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A raccoon captured in early August. April Sheppard, assistant library director, said raccoon encounters are more frequent when the weather is poor, or when temperatures are very hot or cold.

RACCOONS, CONTINUED

The library staff checks for trash hourly every night. Samantha Bailey, a graduate student studying communication disorders from Waterloo, Illinois, has worked at the library for five years. She said she saw a raccoon tail once in the building, but never a full animal. "I hear their little feet on the ceiling tile. I've never heard that type of noise before," Bailey said. "I come from a smaller town that's country, but we don't have them inside, we see them outside. And the library staff are like, oh, 'that's just the raccoons.'" Bailey said she didn't realize how big of a phenomenon the raccoons were. She said some of the library staff call the raccoons their friends.

"We've kind of run with it, but not as much now," Bailey said. "We had a supervisor before the one we have now and he was really running with it and I thought that was kind of a good move. I was like, 'hey, they're not going away, they keep reoccurring, people all know about them, it's kind of fun, kind of different.'" Sheppard said if a student does encounter a raccoon to let the service desk know so it can be reported to Facilities Management. She added that students should not try to feed them. "We want to keep the students safe, we want to make sure that the library is staying clean," Sheppard said. "But we also want to make sure that we're protecting the raccoons."



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Participants walking under the balloon archway at Walk to Defeat ALS. The archway acted as the beginning of the walk.

WALK, CONTINUED

Jackson said the ALS Association provides useful resources for people with the disease. "ALS takes a different path with everybody," Jackson said. "There is hope for a greater awareness for a rare disease, but it doesn't look very rare when I look around today." Jackson was this Walk's Champion of Hope. He gave out

certificates for helping him raise money and cut the giant ribbon under the balloon archway, signifying the beginning of the walk. He proceeded to lead the walk around campus. There were many more groups who were walking in support of loved ones. With brightly colored shirts, balloons, inflatable dinosaurs, face paint, bounce houses, and smiling faces running about, it created a sense of community for those affected by ALS.

BLUEGRASS, CONTINUED

Bluegrass Monday is a non-profit presentation of KASU-FM, providing music fans with an affordable and outstanding evening of entertainment. All ticket proceeds are given to the performers to compensate them for their time and talents. These concerts are held on the fourth Monday night of each month. Concerts are presented with support from sponsors including

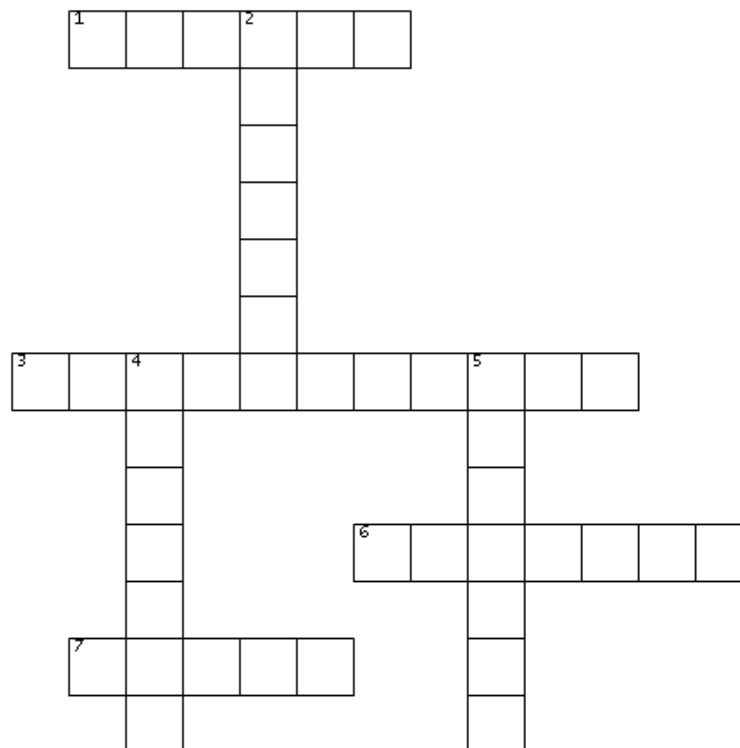
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NEW CLUB, CONTINUED

Alls said she's in Aryal's creative writing course and found out about the club from an email he sent to his students about it. "I would just encourage our students, not just those who are taking creative writing classes, all those who are interested in

writing and creative work, poetry, fiction, creative nonfiction or plays to get involved," Aryal said. "It's a very exciting opportunity for everyone." For information on how to get involved with this organization, contact Gadberry at agadberry@astate.edu or Carr at ryan.carr@smail.astate.edu.

This week's crossword puzzle



ACROSS

- this week's Pop Pick was about this artist's new album
- Red Wolves for Red Wolves has this many student members
- this person was the Walk to Defeat ALS Champion of Hope
- this artwork at the Bradbury Art Museum is called "The Blue ____"

DOWN

- this golf player tied for first place in the Golfweek Fall Challenge
- one of these was broken off and stolen in this week's Campus Crime
- what animal frequently invades the library?

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