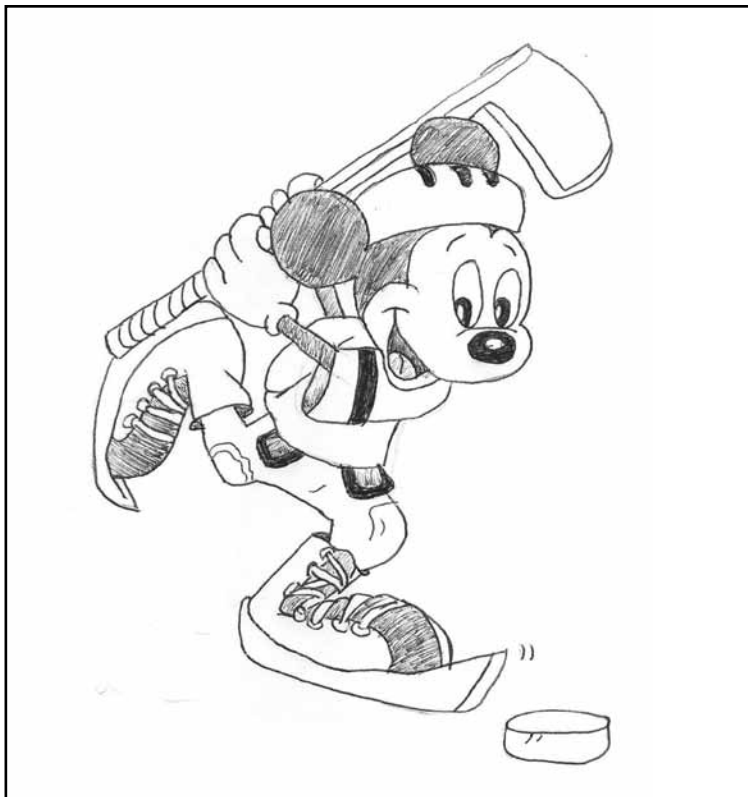


Ice hockey: the under-minded sport of Elmira

SPORTS



Athletes of the Month



"My name is Maddie Loveland and I have done wrestling for the past two years. I joined wrestling with the intentions of working out; I did not plan on actually wrestling. My wrestling career ended with a second place and a first place medal in the 122 weight class. Wrestling is a great sport for self-discipline and achievement. I love the family created each year from the whole team and the wonderful workout."

—Maddie Loveland, sr.

"My name is Kenzie Ingram and I have been playing basketball since I was in the fourth grade. I'm a four-year letterman, starting my last three years. I've received second team all-league honors two years in a row, missing first team by one point both years. I also receive defensive player of the year from my teammates. We had a really great season this year, and hopefully I will get a chance at playing at a community college next year."

—Kenzie Ingram, sr.

"My name is Griffin Meyer, I'm sixteen, a junior and I am number three and the point guard on the basketball team. I love to play offensive and dribble the ball. Dribbling the ball and breaking a guys' ankle is the best part about the game. I really hate running, but it's a part of the game so I just have to deal with it. Running is the worst part of basketball."

—Griffin Meyer, jr.

Of all the sports that people talk about in high school, ice hockey is rarely discussed. Ice hockey, a very dangerous sport, has few participants at Elmira.

Freshman twins Gabe and Emma Hoernlein play ice hockey. G. Hoernlein has been playing for about eight years, and says it is a very difficult sport to play.

E. Hoernlein has been playing since she was in the second grade.

They both say hockey is extremely difficult to learn. G. Hoernlein said that the most difficult thing for him is to keep

his head up and keep control of the puck when he has to go up against five other players.

"Balancing on a blade of steel less than a quarter of an inch wide on ice is pretty hard," said E. Hoernlien.

They offer some advice when it comes to playing ice hockey, "keep your head up and play aggressive," said G. Hoernlein. "Remember the puck moves faster than you

— By Jesse Sagen

Oregon students experience harder, difficult tests

If students think tests are hard now, they are in for a surprise: tests are going to get harder.

There is a state standard that everyone is going to learn more advanced materials but at a younger grade level; it is to help students become smarter.

Change that is happening in Oregon is called the Common Core Standard, meaning that all the public schools in Oregon are required to teach more advanced material at a lower grade level. Smarter Balanced is the test's name these tests that will accompany the Common Core Standards. These tests are being tried out in Oregon but will not go into effect for two more years.

Sarah Schilling, English teacher, worked with the state objectives in curriculum, helping the teachers become consistent in what is being taught, and how

its being taught. Students will receive preparation for the next level.

"You have a common outline of what is required of you as a teacher and parents are able to also look at it and see what their child will be covering and different activities they will be doing in that subject," said Schilling. There are, however, disadvantages to the Common Core Standard as well though.

"It is something that is added on to already busy schedule for a teacher," said Schilling. In the end Schilling thinks it will benefit the students. But it will still be hard for some teachers to switch over and follow the Common Core Standards instead of just making up their own schedules on how to do things.

— By Joy Foster

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Track popularity explodes with new Class

Track brings in about 60 athletes each spring. The track athletes are a wide range of individuals, ranging from jumpers to sprinters to throwers. All ages participate, but this year the count for freshman is undoubtedly higher than in the past. An estimated 80 students began track for the 2014 season, with many more boys coming out than girls. Some will try jumping, some will throw, some will sprint, and some will run long distance in the on-off spring weather. "I'm doing it for fun. Having districts here is cool because we don't have to travel far," said Kendra Daniels, sr.

A group of athletes attended practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the winter, working out with Brad Bellingham to prepare for the upcoming season. The workouts are about an hour long and include a short run followed by time in the weight room. Time spent in the weight room can be the athletes' choice mixed with box and dot drills led by students and Bellingham.

"I'm looking forward to a great year and there is good new competition," said Brook Moser, jr. Freshmen Victoria Griswold and Annalisa Linn participated in track in middle school and have joined the team this year. "I haven't PR'ed yet this season so my goal is to get as many PR's as I can," said Linn. Griswold is enjoying track and

the differences in the switch from middle school to high school.

"It is very different from middle school, having an invitational every week. You get to decide what events you do instead of coaches deciding for you," said Griswold.

This year, the Sky-Em League District Championships will be held at Elmira. It is the first time in many years since districts have been held at Elmira.

"I think having districts here will be cool and fun because it only comes around every few years. We will have an advantage having it at our school," said Linn.

Elmira had the track resurfaced before the 2013 season. The Elmira Relays was the first big meet to be held on the new track. This year is the first year that districts will be held on Elmira's resurfaced track.

"I think it is neat because we haven't done that [districts] in a couple years and I would be excited to go because it's at home," said Brad Renfro, fr.

Many athletes are already high in the Sky-Em rankings and will be competing for their shot at state at the district meet in May. The rest of the season will consist of track athletes working hard to get new personal bests in their events.

-By Grieta King

Bond will improve school

This year, there is another new bond measure. Bond measure 20-220 will give us a new gym, better computers, and a host of other things that our schools need, among them adequate classrooms for Veneta Elementary and a complete rebuild of Elmira Elementary.

"I feel like we need to make students aware of what's happening" said Brad Bellingham, history teacher, "The people who vote no are always the ones who vote... it's the ones who vote yes who come and go, which is why the bond measure didn't pass last time. It actually wouldn't even increase taxes as we're just finishing paying off the last bond, so taxes would remain the same."

The bond would be repaid over twenty years and "will support improvements across the district including building a new gym at the high school, replacing Elmira Elementary with a new building, seismic remediation at all facilities, technology upgrades across all buildings, enclosing the library at FRMS, and more," according to the district.

-By Jeremy Cooper

Who knows you best?

Karly Boren, sr., wants to know who knows her best. Her mother, Tammy Boren, office secretary, or her boyfriend, Zane Wardwell, jr.



Karly Boren, sr.



Tammy Boren,
Office Secretary



Zane Wardwell, jr.

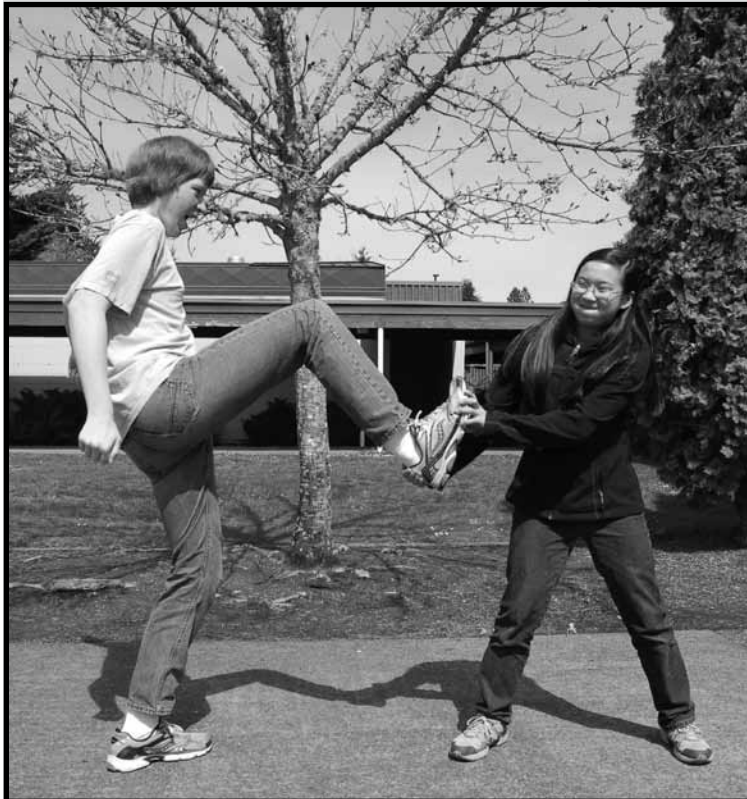
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What is your favorite food?	Pasta	Noodles and Pasta +1 point	Pasta +1 point
Who is your favorite celebrity?	Ryan Reynolds	Ryan Gosling	JJ Watt
What is your favorite animal?	Cow	Cows +1 point	Cow +1 point
What is your favorite T.V. show?	<i>Teen Wolf</i>	<i>Teen Wolf</i> +1 point	<i>Teen Wolf</i> +1 point Winner!

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State testing destroys education

State testing is a large part of life. We have one yearly until we enter high school, and then we have one final state test our junior year, presuming we pass them all. More importantly, we must pass these tests in order to graduate from high school, for some ridiculous reason.

pass the reading, writing, and math tests. There is absolutely no reason why this should be required—in order to graduate you must already obtain twenty-four credits in high school and complete a senior project and a job shadow. One can accomplish all of this. However, if you are even one



Supposedly, these tests help “ensure consistency” and monitor student performance. On paper, it looks all right. In reality, however, standardized state testing is shredding our educational system to pieces, and is probably one of the reasons the United States has dropped to seventeenth place worldwide for education and shows no signs of slowing its descent.

Standardized tests are extremely time consuming, pulling some students out of classes where they actually learn for weeks. The tests have also been shown to be inaccurate, with many students who fail actually doing well in their classes. Fortunately for us, we have work studies where we can prove our intellect and still manage to graduate in a hands-on fashion. However, many districts do not allow that.

What is most outrageous is that you must pass three of the four state tests in order to graduate. Students must

point below the OAKS test passing score, you fail. A failure could be the result of having a series of bad days, or surgery that made you exhausted or anything, yet you still cannot graduate from high school.

It is possible to bypass this by taking the PSAT or SAT and scoring high enough. Not everyone has time, money, or the ability to do so, however. As a result, many underprivileged students fall through the cracks into a life of poverty and labor. The government should not allow that to happen to anybody.

The system is then further weakened by constantly pulling of students out of class, adding additional stress to their lives and the necessity of hiring testing coordinators for no other purpose than to run these tests at many schools. This is a vast drain on the money put into the educational system that is already underfunded and overburdened.

-By Jeremy Cooper

Testing takes on more importance

One of the major aspects of education is how someone evaluates students. Over the years students are evaluated by their grades, homework, participation, and testing. Tests are given to all students at a certain grade level over the past century. Over the last few years standard testing has taken on more importance.

Standard testing is certainly not the only way to evaluate students. But it is certainly one of the more important ways. The information gained from standard testing can help the government, school, teachers, parents, and students.

Government plays a big role in state testing. An example is a middle school shows the test scores of most of the students who did not do well on the state testing. This calls attention to the government to see if there is a need for new materials and better technology, etc. The government also can tell by test results if the school is staying on track and is focused. (The government has also the basic learning material that the school must teach and all students must know in order to graduate.)

Schools can know by state testing if the teachers are doing their job and teaching the material.

For example, if multiple students are failing the state test in math, the school should evaluate the teacher teaching the correct math curriculum and make sure the class is on track. The state testing doesn't always determine that the teacher might not be teaching the material correctly. Schools will also be held accountable as to or not whether they are teaching the standard requirements to students.

Teachers are able, based on the student's test result, to know if the student understands the material or needs more help one on one. Teachers can also realize that students might not be getting the material because of the way it is taught and explained and try a different method to help the

student better understand the material. If a student doesn't want to go to the teacher during class for help because they may be shy or have another issue, then, the teacher might be able to help the student outside of the classroom: before school, after school, or during lunch.

Parents can also know if the school and teachers are doing their job. Sometimes parents try to help their kids by doing their homework for them because they think it will make their child look like a smart person and so the teachers can complement them on how well their son or daughter is doing in school. But when the state testing occurs and students have to take the test all by themselves, they don't know how to do anything and fail. The teachers and school figure out why the student, an A+ student, would fail all their state testing. It also helps the parents know how their son or daughter is doing compared to other students in the county or state.

Students will know based on the test scores if they are doing well in school, failing, or exceeding. They will know what they need to work on and maybe get help from teachers if needed. Though students don't like to take the tests in the end it will show them what they know or need to know. It helps a lot of the people who are going to go to college know what they need to know before getting to college since all colleges accept that the school taught the student the core requirements.

Overall, state testing can be beneficial to many groups. And for most testing helps.

-By Joy Foster

OPINIONS

EXERCISE YOUR RIGHTS!



tests are also unconstitutional. Unlawful search and seizure also applies to what you know. If a police officer asks a question you do not wish to answer, you may ask him what you are being charged with. This technique can be used to protect yourself or your friends. In general, however, it is best to be cooperative with police.

You have the right to freedom of speech and expression. Freedom of speech seems the more obvious one. No one working for the government may punish you for speaking your beliefs. They also can't silence you to keep you from speaking your beliefs. Still, if they send you to the office because you can't shut up in class, go to the office. Use this right to ensure that yourself and others are not stopped from speaking your mind and ensure the free sharing of all ideas in the school system.

Freedom of expression is similar. You have the right to express yourself, whether that's artwork, clothing, or another medium, however you want. No government employee may ban you from expressing yourself. (Though some things are in poor taste – leave the NAZI armband at home.) But most importantly: protect all of your fellow citizens' rights. Whether offensive to you or not, if you don't protect others, no one will protect you when your freedoms are threatened.

These are only those rights which are often threatened in high school, but you have many more. I urge you to learn more about your rights; don't let anyone take them away from you.

-By Tucker Barnes

In school, you learn how to protect yourself from everything from drug dealers to internet predators, but there is one thing they never tell you: how to protect yourself from your government. I do not condone any unlawful behavior on the part of the individual or the government.

That's right, I'm a radical. But the fact is you have certain rights made to protect you, but you can only be protected if you know your rights.

I'm not talking about anything serious here, just the little things high schoolers have to deal with. But, just like the mind or body, rights are useless if not exercised. The more you exercise them, the more you preserve your freedom.

First, you have a right to protection from illegal search and seizure. That right includes the police, as most people know, but the school also has no right to search your truck, backpack, or self without your permission. If a police officer asks if he may search your house or car, you have no obligation to let him. Require him to return with a warrant. Mandatory drug

ASK FREDDY

Dear Freddy,
How do I get a friend?
Sincerely,
Friendless

Dear Friendless,
Friendless, I shall give you some steps to try. First, spend more time around people. If you want to make friends, you first need to put yourself out there somehow and meet people. Next, join an organization or club with people who have common interests. You don't necessarily need to have a lot of common interests with people in order to make friends with them. Then, talk to people. You can join a club, go to school, or go to church, but you still won't make friends if you don't actually talk to people. Have open body language and don't do hostile gestures such as crossing your arms, squinting, glaring, or staring away from social activity. These small little tips should get you an awesome friend...but just be yourself above all else. Follow your heart, dude.

Sincerely,
Freddy

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Bird's Eye View

Is state testing beneficial to you as a student? Why?



Katelyn Lowery, Jr.,
"I think so because it could help in the future."



Cassis Hoffman, Jr.,
"No, because it puts pressure on students and we're not prepared for it in past years."



Samantha Ruppert,
soph.,
"I think it is because it shows strengths and limits."



Katie Baker, sr.,
"I think it is even though you don't like taking them."

Miss Falcon could inspire changes

So this is my last column before the big goodbye, and I have no idea what to talk about. Which is fantastic.

So after having seen Mr. Falcon in previous years and Miss Falcon this year, I think we need to maybe change a few things for the future. I'd always been kinda miffed that they didn't focus as much on girls, before this year. I mean, the agents were girls, but the contestants were boys, and if you were a girl and wanted to participate, it was either as an agent or on some other aspect of the pageant. You couldn't really be in the spotlight. And then my class, fantastically progressive class that we are, announced that we were doing a Miss Falcon this year. Which was really cool. And I'm super glad that we did. But from what I heard (and I'm sure I don't have the full story; feel free to correct me on this), we only did that because not enough boys in the class met the requirements. And then we didn't have very many contestants anyway, because not many girls signed up. I guess. So I'm super glad that we got to be different and have our own "Miss Falcon" pageant this year, but it seems to me like it was only a temporary thing to solve a problem, and it didn't really solve that problem very well (the number of contestants.) So I'm thinking, next year,



and in all following years, Elmira really needs to open it up to boys and girls to compete together. That would be great because you wouldn't have as many people complaining about it being "discriminatory" and "sexist" (which are complaints I have heard before), and you would definitely have more applicants that way. And if they all ran together, that could mean more money raised for the charities of choice, which is always a good thing. I don't know. I've never been involved in the planning and production of Mr./Miss Falcon, so I am definitely not an expert, but I think it would be great to have boys and girls competing together. Anyone who applied (and qualified with grades and stuff) could be a contestant, and anyone could be an agent. Maybe. In other news: great job Miss Falcon participants this year! It was super awesome to hear about all the fundraisers you guys did and how hard you worked for months. Congratulations, Pearl! You pretty much rocked as Perry the Platypus...

-By Cheyenne Cox

Cherish golden creatures, improve wildlife preservation

Every month, my family receives a copy of the National Geographic. I love writing, wildlife, and exploration, therefore National Geographic is my favorite magazine and I get overly excited when it arrives. On the front page of the April issue, there is a cute picture of a hedgehog with the question of whether or not rare or exotic animals should be kept as pets.

Personally, I wish we could have crazy animals for pets because I would build a pool in my backyard and keep a family of manatees there. It would be the best thing to ever happen in my life and I would be happy every day knowing I could go jump in my pool and swim with manatees. But that excitement and infatuation would fade because the manatees wouldn't be happy. A sad manatee would be an awful, terrible sight. Basically, the point is that manatees belong in rivers and oceans, out in nature. We should not be allowed to capture and contain beautiful creatures. While it is entertaining, we are being selfish. Humans have this idea that because we are the most powerful species on earth, we can control and abuse everything else around us. Animals are not for our entertainment. Animals are an important part of the ecosystem and without them, our



world will crumble. People need to start taking responsibility and working harder to preserve the beautiful creatures that we live with before we lose them.

Another issue is zoos. I love going to zoos and seeing all of the different animals but I think that ONLY animals that are injured or born within the zoo should be the ones that stay there. I know that for the most part, animals at zoos were born and have been living there. Those that are injured should be nursed back to health to hopefully released. Capturing creatures will only weaken the species and eventually eliminate them completely.

We need to start working to preserve habitats so that animals can continue to survive and thrive in their natural habitats. Animals are not for our entertainment or our viewing pleasure. They are not for testing our drugs and shampoos and makeup. If we don't work now to save what we have, it will be lost. Animals are irreplaceable and our actions should reflect that.

-By Grieta King

A & E Upcoming video games excite fans, critics

Diablo III; Batman: Arkham Knight; Alien: Isolation; Metal Gear Solid V; and Titanfall are just some of 2014's

upcoming titles. Gamers everywhere have been talking about these highly anticipated releases.

Titanfall, a new first person shooter game, has received much hype and chatter at gaming conventions and expos like EB Games Expo.

"From one of the co-creators of *Call of Duty*, *Titanfall* is a brand new IP in the first person shooter genre. In the words of Game Informer, *Titanfall* is a 'next-generation competitive multiplayer title that blurs the lines between



traditional online shooters and single-player campaign,'" said Respawn Entertainment, the production company behind *Titanfall*. The game will be released exclusively on the Xbox 360, Xbox One, and PC.

"I like how *Titanfall* is a first person shooter mixed with parkour. Also, I want to buy the new *Super Smash Bros.* as soon as I get money," said Michael King, jr.

Games with high ratings from critic website Metacritic.com include *Metal Gear Solid V*, *Titanfall*, and *Dark Souls II*. Most of this year's new releases are sequels, but *Titanfall* is one of only a few brand new games on the market.

-By Steven Parker

Book Review: The Women's Murder Club

James Patterson's series, *The Women's Murder Club*, is an intriguing fiction series about four women: Lindsay Boxer, a homicide inspector; Jill Bernhardt, an assistant D.A.; Claire Washburn, a medical examiner; and Cindy Thomas, a new writer who is working at the crime desk of *The San Francisco Chronicle*. Together, they solve serious murder crimes in California.



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The first book in the series, *First to Die*, is about a serial killer stalking and killing newlyweds. The four women work together to solve the mystery with Lindsay investigating, Claire identifying the deceased, Jill helping in the court room, and Cindy promoting the information in the newspaper. The book has many twists and turns, so be ready for the ride!

The books do have some parts that may be disturbing to the reader, so if you can't handle cursing or sexual content, then this series may be a little extreme. Otherwise, if you want an "edge-of-your-seat" thriller, then I highly recommend reading this book series.

-By Jessica Coone

SATURDAY MARKET OPENS, NEW SEASON BEGINS

Feeling bored on a Saturday afternoon? Looking for some nice live entertainment and great food from all around the world? Anyone can go to downtown Eugene to the Saturday Market, located on 30 E. Broadway.

"My favorite thing about the Saturday Market is that there are so many creative people. It's such a cool environment. There is always music and so much to do. I never feel bored, and it's very colorful," said Moniqua Aubert, soph.

People can enjoy live music, a farmers' market, and exotic food from all around the world, every Saturday, until the middle of November, rain or shine.

For more information about the sellers or the live music, people can visit their website, www.eugen SaturdayMarket.org, or call them at 541-686-8885. The Saturday Market opens on April 5.

-By Kaylee Wolgamott

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CULTURE OF THE MONTH: UKRAINE

Ukraine is the second largest country in Europe with Kyiv as its capitol. It has two major forests in the north, the Polissya and the Volyn. The climate is moderate reaching temperatures from forty to forty-nine degrees Fahrenheit, except for in the Southern Steppes where the temperature is generally fifty to fifty six degrees Fahrenheit. Restaurants are usually only visited on special occasions since Ukrainians prefer to eat at home. Breakfast hours are generally from 7:00-10:00a.m., lunch from 12:00-3:00p.m., and dinner from 5:00-8:00p.m., the main meal being dinner. Generally exotic foods and spices are avoided. Instead, a variety of soups, called Borshch, are served.

In Ukraine, the Christmas Eve dinner includes 12 meatless dishes including Borshch, cabbage rolls, varenyky (or pierogi), fish, mushrooms, various vegetables, a wheat grain, honey, poppyseed, and a raisin dish called kutya. Some traditional holidays celebrated include; New Year's, Orthodox Easter and Orthodox Christmas. Their Christmas is held from the 7th to the 14th of January. Traditionally, they go from house to house singing carols wishing them good to come in prosperity, health, etc. The people hearing the carols are supposed to give the carolers sweets, food, or drinks as an appreciation gift.

Greeting somebody is usually done

with a firm handshake. However, if both are girls and are close friends, they will kiss each other three times on the cheek from left to right. Men who are close friends usually just pat each other on the back.

The middle names of a Ukrainian child usually come from the father's first name. A daughter's middle name would be the father's first name followed by -avna, -ovna, or -ivna. The son would be the father's first name followed by -vich, or -ovich. For example, if the father's name is Luka, a son's middle name would be Lukavich, and a girl's middle name would be Lukavna.

Table manners are strict. The guests aren't supposed to start eating until the host invites them to. The oldest or most honored guest is served first. It is considered rude not to try everything, and taking second helpings is urged. If you are visiting Ukraine, plan on eating a lot!

Today in Ukraine, Russia is trying to take over Crimea, an important state in Ukraine that contains many of their gas reserves. Some of the largest solar plants also rest in Crimea. With the gas reserves, Russia would be able to increase its exports of gas to other countries. This would cause Ukraine's income to decrease. This is a major issue for Ukraine.

-By Jessica Coone

Simple Ukrainian Cookies

Ingredients:

- 4 cups sifted flour
- 2 ½ tsp. salt
- ¾ cups butter
- 1 ½ cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 4 tsp. milk
- 3 tsp. vanilla

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Sift the dry ingredients and set to the side. Mix the butter until it is soft and gradually add the sugar as you mix. Beat in the eggs and the vanilla, followed by the flour mixture and the milk. Chill the mixture at least 2 hours. Roll out the dough and cut out the cookies with a cookie cutter. Place the dough on a slightly greased cookie sheet, and bake for 8-10 minutes. If desired, you may add food coloring to make your cookies all one color.



ARTIST OF THE MONTH – KAITLYN HICKS, SOPH.

Q: What's your favorite thing to draw?

A: Anime.

Q: When do you like to draw?

A: Whenever I have free time.

Q: How do you find inspiration for your drawings?

A: I have been competing with my sister since I was little, so I guess she kind of inspires me.

Q: Do you want to be an artist for a living? Why or why not?

A: I just draw for fun.

Q: Do you have a favorite artist you look up to? If so, what do you like about them?

A: My sister, she has very good art work and even though she can sometimes be a jerk I still love her.



Weird laws save states

State laws keep people safe until someone breaks them. Many laws are obvious; no drinking and driving, no underage drinking, no running red lights, etc. But would anyone think

flinging a booger would be illegal? In Alabama, it is.

In North Carolina, it is illegal to sing off key, and Bingo games may not exceed the duration of five hours.

According to Indiana, the value of pi is four, not 3.14...

It's illegal for a man to give his sweetheart a box of chocolates that weighs more than 50 pounds, and to kiss in public for

more than 18 minutes, in Idaho.

In Florida, if an elephant is tied to a parking meter, the parking fee has to be paid just as it would a vehicle.

Women must obtain

written permission from their husbands to wear false teeth in the state of Vermont.

"I heard that in Delaware or Vermont, you can't leave your Christmas decorations up after January," said Esther Anstine, soph.

Many of these laws may seem strange, but somehow, they keep states together.

-By Kaylee Wolgamott

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LEPRECHAUNS AND ICE CREAM BRING HAPPINESS

 **Aries (March 21-April 20):** You've been feeling pretty down lately. Nothing is going your way and you feel like the whole world is

out to get you, maybe it is. But you know what? You're Aries! You can do whatever you want! Eat a gallon of ice cream, dye a chicken pink, dress up as a leprechaun, whatever makes you happy. Because this month is yours! Own it, live it, love it.



Taurus (April 21 – May 20): The sun is shining, the birds are chirping, and school is almost over. Spring fever is coming your way, so why not enjoy it? Spend as much time outside basking in the sunshine as Oregon's bipolar weather will allow. Have a windbreaker and umbrella with you though, you never know what the weather will be like five minutes from now.



Gemini (May 21 – June 21): You're going to find yourself in the wrong part of town this month. On a dark night with no cell reception, you're stranded when a man dressed in a turtle suit tries to hand you a Spiderman suit. But you run. You run as fast and far as you can, right back into turtle-man. Oops. Well, since you've been confronted with this man twice, it must be fate! Join the club and dress like Spiderman. This is the beginning of a beautiful friendship.



Cancer (June 22 – July 22): Walking back home, you will stumble upon a pond in the middle of the street. What?? That's not possible, so you think. You decide to touch it, 'cause why not? Bad choice. As soon as your finger makes contact with the "water" you get painfully sucked into the ground. No point fighting it, because the pond is now a black hole. Have a great life wandering in space.



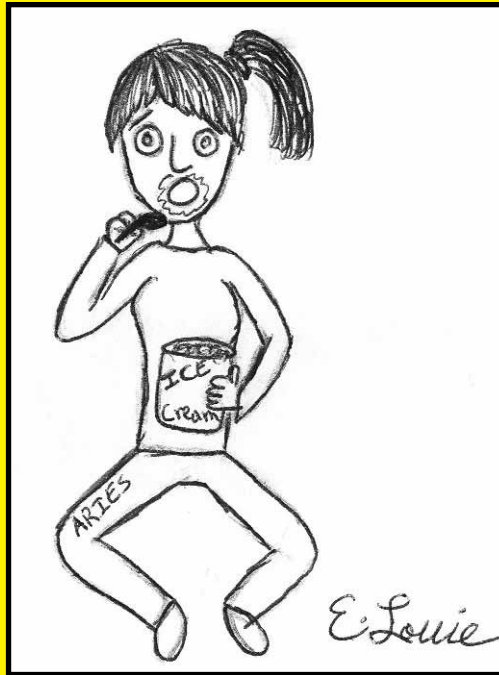
Leo (July 23 – August 23): Remember all those cracks you were supposed to skip during elementary school? Well, your mom is paying for it now.



Virgo (August 24 – September 22): Feel bad about your moles? Remember, there are people without limbs. Stop complaining and appreciate what you have. Give thanks, smile, and say hi to everyone. You might make their day, and yours as well.



Libra (September 23-October 23) Yeah, every second alive you grow closer to dying, sorry. On the bright side, you have vivacious hair that will invoke a insane riot that will burn down half your school, making your weekend a little longer. You're welcome.



Scorpio (October 24-November 22): You're going to get cornered by a creepy man in a turtle suit with a cosplay obsession. Lucky for you some supernatural being and his robot buddies will come to the rescue and then take you deep into the schools underground catacombs, and watch Disney movies with you until you revert back into you're infantile stage of early development. Have fun!



Sagittarius (November 23- December 22): Shhh... just shhh... they hear you. Beware of them. They'll find you. They listen to you breathe, they watch you sleep. They know where you live and what you like on your

peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. They enjoy the same soap operas as your dead grandmother and your crib with you at some point. You know what they say....



Capricorn (December 23- January 19): Guess what?! you're gonna eat a candy bar and you're gonna find the golden ticket! Have fun in that wonderful chocolate factory! I hope your friends don't inflate into blueberries and that you don't lose your morbid creepy sense of humor when it comes to the color green! Whoop whoop!



Aquarius (January 20-February 19): Your fetish with fedoras is slightly disturbing. Perhaps change over to a Dora infatuation. She's bilingual and has a pretty awesome backpack! Swiper, no swiping because I'm the map, I'm the ma-aaaap! Who doesn't like her awkward pauses and tummy shirts? Maybe you'll be the next Diego if you switch your fetish over. Either way, Carpe Diem!



Pisces (February 19-March 20): The pens and pencils you decided to borrow and never return are all gonna come back from the places you lost them and bask in the sun in front of your house until they burst into flame and make your front yard look like the remnants of a cremation ground...If that is a thing. Gives a whole new meaning to Ash Wednesday, I guess.

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Top 10 Interesting Facts

1. A tongue of a Blue whale can weigh more than an elephant
2. Bone is five times stronger than steel
3. When you are asleep at night you grow about 8mm (0.3 inches) every night, but shrink back to your former height the following day.
4. Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor of the telephone, never telephoned his mother or wife because they were both deaf.
5. Sharks can live up to 100 years.
6. The only animal to fly backwards is hummingbirds.
7. It takes 43 muscles to frown and 17 muscles to smile.
8. Bamboo can grow about one inch per hour.
9. A cloud could weigh more than a million pounds.
10. Writers used to use bread crumbs in order to correct pencil mistakes.

Things Heard in the Halls!

I want to cut off your fingers and attach them to my hand!

The cafeteria should have a happy hour for milk!

Next time you cry, can I have your tears?

I only put tap water in my car.

You make me giddy, like an elephant.

Person 1: I like cake!
Person 2: No you don't!

Person 1: A person can dream can't they?

Your feet smell like fried fish.

His teeth are like a million dollars.