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Congrats to Rosemary Gilmore, sr. (front), and Moniqua Aubert, soph. (back), for winning the cover art contest!



ASK THE STAFF

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SCHOOL MEMORY?

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| <i>Cheyenne Cox*</i>
Editor-in-Chief--Chilling on the East Trip with my psycho friends. | <i>Fiona Carlin</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Getting together with my boyfriend Nick. |
| <i>Grieta King*</i>
Editor-in-Chief--I love frogs. Hallelujah! | <i>Katriel Connors</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Getting my license. |
| <i>Tyler Miller*</i>
Photo Editor--Going out to lunch everyday. | <i>Joy Foster</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Getting my license and car. |
| <i>Troy Dardis*</i>
Managing Editor--Becoming a Quill and Scroll member. | <i>Steven Parker</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Going to Washington DC for NYLF. |
| <i>Tucker Barnes*</i>
Ad Manager--They were all my favorite moment. | <i>Jesse Sagen</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Driving. |
| <i>Jeremy Cooper*</i>
Web Manager--Listening to Bellingham yelling "Ding Ding Ding Ding!" at the class. | <i>Amelia Warren</i>
Reporter/Photographer--All my AP classes being done, strenuous work they were. |
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Reporter/Photographer--Becoming a member of Quill and Scroll and learning so much about journalism! | <i>Kaylee Wolgamott</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Getting asked to prom! |
| <i>Elmira Louie</i>
Reporter/Photographer--Being done with AP classes after the test in May. | <i>Jeanie May</i>
Adviser--Seeing the AP students complete their national exams. |
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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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Cheyenne Cox & *Grieta King*

Brian Brands shares about first year at Elmira

Vice Principal/Athletic Director Brian Brands is nearing the end of his first year at Elmira High School. We asked him a few questions about his experience, and here's what he told us.

Any thoughts you would like to share with the school?

"I think it's been a great year. My biggest thoughts are how impressed I am with our kids and our staff. We have an outstanding principal, a great staff, very involved parents, and a lot of hard working kids. And that's what it takes to make a school outstanding.

"Another thing I've thought about this year is how talented our kids are. Whether it be athletics or academics or watching the choir perform, we have a lot of really wonderful talent here.

"I think some people might not realize this but Elmira High school has a very good reputation. We're really well respected, they have a good reputation, and I would say after spending a year here that it's completely accurate."



T. Miller/The Falconer

Brian Brands chats with coaches on the walky talky while at the Sky Em Districts.

Are you planning on continuing?

"I'm definitely staying. I've enjoyed the year; I've definitely stayed busy between athletic director and vice principal, but I've had a lot of fun and I've enjoyed getting to know the kids in both jobs."

Now that you've been here for a year, is there anything you plan to institute or change?

"For the most part, no. We've made a few small changes. For instance, with the BIP assembly, it used to be that all students went to the gym. This year, those who have received referrals go to the theater instead. Other than that small change, I can't think of any changes we've made or are planning to make. For the most part, things are running pretty smoothly."

-By Tucker Barnes

Congratulations!!

- Shelby Foster for speaking in front of people and not dying; Nate Clarke for also some great speaking, Gary Younce for his endless enthusiasm for English, and the Senior Class for playing the game—and surviving. - Hart
- ¡Felicitaciones a Sheena, Darin, Kirstyn, Susanna, Zach L., Allison, y Crystal en sobreviviendo los cuatro años de español! Gracias por todas las memoria y buena suerte con todo en el future! - Snider
- The prom court and our wonderful King and Queen! All the track athletes that made it to the state qualifying meet. Thanks to all those that showed up to my robot building seminar. I'm sorry for any appendages lost. Let's just hope we learned something about the dangers of sentient machines. - Monegan
- All of the Track and Field athletes with great performances at districts at state! - Best
- Cheyenne Cox and Grieta King for successfully running The Falconer. Well done! Also, a big congrats to other senior staff members: Troy Dardis and Tyler Miller—all of you will be missed next year. - May
- The senior class for all the successes they have had throughout their school years. You made it!!!! Key club worked hard stuffing eggs, hiding eggs, and just helping out at the Veneta Easter Egg Hunt. - Marquess
- Boys Track team who went undefeated in league. Great job to the AP History students who had the courage to take the AP Exam.

- Boys Track team won Elmira relays for the second straight year. - Bellingham
- Sara Kesling- all state Basketball, and Boys Track! - Brands
- To all my very hard working and successful students - Stober
- Kendra Daniels for her accomplishments in gymnastics this year. All the juniors who successfully passed the state tests in reading, writing, and math. - Carpenter
- Kaeley Rosdahl for getting her name on her paper! The Blood Drive—record 32 units! -Cooper
- Music students for their outstanding performances at Coffeehouse Night, and also for a great year. See you next year! - Kappeler
- The senior class for continuing the seven year tradition of not being able to beat me in badminton. Oh yeah, and congrats on graduating!! - Lee
- AP Government—you finished the whole book! - Langley
- The Miss Falcon girls for a successful pageant. The Class of 2014! - Moen

News Flashes!

FREA Scholarship, AP exams, schoolwide cleanup.-Cooper
The Class of 2014!-Carpenter
Letters to the Fern Ridge R view about Bond-Brumbach
Enjoy a wonderful summer Monegan
Falcon Choir and Chamber Choir still have openings for new members next year. See Mrs. Kappeler if you are interested.-Kappeler

NEWS **Bullying causes trauma, possible violence**

Bullying is a problem in schools across the United States, although the severity of the problem varies greatly. Bullying can have a tremendous negative impact on students ranging across all age levels. If left unchecked it can even lead to violent retaliation.

“In general, it’s a problem, but it’s nothing new; it’s been a problem, an issue with kids for fifty, sixty years. It kind of comes and goes as far as a hot topic so, yeah, it’s a societal issue, but I think it varies widely in regards to the severity of the problem, within the community, the school, maybe even the classroom,” said Gary Carpenter, principal.

Bullies come in all shapes

and sizes, and someone does not have to physically harm another person to bully them. Aggressive behavior that causes someone emotional or psychological harm can be just as devastating as physical violence.

According to the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, bullying is unwanted, aggressive, repeated behavior among school-aged children.

Across America, bullying causes cycles of depression and violence; at Elmira, however, it is less of a problem than at many schools. Bullying is an issue that must be taken seriously. However, it is not necessarily a problem at Elmira. Similarly, while attendance is not a problem, it is sometimes an issue that comes up in certain circum-

stances and must be dealt with.

“I think the main message to kids is, if there’s an issue going on, to empower themselves to solve it or to let someone know. One hundred percent of the time if we find out about it, or can validate that there is a problem, there are consequences,” said Carpenter.

It is important to know the warning signs which may indicate if a person is being bullied. Some of these signs may include inexplicable injuries, lost or destroyed personal property or faking illnesses; declining grades, loss of interest in schoolwork, or not wanting to go to school; sudden loss of friends or avoidance of social situations; self-destructive behaviors such as harming

themselves, or talking about suicide. When any of these warning signs appear in a student’s behavior, it is important to talk to them and make sure everything is okay.

If a person is bullied, they can feel that they are trapped, with no way out. A victim of bullying needs to know there are people who care, and who want to help. There are a number of different roles that other people can play in the bully/victim relationship. Some people egg the bully on, others may laugh or react in a way that reinforces the bully’s behavior, and a few people actually help defend the victim. If a victim would like to speak to someone other than school staff about bullying, they should contact the Crisis Call Center at 800-273-8255 or text ANSWER to 839863.

-By Steven Parker

No new information arises in graffiti case

Obscene words and pictures, along with a bomb threat, were found a few months ago on the walls of Fern Ridge Middle School. In response to the gestures, school was cancelled and a federal bomb squad was called in to see if it was a credible threat. No bomb was found and the school was called back in the same day, but the police labored to discover who had painted the school.

“The police called in for questioning kids from the middle school, high school, and around the community,” said Gary Carpenter, principal, “but no arrests have been made.” Many of the kids

whom were called in gave the police prints that they could use to prove that they were not involved. The prints have been analyzed, but no prosecution has been made. In fact there is little information at all surrounding the case. It is possible and even likely that a student at Elmira High or Fern Ridge Middle School committed the crime.

“Someone probably did it to get out of school,” said Aaron Richards, fr.

But whoever did it and why, the district has already cleaned up the graffiti and there seems to be no lasting effect.

-By Tucker Barnes

Grad night offers seniors one last night together

Grad Night this year is at Camp Harlow in Springfield. It cost \$25 per person for seniors to attend. A bus will be leaving after graduation to take people to the camp. They will be there all night, and have bumper cars, go karts,

swim-a limited a photo among activities. will re-the next Seniors advised swim tow-money.



ming for time, and booth, other The bus turn early morning. are to bring suits, els, and Gary Car-principal,

principle, warns that, although seniors may keep supplies in their lockers during the graduation ceremony, they may not keep anything there overnight, as they will return to school too early to access lockers.

-By Cheyenne Cox

Falcons travel to Japan this summer

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This July, Brad Bellingham, history teacher, will be taking the last Japan trip of his career. 36 students and chaperones will travel to Japan, July 16-26. The flight from the US to Tokyo will take 12 to 14 hours.

On their first night they will stay at a hotel in Narita. The next day the travelers will go to Minami-onuma, the host city. There, they will stay with their host families for a few days. Everyone will bring gifts to give to those families as a thank you for opening their homes to foreigners.

"I'm really excited for the homestay," said Samantha Ruppert, soph.



photo courtesy of Terri Moen

From left to right: Tyler Peale, fr., Daisy Marshall, jr., Taylor Agnes, soph., Ross Bellingham, Jayce Brown, soph., Maddy Cutris, jr., Samantha Ruppert, soph., Candace Song, jr., Nate Clarke, jr., Diane Staats, Brittany Falconer, jr., Terri Moen, Mason Beebe, jr., Zach Beltz, jr., Crystal Rollins, jr., Devin Curtis, sr., Tiauna Knox, sr., Trey Hackett, jr., Crystal Staats, sr., Alyssa Roberts, jr., Annika Faris, fr., Brad Bellingham, Allison Myers, sr., Katriel Connors, soph., and Chris Connors gather at a Buddhist temple in preparation of their Japan trip.

The tourists will visit a Buddhist temple in Kyoto, Japan. They will also visit Hiroshima, the site of the nuclear bombing.

After, they will take a ferry to Miyajima Island, where they will dress in traditional Japanese clothing, called yukata, and eat a traditional Japanese dinner.

Everyone will visit Parliament in Tokyo as well as the Imperial Palace.

The last trip to Japan promises to be a unique experience and those going will be sure to remember it for the rest of their lives.

-By Katriel Connors

Bond Measure will improve district

By roughly 61 percent to 39 percent, people in the Fern Ridge district approved a

million
Make improvements to girls' locker room: \$400,000



A. Warren/The Falconer

Fern Ridge staff demonstrate in Veneta in support of the new bond measure.

\$26.67 million bond measure that will improve the district. The money is being distributed as follows:
Replace Elmira Elementary School: \$12.6 million
Enclose libraries at middle school and Veneta Elementary: \$470,000
Add classrooms, cafeteria, kitchen, separate bus loop: \$4.1

New Elmira High School gym; renovate freshman hall: \$3.3 million
Improve school safety and technology at all schools: \$2.7 million
Make repairs at all sites (replacing septic system and roofs): \$2.9 million
Make improvements at all remaining sites: \$200,000

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Seniors prepare to graduate

The 100th senior class is graduating at seven p.m. in the Elmira High School Gymnasium. The event will be roughly two hours. Graduation will begin with the 96 seniors walking in to the guitar class playing "Pomp and Circumstance." The EHS Chamber and Falcon Choirs will then sing the national anthem, and senior slide show will be shown. Then the valedictorian, Darin French, will give his speech, followed by the guest speaker's speech. After this, Gary Carpenter, principal, will read off a list of scholarships and grants awarded to students. The seniors will then be given their diplomas. After this, the salutatorian, Susanna Hedenstrom, will give her speech, concluding the ceremony. The order of events is subject to change.

Graduation walking practice is June 4 and 5. Seniors are advised to be at the gym at 9 am.

-By Troy Dardis

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NEWS E-cigarette poisoning inspires new regulation

Electronic cigarettes, or E-cigarettes as they are more commonly known, have become more

and more popular among smokers for a variety of reasons. Some people are trying to quit cigarettes, and think it is easier to do on E-cigs. Others have found that numerous places haven't officially banned them yet.

"I think that [the regulation] is a good thing. Too many companies try to get kids hooked on them early," said Anthony West, jr. "I'm glad they finally decided to



J. Cooper/The Falconer

E-cigarettes, now sold at Rays, may be harmful to the public's health.

do something about it."

However, all of that may be about to change. The FDA is planning to regulate E-cigarettes more closely, in the wake of a number of poisoning scares where small children have drunk the liquid nicotine in the E-cigarettes. Though E-cigarettes comprise less than two percent of all tobacco-related sales, they now account for more than 40 percent of poison center calls. More than half of those calls in-

volve children younger than five years old.

"The devices are being marketed to minors and could lead to nicotine addiction, either through e-cigarettes or as a gateway to tobacco," said Fran Silverman, editor of Connecticut-based Truth in Advertising to USA Today.

As a result the FDA is planning to implement new regulations and other safeguards closer to those for standard cigarettes; E-cigarettes will probably also be banned from many places, similar to the restrictions on normal cigarettes.

-By Jeremy Cooper

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MILITARY EXTENDS BENEFITS TO GRADUATES

What does the future hold for graduating students at Elmira High School? Some are off to college, and some might jump into the world, get a job and a house right away. Others, it seems, have chosen a different path. Some students have chosen the military.

Some people go into the military so they can put themselves through college, and others go because they want the skills that the military will teach. Whatever the reason, the military recruits almost 199,900

people per year. Hunter Weast, sr., who has wanted to be in the service ever since he could remember, has decided to join the Marine Corps. "The other branches serve their purposes, like the Marines serve theirs. I am a little nervous about going, but I am more excited than nervous,"

said Weast.

A military contract states that a person may receive benefits during or after his or her years of service. The military offers many programs for helping service members receive a college education.

VA benefits. Service members receive 30 days of paid vacation each year, and the military offers free travel on military aircrafts, depending on availability.

Many people who have gone into the military and

Weast.

Some people have said the food is poisoned. Just to clarify, it is not poisoned. If it were, the principal of Elmira High School

would be dead. The meals the military prepare are strictly healthy; it isn't about the food tasting good. The military works predominantly to keep the diet at 1500 calories each day.

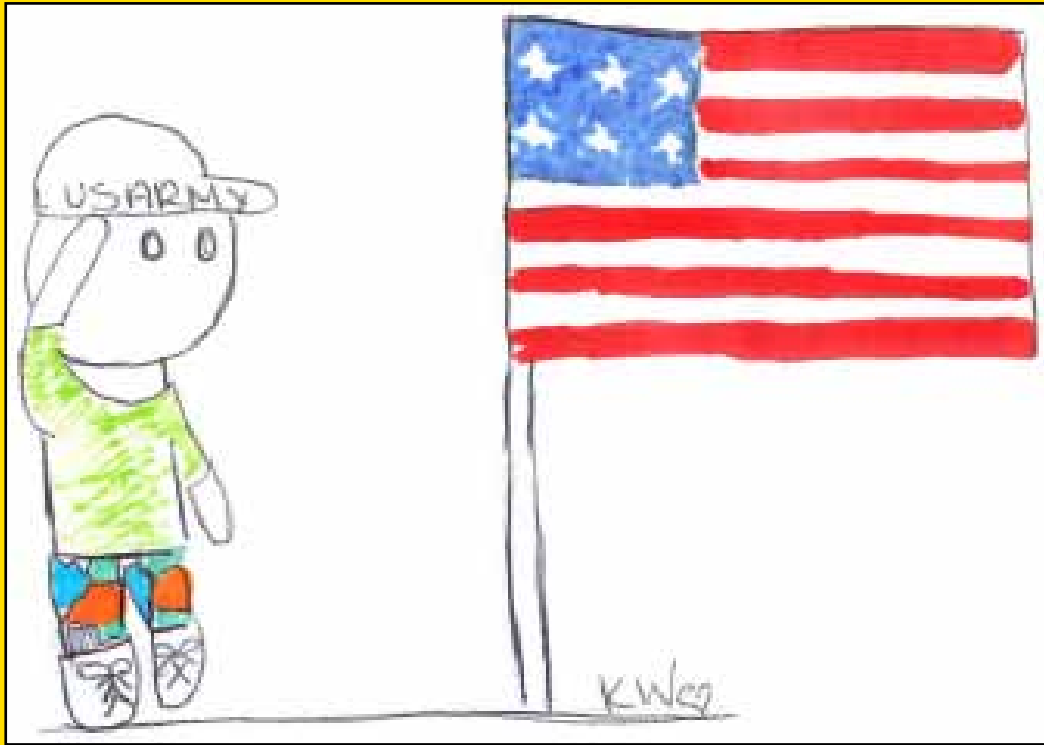
"In my experience, the food was good. The only time I think it was nasty was when you were out in the field," said Gary Carpenter, principal.

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) is a multiple-choice test that helps people understand their strengths and is one of the things that helps identify which military occupa-

tional specialties are best. The ASVAB also provides takers with career information for civilian occupations if they are not taking it for military purposes.

"I am excited about being able to say that I am a Marine," said Weast.

-By Fiona Carlin



They can be used both during and after service. If someone has loans from already going to school, the military can help repay them.

Service members receive free medical and dental care and can include family members for a small fee. The military also offers life insurance, retirement plans, and

come out have found that you do not receive all the benefits promised.

"I do think I'll get the benefits promised when I signed the delayed entry program (D.E.P). You know what you are getting yourself into. I want to go because I want to serve my country," said



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