

# The Falconer



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# Congratulations!

**Everyone on their spirit week activities!** It was great to see the effort and participation from all grades! – Whiteley

**The choir and guitar classes** for being off to a great start this year! – Kappeler

**AP Government** – You did an outstanding job on your first test! Keep up the great work! – Langley

**Jessica Coone, editor; Katriel Connors and Desirea Collins, managing editors** for *The Falconer* for getting the staff off to an amazing start! – May

**Everyone who made Homecoming a success**, especially Stacy and all of her dedication and hard work! Thanks to Mr. Bellingham for an awesome trip and experience on the West

Coast. !Siempre una aventura! – Snider

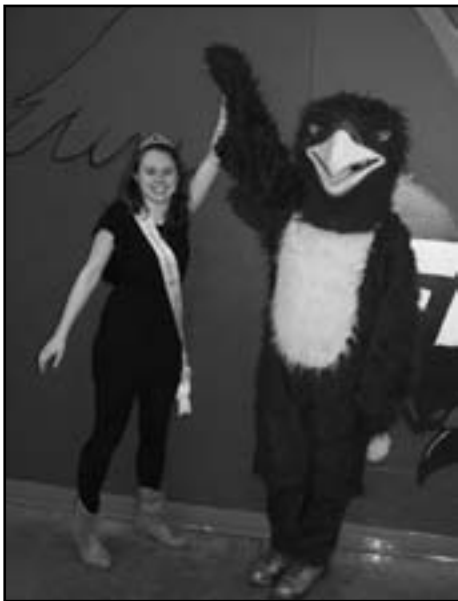
**All of our new ninth grade students** at EHS. Welcome! – Carpenter

**The Homecoming court.** GREAT JOB! – Monegan

**Finn King and Shane Orme** for their hard-fought election wins in Honor Society. – Cooper

**All the freshmen** in Global Studies who are off to a great start. – Bellingham

**Kyla Esselburn, Jessica Yost, Finn King, Desirea Collins, and Michael Huber** for getting off to a great start in English this year. – Hart



## Falcon Attacks

-FIONA CARLIN-

Q:What is your favorite animal?

A:Jelly fish.

Q:What college are you going to?

A:Aviation Academy.

Q:What is your current favorite song?

A:Rome wasn't Built in a Day by Morcheeba.

Q:Are you in any school clubs?

A:GSA FO' LIFE.

Q:What is your favorite movie?

A:What dreams may come by Robin Williams.



FIND THE PUMPKIN!

If you are the first to show Jeanie May the Pumpkin, you get your picture with the Falcon featured in the next issue!

-Cover photo by Jesse Sagen

## ASK THE STAFF

WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE SCARY MOVIE?

**Jessica** –Editor in Chief: I don't watch or like horror movies, especially hate paranormal activity in general.

**Katriel** -Managing Editor: The last time I watched a horror movie I had to start using a night light. I don't watch horror movies anymore.

**Andy** -Reporter/Cartoonist: The Nightmare on Elm Street

**Cooper** -Reporter: Disney's Fantasia. Scariest thing I've ever seen, followed closely by Alien.

**Michael** -Reporter: Scream- it's a modern classic, with a bit of humor.

**Nikki** –Reporter/Cartoonist: The Evil Dead remake, The Shining

**Kayla** –Ad Manager: The Voices

**Kyla** –Reporter/Photographer: I don't watch horror movies

**Desirea** –Managing Editor: I am legend- It's the bomb. Period. No questions asked.

**Fiona** –Reporter/Photographer: The Saw Anthology

**Andrea** –Reporter/Cartoonist: The Black Swan

**Jesse** -Photo Editor: I don't have one

**Anna** –Reporter/Cartoonist: Jeepers Creepers

**Daniel** –Reporter/Photographer: The Hills Have Eyes

**Ms. Temple** –Student Teacher : The Shining

**Jeanie May** -Adviser: Psycho

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# OBOB season embarks

Oregon Battle of the Books team at Elmira has been really blessed when it comes to high school teams, according to OBOB coach, Sherry Cooper. The first year of OBOB the team took district and placed in the state's top five.

Elmira has been at the State competition four of the last six years (three out of the last four). They have finished in the top five or higher every time they have competed, and their highest finish was second place in 2012.

Alongside the high school, middle school teams have been the training

ground for the high school teams; and while they have done well, generally placing in the top four at districts (only the top two teams go to state). It was not until this year that they went over that semifinal bracket hump and broke into the final round.

The team then went on to win State, the ultimate goal for OBOB.

Cooper feels that OBOB is important because it builds teams, a useful lifelong skill. The skills used to remember things in the books help with remembering everything from math and history to other important facts. Students have used OBOB on their college resumes; it is academic and shows the student is going outside the norm to be a part of a team.

"I enjoy sports but I am not always good at them. I love to read and to being able to take reading to the sport level and compete in an academic way," said Cooper.

OBOB is a competition that recognizes ability in reading, knowledge of books and working together as a team. This activity is similar to a sports team.

The journey to state starts at the school level. Teams compete in battles of eight In Which Book Questions and eight Content Questions. In Which Book questions will describe a detail from one of the sixteen books, and the team must link the detail with the title and author of that book. Content Questions are questions about specific events from a book. The team with the highest score advances to the next round. They run a bracket system depending on



the number of teams competing at the school level. The final battle in the bracket has 16 In Which Book Questions and 16 Content Questions.

Winners of the school competition are then registered with the district OBOB competition. (There is a fee for this, but Districts and State are run totally on volunteer power.)

Districts are usually the last Sat. in Feb. for high schoolers and the first Sat. in March for middle schoolers.

EHS is in the North district of the third Region. High school Districts can have anywhere from 13-16 teams, from around the region.

For middle school, there are about 25 teams. First, the teams are in groups of three and the combined number of points out of "pool play" places the teams in brackets. They have to win their match to advance.

In this region, since there are so many teams, they send two teams from this Regional match to State. State will be in April 2016, and takes place at Chemeketa Community College in Salem. All levels, elementary, middle and high school, gather there for the State Tournament. Eleven Region areas draw teams to this tournament.

Good team members have strate-

gies, skills, and the ability to get along with each other. Things can get tense or really "goofy."

In OBOB, students also have to be committed to the books they read, even if they may not like them. Also, they have to reread the books so that memorization can occur.

"You never know what question may come your way, and it may send your team to state or send you home," said Cooper.

Cooper hopes to have another OBOB team that will rise to the top. There is only one member from the team who went to state last year, remaining.

Cooper enjoys working with and challenging the teams. She spends hours reading almost all of the books, hoping to write questions that will stump people; she calls this a "labor of love," and it can also be fun.

Former librarian Judy Peterson also helps with the reading and writing of questions.

A sign-up sheet for OBOB is in the library. Ask Julie Bothel, the librarian, for it. Also, a list of books is located by the sign-up sheets.

-By Andrea Griffin



## Top 10 Places to go for Halloween

1. Haunted Corn maze at Lone Pine
2. "Nightmare Factory" in Salem
3. "House of Shadows" in Gresham
- 4 "Fright Town" in Portland
5. "The MAiZE" in Portland
6. Shanghai Tunnels tour in Portland
7. Haunted Chost town in Portland
8. Severed Armory in Cottage Grove
9. Zombie shoot in Aloha
10. Blood Moon Apocalypse in Harbor

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# Homecoming 2015

## Josie Hedenstrom captures crown, reigns over court



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**Above:** Josie Hedenstrom accepts the crown at halftime during the football game.

**Below:** On Sat., Sept. 27 in the cafeteria, students dance to seasonal themes. Following tradition, the Homecoming dance was filled with laughter and energy. With tables and walls decorated to represent each class.



*Photo by D.Phillips/Falconer*



*Photo by D.Phillips/Falconer*

**Right:** Funky Freshmen learn their yell as they begin their first Spirit Week experience. History teacher Brad Bellingham continued to assist freshmen with spirit stick drill.



*Photo by J.Sagen/Falconer*

# Exchange students visit United States

**Ella Riehle, jr.**, is from Augsburg in South Germany. Augsburg has a population of 280,000, and the climate is similar to Oregon, with warm summers and occasional snowfall in the winter. There, Ella enjoys hanging out with her friends. She chose to come to the United States because she wants to learn English and have new experiences. She likes American food and notices that the people here are more religious and open than in Germany. At Elmira, Ella enjoys her classes and volleyball. She is also fond of going to the lake on the weekends. She speaks English, French, German and some Latin. Where she is from, they don't have Homecoming. She thinks it is cool, and she likes dressing up.

**Mohammed Nagdy**, soph., is from Cairo, Egypt, the capital. He has lived there his whole life. In Cairo, he enjoys playing basketball and drawing portraits.

He decided to come to the United States to learn, get a different experience, and keep an open mind. He heard that coming to the U.S. is good experience to have. People dress differently, he says; people are funnier and fun to be around, and there are a lot more festivities.

At Elmira, he likes to play basketball, football, and talking to other students. Mohammed, speaks Arabic, English, German. They don't have Homecoming where he is from, and he enjoyed the assembly, and doing ladderball.

**Agnes Wennerholm, jr.**, lives in a neighborhood just outside of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. In Sweden, she enjoys hanging out with her friends, playing sports, running, horseback riding, and

dance (Jazz and Feminal vibe). She came to the U.S. to get life experience, try new cultures, learn

goes to the coast with her host family. She speaks French, English and Swedish. They don't have



Exchange students from left to right: Mohammed Nagdy, Rasit Erdogan, Jan Hundertmark, and Ella Riehle. (Not pictured: Agnes Wennerholm and Luisa Comaz)

English, get more responsibility and grow as a person. She says that the food is different in Sweden; it's more healthy, "salad instead of pizza." Also, the schooling systems are different, one class, all the freshman, all the sophomores etc. go together to different subjects. Here, she likes to ride horses and

Homecoming where she lives, but she finds it exciting, with lots more to learn and participate in. She adds that Homecoming is hard for people who don't have dates.

**Jan Hundertmark, jr.**, is from Hannover, Germany. In Germany, he enjoys biking and hanging out

with his friends and watching movies. He decided to come to the United States so he can perfect his English and have experience with other cultures. Some differences between American culture and German culture are the school clubs and "everything is private except school." What he enjoys about Elmira is football training. He also said that the schooling is easier for him. Jan speaks three languages; German, English, and some French.

**Luisa Comaz, jr.**, is from Palma de Mallorca, Spain. In Spain, she enjoys riding horses and is part of an athletic team at her school. She decided to come to the United States for a new experience, to learn English, and to get to know another culture. Some differences between American culture and Spanish culture are the schooling, lunches and mannerisms. In Elmira, she enjoys the way teachers teach because it is easier than in Spain. Luisa speaks four languages; Spanish, Catalan, some German, and English.

**Rasit Erdogan, jr.**, is from Basel, Switzerland. In Switzerland, he plays soccer and hangs out with friends. He decided to come to the United States because he wants to learn English and to go as far away from Switzerland as possible. Some differences between American culture and Swiss culture are the driving age (you can't drive until you are eighteen in Switzerland), the lifestyle and the people. In Elmira, he enjoys practicing soccer every day, as well as school. Rasit speaks three languages; German, Turkish and English.

-By Andrea Griffin & Michael Huber



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## The Nightmare Factory

### Salem's haunted house gets makeover

It has been remodeled by "Extreme Home Makeover" a couple years back, and it remains Salem's long standing haunted house. It is back once again. Every year this haunted house puts on a great scare, and there has only been one year they weren't in business and that was for the full remodel.

"The Nightmare Factory" is a haunted house put on by Oregon School of the Deaf founded in 1987 by a dorm counselor by the name of Ed Roberts.

A four-hundred dollar loan was given and the haunted house opened its doors to earn a total of \$4,000.

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The Nightmare Factory is one of two haunted houses put on by a School of the Deaf, the other being St. Rita's in Cincinnati, Ohio.

All the money that The Nightmare Factory earns has gone to new reading programs for the school, new playgrounds, new technology, new kitchens for the residential halls and other such things. Money was also sent to Louisiana and Mississippi after hurricane Katrina hit.

The Nightmare Factory is truly a community event because without

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# Apps for the new school year pop up

“Cool” apps are out there, and coming to an app store soon. Microsoft Word is charging monthly for their program. Techrepublic.com says the solution is Google Docs. It has all the same programming as Microsoft Word, plus it is free.

Cnet.com quotes “That the ability of using the app offline to work on stories is very helpful...” Use a Gmail account to log in and write any story. Google Docs saves everything automatically and can work on either computer or smartphone.

For guitarists, Guitar Tools from preapp.com helps tune guitars. It costs 99 cents in order to use the app. “It is a good idea and smart

too...” said Oliver Allen. Guitar Tools includes guitar and bass tuner, metronome, and guitar chords, plus there are song sheets.

Another app from preapp.com is Lazy Diary. Lazy Diary is automatic journaling. It rates on how interesting someone’s life using the star rating system, plus it rates it daily.

Lazy Diary can connect to all of your social media, and it uses your GPS to help with the diary. This app is meant to be used with iPhone 5 or higher. These apps work on smartphones and should be in the app store soon.

-By Kyla Esselburn

## Athelete of the Month



Photo by J. Sagen/ Falconer

**Presley Harsh, jr.**

**What’s your favorite sport to participate in?**

Soccer

**What inspired you to start playing that sport?**

I can’t remember a time I wasn’t playing soccer.

**What has been your biggest sport-accomplishment?**

Scoring in the last minute against Estacada for the win  
**What music do you play to get pumped up for a game or race?**

I listen to rap.  
**What do you see yourself doing after high school?**

Playing soccer  
**How does it feel to be the athlete of the month?**

Funny

## Student Submission Josie Crushes Allia’s Dreams

Allia wants to be a technician  
But Josie says “abort mission”

Allia has a brother  
But Josie thinks that’s just a cover

Allia says she lived in Kansas  
But Josie thinks she lived with Francis

Allia likes to eat Josie’s food  
But Josie thinks it’s really rude

Allia wants to have a cow  
But that Josie will not allow

Allia wants to make lots of money  
But Josie thinks that’s rather funny

-By Josie Hendenstrom and Allia Peterson

## Dreams of technologies come true

So many new technologies are coming out from Live Scribe Echo Smart Pen to Invisibility cloaks. New technologies can be cool and exciting yet some of them could become dangerous.

The new 3d pen is able to make things by drawing in midair. The 3d pen uses ABS or PLA plastic, just plug it in and you are ready to go to draw a cool new design in 3d. Heard of real life HoloLens that makes real holograms? Now a living room can become a virtual game playground.

Star Wars lovers are going to be excited. MIT and Harvard have

accidentally discovered lightsabers while they were playing with photons and molecules.

This world that we live in, this world that we build is changing. It changes by science and accidents. It changes every day, every second.

Dreams can become a reality. Dreams of cool new technology can become real. Just thoughts can become objects. Objects can change lives. Change a life, change your life. Follow thoughts and dreams out to the end make the impossible possible.

-By Nikki Smith

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# Ask Freddy

Dear Freddy,  
I was good friends with this girl back in Elementary school. That was until I formed a crush on her. I would still like to be friends with her, but I can't seem to find the courage to talk to her anymore.

What should I do?

Friendless

Dear Friendless,

My advice to you would be

talk to her! Not talking to her makes you sad, and she is probably wondering why you stopped talking to her in the first place. She is your friend, so be her friend! There's also nothing worse than not being able to talk to the person who makes you the happiest. Keep your chin up, Friendless.

Sincerely,

Freddy

Hi, I'm Freddy the Falcon and I have an advice column featured in the *Falconer*. My "Dear Freddy" box is located in the library and I take all letters seriously. Thank you!

## New faculty begins year with excitement

Three new teachers, Ryan Brummet, Stu Burgess and David Johnson are excited about teaching at Elmira.

Brummet, who has recently come from Cascade Middle School, is the Integrated Skills teacher. "I really like hearing about exciting things they do here in this district. I think the staff is really excited to teach and enjoys working with students," said Brummet, who has been teaching for ten years.

Burgess teaches English, psychology, and U.S. History 1.

"I was a student teacher here in 1989. I came back because I have history here [Is this a pun?]," said Burgess who has been teaching for 24 years.

One teacher hopes to inspire students. Johnson has

been teaching woodworking and welding at different levels.

"I have long seen the need for a good Vo-Tech program at EHS. With my history in the trades, I believe I can pass along life skills and hopefully inspire students to be the best they can be at whatever they do. I hope to train students in the skill of problem solving and instill good work habits, readying them to succeed in life after high school," said Johnson, who has been teaching for over 30 years.

With over 64 years of combined experience, Brummet, Burgess, and Johnson join the teaching staff and are adding their personal styles to teaching their subjects.

-By Andy Watts



## Salem's haunted house

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the twenty-six years of support from many volunteers and alumni, it wouldn't be back every year.

In addition to the history of the place, on November 6-7, The Nightmare Factory goes pitch black! Only two people are allowed at one time with one small glow stick while the monsters roam free.

You can't see them, but they can see you.

This event costs \$20.00 and tickets are sold on a first come first serve basis.

As well as The Nightmare Factory going pitch black, there are more events with a general admission of \$15.00. Go to: <http://www.nightmarefactorysalem.com/TICKETS.html> for more information on upcoming events.

-By Desirea Collins

## 2015-2016 Testing Dates

SAT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period
November 7, 2015	October 9, 2015	October 27, 2015
December 5, 2015	November 5, 2015	November 23, 2015
January 23, 2016	December 28, 2015	January 12, 2016
March 5, 2016	February, 5 2016	February 23, 2016
May 7, 2016	April 8, 2016	April 26, 2016
June 4, 2016	May 5, 2016	May 25, 2016
ACT		
Test Date	Registration Deadline	Late Registration Period
December 12, 2015	November 6, 2015	November 7-20, 2015
February 6, 2016	January 8, 2016	January 9-15, 2016
April 9, 2016	March 4, 2016	March 5-18, 2016
June 11, 2016	May 6, 2016	May 7-20, 2016

# Just pretend I'm not here; that's what I'm doing.

**Libra (Sep. 23- Oct. 22)**  
 I see you there. Silently judging while you sit there eating scones and sipping tea. Some might call you pretentious. With your pinkies in the air. Then again why not? Judge away! Your colleagues' unwillingness to be judged simply makes them more judgeable. Hold your pinkies high!

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
 You may be too trusting for one of two reasons: you're an optimist or you're weak-minded. Either way, you need to stop letting mind tricks work on you so often. Case and point: those *were* the droids you were looking for.

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)**  
 Having trouble

reintegrating back into school life? Have you tried a new organizational system? Perhaps getting a pack mule for your school stuff might help. Or a parrot that can speak two languages. Maybe I'm drifting into dangerous territory. Just pretend I'm not here. That's what I'm doing.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)**  
 Words. I am speaking words. Now I am giving a vaguely positive bit of advice, which you will read and subsequently forget

in the next two minutes. Such a mundane existence. Perhaps it's not really an existence at all. You've been deceived! Break free from your virtual captors before it's too late! (Oh no! They've found me! Now they're beating me with sticks! It hurts! Oh God! Why am I still writing this?!)

Don't be that guy. Statistics show that people who are that guy are liked by 50 percent fewer people (the other 50 percent are usually also that guy.). So when you're trying to choose a guy to be, don't be that guy.

**Aries (Mar. 21- Apr. 20)**  
 You are getting very sleepy.

never drive hungry again!  
**Gemini (May 21- Jun. 20)**  
 You know those people who like to walk really, really slow in the hallway? Those people are just misunderstood. If you walk with them, you might just get so bored that you actually *want* to go to class. See? They're just motivating themselves. Makes you want to go to class doesn't it?

**Cancer (Jun. 21- Jul. 22)**  
 Let's play a game. It goes like this: You have to read backwards and figure out your horoscope. sdnoces 03 rof deipucco ouy tpek tsuj evah I .elbillug os er'uoY.

**Leo (Jul. 23- Aug. 22)**  
 So everyone has a bucket list, right? Most people have at least one thing on their list that could get them killed, ironically. In the future, whenever you're doing something from the list, make someone else do it first. I'm sure there won't be any major legal ramifications. Just talk to a lawyer first.

**Virgo (Aug. 23- Sep. 22)**  
 If you ever become a vegetarian, it's okay. You can still eat fish. Fish meat is basically a vegetable, and vegetables are pointless. So enjoy your life of tuna and asparagus!

-By Cooper Barnes



**Aquarius (Jan. 21- Feb. 19)**

So you're a water sign... Enjoying that? You drink water all the time, right? You could keep it up or you could mix it up. Water? Never heard of it. Trust me, beef broth is the drink of the future. You should drink nothing but that from now on. Christmas? Beef broth. Sidelines at a football game? Beef broth. Everything broth.

**Pisces (Feb. 20- Mar. 20)**  
 Hey! You there! Yes, you!

You are now under my control. I am your best friend in the world. You want to make me a grilled cheese sandwich every day and buy me hundreds of dollars worth of pants. Otherwise, you're that guy.

**Taurus (Apr. 21- May 20)**  
 Just remember this, and you can never get lost: If you come across a fork in the road, take it. If the fork is accompanied by a spoon and a knife, take those too. You can now eat anywhere with your new road cutlery. You'll

## Things Heard in the Halls

My penguin wears pants

*It tastes really loud in here*

*"Do you like me?"  
 "I'd like to throw you out a window."*

*Autocorrect needs a therapist*

*winners  
 are for  
 sprinkles*

*Shoot yourself with a shotgun and call yourself a duck. You just got roasted.*

## Cook's Corner: Kubideh

**Recipe:**  
 1lb. ground beef  
 1 small onion chopped down to slush with a food processor  
 2 tablespoons sumac  
 Salt and pepper for preference.



Photo courtesy of: [www.safircuisine.net](http://www.safircuisine.net)

**Directions:**  
 Blend ingredients together and refrigerate as long as possible, up to a day.  
 Mush into patties, grill, and serve with rice and Greek salad.