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Newbuilding unifies nursing students

Walking the computer lab moves to libraries

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“Click” go the gray library security gates. Time someone walks between them. Library traffic has more than doubled this August as compared to August 2015. Meanwhile, the doors to the former Walker computer lab are locked.

Brant Swearingen, director of the library, attributes the increase in library traffic to the recent relocation of the Walker computer lab and Help Desk.

The library has been refurbished to include a new set of computers, conference table and coffee nook – much like the old Walker lab. The Help Desk, which was formerly inside the Walker lab, now has a larger, naturally-lit room that creates a more intimate space between the Media Lab and library. The result is that people are using the library and Help Desk more frequently, and the library now has later hours to match those of the former Walker Lab. Meanwhile students who regularly used the computer lab, study areas and Help Desk are adjusting to a quieter study environment.

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Swearingen called the library/help desk/media lab a “one-stop shop.” He said that because the economic decline within the Nursing Program.

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The two-story Health Education Building is equipped with three classrooms, exam rooms for clinic teaching, simulation rooms, labs for health assessment, offices, study areas and a computer lab, offering students a hands-on, high-tech learning experience. Hospitals providing students with new tools for learning is only one part of the ripple-effect of unity and pride within the Nursing Program.

“We just had a conception in our mind of what it was to be a nursing student,” Klein said. “But the Walker Lab is so encouraging and so almost helpful to have staff members, to have a building, to have classrooms. All of these things were just dreams.”

Klein added as she grinned.

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The Angel of Vision, located between Walker Student Center and the Walton Health Complex, is a statue that celebrates the Walton family's commitment to education and service. The Angel of Vision, designed by sculptor Joanne Brown, represents the spirit of the Walton family and is a fitting tribute to the philanthropic work of Sam Walton.

The statue was unveiled on September 8, 2016, in a ceremony attended by students, faculty, and members of the Walton family. The statue stands as a symbol of the Walton family's dedication to excellence and service, and serves as a reminder of the impact that philanthropy can have on education.

The Angel of Vision Statue is a gift to the University of Central Arkansas, and it is expected to serve as a focal point for students and visitors alike. The statue is a testament to the Walton family's commitment to education and service, and it will serve as a reminder of the importance of philanthropy in higher education.
New ministry breaks the sound barrier

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Tafts Tau, founder of John Brown University’s newest campus ministry, Friends of ASL, made the sign for the letter “T” and shook hands. “My name was Tolz,” she said. In ASL, the sign for everyone had a name sign of their own, and so it was. For a deaf student visiting for the first time, this is key for JBU students.


Catholics respond to Paradiso

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Various religious backgrounds will be represented as people from different faiths come together to learn to travel to John Brown University to become Catholic.

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In her role as Professor of Philosophy at JBU, Meorgen explained that by doing Breakaway as a tradition that the fact that we continue have discussions with people that are different from us, it is a really unique opportunity and this includes a T-Shirt. The cost is twenty dollars and includes a T-Shirt.

One thing that I love about Breakaway is that it is an amazing opportunity to learn sign language and interact with people in the deaf community. Taft said she plans to work with Bethel Deaf Fellowship, a church in Fort Smith, to help foster these events. Taft hopes this relationship will help students to connect with the deaf community and practice their sign language skills.

Breakaway aims to start a conversation and foster ongoing relationships. This is why I think this conference is the University's only Cause based conference.

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Ottoman empire. In its place, a continuation of the Caliphate. The Ottoman Empire became in the middle of the nineteenth century and it was one of the leading Islamic empires for almost half a millennium. It took time to work.
About six percent of eligible voters of JBU students did not vote in the 2014 midterm elections, which is a shocking problem, and it must be changed.

In order to register to vote, you can either visit a State Revenue Office or a Driver Services Office as soon as possible. Forms are available online on your state’s Secretary of State website. The form will then be forwarded to your local election official. If you do not hear back within a month from the Secretary of State website, if you have completed and signed your form, please check with your local election official. You will be able to get a confirmation at that time.

The checking amount of Americans who are unregistered to vote is astonishing. This is a matter of great importance. Teens who are old enough to drink, and can legally purchase alcohol, may not have even registered to vote. This is very alarming to me, as I believe that every American citizen should have the right to vote.

Even if the only thing you can do is write a letter to the editor of your local paper, this is something worth doing. It’s an opportunity for you to share your thoughts on what you believe is an important issue. You can express your opinion, and let others know what you think.

We had no money saved for anything. We did everything we could to accomplish in high school was college. My mother, who is a pre-K teacher, so we never had any money. This means that everything I wanted to do in high school was the bare necessities. I had no money needed for college tuition. Finally, I am a first-generation college student.

It beat the increasingly unlikely odds in high school, took a small job, married, and settled somewhere else in Arkansas. This has created a cycle of poverty in my family. Failing to pay money as necessary to live safe and sound.

We cordially invite you to submit your letters to the Threefold Advocate. If you are interested in submitting a letter to the Threefold Advocate, please do so at least one week before the deadline. If this is your senior year, be thankful and live every minute to the fullest. Endings are bittersweet, so don’t just watch the clock. Stop and re-

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Study abroad helps conquer fear

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“You are the most beautiful woman that you are when you are yourself.” I felt this quote perfectly stated what the statement meant and how to find your personal style. Personal style is a way to show your personality and your particular passions. I was inspired to take a study abroad trip this summer. For me, it was a way to step out of my comfort zone and explore the world and myself.

“I now feel a sense of freedom and contentment.” I now feel a sense of freedom and contentment. I feel as though I can go out and do anything that I want, and I feel that I can and will do it. The next day I was afraid to look at the picture, but I did it. Most of all, I was afraid to go to the top of the Eiffel Tower, but I did it. I conquered the feeling of being uncomfortable. There are a lot of uncomfortable situations on a study abroad trip, but the key is to just go, and it will pay off. I gained friends for life, got cheap credit, and experience a once in a lifetime opportunity.

JUAN HARMON
CONTRIBUTOR

If you are a freshman, you should not date. I suppose you have set up to fail this phase. All over, you have heard for years about people missing out on friendships. Your parents, your siblings, maybe even your friends are proudly quoting the latest in lost fashion. For me and the rest of you, it’s now your turn to shine. Then of course you have the upperclassmen who, during karaoke, firmly reminded that you will in fact get a ring by spring. The only thing that was missing from this was that you and I are one and only. Nevertheless, at Big Game night (by fate), your eyes met with the most beautiful girl that was ever to grace the specimen in all the land. We both knew that we had feelings for the other. We came to a love situation that was so obvious, no one could deny it. They seemed to take style that was a world away from my style. When choosing an activity, it is not what your mind thinks because it’s something that I want to do. Finally, I discovered that by using my talents to gain affirmation, I was bolstering the praise I would gain from my friends and not remaining focused on giving God the glory for blessing me with my talents. The curious part of it was that I more than ever told me my clothing, choice of activity or talent was not good enough, it was all in my head. In fact, my friends supported me in all areas of my life. I plan on traveling the world with the Lord. He revealed all the things to me: when I put a hand on a friend’s shoulder during worship to pray over them while I raise my other hand, I feel that I am the most genuine version of myself that I could ever be. Finally, because of knowing that I am not the world. I no longer compare myself to God, I compare myself to God. I no longer compare myself and others to my Sunday best. I can now see that I am doing God’s will and I am doing it with great purpose.

Beauty and identity are found in Christ

Research on the impact of study abroad trips suggests that students who participate in such programs gain a number of valuable experiences. These experiences can include academic gains, personal growth, and the opportunity to develop a greater understanding of the world around us.

One of the most significant benefits of study abroad is the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of other cultures. By immersing themselves in a different environment, students are able to gain a new perspective on the world and the people who inhabit it.

In addition to the academic gains, study abroad programs also offer students the opportunity to develop a greater sense of independence. By living in a foreign country, students are forced to make decisions on their own and learn to navigate unfamiliar situations. This can be a valuable lesson that will serve them well in the future.

Finally, study abroad programs offer students the opportunity to build meaningful relationships. By spending time with people from different backgrounds, students are able to learn from each other and develop a greater appreciation for diversity.

Overall, study abroad programs offer students a unique opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the world and themselves. By participating in such programs, students can develop a greater sense of independence and build meaningful relationships that will benefit them for years to come.
Mountain biking captivates students

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Mountain biking is a sport that can help people of all ages and levels of physical ability get fit. It is a sport that can be enjoyed by everyone, but for some it can be a life-changing experience.

Nathan Reindel, Vice President of Biking Club at JBU and the owner’s representative for the Mountain biking project, describes his assessment of the course as a “Blue level (beginner) trail rated as a Green level (beginner) course” in the Trestle Report this year. While the Sager Creek trail is considered a Blue level trail, the North Loop, ranked as a Blue level (beginner) trail, is scheduled to be completed before the trail looks to绽 Spring. He said, “I think that the biking community is very accepting as long as you are willing to learn and fall a couple of times, they are willing to teach and show the sport that they love very much.”

As a Mountain Biking Lingo, Double Track-Refers to a course that allows a single rider to ride side-by-side. Single Track-Only a single rider can ride a course at a time. Projecting-Riding a difficult section multiple times to try. Mastering-Getting a true feel of an obstacle or the trail.

There’s a lot to offer in mountain biking. It can be a fun way to exercise and enjoy the outdoors. It’s a sport that anyone can enjoy, regardless of age or ability. Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced rider, there’s something for everyone in mountain biking.

Mountain biking has become a popular attraction in Northwest Arkansas. It started in the early 2000s, and now there are over seven miles of trails available for riders to enjoy. The trails are well-maintained, and there are plenty of places to stop and enjoy the scenery.

There are many ways to get into mountain biking. You can start by renting a bike from your local bike shop, or you can purchase your own. There are many different types of bikes to choose from, so it’s important to find one that works for you.

In addition to renting or purchasing a bike, you can also find a group of friends or family members who enjoy the sport. This can help you stay motivated and make the sport more enjoyable.

Mountain biking is a great way to get fit and have fun. It’s a sport that can be enjoyed by everyone, and it’s a great way to connect with nature.

Eight steps to start Bible journaling

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Bible journaling has become a new trend in the Christian community. It’s a way for people to connect with their faith in a fresh way and to express themselves through art. It’s a great way to engage with the Bible and to remember what you’ve learned.

Here are eight steps to start Bible journaling:

1. Gather a group of friends or family members who want to try a new way of engaging with God’s word or that just want to see what it is about. Start with getting together in a Bible verse that the group wants to study. You can find free or paid resources online or in your local library.

2. Gather supplies. You can get supplies from anywhere, and they don’t have to be expensive or come from a chain store. In the store, you decide what you want to use premium or name brand items, you are more than welcome.

3. Do not be afraid to try different things. You can add color to your journaling on your Bible to make it look nice and make it speak to your heart. You can change your Church Bible from what you like, as long as you are willing to work on it and keep up speed.

4. If you have no idea what to journal, Groomer Ashley Burger has a plenty of ideas.

5. Let God speak to you. After reading a verse, just step back and think. Pray as a group to let God speak to you in a fresh way and guide you to a better understanding of His message.

6. Write whatever comes to mind. It is very important to not make it perfect. It is good to make it look neat and add all the extra stuff. The most important thing is to just practice it and get the feel of it with God and His word.

7. Remember this is not about who has the most on their Bible or the most update to Bible journaling supplies. Take this time to express what the Lord is saying to you and what knowledge you have gained, even through the act of writing in your Bible.

8. If your group decides that they would like to not journal different passages in the Bible, choose a worship song. Close your eyes while the song is playing, try not to listen to the words but to what God is speaking to your heart.
Nanica’s new Augmented Reality Pokémon has been taking in orders of cash from investors and advertising agencies since its launch in early July. Since launching, there have been many stories from various sources about people just being in the most ridiculous ways. From walking off cliffs to avoiding a pool of sunset shadows, here are five tips to keep you catching musk Kangaskangaroo as long as you can.

Do we play while driving? No brainer, right? Well, do you know how many times you texted in a car? According to a story by CNN, two men were playing Pokémon Go in San Diego, ignored a No Throwing sign, and walked off a cliff. Now, we don’t have a lot of cliffs here on JBU’s campus (unless you count the Hundred Steps), but we certainly have crosswalks. Josh Krentzel, an RA in J. Abhin won’t. And doesn’t. “I fell down some stairs in J. Abhin once. I’m getting pretty aware of my surroundings. Ed say I only run into things once every couple of days now,” Watch where you’re going, people, and on a similar note…

2. Watch Where You’re Walking
Ever been walking down the sidewalk and you step in gum? Awful, right? Now imagine that walking is falling and the gum is a cliff. According to a story by CNN, two men were playing Pokémon Go in San Diego, ignored a No Throwing sign, and walked off a cliff. Now, we don’t have a lot of cliffs here on JBU’s campus (unless you count the Hundred Steps), but we certainly have crosswalks. Josh Krentzel, an RA in J. Abhin won’t. And doesn’t. “I fell down some stairs in J. Abhin once. I’m getting pretty aware of my surroundings. Ed say I only run into things once every couple of days now,” Watch where you’re going, people, and on a similar note…

3. Know When
It’s Not Worth It
You’re Walking
Down the Stairs
Ever been walking down the stairs in the Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe. The outside looks like a normal warehouse but on the inside is a book heaven. The walls are lined with different types of books. They have books that range from vintage from the children’s books. If a person cannot find what they are looking for in the bookstore there is a website for the store that offers 3,000 books that are sold only online said employee Bethany Robertson.

4. Don’t Be a
 Jerk About It
If you’re in a gym in the middle of a funeral, don’t try and take the gym. If there’s a class going on outside and you just have to be in the middle of the group to catch something, don’t. There’s a time and a place for everything and sometimes GO can wait. Believe me there are more important things to worry about. Likewise, the rivalry between teams Mystic, Valor, and Instinct are fun, but don’t burn battle lines when there don’t need to be any drawn.

5. Have Fun
With It
For as important as it is to be conscious of the dangers of Pokémon GO, it’s also important to realize just what it is to all of us. Many of us grew up on Pokémon, and have nothing but fond memories of it. Pokémon GO is a great opportunity to relive and recapture those experiences in the years that we may have grown away from Pokémon and video games in general. There’s a Root for your team (Instinct, wow), and don’t forget that our enemies are meant to be played, to make fun, and, in this case, bring to together.

Used bookstores to visit in town

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Once Upon a Time Books
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Dickson Street Books
37 years ago, Don Chafe and Charles O’Donnel opened the bookstore, “We have over 100,000 used, rare, and out-of-print books on virtually every subject. Our uniqueness comes from the fact that our store has a rare H.P. Lovecraft book in the same room as the Harry Potter series. And our bookcases that can somehow locate anything you might be looking to read” said employee Roger Barutt who has been working there for the past three years. Just be careful not to get lost while wandering around the place… with the winding hallways it is easy to get lost.

Friends of the Library Used Bookstore
Around the corner from the children’s area in the Siloam Springs Public Library, a used bookstore tucked away in the corner waiting for the corner waiting for people to discover its magic. The money that the bookstore makes is allows the Friends of the Siloam Springs Public Library to help put on different events for the general public and donates items to the library.

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Futsal courts coming to University

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Students can expect to see the construction of a new sports facility at John Brown University starting up this December. The University has recently accepted a grant from the Walmart Foundation to build a Futsal court near the intramural fields. Construction is slated to commence by February 2017.

Futsal is a modified form of soccer with five players on each team. It is played on an indoor court about the size of a smaller, indoor tennis court, but a standard soccer ball and is played professionally around the world. Countries with top futsal players include Brazil, Spain, and Argentina. The Walmart Foundation gave the University the funds for this purpose of building the court as both a community and a campus project.

“Futsal is a really great kind of convergence of different groups,” said Professor of Psychology Kevin Simpson, one of the professors involved with the grant.

The City of Siloam Springs will provide labor and equipment for the construction of three hard-surface courts that are fenced and lighted. The Siloam Springs Futsal Club will oversee facility operations once it is completed. Scott Markberry, head coach of men’s soccer, said, “Futsal is, globally, a great way for people to spend time together. You see futsal courts as kind of a centerpiece to a lot of communities. It’s a place for people to gather and play. It’s a very casual version of the game.”

While the court is being built on campus, Markberry said he hopes that the larger community of Siloam Springs will use it. “I think for us it’s a really great way for the Siloam Springs community to come together.”

“I think that the community will use it more than intramurals will use it,” Markberry added. “It’ll be uniquely suited to the community [facility] community use.”

Franklin soccer player Tim Hoffman also expressed excitement for the new court. “It’ll be cool just that we have our own designated space,” Hoffman said. “Futsal’s a good way to stay fit, you know, work out. It’s really fun, you know, like small-sided games. Anyone can be at futsal.”

Markberry said that he thinks intramural futsal will be organized a year after the court’s completion.

New players start season with success

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The John Brown University volleyball team has had a great start to their season, winning their first five matches. Their success has been influential in helping the volleyball team this year.

Carley McKinney, Josie Meyer, Elizabeth Williams, Lindsey Davis, and Megan Beck are the new additions to the Golden Eagles this year, and they are already making an influence on the team.

Coach Ken Carver said his new players “bring a lot of energy to the team as well as a lot of spiritual depth and character.”

The Sooner Athletic Conference named McKinney, an Elementary Education major and a 5’9” outside hitter from Mission Viejo, California, the Attacker of the Week after her first few collegiate matches.

In high school, McKinney’s team was able to win their state championship and they are already making an impact on the court.

“Megan and I have the luxury of coming in as freshmen because the game and coming together as a team, and the thrill and passion that goes with it, it’s all new,” McKinney said. “Since point 25,” McKinney said, “we have the potential to be dominant offensive player the team has ever had, and we have had offensive pressure, she is an athletic player. It seems as though she has very good control skills.”

Megan, a middle hitter and setter, and Elliot, a middle hitter, bring versatility to the team in the long-run. She brings a lot of experience as a middle hitter,” Carver said. “But we are allowing her to be a team leader in that position. She brings versatility to the Golden Eagles this year, as she has experience playing almost all positions on the court during her high school career. She is also left-handed, which gives her an instant advantage as a setter and opposite hitter.

“We’re currently riding a wave and we look to continue the momentum,” Carver said.

Megan as one of our opposite hitters, and setting as a back-up setter,” Carver said. While the five new freshmen this year have certainly met or exceeded Coach Carver’s expectations, he has high goals for their team overall.

“We want to consistently take advantage of the learning opportunities we are given each day and attempt to get one percent better each and every day,” Carver said. “We want to be a team that ultimately is a reflection of Christ in how we play, and do it in a way that brings him honor and glory both in victory and defeat.”

The University volleyball team is getting ready to drive heading into the middle of their season. In the coming week they will take on Bacone, Oklahoma on September 8 and will travel to Springfield, Missouri that same weekend to compete in the Evangel Tournament on September 9-10.
Colin Kaepernick, quarterback for the San Francisco 49ers of the National Football League, has received widespread attention and stirred controversy by choosing not to stand when the national anthem is played before a game. "I am not going to stand up and show pride in a flag that oppresses black people and people of color," Kaepernick told NFL Media after a 49ers preseason game against Green Bay. "To me, this is bigger than football and it would be selfish on my part to look the other way." "There are bodies in the street and people getting paid leave and getting away with murder," Kaepernick said, referencing multiple cases of officers getting paid leave after shooting a black person, including cases this summer in Miami, Minnesota and Florida. John Brown University students and athletes shared their thoughts on Kaepernick’s stand. "Initially I felt like an athlete representing the U.S.A. on a professional level, he should honor our country by standing for the national anthem," Brittany Ayers, senior psychology major and JBU volleyball player, said. However, I do believe that he has the right to stand for what he believes in. "I respect that he’s standing up for what he believes in because he’s in a position to raise awareness and make an impact," Ayers added. Celeste Lindsey is a sophomore art and illustration major and secretary of Multicultural Organization of Students Active In Christ (MOSAIC). "I support what he’s standing for in because he’s in a position to raise awareness and make an impact," Lindsey said. "Hopefully this is something that will cause America to be like, ‘Hey, maybe since all of these people have been protesting, maybe we should look into this and see why they’re so upset and do something about it.’" Zach Bower, junior biblical and theological studies major, said he supports Kaepernick’s right to sit down during the national anthem because he himself does not pledge during the pledge of allegiance. "I can’t pledge allegiance to the Bible and Christian flag and at the same time pledge my allegiance to America because they will have competing goals," Bower said. Bower added that he supports Kaepernick’s statement itself, as well as his right to make a statement. "There are cops who are racists and who are in places of authority," Bower said, mentioning the fatal shooting of Alton Sterling in Louisiana in July. "As a nation we are not racist, but as a nation we do need to take a stand for what is happening within our nation." Students respond to quarterback’s stand

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It’s the advice John Brown University’s Director of Service and Outreach Ministries, Frank Huebert offers on volunteer work. “I think there is a tendency for us to wait for the right thing. We tend to put off volunteering and serving until we are better prepared. And often we are never prepared to serve until we serve,” said Huebert. Here are some six volunteering opportunities in Siloam Springs.

**Choices Pregnancy Center** is focused on supporting and mentoring women faced with pregnancy crisis. Jan Rakestraw, client services manager, says there is a need for weekly volunteering mentors to spend a consistent 4-hour period a week with clients. Rakestraw notes that a need for volunteers who understand computers and can work in reception would also benefit the care center.

**Kind at Heart** is a Christian interdenominational organization in which care for the elderly or disabled adults is provided through social visits, home modifications, and yard or pet maintenance. Students volunteering may assist in installing wheelchair ramps or railings, mowing lawns, or simply making visits.

**Big Brothers Big Sisters** is a mentoring program with the goal of developing intentional relationships between volunteers and underprivileged children by spending time with them.

**Potter’s House Thrift** seeks to provide the Northwest Arkansas community with furniture, clothing and general home décor. Students can get involved by donating items, or labeling or pulling tags.

**Dogwood Literacy Council** is an organization with a mission to provide free English or Spanish lessons to those wanting to improve their language skills through classroom teaching or one-on-one tutoring sessions. The organization is also searching for volunteers to create promotional material or to collaborate with website design. Dogwood Literacy Council lessons include instruction in reading, writing and speaking the English or Spanish language.

**Tailwaggers** is a local non-profit organization working with local animal shelters, attempting to thwart animal abuse and seek stable and loving homes for the animals in their care. Tailwaggers also tries to educate animal owners of spaying and neutering and raise awareness of animal abuse. Volunteering students have the option of working with cats or dogs in grooming, socializing, or dog walking.

If you’d like to partner with local students or learn more about these organizations, John Brown University provides two primary ways to get involved in the community: through campus CAUSE ministry or through the upcoming volunteer fair. CAUSE offers a range of volunteering options including Students Against Sex Slavery, Jail Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, Side by Side, Ability Tree Partnership Ministry and more. The Volunteer Fair is scheduled for September 13 in Simmons Great Hall B from 6-7:30 p.m. It offers JBU students easy access to understanding off campus options for volunteer work in the Northwest Arkansas community.