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Compassion International brings missions event to Searyl

By Susan Dufresne

Feature Editor

Compassion International, a worldwide child-advocacy ministry, is hosting The Compassion Experience at Valley Baptist Church in Searyl on Nov. 13-16. The free event features a portable interactive exhibit with more than 2,000 square feet designed to simulate homes, markets and schools of developing countries. "I've never been near a place named Hays, the church supports missionaries in Africa, Brazil, India and Peru, and it wanted to give others the opportunity to experience the different regions of the world," the third annual Women for Harding Fall Craft Fair will provide students and community members with an opportunity to experience the different regions of the world.

"We thought it would be something not only our church would benefit from, but the community could be well off," Hays said. "Many participants will be guided through the exhibit from the perspective of a child who experienced poverty as an iPad and set of headphones. Visitors will experience the life of three Compassion International-sponsored children from India, Uganda and Brazil during the 20-minute tour."

The exhibit will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13 and from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. as well as Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For the last two years, Women for Harding hosted the craft fair in the Student Center. This year, however, the craft fair will be hosted at the White County Fairgrounds and will feature 42 vendors, which is the largest selection of vendors since the craft fair began.

"There was a lot of interest," Debbie Howard, president of Women for Harding, said. "I had a lot of vendors asking if there was room to join, and we really didn't have any more room. People were just wanting it to be a more of a craft fair experience, so that's what prompted us to move to the White County Fairgrounds. As a result, we now have 42 vendors with a waiting list of five or six wanting to join us, and we don't have room to add them."

The craft fair is an opportunity for businesses to showcase their products, and vendors who were attending the craft fair will be participating.

"There are very trendy things that are going to be sold," Howard said. "We're not talking about crocheted doilies to put on the back of the couches — it's not your grandma's craft fair — it's something that will be very popular with any shopper no matter what their age or decorating style is."

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For more information about REI's "Opt Outside" campaign, visit www.outsideeveryday.com.

By Dane Reper

Staff Writer

Since 1965, Women for Harding has provided students with need-based scholarships that are supported by fundraiser throughout the year. This weekend, the Women for Harding Fall Craft Fair will provide students and community members with an opportunity to experience the different regions of the world.

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One child left behind: China updates two-child policy

By Hannah Moore

On Oct. 23, the Communist Party of China announced that it would abolish its policy restricting families to have only one child and enact a two-child policy instead. On Nov. 2, they also announced that the policy change would take effect in March 2016 when the National People's Congress convenes annually.

Dr. Terry Smith, chair of the Behavioral Science department and director of the Social Work program, said that China enacted the one-child policy because of overpopulation. "The policy was initiated in 1979 for the purpose of curbing a surging population," Smith said. "China was concerned about the demands on limited resources."

Smith said that the one-child policy caused China's skewed gender ratio. "In China, you now have 113 males for every 100 females," Smith said. "Because overpopulation is a concern, child, it ended up leading to an increase in selective abortion. Because of this sex imbalance, some think that it may have triggered the trafficking of women to serve as brides."

According to The Guardian, China has a population of 1.3 billion people, and it is forecasted that by 2050, 440 million of these people would be over 60 years old. Last year, the number of working-age people (15-64 years old) hit 731 million people and is expected to continue to fall. According to Smith, the policy switch is due to the downward trend in the working-age population.

"Part of the reason for having the policy in the first place was economics and part of the reasoning was that the policy was because of economics," Smith said. "So, the intention was a concern and they think that the younger work force is moving into the workforce."

According to Reuters, 90 million families quality to be eligible for the policy update. "When you turn 15 years of age, you are able to see the property distribution of your family. If you have a younger brother or sister, you will only get half of the property in the parent's home if they want a second baby, they might get 25% or 30% of the property and decide they would not have the second baby."

Although the long-term effects of this policy update remain to be seen, Chinese families can enjoy the option of expanding.

Volkswagen recalls 8.5 mil. cars after fed investigation

By Joshua Johnson

Earlier this year, the German automobile company Volkswagen underwent federal investigations determining that the engine emission test program was being run in many of their Volkswagen, Audi and Porsche vehicles without the necessary testing to give false readings. On Oct. 19, Volkswagen announced that they would be recalling over 8.5 million vehicles in 14 countries, according to CNN Money. Since then, the company has also been involved in the recall of over 500,000 vehicles in the United States.

According to CNN, the emissions tests were programmed to read and display only certain levels of diesel emission during testing. Due to this manipulation of normal usage, the investigational engine displayed nitrogen oxides levels as high as 40 times above the legal limits. As well as serving as an environmental pollutant, these high emissions levels also increase risk of developing asthma and respiratory problems, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

Mark Weakling, former Volkswagen CEO stated on Sept. 23 in light of the impending scandal and was replaced by Matthias Müller, former CEO of the Porsche branch. Weakling mentioned that in his resignation statement he was acutely aware of the misconduct displayed by the company.

"I am (migrating) in the interests of the company, and that is why I am aware of any wrong doing on my part," Werfer added. Müller said "Volkswagen is a fresh start... it is also in terms of leadership, the way for this fresh start with my resignation."

Following the pronouncement, Müller issued a press release that emphasized its decisive action to "regain the trust of our customers with the utmost integrity and credibility of our company."

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Chipotle closes 43 stores due to E. coli outbreak

By Zach Haley

The casual Mexican food restaurant chain Chipotle closed 43 of its Pacific Northwest stores due to an E. coli outbreak in several locations. According to ABC News, 102 customers were traced to six restaurants in the Northeamnt, but the company hopes to shoo down all of the ones in the area. According to ABC, customers from the Portland area and Washington Washington became ill from the effects of E. coli. At least a dozen of those who got sick were hospitalized. Chipotle released a statement on its website explaining the precautionary measures the company took.

"Even though (the investigation affected only) 10 Chipotle restaurants and the majority of our locations in the area have reported no problems — we closed all Chipotle locations that are linked to an E. coli illness outside of an abundance of caution," a statement on Chipotle.com said.

Steve Ells, chairman and co-CEO of Chipotle, also said in a statement that the company's website that customer health is of utmost importance to the company.

"The safety of our customers and integrity of our food supply has always been our highest priority," Ells said. "If there are any opportunities for us to do better in any facet of our sourcing or food handling — from the farms to our restaurants — we will find them."

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"It's as simple as checking the temperature of your foot before serving it and while it's out on the line," West said. "Maybe they should change their franchise policies of how the meat is prepared. It's a real risk at places like Chipotle, but it's not going to me from going there." Freshman Meghan Spencer is from Portland, Oregon and said he has always loved Chipotle's fresh ingredients and said he will not see the company tamish.

"I think it's disappointing," Spencer said. "The restaurant provided good, healthy food that was GMO free and affordable."

Spencer said she thought the restaurant's popularity is not affected and that people are not too limit to eating there. According to "USA Today," the company respected the decision of the 43 closed restaurants on Wednesday, Nov. 11, after thoroughly cleaning all of the establishments and replacing its fresh ingredients.

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Two loves are too many

Matt Wilcox

I name it. I've seen every episode. But right now, I'm suggesting that we take a step back and review our priorities. Sometimes, it might be helpful to think about what we really enjoy in our leisure time.

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God looked at casual sex.

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Man versus machine

I don’t hear the echo of a bell. I believe that recalling history is an important part of education. I have been focusing mainly on wars and battles that took a hearing and led to kill the tale, but all at heart became heroes because of bloodshed. If you ever find yourself by the tale of John Henry, a steel worker from West Virginia in the early hours of the 19th century, let me tell you that he was a common man. John Henry was the strongest man working the rails. The industrial revolution was just beginning, along with labor’s role in the economy. As the demand for coal increased, so did the need for railroads. Many steel workers, like John Henry, were hired to dig tunnels and build bridges. The work was dangerous and physically demanding. The coal mine was a place where lives were lost, and the miners were forced to work for meager wages.

John Henry was known for his incredible strength. He was six feet tall and weighed 200 pounds. He was known for his ability to use a 14-pound sledgehammer to break through rock. He was also known for his ability to work for long hours without taking breaks. He was paid $220 a month, which was a fortune at the time.

John Henry was a hero to many, and his story is still told today. His story is a symbol of the working class and their struggle for fair wages and working conditions. In 1890, he died of a blood vessel in his head.

I am not sure if you have ever heard of John Henry, but I hope you will remember his story. It is a story of hard work, sweat, and blood. It is a story of a man who was willing to do whatever it took to make a living, even if it meant risking his life.

Man versus machine

I love social media more than I love to dress. I love showing the perfect cliche with a big smile. I love taking a moment from my life, putting it into 140 witty characters and sharing the laughter with the world. I love that's going in the head of others through their posts. I love social media so much that sometimes I find myself coming tweets in my real instead of planning what to do or rewriting the same Instagram caption over and over to make it perfect in reality.

I have always been a bit of a “people person.” I love to be around people and love to talk about politics, movies, and books with them. I love to make people laugh and love to see them happy.

My favorite moment from this year was when I had a little accident while shaving. I had a tiny cut on my lip, but I didn’t think anything of it until I looked at the mirror and saw blood. I had a little accident while shaving and now I am taking the time to write about it. I am doing this for my own personal growth and to help others who may be going through similar experiences.

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The Heisman hopefuls

The college football season is in full swing, and watching someone give an interview about their Heisman chances can be a treat. But in the midst of all the talk, it's easy to lose sight of who these players really are. They're not just athletes; they're individuals with dreams, aspirations, and challenges. It's important to remember that behind the headlines and the hype, there are real people with real stories. The Heisman hopefuls are no exception. Their journeys to the top of the college football world are filled with hard work, dedication, and sacrifice. Whether they win or lose, their accomplishments are a testament to their resilience and determination. So let's take a moment to appreciate the hard work and talent of these Heisman hopefuls. And remember, it's not just about the trophies. It's about the journey and the memories that are made along the way.
Senior guard Jacob Gibson drives past a Southern Nazarene University defender and into the lane during the Bisons 80-55 victory over the Crimson Storm last year on Jan. 17 at the Rhodes-Reaves Field House. The Bisons were picked by the coaches as a preseason favorite in the Great American Conference.

**By Kaleb Turner**

**Grant Schol, The Bisons**

With six days until their first Great American Conference (GAC) game, the Bisons and Lady Bisons basketball teams are looking for a 2015-2016 season that offers success, teamwork and continued support from the student body.

For the Lady Bisons, the biggest challenge heading into the new season is the team’s youth, according to head coach Tim Kirby. Kirby said after graduating several four-year starters last season who helped elevate the team to conference champions for two straight years, Tim Kirby. Kirby said after graduating several four-year starters last season who helped elevate the team to conference champions for two straight years, "We are young this year, but we have great potential with all the talent on the team," Harney said. "Our team goals are to take one game at a time and not get ahead of ourselves." Having graduated just one player from last season, the Bisons do not face the dilemma of a young team, but rather the challenge of recovering from the close road losses of last season, according to head coach Jeff Morgan. "We lost some really tough games on the road last year," Morgan said. "That’s hard to swallow sometimes, but it was great experience for us and is hopefully an experience that we can gain from this year." Senior guard Jacob Gibson echoed Morgan’s sentiments and said that he is looking for a memorable final year of Bisons basketball with his team. "One goal we have is to finish in the conference regular season," Gibson said. "This year will be writing all of our home games and if we can go 200-0 or above on the road, we will put ourselves in good position to hang a banner at the end of the year. We want to be back in the national tournament competing with the best teams in Division II." One thing that both Kirby and Morgan share a common goal of continued support and passion from the student body and community for the coming season.

Women’s, men’s, basketball ready for 2015-2016

**By Garrett Howard**

Student Writer

The women’s cross-country team placed fifth at the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Central Region Championship in Joplin, Missouri, on Saturday, Nov. 7.

The top five teams to place at the NCAA Regionals were able to continue their season, allowing the Lady Bisons to move on to the NCAA National Championship in Joplin, Missouri, on Nov. 21.

"We accomplished what we wanted to do, which was to make the top five," senior Keikey Taylor said. "Our team went in ranked fourth but still finished fifth, which was great." Senior Ewa Zaborowska led the Lady Bisons, placing second in the 6K run with a time of 20 minutes, 26 seconds. Zaborowska, along with Taylor, made the All Regions Team.

Dallas Bailey, a 2014 Harding graduate who assists cross-country head coach Steve Gaymon, said the Lady Bisons were nervous but confident in the Lady Bisons’ ability to place in the top five. "We watch the team practice, and I practice with them sometimes, and I know that their training is there, they just have to have them believe it," Bailey said. "Because if you don’t believe, victory is not going to happen, whether you are physically fit or not." The men’s cross-country team also ran on Nov. 7, and ended its season by placing ninth at the NCAA Regionals.

Leading the men’s team was junior Lucas Goodpeed, followed by freshman Larry Layne and junior Russell Chase to round out the top three. Goodspeed finished 12th overall.

"I was definitely happy with my own race," Goodspeed said. "My personal goal was making top 20, so that was satisfying of the improvement we’ve made as a team. We’re on the right track, and we’re definitely going to continue to trend upward next year." Goodspeed said that excitement trumped nerves on Saturday, even knowing that the race could be his last of the season. "We broke up from excitement than nerves (about the race)," Goodspeed said. "You never know how you’re going to feel waking up the day of a race, but Friday before the race I was feeling good, and when we got to the most Saturday I felt more like I had a good opportunity than I had the burden of running a race on my shoulders.

Both Goodspeed and junior Mesa Allison said they were joyful for the success of the Lady Bisons' cross-country team. "The women’s meet went pretty close to perfectly," Ali-NNSON said. "They were focused, demons and and got on to Nationals," said Allison.

The Lady Bisons will compete at the NCAA Championship in Joplin, Missouri, on Nov. 21, beginning at 12 p.m.

**Our Athletes’ Views on Pop Culture questions**

**Favorite Thanksgiving food?**

Taylor: Grammie’s duck dressing.

Bret: Bacon-wrapped green beans.

Cassie: Pumpkin pie with whipped cream.

**Greatest ever: Lebron or MJ?**

Taylor: Kobe.

Bret: MJ.

Cassie: MJ. Lebron never saved the Loony Tunes.

**Your thoughts on Black Friday shopping?**

Taylor: I’ll be in a deer stand.

Bret: I avoid it at all costs.

Cassie: It’s fun to go shopping with my mom.

**Which artist’s Christmas album will you listen to first?**

Taylor: The Jackson 5 Christmas Album, no doubt.

Bret: Michael Buble.

Cassie: Pentatonix.

**The best sales are after the holiday.**
Heritage Inn experiences manager switch

By Savanna DiStefano

"In my opinion, the Heritage Inn front desk is one of the best places on campus to work," Vicki Walton, former manager of the Heritage Inn, said.

Walton traded administrative responsibilities, bills and group rates for more family and developmental time. She retired from managing the Heritage Inn on Oct. 30 after nearly 20 years of service. She began working for the harding University hospitality department almost a year and spent the last 19 at the Heritage Inn.

"Working in an environment where people are loved, worshiped and served is incredible," Walton said. "If you would ever find another place, you appreciate Harding.

Walton said she enjoyed working with guests from various groups who used the hotel.

"I have loved Harding, and I have loved the hotel," Walton said. "I know there will be days I will miss the people there and the work, and I will miss meeting and working with some of the best guests in the world."

David Hall, who has worked in the marketing of the Harding University Athletic Department for four years, is the new manager for the Heritage Inn.

"Walton took the hotel through a lot of changes and growth and is believed by a lot of guests who have consistently come back through the years," Hall said. "I’m hoping we can continue the tradition she has built, and any changes we make will hopefully build on what she has already started."

The bookkeeper was successful in her work, and Hall and his actions helped to improve services like providing a lending machine in the lobby and the opportunity to reserve textbooks. He said the Heritage Inn team plans to implement similar ideas for the hotel.

"It’s a competitive market out there for hotels, and for rooftops or outdoor spaces that can add to the experience we are involved with," Hall said. "We have to be 100 percent committed to providing the best experience for our customers that we can.

"It’s a wonderful place that it is," Walton said, "If you have ever worked there the opportunity to reserve responsibility, Hall said he was loved, worshiped and like providing a vending Though he is still ad­

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A Thanksgiving of service

Food drives, craft fairs and Thanksgiving dinner

By Z'Ann Hardin

"The most wonderful time of the year" has come upon us. The holiday season is in full swing, bringing many opportunities and events with it.

Many churches in the Searcy area are joining in on the fun with projects of their own. Downtown Church of Christ is asking for assistance filling its food pantry. The church is specifically looking for cranberry sauce, peanut butter, canned pumpkin and cranial soup. College Church of Christ is currently holding a coat drive, which ends Saturday Nov. 14. The drive will accept any unused or gently used coats.

Downtown Church of Christ is asking through the shop named Stuffin', to incorporate his age into the overarching storyline. New governmental forces are looking to plan a "double O" program in favor of new technology. Throughout the movie, Bond even begins to question his desire to continue life as a secret agent. Unfortunately, this soul-searching ends as a little bit cheesy and unrealistic to the audience.

One of the biggest problems I had with the plot of "Spectre" is centered around the movie's "bond girl" Madeline Swann, who is played by French actress Lea Seydoux. The issue lies not with her acting, which was well done, but with the unfortunate writing surrounding her character. She is not introduced to the story until at least an hour into the film. But within the span of another hour (or about a week in movie time) Swann and Bond are suddenly madly in love. While Bond has certainly always been a ladies man, the relationship between the two characters still reads as lame.

The age gap is noticeably enough to be a little gross, and the actors lack the essential chemistry that encourages the audience to root for them. Perhaps if we were introduced to the storyline earlier the relationship would have been more believable and have had more time to develop.

The movie's primary plot is supposed to be based on a secretive evil organization called Spectre that is pulling the strings behind the scenes in multiple of European governments. But the organization's purpose in the story seems only to be the introduction of the main evils, who operate separately (and it detracted separately) from the Spectre group for the vast majority of the film. The story seems to have such a long chain of tangents that even at the conclusion of the action things feel unfinished.

"Spectre" action scenes were also disappointing because they were just a tad bit too smooth. For example, in one of the earliest scenes of the movie, Bond tackles amongst rubble from a collapsing building, only to slide gracefully down a well-fitted falling platform and onto a very conveniently located couch, which is somehow not obstructed by chunks of brick. The movie is full of situations where Bond estracts himself from danger so badly that they lack both believability and the element of suspense.

A notable Bond "Spectre"-themed plot predictable and my viewing experience was tinged with a degree of boredom. I would give it a 3 out of 10. In essence, just another spy movie I wasn't bad enough to be considered awful, but it wasn't exactly good either. My recommendation is to save your money and catch it on Redbox or Netflix if you're a spy movie/Bond enthusiast. But check out the Sam Smith song from the opening credits — it was probably the best thing about the whole film.