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**Spring is here! Dr. Jeremy McMillen beautifully captured this Oklahoma redbud. Photo was taken at Chickasaw Cultural Centre, Sulphur, Oklahoma.**

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**I have heard it said that winter, too, will pass. That Spring is a sign that Summer is due at last. See, all we have to do is hang on.**

- **Macy Angelo**

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**Anne’s Journal: Spring!**

_by Anne Dering_**

Who else is excited that it’s Spring?

The weather is not only warmer, but it seems as though the sun is not trashing us into summer. Here we are! Spring also marks the second half of this semester. We may have lost an hour of light a few weeks ago and, again, we might still be gruggling from the rest (or chaotic fun, perhaps?) from our Spring Break, but don’t give up yet. It was great to have a week off and spend time with the family.

After a few days of not having a routine, though, it’s easy to fall into the rut of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to skip a class or two. But, as a Viking, we need to remember that these days of sleeping in or being tempted to...
A community's funeral service may be submitted through email to Anne Dering (Dering@grayson.edu).

As a member of the Grayson College Color Guard who is now serving as the president of the Grayson College Honor Guard, I am in awe of what we accomplished during our Color Guard’s annual spring tradition, the Color Guard’s Color for a Cure. The Color for a Cure is a fundraiser for local cancer research organizations and helps provide the local community with an enjoyable event.

Recently, I was flipping through the TV channel listings and looking for something to watch. I found a movie that I had seen before and decided to watch it again. The movie was called *The Life of an EMT/Paramedic* by Kelsee Nelson and was released in 1990. The movie is about a paramedic and how his life is affected by the profession.

The movie is a comedy. The storyline is silly. It basically about the lives of an EMT/Paramedic and how they deal with the challenges that come with the job. The movie features a lot of humor and is entertaining to watch.

The movie also has some serious moments. For example, it shows the challenges that paramedics face when they are trying to save a life. The movie also highlights the importance of proper training and the need for EMT/Paramedics to stay up to date with the latest developments in their field.

The movie is available on DVD and online. It is recommended for viewers who enjoy comedy and enjoy stories about the challenges of being a paramedic.
By Kendra Scott  

In the United States, when a patient needs blood, the doctor's request is filled by local blood donors. However, in other countries, it is common for medical personnel to ask a family member or loved one of the patient to donate blood. In the blood bank, "we really take a little time to think about... if that law was in effect here in the United States, would you have a loved one or family member willing to donate blood for you?" Considering that donating blood is more than just a blood donation. 

According to Martinez: that's my state's body experiences after I donate blood. It may be hard for some people to get over the fear of donating blood or fear of donating blood to someone in the Texoma area with a total of 25 employees and covering the counties of Texoma. 

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Convenience is key for most potential donors, but Francis Campbell, director of Texoma Regional Blood Center (TRBC) ?¿"or maybe because it's just a little more convenient."

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According to Martinez, it is vital to the survival of this facility. It is the volunteers that keep the kitchen running, not the staff. Although most of the volunteers are community members, a couple of staff members are utilized on a daily basis.

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If you're interested in donating blood, you can go to grandcentralstation.org for more information. Or call 940-872-0655 to make an appointment. 

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by Lauren Aleman

Student

Last month I saw Beauty and the Beast in 3D, and I can honestly say—it was incredible.

While many recent live-action Disney remakes have differed tremendously from their animated inspirations, director Bill Condon managed to bring the original story to life. The plot mostly falls in line with the Disney animated classic. Belle, played by Emma Watson, becomes a prisoner of the Beast, played by Dan Stevens. She wants to be free so she escapes his father, Maurice, who is played by Kevin Kline. While running, she loses her book, which makes the Beast go after her.

For Harris, it was a constant struggle to balance the girls feeling like they were the main priority in my life. “I had work, family, housework, school, attending school, said, “The pull of being a single mother while being a student who was a single mother while going to school is never ending while attending school.”

The acting was excellent. The story was engaging, and the imagery of the tale was mesmerizing. Overall, this is one of the best Disney remakes I’ve seen. Belle begins to see a different side of the Beast - a kind and gentle side that may be capable of love. The sacrifice, hard work, and late nights studying were all the juggling worth it in the end?

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for them to get the motivation to go back to school, whether it’s due to the pressure of finances or to set an example for their children. For Justin West, a current Grayson College student, both of these were reasons for going to school.

Holly Harris, a former Grayson College student who was a single mother while going to school, gone on to have a successful business of her own, said, “The constant act of juggling family, work, and school is never ending while attending school.”

Lots of times parents will take their homework with them to children’s sports practices or even when they’re just waiting to pick up their children from school. Harris said, “I have no idea how I did it. I just know that no time was wasted. I studied at practices, and sitting in my car in the pick-up lines at school.”

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I write never to forget. It is too risky to put a pile to my regrets and my hopes. year or semester.
I write to demonstrate injustice. I write because it is a good way to fight and face oppres- sion.
Writing is one force of innovation and helps me to relax, Breathe, and forget my problems.
I want to write to leave some- thing behind that my son can
I write to find out what I am
I write to prove things will
dreams and goals.
I write to be close to one's fellow man and woman.
I write to know it doesn't have to be only a dream's
I write to design my dream.
I write because it is impor-
I write to be myself.
I write because it makes my
mind.
I write because my brain cannot hold all the things in
my mind.
I write because it makes my
work real.
I write to make peace of
things.
I write to explain, to dis-
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I write to be a better person.
I write because I am not
afraid to face my weaknesses.
I write to be open-minded.
I write to be a better person.
I write to make more changes.
I write because I am not
afraid to face my weaknesses.
I write to push myself to reach
my dreams and goals.
I write because they are beautiful, the way
they are.
I write to see others explore
their imaginations.
I write to be a dreamer.
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I write to make my family
proud.
I write because I believe in
myself.
I write to serve.
I write for everyone else.
I write to help the hurting.
I write to confess love.
I write to speak my
birds chirping.
I write to design my dream.
I write to organize.
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