The Three of a Kind

Walmart raises starting wages to $10

REBEKAH HENDERS

Walmart has finally responded to the plans to increase pay for their associates. In April, Walmart announced that by January 2016, Walmart would increase its wages to $10 an hour by 2016, according to Walmart’s annual shareholder factbook.

More immediately, as of April 2015, Walmart will increase its starting pay rate by 90 cents to $9.25 an hour with raises to follow. The pay increase will raise as a benefit to the company as a whole.

This new development will enact huge changes on employment within the company nationwide.

For the state of Arkansas, the average minimum wage was $6.53 an hour in April. The average minimum wage greatly benefited her as an employee at the Walmart Neighborhood Market in Centerton, Ark. Working for the company since June 2014, Johnson said that this is her first employment outside of college work-study jobs, and she is excited about the pay increase.

"The change is bigger than we expected," Johnson said. "They called all of us for a meeting and confirmed the raise. Johnson views the pay raise as a benefit to the company as a whole. This will cause younger generations to flock and increase the company’s size and will raise as a benefit to the current U.S. associates’ wages to $10 an hour or better, according to Walmart’s annual shareholder factbook.

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Students snag first in singing competition

John Brown University Students Meghan Ranz (right) and Carissa Wierman (left) meet in her room and talked in her field basement to get ready for the NATS competition held at the University.

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Last week, 13 music students from John Brown University competed in the Arkansas State Conference of the National Association of Teachers of Singing (NATS). They brought home first place in three divisions and second place in two. Every voice college and university from all over Arkansas said that their best students to compete. This year, John Brown opened an unusually large number of students, many of whom had done well in NATS competitions in years past. This year, the competition was held at Arkansas Tech University in Russellville, Ark.

"The competition was thrilling," said Logabili. "(John Brown students) put a lot of great comments about musicality and musical heart." Logabili said that the competition was especially fierce in the younger women's division, where there were many very competitive students. "NATS is looking for something new," Logabili said. "It's more about peer recognition." In addition to the competition, students also attend a master class, recite a monologue, sign up to work as a panelist at the event, and sing a song from a piece at the event. The solo singer also gave a performance. Logabili said last year's mentor, John Skyes, was particularly useful for her. He performed a set of songs from a wide variety of genres.

"It was inspiring to hear her sing," Zaldivar said. "I thought, 'oh boy, I'm going to see all that.'" The presenters encouraged and advised, as they always have a hand out to further along in music and in life, and some mentor students even went on to take the NATS competition.

The host for the NATS competition was Becky Watts, the director of the John Brown University Department of Music. Watts said "I feel like we have a great group of students, and we have a great program. I think we're getting better every year, and I'm really happy with the way we're doing." Watts said that the NATS competition is an opportunity for students to perform in front of judges and in front of the NATS community, which is focused on helping students to better engage music. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition. Watts said that the NATS competition is an important part of the program at John Brown University, and that the students are working hard to prepare for the competition.

"This takes a lot of preparation," Watts said. "It takes a lot of hard work and it is well worth the effort. I think it is the most rewarding study that I've ever done in my life."
Speaker lectures on history of crucifixion

Vila said the lecture will be David Chapman, professor of New Testament archeology at Covenant Theological Seminary and former director of the project. Vila explained Chapman has written two books on the topic. “He is one of the leading authorities in the world on the topic he is speaking on,” Vila said. Vila explained what he wants students to get out of the experience. “The bigger picture is to help students understand the Bible better, but done through understanding archeology and history,” Vila said. Jordan study students had a lot of opinions on how Biblical archeology impacted them and how they think it will impact the students. Guy said, a JBU student who has gone on the Jordan Archeology dig, said the memories really stuck with him. He said it gave him a better understanding of the views and theology of early Christians. “It wasn’t just a research dig, it was experiencing it in real life,” Severs said. He thinks the lecture will help students, “look at it from a different perspective.” Actel Lyon, a junior who attended the summer Jordan studies trip, said, “It was really, really amazing to everybody be in history.” She said the thinks students will get a, “more interactive experience with history.” Leak Day, another Jordan studies student, said the archeology was, “really, really good.” Guy explained that in America we think D.C. is our capital but then you go to the Middle East and realize how long everything has been there for. She said it’s a very humbling experience.

The event will be in the Cathedral of the Ozarks at 7:30 p.m.

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Doty, now a senior, said she is continuing to learn how to live with depression, ADHD and anxiety. The National Institute of Mental Health lists many things as having direct impact on depression among college students including financial demands, changes in family, lack of financial responsibilities and impacts on education, relationships, temptations, and pressure to perform. For many, Eric Severs, depression is part of their psychological make-up, making it impossible to avoid. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. “I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,” Doty said. “The more depression is talked about and given light to, the more it is viewed. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. ‘I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,'” Doty said. “The more depression is talked about and given light to, the more it is viewed. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. ‘I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,'” Doty said. “The more depression is talked about and given light to, the more it is viewed. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. ‘I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,'” Doty said. “The more depression is talked about and given light to, the more it is viewed. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. ‘I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,'” Doty said. “The more depression is talked about and given light to, the more it is viewed. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. ‘I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,'” Doty said. “The more depression is talked about and given light to, the more it is viewed. Regardless of its form, depression is a subject that is often avoided. ‘I don’t think that it’s talked openly about on campuses,'”

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Today John Brown University will host guest speaker David Chapman to lecture on Jesus’ crucifixion in the Roman world.

David Vila, professor of religion and philosophy at the University and director of the Abila Archeological Project, said this is a new initiative. It is part of the Jordan summer Studies Program, he explained. Vila said both JBU donors and people outside the University have funded an endowment for the program.

Vila said the lecture is designed to tie into the Old Testament and the New Testament Survey classes. In the fall there will be a lecture pertaining to the Old Testament class and in the spring the lecture will pertain to the New Testament class.

He said the lecture is not limited to John Brown students or faculty and has been advertised all over Northwest Arkansas.

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The importance of respect in relationships

We often talk about rough issues and ask hard questions here at John Brown University. We wrestle with issues of faith and sexuality, about race relations and the church. We hosted a conference last semester to discuss the importance of being open to criticism, about Orthodoxy traditions of Christianity. Each year, we have a chapel in which our president answers student questions. We also have a cookie Wednesday and how the school is addressing the concerns of LGBT students.

These topics are difficult to discuss and have differing opinions among our students. However, I think we can still come to some conclusions and express our opinions and even different worldviews.

That's why The Threefold Advocate command the students of John Brown University for their willingness to discuss these difficult topics, especially as they relate to their own personal beliefs. Christians, especially Christian universities, seem to constantly discuss how to handle these types of hard conversations—about LGBT rights, about social justice—and JBU does a good job at this. We The Threefold Advocate urge our respect and openness.

We The Threefold Advocate urge students to embrace new opinions and to learn from someone else’s views. We encourage you to embrace different political views. Talk to someone from a different culture than the one in which you were raised. Don't shut out people who disagree with you. Instead, talk to them and get to know them. With them. Do not hurry judge someone simply because he or she is of different beliefs from you.

When we reach out from our comfort zones, we stretch ourselves, both intellectually and emotionally. We grow and learn through these new experiences. When we interact with people from another culture, for example, we learn about new languages, political views, social issues, customs, music and more.

Not only do we better ourselves, but we encourage others to grow and stretch as well. We gain learning from the minds and hearts to people different than ourselves, we create an environment of mutual respect. We ask you to remember this next time you disagree with someone of a different political persuasion. Remember to remain a safe place for us all to be open and honest with one another, even with difficult issues.

Tell us what you think:
The good, the bad and the ugly

Everyone has heard the phrase “you can’t please everyone,” and we all know it’s true. Different people have different worldviews, cultures and beliefs, and this is a good thing. We The Threefold Advocate avidly support diversity. We strive for openness and honesty in all our work. As we illuminate differing opinions on campus life, national subjects and international events, we hope that we can help students learn to respect other views and to express their own.

We hope high for this newspaper, but we see student journalists. We are still learning how to conduct interviews, how to edit stories, how to communicate well with sources. And this learning is a process that sometimes involves making mistakes. We are students, and as students, we are sometimes a bit biased and have limits. As journalists, we have rules and laws to respect and uphold. While we strive to be accurate, we also want to support our own agenda, this is not in true. In addition to outside standards and rules, we also have the laws of God to guide us.

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The Keystone pipeline would benefit U.S. oil refining, one study says

Last week, President Obama vetoed the measure that would allow construction of Phase IV of the Keystone Pipeline. Referred to as Keystone XL, Phase IV would create an additional pipeline from Alberta, Canada to Steele City, NE. There are a lot of environmental concerns regarding the pipeline including potential spills and increased greenhouse gas emissions. Though millions of dollars have been spent on environmental impact research, a lot of the data are still inconclusive. In response to questions of environmental safety, TransCanada looked at different potential routes through Nebraska in order to avoid major water sources. Ultimately, all states involved reached a consensus in the construction of the new pipeline have approved a route.

There are several issues at stake concerning the Keystone XL pipeline. The oil that is to be transported to refineries is a by-product of enhanced oil recovery. Though improved, it is not as clean as most conventional crude oil due to the additional energy required for the extraction process.

However, research done by the Department of State indicates that the pipeline will provide significant amounts of oil which will be shipped by rail. According to the Department, impacts on the environment will be more likely to cause environmental damage due to higher chances of spills.

Environmentalists, as a sort of precautionary principle, do not discuss the potential economic growth that could come from the pipeline. Projections have shown that if the pipeline is developed, millions of dollars could be spent on the project. The energy costs for XL, the added expense of shipping the oil by train would not make it competitive with other routes.

The influx of oil would help refiners increase their production and thus be more likely to cause environmental damage due to higher chances of spills.

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Peculiar instrument sparks passion

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Erhu. The word itself looks like gibberish, but to John Brown University junior Ethan Zuck, it means a challenge and talent. The erhu is a two-stringed musical instrument commonly played by various ethnic groups in China. Zuck, a philosophy major with minors in psychology and music, has many hidden talents. Among being proficient in Russian and Japanese, being the leader of The Wells Project at the university and having 15 years of piano experience, Zuck has taught himself how to play the erhu.

"I just have been YouTubing tutorials; it's the best way to learn! Right now I still have a lot more to practice," Zuck said.

Zuck was originally inspired to learn the erhu because of his love for soundtracks and composers. Just a few of his favorites include John Powell, Akira Senju and John Williams. "There isn't just one film that inspired me. Any oriental-sounding music is beautiful, especially the erhu. It's unlike the violin because the erhu is richer and it kind of has a singing quality that is smooth and yet somber," Zuck said.

He believes the erhu is the most popular Chinese instrument. Although many people would not know where to look for an instrument of this kind, Ethan found the instrument online and purchased it last year.

"I will come back to the room at two, three or even four in the morning, just because he is playing piano. I really admire him because he is so disciplined in his practice. I wish I was more disciplined like him!" Albores said.
Caf hostess brightens students’ days

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“She brings a smile to everyone’s face,” said Chase Poage, a senior at JBU, as she walked down the line and greeted students. “I mean every word. "Have fun!" upon exit are the words I wish for everyone to remember when you guys come in,” Koran often greets students before they’re able to see friendly faces.”

When people at JBU ask Koran why she is always wearing a smile, she replies, “For 13 years the job before they’re able to see friendly faces.”

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In fact, Koran knows a thing or two about facing the world. 13 years Koran worked at Simmons Foods Inc., the local chicken plant in Siloam. When people at JBU ask Koran why she is always wearing a smile, she replies, “For 13 years the only thing I had to smile at is my employees and close friends, her eyes up and she could help her meal as she talked. Even the mere thought of her promotion seems to shift Clauson’s outlook on her afternoon, even if for a moment. Koran remarked cheerily. “I’m not going to work—yay!” Koran laughed, “It’s nice to be able to be happy.”

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Eagles earn All-Conference titles

**Men’s golf stays on course**

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John Brown University’s men’s golf team has been doing a lot of preparation for the spring season—even if it means staying indoors.

“Since the weather’s been so cold, we’ve been inside,” said junior Max Gordon. “We’ve been hitting nets, working out a lot—lots of swimming in the pool, and a lot of cardio.

The men’s golf team currently is one of the smallest athletic programs at JBU, with eight men participating in the program.

The team’s rigorous pushed to stay in shape come about at the end of the 2014 spring season and hasn’t let up since.

“Last spring, when we want to conference (tournament), I realized our conditioning wasn’t what it needed to be,” said Coach Doug Turner. “So we’ve spent a lot of time in the last two and a half weeks getting back into shape. We ended the season in pretty good shape last year. So we’ve been doing a little bit of work. You know, we’ve had nets, and we hit him indoors. We have workouts that do a couple of days a week, including swimming.

But conditioning is not the only aspect of their training. According to freshman Thaner Radler, he and his teammates practice golf on a real course whenever possible.

“We play when it’s warm,” said Radler. “Obviously, February is always up and down. We play at the city course, and we’ve played at Shadow Valley. I played a few holes at pebbles when it was warm with the guys.”

Upcoming Golf Tournaments

**Monday, March 9**  
@ The NAIA Contender: All Day in Dallas, Texas

**Tuesday, March 10**  
@ The NAIA Contender: All Day in Dallas, Texas

**Monday, March 16**  
vS Southwestern Christian: All Day at Shadow Valley, Okla.

**Friday, March 27**  
@ Bethel (Kan.) Spring Invitational: All Day at Newton, Kan.

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All of this is preparation for the various tournaments that will be held throughout the spring season. The first of such tournaments is the NAIA Contender, an all-conference tournament that will be held on March 9-10 in Dallas, TX.

“First, the one at TPC Four Seasons,” said Gordon. “That’s where the Byron-Nelson on the PGA Tour is played. It’s probably going to be one of the toughest courses that we’re going to play, but it’s a pretty good field there. We should be able to come up with a good score.”

Not only is the NAIA Contender a difficult tournament in terms of course difficulty, it also bears difficulty in terms of opponents.

“Three are about 15 of the top 20 programs in the country that are going to be there,” said Coach Turner. “Obviously the big schools in our conference are Oklahoma City University, Oklahoma Baptist University, Texas Wesleyan and Wayland. Those are our top four, and they’re also in the top 20 in the country. A really good showing for us would be to beat two or three of those schools. We can compete with Hopefully we can beat Oklahoma Wesleyan and Southwestern. The idea is that if we can be competitive enough and play to our advantage, not only will we not come last in the last, but we maybe we’ll get in at the top six or seven. That’ll be a win for us.

“There’s a really good course we’re playing on, one of the top courses down there,” said Raider. “I think we’ve got a decent chance. I don’t know. How are we doing? We’re coming out of the shootout, but we have some decent guys who are owning well. Hopefully it’s positive.”

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**Lauren Rogers #20**

Lauren Rogers earned the title as All-Sooner Athletic second team, scoring 318 points in conference. Feitl ranks as No. 14 in total scoring with 55 points and No. 13 for a free throw percentage of 81.8. He breaks 70 in three shot put.

**Brooke Barker #34**

Brooke Barker was also named All-Conference Honorable Mention. Barker has 82.5 percent shooting record. In conference average, Barker scored 8.11 points per game.

**Sophia Mendoza #35**

Sophia Mendoza, All-Conference Honorable Mention, earned total of 189 points in conference. Mendoza currently ranks No. 18 in total blocks with 56.

**DJ Felt #23**

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**Max Hopfgartner #35**

Max Hopfgartner earned the title as All-Sooner Athletic second team. This season has made him a key player. Hopfgartner ranks as No. 22 in Div II for total rebounds with 206.
Tennis team reaches for excellence

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It’s the first week of the regular tennis season, and John Brown University’s tennis players already have a lot to talk about.

“The teams we’ve played so far have gotten better,” said senior captain Alex Baker. “I can only expect the teams that we will play will be better as well. They’ve improved every year, so have we, but some of them have gotten nationally ranked; some of them are undefeated at the current moment, even at Division II and Division III levels.”

So far, the men’s and women’s team have played two matches against Hendrix College and College of the Ozarks. The men’s team lost both matches; the women’s team split the two, taking the victory over Ozarks. According to freshman Grace Cusick, splitting the matches was a good indicator of where the team stands.

“We lost one of the matches, but we won the next one,” said Cusick. “I think that really helps us, because the loss showed us what we really need to work on. It just got us ready for what is to come in the season.”

Although the men’s team did not emerge victorious, according to Kenneth Fulghem, the two matches provided an opportunity for personal development. “Those were two fun matches,” said Fulghem. “It was my first match as a number three as a freshman, so it was a little stressful at first. But as I was playing, I was like, ‘This is my time. I can show what God has given me and what I’ve worked for to get here now, and to prove that I have what it takes to stay up with everyone else.’”

While neither of JBU’s tennis teams hold a ranking; some of them are nationally ranked; some of them have gotten nationally ranked, but some of them have won some games. According to Silva, the competition against opponents is not the only thing that has become more intense. The intensity within practices has also increased.

“I think that coach is pushing us to be more disciplined — myself included — when it comes to practice,” said Baker. “We’ve matched, we have a ton of potential to do really well, but we just have to stay focused and avoid our opponents.”

According to Cusick, the team has adopted a focused attitude that they hope will take them far. “I think we’re all really focused and really pumped for the season. Our end goal is just to do our best, and we’ll see where that takes us.” - Grace Cusick

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Tweets This Week

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Upcoming Tournament

Support the men’s and women’s basketball teams at the Sooner Athletic Conference Tournament this weekend, March 4-7 at Oklahoma City University.

This Week’s Conference Standings

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Luke Passion Venue The tennis ball in preparation for a hard hit across the court. "Pickle, in a similar vein Arkansas, is part of the men’s tennis team, consisting of 17 members.

“Tennis is just beginning. Phillip Todd performs an exercise during practice in preparation for an upcoming game. The tennis season is just beginning.
Chinese New Year is also known as the “Spring Festival” and is one of the most important holidays, both socially and economically for many countries. The festival originates from a time when individuals would honor their late ancestors, deities and sacred spirits. Although, these are still some who practice the sacredness of the festival, the majority now see the festival as a time of gathering with family and a time of being away from work.

During the festivities, married couples and elderly individuals give a red envelop, called “Hong Bao,” filled with money to children and single adults. Traditionally, people though these envelopes brought good luck and wealth to the children in the future.

This year, the Chinese New Year began on Thursday, February 19 and will end on March 5. The holiday is based around the lunisolar calendar that relies on the moon phase. Each day of the festival signifies something and holds a sacred tradition.

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15-Day Festival

1. Known as Yuan Dan. This day kicks off the official celebration of the New Year with Chinese operas, festivals, and dragon dances seen in the streets. Many families will also practice traditional customs when it comes to meals, such as abstaining from meat to cleanse the body while also saving from killing an animal on the first day of the year, which is a Buddhist principle.

2. Known as the ‘Birthday of the Dog’ within accordance to the Chinese calendar, most canine friends are given a little extra love today, including the strays! Married women will also pay a visit to their parents as a sign of respect on this day.

3-4. These days are reserved for paying respect to the deceased, especially family members who have passed away within the last three years. At this point in the festivities, many businesses will reopen.

5-6. This day is known as the birthday of the god of wealth. Traditional foods are eaten in some regions and many tend to visit friends on this day.

7. This day is referred to as ‘Birthday of Man;’ and it recognizes the common man. Many will gather on this day over a family meal.

8-12. This day is known as “yuán xiāo jié,” or first night festival. During the Lantern Festival, children can be seen holding lanterns, and streets are filled with decorative and festive lanterns. This is the last day of celebration in the Chinese New Year.