

What's Happening

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Pickens Learning Commons Grand Opening Oct. 12

The Pickens Learning Commons is receiving the final touches and NOC will host the grand opening on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

The Pickens Learning Commons is the transformation of the Vineyard Library at Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa to include library services, the testing center, tutoring services, career and transfer services, and the Cultural Engagement Center (CEC).

the convenience of students. The space also includes enhanced technology resources, distributed individual and collaborative study spaces, and two stunning murals totaling 100'x20' by artist Yatika Starr Fields, commissioned by the Hugh and Dr. S. J. Pickens Museum. The museum had earlier commissioned two murals in the CEC by Fields, that were completed in June 2021. There are over 80 pieces of art in the Pick-The space brings several services together for ens Learning Commons, which make it one of

the most significant art collections on display in northern Oklahoma.

President Clark Harris said, "The entire transformation has been funded by external funding, including a generous donation by the Hugh and Dr. S. J. Pickens Museum. Mr. Hugh Picken's desire to help NOC to be able to modernize the library into a 21st century collaborative study environment for the NOC students is incredibly heartwarming."

"We are so proud of our partnership with Hugh Pickens and the Doctor Pickens Museum, said NOC Vice President for Development and Executive Director to the NOC Foundation Sheri Snyder. "We are profoundly grateful for friends such as the Pickens who continue to share their gifts with us."

The Pickens Learning Commons is the first

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significant project of the Building a Better NOC initiative. The Building a Better NOC initiative has received extensive feedback from students, faculty, staff and community members on small and large ways to improve the college experience for Northern Oklahoma College students, employees and the community.

"The library at NOC Tonkawa was at a pivotal crossroads with rows and rows of outdated books not being used by today's students and there was a need for a modernized library with 12, from 3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. with remarks and individual and small group study areas in a dynamic environment," said Dr. Clark Harris. "The library has benefited from a reduction of the public.

outdated books, a fresh open feel in the entire library, a new inviting entrance with a smaller circulation desk, new carpet, newly painted walls, upgraded technology resources, new furniture and inspiring art on the walls. This project is a perfect example of connecting NOC's core values of personalized education, continuous improvement and community and civic engagement into one transforming project."

The come and go grand opening will be Oct. a ribbon cutting by the Tonkawa Chamber of Commerce set for 4 p.m. The event is open to

Distinguished Alumni nominations sought by Nov. 1 deadline

Northern Oklahoma College is seeking nominations for the 2023 NOC Distinguished Alumni Award.

Nominations are due Nov. 1, according to Kayla Wooderson, alumni relations coordinator.

Selected honorees will be inducted into the NOC Hall of Fame at the Alumni and Friends Reunion to be held in the Renfro Center, April 1, 2023. This is the 21st year for the NOC Hall of Fame event.

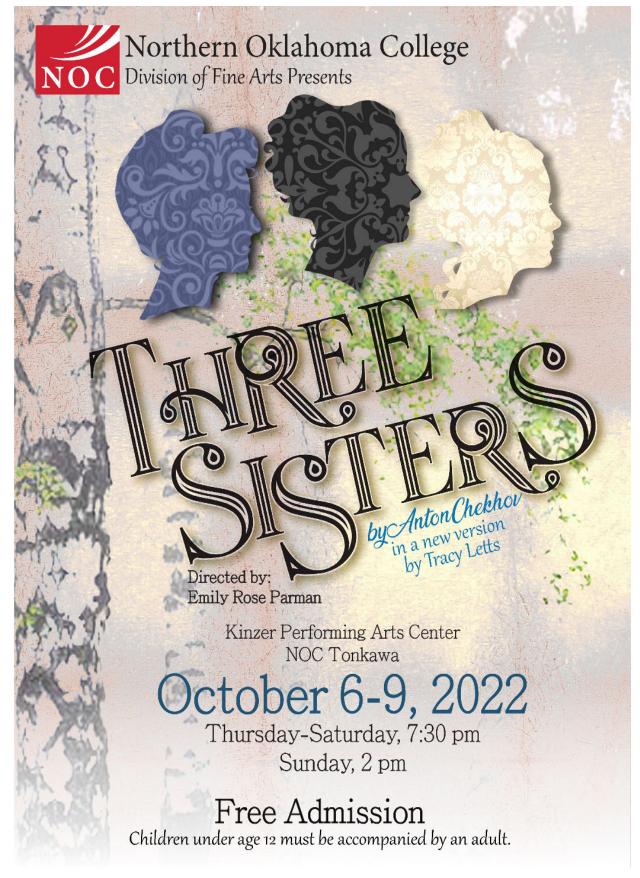
The NOC Roustabouts will perform at the event before their annual benefit show at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

The Distinguished Alumni Award, has been established to recognize the achievements of former students whose personal lives, professional achievements and community service exemplify the objectives of NOC. This award is the highest honor that Northern bestows upon an outstanding alumnus/a. To view the past honorees, visit the website at https://www.noc. edu/development/alumni/distinguished-alumni-hall-of-fame/award-recipients/.

Contact Wooderson at 580.628.6473, kayla. wooderson@noc.edu or visit the NOC website at www.noc.edu/alumni.



Life changing.





The "NOC Roustabouts" will perform two sets '21 Anthems and Iconic 70's at the Full Moon Concert Sunday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in Tonkawa Centennial Park. The Full Moon Concert series is in its 8th year and this final concert for the 2022 season is sponsored by North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park committee with support from Northern Oklahoma college and NOC Foundation.

Roustabouts to perform at Tonkawa Full Moon Concert Oct. 9

stage for the final Full Moon Concert of the season, Sunday, October 9 in Tonkawa Centennial Park, 301 East Grand in Tonkawa.

For this final concert in the 2022 series, Northern Oklahoma College and NOC Foundation joins North Central Oklahoma Arts Council and Heart in the Park Committee to sponsor this event on the night of the full moon.

The popular student ensemble will perform two sets: '21 Anthems and Iconic 70s. Additionally, there will be solos by current Roustabouts and guest appearances by NOC Roustabout alumni. A Northern tradition since 1964, the group travels extensively giving students the opportunity to gain performance experience while representing NOC statewide and beyond.

The family-friendly 2-hour outdoor concert

The "NOC Roustabouts" will command the begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Heart in the Park Pavilion and is free to all. NOC is supporting this community event and will host an information booth with giveaways, bottled water and games.

> Since bench seating in the park is limited, the public is invited to bring lawn chairs or blankets. Pets on leashes are welcome and restroom facilities are located across the street in the Santa Fe Depot.

Throughout the evening, concert goers may walk the world's only heart-shaped labyrinth, and the evening concludes with the traditional group howl at the full moon.

In case of inclement weather or for more information, check for Full Moon Concert updates at https://heartinthepark.org/ and on NCOAC Facebook: www.facebook.com/TonkawaArts/

Noc Grand Opening

OF THE PICKENS LEARNING COMMONS

A Building a Better NOC Initiative

Including Murals by Yatika Starr Fields and a Wonderful Art Collection from the Hugh and Dr. S. J. Pickens Museum

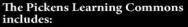


OPEN TO

Wednesday, October 12, 2022 Come and Go 3:30-5:00 p.m.

Brief Remarks and Ribbon Cutting at 4 p.m. Vineyard Library-Administration Building 1220 East Grand Avenue, NOC Tonkawa





- Library Services
- · Cultural Engagement Center (CEC)
- · Testing Center
- · Tutoring Services
- Career and Transfer Services
- · Enhanced Technology Resources
- · Distributed Study Space
- · Murals and Art Collection

Fine Arts' presentation 'Three Sisters' on stage at the KPAC through Sunday

The Northern Oklahoma College Division of first Chekhov piece, my goal was to give the Fine Arts presents "Three Sisters" by Anton Chekhov in a new version by Tracy Letts Oct. within the bounds of our rehearsal process. 6-9 at the Kinzer Performing Arts Center.

Showtimes Oct. 6-8 are 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 9 at 2 p.m.

The play is directed by Emily Rose Parman.

"Thank you for joining us for the first show of a new season, and NOC's first foray into the works of Anton Chekhov," Parman said.

"Three Sisters has had a special place in my heart since I first explored it as a designer in 2014. When I was considering plays for this year, the sense of constraint and longing felt by the Prozorov siblings really spoke to me.

We can all relate to the loss of our pre-pandemic lives, the constraints of lock down, and the longing to return to a sense of normalcy in no longer exists. We must find our way to a new life, and a new normal, just as the Prozorov's must do.

In envisioning this production, I took a relatively traditional approach. As this is NOC's

students as authentic an experience as I could They have risen to the challenge and then some. I would like to thank everyone in the Performing Arts department for welcoming me back for a second year. It is my delight to be back with these students, and I can't wait for all of you to witness their incredibly hard work on this classic masterpiece."

The cast is as follows:

Olga Prozorova--Regan Clapper, Masha Prozorova--Mallory Kyler, Irina Prozorova--Emma Valgora, Andrey Prozorov-- Nicholas Kelly, Colonel Vershinin-- David Miller, Baron Tuzenbach-- Kira Pendleton, Kulygin -- Nikolas Hoecker, Chebutykin-- Amberlynn Kelly, Solvony -- Christopher Thompson, Natasha-our lives. But in a very real way our old normal Alee Hunt, Anfisa--Mikaila Kraus, Ferapont--Jennifer Morales, Fedotik--Luke Mchenry, Rode--Raven Bruce, Violinist--Jaryd Hinch

Admission is free, children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

First Generation student events set for Tonkawa and Enid Oct. 13

NOC Tonkawa and NOC Enid are hosting a First-Generation College Student Kick-off aid opportunities. Event Thursday, Oct. 13.

100 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

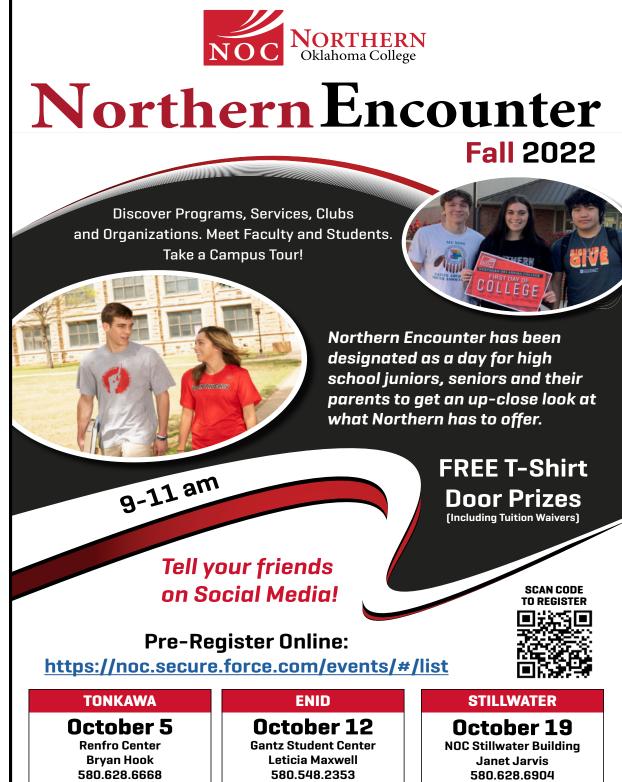
Tonkawa's event is at the Gazebo from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The event will include food and give-a-ways noc.edu (Tonkawa).

with information on scholarship and financial

The event offers first generation students an The Enid event is at the Gantz Center, Room opportunity to make connections and navigate their way to success.

> For more information, contact andrea. burnes@noc.edu (Enid) or Kathleen.swain@





The NOC Division of Fine Arts presents 'Three Sisters' on the KPAC stage through Sunday. Show times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 2 p.m. on Sunday.





Chikaskia Lit Festival Oct. 20-21

NOC Enid is hosting the 9th Annual Chikaskia Literary Festival Oct. 20-21.

The festival will be held in the Marshall Building Bivins Chapel.

Featured readers are Alan Berecka of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Joey Brown of Carl Junction, Missouri.

Twenty writers of poetry, fiction, and non-fiction will share their work.

Lovers of the Language Arts are welcome to come and enjoy works by regional award-winning poets and fiction writers.

The event is free for faculty, staff, students and the general public.

Mays All-Athletic Reunion Oct. 15

The Northern Oklahoma College Tonkawa Mavericks are hosting an All-Athletics Alumni Reunion Saturday, Oct. 15.

Alums will be hosted for a luncheon from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Renfro Center. Following the luncheon, there will be athletic team breakouts for each sport including Meet the Mavs, Athletic Activities, and Campus Tours.

The bookstore will be open from 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon and evening will be reserved for alumni groups to meet off campus.

RSVP to NOC Alumni Coordinator Kayla Wooderson at 580.628.6473 or kayla.wooderson@ noc.edu.

Jets Athletics Reunion Oct. 29

The Northern Oklahoma College Enid Jets are hosting an All-Athletics Alumni Reunion Saturday, Oct. 29.

Alums will be hosted for a luncheon from for alumni groups to meet off campus. 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Gantz Center. Following the luncheon, there will be athletic team breakouts for each sport including Meet the Jets, Athletic Activities, and Campus Tours.

The bookstore will be open from 1 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon and evening will be reserved

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Northern Encounter set for Enid, Stillwater

Northern Oklahoma College has announced Northern Encounter dates for Fall 2022.

Center); and Oct. 19 - Stillwater (NOC Classroom Building).

Northern Encounter is designated as a day for to get an up-close look at the programs and services that Northern has to offer.

Students will receive free t-shirts and door prizes. They will discover programs, services, The dates are as follows: Oct. 12 – Enid (Gantz clubs and organizations at NOC. They will also meet NOC faculty, students, and take a campus

For more information about Northern Enhigh school juniors, seniors, and their parents counter, contact Leticia Maxwell in Enid (580.548.2353) or Janet Jarvis in Stillwater (580.628.6904).



MAVERICKS

ATHLETICS ALUMNI REUNION

SATURDAY. OCTOBER

Following the luncheon there will be individual athletic team breakout groups with the following: Meet the Mavs Athletic Activities Campus Tour

Bookstore will be open 1:00-1:30 pm for NOC memorabilia.

Late afternoon/evening will be reserved for alumni groups to meet off campus.

ALUMNI LUNCHEON 11:30 AM -1:00 PM **RENFRO CENTER** NOC TONKAWA

RSVP by Monday, October 3 to Kayla Wooderson 580.628.6473 kayla.wooderson@noc.edu

As more details are finalized, updates will be posted on social media pages.

NOC Facebook



NOC Alumni Facebook



Mays Facebook



Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

by Mary Ann McCoy NOC Diversity Committee

A brief history: This observation began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson as Hispanic Heritage Week. President Ronald Reagan expanded it in 1988 to include a 30-day period, starting on September 15th and ending on October 15. September 15 was chosen as the starting point for Hispanic Heritage Month because it is the anniversary of independence of five

Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.

The Diversity Committee continues to spotlight Hispanic Heritage Month in week two by highlighting those Hispanic Americans in the field of Arts and Entertainment.



Rita Moreno

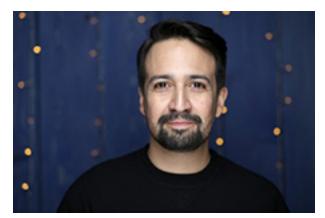
Rita Moreno has been a household name for decades, ever since she captivated audiences with her fierce portrayal of Anita in 1961's West Side Story. Moreno would go on to cement her name in history by winning the Best Supporting Actress Oscar for the role, becoming the first-ever Hispanic American woman to win an Academy Award. Moreno is of Puerto Rican descent.





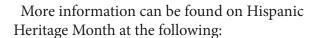
Jennifer Lopez

Jennifer Lopez was born in the Bronx, New York, in 1969 to Puerto Rican parents who supported her ambitions to become a singer, taking singing and dancing lessons starting at 5 years old. Lopez remains one of the most notable Hispanic American figures in the movie and music industry, often earning the status of "triple threat." She also earned critical acclaim for her role in 2019's Hustlers. Jenny from the Block" has always paid tribute to her Latin roots throughout her success.



Lin-Manuel Miranda

Few Hispanic Americans have made a bigger impact in recent pop culture than Lin-Manuel Miranda. Miranda was born in 1980 in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York City to Puerto Rican parents. Miranda won his first Tony Award that summer after the show received 13 nominations, earning four wins including Best Musical.



www.archives.gov/news/topics/hispanic-heritage-month



Gloria Estefan

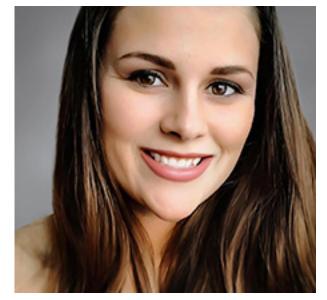
Singer Gloria Estefan is often synonymous with Latin music in the United States. Estefan was born in Cuba in 1957. The Estefan's family fled to Miami during the Cuban Revolution in 1959. Her lengthy career has earned her three Grammy Awards and a Presidential Medal of Freedom under President Obama in 2015, as well as the Kennedy Center Honors in 2017. The musical On Your Feet, telling the story of her and Emilio's life, premiered on Broadway in 2015.

Tonkawa nursing student honored by area health care foundation

Haylee Rogers has been selected as the Community Health Foundation's September Health-care Professional of the Month. Haylee is a part-time LPN at both Dr. John Holden's office and at Precise Home Health, as well as a full-time nursing student at NOC.

She was nominated by Amy Gory who said that she worked with Haylee for two years and that Haylee "is an excellent nurse to her patients that she comes in contact with and goes above and beyond to ensure quality healthcare for them." Amy went on to say, "I have witnessed Haylee numerous times go the extra mile for her patients and co-workers. She is very intelligent, and is a current nursing student at NOC. I am proud that Haylee is a dedicated nurse to Ponca City and surrounding areas. She takes the time to listen and understand each patient's individual needs. She is always striving to further enhance her clinical skills and knowledge."

Haylee graduated from Tonkawa High School in 2012. She said, "after graduating high school, I was driving to my minimum wage job when I witnessed a car accident on the highway in front of me. I was in a panic and I didn't know what to do. Luckily, a nurse was headed to work too stopped at the scene. She ran over to the vehicles and immediately took action. She was so calm, confident, and thorough. She changed the entire situation. I studied her as she assessed their injuries, kept the victims safe by protecting their necks, reassured them, and assigned tasks to bystanders like placing a call to 911. This event weighed on my heart and changed my life. I knew then that I wanted to be present on the best days and worst days of peoples' lives. Nurses get the honor of watching life enter the world and holding the hands of humans exiting the world. We get to be the ones



Haylee Rogers

who listen, care, provide, protect, educate, and hold. How awesome is that?!" After that, Haylee become a certified nurse assistant and then a certified medical assistant. She worked at Via Christi Nursing Home and then went to nursing school at Pioneer Technology and became an LPN. She then worked for Dr. Holden where she learned more about medications, therapies, and procedures and he motivated her to keep learning and growing, thus encouraging her to work towards a registered nurse license.

Haylee has received two scholarships from the Community Health Foundation to assist in her nursing education at NOC. After obtaining her registered nurse license, Haylee hopes to work in a local ICU. In her spare time, Haylee likes to spend as much time as possible with her husband and three-year-old daughter.

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Pre-Nursing Student Day set for Oct. 18

The NOC Nursing Division is hosting a Pre-Nursing Student Day Tuesday, Oct. 18 on all three NOC campuses.

The event is set for 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Tonkawa, Enid, and Stillwater.

Students have an opportunity to experience the nursing program with a facility tour and participate in a practice lab.

Advisors and faculty will be available to answer questions.

Email the students' name and campus to nursing@noc.edu to reserve a spot.

Call 580.628.6679 for additional information.

NOC October Birthdays



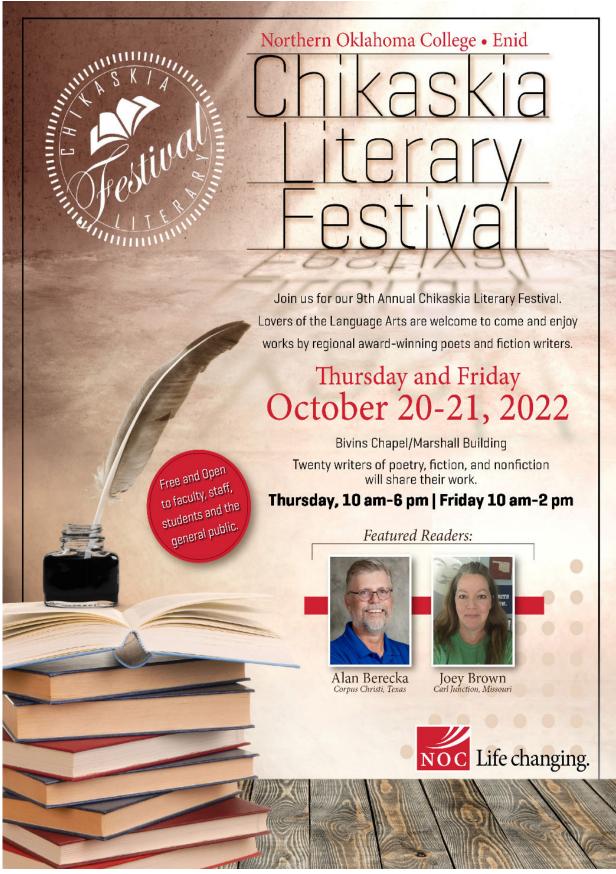
Troy Turner Ryan Tony Coleman Jerry Aldridge Andrea Burnes Candice Stow Cesar Zepeda Jalana Cloud Mary Gard Stephanie Weckler John Pickard	Oct. 9 Oct. 10 Oct. 12 Oct. 14 Oct. 14 Oct. 14 Oct. 15 Oct. 15 Oct. 15 Oct. 15	Lori Erasmus Alyce Webb Tammy Davis Julie Baggett Gene Mayo Wendy O'Neill Courtney Miller Pam Keeler Vickie Crouch Eddie Dixon	Oct. 17 Oct. 22 Oct. 24 Oct. 26 Oct. 27 Oct. 27 Oct. 28 Oct. 28 Oct. 28 Oct. 29
Tricia Moore	Oct. 17	Darryl Rogers	Oct. 30





The Jase Holtom Band played at NOC Enid for students faculty, and staff on Thursday night, courtesy of NOC Enid Resident Life.







NOC Tonkawa held a Northern Encounter program on Wednesday where area high school students and parents heard presentations about NOC and toured the campus.

Mobile Wellness Clinic in Tonkawa Oct. 10

The Kay County Mobile Wellnes Unit will be in Tonkawa on Monday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The county wellness unit has the most recent COVID-19 booster vaccines as well as Flu Shots.

Mavs' women's soccer ranked #17 in the NJCAA

NOC Tonkawa women's soccer is ranked #17 in the latest NJCAA poll. The Mavs (9-2-2) are in second place behind Seminole State with a 6-1-2 record. NOC is just ahead of Rose State, who has a 6-2-1 conference record. The Mavs travel to NEO on Sunday and then host #3 Seminole at 3 p.m. Wednesday.



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ALUMNI LUNCHEON 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

GANTZ STUDENT CENTER
MONTGOMERY HALL
NOC ENID

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Meet the Jets | Athletic Activities | Campus Tour

Bookstore will be open 1:00-1:30 pm for NOC memorabilia.

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As more details are finalized, updates will be posted on social media pages.





Jets Facebook ■ K Z ■

NOC Calendar

Oct. 8

Three Sisters, KPAC, 7:30 p.m.

Oct. 9

Home Jets Baseball vs. Tulsa Sandlot, 1 p.m., Enid Three Sisters, KPAC, 2 p.m., Tonkawa Away Mavs Soccer vs. NEO, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. Full Moon Concert featuring the Roustabouts, Downtown Tonkawa, 6:30 p.m.

Oct. 10

Kay County Mobile Wellness Clinic, Renfro Parking Lot, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Tonkawa Exotic Animal Petting Zoo, Gazebo, 10 a.m. - noon, Tonkawa 24 Works on Paper Art Exhibit (Mon - Fri), KPAC, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m., Tonkawa Yoga Mondays, EB Lobby, 8 p. m., Enid

Oct. 11

Free Lunch, BCM, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Tonkawa Runner Girls, Tonkawa Track, 2:30 p.m., Tonkawa Renew at the BCM, BCM, 6:30 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 12

Northern Encounter, Montgomery Hall, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m., Enid Free Student Lunch, Wesley House, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa BCM Student Lunch, James Room, 11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., Enid Board of Regents Meeting, President's Conference Room, 1 p.m., Tonkawa Home Women's Soccer vs. Seminole, 3 p.m. Grand Opening Pickens Learning Commons, Library, 3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m., Tonkawa BCM Gathering, BCM, 7 p.m., Enid Call of Duty Warzone, TBA, Enid

Oct. 13

Gen 1 Kickoff Event, Gantz Center 100, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Enid Gen 1 Kickoff Event, Gazebo, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m., Tonkawa Home Men's Soccer vs. Bethany College, 3 p.m. Breakfast for Dinner, The Hub, 8 p.m., Enid Haunted Sale Barn, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., Tonkawa

Oct. 14

Haunted Sale Barn, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m., Tonkawa

For additional information, visit the following links: NOC Calendar

H O M A SEMESTER Fall Student Activities | Mark your Calendars! Friday, September 16 Monday Thursday Wednesday September 19 Constutution September 22 September 14 Wilkin Truck Day Video Game **Dunk Tank** Dodge Ball Parade Trailer Voter Registration Gazebo Area Entrance of Campus East Gym Circle Drive Outside 9 am-1 pm 7:30 pm [Jenkins Street] 11 am-1 pm Ice Cream Truck Student Union 6-7 pm 10 am -1 pm 6-8 pm Thursday-Friday Wednesday Monday Wednesday Monday October 14-15 October 13 September 26 October 5 October 10 Tonkawa Tonkawa **Paint Night Bubble Soccer Extreme Animal** Haunted Haunted East Gym North of Petting Zoo Sale Barn Sale Barn Softball Field 6:30 pm Gazebo Area 8-10 pm 8-11 pm *Please sign up in Studen Affairs by Monday, Sept. 19t 6-9 pm 10 am - Noon Dead End of 7th & Rivera Must show valid Student ID Dead End of 7th 6 Rivera Must show valid Student ID hursday-Saturday Tuesday Tuesday Monday Wednesday October 20-22 October 17 October 18 October 25 October 26 Tonkawa Magician Show Family Feud Miss NOC **Family Feud** Haunted KPAC, 7:30 pm 7:30 pm KPAC, 7:30 pm Sale Barn 7:30 pm Winners from week before face Enid Campus Winners 8-11 pm Dead End of 7th & Rivers fust show valid Student I Monday Thursday-Saturday Monday Wednesday Tuesday October 31 October 27-29 November 7 November 2 November 8 Tonkawa Tonkawa Paint Night Bingo **Archery Tag** Haunted Haunted East Gym for Food East Gym Sale Barn Sale Barn 6:30 pm East Gym 7:30 pm 8-10 pm 8-11 pm Please sign up in Student airs by Monday, Sept. 19th 7:30 pm Dead End of 7th & River lust show valid Student Dead End of 7th & River Must show valid Student Wednesday Tuesday Monday Tuesday November 16 November 29 December 6 December 12 **Golf Simulator** Bedlam Christmas Movie Food for Finals Basketball and Cookie Racquetball Court Student Union vs Enid Decorating 7:30 pm 7:30 pm Women 5:30 pm East Gym, 6:30 pm Men 7:30 pm