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April 22nd

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2nd Tuesday of every month

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Thursdays

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Psychology Club

Every Monday

12:15 pm

Room CIS 202

What's Your Story?



Join Summit every Thursday from 7-8 pm to hear the stories of GC students!

Grayson College Art Gallery Now Open!

By Kristin Vilbig Erickson
Professor of Art

Small on the Wall Gallery Exhibit at the Grayson College 2nd Floor Gallery is now open and runs through April 22, 2022.

This gallery exhibit asked artists to consider the big creative possibilities of works made on a small scale.

Artists were asked to keep their work smaller than six inches in any direction and required that the work be hung on the wall, regardless of media.

All work is for sale and will be auctioned off in a Silent Auction at the Artist's Reception and the proceeds will benefit the Grayson College Art Club funding the prizes for the Year-End Student Show.

Grayson students and professors, local artists, and students and professors from Southeastern Oklahoma State University have donated works



Work by Dr. Donna Finch Adams



Work by Cindi Menton and Meagan Pond

of art. The show features a wide variety of work from still life and landscapes to abstract and surreal subjects, there is even a clown.

Silent Auction Bidding will begin Monday, April 18, and will close at the reception, Friday, April 22nd.

The Grayson College 2nd Floor Gallery is on the first floor of the Arts and Communications Building, near the Cruce Stark Theater.

The gallery is open Mondays through Fridays from 9 am until 5 pm and is closed Saturdays and Sundays.

After Homeless Homer Trilogy Part 1

By Laura Haworth
Library Cataloguer

For a naïve ten-year-old, I sure carried around a lot of guilt, after Joseph and his dog Chance were killed, and I still do to a certain extent.

I've told the story about Homeless Homer (the nickname given to Joseph by the townspeople who believed him weird and homeless), but what I didn't tell, was what I took from him.

I'm ashamed of having taken it, and not telling about it. I realize now, that I must tell about that too because it's partly how I came to know the truth about Joseph's family.

In my mind, Joseph was a hero of sorts, in that he helped me. He wasn't a bad man at all, and certainly not a kidnapper!

If he was guilty of anything, it was of being a lost soul with a broken spirit, who happened to come across my uncon-



Joseph and Chance helping the girl after she fell from the Red Oak

scious body, my head bleeding, with his dog Chance.

I had just finished walking home from school when I decided to climb the tall Red Oak tree behind my house, where a bird's nest sat between two of its highest branches.

My plan was to snatch an egg or two, or...a baby bird, for I was certain that I heard the sound of chirping baby birds as I climbed. What I didn't know was that the mother bird was hovering over my head.

She attacked me relentlessly and made me lose my balance and fall from one of the highest limbs. As I fell, I reached out for branches to break my fall, and then I screamed.

Luckily, Joseph and Chance weren't very far away and heard me. Joseph, not knowing where I lived, picked me up and carried me to a rent house not too far away, where he resided and which was owned by his sister Margaret.

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Sneak Peek

Which engine is better: a V8 or an Eco-Boost? Find out on pg. 2.

Discover the opportunities the Career Center has for you on pg. 4!

Find the Vikings sports schedule on pg. 3.

Learn the story of the Samaritan woman on pg. 3.

Looking for a Job? Try the Career Fair!

By Nancy Luthe
Director of Success Coaches

Career fairs can be exciting and they are a perfect opportunity to impress recruiters from the top companies who are hiring.

They are organized events that allow job seekers to meet with representatives from multiple companies at the same location.

Employers will have a table or booth at the fair and meet with job seekers to discuss their company's job openings.

Next month one of the largest career fairs in Texoma will be held in Denison.

It's the 20th Annual Career Connection job fair sponsored by Workforce Solutions Texoma, Grayson College, the Sherman Economic Development Corporation, the Denison Development Alliance, and the Texas Veterans Commission.

The job fair will be held on Thursday, May 19th from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at the Eisenhower Business Center at 2415 South Austin Avenue, Suite 103.

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Trivia with Trigg

Q. 1: How many chocolate bunnies are produced each year?

Q. 2: The first Easter eggs were dyed what color?

Q. 3: What country started the tradition of Pysanka (painting eggs)?



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After Homeless Homer Trilogy

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As I lay on the couch, still unconscious, he tended to the gash at the back of my skull, where my head had landed on some rocks.

Afterwards, upon gaining full consciousness, I saw who he was, and was anxious and nervous, at first.

Jason and most of the townspeople, who'd seen him walking the streets of Delton at all hours of the day and night, thought he was dangerous. Kids were warned to stay away from him.

And yet, everything he had done, from placing a warm washrag on my forehead to tending to my wound after carefully cutting away some of my long hair around it, showed me that he meant no harm.

But there was something odd about him and about the house.

For one thing, there were sheets on every window instead of curtains, and furniture was sparse.

The first thing I discovered about him was that he had a daughter. He had been speaking to me like I was his daughter, and then admitted that I reminded him of her, of his Becky, who was close to my age, only maybe a little older.

He never said where

she was, though. He only shared things of hers with me, like her brush, comb, and mirror set, because I wanted to put my hair up in a ponytail, and hide the ugliness of the short hair, left around my wound.

Joseph's dog lived in the house with him, and during my time there, Chance stayed in the basement.

At one point, Joseph had to put a muzzle on him to make him stop barking in the middle of our conversation, and it seemed to agitate him to have to do so.

Afterwards, I swore that I saw someone outside pass quickly in front of the sheet-covered, kitchen window.

Joseph didn't seem too concerned when I told him, but he was puzzled by it.

It was then that I asked more about Becky, about where she was, and it was then that he shared the fact that Becky, and all his other children, had perished in a house fire.

He then shared with me pictures of his family. From inside the top drawer of a tall dresser, he pulled out individually framed pictures of each of his four children and then the family portrait, with all of them

looking well dressed, and happy.

Becky, especially in the family portrait, did look quite a bit like me. Same light brown hair, goofy smile, and dark, brown eyes.

Joseph was nearly weeping as he spoke about his family and how they had all perished, except for his wife, who had left him.

It was when he opened the second drawer, where several photo albums were stacked on one side, knickknacks and other items piled off on the other side, that I saw something that caught my interest as he spoke of his sister.

While he pulled out the album with the picture of his sister, I reached in the drawer for that shiny piece of jewelry that had caught my eye. It was a Saint Christopher's necklace.

I had never seen one before, and I didn't understand the meaning behind the depiction of a man carrying a child over his shoulder and holding a stick in his hand while crossing a river.

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Looking for a Job? Try the Career Fair!

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How to Stand Out

If you want to get a job at a career fair, you'll need to stand out. You can do so by following the next steps.

1. Know what to bring

Bring the following in a separate folder for each of the positions you are interested in applying for:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- References

If you need any help in creating these documents, schedule an appointment with the Grayson College Career Center.

2. Know what to say

It's not enough to have the interview documents.

Don't go into a job fair without a good plan on how you'll introduce yourself or answer, "Tell me about yourself."

This short 30-second statement is called an elevator pitch.

When talking to the recruiter, be knowledgeable about the position you're applying for and how your experience relates. Use that knowledge to create a few concise talking points.

This will make the interaction feel more like a conversation and take the pressure off you to memorize and recite too much information.

Also, be sure to be pleasant and smile to help break the ice.

3. Know what to wear

The clothing you wear will vary on the industry you're in, but you definitely want to look sharp.

Dress for success by wearing clothing suitable for the business setting you are applying for.

If you're pursuing a job at a bank, for example, you'll probably want to dress more traditionally than if you're looking for a job in a factory.

4. Know how to follow-up

After you've made it through the fair, handed out your resume, and talked about your experience, you'll need to follow up.

The recruiters have spent hours talking to many hopeful candidates.

Yes, you made yourself stand out, but you have to seal the deal. Within 24 hours of the fair, be sure to send a follow-up email, with your resume attached, re-emphasizing your interest in the position.

Attending a career fair is a great opportunity to begin to make personal connections with companies you are interested in working for, so take advantage!

Prepare ahead of time, dress for success, and do your research and you are sure to leave an impression with job fair recruiters.

In addition to the Career Connections job fair, Workforce Solutions Texoma also offers other company-specific hiring events which are listed on the WST website <https://www.workforcesolutionstexoma.com/hiring-events/>.

For more information or assistance with interviews, cover letters, and resumes, schedule an appointment with our Career and Pathway Coach, Corey Leird in the Career Center at <https://advisingcounseling.as.me/coreyleird>

V8 Power or Eco-Boost Power: The Choice IS Mine!

By Phillip Brown Student

For a long time, there has been a big debate: should there be an alternate engine choice for our beloved muscle car that we know and love as the Mustang: V8 or Eco-Boost?

First things first, got to start it off with a bang.

The main reason most consumers buy the Mustang is for that glorious V8. The V8 has been a staple in the muscle-car industry for years.

Originally, this V8 for the new generation of Mustangs started in 2010, so it has been put through its paces and has proven its worth.

And the 2020 Mustang GT does not disappoint, coming out of the gate strong with a mighty 5-liter V8 that screams to over 7,000 RPMs that Ford calls the Coyote.

The Coyote is helped by a new ten-speed transmission or 6-speed manual for drivers to choose from, notes Oliver Lang of [HotCars.com](https://www.hotcars.com), making a statement with 460 hp, shooting this wild stal-

lion to 60 mph in just under 4 seconds.

This also puts it in the mid-12-seconds range in the standing quarter mile.

This car is an absolute track weapon when it comes to straight-line performance.

After all, that is what it was designed for.

While all that power is great, the big mean V8 Mustang has a slightly less-intimidating engine choice, the Eco-boost.

This is the unwanted brother of the V8, but it still has its place to shine.

The Eco-Boost Mustang comes with a 2.3-liter Turbo 4 cylinder, according to David Booth of Driving, CA.

This little engine as compared to the V8 produces only 330 horsepower.

While that is nothing to the V8, that is still impressive for this little 4 cylinder, notes Booth. It is also paired with a ten-speed automatic or the option for a 6-speed manual, just like the V8.

The Eco Boost accelerates to 60 in just under 6 seconds.



The Mustang's V8 engine, the Coyote, made in 2020
Picture by [mustangspecs.com](https://www.mustangspecs.com)



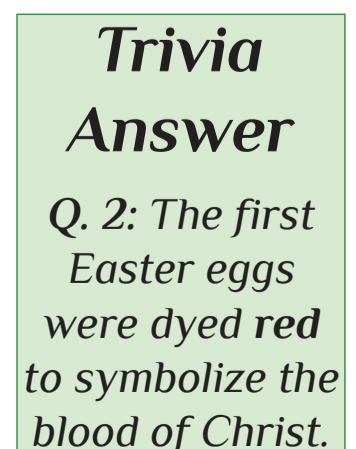
The Mustang's Eco-Boost engine made in 2020
Picture by [cars.com](https://www.cars.com)



The 2020 Mustang GT
Picture by [Hotcars.com](https://www.hotcars.com)

While that is not that impressive, it is still nothing to balk at, while it also completes the standing quarter-mile in high 14 to 15 seconds, putting it at around 3 seconds slower than the V8.

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Sports

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Upcoming GC Games

Baseball

GC at Murray State College
Apr. 11th at 2:00 pm

GC at Navarro College
Apr. 16th at 1:00 pm

GC v. Ranger College (7 - inning game)
Apr. 20th at 12:00 pm

GC v. Ranger College (9 - inning game)
Apr. 20th at 3:00 pm

GC v. Hill College
Apr. 27th at 12:00 pm

GC v. Hill College
Apr. 27th at 2:00 pm

Softball

GC at Ranger College
Apr. 20th at 1:00 pm

GC at Ranger College
Apr. 20th at 3:00 pm

GC v. Ranger College
Apr. 23rd at 12:00 pm

GC v. Ranger College
Apr. 23rd at 2:00 pm

GC v. Hill College
Apr. 30th at 12:00 pm

GC v. Hill College
Apr. 30th at 2:00 pm

Find more games at gcvikings.com/sports/!

You Are Wanted! You are Loved!

Howdy from the BSM!

Can you imagine being unwelcomed in your own hometown?

Can you imagine being ridiculed by people who once claimed to be your friends, your family, or your neighbors?

What if because of your decisions (which deep down you knew were not good) you were so disliked that the only safety you felt was on your own, grasping for any temporary pleasures that offered just a moment of relief.

In such a state, the purpose of your life might be unknown and dismal at best, each day lived putting one foot in front of the other with no hope that tomorrow will be any different.

Perhaps some of you reading this can picture that type of story. Perhaps this is your story now...

Whatever the case, in that state of mind could you imagine the impact of one person who saw you in a new way?

Who looked into your eyes with a deeper love than you could ever imagine?

Imagine someone

who looked past the shame, guilt, hurt, and your mistakes.

Imagine that same person offering to you the free gift of a fresh start with the invitation to be a part of a life filled with more purpose and joy than you ever thought possible!

How would you respond to such an invitation?

Such are the stories that we delight in, and yet this is the exact Kingdom Story we find recorded in John 4:1-30 in the Bible.

This historical story describes Jesus' interaction with an outcast woman of Samaria whom He meets at a well in the heat of noonday.

It is this woman who becomes one of the first people to be invited into the story of redemption and in turn, it is this woman who becomes one of the first heralds of the Gospel in Christian Scripture.

In addition to her transformation, the true miracle of this account is seen in Jesus breaking down the cultural walls of ethnicity, social status, gender, and even religion to reach one unlikely person with the in-

itation of new life.

This is one of the many stories of God's Kingdom that we read in Scripture.

This semester we are walking through a series depicting these Kingdom Stories every Thursday night at 7 pm in the BSM.

If you are a college student, we would love to invite you to this gathering we call SUMMIT!

This wonderful weekly gathering is a great way to meet new people, enjoy live music, and be encouraged by a heartfelt message.

For more information visit us at www.graysonbsm.com.

We look forward to seeing you for Summit and at all the other wonderful programs we have going on!

May God bless your story and meet you with the same hope at whatever "well" you find yourself in life.

BSM Team



V8 or Eco-Boost?

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With all that might and power of that thundering V8 comes lots and lots of gas. This is where the 460 horsepower V8 Mustang struggles. Talk about a gas guzzler.

Drivers can expect anywhere from as low as 15 to as high as 25 miles per gallon, depending on one's driving style.

This is where that lit-

tle 2.3-liter 4-cylinder Mustang shines, trumping the V8 Mustang with solid miles per gallon as high as 30 miles per gallon and as low as 20 miles per gallon, which puts it miles ahead of that gas-guzzling V8.

So while that snarling V8 is at the gas station, one can go cruising on by.

But while the Mustang GT may be at the gas station, the owner still gets to hear that wonderful V8 growl that we all

know and love.

On the other end of the spectrum, most Mustang GT owners don't buy the GT with gas mileage in mind. They buy it with one thing on their mind: that big V8.

There is a little saying I like: "most people call it miles per gallon; I call it smiles per gallon."

V8 owners are definitely getting that "smile" per gallon aspect of it more than the 4 cylinders.

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After Homeless Homer Trilogy

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Joseph was busy showing off the picture of his sister to me, telling me how she was his nodding and showing interest in it, I was also ready to ask him about the necklace.

Suddenly, a series of loud bangs from the front door of the house caused us both to jump.

I, unconsciously, slipped the necklace inside my pants pocket.

A loud and demanding voice announced that they were the local police. They knew Joseph's name and they wanted him to come open the front door.

My eyes were wide with absolute fright but Joseph seemed surprisingly calm. He did something that I thought very odd.

He casually took a raincoat from a hook on the wall and put it on.

He then took his sister's picture out of the photo album and placed it in the pocket of the raincoat, seemingly unaffected by the demands of the police that he come to the door, and unemotional at the mention of his sister, and of a hospital that they said he wouldn't have to go back to; information that stayed with me.

I asked Joseph if he was going to open the front door and let them in.

He answered me by simply telling me to go first, that they wouldn't hurt me, and that he would be right behind me.

I stared at him a long time before finally walking toward the front door, which was locked with a deadbolt.

Before I even opened the door, I knew he wasn't going to be be-

hind me. While I turned the doorknob, I told the police that I was coming out and told them my first name.

"Charla Hayes?" the policeman asked. I answered with a quiet yes.

They immediately wanted to know if I was alone in the house. That's when I looked behind me and saw, for sure, that Joseph wasn't there.

The policemen hurried me down the porch steps and walked me fast past a For Rent sign in the yard, and in the distance, out in the road in front of the house, I recognized my brother's car and saw him, my brother, Dale, standing out in front of it, with Jason in the back seat of his car.

People have asked me, "Weren't you relieved to be out of there?" and "Weren't you grateful to be rescued?" Every time, I have said no.

They couldn't understand why I wasn't terrified, being alone with him. Even after explaining it, and telling the whole truth about my short time with Joseph, they often just shook their heads.

But now, I want to tell you all of it.

About me, after being with Homeless Homer. And about the necklace, and how it led me to Joseph's sister and everything that followed afterwards.

Trivia Answer

Q. 3: Drawing intricate designs with beeswax then dipping eggs into dyes or painting them by hand, **Ukraine** has a colorful tradition with eggs! (Please look up Pysanka. These eggs are gorgeous!)

What's Happening at GC

V8 Power or Eco-Boost Power

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On the other hand, with the V8, drivers are definitely getting that gas-guzzler tax.

The Mustang GT comes in at a steep \$50k fully loaded, which includes leather seats, heated and cooled, a bigger infotainment screen, and some other goodies to mess with.

It also comes with Mustang performance wheels and big brakes, along with some lovely body kit, beefing up the look of this mean stallion.

But drivers can also opt for the base GT if they do not want all the luxury. It is also a little easier on the wallet, coming in at a slightly better \$35k.

On the other end, one has the Eco Boost fully loaded, coming in at a price of around \$30k.

This puts drivers at a little less than \$20k than its big brother, the GT. While one is paying less, one still gets all the same interior features.

Drivers don't get all the same hop-ups on the exterior that the GT has,

but they do get some of its own features such as breaks, a splitter and spoiler, and better aluminum wheels, points out Jil McIntosh of Driving, CA.

The only thing drivers are missing at that point is the big V8 power.

While they may not get the V8, they still get that wonderful styling of the Mustang and the nice creature comforts that the premium GT comes with.

Something to note: when it comes to most things, one must "pay to play," and that is the case with the Mustang GT.

It really all comes down to preference.

On one hand, one has the driver's car, the big, mighty V8 that America runs on. But on the other hand, one has the less-of-a-handful Eco Boost that is made more for the less-avid car enthusiasts.

You can let Grandma drive and have no worries about it while not breaking the bank. It all comes down to you.

CAREER CENTER SCHEDULE

April 14th – Interview Workshop

Learn how to prepare for a professional interview and receive your professional pen.

In-Person: 9:00 am-10:00 am in the Career Center (Student Affairs Building)

Or

Zoom: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (Visit Career Events on the Career Center's website for the Zoom link)

April 18th – Job Search Workshop

Learn how to advance your search for your dream job.

In-Person: 9:00 am-10:00 am in the Career Center (Student Affairs Building)

Or

Zoom: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (Visit Career Events on the Career Center's website for the Zoom link)

April 19th – Coffee and Career

Join in person for coffee, donuts, and conversation with the Career and Pathway Coach. 8:00 am-9:00 am in the Career Center (Student Affairs Building)

April 21st – Resume Workshop

Learn how to prepare a professional resume and receive your leather portfolio binder.

In-Person: 9:00 am-10:00 am in the Career Center (Student Affairs Building)

Or

Zoom: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (Visit Career Events on the Career Center's website for the Zoom link)

April 28th – Graduate to Work

Join to discuss professional development to prepare for the workforce.

In-Person: 9:00 am-10:00 am in the Career Center (Student Affairs Building)

Or

Zoom: 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm (Visit Career Events on the Career Center's website for the Zoom link)

For more information, contact Career and Pathway Coach Corey Leird at leirdc@grayson.edu, or call advising at 903-415-2593.

20th Annual CAREER CONNECTION
 ★★★★★ Texoma's Job Fair
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
 10 AM - 2 PM
 Eisenhower Business Center
 2415 South Austin Ave, Suite 103
 Denison, TX 75020
 (3 doors down from Workforce Solutions Texoma, formerly Dialog Direct)

Looking for a job in the Texoma area?
 This is the place to be!

- Be prepared-
- Wear your best
- Bring resumes
- Prepare for interviews
- Bring a pen

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Trivia Answer
 Q. 1: 90 million chocolate bunnies are produced every year!

WANTED YOU

The Viking needs a new editor, and there's no one better to do the job than you!

Being the editor comes with its perks, such as creative freedom, life-long friendships, and did I mention good pay?

If you're interested, contact either Emily Sileven at emnsileven@vikings.grayson.edu, or Marlea Trevino at trevinom@grayson.edu!

REWARD: \$1800

Editor's Notes

Hello GC Vikings!
 I hope your classes are going well!
 Every now and then, I do get overwhelmed and tend to panic at my large to-do list from time to time. But as a wise teacher told me "How do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time!"
 Just know, there are plenty of resources here at GC. From Math Hubs and Writing Centers to Online and in-person tutoring provided by the college, Grayson is here to help you succeed.

Presenting the

14th Annual Texoma Earth Day Festival and Recycling Event!

April 23, 9am - 4pm

Recycling Starts With You!!

For Recycling Details, please visit our Website!
www.earthdaytexoma.org

Items accepted for Recycling:
 electronic waste, appliances, batteries, cardboard, paper, styrofoam, glass, plastics 1, 2, and 5, plastic bags, ink cartridges, cell phones, outdated prescription drug collection

Featured Events
 Fashion Fashion VIII - Children's Clothing Swap - Friends of the Sherman Public Library Used Book Sale - Vendors Workshops - Music Demonstrations - Children's Activities

Where: Sherman Municipal Ballroom and Lucy Kidd Key Park

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