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News Briefs

THS alumni meets Monday

The THS alumni group will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 20, in the high school library.

Northern distinguished alumni sought

Jill Green, alumni relations director, announced, "Nominations for the 2015 Northern Oklahoma College Distinguished Alumni Award are due by Nov. 15. The recipients will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, March 7, 2015." If a nomination form is needed contact Green at 580.628.6473 or jill.green@noc.edu or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni.

Helping veterans...

A PTSD Support Group for veterans of all ages meets at the American Legion in Ponca City every second and fourth Wednesday at 6 p.m. Questions? Call Allen Teten at 580-716-3529.

Haunted Sale Barn opens Oct. 23

The Haunted Sale Barn is once again haunting victims in Tonkawa. The Sale Barn is located on the dead end of 7th Street.

The first haunting will take place Thursday, Oct. 23 at 8 p.m. and running until 10 p.m.. This is half price night "1/2 the scare for 1/2 the price"

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24 & 25, starts at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight. It will be closed October 26, 27, & 28 opening back up Wednesday, Oct. 29, 8 to 10 p.m.; Thursday, Oct. 30, 8 to 10 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 31, 8 p.m. until midnight; and Saturday, Nov. 1, 8 p.m. until midnight. Admission fees are \$10. per victim except for Oct. 23 which is \$5. Organizations involved with putting this on are Relay For Life, Extended Studies, Pit Bull Rescue group, Sr. Class Parents & Cross Country to name a few. For more information or to ask about group rates call Oxford Tire and ask for Margie 580-628-9900.

'Quilting made easy' begins Oct. 28

"Quilting Made Easy, UFO projects," a Northern Oklahoma College Community Enrichment Course, begins Tuesday, Oct. 28 in the Renfro Center, room 103, on the Tonkawa campus. The class will meet from 6 to 9 p.m. each Tuesday through Dec. 2. The instructor will be NOC's Kerri Gray. You may enroll Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the class or in advance. Contact Gray at (580) 628-6760 or email kerri.gray@noc.edu to enroll early and get a supply list. The cost for this six-week session is \$30 plus materials, if needed.

Trick or Treat Thursday, Oct. 30

The annual Chamber of Commerce Trick or Treat festival will be held downtown on Thursday, October 30th from 4-5 p.m. All businesses are encouraged to participate in handing out goodies to the elementary school children. Businesses not located on Grand Avenue are welcome to join us. The costume contest for children will be held at Heart in the Park at 5 p.m.

Basketball boosters seek donors

Tonkawa Basketball Booster Club is currently seeking donations for support of the 2014-15 season. Businesses and individuals can have name listings printed in the full-color program at the following levels: Gold Ball - \$500 and up, Silver Ball - \$250-\$499, and Buc Booster - \$25-\$249. Deadline is October 24th. Please send checks to Basketball Booster Club at 1910 East NOC Drive.

Incidentally...

...The News wishes a **Happy Birthday** on October 15 Bryan Sharp, Jalana Cloud, Anne Weeks, Billy Don Robison, Jean Pratt, George McDonald, Yolla Bray, Lyle Howard, Traci Margerum. October 16 Jerry Colwell, Bill Cross, Bonnie Baldwin, Deven Sawyers, Kennedy Martin, Willie Street, Jr., Doug Sinor, Patrick Ray Koch. October 17 Danny Fuhr, Jim Myers, Quentin Wyler, Cathy Kreger, Melanie Matlock, Tim Avey, Mary King Bailey. October 18 Steve Maasen, Gwen Burns, Keli Durbin, Amanda Unruh, Linda Neely, Jeff Jones, Pat Bailey, Kayla Vincent, Lesley Miller, Norene Brown. October 19 Pamela Watson, Don Cales, Jack Cales, Kevin Lucas, Debbie Slavens, Judy Austin, Thelma Osborn, Derek Wickham, John Schuller. October 20 Eddie Hembree, Geraldine Wilson, Michael Martin, Louise Byers, Sherrie Schatz, Carolyn Turner. October 21 Carolyn Hiegerot, Brandi Bibles, Heather McGavock....**SPECIAL NOTE:** In last week's page one picture on **Dewey Buck** it said he was deceased. He's very much alive and, in fact, attended the THS Homecoming events the week before. *The News* regrets the error...

Construction is about to begin on new residence halls at Northern

Frankfurt Short Bruza (FSB), an Oklahoma City architecture and engineering firm, announced construction is about to begin for two new residence halls for Northern Oklahoma College (NOC) at their Enid and Tonkawa campuses.

These 84 bed, 20,000 square feet dormitories are the first new residential construction for the college in 30 years. Students will be outfitted with modern semi-suite dorm rooms consisting of four beds and a shared bathroom, walk-in closets, and Wi-Fi available throughout the building.

The interior of the two residence halls will be very similar,

but building exteriors will vary to match the architectural style of each campus. There will also be a recreation room in each hall that doubles as a storm shelter. Designed to FEMA standards, the storm shelters are above ground with reinforced concrete walls.

The central lobbies will have informational screens about the campus' activities and flat screen TVs. In order to provide students with a balance between communal and private space, study nooks were designed into the building, including space in the laundry facilities. Construction for both projects will continue simultaneously and is scheduled to open in July 2015.

FSB utilized Hollis & Miller Architects in Overland Park, Kan. as a design consultant and Nab-

holz Construction's Tulsa office was selected as the construction manager. FSB competed against several other firms to have the opportunity to design these modern, up-to-date living environments for Northern Oklahoma College students.

"FSB is honored to design these much needed modern residential halls for NOC," said Jason Holuby, FSB senior associate and project manager. "These students will be able to live and study in comfort with modern, new living quarters. Projects like these show the NOC administration's commitment to providing a full college experience to students in smaller communities."

NOC was established in 1901 in Tonkawa, Okla. In 1999, it added the former Phillips Uni-

versity to open the Enid campus. Enrollment has increased and NOC recognized the need for additional student housing due to their current housing being close to or at capacity and the current housing stock being dated.

About Frankfurt Short Bruza...

Frankfurt Short Bruza is a full-service, nationally recognized architectural-engineering-planning firm and has been a demonstrated leader in the delivery of quality services for over 69 years. FSB provides expertise in architecture and engineering, including mechanical, electrical, plumbing, structural, civil and fire protection. In conjunction with exceptional interior design, planning and design-build services, FSB has created places of distinction nationwide.

School board meet postponed

Tonkawa school board will meet at 6 p.m., Oct. 28.

They were to have met Monday night, but had to postpone because of a lack of a quorum. Sandy Linton and Mary Allan were the only two who showed up.

A light agenda is on tap and includes an investment policy resolution; secondary and full-time adult career and technology education program for the new school year; lunch procurement plan for the new school year; and membership in the OSSBA for the new school year.

Renfro Lectureship speaker announced

Former White House Chief of Staff Andrew H. Card, Jr. will discuss "9/11, 2001 and Its Impact Today," sponsored by the Carl and Carolyn Renfro Endowed Lectureship Program and Northern Oklahoma College.

Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 28 at 9 a.m., tickets may be purchased on a first come, first served basis for the dinner event scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 11, in the Renfro Center.

Individual tickets are \$10 each and are limited to four tickets per family. A reserved table with seating for eight can be purchased for \$200. The public is invited and encouraged to attend. Dress attire is business casual.

Tickets may be reserved by calling 580.628.6292 to purchase tickets by credit card or by purchasing tickets in person at the NOC Development Office, Vineyard Library-Ad Building.



Officers attending from the Tonkawa chapter were: Amber Burch, president; Zane Blubaugh, vice president; Ashley Langston, secretary; Pati Graves, treasurer; Carlee Miller, reporter; Kyle Morris, sentinel; Dale Goodwin, advisor; Rancetan Schneeberger, parliamentarian. Seated far left is Logan Johns, Morrison, northwest district vice president. Seated far right is Gatlin Squires, Kingfisher, state FFA secretary.

Tonkawa FFA officers look to make big strides

Officers of the Tonkawa FFA chapter participated in the 2014 Oklahoma FFA Chapter Officer Leadership Training Conference recently at the Enid Events Center in Enid.

The eight state FFA officers planned and conducted this year's conference based on the theme, "Small Steps . . . Bigger Strides." Elected officers from each of the 61 high school FFA chapters in the northwest district attended leadership training designed to equip them with exciting tools for creating a successful chapter.

Kelly Barnes, Norman, was the keynote speaker for the conference. Barnes, state FFA president in 2003-04, is an accomplished professional speaker, leadership coach and trainer.

"We have a lot of really good chapters in this state, but we want to make all of them great chapters," said Garrett Reed, state FFA president. "We want our chapter officers to realize that small steps at the beginning of the school year can lead to big strides at year's end. It's all about creating a more successful chapter."

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The FFA is an integral part of the agricultural education division of the Oklahoma Department of CareerTech Education. There are 25,552 Oklahoma FFA members in 355 high schools statewide.

Honoring those who served:

Joe McAninch

(Editor's Note: The following feature is the twentieth in a series of profiles that will honor the Vietnam War era veterans from Tonkawa. The bulk of the work and research was completed by Mike Schatz.)

Joe McAninch Honoring Those Who Served in the Vietnam Conflict

Joe McAninch is a Vietnam Veteran who arrived in Vietnam three days after the Tet offen-

sive. In a letter to Mike Schatz, McAninch reports that he was an assistant crew chief at Charleston Air Force Base in South Carolina when he received orders for the 777nd tactical airlift squadron at Mactan Air force Base, Mactan Island, Phillipines. "I arrived at Mactan on New Year's Day, 1968," he says. "My first assignment was NCOIC of the wash rack. Three weeks later, I was reassigned as assistant crew chief at Tanson NHUT Air Force Base, Saigon, Vietnam. Our mission

was to fly combat support, such as ammo, food, fuel, and mail. We stayed in Vietnam until we flew 75 hours, then we returned to Mactan for a wash, an inspection and repairs, then back to the war zone. My next assignment was crew chief of 61-751 C130B. I was a flying crew chief, which meant I went with the aircraft. In August of 1968, our squadron was moved to Clark Air Force Base, and in December I went stateside for discharge. "



JOE MCANINCH