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Congratulations to Aaron Richards, fr., and Debbie Harrison, for finding the Falcon in the March issue!

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Cover photo: From left to right: Miss Falcon winner Pearl Duquette, and contestants Taylor Smith, Kendra Daniels, Maddie Loveland, and Rebekah Golz. The Miss Falcon 2014 contest raised over \$32,000.

ASK THE STAFF

WHAT ARE YOU MOST EXCITED ABOUT FOR SPRING?

Cheyenne Cox* Editor-in-Chief--Prom!

*Grieta King** Editor-in-Chief--Track season and hanging out with my awesome jumping coach!

*Tyler Miller** Photo Editor--Cleaning and getting ready to graduate!

Troy Dardis Managing Editor--Graduation is coming!!!

*Tucker Barnes** Ad Manager--Rain.

Jeremy Cooper* Web Manager--Being able to go outside without instantly freezing.

Elmira Louie Reporter/Photographer--SUN.

Fiona Carlin Reporter/Photographer--Hanging out with my best buds/boyfriend outside of school!

Katriel Connors Reporter/Photographer--The end of school.

Jessica Coone Reporter/Photographer--I can't wait to plant, harvest, and eat fresh vegetables from my family garden.

Joy Foster Reporter/Photographer--More sunny days with warmer weather.

Steven Parker Reporter/Photographer--Flowers!!!

Jesse Sagen Reporter/Photographer--corn.

Amelia Warren Reporter/Photographer--People wearing less clothes.

Kaylee Wolgamott Reporter/Photographer--Feeling the sun!

Jeanie May Adviser--Sunny, warmer weather.

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FIND THE FALCON!

If you are the first to show Jeanie May the Falcon (not in Falcon Attacks), you get your picture with the Falcon featured in the next issue!

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Hoverboard hoax

April Fool's came early this year; at least it did for "HUVr," a tech company. From late Feb. to early March, two videos were released featuring HUVr's new "product:" a real hoverboard.

The pink hoverboard shown was identical to the one used in Back to the Future II. The elaborate videos had Christopher Lloyd, otherwise known as "Doc" in the movie trilogy, present the hoverboard to a few "random" individuals in LA for a demonstration. One of these demonstrators was professional skateboarder Tony Hawk.

HUVr even has their own website, including an "About Us" column featuring the makers of the hoverboard as well as a video explaining the science behind it. Overnight the two videos released became an internet phenomenon. They were featured on the news section of MSN and on the featured section of YouTube. "Oh my gosh, a real hoverboard, that's awesome! I want one!" said Danielle Jones, sr.

Their fame, however, was short-lived. While thousands of hopeful hover-fans believed what they saw, others were more skeptical.

"Are you kidding me? Those don't exist. How would it even function?" said Kirstyn Groshong, sr.

Questions and criticism has arisen about the physics and me-

 High School Banquet May 19, AP Tests--Cooper

- Good luck to spring sports--Carpenter
- Poetry-Sonnets! State Writing Test! Discussions of Smart Balance-- Brumbach
- Thurs. May 15 and Sat. May 17- Sky Em District Championships at EHS.--Bellingham
- Prom is Sat., May 3, at River Life Resort in Harrisburg. 8:30-Midnight. Information coming on ASB & Class Elections, Which take place mid-May.--Cornelius

chanics of the board. Some even had the audacity to call it a lie. And they were right. On March 6, another video was

released on YouTube. But the

wins the hoverboard will be

in his lifetime. On the same day, Hawk posted

inspired to create a real, working

hoverboard, even if it won't be



publisher was Funny or Die, not HUVr tech. Funny or Die is a website that creates short comedy videos online. In this new video, Lloyd apologized for his involvement in the prank video. He said that he did it because he wanted to believe that it was finally possible and is sorry for tricking everyone. Because he feels bad at how many people believed it, he autographed the pink hoverboard and will give it to one random person who comments on the video. The 72-yearold actor hopes that whoever

LASHES

- Come to Film Club!--Monegan
- Gay-Straight Alliance: meet every Thursday during lunch in Rm 23; fundraiser soon-- Anderson
- Tuesday, April 22, the EHS Choirs will be performing at the Hult Center in the Metropolitan Choral Festival! Admission is \$5.--Kappeler
- Trig Fun! We will go outside and measure heights and lengths of various thing using sin, cos, and tan.--Hunt

a video apologizing for misleading everyone.

"I thought it would be obvious

Congratulations!

Ryan Harrison, Caitlin Scalise, Katie Baker, Sierra Bailey, and Ashlee Dalke for kicking butt in English Class this term. Keep up the butt kicking!--Hart

Great job to everyone who worked so hard to make the Miss Falcon Pageant a success!--Snider

All our Track Superstars for a great meet, Go Miss Falcons--Monegan

To all Juniors who passed their State Writing Assessment! Woohoo! A special big THANKS to all the students who participated in the Miss Falcon contest. You were an amazing team! Xoxo!--Cornelius

To the Track and Field team for a great first half of the season--Best

Stacy Cornelius, the Miss Falcon Contestants and their agents! Again, a well-organized, talented production!--May that it was fake," said Hawk. "Some people believed it...but to me it was just a fun opportunity to ride in a DeLorean with Doc and to actually ride on the stunt harness they used in Back to the Future 2..."



The pro skateboarder's apology video included a behind the scenes shot of Hawk strapped on the harness while "riding" the famous pink hoverboard.

According to the movie, by next year hoverboards are supposed to be plentiful and, most importantly, exist. While this event was just a joke, it also served as a reminder that with all of the technological advances we have made, a hoverboard might be just around the corner. It takes one genius mind to make the dreams of millions come true.

-By Elmira Louie

To Key Club for making Easter baskets for the Relief Nursery and volunteering at Veneta's local community Easter Egg Hunt--Marquess

Boys and girls on this year's track team. Over 80 Athletes makes it our biggest team in over 25 years--Bellingham

All my very hard working students. Every one of you has done very, very well.--Stober

All of the Miss Falcon participants, and all the students that made the Honor Roll first semester--Carpenter

Seth Johnson for his amazing math abilities in a class full of mathletes.-- Cooper

The Miss Falcon contestants! Job well done!--Schilling

Geometry for working so hard on their homework!!! Ap. math for persevering.-- Hunt

Kids anticipate Easter egg hunt



Veneta Elementary School is hosting the Easter Egg Hunt once again for the children of Veneta and Elmira. Preparations have been made by community volunteers and members of

the Park Board, City of Veneta, Fire Department, Key Club, Boy Scouts, and other local groups. Last year, about 600 kids showed up with empty Easter baskets and within an hour, had gathered more colorful eggs than they could carry. "Watching little kids run for the eggs – that's the best part," said Finley King, soph.

Celeste Dax, soph. agrees with King.

"I thought it was fun! The little kids were so cute and they were all so happy. They really enjoyed it. So did the parents! It was great," said Dax.

But before all the fun and games, hours of planning has to take place. Besides the committee meetings, Key Clubbers go through a "bunny helper training" with Cathy Coulson-Keegan, otherwise known as

Bad sleep habits affect many teens

Grandma Bunny. During the training, students learn what to do and what is expected of them on the day of the hunt. All of the volunteers also met on April 12 at the community center by the pool to stuff more than 4,000 eggs!

There are many activities available to the children. They can play on the playground of the elementary school, head into the gym for storytelling, make creative artwork at the coloring tables, and even get a colorful balloon.

Thanks to a donation from the

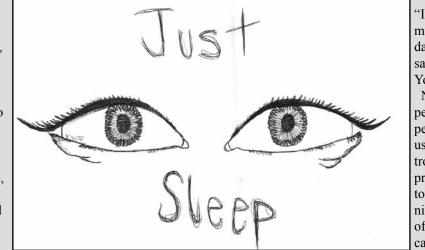
Oregon Country Fair committee, every child walked out with a Ranger Rick or Ranger Rick, Jr., educational magazine filled with cartoons, stories, and games. The 2014 Hunt was on April 19. Kids began streaming in the elementary school at 10 a.m. The younger ones headed to the gym for story time at 10:15, while the older ones hung out with friends on the playground. After a brief speech by the mayor, the hunt officially began at the one year old section at 11 a.m.

"I really loved helping out at the event. It was a truly memorable experience," said Moniqua Aubert, soph.

The Easter Egg Hunt is an event to mark on your calendars every year for the youngsters.

-By Elmira Louie

Many Americans love to sleep, especially teens. From the time one gets in bed to go to sleep, to the time one actually goes to sleep, how long do people spend on their phone, laptop, or iPod?



"I often use my phones for days in bed," said Gary Younce, jr. Ninety-five percent of people admit to using electronic devices prior to going to sleep; thirtynine percent of Americans can't go a night away from

According to the National Institution of Health, about 50 to 70 million Americans suffer from a chronic sleep disorder and / or intermittent sleep problems. Scientists believe that having a phone near, or even in the same room as a person trying to sleep is harmful to the brain. A cell phone lets off a small amount of radiation and an even greater amount when charging. That's why it's not recommended to use a phone while it's charging.



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their phones. Studies from the National Sleep Foundation found that phone usage leads to sleep disturbances and low energy.

"I like to listen to my music – it helps me sleep," said Shelby Lam, sr. Most teens like Lam need a sound barrier or something to focus on while they try to sleep.

"I usually go on social networks like Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, or I'm just texting people,"

said Bailey Mills, jr. "Going on my phone makes me tired, and it keeps me entertained until I have had enough socializing for the night." She also spends about two hours on her phone each evening while in bed. For most teens it's just because they're bored; for others it may be because of the addiction to their phones.

-By Tyler Miller

Graduation approaches, senior responsibility adds up

As the months and weeks tick on. June 6. what the class of 2014 has been waiting for, moves closer. Many deadlines and due dates also approach rapidly. By now, all seniors should have their resume and cover letter completed and turned in. Senior project papers were due April 11. On April 2, graduation announcements were available for pick up for those who ordered them. Cap and gowns should be ordered and will be delivered in May. Keep grades up and don't let senioritis hit you too hard. We are almost done! The last day for seniors is June 3 and graduation is on June 6 at 7 p.m. Senior night follows graduation and will include a variety of activities. Graduation practice will be held June 4 and June 5. Go Falcons! We are almost done being sexy!

Elmira students flee to other schools

Since the beginning of Open Enrollment, Elmira has lost numerous students to rival schools such as Triangle Lake. District officials are concerned over the loss of both students and money from the only school in the area that consistently receives a rank of "Outstanding." One question is larger than the others: Why are these students leaving? What do all of these schools have that we do not?

"I think the lack of vocational classes is absolutely a reason," said Forrest Cooper, math teacher. "The lack of students isn't noticeable because many of them never come here in the first place–Willamette Leadership buses a number of its students



from our district [to Goshen], and now students can just stay home and take online classes." The decline of vocational classes at EHS has been a longtime

process, with the woodworking and shop classes eventually being cut entirely, leaving students no place to go but West Lane Technical Learning Facility, which fortunately still has its own auto and electric vehicle classes. However, besides that there aren't any vocational classes at EHS. There is also no longer a drama or



band class here, with drama being cut long ago and band being cut two years ago.

"We definitely need more vocational classes... a lot of them have been cut; we used to have a band program and woodshop and I think we even used to have metal shop. Now all we have is auto and choir," said Mason Beebe, jr. **-By Jeremy Cooper**

Counselors prepare for unique experience at outdoor school

Applications to become an Outdoor School counselor for 2014 were turned in to Meagan Haas on March 17. Interviews with Bob Bruce, Laurie Dosher, and new coordinator, Kate Klein, took place a week later. Each student got five minutes to talk to the three advisors. Klein has joined the Outdoor School team this year to eventually move in when Bob Bruce retires and hands the position over to her.

Boys applied less this year than in past years. There were 14 applications with 12 spots to be filled. The girls had many more applications, with 30 applications to fill 12 spots. Counselors who were selected will be attending weekly training sessions beginning Wed. April 9 and ending May 14.

Counselors will have to pick out camp names, plan activities for campers and split into groups and plan out lessons for the different field study groups that include Nature Walk, Rotten, Squid, First Aid, and Orienteering. Groups consist of four counselors, two boys and two girls. The field study sessions last for one and half hours. April 21, 2014 "I am excited to have fun with the kids. I want to teach them good experiences," said Hernan Torres, sr. Senior girl counselors include Pearl Duquette, Emilee Russell, Allison Myers, Caitlyn Messman, Crystal Staats,

and Grieta King. Senior boy

counselors include Nick Dutton, Garrett Bryant, Hernan Torres, Chandler Sawyer, Mark Seidel, Jesse Fine, Devin Curtis, and Tyler Miller.

Junior girl counselors include Bailey Mills, Shami Zellers, Jennessa Slaven, Shelby Foster, and Taylor Montgomery.

Junior boy counselors include Ramses Labastida and Seth Johnson. Sophomore Brandon McElhose is the final boy counselor. All counselors will be assigned a group of about eight fifth graders to watch over and entertain for three days.

"I'm not excited to die afterwards because lots of energy goes into it [being a counselor].



Outdoor school counselors meet at Fern Ridge Middle School to prepare.

I am unexcited to have the songs stuck in my head for weeks," said Nick Dutton, sr.

The counselors leave for camp on May 23 at 3:30 p.m. Outdoor

G. King/**The Falconer**

School will be held Saturday, May 24 through Tuesday, May 27. Outdoor School 2014 will be held at Sky Camp.

-By Grieta King



Test standards change for underclassmen



Testing is getting easier... and harder? The College Board is "dumbing down" the SAT. Some of the more complex vocabulary words are being removed, as well as the formerly mandatory essay, which will be optional and will come with its own separate score. Math is being

made easier, and points are no longer taken off for wrong answers.

The new SAT will be released in March 2016. Current ninth graders will be the first students to take the new SAT. 2,400 is a perfect score but it will be lowered to 1,600 with the new SAT.

"They aren't helping anyone by lowering the bar. It just makes students think they don't have to work hard," said Jasmine Garcia, soph.

On the other end of the spectrum, however, is the new Smarter Balanced testing, which is replacing the OAKS testing that students complete during their junior year. Smarter Balanced will be more difficult.

"It's a pointless change from the OAKS and I don't personally like it," said Michael Taylor, soph.

This new test will be harder and more in depth. On math problems, students will now be required to show their work and methods. "The Smarter Balanced Test is a lot more difficult," said Krin Hunt, who was at a Smarter Balanced Workshop in California. "It has a lot of Algebra 2 concepts in there, so if you haven't had Algebra 2 it could be hard."

In the reading sections, a question may ask a student to draw a conclusion about a poem and use examples to support their answer.

"They lowered the SAT standards and I think that counters the Smarter Balanced test," said Adreanna Jones, soph.

There are currently 23 states using the Smarter Balanced testing but there may be more to follow. This year's current sophomores will be the first to take the Smarter Balanced test.

-By Katriel Connors

DSA recognízes students, held at Deep Woods

It is once again the time for the Distinguished Service Awards, or the DSAs. Fern Ridge School District 28J is recognizing students and faculty from Elmira High School and Fern Ridge Middle School, along with others.

From Elmira High School, Leah Lowe, sr., was awarded the Distinguished Future First Citizen. Gannon Jones, jr., was named the Distinguished Emerging Future First Citizen. Elmira Louie, jr., was awarded the Distinguished Community Builder. Dorris Brown, FRMS's counselor, was awarded the Education Excellence- Distinguished Teacher.

"I was surprised but I am also very thankful," said Louie.

Lowe has been very involved in the community and is being acknowledged.

"I was not expecting it at all and I very surprised and appreciative to be recognized for all of my community service. Bellingham let it slip before I knew I was getting the award," said Lowe.

Judy Smith was awarded the Distinguished Volunteer. Quanah Bennett was named the Distinguished Administrator/Confidential Employee. Cherri Creach was awarded the Distinguished Classified Employee.

The DSAs are being held at Deep Woods event center on Territorial Road this year instead of at a local high school, such as Elmira or Crow. Deep Woods offered their building for free for the award banquet. "Deep Woods is very nice so it'll be fun," said Louie. The Distinguished Service Awards take place on April 17, 2014 at 7 p.m.

-By Grieta King

Arrangements must be made for finals after school

Fern Ridge School District has decided to add on four school

days at the end of the year.

People who are going to miss

the finals' week at school need

to inform the school that they

will be gone, so that teachers can

make copies of a different final

To take the exams, students

to school during the summer.

on the student's report card

also need to schedule a date with

Gary Carpenter of when to come

The exams must be taken before

July 1 or after July 20. The grade

will have an "I" for incomplete

until the teacher comes back in

well as change the grade in the

Contact the school if there are

August and grades the test as

registrar.

questions.

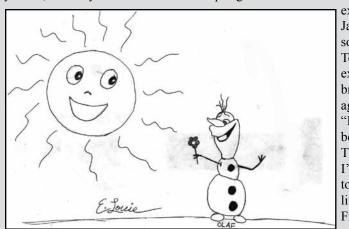
exam for them to take.

Sunshine makes people lazy

It's that time of year. The sun shines brighter, the flowers bloom everywhere, and only a month until

school is out. Everyone is excited to shed their winter fur and feel the warm sun on their skin. But as the sun says hello, everyone seems to say good-bye to school, a little too early.

"I feel that when the sun comes out, so does the pale skin that has



been covered up all winter with long sleeves and jeans. It scares people because it looks like Casper the Ghost threw a birthday party," said Anonymous. Spring fever forces everyone to either stand in

the sunshine or freeze in the shadows of the school

hallways.

"Spring has no effect on me. I hate all seasons

except summer." said Jasmine Barret- Garma, soph.

Teachers even become excited to see the suns bright, beautiful light again.

"I don't think students become super lazy. They are just excited. I'm excited for the sun to come out. It's just a little distracting," said Frau Anderson. Although sunshine

makes people feel lazy or anticipate summer's arrival, there are some that find the urge to work to get their goals for summer. Either way, no one can wait for summer.

-By Kaylee Wolgamott

E A T U R E

This story is fake

Lately, graffiti in the bathrooms has been increasingly prolific and obscene, ranging from happy faces to things unpublishable, and no one in the history of this school has ever been caught. In light of the recent bomb threat at the middle school, Elmira has been tightening security against potential vandals in order to avoid such graffiti threats again. To dissuade possible defacers of the public restrooms, the school plans to install a new set of security cameras in the stalls around the schools.

"Sounds like the idea of a pervert," said Connor Schauer, jr. "If they want to look at my junk, they could at least tell me."

Of course, for the district administration, this is a safety issue. They want to be sure that if there are further bomb threats or graffiti they know



Elmira High School student uses bathroom while watched by a camera.

where it came from. The camera's footage will only be viewed retroactively if and when a crime has been committed.

Cameras will be installed in

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all three public restrooms near the end of May. The project has been kept low cost by purchasing used cameras from a prison supplier in Eastern Oregon. The zoom feature was added via funding from the Project Oregon Observation Panel

In order to prepare the teachers for the delicate job of observation, teachers will receive training from the Public Education for Restroom Vandalism Examination Relief Team, a small volunteer group that

travels the country trying to assure that the teachers know how to use the cameras and avoid lawsuits.

The Falconer will be sure to report on this story as it unfolds. Once more, we're looking out for you so you don't get caught with your pants down.

-By Tricked U. Good

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Logan Shmidt. fr.

Q: How does it feel to be attacked by the Falcon? A: Random

- Q: What's your favorite flavor of ice cream? A: Strawberry!
- Q: What's your favorite music genre? A: Rap

Q: What do you do to relax? A: I watch TV...I don't read.

Q: What's your favorite dinosaur? A: T-Rex

What w 0 u i C vou

Picture yourself as a kid, walking with your mom and dad at Central Park Zoo. You're walking by the gorilla exhibit and when you start to point out everything you like, one of the zoo's zookeepers comes over and tells you how great and safe their zoo is.

So you continue on with your day. When you and your parents get out of the exhibit, you continue walking along. Then, when you start getting to the giraffe exhibit, one of the giraffes at the zoo starts to look at your mom funny. But you continue walking anyway.

A few minutes later you hear one of the zookeepers screaming, "Watch out!" and then out of nowhere you see the giraffe coming towards your mom, and then BAM, she gets robbed by the giraffe. Your dad tries

to fight it off, but the giraffe knows karate. So, you tell me what would you do if your mom and dad were beat up and then robbed by a giraffe?

"I would probably tell the zoo keeper to shoot the giraffe and put it out of its misery if the (Zoo is so safe), if he couldn't shoot it, then I would," said Michael Taylor, soph.

"Since my uncle is a giraffe, it wouldn't be a problem. I would just tell him about the whole thing, and he'd retrieve my parents. My mom was probably looking at the giraffe funny anyways," said Sam Wigham, fr.

"Well, I think I would let my dad deal with the giraffe because he was probably trying to talk to it; he probably made it angry," said Mathew Pilling, soph.

> -By Jesse Sagen April Fools! 7

Milk miraculously maintains muscles

People have certain staples they almost always have in their fridge at home. Most of America, unless lactose intolerant or living a vegan lifestyle, buys a wide variety of dairy products to fill that fridge, like butter, eggs, tastes good." Some kids, however, would prefer to avoid drinking it for the most part.

"I don't really like it because I'm lactose intolerant." said Michael King, jr., although he agrees that milk is very healthy and good for bones. "It keeps your bones strong and makes you healthy." said Dollahite. Milk is widely popular,



cheese, yogurt, and milk. Milk comes in different containers and percentages, but is universally proven to be very healthy in the proper amounts.

Ray Dollahite, jr., says that he likes milk because "it

and both things they said are true. Milk is essential for bone growth and muscle strength, and both Dollahite and King think we should thank the man who chose to milk the first cow.

-By Amelia Warren



Car of the Month



"So, yeah, my car is pretty dank for a first ride. It was also free, so that's always a bonus. It's a Jeep Grand Cherokee Laredo. It's from the year 1994 or 95, doesn't tell me which one, but I know it's around there. Let's see, something I would change about it, it shrieks like a demon when you turn it on sometimes. Something I love about it is that it's always bumping great tune-age." –Clayton Oilar

Elmira Elementary OBOB team shows 'no mercy' at state championship

At the Oregon Battle Of the Books (OBOB) state championship battles, multiple teams attended. Grades three through five, participated and won first place within their school, battled fiercely for first place in the Oregon state competition. Three teams take turns battled each other. The teams with the highest score based on the battles will move on. The teams scoring the highest move on to the "Sweet 16" round where the top sixteen teams then battle for first place.

Elmira Elementary's winning team, No Mercy, consisted of five fourth grade students: William Storey, Blaise Pierson, Hayden Coone, Zola Walker, and Malachi Mcgillvrey. Their coach was Ruth Lewis, their fourth grade teacher.

While waiting for the results showing the top teams moving on, No Mercy members Coone and Walker quizzed each other on possible OBOB questions for the Sweet 16 round where they hoped to appear. However, No Mercy didn't place in the sweet 16 round.

"For some reason I feel like we could have done better and I could have done better, too," said Coone, who was busy studying some practice cards with OBOB questions.

"I think we tried our hardest, but the other teams might have worked a little harder. Every day we asked Mrs. Lewis if we could have extra practice." said Walker. Ruth Lewis, fourth grade teacher agrees that the children did receive extra practice nearly every day.

"We tried our hardest," said Mcgillvrey.

"I think we had a so-so chance," said Pierson.

"I wasn't their coach all along. Mrs. Johnson was. When the Elmira Elementary team had won the Elmira Elementary championship, I took on the position," said Lewis. The Elmira Elementary team, No Mercy did not make it into the 'Sweet 16' round. No Mercy plans on rejoining OBOB next year together where they hope to place in the 'Sweet 16' round. -By Jessica Coone

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