Carroll Shelby program plans construction

By Elise Lively
Editor-in-Chief

Fourteen years ago, legendary race car driver and designer Carroll Shelby and his family began financially investing into the Northeast Texas Community College automotive program. Shortly after, both the program and the facility housing it were named after Shelby, and now a second facility on the NTCC campus will bear his name.

The idea for the facility was born shortly after Jon McCullough, NTCC executive vice president for advancement, met with Barry Smith, owner of Legendary GT, a vehicle restoration center licensed by Shelby American. McCullough explained that it’s important to keep the Shelby brand alive, and to do so a car can actually be worked on. So, if we get another nice car like this (1966 Mustang), and we can complete the restoration, that will be where we will restore it. Hence the name Shelby Restoration Center.

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Students in the NTCC auto body shop prepare vehicle parts for painting during a class held in the Shelby Automotive building.

Automotive program to build Shelby showroom

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we’re starting to collect, and no place to store them," Tom Whitworth, instructor of Carroll Shelby Automotive program, said. "We end up having to push them in and out of the shop to work in the shop and actually use the shop as a functioning shop. So, if I give a place to store this stuff here and keep it kind of out of the way.

The Shelby Restoration Center will be built with large windows and spotlights that will allow students and visitors to view the vehicles from outside at any time.

While many of these collectible cars will be sitting in their new home for years to come, the two 1968 Mustangs being donated by Legendary GT will eventually be auctioned off to fund additional student opportunities.

"These cars are going to make our scholarship and internship programs sustainable," McCullough said.

For the first few years after their donation, the vehicles will be displayed in the Shelby Restoration Center and will travel with the program to events like SEMA, one of the largest car shows in the country held annually in Las Vegas, and various other car shows. In 2023, the cars will be auctioned off to fund additional student offerings in the Scottsdale, Ariz. The cars are estimated to sit at around $400,000 each by that time.

"...If we would be a really good recruiting tool for potential students or potential investors who come in to see the school," Ron Ludfin, NTCC director of Shelby Automotive program, said. "They will be able to see those projects that we have done in all those areas. That will be a big plus.

McCullough said the new facility is "one of the biggest parts of what we’ve envisioned" at the start of the Shelby partnership 14 years ago.

"He didn’t want us to become a race car school," McCullough said. "He didn’t want us to become a dog car school. He wanted us to take his name, use the confidence of his name to create automotive mechanics, provide opportunities for students who don’t have those opportunities. So, I think he’d be extremely satisfied.

This year, the Shelby Foundation donated an additional $30,000, which will benefit the Restoration Center, alongside the $30,000 donated by Legendary GT.

McCullough said the goal is to have the building constructed this summer on the grassy lawn in front of the automotive building. Construction will be funded solely through donations.

With a wide smile on his face, McCullough explained that he believes Shelby would be proud of the immensely sustainable program.

"I could almost just picture him leaning back in a chair and just smiling and saying ‘I knew we could do this. This is what I envisaged, right?"

By Skylar FonFren

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The course will be hands-on as students work on what they’re learning. Restaurant owners and students will have the opportunity to create between four and six arrangements.

The course can be counted toward a horticulture degree, agriculture degree, or electives. The goal is that this class will be required for both college students and high school students. For this first semester, however, the class will only be available to college students.

Ron McCullough, NTCC director of sustainable agriculture, said she desired for this class to be the bring the floriculture and agriculture together and the creativity online. McCracken said it’s a great honor and opportunity to make something-in a life-like nothing else.

Flowers are used to express feelings that many cannot otherwise express, such as in funeral or wedding bouquets and, yet, there is a science to designing those arrangements, from the pots to the base to placing the flowers and making sure they blend with each other.

In preparation for this class, NTCC will be adding a cut flower garden to use not only for floral design, but also as an opportunity for the florists to learn from others as well as those on campus.

McCracken added that there are also plans being made to expand the flower garden once the time to time to make rooms in the community. Some of the flowers for the gardens have already been planted.

"Anyone who is interested in helping plant flowers during the summer is welcome," McCracken said. In exchange for their help, volunteers may be able to take some plants home with them.

"It’ll just be full of life and color and everyone can enjoy it," McCracken said. "It can also be a science to designing those arrangements.

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The class, FMKT 2331, Agricultural Marketing will only be available to both college students and high school students. For this first semester, however, the class will only be available to college students.

The class is offered at Northeast Texas Community College in the fall of 2021 and is currently being taught by instructor Cyruss Ragsdale.

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Ragsdale said he has been teaching high school, Ragsdale started, and continues to this day, on his own business, where he keeps the farms open for special occasions and makes custom arrangements.

The class, FMKT 2331, will be held on Thursdays and Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

If you’re interested, you can sign up for the class and still look to enjoy the vaccine while deciding whether or not it is right for them.

"Vaccines are plentiful," Clinton said. "We encourage and recommend all of our students to get vaccinated, all of our staff to get vaccinated. But we also realize this is a personal decision, and we trust that people will make the right decisions for themselves.

Student housing had been affected by the previous vaccine protocols. Parts of the dorms were closed off to comply with the social distancing standards and provide a quarantine room. The dorms will be under scheduled maintenance this summer for them to ready for use in the fall of 2021.

However, McCullough said that requiring students to get vaccinated may not be an option.

"There’s some questions about legally what you can do so far as mandatory goes, so we’re just waiting to see what other colleges are going to do," McCullough said.

NTCC sent a survey out to the staff in March. The results showed that roughly a quarter of the staff had been vaccinated at that time. The student survey was recently sent out and the results were on par with the staff.

Roughly 24% to 28% of the students have been vaccinated. Clinton said he encourages students, faculty and staff to look to enjoy the vaccine while deciding whether or not it is right for them.

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The Northwest Texas Community College Continuing Education Department will host its Kids Discovery College July 12-22 (Monday-Thursday) in the Instruction Annex building.

They are pleased to announce that classes will be offered face-to-face on the NTCC campus with existing registration and 10-15 student prerequisites in place. Classes are open to kids ages 6-16.

“You can be sure that every class will be very well loved by the kids,” Lisa York, NTCC Director of Continuing Education said.

They put together a great schedule of fun, educational classes and programs. The classes are so happy that we are going to be able to keep more camps available for this year’s kids camp. We have put together a great schedule of fun, interactive learning experiences for all ages,” Lisa York, NTCC Director of Continuing Education and Corporate Training said.

Course options include Baking with Chef Hannah, Cooking with Chef Reeves (at the NTCC Culinary Arts School in Pittsburg), Dropping 101, “Alice in Wonderland” – The Mini Musical, Meaningful Mindful Clay Art, Animating, 3D Printing, Mad Science, Challenge Accepted, KDDC Channel 1 News, Robotics 1, Picture This! Photography, Photoshop 101, Video Game Design and First Responder Academy.

Early registration is currently underway through May 21. Last registration is June 1 through 30 and the last day to add or drop classes is June 30. To learn more, visit www.ntcc.edu/kidscollege, e-mail continuinged@ntcc.edu or call 903-458-4134.

The Ag department recently hosted the 2021 Farm Camp on the NTCC Farm. The Kids Homesteading College took place June 14 through June 24, Monday through Thursday of each week from 8 a.m. to noon.

The twist to this camp is that each camper was buddyed up with a “big brother” or “big sister” from the WorkCollege students in experience the farm and gardens each day.

The Kid’s College Education was designed to students 8 to 16 years of age with an interest in gardening/livestock or animals.
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OPINION

"Papers, please"

By Doc Anderson
Staff Writer

Dear Readers,

In my first issue of The Eagle three years ago, I published a column ranting about how real estate was so very unfair for many in the city. In that time, I have learned that change always happens, but it usually takes time to make the change happen.

In this past year, I have worked on a project that has taught me a lot about human nature. I have come to realize that people can be so very different from each other, yet they can also be so very similar.

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I have learned that people can be generous and selfless, but they can also be selfish and greedy. I have learned that people can be brave and courageous, but they can also be afraid and timid.

I have learned that people can be intelligent and insightful, but they can also be dull and obtuse. I have learned that people can be creative and original, but they can also be copycats and imitators.
Despite the fact that “The Outsiders” hit book stands over 50 years ago, the novel still resonates with readers. It’s a timeless novel about finding unity among the differences that make us who we are.

BTS breaks records with new single “Butter”

By Julika Watsonroder
Editor-in-Chief

If you haven’t heard about BTS yet, you have either been living under a rock or you only listen to country music.

While the K-pop group has been in the South Korean music industry for eight years now, they have only recently broken onto the American stage.

For the group’s latest single, “Butter,” which ended in action D. The end.

Hinton takes readers behind the scenes of life as a true greaser, where we find that it’s uncomfortable, painful and sad. Yes, they even talk about racism and police brutality.

BTS’ new single broke the record for the most views in the first 24 hours on YouTube.

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Men’s and women’s soccer ends with postseason loses

By Jorje Weatherford
Editor-in-Chief

The Northeast Texas Community College Men’s Soccer traveled to Tyler, Texas on October 26 to take on the Tyler Junior College Apaches in the Region XIV Tournament on Thursday, May 20. This being the third time the Eagles have faced the Apaches during the season.

The Eagles went into the postseason as the number 6 seed with an overall record of 3-7-1. NTCC had been defeated by TJC with a devastating 6-0 loss less than two weeks prior. However, the Eagles were able to prevent TJC’s attacking threat and the match remained scoreless for the majority of the first half. The Apaches scored with 15 minutes to go in the half, and the Eagles were down 0-1.

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By Justin Hargrove
Assistant Athletic Director

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Eagles suffer season-ending loss against Panola

By Joelle Weatherford

The Northeast Texas Community College Eagles’ season ended in a recent showdown against Panola College. Both Panola and NTCC had their offenses going, but NTCC eventually succumbed 16-7 in the high-scoring affair. NTCC struggled to put runs on the board and had a tough time defensively containing Panola, giving up 16 runs.

The Ponies got things moving in the first inning, with a single on a 2-2 count, scoring one run. NTCC knotted the game up at two in the bottom of the third inning, when Panola induced Jake Chapman to hit into a fielder’s choice that scored one run. Panola pulled away for good with five runs in the fourth inning. A home run in the fourth on a 0-1 count that scored two runs, a single on a 2-2 count that scored one run, a single on the first pitch of the at bat that scored one run and a sac fly that scored another run for Panola.

NTCC put up four runs in the sixth inning. Cameron Loy, Caleb Munton, and Luke McBride each had RBIs in the frame. Panola scored five more runs in the seventh inning that sealed the game for the Ponies.

Mikel Howell started the game for NTCC. The righthander went three and a third innings, allowing seven runs on seven hits and striking out seven. Chance Bolter and Camden Sargent entered the game from the bullpen, throwing three and a third innings and two and a third innings respectively. NTCC had three home runs on the day. Munton went yard in the sixth inning, Cole Modgling had a dinger in the first inning and Loy had a long ball in the sixth inning.

NTCC racked up 13 hits on the day. Loy, Sawyre Thornhill, Khalon Clayton and Chapman all managed multiple hits for NTCC.

Loy led the Eagles with three hits in four at bats. Despite the loss, NTCC was sure-handed and did not commit a single error with Loy making the most plays on the day with 12.
CAMPUS LIFE

Special to The Eagle

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Student Fiona Carrick gives Eagle Pantry Adviser Carmen Shurtleff a glow-in-the-dark makeover.

NTCC soccer player Thomas Brulay enjoys a game of foam tag.

Above, NTCC baseball player Camron Loy receives his fill of crawfish during the EatBetter4Less event.

Left, the foam party gave students the chance to have a little fun before taking on finals week.