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Many Guthrie residents go days without power

By Takesha Clark
Reporter

Guthrie residents experienced a black out. On Nov. 28, nearly 800 homes in Guthrie went without electricity because of an ice storm.

Many residents realized it was a power outage at about 5 a.m. that morning.

"The morning I discovered the power was out, I stayed in bed under my covers all day," said Dhiana Brame, senior broadcast journalism major. "As soon as I got out from under them, I was freezing and couldn't warm [again]."

According to an Oklahoma Gas & Electric (OG&E) official, Guthrie city officials took it upon themselves to reach out to the Red Cross for help, but they refused.

The Red Cross believed that the power outage was not a life-or-death situation; so therefore, they did not extend services.

According to the OG&E official, within the first 24 hours of the power outage, OG&E received nearly 600 work orders for First Capitol Apartments itself, not including the City of Guthrie.

"I didn't arrive home until two days after the storm had hit because I was still on Thanksgiving break," said LaTroya Driver, First Capitol Apartments resident. "I am thankful I didn't have to endure that, but I was not able to save my food, it had all spoiled."

With the power outage hitting the majority of the town, people have checked into Guthrie hotels, while others

did their best with what they had left. Also, with the city receiving complaints, Guthrie city officials declared that they would try to get all power back and running by Dec. 3.

Though this situation affected a large portion of the city, some people were more fortunate than others. Nicole Turner, instructor of communication at Langston University, has reasons to believe that the business in her neighborhood helped keep her warm and safe.

"Actually, I got very lucky," Turner said. "I came home Saturday after being out of town for Thanksgiving for several days, and I found that I still had electricity."

"However, no other house on my block had electricity, and the street lights were

out, so my neighborhood was completely black except for my house," Turner continued. "It was very odd and unexplainable. I live next to a nursing facility, and they had a generator running, so I'm not sure if it was helping to generate my house or if I was just extremely lucky. Either way, I am fortunate and blessed that I didn't have to go through what other Guthrie residents around me went through. It was so cold; I can't imagine having to go without electricity for several days."

The last ice storm that affected Oklahoma power was in January 2007. The ice storm in 2007 damaged power systems in the eastern one-third of Oklahoma, where ice increased more than three inches in localized areas.

Debate team wins third place at Tulsa Community College

By Maya Jackson
Contributing Writer

The Langston University Debate Team competed in the Cirque Le Vert IPDA Debate Tournament at Tulsa Community College on Nov. 6-7.

Gabriel Hopkins, Joseph Fields, Joseph-Michael Jeremiah Fields, Jailyne Jones and Kevin Rodgers all competed in the tournament, including Tanesha Staples, Diana Montoya and Le'Nae who served as judges and debate prep.

Dr. Ricco Wright, assistant professor of mathematics, has been coaching the team for exactly one year and in such a short time period, he has lead the team down a road of victory, insisting that work ethic and devotion are key to their success.

"I'm proud of our accom-

plishments because they prove to our team that hard work and dedication ultimately lead to victories at tournaments," Wright said.

"I also enjoy seeing all the debaters realize their full potential. My responsibility as coach is to equip our team with the proper skill set to be great debaters, and I insist on excellence," Wright continued. "We've got exactly what it takes to win at the highest, most competitive level because we're skilled in logic and deductive reasoning, strategy, public speaking and sound arguments."

"We've got more than a handful of debaters who exhibit the highest quality of skills required of great debaters," Wright said. "We look forward to more challenging competition at tournaments where the best and

brightest debaters compete."

Proud captain of the team, Gabriel Hopkins, also shined a light on this year's debate team's success.

"I would have to say that this past tournament was beyond excellent! In fact, this was the first tournament for three of our debaters, and I would say that it was our best tournament thus far," Hopkins said.

Langston University came in third place overall in the Debate Sweepstakes. Gabriel Hopkins and Joseph-Michael Jeremiah Fields advanced to the quarter-finals, meaning they were among the top eight debaters to advance to the elimination rounds.

Joseph Fields qualified for finals after arguing the affirmative in the resolution "Sway the Millenni-

als, Sway the Election." He placed second overall in the tournament, making him the second best debater overall.

Fields is the first Langston student in history to advance this far in a debate tournament.

He prepared himself for the debate by practicing and watching debate videos, and he also praised the support of his team.

"C-Span has a great show called 'Landmark Cases' that I watch," Fields said. "It was great, and I appreciate the love and support from the debate team. I don't think I could have done it without them. In the out rounds we really came together to support everyone who made it. It was a very humbling experience to be able to represent Langston University at such a level."

Technology student builds drone

By Kimberly McKnight
Photographer

You may have seen drones on TV or watched them fly around in neighborhoods near you, but one Langston University student is making his own type of drone.

Marcio White, a technology professor, recommended a student, Richard Jimenez, to build a drone if he was interested.

Jimenez started by first making the structure, which is made out of aluminum, in his engineering class during spring 2015.

This semester, he completed the project by adding all of the electronic components.

"I'm a technology student, so I thought it was important to apply my knowledge related to technology, which is drones," Jimenez said.

Jimenez went to research day at the University of Oklahoma for the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to display his drone in front of engineers.

The drone has an octa-motor, which consists of eight motors and eight propellers. The drone also consists of different tools and

"To me, a drone is a tool, not a toy."

— Richard Jimenez,
LU technology student

equipment, including a soldering iron, a drill and a set of drill bits of all sizes, as well as a dermal, screwdriver, wrenches, wire cotter, lighter, computer and software, auto CAD (design model), heat-shrink tubing, digital caliper and a 16-gauge wire that is black and red.

The materials and supplies he used for his drone were octo-copter structures, including a flight controller unit, GPS unit, battery, receiver, power distributor, electronic speed controllers, motors, propellers, one-inch screws for the center plate, bullet connectors and spacers for the top plate.

"Drones are getting popular by the day, so it's a good asset to know about them if you're in technology," Jimenez said.

Jimenez said that Amazon is trying to use drones to ship packages and the government has also started

using drones for unmanned aerial vehicles, which are aircrafts piloted by remote controls or onboard computers.

According to the Encyclopedia website, small inexpensive drones are used as targets in combat practice, while high-performance models may be used in missions and to carry and launch missiles against enemy targets.

"People who have that knowledge about drones can possibly make a lot of money by just knowing information," Jimenez said. "It's like operating a regular machine. To me, a drone is a tool, not a toy."

Jimenez built everything on his own. His drone has successfully flown, but he would like to change the structure and find a new battery. Jimenez made a more affordable drone that cost \$1,000 compared to \$8,000.



Courtesy Photo

Richard Jimenez, Langston University technology student, displays a drone that he hand-made. Jimenez made the aluminum structure of his drone in his engineering class during spring 2015. He completed the remaining part of the drone this semester, adding all of the electronic components.

LU health clinic hosts birth control awareness event

By Brittini Logan
Contributing Writer

One trend Langston University organizations have begun is coming up with creative ways to bring awareness to the student body, faculty and staff.

The trend continued on Nov. 10, as the health clinic, with helping hands from Women of Purpose, hosted an awareness event for National Birth Control Day.

The Student Success Center seemed to be the perfect venue for the event because it is where the student body comes to hang out and spend some down time.

With hopes of the awareness being beneficial to

students by letting them know that there are other alternatives other than using a condom, family nurse practitioner and Langston University clinic provider Raschelle Richardson decided to bring the attention toward birth control.

"My focus was to mainly make them aware that there are many types of birth control," Richardson said.

In fact, there are over 10 types of birth control for women. There is the cervical cap, contraceptive sponge, combination pill, implantable rod, patch, shot and more.

For men and women, safe sex is protected sex,

which is with a condom. Condoms were passed out to the young women who came to the table, whereas the men were not able to receive them but were advised to go to the university's health clinic if they were in need of condoms.

A condom can help prevent either partner from catching a sexually transmitted infection, disease or having an unplanned pregnancy. Though the condom is doing its job, it also doesn't mean it is 100-percent safe.

"I think a lot of people learned either more of what they already knew or learned things that they didn't know — I know I

did," said Jasmine Qualls, sophomore animal science major and public relations co-chair for Women of Purpose.

Not only did Richardson enlighten students on the multiple types of birth control, but so did the helping members of Women of Purpose.

As some were going around campus, spreading the word about National Birth Control Day, there were also members at the table with Ms. Richardson conversing with students about the types of birth controls they've experienced and what works for them and getting the students more comfortable

with the subject.

"Spreading this type of awareness let's people know that there are people out there that want you to be safe and aware about whatever you do; it also shows as an organization that we care about the well-being of others," Qualls said.

With Richardson coordinating an event like this for the first time, she didn't have much expectation on how it would turn out.

She said she was very pleased with the outcome, as well as with the help from Women of Purpose, and she has plans for more awareness events in the near future.

Heart2Heart reaches Coyle High

By Kimberly McKnight
Photographer

Heart2Heart is a Christian, women-based organization that started a mentoring program with the high school girls at Coyle High School, called Heart2Heart Bridges.

The idea for the mentoring program came from Heart2Heart member Helina Hollins' mother, Brenda Hollins, who also had daughters attending Coyle High School.

Brenda Hollins said that she wished her daughters could get the uplifting enrichment that Heart2Heart offers.

Aisha Moffett, the Heart2Heart adviser, began to brainstorm with Hollins to figure out a way they could get Heart2Heart or some element of it at the high school.

"I think it's important for our organization to give back to our lo-

cal community," Moffett said. "The ladies of Heart2Heart have so much diversity of knowledge and background, they can really help young ladies in high school by sharing their stories."

The mentoring program has had a great impact on the Heart2Heart ladies.

"Heart2Heart Bridges has positively affected me because I have learned the true meaning of community service and the proper techniques to create change in the society," said Megan Francisco, Heart2Heart president.

For some of the mentors it was a personal learning experience.

"My mentoring experience was nice, it also was a learning experience for myself because I had someone looking up to me, so it made me more accountable," said Darian Williams, English education major and Heart-

2Heart member.

Francisco's mentee, Malaysia Richmond, said she is very excited that she has someone to keep her on a positive path in her life. Richmond also said she is glad they set goals for her to accomplish this year.

The Heart2Heart mentors go to the high school twice a month, so there is room for some improvements that they want to make to the program.

"The program is really grassroots right now, so there is so much that can be added to our current structure," Moffett said.

"Also, we don't have a set mentoring curriculum, and the executive board would like to take more time to establish that," Moffett said. "It's a work in progress, but we are excited about the program and plan for it to continue to grow and get better."

Francisco also has a few ideas in mind that she wants to change for the betterment of Heart2Heart Bridges.

"Going forward, I will expand the time that mentors and mentees are allowed because one hour a week is not enough," Francisco said. "Next

semester, the executive board and I are planning weekend events to help the students plan and prepare for college."

Francisco said she appreciates those in Heart2Heart who volunteered because they are the fuel and energy behind Heart2Heart Bridges.



Campus Question

What was the highlight of your semester?



Kentre Holt—Junior
Broadcast Journalism Major

"The highlight of the semester for me had to be getting my refund. The money came in so clutch."



Moriah Perry—Junior
Health Administration Major

"The highlight of my semester was during domestic violence and breast cancer week, helping my organization (NCNW) spread the word about awareness."



Cierra Graham—Junior
Accounting Major

"The highlight of my semester was Homecoming week."



Carl Devorce—Senior
HPER Major

"The highlight of my semester was the Homecoming football game."

BRINGING THE T



'The Wiz' to air Dec. 3

By Jerrod Mitchell
Reporter

NBC will continue the holiday musical tradition, and this year, the company will produce "The Wiz Live!"

The musical will be a three-hour live production of the Broadway show airing Dec. 3.

The production is lead by an all-star cast, including Queen Latifah, Mary J. Blige, Amber Riley, "Orange is the New Black's"

Uzo Aduba and more.

An urban adaptation of "The Wizard of Oz," "The Wiz" won seven Tony awards after it opened in 1975, a milestone for a show with an all-black cast, and introduced the song "Home," sung by Stephanie Mills, as a radio hit.

It became a cultural touchstone, especially for African-American audiences, who grew up on the over-the-top 1978 film starring Diana Ross and Michael Jackson.



Oklahoma City offers many Christmas, holiday festivities

By Indy Nelson
Reporter

Though the semester is near its stopping point, the holiday season has just begun, especially in downtown Oklahoma City.

Every year, downtown Oklahoma City hosts many events, parties and activities for the festive

season, and this year is no different.

OKC will feature its traditional ice rink, a nutcracker ballet, Bricktown's canal light tour and much more.

This also is the season for giving, and Oklahoma has perfect opportunities for charity, donations and volunteering for all ages.

"Deck the Halls" is a holiday secret-Santa event for unprivileged kids to enjoy food, games and fun. People can support this event by donating on gofundme.com.

Another charity opportunity is to help Komeo International Ministries adopt 200 orphans for Christmas and raise \$50,000 by Dec. 20.

You can find this more information at www.metrofamily-magazine.com.

According to a Quail Springs Mall news release, the mall will host various holiday activities, such as My Time with Santa, Breakfast



with Santa and a Holiday Light Show.

My Time with Santa includes a photo package with Santa and 30 percent discount if reserved online at www.quailspringsmall.com.

At 8:30 a.m., Dec. 5, there will be Breakfast and a Movie with Santa, sponsored by Chick-Fil-A and AMC movies. T

ickets are \$10, and all proceeds will go to the Regional Food Bank of Oklahoma. Tickets can be purchased in advance at www.regionalfoodbank.org/events.

Quail Springs is a part of the community and involved for the holiday season, and the mall also will be supporting a Salvation Army Angel Tree and a Thanks for Giving coat drive.



LU students prepare, study for final exams

By Dayna Davis
Contributing Writer

The time has come, Langston Scholars, for final exams. It is the time of the semester to show off all of your hard work that you have been doing so diligently for the past 16 weeks.

This time of the semester can turn students into panic mode with all of the last-minute papers and projects, on top of trying to study.

The key to keeping all of that under control is steering clear from procrastination.

"As a graduating senior, I must say that I have mastered the art of studying for finals," said Dhiana Brame, senior broadcast journalism major. "The magic behind getting everything done and having a successful study session is actually doing it. Too many put too much time into getting ready to study instead of actually doing it."

When it comes to studying for finals, it is easy to get caught up with planning and setting up times to study, especially when doing so with a group.

"Studying with groups can get tricky," said Bria Fisher, senior biology major. "Everyone in the group has to be able to actually study with one another and not make it into a social event. I couldn't start studying with groups until I was a junior because I couldn't stay on task."

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




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Quick Study Tips	
	Eliminate lifestyle distractions: Technology offers unprecedented ways to access new information. However, it also creates distractions that prevent you from concentrating on your research. Stick to academic websites, silence your phone, and turn off your wireless connection as soon as you have enough information to write.
	Schedule your study time: Instead of squeezing study sessions in between classes, naps and other responsibilities, treat studying like any other class or commitment. Pick a specific location that's quiet, peaceful and will give you plenty of room to work.
	Take care of yourself first: Get plenty of rest! Your brain needs to recharge regularly in order to process and absorb new information.
	Study with a group or partner: Study groups usually meet before big tests, but many ECPI University students have realized how helpful it is to help one another throughout the school year. You can exchange notes, quiz each other, and most importantly, hold each other responsible for showing up to each session.
	Exercise to release stress: Instead of succumbing to anxiety or pressure until studying seems impossible, find a productive outlet to express your frustration. Physical activity releases endorphins that reduce stress and depression, and it's completely free.
	Take care of yourself first—Eat well: Nutrition plays a huge role in your ability to learn. Instead of depending on sugar and caffeine -- and weathering the crashes that follow -- drink plenty of water and make sure you get enough fruits and vegetables. A well-rested, well-nourished, hydrated body is capable of staying awake and alert without help from chemicals.

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WANTS TO KNOW...

What are the Top 3 songs on your playlist?

PLAYLIST

Moriah Perry—Junior
Health Administration Major



1. "First 48" by Shy Glizzy

2. "Origin" by Migos

3. "Boyz-N-the-Hood" by Eazy-E

Cierra Graham—Junior
Accounting Major



1. "White Iverson" by Post Malone

2. "Jumpman" by Drake

3. "Jugg" by Fetty Wap

Carl Devorce—Senior
HPER Major



1. "Sorry Not Sorry" by Bryson Tiller

2. "24 Hours" by Yo Gotti

3. "Slave Master" by Future

Ways to shop smarter for holidays

Special from
Freshman Finance 101

In the past few years, America's holiday spending has averaged about \$700 per person, totaling \$465 billion as a nation, according to ABC News.

If you're trying to trim your budget this year or if you'd like to get more value, there are five simple steps you can take, according to the Oklahoma Society of Certified Public Accountants.

1.) Make a list.

Write down all of the people to whom you plan to give gifts, then set a realistic budget to see if you can afford all the presents you have in mind. If you can't, rethink what each person's present should cost or how many people you should include on your list.

This advanced plan-

ning will help avoid going over budget and having to skimp in the New Year.

2.) Check it twice.

A little research—whether it's in different neighborhood stores or on the Internet—can often reveal much better deals.

Another option is price matching, when stores will lower their price to match another retailer's advertised deal. However, if you're not shopping around, you won't know to ask for better prices.

Don't forget to read the fine print and review any contracts or end-user agreements associated with purchases to avoid unexpected added fees.

3.) Consider consolidating.

If you're part of a large family, group of friends or co-workers, it might be

easier on everyone's wallet to pick one name from a hat for gift-giving (Secret Santa), rather than trying to cover everyone.

The time spent gathering to open gifts together is much more valuable, and less stressful, than the time spent scrambling to buy multiple gifts.

4.) Remember, it's the thought that counts.

It's not always necessary to spend a lot—or anything at all—to brighten someone's holidays.

Instead, consider thoughtful favors you can perform for a loved one. Offer to babysit for a new parent who could use some time off to run errands, get out for an evening or even get some much-needed sleep.

Give an older friend or relative coupons to cash in for chores or favors, such as



shoveling sidewalks when it snows or raking leaves in the fall.

Create a photo album or scrapbook capturing important memories. The people on your gift list will treasure thoughtful gestures and, oftentimes, appreciate them more.

5.) Start thinking about next year.

Want to take the stress out of your holiday shopping in 2016? Starting early is your best bet.

First, commit to putting

aside a small amount each week or month so you have a nest egg to spend when December comes around. In the meantime, don't hesitate to pick up presents throughout the year, especially if you come across a great deal on a gift someone will love.

Holiday gift-giving will become even more enjoyable knowing presents are waiting to be wrapped and less stressful knowing there's more spending money in the bank.

Making smart shopping choices at the holidays is just one of the many ways you can manage your money.

For more college money tips, visit www.KnowWhatCounts.org, like Know What Counts on Facebook and follow Know What Counts on Twitter.

Avoid foodborne illnesses during holiday season

Special from the Oklahoma State
Department of Health

Don't let merriment turn to misery this holiday season—keep foodborne illness off the menu.

For many, the holiday season brings friends, family and lots of good food. From cooking the turkey to homemade pies, it is easy to forget safe food handling practices during the hustle and bustle.

Every year, about one in six Americans (or 48 million people) become ill with a foodborne illness.

The Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) wants to remind everyone that it's important to practice food safety when preparing holiday foods.

OSDH recommends the following food safety tips to prepare your turkey and keep your holiday gatherings free of foodborne illness:

• Clean:

Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 sec-

onds before, during and after handling food. Wash cutting boards, dishes, utensils and counter tops with hot soapy water after preparing each food item and before you go on to the next food.

• Separate:

Disease-causing germs can spread from raw food (that should be cooked) to other foods. Use separate cutting boards, and keep raw meats and their juices away from fruits and vegetables.

• Cook:

Always check the internal temperature of cooked meat, poultry and egg dishes with a food thermometer to make sure that the food is cooked to a safe temperature.

• Chill:

Be safe with leftovers. Refrigerate leftover foods promptly. When foods are left out unrefrigerated, harmful germs multiply quickly. Discard any food left out more than two hours.

• Ill:

If you have been sick with diarrhea or vomiting, do not prepare food for at least 24 hours after your symptoms have stopped.

Tips for Preparing and Reheating Turkey:

• Thaw:

Allow enough time for a frozen turkey to defrost. Incorrectly thawed turkey can look safe to eat but actually will be undercooked, allowing disease-causing germs to survive inside.

• Cook:

Use a meat thermometer to be sure that the internal temperature of the turkey is at least 165 degrees. For stuffed turkeys, the internal temperature of the stuff-

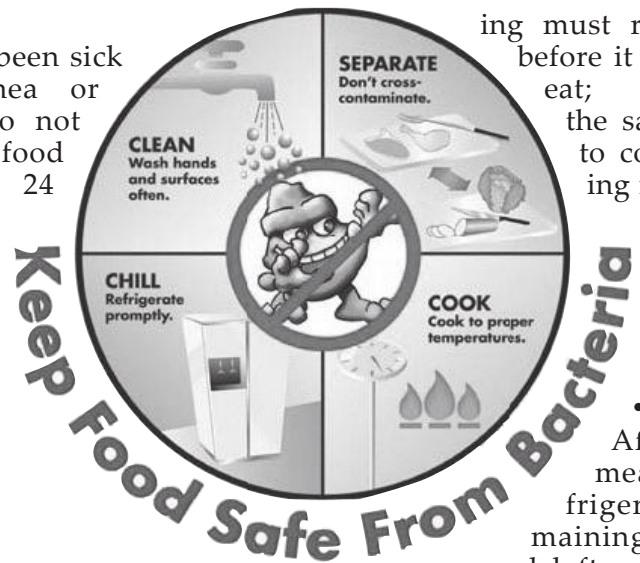
ing must reach 165 before it is safe to eat; however, the safest way to cook stuffing is to cook in a separate casserole dish.

• Store:

After the meal, refrigerate remaining foods and leftover turkey within two hours.

Eat leftover turkey and stuffing within three to four days, and gravy within one to two days. Reheat leftover gravy to a rolling boil, and thoroughly reheat other leftovers to 165 degrees.

For other safe holiday food preparation details, please visit the OSDH Holiday Cooking fact sheet at <http://www.ok.gov/health2/documents/Holiday%20Cooking.pdf>.



Langston University Final Examination Schedule

Fall 2015

ALL CLASSES STARTING ON	AT THIS TIME	TEST DATE	TEST DAY & TIME
Monday	8 a.m.	Dec. 11, 2015	FRIDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	9 a.m.	Dec. 10, 2015	THURSDAY, 10 a.m.-Noon
	10 a.m.	Dec. 11, 2015	FRIDAY, 1-3 p.m.
	11 a.m.	Dec. 8, 2015	TUESDAY, 1-3 p.m.
	Noon	Dec. 8, 2015	TUESDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	1 p.m.	Dec. 9, 2015	WEDNESDAY, 3-5 p.m.
	2 p.m.	Dec. 10, 2015	THURSDAY, 3-5 p.m.
	3 p.m.	Dec. 9, 2015	WEDNESDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	4 p.m.	Dec. 9, 2015	WEDNESDAY, 1-3 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m.	Dec. 11, 2015	FRIDAY, 3-5 p.m.
	9:30 a.m.	Dec. 10, 2015	THURSDAY, 1-3 p.m.
	11 a.m.	Dec. 7, 2015	MONDAY, 8-10 a.m.
	12:30 p.m.	Dec. 8, 2015	TUESDAY, 10 a.m.-Noon
	2 p.m.	Dec. 11, 2015	FRIDAY, 10 a.m.-Noon
	3:30 p.m.	Dec. 9, 2015	WEDNESDAY, 10 a.m. No
Wednesday	4 p.m.	Dec. 10, 2015	THURSDAY, 8-10 a.m.
Thursday	4 p.m.	Dec. 8, 2015	TUESDAY, 3-5 p.m.

ALL Final Exams for evening (*beginning at 5 p.m.*), weekend and other classes not on this schedule willll be held at the **LAST REGULAR CLASS MEETING.**

* Final Examination Schedule for all Multi-Section Mathematics Courses on MONDAY, Dec. 7, 2015 *

8-10 a.m.

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

1-3 p.m.

3:30-5:30 p.m.

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