The New York Times: the barren streets worldwide, according to Dr. Newman, are a result of recent clashes between families who have been subject to adoption. According to the Wilton Bulletin, the children in the foster care system in the United States alone, 101,000 of which are available to be adopted. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has estimated that nearly 420,000 children are available to be adopted.

In the article published in Psychology Today, "When it comes to adopting children, whether to foreign or domestic, the obstacles can be daunting. Social Psychologist Susan Newman discussed the various barriers that couples face when looking into adoption. "If you adopt a child from the welfare system, the child will most likely be over the age of three," Newman said in an article published.

"I can attest to the fact that in a short lifetime, children in orphan care will probably have been subjected to emotional and physical abuse, and behavioral problems. Adopted parents will work hard to ascertain for years."

Nearly 18 million orphans live in orphanages or the streets worldwide, according to the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute. There are 397,122 orphans in the foster care system in the United States alone, 101,000 of which are available to be adopted. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has estimated that nearly 420,000 children are available to be adopted.

"Just over 5 percent of unwanted pregnancies end in adoption here in the United States, so if you’re wanting to adopt a newborn, it can uphill battle," Hayden said. "Adoption of a newborn—even domestically—is very expensive and the family, our friends and our family really helped us raise some money for the cost of the fees." After a GoFundMe campaign on social media, a fundraising party with silent auction and an adoption awareness event, the couple raised some money for the cause.

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Small businesses thrive downtown

Students produce campus coverage

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With an estimated population of 13,800 and an estimated 2,080 companies in Siloam Springs, it would seem that the livelihoods of businesses both large and small are easily accomplished. Yes, 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 in downtown 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 9. “It was really scary starting up here. The place was not in good shape and even knew deep in my heart I did not have a lot of inventory and I started with just my friends and my closet’s,” Cari Lewis, owner of Cari’s Closet said. Lewis said the growth she’s seen in a year time is amazing. “We’ve gone from 300 consignors in a week spread of places, not just from downtown.” She has a consignment of my whole life and I know what I like, as I know what my customers like,” Lewis said. “They want a good deal and need brands and they don’t want to travel far for it.” Lewis said she has gradually learned her business. Her stocked items includes shoes, books, and many other small items. She said that every downtown needs the “downtown center” that gives the town a “good feel.” Being next to John Brown University, Lewis has benefited as it has helped her business grow. “About 50 percent of my customers are from there and their clothes help my business as they shop 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 great it is to be downtown with the support and love we support each other.” Schrader said. Her business is connected with The Chamber, whose attention is “to provide opportunities and help you to keep 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 successfully,” Schrader said. “I also use Facebook and word of mouth, which are both the ways to get my name out there.” Another children’s clothing boutique located on Broadway St. is Heather Hill. Owner Heather Lanker said she “loves the store location, atmosphere, the people on her online market. I see a lot of businesses come and go down here. If their store doesn’t have other ways of distribution, then they are not going to have a better 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 very busy businesses, and most of my customers 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 customers. 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 residents, visitors and citizens of Siloam Springs, and entertainment with a carefully maintained historic district.”

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 communication personalities, reporters, editors and producers. Eaglebreak began in 2012 as a series and has become a program designed not just for students who are interested in broadcasting, but for anyone who wants to help produce relevant news-campuswide. Senior communication major Michael Burchfiel is the director online and producer for the student-operated Eaglebreak. He said his goal is to make the sports show visually appealing and smooth.

“I would like the show to be as smooth as a broadcast 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 about a TV set you’re going to watch that is going to be a great idea for them.”

Kara Gould, adviser for Eaglebreak, stressed that sometimes it’s a struggle to get students interested in current events. “My hope is that the show grows and students can learn more about each other and how they work together.”

Eaglebreak appears on Fridays on their Facebook page. The segments include news, features and sports.

“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 earned Eaglebreak anchor Amy Perry aArkansas College Television Anchor of the Year award for 2014.”

Lacey Fryer, a senior double major in communication and Family and Human Studies, also talks about how Eaglebreak has helped her. She said Eaglebreak was the “pioneer of the program” and were 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 do not communicate majors or students involved in the program, anyone and everyone can benefit from helping.

“The experience that students can get from this is great,” Fryer said.
No more quarters: Coinless laundry

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Coinless laundry machines will make their campus debut during the spring semester of 2015. The Student Government Association has worked with the Division of Children and Family Services to provide training to potential foster parents.

In addition to recruiting families, the CALL works with local churches to provide support for foster and adoptive families in whatever way they need.

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 need and what the process could do for the children.

The CALL believes that “Having a pool of qualified and interested foster parents in every county in Arkansas would go a long way toward solving the problem,” Agee said. In the process of becoming a foster parent can be a long one, however. The Department of Children and Family Services does in-depth background checks and home visits to ensure that the home is safe and comfortable for a child.

The first step is you answering a series of questions, 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 showed 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 situation,” said Agee about the beginning of the process.

The next step includes two different visits. During the first visit, the Department of Family Services informs the prospective family about the safe environment, checking for smoke detectors, proper plumbing, ventilation, yard, adequate space, etc. The department then informs the potential foster parents of what needs to be brought up to code. The second visit will cover the problems found during the first visit and they are taken care of. Despite the difficulty of the process, Agee believes becoming a foster parent can be a very rewarding experience. He said 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. “I believe it is time for the church to push the church and the community to do something about this.”

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“We’re the vice president and Andre Brqouant, the dean of students, to make the long-anticipated transformation a reality,” said Agee.

With the new system, students will use their credit or debit cards to pay for their laundry instead of hunting quarters. For these students, “This is a brilliant idea, especially in the following year to cover washers, dryers, and the laundry system. I think it’s a great thing,” said James Morgan, assistant resident director in Murphy Hall.

“Fifty-two cents isn’t all that big of a problem,” Agee
told an assistant resident director in Murphy Hall. “It will be nice to not have all the quarters.”

Prices for laundry will remain the same in the spring, but will increase by the following year to cover washers, dryers, and the laundry machine over the course of the year. 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 current upgrade, the new laundry system will also feature a smartphone app called Waverider which allows students to 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 reinstalled as needed.

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Ferguson ignites discussion race

Students should listen with sincerity

A few months ago, no one knew we 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, trauma and violence the next day. The shooting of unarmed black teenager Michael Brown by a police officer at a shopping center has sparked protests across the country. Many people have felt that the police have used excessive force against unarmed individuals. The issue of race and violence in Ferguson is not unique to Ferguson, but instead is a reflection of the continued dialogue about various issues relevant to race in America.

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Letters are not necessarily the views of the editorial board and are meant to continue the dialogue about various issues relevant to race in America. Some deny the fact that there is a pattern of violence. The Threefold Advocate want to help you understand. It is obvious that racism is a serious problem in America, and when it comes to police shootings, the numbers speak for itself.

In a study by independent non-profit ProPublica, researchers found out that young black men are shot and killed at an alarming rate. The life of a military kid is commonly put into one major category involving a lot of moving: one parent gone and constantly and a life filled with emotional handicaps. The thickness of some in our justice system is broken and desperately needs to be looked at.

As Christians, we tend to view the other way when faced with something understandable and controversial. We don’t like to be uncomfortable and look into the darkness. Instead, it is important to recognize that Ferguson is another instance of a much larger problem. In order to work to help victims of these problems, we ask you to listen sincerely to the problems in the world—crime, divorce, suicide and mental health. However, we more than anyone should be at the forefront of working to help victims of these problems.

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During the hot summer of 2009, Gospel Opened a door for me to work and study in Turkey for the first time. It was almost the end of that summer when I traveled to six church sites in the city of Revelation. I began my journey with my friend, hoping that God would speak to me through what I would see and experience. Following the scripture and reflecting on what God spoke through the author along the trip was a true blessing. However, I was still not always confident on why He had led me to those sites until visiting the last place, Laodicea. It was a hot day in early August, and I was excited to finally visit the final destination of the trip. As the author mentioned in Revelation 3, Laodicea was a wealthy place, and without troubles, I found ruins made of stones showing how prosperous this place was. I kept walking and saw a huge tree standing among the ruins, showing its precious life with colorful leaves. This tree made me realize that I had suddenly realized what God was trying to show me. The glory of this world is just a stone building that will burn, but what He has prepared for believers is an eternal life through the cross of Jesus Christ. God used this tree to remind me that it is eternal life that I need to strive for, not the stones that mean nothing in eternity. I remembered how self-satisfaction based on wealth and status is difficult for Laodiceans to see that they were “wretched and miserable, and poor and wretched” (Rev. 3:17). The tree also reminded me that God gave me to show that whatever I find in this world will not last. I remind me of the woman who was not worthy to be saved. Even now, this tree is a reminder to me as I face my own sinful nature every day. Being a professor at a Christian college is a great blessing, but it is easy for me to become a proud and arrogant man—a pride that is foolishness, as these stones of the world can only be understood without knowledge. I am in great danger of self-propagating myself from my students if I don’t keep away. As I know that With His mercy He has chosen to save me as one who deserves eternal life, I don’t want to fall in the light, Jesus Christ, so that I am reminded of who I am before the time to do it! This is ever together: to find information about my vote, I realize that the process of ballot voting is difficult, but it can be made easier. I should be voting, and I’m easy of course, is to vote if you have a chance to cast a ballot. How should we make it easier? The Instead of voting on the ballot, I decided to focus on the candidates from one’s preferred political party, this kind of behavior only reinforces the two-party system. Problems like this are easier to solve if we have an absentee voting system. You have to make all the choices in your polling place, and importance of what we have to consider about some of the candidates that will help our lives after 120 minutes, how many people take
decision. I believe that I am voting for a candidate that will help me every moment that I am here. I pray that God would bring me a true peace. My unworthiness, is only possible by being a humble servant who was resurrected, so that I could be a true servant of God. I hope to remind me what truly matters in eternity.

A tree stands strong amongst the ruins of ancient Laodicea, a once wealthy city that Gospel visited while on his trip to Turkey.

A man—a sinner who deserves the death on the cross for my sins, but the worst sinner leads me to the cross. It is not the end of the story. God has not abandoned me. He is notOwner of the cross and the resurrection of Jesus, and I know this is the only truth that will lead me to one life. For “what I am pursuing this?” This question to myself often helps me evaluate my attention and avoid pursuing the self-satisfaction stories which are sometimes attractive to my sight. However, there are times when I forget the importance of the truth and waste my time and energy for something that is not true. It is not too late, now pray that God would bring me back to the cross of Jesus Christ whenever I try to pursue these stories in my life. I also pray that God would remind me every moment that I am an unworthy sinner, that Jesus was resurrected, so it was reconstructed. I could be a humble servant who could help people make a more informed decision.

The election cycle is a form of political campaign landscape, and the voting is not only for higher offices ahead of the 2012 election. If you have the chance to bring your ballot home, you have to make all the choices in your polling place. Why did we decide on has shaped some of our core beliefs on why we matter in the world. To put another's race to attack the individual, you're not an institution. Often what happens, however, is that some core beliefs, such as loving God above all else or loving God above our family & human services. She can be reached at avalosh@jbu.edu.

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Catholics and evangelicals commanded to love

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We have much more in common than we realize, and even if we did not, Jesus, our common sin is to be reached at avalosh@jbu.edu.
Maria Villalba, a student at JBU, is a member of the Coordination of Mexican Students at JBU, a group of students who have experienced verbal abuse from others due to familial stigma. "I have experienced abuses from people who don't value and respect my country about their intrinsic value and beauty. God has given Maria new strength. "I think that I can do everything through him, because he strengthens me."

Despite the challenges, Maria has overcome many obstacles. She continues to work hard and provide for her family. Despite the difficulties, Maria remains hopeful and continues to strive for a better future. "I want to be a community of grace, love, and forgiveness," she said. "We have a responsibility to show kindness and compassion to everyone, regardless of their background or circumstances."
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.
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:

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

**The thicker the Wooly Bear’s stripe, the milder winter will be.**

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

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

**If bees build their nests high up in the trees, the upcoming winter will be harsh indeed.**

**Onion skins very thin, mild winter coming in.**

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

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