Video highlights a day in the life of Andrej Kurti, set to violin sonatas

**Dr. Andrej Kurti**, associate professor, violin, viola and chamber orchestra, is featured in a video created to promote a CD of music written for the violin.

“Recently I recorded the CD of the music written for the violin solo, which one of the most difficult and challenging repertoire ever written for the violin,” Kurti said. “The music is by Eugene Ysaye, and the title is ‘Six Sonatas for Violin Solo, op.27.’ You can also see it at the end of the video.”

The CD was recorded for the music label Blue Griffin Recording based in Lansing, Mich., with Dr. Sergei Kvitko as the sound engineer and producer. Kvitko holds a doctorate in piano performance from Michigan State University.

“Kvitko is also the one who recorded and made the video. He was a guest at my NSU faculty recital on March 14, and then on March 15 and 16 we shot footage for two movies/videos,” he said.

A second video is currently in
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Dr. Paul Nagel, College of Education and Human Development, was awarded a $1,275 travel scholarship from the American Association of Geographers to attend the 2012 Department Leadership Workshop in Boulder, Colo., June 13-17. The theme of the workshop is “Promoting Diversity in Geography: Strategies to Improve Inclusion, Broaden Participation, and Assess Actions.” The focus is on sharing practices of interested faculty to develop, expand, or plan for diversity initiatives.

Topics included recruitment and retention of undergraduates and graduates.

Elizabeth Graves, librarian at Watson Library, presented at two webinars with Julie Obst of Piedmont Community College for Libraries Thriving on May 14 and 16. The presentation, “Find, Point, Scan: Using QR Codes® in Your Library,” discussed what QR codes® are and how they planned and implemented projects using QR codes® in their libraries.

On Friday, May 18, Graves presented “QR Codes®: Linking Patrons To Your Library and the World Through Their Smartphones” at the AABIG (Atlanta Area Bibliographic Instruction Group) conference “Innovation on a Dime” at the University of West Georgia in Carrollton, Ga.

Dr. Thomas Reynolds, Language and Communication, traveled to Philadelphia, Penn., in May to present a paper at the biennial conference of the Rhetoric Society of America. He chaired a session on Early U.S. Rhetorics and delivered a paper on Ben Franklin: “Franklin and Empiricism: On Becoming a Tolerable English Writer.” In May, Reynolds also received notification from the South Central Modern Language Association that he has been funded for an SCMLA Conference Travel Grant Award for the 2012 annual conference that will be held in San Antonio in November.

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production and will feature Kurti performing and speaking about himself, Northwestern and Natchitoches. Kurti is currently visiting his home in Belgrade, Serbia.

Eugene Ysaye’s “Six Sonatas for Violin Solo” have only been recorded by 26 people before Kurti, he said.

“Therefore, I am very happy, fortunate and proud that I will be joining ‘the club!’ This opus was the topic of my doctoral dissertation from the University of Georgia, which I received in 2003, one year before accepting the faculty position at NSU.

“The idea of six sonatas -- each one representing a part of that day -- was mine. However, Kvitko and I brainstormed a bit and came up with the ideas for both movies. What is really wonderful and fortunate for me is that the City of Natchitoches’ community made these movies possible with their financial support. About 25 families and individuals helped. The most instrumental ones are Jan and Rodney Harrington, Melanie McCain and Wayne McCullen.”

Kurti has received complimentary responses from all over the world.

“In the past few weeks I have received probably around 300 messages mainly via Facebook and also on YouTube,” he said. “I am planning to have a solo violin recital in the Fall, most likely in Magale Recital Hall, which should also serve as the CD release party, where the interested buyers will have their CDs signed by me.”

To view the video, visit youtube.com and search “Andrej Kurti.”

CDs are available at www.andrejkurti.com.
The Student Nursing Association at Northwestern State’s Leesville-Fort Polk campus created a Baby Basket to support Beauregard Memorial Hospital’s Relay for Life campaign to benefit the American Cancer Society. This annual donation is a way for the SNA to give back to the community and to thank Beauregard Memorial for their continued support of the nursing program and NSU. From left are Aundrea Hasty, Katie Port, Nick Stevens, Kathy Johnson, Jessica Roberts and Deborah Hickman, MSN, RN, CNE.

**Chronicle of Higher Ed** commends Northwestern State’s commitment to environmental stewardship

The *Chronicle of High Education* recognized Northwestern State University as one of 150 colleges and universities in the United States that is a designated Tree Campus USA, a free Arbor Day Foundation program.

“This special distinction sets your campus apart from other schools and shows your commitment to encouraging students and university personnel to care for our planet’s tree resources,” wrote Dan Lambe, vice president for programs for the Arbor Day Foundation, in a letter to NSU President Dr. Randall J. Webb. “Together we can foster a sense or environmental stewardship in college students across the country.”

“NSU has participated in the Tree Campus USA program for the last few years. Our participation is one more way in which NSU remains committed to building a greener, more beautiful space for our faculty, staff, students and community,” said Steve Gruesbeck, director of Service-Learning at Northwestern State.

Northwestern State was the first college or university in Louisiana to be named a Tree Campus USA, having met the required five core standards of tree care and community engagement in order to receive Tree Campus USA status. Those standards are establishing a campus tree advisory committee; evidence of a campus tree-care plan; verification of dedicated annual expenditures on the campus tree-care plan; involvement in an Arbor Day observance; and the institution of a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student body.

The designation enhances Northwestern’s green initiatives, which include a recycling program, campus beautification, service-learning and community programs.
Faculty and students from Northwestern State University who participated in the University of Louisiana System’s first Academic Summit in May presented on diverse topics ranging from nutrition awareness for children to mass fatality protocol for law enforcement officials to cellular localization. The two-day conference focused on undergraduate research, juried student art and service-learning.

“We have 94,000 students and over 9,000 faculty and staff at our institutions. This event was about showcasing the high caliber of work taking place, in many instances, outside of the classroom. It also afforded opportunities for our campuses to forge stronger working relationships with a system-wide approach to collaboration,” said UL System President Randy Moffett.

Last year, Northwestern State hosted the first UL System Undergraduate Research Day and Grambling State University hosted the sixth annual UL System Service-Learning Conference. Those two independent activities were combined into one Academic Summit to provide a richer experience for all involved.

Northwestern State’s service-learning presentations are listed as follows. The projects represent research with community impact components.

- Portion Distortion: A Nutrition Awareness Service-Learning Project, by Dr. Michelle Morris and Dr. Terrie Poehl, faculty, College of Education and Human Development
- Service-Learning and Research in the Unified Public Administration Capstone Course: Small Numbers, Significant Impact by Dr. Jack Atherton, faculty, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences
- Hazard Risk Assessment Template for Houses of Worship by Doyle Dennis, Unified Public Safety Administration
- Intermediate Level Regional Mass Fatality Plan by Gifford Saravia of New Iberia, Unified Public Safety Administration
- Standard Operating Procedure for Thermal Imaging Camera for the Cotile Volunteer Fire Department by Paula Chandler of Boyce, Unified Public Safety Administration

“Foggy Snow,” an art piece by Marlana Stokes of Leesville, was included in the Summit’s juried art exhibit. Student artwork from the nine universities in the University of Louisiana System was submitted to and reviewed by an independent juror. Thirty-two pieces were selected out of 400 submissions.

Undergraduate research presenters from several disciplines participated in the Summit. Each oral presentation and poster presentation was selected based on original intellectual or creative contribution to the discipline. Oral presenters are as follows.

- A Novel Mechanism for Regulating Glycolysis and Glutaminolysis During the Cell Cycle by Saul Carcamo of San...
Pedro Sula, Honduras, Liberal Arts/Scientific Inquiry
- **An Analysis of Adiponectin Levels in High Fat and mCMV Infected Mice** by Bethany Lavergne of Opelousas, Liberal Arts/Scientific Inquiry/Biology,
- **Is French Toast?: The Fall of French as the Leading Lingua Franca** by Kyle May of Baton Rouge, Liberal Arts/Foreign Language
- **Construction and Validation of a Stage-Classified Matrix Model of Alligator mississippiensis** by Mary Hebert of Westlake, Liberal Arts/Scientific Inquiry

Undergraduate research poster presentations included the follow.

- **A Critical Assessment of the Incident Command System** by Al Landry of Lafayette and Elizabeth Mrak of Iota, Unified Public Safety Administration
- **Investigations into Alignment of Carbon Nanotubes (CNTs) in Nanocomposites Using Fluorescence Spectr** by Sarena Senegal and Kena Sengal of Lake Charles, chemistry
- **Can Positive Thoughts Prevent Illnesses?** by Jasmine Scott of Arlington, Texas, psychology
- **Cellular Localization of TRPV2 and Molecular Mechanisms of TRPV2 Translocation** by Christian Marks of Opelousas, Liberal Arts/Scientific Inquiry
- **Histologic Types and Risk Factors in Familial Lung Cancer Cases from Southern Louisiana** by Matthew Haskins of Folsom, Liberal Arts/Scientific Inquiry

The University of New Orleans has established an online conference archive of Academic Summit proceedings through its ScholarWorks@UNO open access digital repository.
Science is fun!

This message was shared with 10 Girl Scouts in a tie dye experiment in one of the Northwestern State University chemistry laboratories. Carol Chin, a joint faculty member with NSU and the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training; NCPTT personnel Debbie Smith and Mary Striegel served as the lab instructors for girls in fourth though sixth grade. The girls are members of Girl Scouts of Louisiana Pines to the Gulf Council Troop 1512 and are Junior and Cadette Scouts.

“Most had done some tie dye before, but in this experiment we discussed color and the separation of colors through a technique called chromatography,” Chin said.

The girls first prepared their t-shirts and while the colors set used chromatography to separate some of the dyes they had used, creating “flower chromatograms” in the process. To do this, they placed a few drops of the chosen dye in the center of a piece of round filter paper, then applied a solvent, in this case alcohol, drop by drop to the center of the filter paper until the dye began to spread toward the edge. As the dye crept toward the edge, it separated into its component colors, in some cases resulting in a rainbow effect. Pipe cleaners were used to fashion a stem for the flower chromatograms.

After the chromatography exercise, the girls rinsed their tie dyed shirts and looked for evidence of chromatography, or the separation of component colors, in the dyes they applied to their shirts. “Regardless of whether their shirts had also developed as chromatograms, they were all beautifully groovy,” Chin said.

Girl Scouts completing the chemistry project were, front row from left, Carissa Kautz, Lauren Mathews, Veronica Sturman and Devon Mathews. On the middle row are Emma Gruesbeck, Mary Smith and Claire Spann. On the back row are Makana Carter and Carlee Scott.

Girl Scouts learn groovy chemistry principles

Girl Scouts Claire Spann and Makana Carter applied a solvent to filter paper during a tie-dye activity at Northwestern State University. The troop learned how to create chromatograms and dye colorful t-shirts.
Dr. Harry Briggs, NSU Leesville political science faculty member, swam two miles across Kincaid Lake in Alexandria as a fundraiser for scholarships. Harry is admired and beloved by all and at 91 continues to challenge himself to benefit young people. He recently gifted Northwestern State University with $120,000 in endowments benefiting students in the NSU tennis program and Cenla's nursing and radiologic science programs. “Harry’s Big Swim” was sponsored by CHRISTUS St. Frances Cabrini Hospital, Rapides Regional Medical Center, Southern Chevrolet Cadillac, La Capitol Federal Credit Union, Gregory B. O’Quin and Tunk’s Cypress Inn. Dr. Briggs completed the swim in record time and arrived at the docks to cheers from Demon supporters, Central Louisiana Chamber members and media representatives. Jimbo Thiels, NSU alum and Tunk’s owner, made it a real 91st birthday party with food, music and lots of cake.

Cenla faculty and staff celebrated Harry’s Big Swim at Tunk’s Cypress Inn. On the front row from left are Kari Cook, Dr. Harry Briggs and Marsha Zulick. On the back row are Chris Eding, Rebecca Harrell, Leah Pearce, Judy Kreideweis and Peggy Lodridge. The third annual swim to benefit nursing and radiologic science students in Alexandria took place Thursday, May 17. This year’s event raised more than $5,800 through sponsorships, donations and raffles.
CONGRATULATIONS

The following individuals received notification of an award from the Louisiana Board of Regents Support Fund (BORSF) under the following subprogram:

**Undergraduate Enhancement Subprogram**

Dr. James Crank, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, an award of $20,000 for “Establishing a Distinguished Speakers Series at Northwestern State University”;

Dr. Wanda Goleman, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science, Technology and Business, an award of $71,684 for “Development of Histology Laboratory in the Department of Biological Sciences”;

Dr. Zafer Hatahet, Department of Biological Sciences, College of Science, Technology and Business, an award of $70,939 for “Enhancement of Introductory Biology Labs,” and;

Dr. Kathryn Kelly, Department of Psychology, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, an award of $22,365 for “Strengthening the Clinical Psychological Assessment Training Program through a Greater Number and Range of Assessment Materials.”

**Traditional Enhancement Subprogram**

Mr. Michael Matthews, Division of Serials and Media, Watson Memorial Library, an award of $62,500 for “Streaming Video Library of Counseling Techniques, Practices, and Methods for Psychology Students and Faculty.” Dr. Cynthia Lindsey is collaborator.

Dr. Vickie Gentry, Dean for College of Education and Human Development, received notification of a $7,500 award from Louisiana Board of Regents for “Common Core State Standards (CCSS) and Assessment: K-12/Postsecondary Alignment.” Dr. Kimberly McAlister is collaborator.

Dr. Norann Planchock, Dean for College of Nursing and Allied Health, received notification of a $675,160 award from the Rapides Foundation for “Rapides Foundation Practitioner Project in Alexandria.” Dr. Dana Roe is collaborator.

Ms. Julie Longlois, Office of Electronic and Continuing Education/Carl D. Perkins Program, received notification of a $20,000 award from the Louisiana Community and Technical College System for “LCTCS Carl D. Perkins Leadership Grant – Fiscal Year 2012.”

Drs. Tommy Hailey and Hiram F. Gregory, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, received notification of a $25,000 award from the Cane River National Heritage Area for “Collections Management of CRNHA-Related Materials at NSU CRO and the Williamson Museum.”

Dr. Shane Rasmussen, LA Folklife Center, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, received notification of a $9,375 award from the Cane River National Heritage Area for “33rd Annual Natchitoches-NSU Folklife Festival.”

**Current Activities**

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the University of California – Berkeley for “Teacher Leadership Development Grants for Local NWP Sites.”

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Dr. Dana Roe, Department of Nursing, College of Nursing and Allied Health, submitted a proposal to Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) for “NSU – AEN Traineeship Project – 2012-2013.”

Ms. Lisa Rougeou, Department of Language and Communication, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the University of California – Berkeley for “Evaluating the Impact of Professional Development to Meet Challenging Writing Standards in High-Need Elementary Schools.”

Mr. Joe Morris, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, submitted four (4) proposals to the U.S. Department of Justice each entitled:

“Using Social Media to Implement and Enhance COP”;

“Center for Collaborative Partnerships”;

“Comprehensive Integration of Social Media for COP” and;

“Using Social Media in Criminal Investigations.”

Ms. Daphne Levenson and Ms. Polly Snell are collaborators.

Mr. Jeffrey Girard, Department of Criminal Justice, History and Social Sciences, College of Arts, Letters, Graduate Studies and Research, submitted a proposal to the Louisiana Division of Archaeology entitled “Regional Archaeology Program 201-2013.”

For more information regarding funding opportunities, visit ORSP’s website at www.nsula.edu/orsp.
Thousands of prospective students will get their first impression of college during a camp at NSU this summer

Northwestern State University will host more than 9,000 students and staff at summer camps on its Natchitoches campus. More than 40 camps will be at Northwestern State for a variety of programs including band, art and music camps, Louisiana Boys State and Girls State, cheerleading and sports camps, Project Lead the Way, the ADVANCE Program for Young Scholars, the Louisiana Association of Student Councils and more.

“Northwestern State feels it is important to host camps on our campus each summer,” said Dr. Chris Maggio, NSU’s dean of students and assistant provost for student life. “We feel it is beneficial to expose the camp participants to a college campus. For many students it is their first look at a university and we feel this starts college exploration process even for kids at a young age.” About half of the camps are overnight camps, requiring the students to stay in either the University Columns, University Place I and II or Varnado Hall and have meals at Iberville Hall. Maggio says this gives camp participants a good idea of what student life is like at Northwestern State.

“They have many of the same daily experiences our students do, by living in our residence halls, eating in the cafeteria, utilizing our state of the art facilities and often getting instruction from NSU faculty and staff,” he said. “We hope that this excites students to want to be a part of the collegiate experience. A number of our students have told me the first time they learned about Northwestern State was at a summer camp.”

This year’s summer camps will have an estimated economic impact of nearly $3.4 million on the local economy, according to Iris Harper, executive director of the Natchitoches Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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*mance, music education and secondary education.

Secondary candidates completed programs in English, social studies, and family and consumer science. Connie Melder, director of field experience and clinical practice, coordinates placement and supervision for student teaching.

“This semester’s candidates were recognized for their diligence and success in completing the rigorous requirements of student teaching,” said Dr. Vickie Gentry, dean of the College of Education and Human Development, who, along with Dr. Kimberly McAllister, head of the Department of Teaching and Learning, congratulated the students.

Allison Breaux Erikson, a 2011 graduate in elementary education and a first-year teacher at M.R. Weaver Elementary School, addressed the candidates on the challenges and joys of the first year of teaching.

Associate Director of Alumni Affairs Haley Blount presented candidates with NSU memorabilia and shared information about the NSU Alumni Association.

Program faculty presented each candidate with a special pin designed to represent both the teaching profession and Northwestern State University. Faculty included Dr. Sharon Joy, Dr. Greg Handel and Bill Brent with music education, Jo Weaver with early childhood education, Dr. Paul Nagel and Keisha Hawkins with elementary and secondary education, and Dr. Bill Dickens with health and human performance.

“Student teaching is the culminating course in all undergraduate teacher preparation programs,” Melder said.

“This important undergraduate experience provides opportunities for hands-on practice in testing theoretical concepts in the real life settings of school classrooms and enables each candidate to comfortably and gradually assume all the roles and responsibilities of a fully certified teacher. Student teaching is a challenge demanding the very highest levels of moral, personal and professional commitment.”
**Quilt Raffle**

Linda Nichols, nursing instructor at Northwestern State University’s Leesville-Fort Polk campus, won a Flower Garden quilt that was raffled to benefit the Wounded Warriors Unit at Fort Polk. Joyce Barnes, nursing advisor, made the king-sized quilt, which raised $855 for the Unit. From left are Nichols and Maj. Logan Fileccia, commander of the Warrior Transition Unit at Fort Polk, who drew Nichols’ name.

Joyce Barnes, nursing advisor at Northwestern State University’s Leesville-Fort Polk campus, presented Maj. Logan Fileccia with a check for $1,000 to benefit the Wounded Warrior Unit at Fort Polk. Funds were raised by raffling a quilt that Barnes made and through meals she prepared and sold to personnel at the Leesville/Fort Polk campus.

**University event calendar linked to nsula.edu**

Northwestern State’s new calendar of events went live April 19 and is available for faculty and staff to use to list events regarding their department or office open activities.

The calendar can be accessed at nsula.edu/calendar. The calendar includes campus events which are open to the public or promote the educational mission of Northwestern State. Users can filter the calendar to show events they are most interested in and can download events to their personal calendar.

Those on the Northwestern State campus who need to book rooms for campus events should still use the existing EMS system. To place events on the calendar, faculty and staff should work with the campus communicator in their area of the Office of Marketing and Branding.

For more information, contact **Bill Smith** at extension 4245 or e-mail smithb@nsula.edu or Christina Lake at extension 4414 or lakec@nsula.edu.
Nostalgia abounds in 2012 Summer Dinner Theatre

Northwestern State University Theatre will stage two nostalgic Summer Dinner Theatre presentations this summer. Features are “100 Years of Broadway: A Musical Review” and “The Taffetas: A Musical Journey through the Fabulous Fifties.”

Performances for “100 Years of Broadway” will be presented June 13-16 and June 20-23. Andrew Lewis is director and musical director. Pia Wyatt is choreographer.

The menu for “100 Years of Broadway” is a choice of vegetarian lasagna with garlic bread, chicken cordon bleu, rice pilaf with bell peppers, onions and mushroom and a roll. Both entrees come with pasta e fagioli soup, roasted seasoned vegetables, Caesar salad, cheesecake, water, tea and coffee.

The Taffetas will be performed July 25-28 and Aug. 1-4. The show was conceived by Rick Lewis. Andrew Lewis is director and choreographer. Michael Rorex is musical director.

The dinner menu for “The Taffetas” includes a first choice of homestyle pot roast with gravy, mash potatoes and buttered peas and carrots or a second choice of vegetarian manicotti with roasted vegetables with olive oil and herbs. Both entrees come with chicken noodle soup, wedge salad with ranch dressing, home style rolls, apple pie a la mode, tea, water and coffee.

Adult beverages for both shows include a selection of red and white wines and domestic and import beers.

Doors for Summer Dinner Theatre productions will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Shows will begin at 7 p.m. The cost for the dinner theatre is $25. Reservations are mandatory for all shows. Menus are to be announced.

For more information or to make reservations, contact Jane Norman at (318) 357-4483 or e-mail normanj@nsula.edu.
Summer Theatre Camp puts spotlight on young talent

Northwestern State University’s Department of Theatre and Dance will host a Summer Theatre Camp to include acting, singing and dancing July 25-Aug. 1 for children ages 8-13. Participants will audition, rehearse and perform an original musical called “The Time Team.”

Classes will be held from 1 – 4:30 p.m. with no classes on Sunday, July 29. Performances open to the public will be Aug. 2-4, for $3 per ticket.

Fees for the camp are $150 per student, secured with a $25 deposit paid by July 11. Full payment is due the first day of camp.

For more information, contact Jane Norman at (318) 357-4483 or e-mail normanj@nsula.edu.

Northwestern State University’s Office of Electronic and Continuing Education will offer a series of classes this summer.

Fishing for Beginners will be presented on June 4-8 and will teach casting skills, bait selection and lure selection. There will be three sections, each for different age groups. The class for 11-12 year olds will be from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. The section for 13-18 year olds is from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and those 19 and up can take the class from 10 a.m. until 11 a.m. The fee for the class is $85 plus a $5 material fee. Those taking the class are required to bring a rod and reel to each class meeting. For more information, contact instructor Burley Johnson Jr. at 352-3522 or 471-5049.

Fly Fishing Lessons will be offered on June 18-22 and will teach students about casting a fly rod for warm and cold water fishing, equipment used and fly selection for warm and cold water fishing. Students will also have a better understanding of fish senses and their environment upon completion of the class. There will be three sections, one each for different age groups. The class for 11-12 year olds will be from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The section for 13-18 year olds is from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. and those 19 and up can take the class from 2 p.m. until 3:30 p.m. The fee for the class is $85 plus a $5 material fee.

The classes will be held in Room 132-B of Dodd Hall on NSU’s Natchitoches campus. Those taking the class are required to bring a fly rod and reel to each class meeting. For more information, contact instructor Burley Johnson Jr. at 352-3522 or 471-5049.

Beginning Fly Tying will be offered on July 9 – 13 from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The course will teach techniques and how to use different fly tying tools. Students will learn how to tie different fly patterns for warm and cold water fishing. Ages 11 through adult can take this course. The students will be grouped according to ability. The fee is $125 plus a $30 material fee. For more information or to register for a class, visit ece.nsula.edu/non-credit or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.

Three sessions of water aerobics will be offered this summer through Northwestern State University’s Office of Electronic and Continuing Education. The class will be taught June 4-29, July 2-30 and Aug. 1-31 from 11 a.m. until noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at the Robert Wilson Recreation Complex pool. The fee is $35 per session or $95 for all three sessions. Water aerobics is a workout that consists of simple low-impact exercises executed in the water. The program is designed to promote and maintain cardiorespiratory fitness, strengthen muscles and improve flexibility. The program is especially recommended for arthritic and/or pregnant women. For more information or to register for a class, visit ece.nsula.edu/non-credit or call (800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355.
Memorial services for Helen Darfus, mother-in-law of Janet Darfus, professor in the College of Nursing, took place May 6. Services will be held at Trinity Episcopal Church in Natchitoches.

Services for Mrs. Jessie Knotts, mother of Cecil Knotts, Human Resources, were Saturday, May 5. Mrs. Knotts passed away May 3. A plant was sent to services from the NSU Floral Fund.

The NSU Floral Fund sent plants to services for Henry T. Ware, father of Kay Cavanaugh, Accounting and Reporting, Business Affairs; Mrs. Jean Marcelli, retired secretary from the College of Business; and Mrs. Jacqueline Presse, mother of Eileen Kendrick, instructor in the College of Education and Human Development.

Birth Announcements

Annette Merrell, administrative assistant at Watson Library, is a grandmother for the second time. Her granddaughter, Trinity Rayne Holman, was born at 7:02 a.m. Tuesday, May 15. Trinity weighted 8 pounds 2 ounces and measured 19-3/4 inches in length.

Stephanie Campbell, Health Services, also has a new granddaughter, Emily Leanne Mayrand, who arrived May 15. Emily weighted 6 pounds 2 ounces. She was welcomed home by her parents, Cassie and Gary, and siblings Aaron and Katelynn.