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M. Huber/*The Falconer*

Congratulations to Alicia Braunger for finding the ornament in the December Issue!

# Congratulations

**Bellingham:** Congratulations to all of the 9th global studies who completed their semester power point projects, Americas future is in good hands.

**Burgess:** Congratulations to Falcon radio, through donorschoose.org money has been raised to build a radio studio. We had support from many local citizens and the ASB, Booster Club, and Carpenter. We will begin broadcasting at 92.5fm beginning in February. We still need students that would want to have their own show during 6th period or after school. See Stu Burgess or Jon Guldager.

**Carpenter:** Congratulations to our Winter Formal court! Great job by all the staff and students during the holiday food drive and adopt a family program.

**Hart:** Congrats to Celeste Ossowski, Josie Slaven, Andy Watts, Milie Carpenter, and Logan Duquette for being outstanding students!

**Hunt:** Congrats To all of my students for conquering 1st semester!

**Kappeller:** Congratulations to Isabella Salazar, Annika Faris, Samantha Rupert, Celeste Dax, Brad Renfro, Logan Shmidt, Cooper Schauer, and Ryan Mogenson, for being accepted into the Willamette Valley honor choir. EHS music students did a great job at their first music coffeehouse night of the year!

**Langley:** Congratulations to Daniel Phillips for the beautiful cover of the Dec. issue of *The Falconer*.

**May:** Congratulations to Jessica Coone, the best TA ever! Daniel and Jonathan Phillips for receiving Eagle Scout status!

**Moen:** Congratulations to Jonathan and Daniel Philips for earning their Eagle Scouts.

**Monegan:** Congratulations to all the students who passed their semester finals. Thanks for coming to film club. Come to film club.

**Snider:** Great job to all of those who participated and contributed to adopt a family! Way to win Español four, and Algebra II 5th period! Finish strong, winter sports athletes!

Cover photo by J. Sagen/*The Falconer*  
Euphora Chocolate displays varieties of chocolates for the holidays.

# Ask the staff: What's your favorite candy?

**\*Jessica Coone**-Editor in Chief: I love Brookside chocolate covered blueberries.

**Katriel Connors**-Managing Editor: Kit-Kats

**Desirea Collins**-Managing Editor: My favorite candy? Probably anything white chocolate.

**Kyla Esselburn**-Reporter/Photographer: I like Sour Patch Kids.

**Cooper Barnes**-Reporter: Bacon. It's nature's meat candy.

**Andy Watts**- Reporter/Photographer: Swedish Fish and Gummy Life Savers.

**Anna Marshall**-Reporter/Cartoonist: Cotton candy! I can't get it anywhere fresh though.

**Nikki Smith**- Reporter/Cartoonist: Sour Patch Kids and Twix. Although I used eat Snickers a lot in elementary school and I've had that nickname since then.

**Kayla Pelroy**-Ad Manager: REDVINES

**Daniel Phillips**-Reporter/Photographer: Chocolate

**Fiona Carlin**- Reporter/Photographer: Almond Roca is where it's at

**Jesse Sagen**- Photo Editor: The chocolate kind

**Michael Huber**-Reporter: Mike and Ike's

**Andrea Griffin**- Reporter/Cartoonist: Lemonheads

**Julia Davis**-Photographer: I'm not really too much of a candy person, I'm more of popcorn person.

**Kaylee Heakin**- Reporter: Reeses peanut buttercups

**Isabelle Spencer**- Reporter: Kit-kats

**Ashlyn Foote**- Reporter: Peanut M&M's

**Riley Chambers**- Reporter: M&M's and Reese's


**Lilly Givens**- Reporter: Chocolate and Sour Patch Kids

**Austyn Bechtol**- Reporter:Reeses Peanut Buttercups or Kit-Kats

**Blaine Loftis**- Reporter: Warheads

**Jeanie May**- Adviser: Toffee and chocolate

\*-Quill and Scroll member



## Find the Heart!

If you are the first to show Jeanie May the Falcon (or Heart, in this case), you get your picture with the Falcon featured in next issue!

## Editorial Policy

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# Tips to prep for power loss

February is the worst time of year for blackouts. Even when it doesn't snow, the precipitation is high and the temperatures are low. So when things freeze and the power goes out, homeowners need to know what to do.

The most important thing to do is prepare. High winds, cold weather, and heavy rain can all contribute to power outages. When one or all of these factors is present, it is best to expect a blackout. When things go dark, remain calm.

Most power outages happen at night, so it will often be too dark to go anywhere safely. Gather your family and make a plan. Check for property damage, injuries, and potential hazards. Many blackouts are caused by downed power lines, so avoid any questionable electrical outlets. Next, determine whether leaving is logistically

possible. If roads are icy or blocked, stay home and wait it out as long as possible.

If staying is the only option, move family and pets into one small room to consolidate heat and gather the following items:

- Flashlight or lantern with batteries
- Candles and a lighter
- Blankets, rugs, sleeping bags, pillows, and warm clothes
- Rope or clothesline
- Scissors or knife
- Body warmers
- Water bottles
- Hand sanitizer
- Cell phone and portable charger
- Laundry clips
- Popsicle sticks or silverware

Find a small, enclosed room (or one with a fireplace if you have one) and hang rope over the entrances. Use the clips to

hang blankets from the rope and use the popsicle sticks or the handle of the silverware to push the blankets between the door and the frame to hold them in place. Lay down rugs and use remaining pillows and blankets to insulate all of the room's doors and windows. Keep candles on level, non-flammable surfaces. Extra water bottles can be used to refill toilet tanks (and for drinking).

If a generator is available, also retrieve:

- Extension cords
- Power strips
- Space heaters
- Phone chargers

- Lamps or worklights
- Gas or diesel

Keep the generator outside of the house and make sure pets are never in a sealed room with the generator. Alternate power between heaters and the refrigerator to keep the room from overheating and food from spoiling.

Don't leave doors and windows open. Houses have vents and weather strips that will let air in, but an open door will cause the house to lose heat quickly.

*-By Cooper Barnes*

## Falcon Pageant changes historical participation status

The Falcon Pageant at Elmira High will now be open to ALL contestants. There will not be just a "Mr." pageant. This pageant is open to all seniors, regardless of gender, who would like to participate, applying for any position. Due to the decision to have both males and females in one pageant, money raised will perhaps increase from money raised in previous years. The "new" Falcon Pageant will allow all eligible students to participate together and earn money for the community.

"I think the potential to be more successful this year is that we are drawing from more of the class than just a certain group," said Gary Carpenter, principal.

Drawing from more of the Senior Class provides for a bigger pool, meaning a possible increase in participation than in previous years.

Leadership students thought of  
February 12, 2016

the idea to change the pageant; then, they went to Carpenter who approved the idea after much thought and discussion with Stacy Cornelius, Leadership teacher.

Carpenter and Cornelius worked together to see how much potential for growth this "new" pageant would have.

*-By Desirea Collins*

## Music Review: Alessia Cara

Nineteen-year-old Alessia Cara (Uh-less-e-uh Car-uh) is a recent Canadian artist who was discovered by Taylor Swift last year when Swift was amazed by a cover of "Bad Blood" performed by Cara on BBC Radio 1. She first started making music when she was 13 and created a YouTube channel showcasing covers of songs by various artists, including Jessie J, Amy Winehouse, Lorde, and Chris Brown.

On April 30 last year, she released her debut single "Here," which is based on an actual party that she hated. It slowly rose to popularity, and on Aug. 22 that "Here" debuted at number 95 on the Billboard Hot 100.\* It topped at number seven.\*\*

Cara released her debut EP, Four

Pink Walls, on August 26, containing only five songs; "Here," "I'm Yours," "Outlaws," "Seventeen," and "Four Pink Walls." Following the EP came Cara's second single "Wild Things," released on Oct. 27, which was included on her debut studio album Know-It-All, released on Nov. 13.

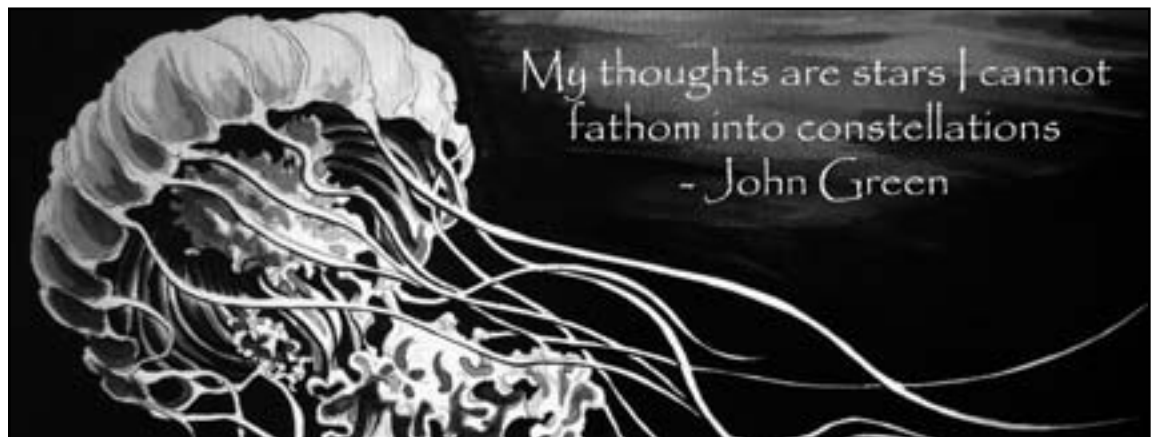
In addition to the songs on the Four Pink Walls EP and "Wild Things," Know-It-All includes "Stone," featuring Sebastian Kole, "Overdose," "Stars," and a favorite for many listeners, "Scars to Your Beautiful."

Cara will more than likely reach A-list popularity soon enough.

\* - Courtesy of Wikipedia

\*\* - Week of January 9, 2016

*-By Micheal Huber*



# FALCON RADIO JUST ABOUT TO GO LIVE!



Falcon Radio is set to go live, with Jon Guldager sending his messages on air.

*D. Phillips/The Falconer*

Falcon Radio Club is just starting to go live! The new club has been preparing for a big step to do live broadcasting in the local area of Veneta, Elmira, and Noti.

Falcon Radio has been partners with KOCF (Oregon Country Fair Radio Station) to help the club grow. The Falcon Radio broadcasts through the local KOCF radio

station, the local stations runs on a Low Powered FM Radio system, which broadcasts within the area of Elmira, Veneta, and Noti.

The high school's Falcon Radio has plans to perform live broadcasts during school hours. Stu Burgess and Jon Guldager teacher, are looking for students to do live broadcasting during school

hours.

Those students who will be performing a live broadcast will be responsible for daily, or every other day, radio program through the high school. Students also will be following the station rules, protocols, and standard operation. Live broadcasting will be treated like a professional job and to be

handled like one.

Falcon Radio wants to do ten minutes on the hour broadcasts that will update its listeners in the local area about news, weather, sports and local events.

"We are excited to give students the chance to be on live radio," said Guldager. The new club is working with students to teach them about live radio and media. They will also be learning about the fundamentals of broadcasting.

The new club has been building up its equipment and has been working with KOCF to go live by second semester. Earlier this past January a \$2,000 grant was given to the Radio Club so they could purchase equipment. Burgess and Guldager would like to thank the Booster Club and Leadership each for their \$100 donations. Falcon Radio as of Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, has purchased all the equipment needed to begin their live broadcasting second semester. Feel free to go and check out how they do it.

If you have any questions, please talk to Burgess and Guldager.

*-By Daniel Phillips*

## WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

In a world untouched by war, with lush, green forests, and cool running waters there is one person to keep it all in peace. That person is you my friend. Your daily task is to stroll through the forest and guard these trees with your life. But in the midst of your strolling, you spot a figure deep within the trees. The figure is slowly approaching you and when the darkness of the woods clears his face, you see the image of Morgan Freeman in a suit. "Come with me," Morgan says, "we need to talk." So, of course, you follow him because why not? It's Morgan Freeman for

crying out loud.

He takes you to a large clearing in the heart of the forest and says to you, "This is a matter of life and death my son. You are the key to saving the whole universe."

"There is a dark force coming to destroy this wonderful land you call home, and you are the only one that can stop it," he said. Of course, you have the ancient power of Zeus in your blood, but you're still anxious because you don't know the strength of this dark force heading for your homeland. What would you do in this situation?

*-By Jesse Sagen*



# Upcoming movies set for 2016

## **Kung Fu Panda 3** (Jan 29)

Po reunites with his biological father and travels with him to a temple of pandas. Po then meets a panda named Mei Mei who has been a part of an arranged marriage with Po since they were both kids. Meanwhile, China is being terrorized by an evil spirit named Kai. While all of this chaos is going on, Po must train this village of pandas to become Kung Fu fighters.

## **Deadpool** (Feb 12)

This movie starring Ryan Reynolds as Wade Wilson is based on the Marvel Comics. While Wilson is trying to cure his cancer, special forces operate on him, leaving him fast healing powers, deformed skin, and a ruined mind. After attaining these new abilities, Wilson hunts down the person who destroyed his life.

## **Zoolander 2** (Feb 12)

Derek Zoolander and Hansel McDonald are working together to stop a conspiracy aimed to kill the most beautiful people in the world. Meanwhile, Zoolander's enemy Jacobim Mugatu is free and seeks revenge.

## **Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice** (Mar 25)

Batman travels to Metropolis to combat Superman. During this conflict, many dangers are threatening mankind, and Batman and Superman must put aside their differences and fight together.

## **Captain America: Civil War** (May 6)

A political interference with the Avengers causes a feud between Iron Man and Captain America. The group breaks up into two, leaving one being led by Captain America who wishes to continue without regulation, and the other led by Iron Man who supports the government. Simultaneously, they must protect the world from a new enemy.

## **X-Men: Apocalypse** (May 27)

The world's first and most powerful mutant, Apocalypse, emerges and has an extinction level plan while Raven and Professor X lead a team of X-Men to save humanity.

## **Alice Through The Looking Glass** (May 27)

The Mad Hatter has lost his muchness, and Alice must travel back in time to save him before time runs out and it's too late.

## **Finding Dory** (June 17)

The very forgetful Dory somehow manages to recall childhood memories just six months after her adventure with Nemo. She sets out to find her family while she is accompanied by Nemo and Marlin.

## **Ghostbusters** (July 15)

Four women team up to fight off troublesome phantoms.

## **Suicide Squad** (Aug 5)

A secret government agency gathers up a group of supervillain prisoners to help with a mission that may be fatal.

-By Andy Watts

# Athlete of the Month

Austen Smith



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### **What sports do you play?**

Basketball, baseball, cross-country, and soccer.

### **How long have you been playing them?**

Basketball and baseball all my life; the others about 2 years.

### **What do you like about the sports most?**

Winning

### **What do you do in your free time when you are not in school or playing sports?**

Literally nothing

### **What do you want to do in life after high school?**

Go to college in sports, medicine, and marry a beautiful honey.

### **What would you tell someone who just started to play the sport?**

Never give up, Never surrender.

# MALLS DIE ACROSS AMERICA

Dead malls are appearing more frequently in the United States. Dead malls are malls that have very little or no customers, or they have very little or no shops. If there are very few shops, then there are very little customers that will follow it.

The malls can be closed or open but you can't really tell. Some of the malls can rank to minor to severe dead. Some are able to be open, but others can be closed forever and demolished.

"I believe that in the next nineteen years that over 1,500 shopping malls will close down," said Jesse Tron, spokesman for International Council Of Shopping Center (money.cnn.com).

Malls that close are impacting society. The only malls that are surviving are the up-scale malls, which lower classes find too expensive. The Busch project said that fifteen percent of malls will fail and most of them are those that are down scale. Their disadvantage is that they don't get enough foot traffic to make enough money to stay open for long periods



of time. The Busch project, run by D.J. Busch, is a study on how dead malls are impacting local areas and advertising.

Malls, however, that have died can have a second life. Some malls get a makeover

and an upgrade or can be repurposed. One mall got turned into a hospital and a shopping center. There

was also a doctor's office too, for quick and easy transport from each medical location. Another dead mall was turned into Google's first glass office. Another dead mall was turned into a community college for a local town. A dead mall in Ohio got remodeled into a hydroponics garden for the local community to eat fresh and local produce. Dead malls can also become high schools and churches (gizmodo.com).

"How I would repurpose a dead mall is by having anchor stores with smaller local business stores mixed in. I would also put in food and a movie theater. I would focus more on food. People would like to eat then go shopping or see a movie," said Shannon Hart, English teacher.

Dead malls can fall and die off. Some may be gone forever and left to rot and others can be repurposed and get a new life.

-By Kyla Esselburn

## Top 10 Candies

1. Skittles
2. Reese's Peanut Butter Cups
3. Twix
4. M&M's
5. Sour Patch Kids
6. Snickers
7. Kit-Kat
8. Hershey Bars
9. Jolly Ranchers
10. Butterfingers

## Things Heard in the Halls

THERE IS NO WAY I AM  
EATING THAT BOOGER.  
YOU EAT THAT BOOGER.

NO, YOU'RE A JELLYFISH!!

*I'd just as soon kiss a Wookie!*

Han Solo is so cute, but  
Qui-Gon is my real bae.

Wouldn't you buy Barbasol if their commercials featured bulbasaur and shaving dinosaurs?

**Texas, we have a solution.**

*Maybe, if I could take my math book on the date with me.*

# Ghost bikes honor fallen bicyclists

Ghost bikes. Not some fantasy bike but a memorial. This memorial is for bicyclists who have died by being hit by a car. In Eugene, OR, there are two ghost bikes. The victims are David Minor and Marcellus Tryk (ghostbikes.org).

"It's good way to honor those who have died. Good to remind us all to be more careful out on the road, not everybody gets a theater like David Minor to remember them by," said Steve Modée, retired English teacher.

A ghost bike is to remember the bicyclists who are hit. Twenty-eight different countries participate in this program including United States, Romania, Germany, Australia, Mexico, and Canada.

The statue is a bicycle painted



Ghost bike memorial is located near Fed Ex Building in Eugene, OR. *K.Esselburn/TheFalconer*

white. After the painting is done, the bike is locked to the nearest sign pole to the crash. There are 210 places that will host ghost bikes. There are currently over 630 ghost bikes around the world. To remember and honor the person who died, memorial rides are periodically given at the site where bikers died.

Ghost bikes were created in St. Louis, Missouri, in 2003. They created Ghost bikes to warn people on how unsafe the street was where the bike is placed.

Ghost bikes are out there to remember those lost and to warn those living. The ghost bikes are a statue to remember who has died at that location.

*-By Kyla Esselburn*

# Girls' basketball makes great strides

So far the Elmira girls' basketball team has played seven in six games; "We've let a couple slip away, but we played a lot of good teams and that will help us when we go out of our league" said Ken Best, head of the girls' basketball team and math teacher. The team has 23 scheduled games and hopefully more to come.

In the very first game of the season, Elmira beat Philomath 34-31. "We didn't necessarily do +-great, but I saw them executing specific things that we had worked on in practice" said Best. Best said that he was especially fond of that first game.

Players enjoy basketball, especially its quick pace.

"I like how quick basketball is and how intense close games become," said lifelong basketball player and Varsity member Alex Olsen, sr.

Teams grow, developing skills on

and off the court.

"This year, the team is more cohesive than last year. Our team has made great strides

in being supportive of each other," said Best. Shelby McCormick, fr., agrees that the team works well together, but adds, "We sometimes disagree or we can get annoyed with each other just like any other team, but we still

work together well."

The number of girls playing on the team is unusually small this year.

There is a total of sixteen girls, eighteen being the minimum.

"We'd love to have 30," said Best. Smaller numbers mean no substitutes; one game has already been canceled. The smaller number of player can

also affect practices; the players don't get to scrimmage as much as Best would like.

"It's really tiring" says McCormick, who often plays almost all of the entire game for lack of substitutes.

Olsen said that because the team is smaller, players are expected to compensate and work harder to overcome the team's short numbers.

Best also has plans to work hard with the team in order to prepare for the playoffs.

"One of our focuses is to be a better team and support each other," said Best. In order to get better, he plans to work on defensive intensity, defensive rebounding and execution of offence.

The coach said that he expects the team to make it to the playoffs and he hopes to finish in first or second.

"I think we have a good shot at placing in state this year," said Olsen.

*-By Andrea Griffin*



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# Euphoria Chocolate Company gears up for Valentine's Day



*J. Sagen/ The Falconer*

Chocolate is heated in a vat to be used later in production.

Euphoria Chocolate Company is gearing up for Valentine's Day. The factory, located at 4090 Stewart Road, has been in the Eugene area since 1981, and the 35-year-old factory has been making its homemade chocolate since then.

These treats traditionally have been done by hand with an ice cream



*J. Sagen/ The Falconer*

Donna Bergs, production manager, places truffles into packaging.

scoop and hand dipped, but the new machines have made the production a lot simpler.

The company normally mass produces for seasonal holidays and is always making more homemade delicacies.

Tim Mattson has worked with Euphoria chocolate company for 19 years and is now the head manager of the west Eugene location. Through the years, he has seen the company transform and grow in the community.

"I like the seasonality of this job, the fast passed production and the slow, calm summers," said Tim.

The factory produces a constant flow of seasonal products and sells a steady supply of homemade products year round. In the summer, three workers will normally be found filling bags with truffles.

Euphoria chocolate has always been known for their famous truffles. The company makes about 26 different types. According to Mattson, the most popular are the double chocolate truffles, and the next best selling are the extra dark and raspberry flavors. Last Christmas season, the company went through 2,000 pounds of chocolate for their many different molds.

The company normally gets a new shipment of chocolate every other week. When the chocolate makes it in to the factory, it is immediately melted down and used for whatever they are making for that season. Even before the Valentine's Day season, the company has already started producing for Easter. Chocolate is made weeks before each holiday and truffles are made year-round. The best sales of the years are Valentine's Day and Christmas, when the truffles sell the best. The store is filled with all different kinds of chocolate and different assortments all year round.

Donna Bergs, the production manager, has worked with the company for



*J. Sagen/ The Falconer*

Bergs shares production notes with Tim Mattson, manager.

16 years. She likes to work with every employee on the production line. She also does every little job in the factory.

"I like to lead by example," she said.

All the workers in the factory maintain a happy atmosphere and work together to complete their tasks. During hours of operation, the factory works on mass producing every item that comes across the line. The large factory is locally owned and everything is homemade, which makes it all the sweeter.

Since early January, the factory has been working to bring Valentine's Day chocolates to sweethearts. Their store is full of Valentine's Day chocolates and many choices of truffles.

*-By Daniel Phillips*



# Seniors work hard, earn highest Scout distinction

It took 11 years to finish after years of service, hard work, and growth in leadership. Most would not even attempt to pursue it, let alone achieve it. But two Elmira High seniors did, and they have accomplished something that many would have thought an unattainable goal.

Twins Daniel and Jonathan Phillips have earned an Eagle Scout distinction. Both boys are Venture Crew members, Troop 2054.

At a service held at the Valley United Methodist Church, Sat., Jan. 16, 2016, these young men were praised by Scout leaders, community members, teachers, and Scout Council members. Their parents Bryan and Meg Phillips also received praise for their hard work and efforts helping their sons on their journeys to achieve Eagle Scout.

B. Phillips recalled why his sons became involved in scouting. "We went up to a Ray Benson Snow Park on Santiam Pass. Suddenly, a pack of scouters came out of the woods. They had been camping in the snow. Daniel and Jonathan were five-years-old at the time. They jumped up and down at seeing the scouts. 'Can we do that, Dad? Can we? Can we?' Well, that was the moment that began their enthusiasm for scouting."

The Veneta community has, no doubt, benefited with D. Phillips and J. Phillips in scouts.

D. Phillips built a 400 foot, French drain line as an Eagle Scout project. "I decided to build the drain line for Valley United Methodist Church. They needed it.

"All the hard work that I did was worth it. I learned to apply myself to something greater as I earned the ultimate award in scouting," said D. Phillips.

J. Phillips said that getting an Eagle is not just an achievement, but it shows people that you know how to do "stuff" and you know how to do a lot of things. Besides, J. Phillips thinks the whole experience has been fun, "too much fun is never enough."

-By Jeanie May



J.Sagen/Falconer


(Right) Rob Macluan, Greenwood District Scout executive, congratulate seniors Jonathan (shaking hands) and Daniel Phillips for achieving Eagle Scout. A ceremony was held on Jan. 16, at the Valley United Methodist Church.

Andy Wans



**word list**

- valentines - heart - love - cupid - arrow
- fireworks - new years - chilly - february
- cold - snowy - snowman - romance



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# UNDERCLASSMEN DESERVE OFF CAMPUS LUNCH RIGHTS

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The ability to leave during lunch offers many freedoms that should be available to all classes, not just juniors and seniors. Many other schools such as Churchill and most of the high schools in 4j have an open campus, allowing grades 9-12 to leave during lunch. Junction City High school and most other schools similar to us have a closed campus, meaning all students are not allowed to leave unless they sign out at the front office.

Some sophomores already have their license and are allowed to drive on their own. Why can't they have the same privileges as the juniors and seniors?

In reality the lifting of the closed campus rule wouldn't affect the majority of freshmen and sophomores. Freshmen and sophomores will only be able to get rides from people who have had their licence for at least six months and their own family members, or they could use other transportation to go a short distance. Still it is important that teenagers have the ability to make their own choices; it is part of becoming an adult, which is ultimately a high school's

job, to train students to make sound, adult decisions.

High schools have a duty to prepare their students for adult life, part of this is to allow students to opportunities and freedom of choice. We should be able to grant these things to all students, not only the juniors and seniors.

Furthermore, with more students allowed to leave during lunch, the cafeteria will be much less crowded and students will have a clear mind to face the rest of the day. Leaving

the school can eliminate the noise and stress even for just a short time, allowing people a calm moment to stop and collect their thoughts.

The ability to leave allows for more lunch options outside of what the school has to offer, whether or not that means a short trip to Dairy Queen or a stop at home.

One proposed rule could be a special privilege granted to those students who apply. Freshman and sophomores who have a certain GPA, a teacher recommendation

and an application should be granted a special card that allows them to leave during lunch. This would be a happy medium because those students who put in the effort and are deemed responsible would gain the freedoms that the juniors and seniors have, while Elmira staff still has some say in the matter.

If freshmen and sophomores learn how to manage their time early, it is likely that there will be less problems later. With the privilege to leave campus during lunch, comes the responsibility to return before fifth period. Those who don't return on time will realise the consequences and learn to avoid them. Some students may even decide that it is too much trouble to leave and try to rush back before class starts.

So think about it: Is there really such a dramatic change in the amount of responsibility an individual can handle between the ages of sixteen and seventeen? Should freshmen and Sophomores be able to make as many of their own decisions as possible?

-By Andrea Griffin



## CAMPUS COULD BE OPEN, BUT TO WHAT END?

Why do we even need to allow freshmen and sophomores to leave? Leaving in the middle of the day is pointless. Most of them don't have jobs, cars, driver's licenses, or residences nearby. They wouldn't get far and they wouldn't accomplish anything. Besides, they are allowed to sign out at lunch if

their parents sign them out. How would they leave without an adult?

They basically have no need to leave before the day is over. If they left their lunch at home, a parent can bring it or they can just eat a school lunch. If they have an appointment, they can fill out a prearranged absence

form.

Safety would also present an issue, as those who do have licenses are usually too inexperienced to drive safely (or legally) with friends in the car. The last thing the school needs is a major accident when students should be at school, and the last thing the students need is to be in

a wreck.

Considering how pointless the gesture would be and the possible risks of leaving inexperienced students unsupervised in a car, the impractical rule that would only help a few mature students isn't worth it.

-By Cooper Barnes

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW



**Asher Shave, fr.**

"Yes, because it would encourage students to eat better food and not school food."



**Logan Gaskill, soph.**

"Yes, because they can have the feel of eating off-campus."



**Kyle White, jr.**

"Yes, because when I was a sophomore it was what I wanted."



**Brandon MacElhose, sr.**

"No, because I didn't have off-campus lunch."

# Endangered species become close to extinction



very quickly lose.

Other animals are being traded for large amounts of money, like the Blue-throated Macaw for instance, is being captured and traded. Even large animals are being poached and threatened, like the Black Rhino, who is killed for their horns.

Some species are more endangered than others species:

“The African Lion, it has less than one-thousand individuals left,” said Dr. Gwen Harper, biology teacher.

We have had five major extinction phases in the past few centuries, but efforts from biologists can help for the future.

“Well, we’re not at the mass extinction rates yet,” said Harper.

Although there are plenty of animals that are going extinct, biologists in San Diego are searching for a way to

resurrect them. With methods such as cell regeneration, scientists and biologists are working together to find a way to regenerate the extinct animals cells into a sperm and an egg cell of the animal.

Although the efforts may not work, failed attempts may help educate for the future attempts.

Animals are going extinct and it’s mostly from human and environment interactions. Humans can help to prevent extinction. It is just a matter of wanting the world’s biodiversity to survive as the years progress.

-By Desirea Collins



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Animal species are becoming more and more sparse, meaning that they could possibly become extinct in this upcoming year. Many animals, such as the Hawksbill and Leatherback turtles, are being hunted into extinction while others environments are being taken away, which also means that their ability to survive in that certain environment is also taken away.

More and more animals, like the Zebra, peacock species, as well as

some horse species, may begin to disappear as 2016 deepens.

Animals that live in forests are being kicked out of their homes as logging continues. Animals that are hunted for the resources they provide, such as the Hawksbill Turtle who is hunted for their valuable patterned shell, are also starting to become extinct. The Hawksbill Turtle, who helps maintain the health of coral reefs by eating sponges, sea anemones, and jellyfish, is a valuable asset that the coral reefs may

## Car of the month



Ashton Webber, jr.

**Q: What is the name of your car?**

A: 2005 Toyota Camry

**Q: How did you get your car?**

A: My dad and I went and bought it.

**Q: What do you like about your car?**

A: I like that it’s a bigger kind of car.

**Q: What is your dream car, and why?**

A: I don’t know. I couldn’t tell you.

**Q: How do you afford to run your car?**

A: I have a summer job, and my parents give me gas money.

## Wrestling Profile

Ethan Agnes, sr.

Q: What drives your passion to wrestle?

A: My appreciation for hard work and dedication

Q: How long have you been wrestling?

A: This is my 9th year

Q: Who is your inspiration?

A: I would say my inspiration is Bruce Cutshall

Q: Do you have a motto you live by? If so, what is it?

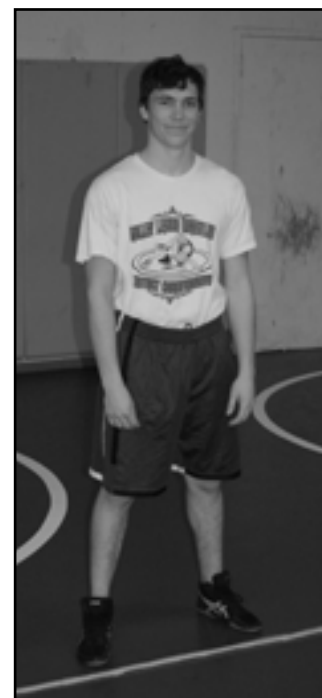
A: My life quote is, “You only get out what you put in.”

Q: In your opinion, what is the best/worst exercise in wrestling?

A: Worst: filthy 50’s Best: crossfit C

Q: What do you think about the sport in general?

A: The sport itself gives you values to be a better person.



# Don't push big red buttons, unless they're shiny

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

Those people who get excited about the light at the end of the tunnel are idiots. Whatever happens, don't go towards it. That light is a train. Run!

## **Pisces (Feb. 20- Mar. 20)**

**The "Is Annoyed by Astrological 'Squad' Memes on Tumblr" squad:**

Aquarius, Aries, Cancer, Capricorn, Gemini, Leo, Libra, Scorpio, Sagittarius, Taurus, Virgo

**The "Is Responsible for Astrological 'Squad' Memes on Tumblr" squad:**

Pisces

Come on, Pisces, cut it out.

## **Aries (Mar. 21- Apr. 20)**

Aries was not a god of words, but of action! If you want to do something, do it! Go ahead, eat that cheeseburger, buy that song, play that game, rob that ba... wait, wait, don't do that. Cheeseburgers have a lot of cholesterol.

## **Taurus (Apr. 21- May 20)**

You know those stereo headphones that only play half the song when you have one out?

Talk like that whenever you're in a conversation you don't like. I.....c...inue but I...bre.. ing...u...

## **Gemini (May 21- Jun. 20)**

Your sign is the twins (Don't ask which twins because



I have no idea.), and I was going to write a joke about that. However, I wasn't sure if it would be funny or not because I can't tell the difference.

## **Cancer (Jun. 21- Jul. 22)**

In honor of the sacrifice all the bald men at this school have made, try having a moment of silence once a day. When they enter a room, tell them you love what they've done with their hair. Maybe shave your head and throw stress balls at all the kids

in health class.

## **Leo (Jul. 23- Aug. 22)**

Getting bored? Try memorizing the previous home addresses of all 44 presidents or every number one baby name since 1966. Either you'll be more bored and get some perspective,

or you'll be very intrigued. Trust me, you'll get over it.

## **Virgo (Aug. 23- Sep. 22)**

Make sure to befriend telepaths and people in power. You'll have connections and complete protection when they take over the world. Maybe bring them muffin baskets or the keys to your car.

## **Libra (Sep. 23- Oct. 22)**

Normal music is over-rated. For the next four weeks,

listen to nothing but "500 Miles" by the Proclaimers. That includes ringtones. Sing along in public places, too. You can start flash mobs and improve your Scottish accent at the same time.

## **Scorpio (Oct. 23- Nov. 21)**

Next time you're at an airport, jump behind the desk and grab the microphone and remind everyone that the red zone is for loading and unloading of passengers only. Or is that the white zone? The friend zone? Ozone? I don't know. You'll think of something.

## **Sagittarius (Nov. 22- Dec. 21)**

To those who have always secretly admired the majestic albatross, keep dreaming! The future yields many rewards for those who wait or pay five easy payments of \$19.99!

## **Capricorn (Dec. 22- Jan. 20)**

The stars seem to have hit their monthly weirdness limit, so have some platitudes. Have a nice day, tip well, get eight hours of sleep, and don't push big red buttons. Unless they're shiny and blinky. Then they're fair game.

-By Cooper Barnes

## Cook's corner features Black Forest Chocolate Cherry Cake

This Dutch oven recipe does require for a 12 inch Dutch oven. This recipe can be made on a stove at a low to medium heat "approximately 325 degrees." Check the Dutch oven periodically to ensure that the cake is cooking evenly.

The Dutch oven is normally cooked with charcoal 8 briquettes on top and 16 briquettes on the bottom Serves 10-12 people

### Ingredients:

- 1 box chocolate cake mix (with pudding)
- 1 30 ounce can- red cherry pie filling
- 1 package chocolate chip (same as what is use in cookies)
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/3 cup oil

In a large bowl begin adding the water, eggs, and oil to the cake mix. Mix well but don't froth the batter. Poor the cherry in to a cool Dutch oven, spread evenly on the bottom of the Dutch oven. Pour cake mix into the Dutch oven, again spread evenly. Place lid onto the Dutch oven and begin baking. Place briquettes evenly on top and under the Dutch oven. Test the batter after 30 minutes of cooking to see if it is raw, if not bake longer.

When baking is finished cover the cake with the chocolate chips. Feel

free to add more chocolate chips to impress your guests and hide the mistakes made during cooking.

