Filmmaker to discuss ‘Recovery Boys’ documentary, opioid epidemic

Every day, approximately 130 people die from opioid overdose, and nationally 11.4 million misuse prescription opioids — nearly as large a population as the state of Ohio. Drug overdoses are now the leading cause of accidental death for Americans younger than age 50.

Peabody Award-winning documentary filmmaker Elaine McMillion Sheldon focused on this crisis gripping her home state of West Virginia, the broader Rust Belt, and much of the nation.

Sheldon, an Academy Award-nominated filmmaker and director of the Netflix original documentary “Heroin(e),” will speak at the next Jesup Scott Honors College Distinguished Lecture Thursday, Oct. 6, at 6 p.m. in Collier Building Room 1000 on Health Science Campus.

Attendees will see a screening of her debut feature documentary, “Recovery Boys,” which focuses on the lives of four men working to transform themselves after years of addiction. A Q&A session and dessert reception will follow.

“The number of people we lose to opioid overdoses daily tragically could not fit into most lecture halls on this campus,” said Dr. Heidi Appel, dean of the Jesup Scott Honors College. “Sheldon’s powerful message in the film is that despite all of the suffering reflected in this statistic, we can find hope.”

Not succumbing to sobering statistics representing all too familiar stories of grief and loss, the film is optimistic. The documentary’s path for these men runs through shattered relationships and strained sobrieties, but also new communities and the promises of lives better led. Their rehabilitation is facilitated by Jacob’s Ladder, a rural West Virginia farmstead that promotes healing through mindful living and the natural rhythm of farm work.

“Whether you’re a fan of documentaries, in the health professions, have had your life touched by the opioid crisis, or just want to meet an amazing young filmmaker out to change the world, you’ll want to join us for this event,” Appel said.

The event is free: Register at utoledo.edu/honorlecture.

While on campus, Sheldon also will screen portions of “Heroin(e)” Friday, Oct. 5, at 8 a.m. in Rocket Hall Room 1520 on Main Campus.

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Circus comes to campus for Homecoming

Hurry, hurry, step right up! Rocky’s Big Show is the theme of this year’s Homecoming!

“I love the carnival/circus theme because it provides such an upbeat atmosphere! There are games, music and, of course, food,” said Lily Kilpatrick, Homecoming director and third-year student in the Judith Herb College of Education.

“You can never go wrong with cotton candy and popcorn!”

Ever the showman, Rocky will preside over an array of events this week. He’s sharing the spotlight with Rocksy, as well as Toledo Mayor Wade Kapszukiewicz, who will be the grand marshal at the Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade.

“I am thrilled and honored that I was selected as grand marshal,” Kapszukiewicz said. “The University and the city share the same name, we are part of the same team, and everyone in Toledo is a Rocket. UT is an amazing institution, and I can’t wait to welcome back the scores of alumni.”

“Homecoming is so special because it is a time for everyone to come back and to see how the University has changed and become better,” Kilpatrick said. “And this year is extraordinarily special since we are playing our biggest rivals for the Homecoming game.”

The death-defying showdown between the Toledo Rockets and Bowling Green Falcons will take place Saturday, Oct. 6, at 3:30 p.m. in the Glass Bowl.

“I hope the campus, alumni and community takes Homecoming as an opportunity to come together as the Rocket family to celebrate our successes,” Kilpatrick said.

Ladies and gentlemen, children of all ages: Check out this year’s Homecoming activities, which include:

**MONDAY, OCT. 1**
- Carnival on the Mall, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Stop by for games, prizes and food!
- Ottawa and a Show, 8 to 10 p.m., the Flatlands. Kick back in the grass and watch “The Greatest Showman.” If it rains, the movie will be shown in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

**TUESDAY, OCT. 2**
- Eat the Street, 6 to 8 p.m., Residence Drive, which is located between Presidents Hall and Ottawa House.

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Breakthrough research at UT shows promise in treating drug-resistant form of deadly breast cancer

By Tyrel Linkhorn

A University of Toledo cancer researcher has received nearly $450,000 in grant funding from Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio to continue his research into triple negative breast cancer, an aggressive form of the disease that frequently develops resistance to existing chemotherapies.

Dr. Amit K. Tiwari, an assistant professor in UT’s College of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences who specializes in investigating multidrug resistant cancers, recently identified a new chemotherapy drug that is showing promise in curing triple negative breast cancer, even in cases where patients have developed resistance to conventional chemotherapy.

“Poor prognosis in most triple negative breast cancer cases is due to development of drug resistance. Once patients develop resistance to one chemotherapy, they stop responding to any other chemotherapy. Resistant triple negative breast cancer results in metastasis, diminishing patient survival time to less than a year,” Tiwari said. “These new drugs are unique. Not only are they showing promise in destroying triple negative breast cancer cells, but even if the disease gets to the stage of drug resistance, it is reversing the resistance and making it more sensitive to traditional chemotherapy.”

Triple negative breast cancer accounts for between 15 percent to 20 percent of all breast cancer cases. Treatment is difficult because the cancer does not respond to hormonal therapies or therapies that target HER2 receptors — common methods of treating other breast cancers.

But what makes the disease especially deadly is that the patient often develops resistance to currently available chemotherapy drugs.

“The goal of my research has been to understand why these patients end up getting drug resistance and how we can stop it,” Tiwari said.

His research led him to targeting the cancer cells in a nonconventional way, which has proven both successful in treating the disease and in reversing drug resistance. The new treatment, which has been lab-tested on human breast cancer models, has been provisionally patented by UT.

With the three-year grant from Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio, Tiwari and his team of researchers at The University of Toledo will be able to continue development and research of the new drugs and move their work closer to clinical trials.

“We are so thankful for the friends, family and neighbors that fight alongside us, helping to reduce the number of breast cancer deaths in Ohio, both on the ground and through research,” said Mary Westphal, executive director of Susan G. Komen Northwest Ohio. “As we celebrate 25 years of impact in northwest Ohio, we are so pleased to be able to award this grant to our partners at The University of Toledo.”

The University of Toledo is a long-standing partner of Komen Northwest Ohio, receiving funding to support community health programming and advance scientific research for a number of years,” UT Vice President for Research Frank Calzonetti said. “Dr. Tiwari’s efforts to develop new treatments for the most aggressive form of breast cancer is the latest example of how our talented faculty experts are advancing knowledge that impacts our community.”

Triple negative breast cancer patients currently have a poor five-year survival prognosis; however, Tiwari said those who do make it to the five-year mark have a good long-term prognosis. If the new treatment is proven to be as promising as the initial research suggests, Tiwari said it could be a major breakthrough toward curing triple negative breast cancer.

“This actually brings a lot of hope,” Tiwari said.

President named to NCAA strategic plan committee

UT President Sharon L. Gaber will be helping with the NCAA’s strategic plan.

The NCAA Board of Governors named Gaber to a 10-member working group that will put together a long-range plan that solidifies the direction and priorities of the association.

Since 2017, Gaber has represented the Mid-American Conference on the NCAA Division I President Forum.

“I am excited to work with my colleagues on the NCAA’s strategic plan,” Gaber said. “College sports play a vital role in higher education. We will be working on a blueprint to enhance collegiate athletics on college campuses across the country.”

With the help of a consulting firm, the group will gather feedback from presidents, commissioners, athletics directors, student-athletes, coaches, faculty athletics representatives, senior woman administrators, athletics health-care administrators and others. These insights will be collected through interviews, focus groups and surveys this fall.

After the collection of feedback, the working group will begin drafting the plan.

The NCAA Board of Governors is targeting summer 2019 for the final strategic plan.
At this second free, public event called “Coping With the Toll of Responding to Opioid Overdoses,” Sheldon will participate in a discussion led by Dr. John Lewton, trauma intervention counselor and owner of Workplace Resources in Toledo, and Dr. Cheryl McCullumsmith, UT professor and chair of psychiatry. The trio will talk about strategies and resources to promote the well-being of front-line responders and clinicians.

For more information about the Oct. 5 event, contact Betsy Martin in the College of Nursing at betsy.martin@utoledo.edu or 419.530.5888.
Dr. Sharon Barnes, associate professor and chair of women’s and gender studies, was one of many speakers at the UT Banned Books Vigil last week in Carlson Library. She talked about “George,” a book about a transgender fourth-grader who wants to play Charlotte in her school’s production of “Charlotte’s Web.” She said two school districts in Oregon elected not to participate in a statewide competition because the book was on the list of possible readings for the contest.

Dr. Paulette Kilmer, professor of communication, right, gave a book, “Peers Inc.” by Robin Chase, to Joanne Mercer during the 21st annual Banned Books Vigil last week in Carlson Library. More than 600 attended the daylong event, where 218 challenged or banned books were given away as door prizes, according to Kilmer, coordinator of the UT Banned Books Coalition.

Photos by Daniel Miller
Dr. Michele Soliz, associate vice president for student success and inclusion, center, received a Diamante Award at this year’s event that honors Latino leadership and achievements in northwest Ohio. Soliz, shown here with Valerie S. Walston, associate vice president for student affairs and director of residence life, and Dr. Phillip “Flapp” Cockrell, vice president for student affairs, received the Latina Adult Professional Award. Soliz, who previously served as the University’s dean of students, has been a committee member of the Latino Youth Summit and Multicultural Emerging Scholars Program since their inceptions. She is active in the UT Latino Alumni Affiliate, serves as a mentor to African-American female students in the Talented and Aspiring Women Leaders program, and teaches the course Managing Diversity in the Workplace. Soliz accepted this honor in memory of her grandparents who, she explained, instilled in her a great sense of cultural pride: “My grandparents spent their lives serving others, and they valued education; they would be so proud of this recognition.” The UT alumna received master’s and doctoral degrees in higher education.

Honored
Parking lots to close for Homecoming parade

UT faculty, staff and students traveling to Main Campus on Saturday, Oct. 6, should note the Homecoming parade’s direction and several parking lot closures that will help to alleviate traffic congestion on game day.

Presented by the Blue Key National Honor Society, this year’s Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade will begin at 10:30 a.m. The parade route will begin on West Bancroft Street and travel through the Old Orchard neighborhood, as it did last year.

To help you enjoy watching the parade with friends and family, a route map is available at utoledo.edu/homecoming and at right.

As the floats, dignitaries, alumni and other parade participants assemble, lots 12 and 13 will be closed, and lot 14 impacted, until the parade passes through — from approximately 8 a.m. to noon. Lots 12 and 13 will be closed at 4 p.m. Friday, Oct 5, until the end of the parade; all cars will need to be removed from these two lots by 4 p.m. on Friday.

These lot closures are in addition to other lots that are routinely closed on game day, including lots 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 18 and 28. During this same time, the entrances to Campus Drive and West Towerview Boulevard also will be closed.

As a result, drivers are encouraged to use the following alternate parking lots Saturday, Oct. 6: 1N, 1S, 2, 17, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and the East Parking Garage.

Staff will be on hand to open lots 12 and 13 as soon as the parade passes through, and to help ensure traffic is well-managed on Homecoming day, when hundreds of additional vehicles will be on campus. Your patience and attention to safety are appreciated.

The Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade will begin at West Bancroft Street and Campus Road and go east to Cheltenham Road to Christie Street to Middlesex Drive and back to West Bancroft Street.

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Toledo favorites will be featured as area food trucks pull up for this event, which is in its second year.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 3
• Big Top Bonanza, 7 to 9 p.m., Thompson Student Union Ingman Room. Homecoming candidates will compete in lip-sync battles. Food and games will be provided by the Black Student Union and the Latino Student Union.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4
• Ringmaster Rocky’s Pep Rally, 12:30 p.m., Centennial Mall. Psych up for the UT-BG football game!
• Glee Club Performance, 5 p.m., Thompson Student Union Steps. UT Glee Club members will sing and dance their way across campus.
• National Pan-Hellenic Council Talent Show, 8 p.m., Doerrmann Theatre.

FRIDAY, OCT. 5
• Bridge, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., Horton International House Dining Hall. Volunteer to make sandwiches for those in need in the community.
• Homecoming Gala, 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union Auditorium. The Alumni Association will present this year’s Gold T, Blue T and Edward H. Schmidt Young Alum Award, and college and affiliate award winners will be honored. Tickets are $30 per person, $10 for children. For more information or to make a reservation, contact the UT Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586) or shirley.grzecki@utoledo.edu. Read story on p. 8.
• Downtown Pep Rally. The Rocket Marching Band will take it to the streets and play at downtown restaurants and pubs, beginning with Pizza Papalis about 9:15 p.m., Ye Olde Durty Bird at 9:30 p.m., Cock n’ Bull about 9:45 p.m., and The Blarney around 10 p.m.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6
• The Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade, 10:30 a.m. Sponsored by Blue Key National Honor Society, the parade will begin at West Bancroft Street and Campus Road and go east to Cheltenham Road to Christie Street to Middlesex Drive and back to West Bancroft Street. See story above.
• Alumni Tailgate, 12:30 to 3:30 p.m., William and Carol Koester Alumni Pavilion. Stop by for free hot dogs, chips and non-alcoholic beverages. There will be a cash bar for those 21 and older with proper ID, and Five O’Clock Rush will play live music.
• Toledo Rockets vs. Bowling Green Falcons Homecoming Game, 3:30 p.m., Glass Bowl. Cheer on the Rockets and see the crowning of the Homecoming king and queen. Tickets range from $38 to $73; $17.50 and $21.50 for children 12 and younger; half off for UT faculty and staff; and free for UT students with IDs. For tickets, go to utrockets.com or call 419.530.GOLD (4653).

For more information, go to utoledo.edu/homecoming.
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The University of Toledo Alumni Association will honor the winners of its most prestigious honors: the Gold T, Blue T and Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum Award.

These three recipients will be recognized — along with distinguished alumni from each UT college — at the Homecoming Gala Friday, Oct. 5, at 6 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Auditorium.

Tickets for the gala are $30 per person, $10 for children. To make a reservation, visit toledoalumni.org or contact the UT Alumni Office at 419.530.ALUM (2586).

The Gold T is presented to a UT graduate in recognition of outstanding achievement in his or her field of endeavor while providing leadership and noteworthy service to the community.

The 2018 recipient is Betty Montgomery. She received a law degree from the University in 1976 and began blazing trails. In 1995, Montgomery became the first woman to serve as attorney general in the state of Ohio. She served a four-year term and was re-elected to another four-year term. In 2003, she ran for auditor of the state of Ohio. Again she was a trendsetter, becoming the first woman to hold that four-year title in the more than 200-year history of the Buckeye State.

Before that, Montgomery spent seven years as a state senator for District 2, covering Ottawa, Wood and parts of Lucas and Erie counties. She also served as Wood County’s prosecuting attorney for eight years, during which time she was the only woman prosecuting attorney in Ohio.

The Blue T is presented to a UT Alumni Association member and University graduate who has made outstanding contributions to the progress and development of the Alumni Association and his or her alma mater.

Dr. Tom Wakefield is the 2018 recipient. He received an undergraduate degree in premed in 1970 and a medical degree from the former Medical College of Ohio in 1973.

Wakefield is the James C. Stanley Professor of Surgery, section head of vascular surgery and director of the Frankel Cardiovascular Center at the University of Michigan. He has received nearly $26 million in funded grants for vascular research. Wakefield is passionate about his alma mater. He served as president of the Alumni Association during the 2014-15 school year and is a major financial supporter of the College of Medicine and Life Sciences; the Athletics Department; the Alumni Association; and the Catharine S. Eberly Center for Women.

The Edward H. Schmidt Outstanding Young Alum Award is presented to a University graduate who is 40 years or younger in recognition of outstanding achievement in her or his field of endeavor, while providing leadership and noteworthy service to the Alumni Association, University or community. This award is named in memory of the 1942 alumnus and a longtime supporter of the University and its Alumni Association.

The 2018 recipient is Dr. Mallory Ladd, who earned a bachelor’s degree from the College of Arts and Sciences and the Jesup Scott Honors College in 2011.

A recent graduate of the University of Tennessee’s PhD program, Ladd has been hired by the federally funded Center for Naval Analysis in Washington, D.C. She is an internationally recognized scientist who has developed mass spectrometry tools to measure the chemistry of soils in the Artic, which is viewed as a tipping-point area for climate change. Ladd also has served as a panelist at the Lindau Nobel Laureate Meeting in Germany.

For more information, contact Dan Saevig, UT associate vice president of alumni engagement, at 419.530.4008.
Homecoming on the hardwood: Open basketball practice sessions, tours Oct. 6

By Will Edmonds

The Toledo men’s and women’s basketball programs will both hold open practice sessions in Savage Arena Saturday, Oct. 6, as a part of UT’s 2018 Homecoming events.

Women’s hoops will start the day with a 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. session. Men’s practice will be from 12:30 to 2 p.m. following the 10:30 a.m. Edward C. and Helen G. Schmakel Homecoming Parade.

Head Coaches Tod Kowalczyk and Tricia Cullop will sport microphones for their respective teams’ practice.

The women’s practice session will feature free bagels and coffee, and tours of the facility will be available afterward.

The men’s session will have free pizza and soda, along with another opportunity for fans to tour the facility following practice.

Fans planning to attend are encouraged to use parking lots 1 and 2, along with the East Parking Garage. Normal game-day parking rules apply.

Opening tipoff is right around the corner: The teams will host an exhibition doubleheader Saturday, Nov. 3. The women play Findlay at noon, while the men take on Hillsdale at 2:30 p.m.

Season tickets can be purchased at the UT Athletic Ticket Office in Savage Arena, online at utrockets.com, and by calling 419.530.GOLD (4653).

Beatbox saxophonist to perform on campus Oct. 4

By Angela Riddel

Beatbox saxophone artist Derek Brown will visit The University of Toledo this week.

He will perform a free concert Thursday, Oct. 4, at 7 p.m. Brown also will present a master class for UT students earlier in the day at 2 p.m. Both events will be held in the Center for Performing Arts.

Brown’s playing style is unique. He achieves a one-man band effect by utilizing not only the saxophone, but different vocal techniques such as slap tonguing, circular breathing, and coordinated vocals to create his own sound.

A review in All About Jazz magazine noted, “One-man bands are something of a novelty: some guy with a half a dozen instruments (or more) — guitar, drums, harmonica — affixed to his body in various ways. Saxophonist Derek Brown blows the one-man band route with just the saxophone. … Quite amazing, and surprisingly engaging.”

Brown’s music has made a national impact, and he has amassed an impressive fan base. He has been viewed at least 30 million times on various social media platforms.

He is on a tour of college campuses across the country known as the FiftyFifty Tour, with at least one performance date in each of the 50 states over the course of nine months (August 2018 through May 2019). The UT performance is one of just three scheduled for the state of Ohio. Tour information is available at fiftyfiftytour.com.

He earned a bachelor of music degree in musical performance from Hope College and a master of music degree in jazz studies from the University of Cincinnati’s College Conservatory of Music.

More information about Brown, who served as director of jazz studies at Abilene Christian University, can be found at derekbrownsax.com.
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Annual Security and Fire Safety Report available

The University of Toledo’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report has been completed and is now accessible to students, faculty, staff and the public.

Go to utoledo.edu/offices/internalaudit/clery-act/annual-security-and-fire-safety-reports.html.

“Keeping The University of Toledo safe is an ongoing, collaborative effort among members of the campus community and our external partners, including area emergency responders and block-watch leaders,” said Elliott Nickeson, Clery Act compliance officer in the UT Internal Audit and Compliance.

If an emergency or crime-related incident arises, it’s important that all of our stakeholders know what to do, including how to report it and to whom, Nickeson stated.

The Annual Security and Fire Safety Report includes information about crime prevention, emergency procedures, incident reporting and crime statistics, both on and adjacent to UT campuses.

Additionally, in compliance with the Clery Act, the annual report includes reported campus crime statistics for the past three years, as well as information about campus safety and the University’s security policies.

UT’s 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 Security and Fire Safety Reports also are available and may be accessed at utoledo.edu/offices/internalaudit/clery-act/annual-security-and-fire-safety-reports.html.

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Take dining survey for chance to win cash

UT Dining is conducting a survey to better understand campus lifestyle and preferences.

The online survey will take about 10 minutes, and responses will be confidential.

Help improve the overall UT Dining campus experience: Take the survey at college-survey.com/toledo.

At the end of the survey, you will be prompted to enter your contact information for an opportunity to win a $150 VISA Virtual Reward Account (e-reward card) or one of three $50 VISA Virtual Reward Accounts (e-reward cards).

Campus community invited to Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
Oct. 2

By Cathy Zimmer

The Confucius Institute invites the UT campus and greater Toledo community to celebrate the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, the second grandest gala in China, Tuesday, Oct. 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Thompson Student Union Ingman Room.

"The festival will feature activities, free food and prizes," said Xinren Yu, international programs coordinator for the Center for International Studies and Programs. "Attendees will be able to learn about this traditional Chinese festival and experience different aspects of the Chinese culture. We will teach you how to make a Chinese lantern."

Activities will include Chinese knot-making; Chinese bracelet-making; paper cutting and folding; Chinese calligraphy; and a Chinese tea ceremony.

"We prepared lots of prizes for participants to win and a Chinese lunch buffet for those who get involved. It’s going to be a perfect event to stop by between classes," Yu said.

The Confucius Institute at The University of Toledo serves northwest Ohio by providing education in Chinese language and culture, and supports the development of China-related scholarly research and academic programs. It also offers opportunities for cultural exchanges between China and the United States.

Follow the Confucius Institute on Facebook @utci2009 to learn more about the Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival or call 419.530.7750 for additional information.
The University of Toledo will celebrate LGBTQ History Month with several events in October.

The Office of Multicultural Student Success, LGBTQ+ Initiatives and Prism are dedicated to serving the needs of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning and allied students.

“As marginalized populations are often left out of history books used in grade school, a big part of LGBTQ History Month focuses on raising awareness of the histories of LGBTQ folks,” Danielle Stamper, interim program coordinator in the Office of Multicultural Student Success, said. “Students can learn about LGBTQ people through our film series, our keynote address, and our social media campaign, where we will introduce a LGBTQ individual and a small piece of their history.”

Listed by date, events scheduled to increase awareness for LGBTQ History Month include:

• **Monday, Oct. 1** — Film Screening, “Forbidden — Gay and Undocumented: Moises Serrano Fights for Justice,” 7:30 p.m., University Hall Room 4280. Follow the story of Serranos, an undocumented gay man living in rural North Carolina. This event also is part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 2** — LGBTQ History Month Kickoff, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Centennial Mall. Stop by and see the flags of the LGBTQA+ community. Learn the history of the flags, pick up a free button, and have a rainbow cookie.

• **Thursday, Oct. 4** — Prism Coming Out Meeting, 8 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2591.

• **Monday, Oct. 8** — Film Screening, “The Watermelon Woman,” 7:30 p.m., University Hall Room 4280. Charlene Gilbert, dean of the UT College of Arts and Letters, will lead a discussion about the 1996 film that researches an obscure African-American actress from the 1940s billed as “The Watermelon Woman.” Gilbert worked on the movie.

• **Monday, Oct. 15** — Film Screening, “Frida,” 7:30 p.m., University Hall Room 4280. Watch the biopic drama about surrealist Mexican painter Frida Kahlo. This event also is part of Hispanic Heritage Month.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 16** — Drag Queen Story Hour, 6:30 p.m., Carlson Library Children’s Section, located on the third floor. Brook Lockhart will host this event open to all ages — adult must stay with children younger than 12. Stories will be targeted at elementary schoolchildren, but the messages will resonate with kids of all ages. Harvey House of Northwest Ohio is partnering with the University for this monthly program.

• **Thursday, Oct. 18** — LGBTQA+ Initiatives TED Talk, 5 p.m., Thompson Student Union Room 2584. The Office of Multicultural Student Success will lead a guided panel discussion.

• **Monday, Oct. 22** — Film Screening, “Screaming Queens — The Riots at Compton’s,” 7:30 p.m., University Hall Room 4280. Watch a documentary about transgender women and drag queens who fought police harassment at Compton’s Cafeteria in San Francisco in 1966.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 24** — LGBTQA History Month Keynote by delfin Bautista, 6 p.m., Thompson Student Union Auditorium. Bautista is the director of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Center at Ohio University. Multiple faith beliefs and their connections in the LGBTQA community will be discussed. A question-and-answer session will follow his talk.

• **Thursday, Oct. 25** — Prism Drag and Talent Show, 7 to 9 p.m., Thompson Student Union. Interested in competing in the talent show? Email prism.utoldeo@gmail.com.

• **Monday, Oct. 29** — Film Screening, “Pride Denied — Homonationalism and the Future of Queer Politics,” 7:30 p.m., University Hall Room 4280. Queer and trans activists and artists call for a return to prioritizing political activism and community support that characterized the emergence of the contemporary LGBT rights movement more than 40 years ago.

The Monday films will be shown in partnership with the UT Department of Women’s and Gender Studies. For more information, go to utoldeo.edu/studentaffairs/omsa/history_and_heritage/LGBTQA%20History%20Month%20.html or call the Office of Multicultural Student Success at 419.530.2261.