyed most of it, but part of me is not sure how I truly feel about the whole set up. I get the idea of what the film was trying to go for, but it just didn't sit right with me.

"Halloween Ends," in my opinion, is a good slasher film, but an OK Halloween movie. Its story holds it back despite everything else being good. It's the worst in the trilogy despite still being a good movie.

The "Halloween" franchise as it stands is over for now, as the only reasonable outcomes would continue without Michael or reboot the franchise over again.

Dad Joke of the Week:

I was wondering why music was coming from my printer.

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SPORTS

FOOTBALL



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Members of the Ranger defensive line prepare for the next play during their game against the Savage Storm of Southeastern Oklahoma State University on Saturday at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Savage Storm, 44-7. The loss puts the Rangers at a 1-6 record, which puts them in the last place in the Great American Conference standings.

Savage Storm slams Rangers



Northwestern defensive back Isaiah Kellum defends a Southeastern wide receiver during Northwestern's game against Southeastern Saturday at Ranger Field. The Rangers lost to the Savage Storm, 44-7.

By CADE KENNEDY
Sports Editor

The Northwestern football team lost to the Southeastern Savage Storm, 44-7, Saturday afternoon at Ranger Field.

Dakota Michaels made his first start at quarterback for the Rangers. He replaced an injured Tanner Clarkson in the 26-23 win over Arkansas-Monticello Oct. 8.

The momentum from that win carried over to the first drive Saturday against Southeastern, as the Rangers forced the Savage Storm to punt on their first drive of the game.

When the Rangers got the ball, they used a combination of short passes and runs to create a 13-play, 71-yard drive that lasted nearly five minutes and ended with Michaels running into the endzone to give the Rangers a 7-0 lead.

The Savage Storm responded with a five-minute drive of their own to tie the game at 7-7 late in the first quarter. From this point on, the Southeastern never looked back.

The Rangers did not keep pace with the Savage Storm, as Michaels threw an interception on the second play of the drive to give Southeastern the ball just 22 yards away from the endzone.

A five-play drive ending with

a Southeastern touchdown gave the Savage Storm its first lead of the game, 14-7, with 13 minutes remaining in the second quarter.

Northwestern failed to get a first down on the next drive, meaning the Rangers had to punt the ball away again.

Before Zack Stone could send the ball across the field, Michael Hookfin batted the ball back towards the turf. Tyveon Williams scooped up the football and sprinted into the endzone to extend Southeastern's lead to 21-7.

The Rangers continued to punt, while the Savage Storm continued to score, which gave Southeastern a 24-7 lead at half-time.

The Rangers continued to struggle on offense in the third quarter, as Northwestern put up a measly 32 yards compared to the 115 yards that the Savage Storm racked up. At the end of the third quarter, Southeastern had a 30-7 lead.

Southeastern continued to put points on the board, as the Savage Storm scored two more touchdowns to win the game, 44-7.

The next game for the Rangers is on Saturday, when Northwestern travels to Bethany to take on the Crimson Storm of Southern Nazarene at 3 p.m. at SNU Football Stadium. The Rangers defeated the Crimson Storm in Alva last season, 47-27.

SPORTS

RODEO

Rangers ready for hometown rodeo



File photo

Junior Wacey Dorenkamp backs his horse into position for his steer wrestling run in February 2020.

By **DYLAN WHITELY**
Senior Reporter

It's time to dust off those boots and cowboy hats.

One of the roughest, toughest sports in college athletics is set to take place in Alva when Northwestern hosts its annual college rodeo.

The Ranger cowboys and cowgirls were on the road last weekend competing in Stillwater at the Oklahoma State University rodeo. So far in the season, they have competed in Colby, Kansas and Durant.

The rodeo will kick off Oct. 27 and run through Oct. 29. Oct. 27 will be college night, where all Northwestern students can attend the rodeo for free.

This rodeo will be the fourth and final rodeo Northwestern competes in for the fall semester. Riders will pick their season back up in the spring with six more rodeos. The athletes will compete with an ultimate end goal in mind: the College National Finals Rodeo that will take place in Casper, Wyoming, in the spring.

Megan Isaacs, a senior from Frankton, Indiana, said she is looking forward to getting out in the arena and competing for Northwestern's fans and the Alva community.

"I like the rodeo because it

brings the whole town of Alva together in a place where they get to watch this amazing sport," Isaacs said.

Isaacs called this rodeo "the fourth stop on the way to Casper," which is her top goal for the season.

Isaacs competes in multiple events, like breakaway roping, barrel racing and goat tying. So far this season, Isaacs said she hasn't gotten off to the start she hoped for, but she is optimistic to turn it around.

"I have gotten off to a rough start, just with drawing bad livestock and stuff like that," Isaacs said.

Northwestern already has seen some success in the young rodeo season. With a couple wins already under the belts of a few Northwestern athletes, the team is looking to keep up the success in front of a hometown crowd.

So far this season, two of the rodeos have seen a Northwestern cowboy win the steer wrestling, with Cameron Fox winning in Durant and Quade Potter winning in Colby. On top of the wins, Northwestern has seen others have finishes up towards the top of the leaderboard.

Isaacs said she hopes to end this half of the season on a high note and keep the momentum rolling when the spring section of the rodeo season starts.

Training room named in honor of alumnus

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

Northwestern athletics officials dedicated a refurbished training room in Percefull Fieldhouse to a Northwestern alumnus on Saturday.

Leaders of the university athletics department hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the Jim Booth Training Room, which is named in honor of the 1973 graduate. Booth was one of the first student trainers for the football and baseball teams.

His estate gifted \$500,000 to

the athletic department, \$100,000 of which was used to purchase new equipment for the room. The remainder has been endowed in scholarships for student trainers. The donation is the second largest in the athletic program's history.

"It's been a program-altering donation," said Northwestern Athletics Director Brad Franz. "Jim was a true Ranger."

Booth was born with physical disabilities, and he was never able to participate in athletics, Franz said. But he loved sports, and he channeled that passion into helping athletes.

"He never let his disabilities

hold him back," Franz said.

Officials established the Jim Booth Athletic Training Scholarship in 2021. In a plaque commemorating the scholarship, officials described Booth as a hard worker and a man of character.

"Oftentimes, Booth worked non-stop pulling double-duty through overlapping sports seasons," the plaque reads. "As was his nature, Booth made an initiative to treat everyone equally. He never complained and always had words of encouragement for all of his athletes."

Booth taught and coached at public schools in northwest Oklahoma after his graduation, and he served as a baseball umpire. He frequented Northwestern sporting events, and when he wasn't able to attend in-person, he kept up on the news. He died in February 2021 at the age of 74, according to the Alva Review-Courier.

"Jim would call once a week," Franz said. "He lived in Caldwell, Kansas, and he wanted to talk about the Rangers, wanted to talk about the games, how the games went last week, how the kids are doing. He just loved, loved, loved Northwestern with his whole heart."



Photo by Colby Dalton

Northwestern student athletes gather in the new Jim Booth Training Room to get a check up from the training staff on Tuesday.

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Keeli Truelove is a freshman psychology major from Tuscaloosa, Alabama. She will perform a vocal solo.

Kaitlyn Vincent



Kaitlyn Vincent is a freshman vocal music major from Grand Junction, Colorado. She will give a flag performance.

Rebecca Wagner



Rebecca Wagner is a junior mass communication major from Pawnee. She will perform a vocal solo.

Mikayla Webb



Mikayla Webb is a freshman early childhood education major from Seiling. She will perform a vocal solo.

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