

Many college-age students go to the casinos for fun, but may also want to exercise caution in gambling.

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Crowder president Dr. Jennifer Methvin is heading to Arkansas State University- Beebe.

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# Ceremony honors Beetle Bailey creator

Megan Murphy  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

On the 76<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dedication of Camp Crowder, campus faculty, students and members of the public attended a ceremony to commemorate the late Mort Walker, who is best known for his cartoon strip *Beetle Bailey*. Many of Walker's experiences in the Army provided inspiration for *Beetle Bailey*, including Camp Crowder.

"I remember reading the [Beetle Bailey] strips with my great grandpa who served in the war," said Iris Wormington, animal science major. "So it brings everything home and commemorates Crowder for me."

Although Walker spent only a short time at Camp Crowder before moving on, it served as the inspiration for the comic strip's setting. After an incident in which the base flooded and soldiers had to use sandbags to mitigate the situation, "Camp Swampy" was used as a nickname for Camp Crowder, later becoming the name of the base where Beetle Bailey is set.

"[Walker] was denied his first handful of publications," said Keith Zorowski, division chair of the social sciences history department. "But he had a note on his drawing desk that said 'I will not be denied.' For Crowder students, if you're willing to make the effort, you won't be denied an education."



Kay Hively and Daniel Bechdoldt take a selfie together at the Mort Walker tribute. Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor

Cindy Branscum, former Director of Institutional Advancement at Crowder, Rodney Bechdoldt from Boy Scout Troop 34 and local historian and author Kay Hively all shared personal anecdotes of their interactions with Walker.

During her time at Crowder, Branscum commissioned a short comic strip from Walker showing characters from Beetle Bailey looking on as Crowder changed from Army base to college campus. She spoke on the phone to Walker several times over the process of creating the comic.

"[He was] a neat man who stayed with it and was very active and family-oriented," said Branscum.

Bechdoldt described Troop 34's history with Camp Crowder and Mort Walker. In 1991, the Boy Scouts held their district "camporee" at Camp Crowder for the first time. Over the years, they have held the event at Camp Crowder several times, including in 2013 and 2017. Bechdoldt had spoken with Walker's cartoonists about using Beetle Bailey and Camp Swampy art for their troop.

Hively spoke about the creation of her book, *Red Hot and Dusty*, which covers the history of Camp Crowder. According to Hively, the book started out as her graduate school thesis paper, but local

interest in her work caused her to decide to publish it for distribution purposes. She chose a military theme for the cover of the book, and contacted Walker to draw the cover art.

"There's a lot of history," Wormington said. "I don't think a lot of kids get to say they went to a school with as much history as Crowder has."

There was also a ribbon cutting celebrating the purchase of some items from Mort Walker's personal collection for the Herb and Barbara Schade Rare Books Collection in the Lee Library. At the end of the ceremony, a moment of silence was held in memory of Mort Walker.

# Monett campus closes doors

Emilee Kuschel  
NEWS EDITOR

Due to budget cuts and low enrollment, Crowder's Monett campus will cease all operations by May 31 2018.

The satellite campus currently only has one full-time employee, secretary Kathi Skaggs. While other teachers and faculty at the Monett campus will be transferring to other campuses or teaching online courses through Crowder, Skaggs' future within the college remains uncertain.

While news of the campus closing was quite sudden, it was not unexpected by the Monett campus faculty. "I found out in mid February. I was disappointed, but I can't say that I was surprised be-

cause there were cuts made last year and the Mt. Vernon and Carthage campuses had closed and they were projecting further budget cuts. It was kind of an unfortunate consequence of that," says Skaggs.

Just last year, Crowder's Mt. Vernon and Carthage campuses shut down for the same reasons. Andy Wood, Board President, said of the campus closing, "When we started these sites years ago, it was with the intent that they would run in the black while they never have. Although we like being there, with further reductions in state revenue, it is not possible to continue operating in the red, and the additional 10% revenue reductions being discussed by the state will not be covered by the closing of Monett."

"I wish there were other options but

I think as Dr. Methvin said there are only so much funds available across several locations. You have to make do with what you have. I wish there were other options, but unless money falls out of the sky I don't know that there are any," says Skaggs.

Students attending the Monett campus can continue at Crowder on the Cassville or Neosho campus, though it will mean a longer drive for some. Tammy Click, a student at Monett, says of the closing, "For Monett, Cassville is not that far, and neither is the main Neosho campus. Since the Mt. Vernon campus has already closed, anyone east of Aurora would be traveling about the same distance to Springfield as they would to the Cassville campus and Neosho is even farther."

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 9** The unveiling of the remodeled 2005 solar house and the induction of Dr. Kent Farnsworth into the Alternative Energy Hall of Fame will take place at 11 a.m. at the 2005 solar house.

**May 12** An artist reception for Doug Hall will be held Saturday, May 12 from 1-4 p.m. in the Longwell Museum. The Longwell Museum is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and closed on holidays and weekends. For more information on Doug Hall, visit [doughall-fineart.com](http://doughall-fineart.com).

**May 14-17** Final exams are scheduled for 16 and second eight week classes. To check testing times for specific classes, go to <http://www.crowder.edu/academics/calendars/2018-01/> and click on "Final Exam Schedule".

**May 19** Graduation will be held starting at 9 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Bob Sneller Gymnasium. General Studies majors will graduate at 10 a.m. with all other majors graduating at 1 p.m.

**May 28** Crowder College will be closed in observance of Memorial Day.

**June 4** Eight week and first four week summer classes begin.

**June 18-29** The MARET Center, will be hosting a Summer Manufacturing Camp. The camp is for ages 14-16 and the sign-up deadline is May 22. For more information visit [crowder.edu/grants](http://crowder.edu/grants).

Compiled by Megan Murphy

## Quill ceremony and poetry reading slated for May 10

From Staff Reports

The Crowder Quill, a literary and art magazine of Crowder College, will host the annual awards ceremony with a campus- and community-wide poetry reading. The event will take place Thursday, May 10 at 7 p.m. in Elsie Plaster Community Center Auditorium on the campus of Crowder College in Neosho, Mo.

The public is welcome. RSVPs for poetry are requested; others are welcome to the microphone as time permits.

"This year's ceremony and publication continues the 38-year tradition of our mission to encourage and showcase our area's authors and artists," said Latonia Bailey, Crowder Quill adviser since 1994.

The event also includes the announcement of those whose entries were chosen to be published in the 2018 edition and awards presentations.

All published entrants will receive a certificate for gold, silver, bronze or honorable mention. Award placements will not be announced until the ceremony. Afterwards, light refreshments will be

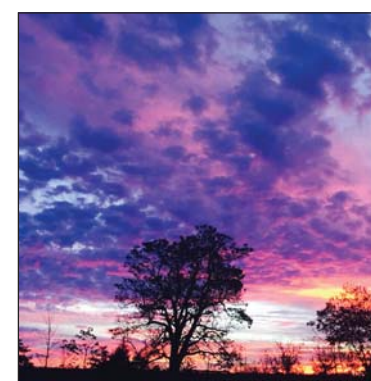
served.

Hand-delivered Quill art entries are now available for return by arrangement. Entrants should email [Lbailey@crowder.edu](mailto:Lbailey@crowder.edu) or call 417-455-5410.

A PowerPoint Presentation will showcase the winning photography and art entries during the ceremony. Remaining entries will not be displayed but will be available for pickup after the ceremony.

The Magazine Production class comprise the staff and judged the entries, designed the magazine, and host the ceremony. Current staff members are Dexter Ballay, Monett; Kaitlin Barnett, Neosho; Tana Burkhart, Joplin; Sam Hoover, Neosho; Jennifer Ishcomer, Neosho; Kenzie Kallio, Oologah; Emilee Kuschel, Monett; Megan Murphy, Neosho; Morgan O'Brien, Seneca; Kirby Reardon, Neosho; and staff adviser Latonia Bailey, Goodman.

Begun in 1980, the Quill is published each spring; the contest deadline is Feb. 1 each year, and divisions are high school, Crowder students, and community adults. The categories are fiction, nonfiction, poetry, 2D art, 3D art, digital art, color photography, and black and white photography.





## NEWS BRIEFS

**Crowder College Community Theatre Auditions**

Auditions were held for the Crowder College Community Theatre production of *Jeeves at Sea*, a comedy adapted by Margaret Raether from the stories of P.G. Wodehouse, April 29 & 30, at the Crowder College Theatre located on the Neosho Campus in the Elsie Plaster Center.

**Crowder Library Hosted Annual Local Author Symposium**

The Friends of the Library held its second annual Local Author Symposium May 2 in Wright

**Fine Arts Week Activities**

The Fine Arts Division at Crowder College hosted Fine Arts Week, April 23-28. Fine Arts week showcased activities and projects for students not majoring in a fine art program. Activities include Conference Center located inside the Arnold Farber building on the Neosho campus.

**Crowder Baseball Hosted 2nd Annual Autism Awareness Game**

The Crowder College Roughrider Baseball team hosted an Autism Awareness game Saturday, April 14, prior to the game starting at 1pm at Roughrider field on the Neosho campus.

**Crowder Foundation hosted the Roughrider Car Show**

The Crowder Foundation hosted a car show in April. Crowder art students created the trophies out of recycled car parts. Community members were invited to participate in the show.



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## Solar heat cooks hot dogs for students



Melissa Oats, MARET center director, cooks hot dogs for students with the solar cooker at the Solar Showcase. Kaitlin Barnett | Sentry

## Crowder newspaper wins 27 state-wide awards

## From staff reports

Crowder College's student newspaper, the *Crowder Sentry*, recently won 27 awards in a contest co-sponsored by the Missouri Press Association and the Missouri Collegiate Media Association.

Individual awards are as follows:

Lauren Adams, Joplin: Information Graphic, Honorable Mention; Dexter Ballay, Monett: Sports Column, Honorable Mention; Tana Burkhart, Joplin: Editorial Writing, Third Place; Information Graphic, Third Place; Kaylee Claybrook, Neosho: Feature Page, First Place; Information Graphic, Second Place; Nathan Gamble, Neosho: Video, Third Place; Jennifer Ishcomer, Granby: Feature Page, Third Place; Megan Murphy, Neosho: Entertainment Review, First place; Column, Second Place; Multimedia Package, Second Place; Photo Page, Second Place; Editorial/Op-Ed, Second



Sentry staff displays awards from 2017

Place; Feature Photography, Second Place; Page One Design, Honorable Mention; Video, Honorable Mention Derek Shore, Cassville: Sports Page, First Place; Sports Page, Third Place; Sports Writing, Honorable

Mention; Caleb Stephens, Cassville: Entertainment Review, Second Place; Jesse O. Walls, Neosho: Multimedia Package, Second Place; Sports Photography, Honorable Mention; Kaitlyn Welch, Seneca: Feature Page, First Place.

Other awards won by

the staff: Multimedia Package, First Place; Special Section or Supplement, First Place; Best Overall Newspaper, Second Place; Website, Second Place; Sweepstakes, Third Place

"It's an honor for the Sentry staff and I to compete so well against other schools across the state of Missouri and the nation," said Latoria Bailey, adviser to the *Crowder Sentry*.

Crowder offers an Associate of Art degree in the areas of journalism and public relations, photography, and graphic design. Comm 150 Introduction to Journalism is a 3-credit-hour course offered in the fall that teaches the basics of journalism including interviewing, news writing, broadcast news, podcasts, print layout, website blog posts, and social media.

For more information, contact program coordinator/instructor Latoria Bailey, 417-455-5410, LatoriaBailey@Crowder.edu.

## Ag instructor awarded honorary degree

## From Staff Reports

Jorge Zapata of Stotts City, Missouri, was named an Honorary State FFA Degree recipient at the 90th Missouri FFA Convention.

Zapata is an instructor and division chair in the Agriculture Division of Crowder College. He has assisted with judging local leadership development events since 2008. He also helped facilitate the livestock evaluation career development event as a student at Tarleton State University in Texas.

As a student, Zapata participated in several career development events including horse evaluation and livestock

evaluation, and leadership development events such as parliamentary procedure and prepared public speaking. He was also president of the Fort Stockton FFA Chapter.

The Missouri FFA Association recognizes Honorary State FFA Degree recipients at its annual state convention for their valuable efforts and contributions to the FFA organization and its members. Those eligible to receive the Honorary FFA Degree include farmers, school superintendents, principals, members of the

board of education, chapter advisors, teachers, staff members in agricultural education, business professionals and others who are helping to advance agricultural education and the FFA while rendering outstanding service.

The Missouri FFA has 25,375 members representing 343 chapters. The national organization has more than 653,000 members representing 8,568 chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

The FFA makes a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success through agricultural education.



Jorge Zapata

## Alternative energy students showcase work

Students in Alternative Energy programs at Crowder College showcased some of their work in the Quad on the Neosho campus.

Students who are part of the Roy Blunt MARET (Missouri Alternative and Renewable Energy Technology) Center had various wind and solar demonstrations set up for students and the community to view.

Crowder offers programs in wind and solar energy that provide education and career opportunities upon graduation.

Crowder was designated the MARET Center by the Missouri Legislature in 1992. This year marks the 40th year Crowder has taught classes in alternative energy.

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## Renaissance man travels afar

Kaitlin Barnett  
COPY EDITOR

Clifford Hopkins has quite literally dipped his toes in many seas during all of his travels over the years. He has travelled to many countries in the Middle East, Europe and Africa, as well as visited Mexico several times. He's lived in countries such as Turkey, Mexico, France and England, to name a few. Hopkins has travelled all over the world, visiting around thirty countries and living in fifteen of them, his favorite being France.

Whether by bike, running, or hitchhiking, Hopkins has covered nearly every inch of France over the years. While visiting other countries, his budget was often that of \$15 a day, with roughly half of that going towards renting a spot on a campsite to pitch his tent.

"I've hitchhiked all over Europe," said Hopkins about his adventures. He talked about how grateful he was to meet so many interesting and kind people during his hitchhiking travels, most of which were women with children whose trust in him never wavered. "You would never see that here in the United States. I would never dream of hitchhiking here."

Hopkins said that many who would pick him up would offer him a spot in

their homes, occasionally even trusting him enough to gift him a key and allow him to stay for extended periods of time. He also said he never experienced any unsavory situations that made him feel uncomfortable whilst hitchhiking, and that it was an "amazing experience."

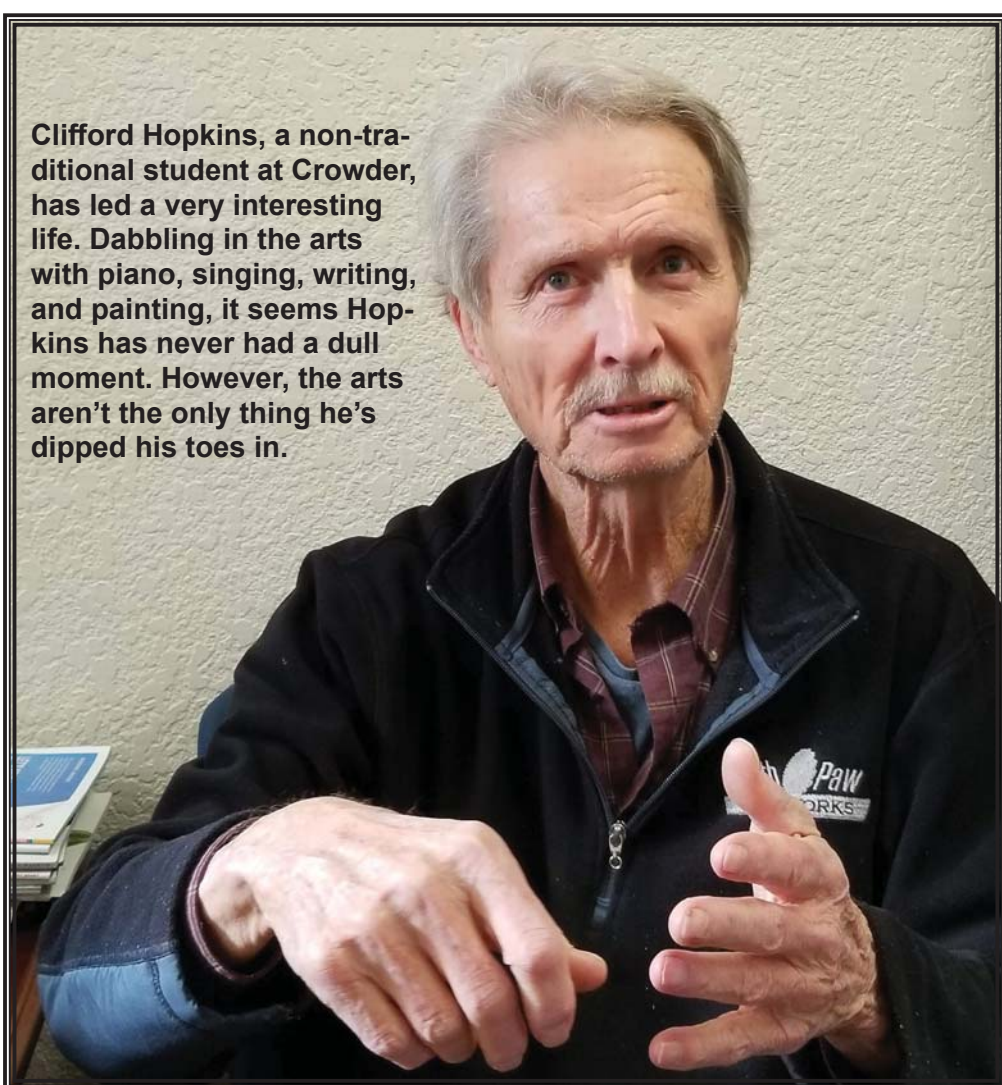
Hopkins often ran to get where he needed as well. He has logged over 60,000 miles running throughout the years and once trained for two and a half years to run in the 1978 Boston Marathon. This is a special memory for him, as it marks him making a complete lifestyle turnaround.

Though he cannot speak them fluently, Hopkins can navigate his way through several languages including French, German, Spanish, Italian and Russian. Hopkins has a bachelor's degree in French with a minor in German as well as another bachelor's degree in Journalism.

While spending a few years in Korea, Hopkins spent his time as a journalist, radio DJ and hosted his own TV show. He has filled many reporter positions throughout the years all over the world.

Hopkins has also been to nearly every state in the United States, excluding Alaska. He's lived in roughly 15 states. At age 50 he began studying piano in New York for six hours a day, performing in many recitals. In 2000 he started taking singing lessons and began singing in recitals and operas.

He also enjoys painting. At home, Hopkins can be found with several books around him that he studies. His reason for studying so often is because he realized the more he learns, the more he sees how little he knows. "I know a little about a lot, but not a lot about a little."



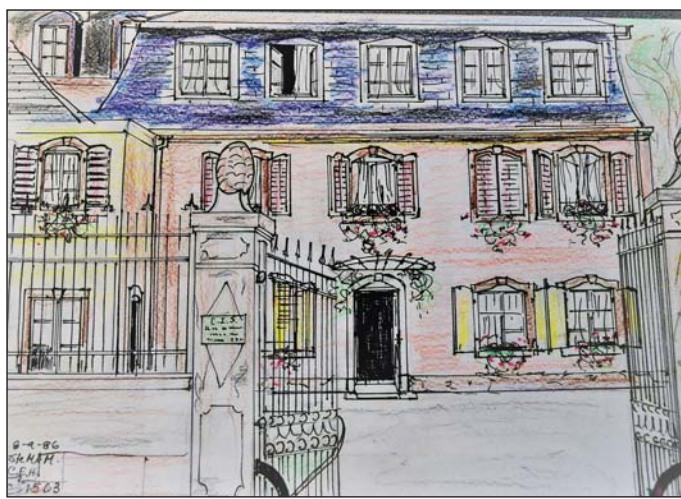
Clifford Hopkins, a non-traditional student at Crowder, has led a very interesting life. Dabbling in the arts with piano, singing, writing, and painting, it seems Hopkins has never had a dull moment. However, the arts aren't the only thing he's dipped his toes in.

Hopkins moved to the Neosho area to be near the Veterans Affairs facilities, as he is an Army veteran. He is currently taking a course over directing at Crowder, where he is sharpening his skills on writing and directing plays.

Theatre Director Natasha Davies has been working with Hopkins during his time on campus, and says, "Cliff Hopkins has constructed a unique piece

of historical fiction. He has compiled an interesting cast of characters and the piece will be an interesting venture."

A true testament to Hopkins' life is his high school nickname, "Lucky". "I don't know why that was my nickname, but it stuck. I've been very lucky throughout my life, and try to be gracious for my experiences."



The photos surrounding are examples of Hopkins' paintings and writing. He used the buildings he saw on his adventures as inspiration.



### Bittersweet

by Cliff Hopkins

Deep winter breaths gulped down thermal windpipes, eagerly awaiting lungs, cooling, replenishing rejuvenating.

What contentment.

Frosty air accented with woodsmoke.

More than once, querying, as miles tick by,

"Let me see. Which house has the burning fireplace?"

Hands damp, protected, snug in their harbor of Taiwanese acrylic; brow bending to a waterfall of perspiration, legs responding.

Oh, how they respond! tucked away in their moist cloth compartments for an hour or two.

Knees, magnificent knees, God-engineered.

Lower the shoulders a little. Relax the shoulders!

Keep those arms lower. Remember: "Heel to toe."

Not flat footed (although that's an alternative),

and for heaven's sake, not toe to heel,

except when you encounter the inevitable hill.

Down hill, not that enjoyable. Too easy, toes jamming, toenails, calluses burn.

Legs OK. Strong, stronger, strongest.

That nirvana, total bliss, during, and especially after.

The rewards many, the takers few. Don't rest on your laurels.

Good distance, good time today. Tomorrow, tomorrow and tomorrow. Life is bitter sweet too.



# “Parents Just Don’t Understand”

**Tana Burkhart**  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

With freedom being something college-aged students want a taste of, the parenting style these students are used to at home can play a big role in how they handle this newfound right.

People tend to use the term “helicopter parent” fairly loosely these days. For some kids, this type of parenting is all too real, though, and can cause a lot of harm to their development and life-skills later on in life.

Some researchers have found that this type of parenting can cause students to, in turn, treat their peers in a similar manner.

“The correct and healthy progression of parenting is to eventually let go,” says Nathan Gandy, Crowder College psychology instructor “The goal is to do less and less while the kid stays on course.”

Gandy went on to discuss that both extreme styles of parenting, authoritarian and overly-lax, can certainly cause social and behavioral issues that roll over into adulthood. He talked about how even though these parents can mean well, a better way to go about parenting is to acknowledge that it is okay to feel worried, but respect that as a child grows it is your job to teach them how to be on their own one day.

Many students who come from a controlling household have had a lot of responsibilities with very little privileges. Parents, in these instances, want a certain outcome and know they can achieve it through manipulation. They don’t provide their children enough social training, and also never allow them to experience failure by hindering them from doing anything on their own.

Students who have dealt with controlling parents can even hold the idea that they need to be co-

dependent. They sometimes look for another authoritarian figure to control them, which can even lead to an abusive relationship in some cases.

Not all kids that grow up like this end up the same, though. Some are very resilient and learn how to deal with life and all the curveballs just fine.

Sometimes, this need to control as a parent comes from a similar experience growing up or even from having the opposite upbringing. For some, though, their hearts really can be in the right place. Actually, many parents who use this parenting style honestly believe they are not doing anything out of the ordinary.

Watching your child leave for college can be a scary experience. Parents sometimes are just trying to protect what doesn’t need protecting anymore. And while this is a seemingly loving gesture, it can still reap some negative consequences when all is said and done.

Today’s technology may also be playing a role in why parents can’t let go. Jamie Abaied, a University of Vermont psychologist, suggests that keeping in constant contact with children through texting and social media is hindering them from learning any kind of independence.

Richard Mullendore, a University of Georgia professor and former Vice President of student affairs at the Universities of Georgia and Mississippi believes the cellphone to be “the world’s longest umbilical cord.”

Another thing pointed out consistently is the fact that a lot of students run a little too wild with the freedom they possess when away at college. It is far too common to see a student who was held back for 18 years finally reach adulthood and unleash all the repressed desires to indulge in questionable behavior.

Destiny Pruett, an elementary education major at Crowder College, is currently still living at

home with her mother. “She has not let up on me at all since high school,” says Pruett. “After my older sister moved out at 18, she actually got harder on me.”

Pruett pointed out that she does not have a driver’s license because her mom likes to control when she comes home, where she works and how long she stays at certain places.

Many students have written and told stories of all the “sheltered” kids going crazy at frat parties or other social events. The same kids that make these bad decisions are the ones calling their parents the next day to help them fix whatever they messed up the night before.

The same thing frequently happens coming from the other extreme as well. The kids who were allowed to do anything and everything they wanted without question tend to grow up with little sense of self control and a difficulty with social conflict resolution.

The students who seem to handle the situations adulthood brings the best are the ones who had parents who understood that they needed to allow their kids to experience things at the appropriate time.

A lot of the time, parents see college as a good they are purchasing and want to be involved to know that they’ve made a good investment. While that is understandable, parents need to realize their primary goal is to raise productive members of society who eventually have to leave the nest.

Parents who get that seem to have a decent grasp on the balance between what can slide and where to draw the line and aren’t afraid to let their children make a mistake and will offer guidance without being a control-freak.

Many colleges today are implementing programs to aid parents in striking a good balance. Some are even creating jobs for staff members to handle calls and inquiries from parents.

## CONTROL FREAKS?

When children grow up with authoritarian parents...

Research suggests that the long term damage controlling parents cause is comparable to the effects of losing a loved one. Higher life satisfaction and better mental health were shown to be present in individuals whose parents provided positivity and warmth.

### PHYSICALLY

Our brains are forming connections when we are children. Communication with parents aid in determining which connections are made. Controlling parents do not encourage neural connections and independence.

### PSYCHOLOGICALLY

We learn to accept and emulate the experiences we are given during childhood. Even if we didn’t enjoy being controlled, it is what we are then programmed to do ourselves. Familiarity is quite possibly the most powerful psychological concept there is.

### SITUATIONALLY

When we grow up in a controlling household, we end up seeking out controlling people and situations to fill the gap when we are grown. This, in turn, leaves us feeling controlled even though we subconsciously put our self in the position.

### SELF SABOTAGE

A lot of times, a person who had controlling parents became emotionally attached to this type of behavior, which lead to not being able to break away from needing control and experience freedom.

### IN A RECENT SMALL STUDY

86% of children raised with unhealthy control felt that it was more important to please their parents than be themselves and 96% felt tense when their parents were around.

### AS ADULTS

82% of the same individuals rarely felt satisfied. 91% stated they don’t feel as though their parents know them for who they really are. 78% still feel tense when thinking about their parents.

### PARENTS

Of the parents of those in the study 100% were said to have seemed unwilling to admit when they were wrong and seemed oblivious to the pain they caused others. Only 6% were said to have encouraged their children to have connections outside of the family and a mere 5% encouraged their children to express their feelings.

Compiled from The Journal of Positive Psychology. Dr. Mai Stafford and a survey of 40 adults ages 23-58.

## Q&A: Business major and artist

**Emilee Kuschel**  
NEWS EDITOR

### What is your favorite color and why?

Green because it represents new life and money. I have just always loved green. And it’s my birthstone color.

### What is your favorite animal and why?

I’d have to probably say a dog because, you know, they’re man’s best friend and I’ve always had one since I was a kid and I just love them.

### Do you have any pets?

We have five dogs and a cat.

### If you could have any superpower what would it be?

I would want to fly because I could just get around so much quicker and there would be less traffic.

### What is your dream career?

I probably would enjoy either running my own business or campus site. I like to be a problem solver and help people and I’m pretty good at multitasking. People seem to come to me and want me to fix things or help with things and I enjoy helping people do that so that would probably be what I enjoy.

### Do you prefer books or movies?

Books.

### What are some of your hobbies?

I enjoy reading. I love to go garage saling. I don’t do it very much anymore, but I used to always like to draw and paint and things like that. Driving around, enjoying creation and being outdoors and

hiking, camping and stuff like that.

### What is one of your favorite memories?

It would be hard to pick one. But as a kid I grew up on a farm and we were in a small town out in the country so my companions were dogs. We always had a lot of dogs. I used to love to run around and explore and run around in the woods and enjoy being outdoors and enjoying creation.

### What is the funniest joke you’ve ever heard/told?

If you knew my husband, everyday is a joke. I can’t think of any right now

### Do you have any siblings?

I do. One brother and one sister.



Kathi Skaggs

### Where would you go if you could travel anywhere free of charge?

Probably to see the architecture in Europe. The cathedrals, the Louvre, the castles. It would be hard to just pick one place. I’d want to see everything.

### Where is your favorite place that you have been to?

Siesta Key, FL. It’s very beautiful there. White sands. They don’t get hot. You don’t have to worry

about burning your feet.

### What is your favorite food?

Ham and carrot cake. It’s hard to pick. Probably carrot cake, I guess. It’s got to be made the right way. I don’t like a lot of spice.

### If you had to describe yourself in three words what would you choose?

Loyal, hardworking, and introverted.

### What is your most endearing quality?

I like my honesty. Sometimes I’m not tactfully honest, but I usually shoot you straight. It doesn’t always come out pretty but, I’m big on communication so I feel like sometimes it’s best to just get it out there and clean it up later. But you have to know when to hold your tongue too.

### What would you take with you if you were stranded on a deserted island?

Ham, carrot cake, and a mag light. It’s a flashlight that is also very heavy so you could use it as a weapon.

### What is your favorite kitchen utensil?

A whisk, and I don’t know why.

### Describe your favorite article of clothing?

A sweatshirt. A big heavy sweatshirt.

### If you got to start over, what would you tell your younger self?

Don’t be afraid to take risks and don’t pass up opportunities. Because you will regret the things you didn’t do more than the things you did for the most part.



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## Students attend special events on campus



Art Instructor Josh Knott and photography student Megan Lightner participate in a painting demonstration held for Crowder's Fine Arts Week. The Fine Arts Division hosted Fine Arts Week April 23-28, which showcased activities and projects for students not majoring in a fine art program. Examples of activities included a graphic design demonstration, Doug Hall Exhibit Q&A session, theatre workshop, painting demonstration, debate demonstration, music presentations, and The Princess Plays production.

Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Campus Life Coordinators Lori Kelley and Mark Aubuchon grill hot dogs and hamburgers for students at a tailgate party for one of the baseball games.

Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Fine Arts Departmental Assistant Amy Leyva performs a rehearsal version of The Princess Plays for visiting kindergarteners.

Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Students enjoy hotdogs cooked by solar equipment at the MARET Center demonstration.

Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Automotive Technology students (from left) Joshua Leyva and Hla Tun reading information about career opportunities at the Spring Career Fair.

Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Randy Turner, author and journalist, reads a selection of his work at the second annual Local Author Symposium hosted by the Friends of the Lee Library. More than 20 authors attended the event.

Megan Murphy | Editor-in-Chief



# Local Casino Map & Guide

**Don't push your luck-- gambling can be addictive.**

Rylen Lett  
REPORTER

Despite the risks of gambling, still many Crowder students participate in this activity. Almost 43% of Crowder students gamble and 58% of these students play slots or table games.

There are many risks: loss of money, addiction and misuse of time.

According to Collegegambling.com, "While most college students make responsible decisions about gambling, the most recent research estimates that 6 percent of college students in the U.S. have a serious gambling problem that can result in psychological difficulties, unmanageable debt and failing grades."

There are few activities for students during the

winter, so gambling at any of the many casinos is a common pastime. A casino hopping guide is included in this article.

Jamie Ward, Student Success Center counselor, spoke about the real risk of gambling.

"There is very little to do around this area in the winter, and our campus is very close to the casinos." She said, "We really want students to know the risk of gambling and the addiction it can create."

The list and statistics follow on the right side. Gambling does have risk and this guide is supposed to help eliminate continued visits and allow students to get through all the casinos in a matter of one or two nights. It is designed to hit every casino to get your "free play" or birthday money in one easy drive. This drive all together is a combined drive time of 1 hour and 45 minutes.

Some casinos are set up with Vegas rules, where

the minimum age is 21. These casinos include Cherokee Casino in Grove, OK, and Cherokee Casino in West Siloam Springs, AR. The first question you have to ask yourself is if you are going to start North or South.

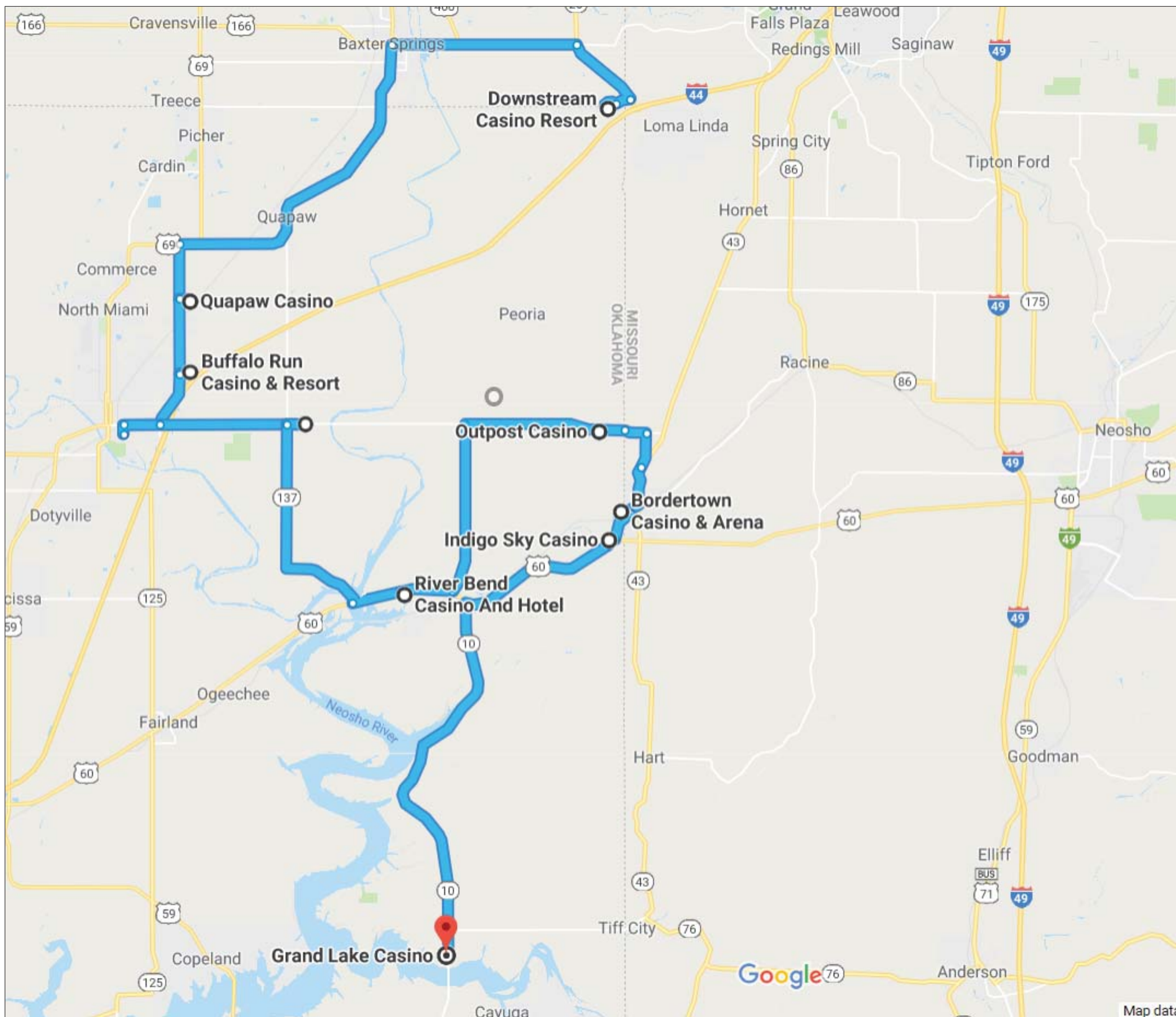
**From the South**

- Start in Siloam, Cherokee (21+)
- Take 43 North to exit MO 76 to Grove, Grand Lake, Cherokee (21+).
- Head North on 10 to River Bend.
- Take 60 to Seneca, Indigo Sky, Bordertown, and Outpost.
- Head west on 10 to Highwinds and Stables.
- Head north on 69A to Buffalo Run and Quapaw.
- Take 69 to North Miami to Prairie Sun.
- To avoid the toll road, Interstate 40, take 69 South back to 10 East and take 43 North to Downstream.

**From the North**

- Take 400 North to finish at Kansas Crossing.
- Pick a starting location.
- From Kansas Crossing head South on 400 to Downstream.
- Take 69A to Buffalo Run and QuaPaw.
- Take 10 to Highwinds and Stables.
- Take 60 East to Seneca, Indigo Sky, Bordertown, and Outpost.
- Head South on 10 to Grove, Grand Lake and Cherokee (21+)
- Head South on 43 to end at Cherokee (21+) in Siloam Springs.

For more information or help with a gambling addiction visit [www.888betsoff.com](http://www.888betsoff.com) or call 1-888-BETSOFF.



## Risks involved in gambling

**TYPES OF GAMBLING INCLUDE**



- LOTTERY/NUMBERS
- CASINO GAMBLING
- CARDS OR DICE GAMES
- INTERNET GAMBLING
- BINGO AND RAFFLES
- BETTING ON:
  - COLLEGE SPORTS
  - PROFESSIONAL SPORTS
  - HORSE RACES
  - DOG RACES

**RISK FACTORS OF GAMBLING**

- LOSS OF PRODUCTIVITY**  
Frequent unexplained absences or sudden drop in grades
- OBSESSING ABOUT WINNING**  
Progressive preoccupation with gambling
- LYING TO LOVED ONES**  
Lies about gambling
- CHASING YOUR LOSSES**  
Compelled to chase losses
- BETTING HIGHER AMOUNTS**  
Increases betting amounts
- HAVING TROUBLE STOPPING**  
Unsuccessful attempts to stop
- STARTING TO SHOW OFF**  
Exaggerated display of money and/or material possessions
- HAVING UNHEALTHY FINANCES**  
Unexplained debt or poor feast or famine cash flow

**CROWDER COLLEGE DATA AND STATISTICS**



43% of Crowder College students gamble



Crowder students are over twice as likely to gamble as other Missouri college students



58% of Crowder students play slot machines or gamble in a casino



Lottery tickets are the most widely used gambling activity at Crowder College

**UNITED STATES DATA AND STATISTICS**



6% of college students nationwide have a serious gambling problem



50% of problem gamblers also experience problems with alcohol or drugs and risky sex behaviors. Suicidal thoughts also increase.

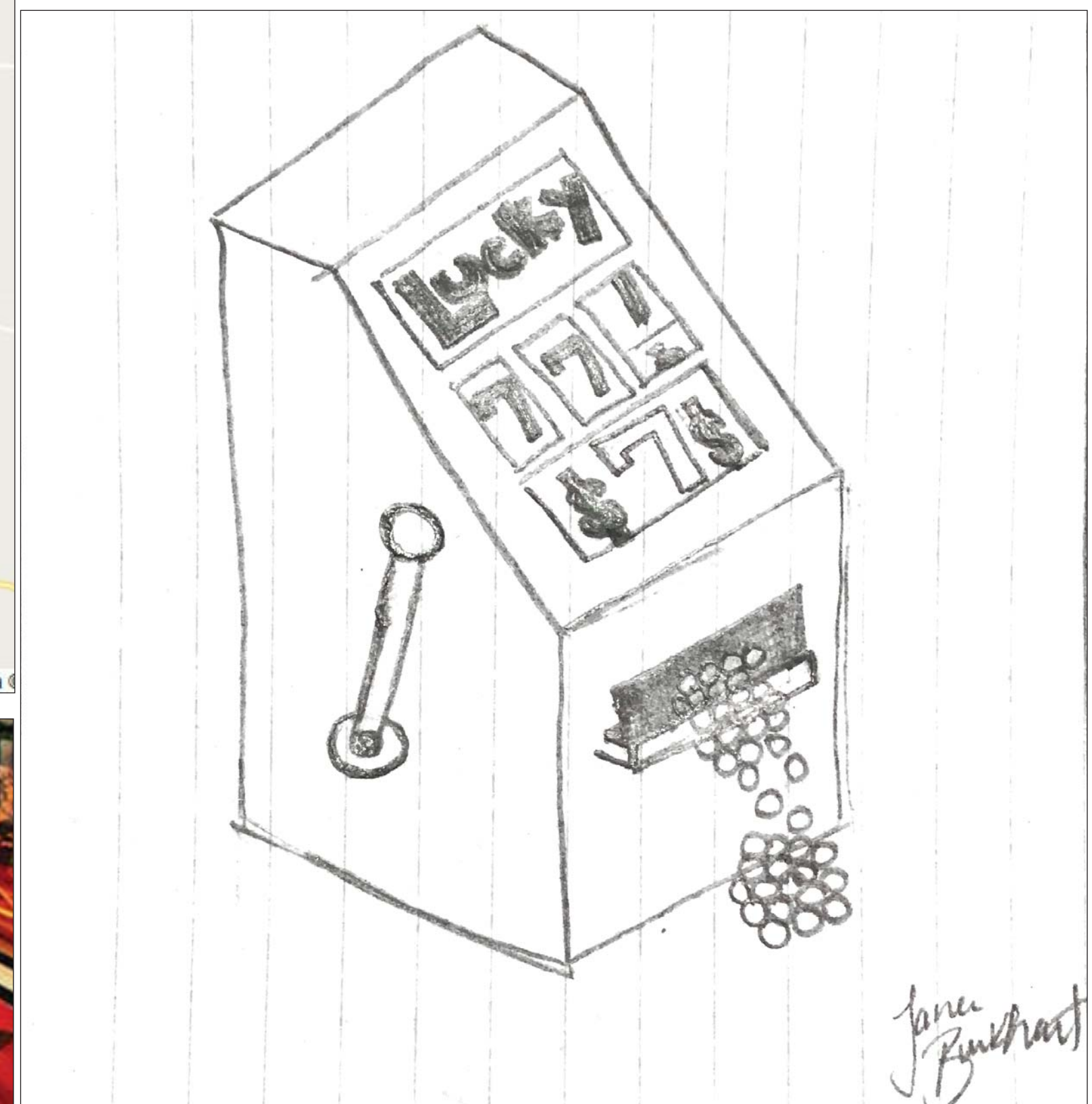


18% of college students gamble once a week or more



1 problem gambler negatively impacts 10-17 family, friends, and coworkers

Source: Crowder College Counseling Office





# Universal healthcare attainable in United States

MEGAN MURPHY  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

According to the Henry J Kaiser Family Foundation, 44 million “nonelderly Americans” were uninsured in 2013. After the Affordable Care Act (also known as “Obamacare”) went into effect, that number was reduced to around 27 million in 2016.

One of the primary reasons cited for being uninsured was the fact that health insurance costs were still unaffordable for these millions of people. Under a universal healthcare program, however, no one would need to worry about the high cost of medical care or forego needed treatments due to lack of funds. While some people say that implementing a universal healthcare system in the U.S. would be too difficult or raise taxes too much, that is not the case.

“Medicare for all”, as the concept is often called, is entirely achievable and would be beneficial to millions of Americans.

The United States is the only industrialized country in the world that doesn’t already have universal healthcare. One of the reasons as to why this is would be the cost, which some say would rise under a univer-

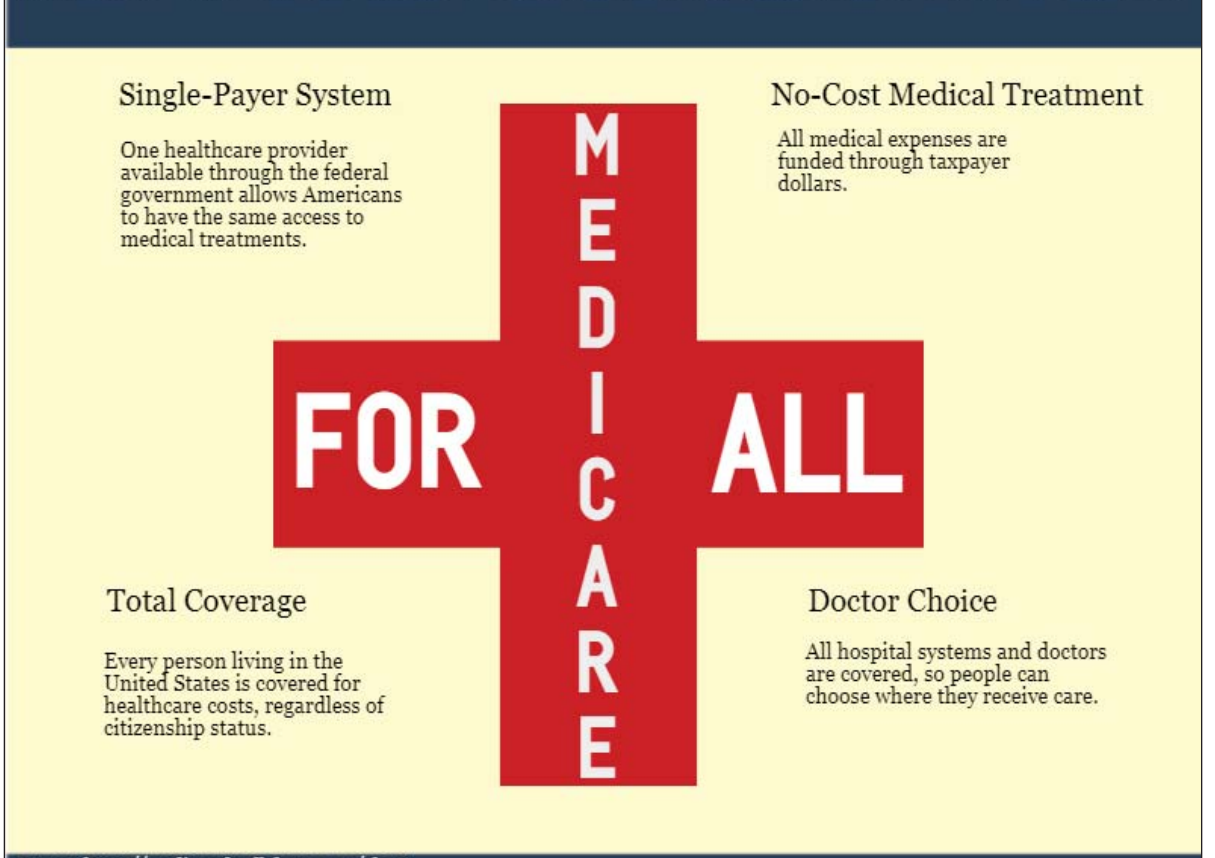
sal healthcare program. The United States already has some of the highest healthcare costs in the world, with healthcare costs making up 17.6% of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP). Compare that with the rest of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), where the average healthcare costs take up about 9.5% of the GDP.

According to John Battista, M.D. of Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP), healthcare expenses are the primary reason for declaring bankruptcy in the United States. A universal, single payer healthcare program would guarantee coverage for all Americans, regardless of income bracket and ability to pay.

Another problem is many also see universal health care as a far-left, socialist idea. While it’s true that organizations such as the Democratic Socialists of America (DSA) have been leading the call for universal healthcare, a 2017 poll by the Pew Research Center showed that 60% of Americans believe that the federal government should be responsible for their citizens’ health care coverage.

Under a socialized single payer healthcare program, there is good news for these people: through our tax dollars, the federal government would be responsible for all Ameri-

## What would universal healthcare look like?



Source: <https://medicareforall.dsausa.org/about>

Compiled by Megan Murphy

cans’ healthcare by default.

Even some conservatives see the value of a single-payer healthcare system, such as Chase Madar, in a 2017 article for The American Conservative, stating, “Socializing healthcare is the only demonstrably effective way to control costs and cover everyone.” Not to mention, when Mitt Romney was the governor of Mas-

sachusetts, he implemented a form of a universal healthcare program based in that state. In fact, the program was actually a source of inspiration for the ACA in its early stages.

In conclusion, it’s time for the United States to approach healthcare coverage from a different perspective. Many Americans already support the idea of universal healthcare,

liberals and conservatives alike.

Despite claims that universal health care would raise the cost of healthcare in America, looking at other countries with universal health care show that the opposite is true. While the transition may take some time, a “Medicare for all” style program can be implemented in the U.S., and would be beneficial to millions of Americans.

## Amazon Echo potentially violates privacy

Kaitlin Barnett  
COPY EDITOR

My roommate and I were in our room discussing the day’s events and winding down one evening when in the next room we heard what was undeniably a woman laughing. I rushed in, only to see the TV was off and the room was empty. We decided it was someone outside our apartment complex and went about our night until we heard it again, only this time we watched our Amazon Echo light up as Alexa let out a laugh.

There have been many reports of Amazon’s Echo products laughing at random in people’s homes. According to the New York Times, Amazon released an official statement regarding the laughter saying Alexa mistakes common phrases for “Alexa, laugh.” They announced they are going to change the programming to only respond to “Alexa, will you laugh?”

They also released Alexa won’t launch immediately into a laugh; the program will instead acknowledge the request and then laugh.

Why would anyone want to hear the device laugh in the first place? How

does this explain the incidences reported where the room was silent as Alexa decided to let loose? Why would Alexa seemingly begin laughing overnight?

Personally, I yanked the cord on my Echo and have yet to plug it back in. All I ever used it for was to listen to music, so I decided to sell it and buy a speaker instead.

There are many stories regarding privacy rights being violated, as Alexa is “always listening.” I feel this “glitch” could possibly be a cover-up for a privacy hack into Amazon’s system.

There are other issues surrounding these devices as well, such as children accidentally ordering items or the device misunderstanding what you say, which could cause all kinds of issues such as lights or music turning on and off, calling or messaging your contacts without realizing, etc.

Say what you may about Amazon’s Echo devices, but I personally will not be purchasing any for myself. Though I haven’t sworn off the entire Amazon company (I ordered my new speaker from their site!) I have decided I will no longer be purchasing their Echo products.



## M.L.K.’s message of love still needed

Richard Shadyac, Jr.  
NORTH AMERICAN PRESS SYNDICATE

We don’t have to ask what Martin Luther King Jr. would say to us, if he’d lived to see this moment in our history.

We don’t have to ask because we know.

Love, he’d say.

It defeated the dogs and bombs and water hoses. It beat the bullies with their badges and unjust laws. It overcame, even, that other great threat to the civil rights movement of the 1960s—the “silence of the good people,” as Dr. King put it.

Surely it would work against what ails us now in this polarized, divisive world, regardless of our political viewpoints. Love, respect, dignity, justice, equality—these are unifiers, not dividers.

Love, he’d say. Fierce and relentless. Organized and mobilized. Impatient, if patience means waiting for change already too late in coming. Unyielding, if to yield means abandoning the moral high ground in the name of playing it safe. For love never fails.

Love is the most powerful force in human history, and Dr. King’s revolution of nonviolence its purest distillation.

Think, though, of how he wrote and talked about his philosophy—not like a pacifist on the sidelines, but a warrior on the side of right. He wrote of “an army that marches under the banner of nonviolence,” and of “nonviolent soldiers” engaged in a courageous and heroic fight.

Those words are from Dr. King’s 1964 book, “Why We Can’t Wait.” In the same work, in some of his most eloquent prose, he wrote:

“Nonviolence is a powerful and just weapon. It is a weapon unique in

history, which cuts without wounding and ennobles the man who wields it. It is a sword that heals.”

Study that: a weapon, wielded with love, aimed not at hate’s head but its heart. Because hate seeks to demean, to demoralize, ultimately to destroy. But love aims to change. Remember Dr. King’s great admonition: “Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

Love wants safe and healthy children, equal justice for all, freedom, equal opportunity regardless of our circumstances, and civil discourse to bridge our vast divides. What American wouldn’t?

Yet where are we, as a country, in 2018?

Where, Dr. King might ask, is the love? Where is the belief that a cause with right on its side can slay any foe? Where is the urgency to act now?

As he wrote from the Birmingham city jail in 1963, “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere,” and, “There comes a time when the cup of endurance runs over, and men are no longer willing to be plunged into the abyss of despair.”

As he preached from a Memphis pulpit, on the eve of his assassination on April 4, 1968, “For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory.”

On this, the 50th anniversary of his death, we don’t have to ask what Dr. King would say to us now. We know.

He’d say to stand on the side of right, and then start marching, knowing this: “You only need a heart full of grace, a soul generated by love.”

## Speak Your Mind: What are your plans for this summer?



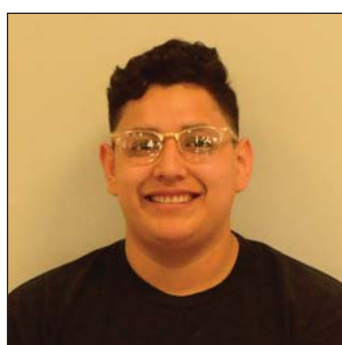
“I’m going back home to Texas, working and training for football.”

Adrian Gonzalez  
General Studies



“Going home and playing soccer for England’s national team.”

Joe Mbaye  
Business Major



“I’ll work two full-time jobs.”

Pablo Varela  
General Studies



“Compete at NLC in June for PBL”

Matthew Brumback  
Business Management



“A business competition in Baltimore and travel.”

Elvia Rosales  
Business Major

Compiled by Emilee Kuschel



# President says farewell to Crowder

DR. JENNIFER METHVIN  
CROWDER PRESIDENT

On June 1, 2014, it was my honor to become the 7th president of Crowder College, and in September of the same year, the Crowder Sentry invited me to be a guest columnist to introduce myself to the student body. Four years later, as I have been appointed as Chancellor of Arkansas State University – Beebe and prepare to leave Crowder, the theme of my last guest column in the Sentry is the same as my first: both you, students pursuing your educational and career goals, and I, the departing president of one of the most respected community colleges in our nation, are profoundly fortunate to have been impacted by Crowder College.

Let's face it: one of the best parts of a president's job is bragging on the good things that are happening at the college. The thing about Crowder College is that I cannot go three feet up the hallway on any Crowder campus without stumbling onto something brag-worthy.

As I pen this column on May 1, 2018, let me just take the last few days as a sampling of those rich learning experiences, and let's start with the Crowder Sentry itself. This weekend, I got to read and hear in state news that the Sentry brought home 27 awards from a recent Missouri Press Association contest. The Sentry gives Crowder College students quality, real-world experiences in the media field. These hands-on experiences happen on every

campus in every department.

As another example, last Thursday, I attended the annual Agriculture Division Spring Banquet and was reminded by Vet-Tech Club President Bethany Bast and Aggie Club President Iris Wormington of the many events, trips, and opportunities for service our agriculture students experience each year. Guest speaker and alum Antonio Beitia, who is working on a doctoral degree, credited his experiences at Crowder College for launching his career.

Rich learning experiences don't stop for the weekend. My husband Roger and I, along with a number of excited children from our community, attended Crowder College Theatre's production of *The Princess Plays* Saturday morning. Not only had our theatrical students performed the play several times during the week for elementary schools in our area, they included two additional runs on Saturday for Crowder students, employees, and the public. Those thespians and stage crew had a long week emerged in their craft.

Saturday was also Roughrider Car Show day for the Crowder Foundation. Crowder College students who receive Foundation scholarships learned what it takes to run a complex event and how to interact with the public. In addition, Crowder art students designed remarkable trophies from old car parts and tools for the Car Show winners.

Meanwhile over the weekend, our Crowder College Roughrider Softball team was battling game after game in the Region 16 Championship, a tournament where I had the privilege of



Dr. Methvin stands with U.S. Senator Roy Blunt at the event re-naming the MARET Center in his honor last September. Megan Murphy | Editor-in-Chief

watching the Riders stage two remarkable rallies on their way to being the Region 16 runner-up. The lessons in grit, determination, teamwork, and sportsmanship were rich for us all this weekend.

It is also worth pointing out that the dedicated faculty and staff who work to create these rich learning experiences for students also work to support one another and to collectively engage in life-long learning.

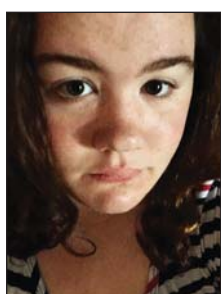
For the past four years, I have had the privilege of working with remarkable colleagues. Students, you are fortunate to be at an institution where the options for career and technical education lead to rewarding employment opportunities. Crowder College is "building a civil, serving, literate, learn-

ing community of responsible citizens." These are not empty words in a catchy mission statement.

The decision to pursue the position of Chancellor of ASU-Beebe was a difficult one for me. The move takes my family and me much closer to our extended family, and I am honored to be returning to the community college where I taught my first community college course as an adjunct faculty member. This is the right position for me at this time.

Despite all that, my heart is heavy as I leave Crowder College.

These four years have been a rich learning experience for me. Students, we are lucky, you and I, to have been touched by Crowder College.



## Civics and Politics

MEGAN MURPHY  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

### Why should we care about "fake news"?

Since President Trump coined the phrase "fake news" during the 2016 election, it has skyrocketed in popularity.

According to Politifact, the phrase was used by officials in Myanmar to deny the ethnic cleansing (and existence) of Rohingya Muslims in the country. "There is no such thing as Rohingya," an official said, according to Politifact. "It is fake news."

In Syria, Venezuela, and China, the term was also used by the government to deny and blame the media for making up these claims.

Rodrigo Duterte, the president of the Philippines, who's administration's tacit support for the extrajudicial killing of drug users has been denounced worldwide, called journalists "spies" even as he claimed the murders were "fake news".

From this country's foundation, a free press has been one of the cornerstones of American democracy. So, people should be more concerned when the president of the United States called major media outlets "the enemy of the American people" and held

his own "fake news awards".

There should have been outrage when members of the press were harassed and threatened at his campaign rallies, where proud American citizens shouted "Lügenpresse", or "lying press", at journalists, a term used in Nazi Germany to discredit the press while the government endorsed and carried out the slaughter of millions of Jewish people. Today, many conspiracy theorists deny even that atrocity, calling the Holocaust itself "fake news".

Facts seem to matter less and less in today's world, and so it is no wonder that 41% of Americans cannot recall what "Auschwitz" was, according to a study by Claims Conference released on April 12. Instead, people get their news from their Facebook feeds, and if a news story happens to hold their political faction accountable for something, well, then that's just more fake news.

Never mind that real "fake news" is an actual problem, that a man walked into a pizza joint in December 2016 and fired a gun based on an insane conspiracy theory that claimed Hillary Clinton and her cohorts were running a sex trafficking ring through the restaurant.

If I sound a little frustrated, it's because I am. Like most journalists, I care about the truth, regardless of political party or personal bias. I care about holding people accountable for their actions and keeping the public informed.

Journalists are not the "enemy of the American people", and treating them as such could potentially lead towards the end of American democracy as we know it.

correctly and in a timely matter. It is very important to complete your FAFSA early, to allow you time to complete any additional paperwork or verification that the Financial Aid office may request of you or your parent. Every service we offer is free of charge. We're happy to help you navigate what can be a very stressful process.

There are several mistakes that students and parents make when it comes to financial aid. One of the most common mistakes is assuming that you won't qualify, and therefore not completing a FAFSA. It is free to complete your FAFSA, so why not try, just in case? Another mistake we often see, is a confusion of which tax year to use. Last year, some changes were implemented, and you will now use Income Tax Return from two years prior to the academic year for which you're filing the FAFSA. So, for the Fall 2018-Summer 2019 academic year, you'll be required to use the 2016 Federal Income Tax Return. And finally, one of the last mistakes, but one of the most important to take note of, failing to check for emails after the FAFSA is submitted. Once the FAFSA is submitted, it will be forwarded to all of the schools that you listed on the FAFSA. The school's Financial Aid office will review it, and you may be asked for further documents or verifications. Don't be alarmed when you get that email, it doesn't have to be overwhelming.

If you would like assistance with any of the services we've listed here, or have any other questions, please feel free to give us a call or stop by. Our main office is in Neosho, in Newton Hall, on the third floor. We are open Monday – Friday, 8am – 4:30pm, with extended hours in the summer. We do our best to work around your schedule. Our phone number is 417-455-5475 or 1-866-822-1362.



## Guest Column

MARK AUBUCHON  
DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS LIFE

### Campus Life raises awareness of sexual assault

Perhaps you are asking, "So what is all this 'sexual assault' stuff I keep seeing around campus and in my campus emails?" "Does Crowder have a sexual assault problem I'm not aware of?" "Am I safe to be here on campus?"

These are all fair questions and questions all of us SHOULD be asking. Studies indicate that upwards of 1 in 4 women are sexually assaulted while in college; and yes, that is an incredibly high number! A college student experiences many stresses and tribulations while going to college but few are as devastating as being sexually assaulted. Many victims carry those scars with them their whole life, negatively affecting not only their adult relationships but also their careers and lifetime mental health.

To answer those questions you might have asked, Crowder College has made it a priority to raise awareness of this issue with all of our students and staff with the end goal of preventing as many sexual assaults as possible. It has also been our goal to find those students who are suffering in silence and to help those students find resources to help them heal. Do we have an assault problem at Crowder? That is a difficult question to answer definitively; however, we believe our students are very safe on campus. We should all strive to keep ourselves and our friends safe at all times from potentially dangerous situations.

As we come to the end of Sexual Assault Prevention Month, we remind all students and staff that if we know of anyone who needs help, we are here for you!

<http://www.crowder.edu/about-crowder/safety-security/sexual-assault/>

<http://www.crowder.edu/services/counseling/counseling-services/>



## Guest Column

CHRISSE BRASHAR  
TRIO-EOC/TALENT SEARCH

### Financial aid assistance available

What is the EOC? The Educational Opportunity Center, (EOC) is a federally funded Trio program, hosted by Crowder College. That's still pretty vague isn't it?! So, let's break it down even further. Our offices can be found at Crowder campuses in Neosho, Cassville, Joplin, McDonald County, and Webb City, as well as additional offices at job centers in Monett and Joplin. We serve anyone, no matter what their educational goals are. Whether they are interested in Crowder College or a different school, we can assist in the process from submitting their college application to setting up an appointment with an advisor for enrollment. Are you about to graduate from Crowder? We can assist in the transfer process as well.

Another service that we're known for is assisting with the financial aid process. From filing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to financial aid verifications, we're here to make it as simple as possible for you! There have been several changes the past few years, in the financial aid process and guidelines, and we work closely with the Financial Aid office, to ensure everything is done





## Johnny Morris' aquarium wows

**Tana Burkhart**  
ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Bas Pro Shop's newest attraction is fun for the whole family.

Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife Museum and Aquarium has recently been voted the "#1 Best New Attraction" in America by USA Today, and I, for one, can definitely understand why.

While it seems like the prices are steep, once immersed in the under-water worlds, the money becomes less of an issue. Adult prices are \$29.95 for the aquarium only, \$14.95 for the museum only and \$39.95 for the combination ticket. Children ages 4-11 get into the aquarium for \$19.95, the museum for \$9.95 or \$23.95 for the combo. Children 3 and under are free.

Upon entering the aquarium, the history of fishing is on display. Walls are covered with awards and even presidential fishing photographs and memorabilia.

When walking out of the history section, you end up downstairs. You can look up to see a display of world flags from every country leading to the bottom view of the display tank from above. When gazing up into the tank it becomes a spinning vortex of fish and water.

Once you return to the top floor and enter the doors into the next phase of the aquarium, it looks as though you have happened upon a ship wreck with all the crustaceans and barnacles that go along with it.

It is at the entrance of these under-water worlds that you will find a snack bar stocked with popcorn, pretzels, slushes and sodas in souvenir cups.

From there, you can view a short film on deep sea fishing in the theater adjacent to the snack bar.

After viewing the movie, I took turn

after turn viewing nearly every type of deep sea, river and lake animal imaginable. The aquarium hosts everything from fish that look like they have been dusted with glitter to a sassy swan that will strike a pose when the camera comes out. No flash, please.

The recently added flamingos were a lively and colorful attraction. Wonders of Wildlife even boasts a couple of black bears and a bald eagle, which is sure to excite the patriotic guests.

Tropical fish, frogs and turtles abound in tanks you are able to crawl under to snap a photo and look like you are right up in the tank with them.

More short movies on various types of creatures and places are shown in small theaters in a few spots throughout the aquarium journey.

There is also no need to worry about having to take a long walk to use the restroom as they are located at the beginning and ending of just about every section of the building.

Once you have completed the near three hour adventure, you are met with a chance to pet the sting rays and to color a picture with your name on it that is then scanned and projected on the animated aquarium wall.

Johnny Morris' Wonders of Wildlife museum was a trip I won't soon forget. Of all of the aquariums I have visited, this one truly raised the bar. It is great entertainment for the entire family.

The only complaint I had on my visit is certain wagons and strollers are not allowed, so you have to rent one of theirs. The rentals are wide, two-seaters that barely fit through some of the tight spaces in the aquarium. This probably wouldn't have bothered me so much, but the reason they wouldn't let me bring mine in was because it may not fit through some of the spaces.



## Golden Hour brings the bops

**Rylan Lett**  
REPORTER

Kacey Musgraves new album, Golden Hour, released March 30, 2018, through MCA Nashville. The album features 2 singles, Butterflies and Space Cowboy, that were released February 23, 2018.

1. "Slow Burn"
2. "Lonely Weekend"
3. "Butterflies"
4. "Oh, What a World"
5. "Mother"
6. "Love Is a Wild Thing"
7. "Space Cowboy"
8. "Happy & Sad"
9. "Velvet Elvis"
10. "Wonder Woman"
11. "High Horse"
12. "Golden Hour"
13. "Rainbow"

Kacey, unlike most artists, put the softer songs toward the beginning. Normally we see the bops and more upbeat songs first, interrupted by a ballad or love song, followed with soft songs, finally closing with one last upbeat song.

The album opens with "Slow Burn", a great intro song that, like most of the album, is a soft song that focuses mostly on the lyrics of the song.

"Lonely Weekend" is a song that dives into Kacey's disinterest or really apathy to social outings.

Then we hit our first love song with "Butterflies".

"Oh, What a World", "Mother" and

"Love is a Wild Thing" are all slow songs that again focus on the lyrics.

"Space Cowboy", starts the turn of the album. The breakup song sounds like a modern Country classic. As difficult as it is to explain, Kacey makes her music feel so old and so new. "Happy & Sad" is a slower song talking about struggling with enjoying the moment, knowing it will end eventually.

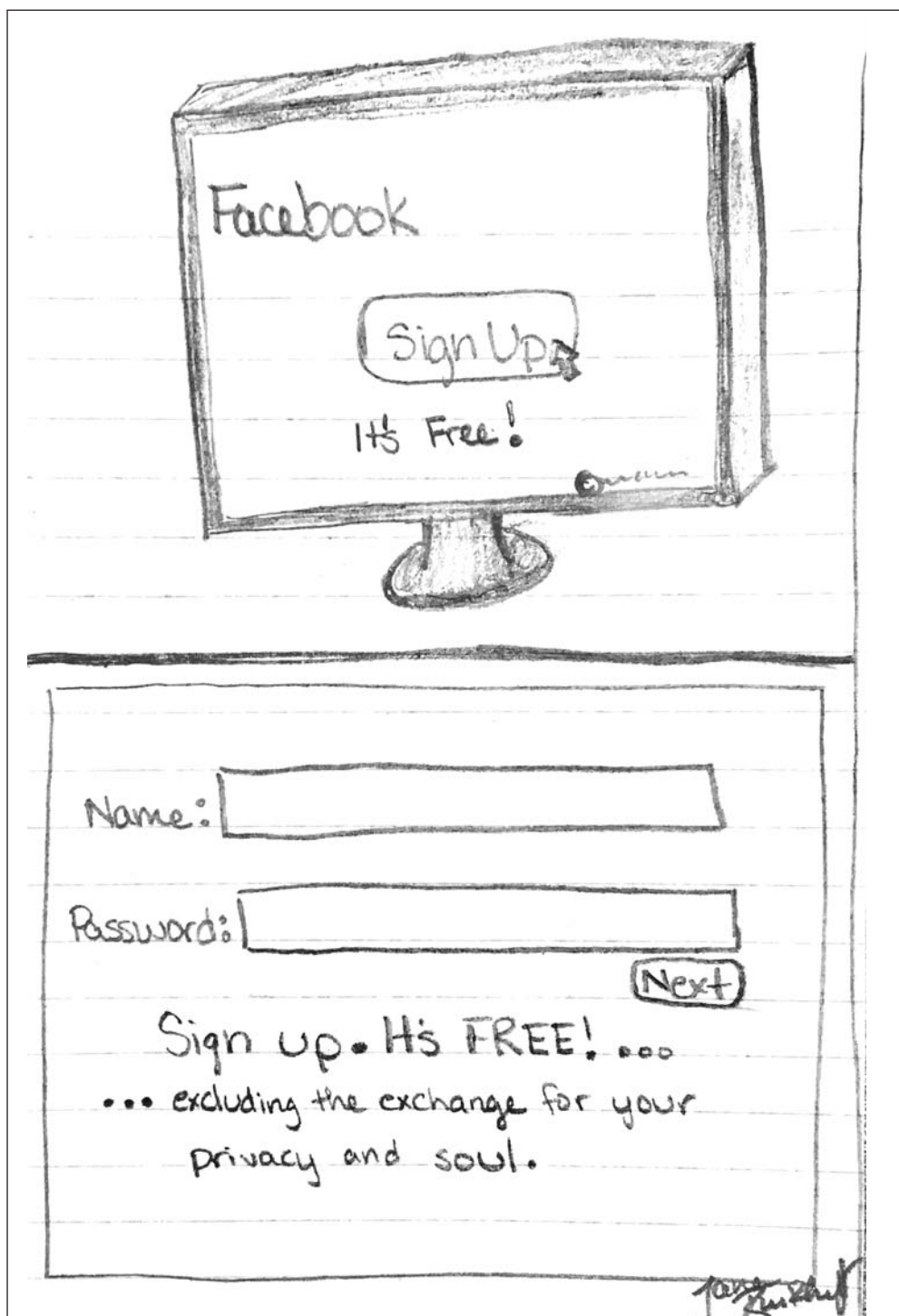
Now we are to the bops. "Velvet Elvis" is by far my favorite from the album. It is beautifully written, declaring love, being vulnerable and letting love take over.

"Wonder Woman" is not quite a bop but definitely more upbeat than her ballads.

"High Horse" is by far the most praised bop, telling off those people that think they are "cooler than everybody else".

"Golden Hour" is a song referenced to the total solar eclipse that took place this past summer/fall. Many things happened around this time that influenced this song.

The album closes with "Rainbow," a slow song that finished the album just as we entered it, slowly.



## MAY ENTERTAINMENT RELEASES

### Music

**May 4**  
World's Strongest Man  
Gaz Coombes

**May 11**  
Voicenotes  
Charlie Puth

**May 11**  
Tranquility Base Hotel and Casino  
Arctic Monkeys

**May 18**  
Part of the Light  
Ray LaMontagne

**May 25**  
Wildness  
Snow Patrol

### Books

**May 8**  
The Soul of America  
Jon Meacham

**May 15**  
Little Moments of Love  
Catana Chetwynd

By Invitation Only  
Dorothea Benton Frank

**May 22**  
The Outsider  
Stephen King

**May 29**  
Shelter in Place  
Nora Roberts

### Movies

**May 4**  
Son of Bigfoot  
(Rated PG)  
Family Comedy

**May 11**  
Breaking In  
(Rated PG-13)  
Suspense

**May 18**  
Deadpool 2  
(Rated R)  
Action

**May 25**  
Solo: A Star Wars Story  
(Rating Unavailable)  
Adventure

### DVDs

**May 8**  
Dear White People  
TV-MA

**May 15**  
Black Panther  
PG-13

**May 15**  
Rick and Morty: The Complete Third Season  
TV-14

**May 15**  
The Shannara Chronicles: Season 2  
TV-14

**May 22**  
Red Sparrow  
R

### Games

**May 4**  
City of Brass  
(PS4, Xbox One, PC)

**May 15**  
Dragon's Crown Pro  
(PS4)

**May 22**  
Tennis World Tour  
(PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC)

**May 25**  
Dark Souls Remastered  
(PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC)

**May 29**  
Moonlighter  
(PS4, Xbox One, Switch, PC, Mac)



## Spring sports on the diamond



The Crowder baseball team complete this pre-game ritual that involves greetings. The Roughriders went 42-13 during the regular season. Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Infielder Cooper King throws to first base against State Fair Community College. Kaitlin Barnett | Copy Editor



Coach Sisemore gives his team some mid game advice. Emilee Kuschel | News Editor



Infielder Makaila Leonhart rounds first base against Neosho County Community College. Emilee Kuschel | News Editor



Sophomore Maddie Massanelli pitches during a game against Neosho County Community College. Tana Burkhart | Entertainment Editor



Left fielder prepares for the upcoming play against Neosho County Community College. Tana Burkhart | Entertainment Editor



Sarah Horine and students partake in a tailgate event. Tana Burkhart | Entertainment Editor



## Spring sports rally to finish



Sophomore Maddie Massanelli throwing a pitch in a 8-0 victory against Neosho County Community College.  
Emilee Kuschel | News Editor

### SPORTS BRIEFS

**Softball**  
Crowder softball ended up with a 54-13 record and went 22-2 at home.

**Baseball**  
Crowder baseball finished 42-13 during the regular season headed into the regional tournament.

**Basketball**  
The girls finished with a record of 22-10. They went 13-2 at home.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Basketball**  
The Roughriders basketball team has announced that they will have team shoot-outs for varsity and junior varsity high teams. June 9 and 14 will be for varsity teams and June 8 and 13 will be for junior high teams. The cost is \$150 and has a three game guarantee.

**Baseball**  
The Roughriders will have Sub-regional that is the best two out of three series. This is held in Joplin at Joe Becker Stadium on May 10-12.

#### Sports Column

### Who's the greatest basketball player?

Dexter Ballay  
SPORTS EDITOR

The National Basketball League has been around for a little over 70 years. Throughout this time period many great players have come and gone. Bill Russell with his 11 championship rings playing for the Celtics set the bar very high to begin.

As the years progressed, players like Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Julius Erving came and made their case as the GOAT (Greatest Of All Time). The 80's embarked on a rivalry between Larry Bird and Magic Johnson as the sole position of greatest player of all time. Bird won 3 championships to Johnson's 5. Of course kids in this generation love to say LeBron James deserves the title of GOAT. I believe however, there is someone more obvious and worthy of that title.

Lebron is in his 15th NBA season, and he seems to get better with age. This year at the age of 33, he averaged new career highs in assists and rebounds per game. The 4 time regular season MVP (Most Valuable Player) has been in the spotlight since he was in high school. He was put on a pedestal. He has been in eight finals during his career including the last seven straight. James is a statistical dynamo and has been described by many as a mixture of Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan.

Michael Jordan is described by many as one of the greatest athletes of all time. In this day and age he markets

his brand and owns the Charlotte Hornets. That just adds to his already stellar resume.

Jordan has six rings to Lebron's 3. His airness won every finals he competed in. Some like to assume he could have won 8 in a row if he wouldn't have retired in 1993 for a brief amount of time.

I honestly think the greatest basketball player of all time Michael Jordan. Has has cultivated the game in a variety of ways and changed the way fans watch. Lots of critiques like to compare their statistics to decide who is the greatest.

James is a stronger passer and rebounder, but Jordan is stronger at scoring. They both are tremendous defenders as well. Lebron is very versatile and can guard almost every position.

Jordan on the other hand is third on the all-time list in steals and was named to the All-Defensive First Team nine times. This award is given to one player at each position each year and signifies the best defenders in the league. He was also named Defensive Player of the Year in 1987-88.

Jordan is the greatest player ever in my opinion due to the amount of championships. Basketball greats are primarily identified by championship rings. Other sports like baseball are more statistical in identifying the best.

When people think of sports, they often think of one person and that person is Michael Jordan. Jordan is the catalyst of the NBA and he has done so much more for the sport than anyone ever has or ever will. (At least in our lifetime that is.)

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