

Siloam Springs, Ark.

These are the results of those interviewed in the 2009 Point-in-Time Census.

Most frequently received services

Service	Percentage
food assistance	62%
clothes	38%
shelter	28%
substance abuse treatment	28%
transitional housing	28%
case management	23%

24% of homeless adults reported prior service in the military.

63% MEN 37% WOMEN

Median time spent homeless: 5 months

57% of homeless persons were unaccompanied adults.

Median Age: 41

1,287 homeless estimated in Benton and Washington County

http://sociology.uark.edu

Holland Hayden and Kolin Blakely with their newly adopted baby, Henry. The couple prayed for their child for years before Henry joined the family.

Small businesses thrive downtown

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With an estimated population of 15,800 and an estimated 2,080 companies in Siloam Springs, it would seem that the livelihoods of businesses both large and small are easily accomplished. Yet, there is much work and upkeep behind the small businesses in our historic downtown to keep them sustained. Many vintage shops and consignment shops are located on Mainstreet Siloam Springs and have learned different methods to keep their businesses in good health. One consignment boutique, Cari's Closet, will celebrate its one-year anniversary on December 9th. "It was really scary starting up here. The place was not in good shape and even knee-deep in trash. I also did not have a lot of inventory and I started with just my friends' and my closets," Cari Lewis, owner of Cari's Closet, said. Lewis said the growth she's seen in a years time is amazing. "We've grown to have 300 consigners in a wide spread of places, not just from Siloam." "I've been a consigner my whole life and I know what I like, so I know what my costumers like," Lewis said. "They want, a good deal and name brands and they don't want to travel far to get it." Lewis said she has gradually learned her audience, and thinks that every small town

needs the "downtown center" that gives the town a "cool feel." Being next to John Brown University, Lewis has benefited as it has helped her business grow. "About 50 percent of my costumers are from there and their clothes help my business as they drop off clothes before summer when it gets slow." Mackenzie Schrader is the owner of Baby & Momma, which opened on Broadway just before the Thanksgiving holiday. Schrader said she relocated her business from a different location in Siloam to gain more foot traffic. "You can't explain how good it feels to be in downtown with the support and how we support each other," Schrader said. Her business is connected with The Chamber, whose mission is "to provide opportunities to achieve a higher quality of life for the businesses and citizens of Siloam Springs," according to their website. "It's all about networking and getting to know the community, which The Chamber has helped me accomplish," Schrader said. "I also use Facebook and word of mouth, which are both free ways to get my name out there." Another children's clothing boutique located on Broadway St. is Heather Hill. Owner Heather Lanker said that although she has a store location, her business relies on her online market. "I've seen a lot of businesses come and go



Heather Lanker, owner of Heather Hill organizes her hand-made children's clothes in her boutique located at 122 N Broadway Street.

down here. If their store doesn't have other ways of distribution, then they are going to have a harder time," Lanker said. Although she is no longer connected with The Chamber, Lanker's primary market is online with Amazon and Zulily. "There is no rhyme or reason to the way business flows, and most of my costumers are visiting in town, or coming from out of town to eat at places in and around Siloam," Lanker said. "It is very hard for some of the businesses during the summer as they rely on the John Brown students," Lanker said. Luckily Heather Hill has a strong online audience and does well relying on that market of consumers. Whether online, through social media or community support, just a few of the small businesses on Siloam's Mainstreet have found their way. This holds to Mainstreet Siloam's mission, "to provide leadership to a community initiative for the revitalization of our downtown into an economically vigorous commercial center and a gathering place for hospitality, arts and entertainment with a carefully maintained historic district."



Cari's Closet celebrates their one-year anniversary on Dec. 9th. The consignment boutique is located at 205 A East Main St.



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The newly opened store front of Baby & Momma is located at 116 S Broadway, Suite 1 in Downtown Siloam Springs.

Students produce campus coverage

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John Brown University communication students are working to create a news broadcast called Eaglebreak. In its second season, students continue to grow and improve as on-air personalities, reporters, editors and producers. Eaglebreak began in 2012 as a class, but has become a program designed not just for students who are interested in broadcasting, but for anyone who wants to help produce relevant news campus-wide. Senior communication major Michael Burchfiel is the director, editor and producer for the sports segment of Eaglebreak. He said his goal is to make the sports show visually appealing and smooth.

"I would like the show as a whole to reach a broader student audience and for people to recognize the show more," Burchfiel said. "Right now I think there are a lot of people who have no idea we are even here, but think that a TV news program would be a great idea and worth watching." Kara Gould, adviser for Eaglebreak, shared that oftentimes it's a struggle to get students interested in current events. "Eaglebreak is student-produced, which means that students generate story ideas and desire to create a show that JBU students, as well as other campus community members, would like to see." Eaglebreak is released on Fridays on their Facebook page. The segments include news, features and sports.

Students get real-world experience from creating the lighting and sound to script-writing and camera work, Gould said.

"In the first two seasons, Eaglebreak staff have won several awards, including awards from the Spring Creek Arts

festival, the South Central Broadcasting Society, and the Arkansas College Media Association, which named EagleBreak anchor

Amy Perry Arkansas College Television Anchor of the Year for 2014." Lacey Fryer, a senior double-major in communication and Family and Human Studies, also talks about how Eaglebreak has helped her. She and Burchfiel were the "guinea pigs" of the program and were there from the start. Fryer is in charge of producing the general news and features show. She comes up with story ideas and assigns them. "I'm responsible for the overall look and feel of the show," she said. Though most people involved with Eaglebreak are communications majors or students involved in news, anyone and everyone can benefit from helping to produce the show. "The experience that students can get from this is great," Fryer said.



KELSEY GULLIVER/The Threefold Advocate
Michael Burchfiel and the Eaglebreak staff manage the audio and visual behind the camera as Matthew Bowen and Lacey Fryer create a new broadcast.

No more quarters: Coinless laundry



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Coinless laundry machines will make their campus debut beginning in the spring semester of 2015. The Student Government Association has worked with Steve

Beers, the vice president of student development, and Andre Broquard, the dean of students, to make the long-anticipated dream become a reality. With the new system, students will use their credit or debit cards to pay for their laundry instead of hoarding quarters. For those students who do not have a

credit or debit card, prepaid cards may be purchased at most grocery stores and drugstores in town. “I think it’s a great thing,” said junior Megan Ranz, assistant resident director in Mayfield. “It will be nice to not have all the quarters.” Prices for laundry will remain the same in the spring, but will increase \$1

the following year to cover various costs, including the new system and the city’s rising utility costs. Students may complain about the increase in price, but Student Government Association President Brad Johnson pointed out that it was long overdue. “Energy prices have gone up over 20 percent

in the past seven years, yet laundry prices at John Brown University have not changed,” Johnson said. As well as the coinless upgrade, the new laundry system will also feature a smartphone app called Waverider which allows students know how many machines are available and when their load is finished.

Laundry services will continue to be provided by the current company, and a new business plan with the Heartland credit card processing company will provide the upgrade. In addition, all washers in the dorms will be replaced with new machines, and dryers will be replaced as needed.

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advocacy organization that focuses on recruiting families to become healthy foster homes, working with the Division of Children and Family Services to provide training to potential foster parents. In addition to recruiting families to foster and adopt, The CALL works with local churches to provide support for foster and adoptive families in whatever way they can. Kyle Agee, an instructor of visual arts at John Brown University, works with The CALL. He and his wife intend to become foster parents. What attracted Agee most to the foster care system, he said, was the great need. According to The CALL’s website, “today, more than a dozen children will come into foster care in Arkansas because of abuse or neglect. They will join nearly 4,500 other children in state custody.” In Arkansas there are only 1,110 open foster homes, while there are 3,988 children who need homes. Even if each home takes in two foster children, that will still leave almost 1,800 children without a home. The CALL believes that “Having a pool of available foster and adoptive families in every county in Arkansas would go a long way toward solving the problem.” The process of becoming a foster parent is not an easy one, however. The Department of Children and Family Services does in-depth background checks and home visits to ensure that the house is safe and comfortable for a child. “The first step is you attending an informational meeting, where they explain the need and what the expected requirements are,” Agee said. “They

answer the questions people have concerning whether this is something they can really do. Then at the end of that meeting they hand out the first stack of paperwork.” Agee’s first stack of paperwork was a thorough background check that questioned whether he had ever harmed any child, person or animal. It also checked the financial stability of the couple. “At The CALL, their primary goal is to always provide a safe environment for these kids, because they are always being pulled out of a dangerous environments,” said Agee about the beginning of the process. The next step includes two different home visits. During the first visit, the Department of Family Services ensures that the prospective family offers a safe environment, checking for smoke detectors, proper plumbing, ventilation, heat, adequate space, etc. The department then informs the potential foster parents of what needs to be brought up to code. The second visit verifies that problems found during the first visit are taken care of. Despite the difficulty of the process, Agee believes becoming a foster parent is worth the tedium, and that foster care is an issue that the church should place a stronger focus on. “At this time it is not that big of a priority,” Agee said of the church’s response to the foster system. “This is a heart issue for the church. We have to ask ourselves how we are utilizing the time we have been given for the kingdom.”



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Ferguson ignites race discussion
Students should listen with sincerity

A few months ago, no one knew or cared about the town of Ferguson, Mo. It was a suburb of St. Louis with just over 20,000 people, but on Aug. 9 it became a place of racial tension, tragedy and violence the next day. The shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown by white police officer Darren Wilson set off waves of protests across the nation.

After three months of an unusually long and detailed Grand Jury examination and masses of media attention, the jurors decided not to indict Wilson. The decision sparked more protests, some violent and most peaceful, and once again forced Americans to look at racism in the land of the free.

Some say racism is over. Others complain that all they see in the news is Michael Brown. Some deny the fact that there is a disturbing number of young black men shot and killed by police officers in this country. If you are one of these people, or if you don't understand what the big deal is about Ferguson, then we The Threefold Advocate want to help you understand.

It is obvious that racism is still a severe problem in America, and when it comes to police shootings, the numbers speak for themselves. According to USA Today, more than twice as many black youths were shot by police than white youths over a seven-year period.

In a study by independent non-profit ProPublica, researchers found that young black males are 21 times more likely to be killed by police than white males of the same age group. These findings support the idea that Michael Brown's death was not an isolated incident or freak accident. It was another tragedy in a historical pattern of violence.

We The Threefold Advocate urge you to not dismiss these facts. We ask you to listen sincerely to the problems in the world—especially if you think they have nothing to do with you.

The vast majority of students at John Brown University are white. Understanding their black brothers and sisters is difficult and impossible to an extent. Different people's experiences give them unique perspectives on various issues. However, it is essential that white students do not dismiss the concerns, experiences or stories of minority students. Just because few people are complaining does not mean there is not a problem.

The issues of police shootings and racism are highly complex, with each instance having different factors. However, the fact that so many young black men are shot and killed is unacceptable. The fact that racial profiling is still an issue is disturbing. It is clear that something in our justice system is broken and desperately needs fixing.

As Christians, we tend to turn the other way when faced with something unsightly or controversial. We don't like to tarnish our shiny Christian image with topics like racism, divorce, suicide and mental health. However, we more than anyone should be at the forefront of working to help victims of these problems.

We The Threefold Advocate encourage you not yo get caught up in who was right and who was wrong in the Ferguson tragedy. Instead, it is important to recognize that Ferguson is another instance of a much larger problem. In order to help improve our society, we must have the knowledge and courage to speak up when injustice occurs.



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Protesters rally together and raise their hands as part of the "hands up, don't shoot" campaign.

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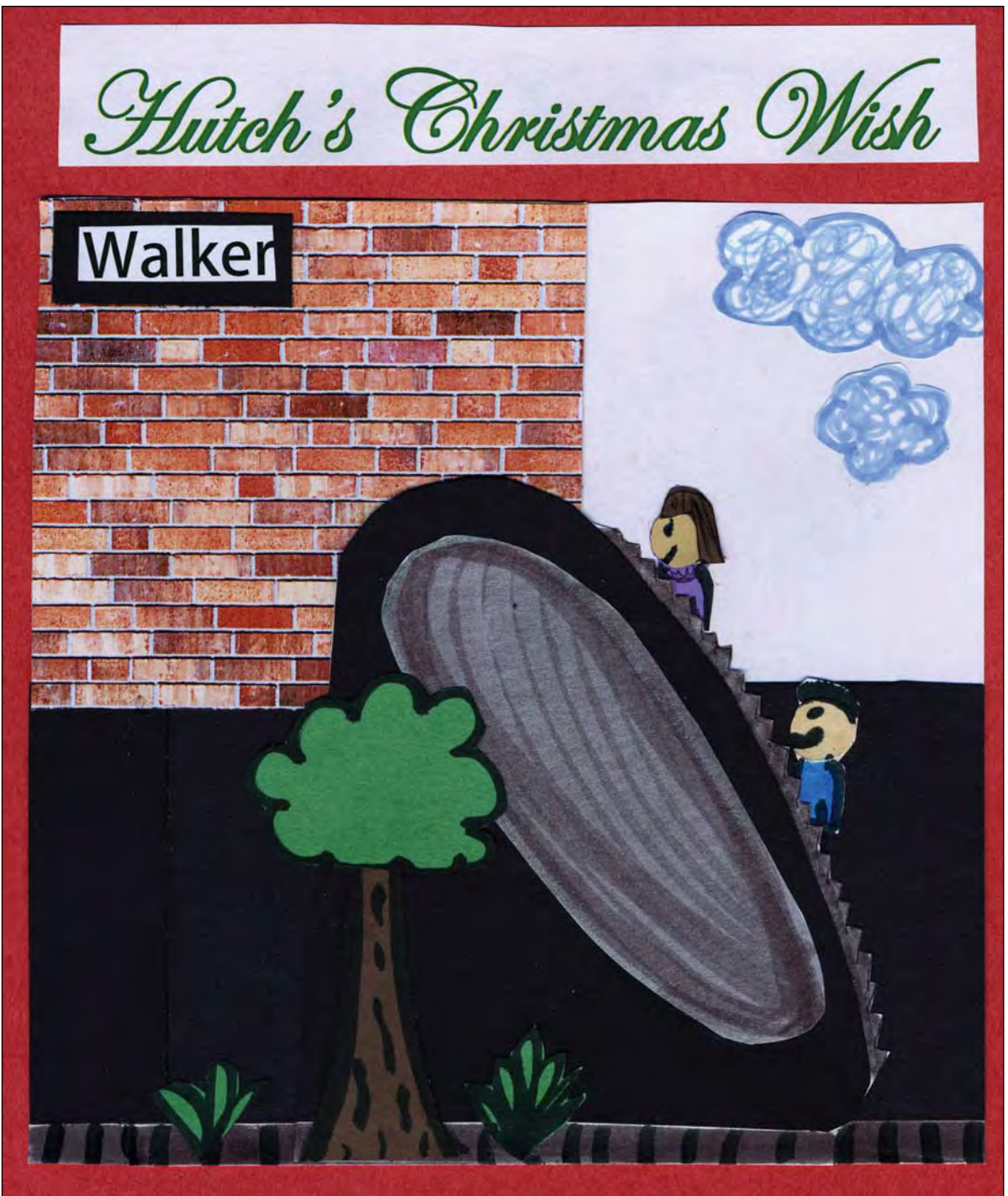
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Military kid myths



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The life of a military kid is commonly put into one major category involving a lot of moving, one parent gone constantly and a life filled with emotional handicaps. Conflicting with widespread opinions, not every military kid experience is the same.

My own experience with being a military kid is not the horror story most people expect. My father joined the Air Force before I was born. From my recollection, I don't remember him being gone very often. By the time he was stationed in the Unites States, those memories of his absence were suppressed by the developing mind of a toddler.

My family only moved twice. The first move I don't remember at all, and the second wasn't very traumatic either. The only fear that resonated during his service for me was

the threat of him being called into action overseas, especially when the 2000's came around. He retired in 2004, finishing up 22 years of service.

Lanae Kindermann, a freshman at JBU, has a father who served in the Air Force for 26 years. Her father used to be in the Air Force Academy Band, and while he was not overseas, he was still gone from home a lot. Kindermann recounts, "It was awesome as a little kid having them (the band) all know me, and I would go up on stage and hang out with them in the back, it was a lot of fun."

She says the hardest part was her father being gone from home a lot, but with her dad retired as of this year, she is glad to spend more time with him.

Zac Sandell, a sophomore at JBU, has a father who served on a Navy submarine. While Zac didn't exist when his father served, his father's military life still had some impact on him.

When asked if he would join the military, Zac gave a shrug that only military kids give. A shrug of "I don't know" mixed with the look of deep and hidden thought. "... while order, structure and all that is nice, it does change a man... which can be tough to adapt to."

Zac thinks there should be order and structure in life, but that it doesn't necessarily have

to come from being in service.

Zoë Shafer, a freshman at JBU, has a father who also served in the Navy. Zoë's family made a bog move from Arkansas to Yokosuka, Japan and lived on the base there for about 5 years. Zoë says her experience from moving to a different country transformed her, especially in her faith. "I went to Japan as a spiked pastor's daughter and came back a devoted believer."

The benefits received from her father's military life also helped with medical needs, schooling and above all, an unforgettable transformation of growth. Shafer said if it weren't for the Navy she wouldn't be able to attend JBU, and is thankful for all the opportunities it gave her.

How could four stories with the same basic principle end up so different? No two are the same, and none will ever be the same. Let us remember these stories not as a book series, but as a collection of books, each with its own priceless experience and unique adventure to share.

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What do you think?

Last week's results

Do you think JBU should block the Yik Yak app through campus wifi?

Yes: 43.5%

No: 56.5%

Watch for our weekly poll starting again in the spring! Poll questions can be answered anonymously via Facebook. (www.facebook.com/ThreefoldAdvocate)



Join the herd?

JBU students react to Yik Yak controversy

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Controversy has come to campus again, this time in the form of an app called Yik Yak.

Yik Yak is a social media app that allows users to post brief messages completely anonymously. Users can see Yaks posted in their immediate geographical area, making the app popular on high school and college campuses. At John Brown University, Yik Yak is gaining popularity.

“The point of Yik Yak is to share parts of our lives that we can all relate to, because we’re all sort of living in this bubble together,” said senior Kaitlyn Thompson.

Thompson uses Yik Yak in her spare time, and is the author of many popular “yaks,” such as, “Dr. Pollard needs to form a crime fighting duo with a fish. Then they can be Fish and Chip.”

Although the app has the potential to be a lot of fun, some staff and faculty are expressing concern with its misuse.

“I became significantly concerned with the app after the immigration conference,” said Andrew Lehr, resident

director of Walker Hall. After hearing about problems from other colleges with bullying and harassment on Yik Yak, Lehr started looking at the app regularly, and wasn’t pleased with what he saw.

After the immigration conference, yaks began to appear using racial slurs against Hispanic students and telling students in the Walton International Scholars Program go back to their home countries.

Such yaks continued after the chapel on racism on Nov. 13, featuring Vincent Bacote of Wheaton College.

There have also been disparaging remarks on the sexuality of women at the University, several crossing into the territory of sexual harassment. One such yak reads, “I’m way overdue to f*** a 19 year old.” (Censored at the request of the editor.)

Lehr and other members of the student development staff are still discussing what to do about the app. Students have come to them feeling harassed, bullied and unwelcome.

“I don’t see the value in spending the campus’

bandwidth on [Yik Yak],” said Lehr. “It serves no purpose.”

Discussions are still underway as to whether the app will be banned or not.

“We still don’t know if we’re going to block it, but the challenge is students will just use their data plans,” said Steve Beers, vice president of student development.

“I wouldn’t blame them if they did block it,” said junior Sara Whitlock, an occasional Yik Yak user. However, she added, “It might solve a temporary problem of saving the university’s image, but

it wouldn’t solve the root problem.”

There is a way for Yik Yak users to police each other on the app. Yaks can be “upvoted” or “downvoted” by other users, and a yak with five downvotes is permanently deleted.

Hurtful comments aren’t always downvoted, but it is possible for other users to make harmful yaks disappear.

“Students need to step up and change the peer culture so that comments like this are unacceptable,” said Lehr. Thompson agreed.

“You have a responsibility to put on clothes when you walk out your front door,” she said. “You have a responsibility to purport yourself as a decent human being in a public place, whether that’s online or downtown.”

Some students see Yik Yak as an opportunity rather than a problem.

“We should engage with it,” said senior Josh McBride, a regular Yik Yak user. “God has afforded us the opportunity to speak truth into an area where truth is not well-received.”

McBride said he would be disappointed in student development if Yik Yak were banned.

On Nov. 20, Rod Reed, university chaplain, spoke in chapel about the necessity for Christians to act in a loving matter no matter where they are. Reed challenged students to literally stand up with those who were feeling bullied. Lehr reiterated his message.

“The larger issue is that we want to be a community that’s known, and you can’t know each other through an anonymous app,” Lehr said. “More than banning the app, I think an attitude needs to change.”



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Student shares story of redemption

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Maria Velázquez is bursting with life, so much so that her friend, Gabby Villalba, refers to her as “el oso,” or “the little bear.” When asked why, Gabby explains, “You just want to hug her like a little teddy bear.” Despite Maria’s huggable sweetness, life hasn’t always been sweet in return.

Maria admits that, growing up, she experienced verbal abuse from her father. “He said very painful words.” Her voice wavered as she continued, “Sometimes it’s so hard to try to do your best, but you can’t really receive the [acceptance] of your father, or your grandpa.” She continues to explain that being female is difficult in her family, both because she knows her father wanted a son and didn’t get one, and also because her male cousins are favored and

receive praise from her family that she does not receive.

“Even though you work, even though you have good grades or participate in many stuff, you can’t really achieve [what your male cousins can].” She felt that no matter what she did, she could never earn her father’s approval. “I want him to see that woman can do the same as male. [...] I was tired of trying to fight against that.” The hopelessness of her struggle against sexism and rejection brought Maria to attempt suicide at the age of 15.

In spite of her emotional battles, Maria earned the respect of her father. At the age of 17 she became one of six Mexican students to receive a full ride to an American university through

the Walton International Scholarship Program. Maria was selected to attend JBU. She says that her father is



now more open-minded about her abilities as a woman.

Despite the positive changes that have occurred because of her scholarship, Maria carried a lot of

emotional baggage from her past to her new life at JBU. At home, Maria’s parents and grandparents exerted a lot of control in her life. She explains that after years of having an overly-controlling family, she found it difficult to

give God control in her life when she was finally free from familial authority. She concludes, “The first year was awful for me. I really had struggles with God. [...] I didn’t want someone to control me, because of my parents. What I wanted was freedom.” Pulling out from under her parents’ authority didn’t have the effect Maria had hoped for. Her grades dropped, she felt empty inside and her conscience told her that she was in the wrong.

This May term, after a long night of deep discussion

with her close friend Naomi Olla, Maria gave up her fight with God. She sought counsel with a local priest and says she has felt much better since. Naomi noticed that since summer vacation, Maria is more open and gentle and is improving family relationships. Naomi concludes, “She is really getting more mature.”

Since submitting her life to God, Maria has noticed a difference in herself as well. “I feel happier,” she admitted. “I don’t feel worried about my family [and] the problems in my house, because I know that God will do something with that. I told God that I want him to follow his

plan, and I just ask him for strength, patience to overcome those difficulties that will come in my life. I’ve been asking him to teach me how to be like him, how to forgive people, how to love people, and love your enemies.”

God has given Maria new strength.

“I think that I can do everything,” she said.

Despite the brokenness in her own past, Maria wants to bring healing and restoration to others. After completing her education, she aspires to return to Mexico and teach the young women of her country about their intrinsic value and beauty.

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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT PRESENTS:

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MAJOR: MATH EDUCATION
HOMETOWN: AURORA, NEB.
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1. Shipley dribbles her way to the Hall of Fame: Sierra Shipley's jersey, No. 22, hangs in the rafters of the Ring of Honor at the Women's Basketball Hall of Fame in Tennessee. Shipley set the highest score in JBU's program with 584 points.

2. Soccer lights up the field: JBU students and the women's soccer team release yellow and blue balloons after turning on the Alumni field lights. JBU

students, alumni, faculty and Siloam Springs community attended the "Under the Lights" game, first men's home game of the season featuring the newly installed lights.

3. New coach, same team: Coach Jason Beschta takes the position as head coach for the Golden Eagles.

4. Rugby travels to nationals: JBU's rugby team travelled to

St. Louis this past weekend to participate in a tournament. The team lost to the University of Southern Indiana but still claims Mid-American champions.

5. Legend resigns from years of service: Clark Sheehy resigns as JBU's men's basketball head coach.

6. Kansas City Royals finds place in World Series: Kansas City Royals celebrate their

advancement into the World Series after sweeping the Orioles 4-0. The Royals have not been in the World Series since 1985.

7. 13th Consecutive win at Toilet Paper Game: JBU students anticipated the throwing of the toilet paper at the annual Toilet Paper Game. The Golden eagles beat Central Baptist 82-67, making it the 13th consecutive TP Game win.

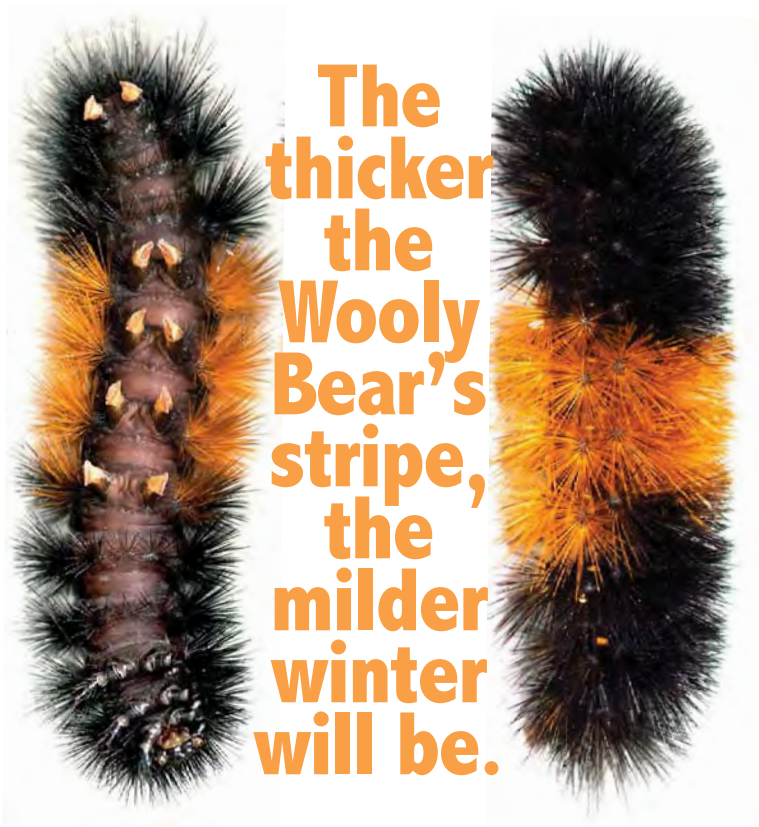
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By Colleen Cornett

WINTER *Weatherlore*

For centuries, people have used the various behaviors of nature to make weather predictions. Oral and written history is full of rhymes, anecdotes and adages meant to guide the uncertain in determining whether the next day will bring fair or foul weather. For the farmer wanting to plant crops or the merchant about to send ships on trade, foreknowledge of tomorrow's circumstances might mean the difference between success and failure. For example, according to the Farmer's Almanac, the shape of the persimmon seed determines the severity of the winter season and this year, persimmon seeds have been predominately spoon shaped, implying that there will be an average amount of snow fall. Here are a few winter weatherlore's you can test as we enter the winter season:



The thicker the Woolly Bear's stripe, the milder winter will be.



Corn husks are thick and tight, winter weather will be a fright.



Onion skins very thin, mild winter coming in.



Onion skins thick and tough, coming winter cold and rough.



As high as the weeds grow, so will the bank of snow.



If bees build their nests high up in the trees,

the upcoming winter will be harsh indeed.

If there's thunder during Christmas week, the winter will be anything but meek.



Squirrels gathering nuts in a flurry will cause snow to gather in a hurry.

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