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Congratulations

Bellingham: all the AP U.S. History students who are taking the national exam challenge.

Best: all involved with Ultimate Falcon for putting on a great show.

Brands: Softball: 14-0; Baseball: 10-3 Track and Field Boys': Distance Medley- Set a Meet Record

Brummett: baseball and softball teams ... Both teams ranked in the top five in the state, softball, 16-0 and baseball 10-3... good luck this season! Keep it up!

Brumbach: the softball and baseball teams for a fantastic start to their seasons! All students who have successfully made it through three quarters of the school year!

Burgess: East Coast History Trip for Spring 2017 is going to happen. The Falcons will be traveling to see historic sites in Williamsburg, Jamestown, Yorktown, Washington D.C., Gettysburg, Philadelphia, and New York City. There will only be room for 48 students and five chaperons. Sign-up now. Talk to Mr. Burgess for more information.

Carpenter: the class of 2016 Valedictorian, Finn King, and Salutatorian, Alex Olsen. Fantastic job!

Cooper: Levi Hanson for Mr. Falcon and Riley Chambers selling an ad!

Hart: Teja Zellers, Curtus Lang, Ian Connors, Jadenn Blunt, and Tess Loewen for kicking butt in English this year and to the Ultimate Falcon contestants for general butt-kicking!

Kappeler: Chamber Choir for their outstanding performance at the Metropolitan Choral Festival!

Langley: to Mr. Monegan-amazing video for the Falcon pageant



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and to the Falcon contestants.

Marquess: to Key Club officers for 2016-17: President Brad Renfro; Vice-President Annalisa Linn; Secretary Emma Hoernlein; Treasurer Jane Stevens; and Public Relations Andrea Griffin.

May: to all AP testers- "May the FORCE be with you." And, to my fabulous student teacher Megan Temple, may you continue in your teaching profession and some lucky district out there will be happy that they hired you! You'll be missed.

Temple: Thank you 9th graders for being such great classes to teach as a student teacher! You've made it fun!

Moen: the Prom Court and Mr. Falcon contestants and Mr. Burgess for his job!

Monegan: to senior Levi Hanson for winning the Ultimate Falcon Contest!

Oedekoven: : Ian Connors for receiving the Congree-Bundestas Youth exchange (CBYX) Scholarship to spend a year in Germany.

Snider: Muchas gracias por toda su ayuda este semestre~Jane (Juan), Luisa, Corgie y Francis~Uds. ¡Son las mejores! Fantastic job to all those who participated, helped and contributed to the Ultimate Falcon Competition. Finally, thanks to Annika and Madison for being awesome helpers with the girls long/triple jump. It wouldn't run as smoothly without the two of you!

Whiteley: and a big thank you to my student teacher Megan Temple for being so amazing. We will miss you in class!! Good luck in your final step of student teaching.

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

Congratulations to Mason Walker for finding the Falcon in the March issue!



Ask the Staff

Q: Fill in the blank: If you really know me, you'd know

Jessica Coone*-editor in chief: that I haven't seen most movies or TV shows, but love Dancing with the Stars.

Desirea Collins-Managing editor: That I'm actually pretty nice; I'm just shy.

Kyla Esselburn-Circulation Manager: then you'd know my deepest, darkest secrets.

Jesse Sagen-Photography Manager: I'm obsessed with marine biology and herpetology (study of reptiles).

Daniel Phillips-Photographer/Ad Manager: That I have a twin.

Andrea Griffin-Cartoonist/Reporter: I'm not a good singer.

Riley Chambers-Photographer/Reporter: I really love learning new things about science.

Ashlyn Foote-Photographer/Reporter: Taylor Swift is my favorite singer and I know every lyric to every song.

Austyn Bechtol-Photographer/Reporter: I am eighteen years old, senior and was born in the Mojave Desert in California.

Blaine Loftis-Photographer/Reporter: I used to be an extremely liberal democrat and interested in zoology

Kaylee Heakin-Photographer/Reporter: Absent

Cooper Barnes-Photographer/Reporter: How I *really* feel about Europe.

Jeanie May-Adviser: that I ride quads, shoot guns, and recite Shakespeare from memory.

Megan Temple-Student teacher/Adviser: that I can quote any episode of The Office.

*quill and scroll member

News Briefs

EHS SAT, June 4th in the cafeteria- Haas **Tuesday, May 3, at 7 p.m.**, the EHS choirs will present their spring concert at the middle school with the middle school choir and band. Admission is free.

Cover photo by J. Sagen/Falconer

Upperclassmen dance the Cuban Shuffle during Prom at Emerald Valley Resort on April 16, 2016.

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Andrea Griffin, fr.

Ryan Olson, soph.

Annalisa Linn, jr.

Jasmin Garcia, sr.

Falcon of the Month: Allia Petersen, sr.

Editorial Policy

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New construction will change face of school

Elmira High School will have a new face by next school year. With a bond passed by Fern Ridge voters, the entire school district received money for renovations. Veneta Elementary, Elmira Elementary, Fern Ridge Middle School, and Elmira High School either have gone through construction, in the process of construction, or are still in waiting for their turn.

Of course, with new buildings come many problems and obstacles. "Biggest was getting it [bond] passed," said Gary Carpenter, Jr., Elmira High School principal.

The bond wasn't up to the school district; in fact, the vote was up to the residents of the Fern Ridge area. Supporters of the bond, mostly consisting of parents and Fern Ridge School District staff, spread news about the bond. Before it passed, supporters would stand on the street corners with signs, encouraging voters to pass the bond. Before it was passed, it had been tried two other times.

Elmira High School is adding a second gym, updating the girl's



Photo by D. Phillips/The Falconer
Gary Carpenter, principal, instructs journalism students at the dry board. He maps out the changes that the high school will soon be experiencing.

locker room, and extending the lobby.

"I think it's going great. It took a while to get the bond passed, but I hope in the next 20-30-40 or so years we will really get some

use out of it," said Carpenter.

Currently, there is only one gym. Carpenter said that having one gym makes it difficult for our sports teams. Junior varsity basketball teams have to play

at Fern Ridge Middle School because the high school lacks the proper gym space. Adding another gym would allow all of the sports teams to play on campus rather than play at a different school during home games.

Although it has been a long and hard-fought journey, the school's facilities will improve. Starting on May 2, construction will begin at the high school. May 9, work will begin on the girls' locker room. On June 20, work will begin on the gym addition.

By August 15, the girls' locker room should be finished, and by December 15 the gym is also to be completed. Hopefully, the girls' locker room will be ready by the time fall sports start again, and everything should be complete by Christmas time of the 2016-2107 school year.

GBC Construction Company won the contract with the bid of \$3,586,400. The total includes the base bid of \$3,412,000 with the extended bid for the lobby of \$174,000.

-By Ashlyn Foote

News Briefs

English 2B classes had successful social experiment activities for The Lord of the Flies-Brumbach

The Portland-Japan tour occurred on Saturday, April 16. Many enjoyed the trip.

Key Club will be having their Awards Ceremony the middle of May.

The Easter Egg Hunt was a huge success with Travis Shaw dressed up in the carrot costume and Tanner Cregan escorted the mayor and the rest of the club served as bunny helpers.

Quill and Scroll will be having their Initiation Ceremony in the middle of May

Make sure to take advantage of the spectator punch cards for spring sports-presented by Spirit Club.

Elmira to Japan trip is scheduled July 15-25.

Falcon Radio: Live on the air 5th period: Miles Parr Show

Live and on the air 6th period: Dale Miller and Christian Ashley, and Jasmine Garcia

Live and on the air 7th period: Michael Taylor, Logan Schmidt, Gabe Hoernlien play country music

3:30-4:30 Guru Burgess is on the air with songs that help Falcons soar.

And listen for baseball and softball broadcasts coming in May

Buck Pelroy
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Career Fair gives seniors interview experience

The career fair includes businesses that come to our school to give students an opportunity to see what various careers offer.

Seniors conduct an interview with people from the state, a requirement for the senior project. This career fair will be the first for the juniors and some of them may be looking forward to seeing what it is like as well.

Some students may struggle in getting themselves ready for the questions. "Don't hesitate to see me with questions," said Meagan Haas, counselor.

The best way is to start preparing yourself early. "I recommend that the juniors start organizing information for their résumé



D. Phillips/The Falconer
Seniors prepare for their interviews at the annual career fair.

and research information to help them know how to prepare for a job interview," said Haas.

Student may get sick on the day of

the career fair and miss the interview.

"The interview is a graduation requirement. If seniors miss it, they

will need to see Mr. Guldager," said Hass.

A good way to prepare for the career fair is to start early.

"I will look into the jobs that interest me and start talking to professionals from those industries," said Gavin Ropchan, jr.

If the students prepare themselves for the questions that will be asked at an interview by talking to someone from the industry or by talking to Hass, they should have no problem with the interview that they have to do.

"My advice to my classmates is to start talking to the professionals early on because I don't know how hard the interview will be," said Ropchan.

-By Riley Chambers

CUTHBERT EVENTS

There are many venues in the Eugene/Springfield area hosting countless concerts and shows this spring and summer. One such venue is the Cuthbert Amphitheatre. The Cuthbert Amphitheatre has many concerts and shows with many different artists and composers to offer. Here is a list of the shows and the dates that are going to be showing in the spring and summer:

- Foam Wonderland featuring Adventure Club, Ghastly, and San Holo: May 21
- Disclosure w/ Honey Dijon: May 25
- Bob Dylan w/ Mavis Staples: June 7
- Slightly Stoopid w/ SOJA, Zion I, and The Grouch and Eligh: June 17

- Lyle Lovett & His Large Band: July 1
- Dashboard Confessional Taking Back Sunday w/ Saosin and The Early November: July 10
- The String Cheese Incident: July 23 & 24
- Sublime w/ Rome, Dirty Heads, Tribal Seeds, and Bleeker: July 25
- 'Weird Al' Yankovic: July 29
- Rebolution, The Green + J Boog, Stick Figure, Through the Roots, and DJ Mackle: Aug. 6
- Deftones: Aug. 27

Watching and listening to music shows and concerts is a great way to spend an evening. With live music and great food, there is really no way that you can go wrong!

-By Riley Chambers

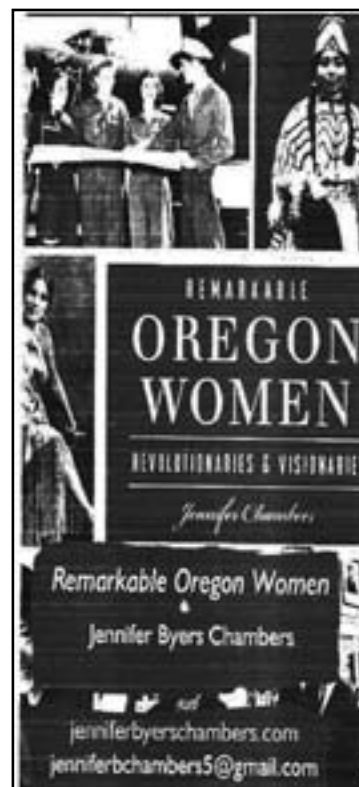
SPRING

When daisies pied and violets blue
And lady-smocks all silver-white
And cuckoo-buds of yellow hue
Do paint the meadows with delight,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo;
Cuckoo, cuckoo: Oh word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!
When shepherds pipe on oaten straws,
And merry larks are plowmen's clocks,
When turtles tread, and rooks, and daws,
And maidens bleach their summer smocks,
The cuckoo then, on every tree,
Mocks married men; for thus sings he,
Cuckoo;
Cuckoo, cuckoo: Oh word of fear,
Unpleasing to a married ear!

-By William Shakespeare

Top 10 Festivals

- Oregon Country Fair: July 8-10
- Oregon Shakespeare Festival: spring and summer months
- Pickathon Music Festival: Aug. 5-7
- Pendleton Round-up: Sept. 14-17
- Scandinavian Festival in Junction City: Aug. 11-14
- Waterfront Blues Festival: July 1-4
- The Oregon State Fair: Aug. 26-Sept. 8
- Pioneer days in Canyonville: Aug. 27-29
- The Art and the Vineyard: July 2-4
- Bohemian Mining Days: July 14-17



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Seeds
Umbrella
Baseball
Breeze
Flowers
Picnic
Sunshine
Warm
Bees
Bunnies
Green
Rainbow
Tulips

Outdoor school counselors selected

Outdoor School is a four-day, overnight camp in mid to late May for Veneta and Elmira Elementary fifth graders. Most overnights and summer camps have high school aged teenagers to be camp counselors, and Elmira High School is no different.

In order to be selected as a camp counselor, contenders' grades must

be good as they miss a day of school and contenders had to be interviewed by the Outdoor School staff. A candidate also must be a junior or senior; no underclassmen are allowed.

While actually at Outdoor School, counselors help teach lessons, provide basic care for students, and help make the experience even more fun.

Elmira students who made the cut are seniors Dale Miller, Blake Utter, Adam Kaiser, Christian Ashley, Tanner Cregan, Josie Hedenstrom, Adreanna Jones, Jasmine Garcia, Alex Olsen, and Taylor Agnes; juniors Jared Bothel, Chad Estrella, David Querubin, Logan Schmidt, Kyle White, Carson Bain, Kobe Bechtel,

Jeran Coffey, Cassidy Johnson, Ali Robles, Annika Faris, Madison Johnson, Presley Harsh, Alyssa Nelson, and Jessica Coone.

The potential alternates if needed are Austyn Bechtol, Hunter Johnson, Corbie Johnson, Sage West, and Sarah May.

-By Ashlyn Foote

Batman v. Superman: Dawn of Justice review

As a Justice League fan, I was excited for the release of DC's latest film, but as a movie lover, I was sorely disappointed. While it is easy to forgive Zack Snyder for Man of Steel, as it is nearly impossible to make a good Superman film, I was more eager to learn that Christopher Nolan (the Dark Knight trilogy) would be an executive producer. However, Nolan's directing experience didn't seem to prevent huge questions reminiscent of the Dark Knight Rises from appearing.

Much of the movie consisted of predictable lines and plot devices

recycled from other DC story arcs, such as the Dark Knight Returns and the Death of Superman. The writers spent more time on foreshadowing the Justice League than they did on developing its characters, leaving only three disappointing cameos by Aquaman, The Flash, and Cyborg. In addition, they did everything in their power to avoid an obvious Darkseid name drop. While Superman's character had already been thoroughly set up by Man of Steel, Batman had just enough character development to show his motivation. Wonder Woman's first big screen appearance

lacked any explanation whatsoever until the very end of the film.

Most of the actors portrayed their characters very well throughout the film, if a little differently than usual. Henry Caville's Superman, while taking a lot of criticism after Man of Steel, took a convincingly dark twist on truth, justice, and the American way. Ben Affleck did an amazing job as Batman and Bruce Wayne, more than atoning for his performance in Daredevil. Jesse Eisenberg's Lex Luthor had great potential, which was squandered by the writers' portrayal of the character. Gal Gadot and Amy

Adams both fell somewhat flat as Wonder Woman/Diana Prince and Lois Lane, respectively.

Batman v. Superman, while clearly meant to stand apart from the more lighthearted, family friendly Marvel Cinematic Universe (MCU), was essentially a rushed attempt to catch up with the MCU without putting in the time, resources, or effort that Marvel has displayed since the release of Iron Man in 2008. The movie received a 29 percent rating on Rotten Tomatoes, giving it a solid F.

-By Cooper Barnes

Nearby camping areas offer views, activities

The best camping areas are not just determined by the view. They are also determined by the activities available there. Many camping areas have trails, rivers, creeks, or lakes that can be used for many different activities.

"I think Whittaker Creek is the best camping area," said Kenyon Baldree, fr.

Whittaker Creek is a camping area that has a dam that creates a swimming area for kids and also has many covered picnic areas that allow families to have lunch while it is raining. The Covered picnic areas also allow people to have parties with friends for the day. There are also small fields that the kids can play tag or other

activities.

Another camping area is the "Fern Ridge Lake camping area," said Dahlin Allen, soph. There are RV parking spots and a swimming area right on the lake. "I like to have barbecues, play sports like football, swim, and tell stories with my friends and family," said Allen.

The best camping areas are determined by what the person likes about the area. Some people like camping areas because of the view and others like it because they can have friends and family with them the whole time. The best camping area is determined by the person's preference of what they want.

-By Austyn Bechtol



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Students prove what they've got to the National Guard by doing pushups; the more pushups done, the bigger the prize earned.

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SAT, AP testing begins in May, June

SAT and AP testing start next month. This is a time where senior and junior study for their future. On June 4, SAT testing will begin at seven a.m. at the EHS cafeteria. The AP testing will begin May 2 and will go through May 11.

SAT is a now newly redesigned. It was redesigned to keep up with the ACT testing. ACT is a test that most students are getting a higher score on than the SAT. SAT, though, has been the number one choice for colleges to look at testing.

This new test includes reading, writing math, and an optional essay. In the new test, the new sections are longer. The reading test students will get sixty-five minutes, the

writing test students get thirty-five minutes, the math test will get eighty minutes (twenty-five minutes for no calculators and fifty-five minutes with calculators), and students get fifty minutes on optional test. This new test is closely similar to the ACT test. There is one downside to the new SAT test we have to wait to see how students do on this test in order to decide if it is working.

Why should students take the SAT test? Some colleges require the SAT subject testing. Even if the colleges don't require the SAT testing, they use the scores to get a better idea of the applicants. The AP test subject depends on what class these students are taking. If you score a three or

higher on the test for that class; you have earned a college credit for that class.

"The whole year is preparing for the AP test. On own their though, they should take a look at the literary terms they learned throughout the year. Also reading on the side will help," Shannon Hart, AP English Literature teacher, said.

Students can prepare for these tests by studying. There are study guides for available students. SAT also provides practice test day, it is like the real test but the score does not count.

AP classes are college courses offered on high school campus. Students prepare all school year for the exams and teachers who teach AP classes must submit

their courses to the College Board for audit before they can teach the courses. Most AP classes use practice tests and write essays all year to prepare for the exam.

To take the test, there is a payment for the test. The average SAT test cost \$52 but there are waivers to fill out to reduce or eliminate the fee. On the other hand the average cost for AP test is \$59. If students qualify for free or reduce lunch, then your AP test can be free or reduced priced.

As the testing comes closer, students should study and be prepared for a long day of testing.

-By Kyla Esselburn

TRIVIA FACTS

1. In Japan, letting a sumo wrestler make your baby cry is considered good luck.
2. Sea otters hold hands when they sleep so they don't drift apart.
3. Google was originally named BackRub.
4. Elmo is the only non-human to testify before Congress.
5. The most shoplifted food item in the U.S. is candy, in Europe it's cheese.
6. Some cats are allergic to humans.
7. Nutella was invented during WWII, when an Italian pastry maker mixed hazelnuts into chocolate to extend his chocolate ration.
8. The Pledge of Allegiance was created as part of a plan to sell flags in schools.
9. Oxford University is older than the Aztec Empire.
10. The total weight of all the ants in the world is about the same as all the humans. For every human there are about 1.6 million ants.

-By Andrea Griffin

Time to plant the perfect garden

In spring people plant and grow vegetable and flower gardens, and gardening is an easy skill to learn, can save money, and make the yard look nice.

Flower gardens can be planted at different times of the year. Blooming can occur as early as a few months later but can take up to a year. To see all the information about when to plant and for blooming times, the back of the flower packaging has all the details. Planting the flowers and their survival depends on a number of things. One element is the soil. Soil needs to be rich in nutrients to give the plant a healthy environment. Next, there needs to be a watering schedule. Most flowers need water every day, but not so much to where a puddle remains in the soil; they just need enough water to make the soil damp. There should also be instructions that come



on the packaging regarding how to water each plant. The last element is sun. Sun is what helps the plant grow and stay beautiful. Most plants take partial sun or partial shade.

The other type of garden is a vegetable garden. Vegetable gardens don't show off their flowers for very long, but if grown properly, they do produce food. Fresh garden

produce also saves money. Vegetables can be as simple as growing flowers. They both have the same basic directions. They might just need a few different supplies such as, chicken wire, sometimes a raised bed, and stakes.

Flower or vegetable gardens can bring a nice touch to the yard and provide beauty and food.

-By Kyla Esselburn

May 2, 2016

Spring ushers in new fashion



Emma Hoernlien, jr.

Spring is in the air now and with new seasons brings changing weather and styles. During the high school years, fashion and appearance are key parts of

developing confidence. While some

students are able to create new and interesting outfits, others have a hard time.

During spring, some students prefer to wear comfortable clothes, while others like to incorporate bright colors to their outfits. “[This time of year I like to wear] stuff that fits the weather but is also still comfy,” said Elle Russell, fr.

There are different types of styles circling around from edgy to boho and everything in between; it may be hard to distinguish yourself from others. “Get creative with it, wear your existing clothing in unexpected ways, even borrow clothing items from a guy, whatever you do, make it your challenge to make it work,” Emma Hoernlien, jr. said.

When thinking about fashion, students need to remember to stay true to themselves, whether that means wearing what feels good or comfortable clothes.

“[My kind of style is kind] of edgy, kind of loose and free, mostly whatever I’m feeling,” said Russell.

Clothes aren’t the most inexpensive “stuff,” and

it is hard to manage what someone buys sometimes. One idea is to thrift shop. “I thrift shop all the time,” said Russell. Another option is to buy on sale like Jared McMurren, soph, does.

The shop contributes to a shopper’s sense of style. Hoernlien likes to shop at JCrew and the Loft so she can invest in quality clothing and basic pieces to mix and match easily.

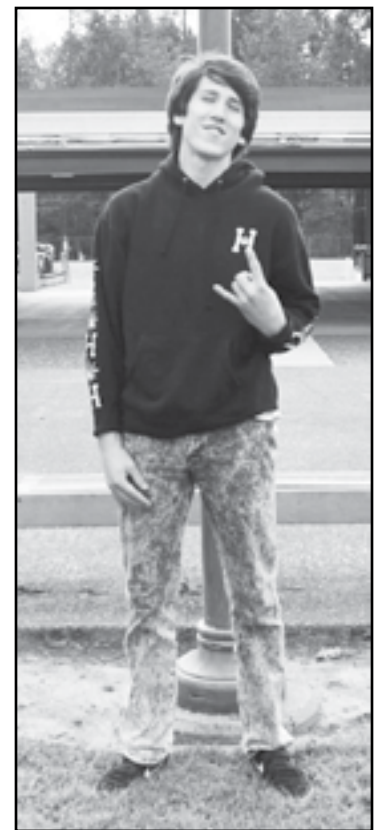
“I like T.J. Max, H & M, American Eagle, and online,” said McMurren. Online shopping can be easy and more accessible. “[I shop] online. The mall is for kids,” said Adam Costello, sr. Costello likes to wear button ups and hue religions.

Sometimes people can get inspired by others about how to dress.

“[My style icons are] Jaden Smith, Tavi Geninson, and Amanda Steele; I don’t necessarily get outfit ideas from them, but they both inspire me to wear what makes me feel comfortable and confident,” said Russell.

-By Andrea Griffin and Ashlyn Foote

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Adam Costello, sr.

“I thrift shop almost exclusively.”

-Elle Russell, fr.



Jared McMurren, soph.
May 2, 2016



Elle Russell, fr.

How to get a job as an inexperienced worker



As the end of high school draws nearer, the pressure to find a job becomes more of an issue. Finding a job requires a lot of time and patience, but the more work the more results a person will get.

Writing a résumé does not have to be as complicated as it sounds; in fact, it should be easy and simple to read as employers do not have the time to contemplate every detail.

The most important information and categories, such as contact information, should be located and emphasized at the top of the page.

The best way to keep a résumé simple and pleasing to look at is to break things down into categories and use bullet points. The categories could be things such as, education, awards and honors, volunteer and community service, language and intercultural services (if any), life skills, hobbies, and goals.

When filling out an application, Dairy Queen owner, Allen Johnson, likes to see that it is filled out neatly. Johnson and the assistant manager of Ray's, Joe Fleshman, also likes to see that the application is filled

out completely.

Johnson also said that he wants people who are presentable and work well with people.

A résumé should illustrate where a person is now, where that person has been, and where they are trying to get to, but it doesn't need to be more than a page.

A person's résumé should be up-to-date and tailored to the kind of job they want to get. If that person is trying to get a job at a pet store, they may not want to talk about how they were captain of the soccer team or was a member of the pickleball team, but instead mention the time they spent the summer with their veterinarian uncle as his assistant.

Stay away from statements that a mom would say, such as "I'm a good listener" or "I have many different talents," instead use examples and evidence that speaks for itself. "I can type 60 words per minute with few errors."

There are ways to improve a résumé before even having a paying job. People are often interested in the work you've done in school, such as your GPA, or the amount of

volunteer work you've done. There are plenty of places to volunteer in Lane County, such as the Food for Lane County food kitchen, or you could join Key Club.

Volunteering and being involved could lead to a job in other ways, networking. Networking is when someone exchange information with new people and create more contacts, which is important in making someone known in the job market.

If at first students can't find a job, they shouldn't give up; they should ask businesses why they weren't hired so that they can get feedback on how to improve their résumé. They may be surprised by the tenacity and reconsider hiring them.

If the first job isn't a dream job, don't give up. Continue to find ways to get hired in a field of interest. Even though a person may not be passionate about their current job, it is important to do it well and have a good reputation among employers.

-By Austyn Bechtol and Andrea Griffin

After high school employment may not require a college degree



Ropchan has taken the 3d programming class with Forrester Cooper, math teacher, which requires some knowledge of software developing.

"They are in very high demand, I enjoy it, and they make good money," said Ropchan.

Zechariah Welty, jr., knows how to handle school and work at the same time because he has a job working on farms. "I would like to become a teacher," said Welty. To become a teacher it requires you to have a college degree.

"I will talk to my boss and tell him when I can work while I go to school," said Welty.

Going to college and working would be harder considering the

time he has to be at school. "I will only work if I have to," said Welty.

Jobs that do not require a college degree or a high school diploma are mainly fast food restaurants. "I will work at McDonalds while I am going through college," said Brandon Pew, fr.

Having a job while going through college can be temporary if you want a job that is based off your degree. "I am only going to work at McDonalds while I am going to college," said Pew.

Others can get a job that requires a diploma just by someone they know that is working there or somewhere in

the business line. "I am working at an elderly foster home because I have a family member who is one of the residences," said Kelsie Bowman, sr. Bowman plans to work at the elderly foster home until she has a stable job that works for her.

Working at an elderly foster home can be hard to find time to do homework. "I work on the weekends and go to school during the week. I also have down time at work. I can work on homework," said Bowman.

Working after high school, may require a college education, or it may not. Finding the right job is important either way.

-By Austyn Bechtol

May 2, 2016

What job will you do after high school? There are many jobs out in the world, and many of them require a diploma.

"After high school I plan to work for a computer software or computer hardware place," said Gavin Ropchan, jr.

CLASS PROJECTS CIRCULATE THROUGH THE YEAR

School projects can be a great way to learn about a specific topic. Teachers assign projects throughout the year to help students learn and create a great alternative to class lectures. Here are just some of the school projects that students work on throughout the year:

-Brad Bellingham's **history** students are selecting a topic they studied during the semester and develop question about the effect of their event. They then have to create a PowerPoint with the background information while answering their questions inside the show. The show has to be accompanied by music.

-Stuart Burgess plans to have a persuasive essay called the "Falcon Peace Prize." Students will nominate someone they feel has changed the world for the better. This project is similar to the Nobel Peace Prize. The student's peers will read the essays and vote for who they feel is the most deserving. The winning essay will win a gift certificate to Smith Family book store.

Forrest Cooper has **geometry** students creating tessellations and **architecture** tiling floors and wall with mosaics.

-Krin Hunt's classes are working on a project in **applied math**. They are going outside and finding heights of objects using clinometers. **Water Baby Bungee**- they explore slopes using water balloons and rubber bands. **Geometric Fun**- students make animals

out of 3-D geometric shapes and then



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Students find angle of elevation of the gym's roof to calculate its height

calculate surface area and volume.

Trigonometric fun- students go outside and find heights and distances using trigonometric functions. **Marble Roll**- students make a marble roll out of cardboard and paper and then write the equations of each ramp. **Artist of residence**- we bring in an artist of residence and we work with fractals.

Why do I need this stuff- students research the math they will need for future plans, college, and career.

-Kathy Langley has **economic** students creating a plan to open a business and U.S history creating a PowerPoint, home movie, written story, art display, or oral presentation about the 1970's, 80's or 90's. She also has students creating a game with question/answer

cards, creating a newspaper, making a decades booklet, and designing a travel brochure.

-Amy Kappeler's **music classes** are having another Coffee House on Friday, June 3. The students choose their own song to perform solo or with a small group and perform it in the Coffee House-decorated cafeteria.

-Jeanie May's **AP Lang. and Comp.** students split into groups and read different books. They then constructed their own book with information about the author's style and tone, biographical data, relationship between book and its time period, cultural issues, and archetypal figures and patterns. May's **English 1A** students created a portfolio of summaries, maps, character descriptions, poems, and

cartoons based off of *Of Mice and Men*. May's **World Lit.** class each semester is going to present a Cultural Week project, a power point or otherwise that focuses on an author from a specific country. Students also participate in the Herot Heroism Essay Contest, where they read stories, select heroes and convince outside judges that their hero is the most deserving of the award. Students receive certificates and gifts for placing first, second, and third.

-Jennifer Snider's **Spanish 1** classes are creating a family tree, designing a town/map project, market scene group dialogue, and a house/daily routine project. Snider's **Spanish 2** classes are making newscast/comic strip/movie review project, creating a brochure of a town, an invention project, and a hotel scene group dialogue and camping trip video/ animal project on his/her future. **Spanish 3** is doing a project and PowerPoint on a topic that interests them, an animal project/PowerPoint, a celebration group dialogue/video, and a group travel project. **Spanish 4** is making a persuasive essay and PowerPoint presentation, making a parody of a movie, and writing a children's book.

-Megan Temple had **English 1B** students performing their *Romeo and Juliet* scenes in their own style for their final project and also doing a final *Night* project.

-By Riley Chambers

FALCON ATTACK

Kaitlyn Hicks



Q: What grade are you in?
A: 12
Q: What is your favorite animal?
A: I love foxes!
Q: What is your favorite part about this month?
A: First time to visit Disneyland.
Q: What is your favorite T.V. show?
A: Friends would probably be one of my top favorites.
Q: What is your favorite candy?
A: Butterfinger reeses
Q: How does it feel to be attacked at the most random time?
A: Pleasantly confused



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Views on abortion spark protests, controversy

Pro-life and pro-choice are two different perspectives on the divisive topic of abortion. Both of these perspectives have many followers, regardless of age, gender, or location. Those who are pro-life oppose abortion. Those who are pro-choice believe that it is the fundamental right of a woman to choose to abort her fetus or continue with the pregnancy.

Many people support both perspectives; however, the rising protests cause a debate.

Pro-life supporters post on social media the reasons for being pro-life supporters, and pro-choice supporters disgrace them, saying that they are wrong in their perspectives about abortion.

Pro-choice supporters suggest

that a fetus is not a human being because they are completely dependent on the mother, that the fetus cannot be called a human being because it is not independent whatsoever.

"I cannot understand anti-abortion arguments that center on the sanctity of life. As a species we've fairly comprehensively demonstrated that we don't believe in the sanctity of life. The shrugging acceptance of war, famine, epidemic, pain, and life-long poverty shows us that, whatever we tell ourselves, we've made only the most feeble of efforts to really treat human life as sacred," said Caitlin Moran, journalist, author, and broadcaster at The Times.

Pro-choice supporters suggest

that the fetus may harm its mother, while pro-life supporters state that it is not the fetus' fault at all. In fact, the fetus is not able to harm its mother; it is the mother's reaction to being pregnant. The fetus actually does develop its own placenta; therefore, it is independent from its mother. The fetus does rely on the mother for nourishment, but that does not necessarily make it dependent.

Protests of abortion and its procedures happen in front of the Eugene Planned Parenthood on Franklin Boulevard.

"I'm disturbed by the fact that our society should encourage mothers to kill and then harvest the body parts of their unborn children. It seems to me unthinkable. Yet, here

we are. The most dangerous place to be in America is a mother's womb," said Timothy McDonald, protester at Planned Parenthood.

Currently, US Supreme Court's 7-2 decision on Roe v. Wade, states that "personhood begins after a fetus becomes "viable" (able to survive outside the womb) or after birth, not at conception." Another view about the fetus is that life begins at contraception; therefore, the unborn are human beings with a fundamental right to live.

Pro-life and Pro-choice supporters are very important to the rights and decisions made about the subject of abortion.

*: Courtesy of <http://abortion.procon.org/>

-By Desirea Collins

Strange phobias prove more common than thought

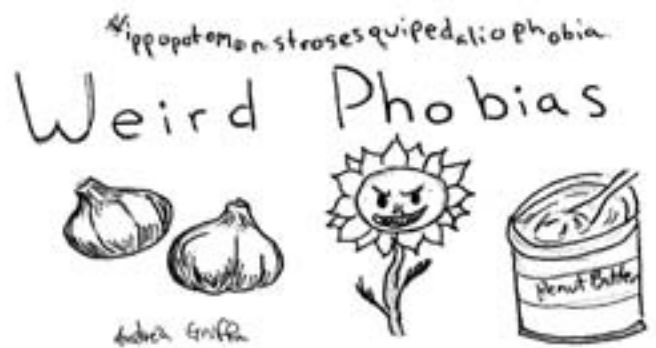
Phobia: an extreme or irrational fear of something. Many people have phobias, and some of them can seem to be very unusual. Some people don't necessarily realize they have a phobia of something until it is too late and they suddenly have a panic attack from some sort of trigger.

Phobias can be triggered by objects, childhood memories, traumatizing events, or sometimes just stress. Phobias can occur within all ages. All phobias have symptoms ranging from mild to

extreme.

One phobia, Alliumphobia, is the fear of garlic. In this phobia, a person will become nauseous, become fearing of death, have heart palpitations, and sometimes even an anxiety attack. Although adults realize that this fear is irrational, they may begin thinking about it, triggering a panic attack.

Another phobia, Arachibutyrophobia, is the fear of peanut butter sticking to the roof of one's mouth. This phobia will cause a person to have feelings of dread,



panic or terror while eating or seeing peanut butter. Other symptoms include rapid heartbeat, trembling, and shortness of breath.

Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliophobia, the fear of long words is ironic. As one can see, the phobia of long words itself is a long word.

Along with these phobias there are many more to explore. Symptoms of all phobias are usually pretty similar. Phobias can also

be exactly what they sound like or not, like the phobia of long words. That phobia has the word hippo in it; however, it has nothing to do with hippos. A person can go about guessing what each phobia is about by using deductive reasoning and the knowledge of parts of the word. The phobia of plants, botanophobia, can be guessed by realizing that the root word "botano" can mean botany, or plants.

-By Desirea Collins

Car of the Month



Michael Taylor, Sr

Q: What car do you have?

A: 02 Acura CLS.

Q: How long have you had this car?

A: Since December.

Q: Why did you get this car?

A: It is a sweet looking ride with a good price.

Q: What do you think about your car?

A: I like it because it goes zoom zoom!

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Elmira equestrian, the overlooked sport

Elmira High School Equestrian team consists of five team members: Andrea Griffin, Corbie Johnson, Victoria Griswold, Agnes Wennerholm, and Hannah Clark. Together the team competes in several different events on horseback as individuals and as teams.

With only five team members, the girls on the team are pretty close. "The team is super supportive," Hannah Clark, soph., said. Equestrian is also a sport where everyone wants to be there. Many of the girls have been riding since they were children. Clark said that the reason girls wanted to join was to compete. They compete in many events including roping, reining, Western horsemanship, figure 8, steer daubing, barrels, and drill.

Although some may consider equestrian not to be a sport, it is.

By definition, a sport is an activity involving physical exertion and skill in which an individual or team competes against another or others. Some of our students may not even realize we have an



EHS Equestrian team hard at work at the Fern Hollow barn. (From left to right) Anges Wennerholm jr., Hannah Clark soph., Andrea Griffin fr., Victoria Griswold jr., Corbie Johnson sr., and drill coach Shawna Scrowgins

equestrian team.

"It would be nice to be recognized as a sport and mentioned at the winter sports assemblies," Andrea Griffin, fr., regard-

ing the amount of support the school gives. According to several members, their sport is overlooked among our school.

"No one has to go home and

feed their basketball or clean their basketball's stall," Griffin said. At Elmira, we focus more on our stats of basketball and football.

"We have gone to state and received silver and bronze medals, but never really get recognition for it," said Corbie Johnson, sr.

Although equestrians may feel like they are looked over, each year the team grows.

"Each year we are supported more and more," Johnson, said about the team. The team continues to bring home high winnings titles each year.

"Equestrian is more than a sport; it's a lifestyle," Griffin said regarding her experience with equestrian.

-By Ashlyn Foote

Athlete of the month

Corbie Johnson, sr.

Q. What is your main sport?
A. Equestrian, but I am doing track, too.

Q. What is involved with your sport, equestrian?
A. It takes a lot of free time, and we have to get our horses ready before a practice starts.

Q. What do you mean by "get ready"?
A. We have to usually take their blankets off, brush them and then tack them (put on saddles and bridles), and then we have to warm the horse up before practice even starts. Warming the horse up means walking, trotting, and loping them. All of these things must be done before we can practice.

Q. How much money is invested in this sport?
A. We have to pay for the horse's food, arena fees each time we practice, which is two or three times a week. Usually the fees are \$10.00 per practice or \$100.00 for unlimited practice a month. Equipment such as, ropes, saddles, bits, helmets, boots - out-of-pocket expenses- must be bought when needed. Hors-

es vary in cost; some are bought and some are leased. The bond between horse and rider is more important than the cost of the horse.

Q. How long have you been riding?
A. I have been riding since I was "two-ish."

Q. Why have you stuck with this sport for so long?
A. It's something that I enjoy doing, and my family is involved a lot in it.

Q. What are your strongest events?
A. Drill team (We have gone to state for the past four years.) I can't remember when we haven't gone to state. I am going in Working Rancher. It is like a trail course with different obstacles. We have to rope something, drag logs, and herd cattle. I'm also going to state in steer daubing which means we track the cattle. I've been to state every year in at least one event since I was a freshman.

Q. Would you recommend this sport?
A. I would if you are willing to put in the time and be committed.

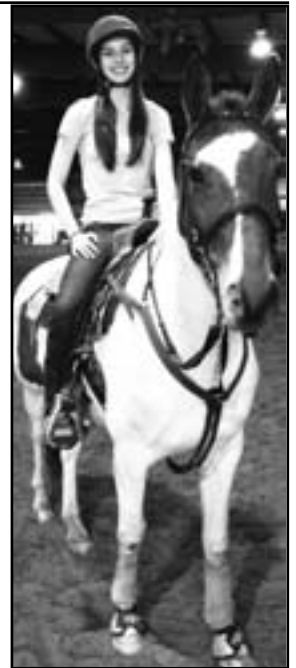


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Diamond sports reflect outstanding seasons both for men, women

Look out area teams; Elmira baseball and softball are battling their way into outstanding seasons and record breaking statistics. With a combined win-loss record, both teams as of this writing stand at 27 wins and five losses. Individually, softball has 16 wins and one loss out of their 17 games thus far, and baseball has 11 wins and four losses out of their 15 completed games.

Currently, the softball team has run a good season and ranks fifth in state and first in the league. Their first loss occurred on Apr. 19 against Sweet Home where the final score

was four to five. Unlike the boys, the softball girls will play 25 games and have currently completed 17.

"We have a very special team this year. Every girl, whether J.V. or varsity, are full of potential and we are showing it. My favorite thing about this season so far is how we have been coming together as a team. We are constantly



Softball team practices throws and catches

improving and we all believe we can go far this season." said Samantha Wigham, jr. softball player.

Elmira's baseball team is also running a good season and is ranked sixth in state and second within the Sky-Em League which consists of schools Cottage Grove, Sweethome, Junction City, Sisters, Sutherlin, and of

course, Elmira. There are 23 games in the baseball season, 15 of which are done.

The most recent baseball game was played and won at Sweet Home on Apr. 19, where the score was a close two to one.

"The season is going well. We need to keep working to achieve the goals that we've set as a team such as winning a league title and going as far into the playoffs as we can. I hope we can continue to have fun, and I hope all of our hard work pays off," said Kobe Bechtol, jr. baseball player.

-By Jessica Coone

Distinguished Service Award Recipients for 2015-16

Congratulations to the Fern Ridge School District's Award Winners

Educational Excellence-Distinguished Teacher-**Doncella "Donnie" Marquess**

Distinguished Classified Employee- **Missy Hall**

Distinguished Administrator/Confidential Employee- **Olivia Johnson**

Distinguished Volunteer-**Kelsey Boren**

Distinguished Future First Citizen- **Jasmine Garcia**

Distinguished Emerging Future First Citizen- **Brad Renfro**

Distinguished Community Builder- **Finn King**

The Fiftieth Service Awards Ceremony was held on Thursday, April 21, at the Applegate Elementary School.

Cook's Corner



Dinner Rolls

4 ¼ to 4 ¾ cups all-purpose flour
1 package active dry yeast
1 cup milk
1/3 cup sugar
1/3 cup shortening, margarine, or butter
½ teaspoon salt
2 eggs
Oven 375

Combine 2 cups of the flour and the yeast. Heat and stir milk, sugar, shortening, and salt just till warm (120 degrees to 130 degrees) and shortening almost melts. Add to flour mixture along with eggs. Beat with an electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds, scraping bowl constantly. Beat on high speed for 3 minutes. Using a spoon, stir in as much of the remaining flour as you can.

Turn dough out onto a lightly floured surface. Knead in enough remaining flour to make a moderately stiff dough that is smooth and elastic (6 to 8 minutes total). Shape dough into a ball. Place dough in a greased bowl; turn once to grease surface. Cover and let rise in a warm place till double (about 1 hour). Punch dough down. Turn out onto a lightly floured surface. Divide dough in half. Cover and let rest for 10 minutes. Shape the dough into desired rolls. Cover and let rise in a warm place till nearly double (about 30 minutes). Bake in a 375 degree oven for 12 to 15 minutes or till golden brown. Makes 24 to 32 rolls.

What would you do?



Imagine, it's the day that you head to the local thrift shop. You walk in the doors ready to look for a certain book. Five bookshelves later, you find it, the book you've been looking for. Flipping through the pages, making sure that they are all there, you discover a postcard. It's a beautiful sunset postcard from Italy, nearly 6,000 miles away. On the back of the card a note reads:

If you are the one to find this postcard, I would really like to meet you. For starters, my name is Adona; I am 17 years old and I wish to explore the world, starting with your location. I sent this to my friend to place in a book that I like, which I'm assuming you like too. Please get back to me as soon as you can. Grazie! 555-555-0123. -Adona
You sit there with your cell phone in hand. As the line trills, you begin to

second-guess yourself. Suddenly, a voice comes up on the line: "Ciao, Adona here."

You're speechless, of course, but you manage to form the words, "Hello... I-I'm from Oregon."

A gasp sounds on the other line... clearly, she's speechless too. "So, I know that we literally just met, but I have the money to fly to Oregon now...would you mind if I stayed with you?"

You think you better not; but hey, it could be quite the exciting experience...showing a foreigner around your town, your state. It would be fun for both of you; she could experience a new culture with different people, and you being able to give that experience to her. If faced with the decision to invite her, or keep her from living a dream, what would you do?

-By Desirea Collins

THINGS HEARD IN THE HALLS

Can you imagine the speed at which a pumpkin crawls?

Whenever someone is dressed well, you just yell "women"?

Spring is times were people plant and grows a garden

Couldn't we just spill the dye and make a soccer mom wipe it up?

That's it, I need a time sponge.