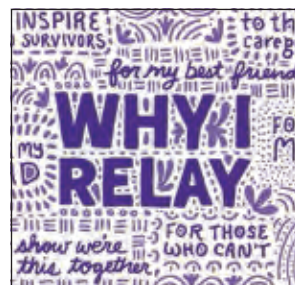




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Silkman crushes Guinness World Record for guitar stringing

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A broken record made for sweet music Friday in Emporia.

A crowd gathered at Flint Hills Music Friday to watch as Thomas Silkman broke a Guinness World Record for the most guitars restrung and tuned in an hour, placing 226 strings on 37 3/4 guitars.

Silkman broke the previous record of 183 strings on 30 1/2 guitars in just under 49 minutes,

which was held by Glenn Haworth of Australia. Haworth broke the record in 2009.

"It was great to have staff members and my family and friends be a part of it, and it was a great feeling to pull it off."

THOMAS SILKMAN,
Flint Hills Music owner

"It seemed to go by pretty fast," Silkman said. "I got right into it and got into a rhythm and time flew by."

The crowd watched with excitement as Silkman unstrung and restrung guitar after guitar.

"This is awesome," one spectator commented. "He's going fast."

Quiet rounds of applause

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RYANN BROOKS/GAZETTE

A sign shows how close Thomas Silkman is to breaking a Guinness World Record for stringing and tuning guitars Friday evening at Flint Hills Music.

PHOTOS BY RYANN BROOKS/GAZETTE

So you want to break a Guinness World Record?

For more than 60 years Guinness World Records has documented and celebrated achievements around the world. People hold records for incredible feats, skills and talents.

Breaking a Guinness World Record is a dream for many people all over the world, but the process to claim a title is an in depth process that requires lots of planning, time and preparations.

The first step to breaking a record is researching what records are held in the Guinness World Records database. The next step is choosing a record to attempt to break.

Next, it's time to apply. According to the Guinness World Records web site, more than 1,000 applications from hopeful record holders are received per week. It can take an average of 12 weeks before an applicant receives a response from Guinness about their request.

Step four comes after a successful application, and means getting familiarized with the guidelines and learning exactly what evidence is required to break and secure a record.

Step five: Practice!

Now it's time to plan your attempt. Guinness World Records states, "Decide date, time and location for the record attempt, arrange the presence of the independent witnesses & any other specialist(s) required, plan out the logistics and prepare the necessary equipment, arrange for a photographer and videographer to document your attempt, check the current record to beat in case it's been broke, and attempt the record and have fun!"

After an attempt has been made, it's time to submit the evidence for review. The review process can take upwards of 15 weeks and more than 50 percent of attempts are rejected for lack of proper evidence. For a full list of required evidence and documentation, visit www.guinnessworldrecords.com/records/how-to-collect-and-submit-evidence.

The eighth and final step is the moment of truth. Have you broken the record? Only time will tell.

MARSHALL VISITS MEMORIAL TO FALLEN EDUCATORS

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U.S. Representative Roger Marshall stopped by the Memorial to Fallen Educators on the Emporia State University campus Friday morning during a visit to Emporia.

On Monday, legislation to recognize the site as a national memorial headed to President Donald Trump's desk after passage in the U.S. House of Representatives. When the bill was introduced by Sen. Jerry Moran and passed by the Senate in December, Marshall acted as its sponsor in the House and received bipartisan support from representatives in nine different states. The memorial is currently scheduled to be rededicated on June 21 to celebrate its national recognition and add additional educators' names to the

"When I think of Emporia, Kansas, I think of William Allen White and I think of the top teachers college in the country."

ROGER MARSHALL,
U.S. Representative



ADAM BLAKE/GAZETTE

U.S. Representative Roger Marshall poses with Jennifer Baldwin (left) and Carol Strickland of the National Teachers Hall of Fame.

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ESU STUDENTS MARCH FOR GUN SAFETY

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Members of the Students Demand Action organization at Emporia State joined thousands of others across the country Friday by marching in support of legislation seeking to increase gun safety.

"We're demanding action, yes, but it's mainly to get a conversation started on campus about what we can do as a community."

With support from representatives of Moms Demand Action, marchers began their route at the Memorial Union Square and looped around Kellogg Circle before convening at the Memorial to Fallen Edu-

TORI WHITE,
Students Demand Action March for Gun Safety organizer

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