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"On Tuesday last, a falcon,
towering in her pride
of place..." - Macbeth
Act II,
Scene IV



Congratulations!

Schilling: to the yearbook staff for meeting all deadlines and creating a great product.

Kappler: to music students for your great work at Coffeehouse Night and the spring choir concert. I can't wait to see what we'll accomplish next year!

May: to all the teachers and staff and students who made the last 17 years of my life happy and memorable! I'll miss you guys.

Cooper: to Gavin Ropchan for outstanding work in Keyboarding Plus. Austyn Bechtol for an entire year of service as a fantastic aide! Mr. Bellingham and Mrs. May for their incredible and caring years of service to EHS students.

Brummet: Congrats to the new Elmira radio station crew. It's been fun listening to you guys! Keep it up!

Saint: My light hearted TA's Rock this year! It's been a great pleasure to have your help in class: Kawai K., Kara L., Jerry W., Jesse S., Caleb N., Megan S., Alex T., Austin L., with double thanks to Levi O. and Ashlee S.! I will miss you next year.

Langley: Graduating seniors – a job well done! Best wishes for a happy, successful future.

Burgess: Anything Goes Show on KOCF starring Dale Miller and Christian Ashley. They are the number one most listened to radio show in Veneta. Listen 6th period on 92.5 FM Falcon Radio.

Brumbach: to all EHS students who have filled their spectator cards and received Falcon Pride T-Shirts! Thanks for supporting Falcon Athletes!

Bellingham: to all of the students who I had the pleasure of teaching history. My journey with you is over, but yours is just beginning!

Hart: to all the seniors who made it through to the end. Best of luck to you in the future!

Hunt: to all of my students for their perseverance and conquering of math! "Trigonometry is a sin of the times" Author unknown.

Snider: ¡Felicidades a todos los graduandos en mi clase de Español 4! Gracias por todas las memorias durante estos cuatro años en esta clase. ¡Ustedes son las mejores- Bianca, Josefina, Alejandra, Francis, y Samantha! Buena suerte con todo en el future. Les echaré de menos. ¡Un año más Marco! Sigue trabajando duro.

Ask the Staff

If you had any advice for the other high school students, what would it be?

Jessica Coone-Editor in Chief: If you continue to create goals and strive to accomplish them, then you will find more success. Don't give up; persevere.

Desirea Collins- Managing Editor: I would say that working your butt off really pays, and it is possible to still have a social life.

Cooper Barnes- Reporter/Page designer: kneel before me, your glorious overlord.

Kyla Esselburn-Reporter/Circulation manager: It is easy to get A's if you pay attention

Riley Chambers- Reporter/Photographer: Paying attention, doing your homework, and getting your stuff turned in on time will go a long ways.

Ashlyn Foote-Reporter: I know it's cliché, but do your homework. It really pays off. And talk to your teachers, they're here to help you.

Andrea Griffin-Reporter/cartoonist: Join lots of sports and clubs! Write things down in a planner so you won't forget!

Blaine Loftis- Reporter: Build your classes and extracurricular activities around your career.

Austyn Bechtol-Reporter: Don't make Mr.Shannon mad, and have fun.

Daniel Phillips-Ad manager/ Co-photo editor: Don't be a salad, be the best ice cream you can!

Jesse Sagen-Photo editor/ Photographer: Do your work!

Jeanie May- Adviser: Remember, this too, shall pass.

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JUNE STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Freshman: Sarah Stout

Sophomore: Natalie Haffner

Junior: Sarah May

Senior: Levi Hanson

Falcon Award: Lyndsay Bradley, jr..

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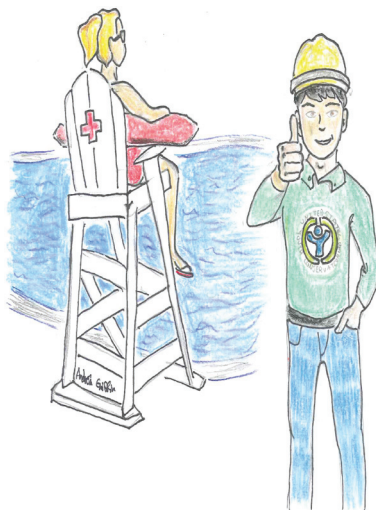
pp. 10, 11: Senior Mastercard ghost print drawing by Nikki Smith, soph.

Interesting summer jobs

As summer grows closer, many teens are searching for jobs to give them a little extra cash for the season. There are many jobs available, although finding the right one might be more difficult. People who enjoy swimming should consider pool jobs, while people who enjoy spending time with children might think about babysitting over the summer.

One popular job is working at the Veneta Community Pool. Although it is too late to apply at the pool, there is always the following summer. Jobs at pools include lifeguarding, front desk work, and pool maintenance. Workers get to spend their day in the sun, see friends, and swim while receiving pay.

"I'm looking forward to swimming and being outside. Also crazy tan lines!" said Annie Carpenter, fr. An untypical summer job some students have is working for the Youth Conservation Corps. The YCC is an organization where teens work in nature and help clear debris.



said regarding her summer job. They spend their day outside while providing work around the Eugene area.

Besides the YCC and working at the pool, there are typical jobs like babysitting, pet sitting and yard work for neighbors and family. These jobs usually take minimal certifications, however some babysitting jobs may require CPR training.

Many jobs teens have pay only minimum wage. For some students, they spend money as they are paid.

"I should probably save my money made, but I'm probably going to spend it on Slurpee's and cute Goodwill clothes," said Carpenter about her pay.

Others would rather save their money for big investments.

"I'm going to save for a vehicle," said Russell.

It may not matter what teens spend their pay checks on as long as they feel they earned it.

-By Ashlyn Foote



Ask Freddy

Dear Freddy,

I have a good friend whose girlfriend is an over-cranky and rude person to him. She finds stupid "crap" to yell at him for and I find it hard not to slap her sometimes. Any personal advice for me or him? Feeling aggressive.

Dear Feeling Aggressive,

I understand that this friend's girlfriend is being rude. It happens. There are a few things that you can do to handle this problem. You could politely tell this girl what she's doing and tell her that it bothers you. You could also confront your friend about it, saying that you may be worried at the way this girl treats him/her.

You can resist the urge to slap her by taking a deep breath, assessing the situation, and confronting the two of them. If this problem continues to go on, and it becomes verbal or physical abuse, I suggest you talk to a trusted adult who may be able to help.

Best of luck to you,

Your friend,

Freddy the Falcon

Quill and Scroll inducts new members for outstanding journalistic achievements

Quill and Scroll Honor Society for High School Journalists is designed to recognize outstanding high school journalists for their accomplishments in journalism. Founded at the University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa by George H. Gallup, the organization start up time was April 10, 1926. More than eight thousand students are inducted each year. Students who are accepted must first be initiated into the International organization, meeting the following criteria: academically in the top third of their class academically, or maintain a "B" average; been in publications' class for at least two semesters; done something outstanding in journalism; and be nominated by a public

advisor.

In journalism and yearbook, editor Jessica Coone, jr., and editor of yearbook Francis Pardo have already been inducted. Kyla Esselburn, jr., Desirae Collins, soph., Andrea Griffin, fr., and Cooper Barnes, jr., are going to be inducted at the end of May. Also inducted into the organization at the end of May are yearbook students Julie Becker, jr., and Sarah May, jr. All of these new inductees intend to continue publications' classes next year. Advisors Sarah Schilling and Jeanie May conducted the ceremony and yearbook and journalism classes were invited.

-By Riley Chambers



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(Left to right) Sarah May, jr. and Julie Becker, jr. are inducted by yearbook editor Francis Pardo, sr., while journalism editor Jessica Coone, jr. inducts journalism students Cooper Barnes, jr., Kyla Esselburn, soph., Desirae Collins, soph., and Andrea Griffin, fr.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS REVIEW STAY



Ella Riehle is from Augsburg, South Germany. Riehle has learned how to speak English better and to be open to new people. She said she did not want to set her expectations too high about how being in America would be like so she would not be disappointed. English class was a little challenging for her, but the other classes were fine. She joined volleyball and track, and the school dances and track were some of her favorite memories. Riehle said she will keep in touch with some of the people she met here. "You guys are fun," Riehle said.

Equestrian, where she mainly focused in the English style events like jumping, although she did try other western style events. Agnes fell off her horse a couple of times due to a failed jump attempt, and a broken saddle girth, but she always got back on and impressed the team with her tough nature; they were able to laugh about it later.

"[OHSET] was fun to experience, [the team] was like a family or safe stone," said Wennerholm.

Agnes's host family bought a horse for her during her stay, and they plan to sell it when she leaves. According to Agnes the thoroughbred may be sold to a girl from the South Eugene Equestrian team, who admired the horse at the meets.

"I thought Elmira was going to be bigger, it's so small," said Wennerholm. At first the size of the school made it easier to adjust and learn names and faces, but it made it harder to fit in among people that already had structured groups of friends.

"Hejdå!" said Wennerholm, in regards to the people at Elmira, which means goodbye in English.



Jan Hundertmark is from Hannover, Germany. "I'd like to thank everyone [here] that made life easier," Hundertmark said. Hundertmark didn't really have any expectations before arriving in America, but the whole year was special for him. He played football, participated in track, was part of powderpuff, and is currently in the grad night volleyball fundraiser. Sometimes the classes were a little challenging because he didn't understand what the teachers were saying, however he learned better English and conceived a better understanding of American culture. He thinks he will keep in touch with some of the people he has met.



Luisa Comaz, jr., is from Palma de Mallorca, Spain. She did many things over the course of her stay; furthermore, she especially enjoyed going to the coast with her friends because it felt like home. While at Elmira she felt at ease in her classes although she sometimes struggled with English. In regards to her entire stay, she felt it met her expectations, she was well informed about America before arriving. Luisa learned how different areas in the U.S. have different kinds of people. Luisa plans to keep in touch with lots of the friend that she has made. "You guys are amazing," said Luisa, in regards to the people at Elmira.

here it was more friendly.

"[Track] is fun. I liked it; it's hard though; I think it's harder than soccer," said Erdogan.

One of his favorite memories is scoring in his first home game in soccer. He also enjoyed traveling to San Francisco with his host family and going to the dunes.

While staying in America Erdogan noticed that the food is better and that almost every family has a pet. In Sweden, about two out of ten people have pets, according to Erdogan.

"All Americans are friendly to me," said Erdogan.

Erdogan said he'll try to keep in touch with the friends he made. And he wants people to know: he's from Switzerland, not Sweden.



Anges Wennerholm, jr., lives in a neighborhood just outside of Stockholm, the capital of Sweden. In America, she learned to accept the two different cultures, the way we speak and think.

"The people in the US are more 'chill,' they don't take each other seriously," said Wennerholm. Here, you can get away with saying things that you could not say in other cultures.

Agnes was part of the Elmira



Rasit Erdogan, jr., is from Basel, Switzerland. In Switzerland he played club soccer, and while at Elmira he continued to play soccer as well as track, a new sport for him. Soccer in Sweden was harder for Erdogan, it was more competitive, while over



Mohammed Nagdy is from Cairo, Egypt. "I thought USA would be like the movies," Nagdy said. "But it turned out really different." Nagdy played football, basketball, and he is playing baseball right now. While he was here, he learned that everyone is different. Going to Florida for three days was one of his favorite memories, but a couple of the classes were challenging for him. Nagdy thinks that he will keep in touch with some of the people whom he met. "Don't stop hosting exchange students," Nagdy said.

Community service:

College admissions look closely at serving others

After decades of purely academic-based college admissions processes, colleges may start looking past academic achievement to ethics and unselfish service.

This possible shift spawns from a discussion conducted by the Making Caring Common project at Harvard University. The purpose of the Making Caring Common project, conducted in April this year, is to learn how to support caring cultures in schools and prevent problematic behaviors like bullying. The product of the earlier mentioned meeting was an article called "Turning the Tide." In this article (which is available online at www.makingcaringcommon.org), the authors address the role college admissions can have in encouraging concern for others and the common good.

"Too often, today's culture sends young people messages that emphasize personal success rather than concern for others and the common good... Further, even when students and parents receive the message that contributions and service to others do count, they often seek to 'game' service," said Richard

Weissbourd, Senior Lecturer and Co-director of the Making Caring Common project the article's opening paragraph.

After stating the effect college admissions should have on the actions and behavior of the applying students, the article goes on to make recommendations to students and admissions alike. These recommendations are as follows:

- meaningful and sustained community service;
- collective action taking on community challenges;
- authentic and meaningful experiences with diversity;
- service developing gratitude and a sense of responsibility for the future;
- contributing to one's family;
- assessing students' daily awareness of and contributions to others;
- prioritization of quality, and not quantity, of activi-

ties;

- awareness of overloading on AP classes; discouraging "overcoaching" of students by parents;
- options for reducing test pressure;
- and expanding students' considering of "good" colleges.

In essence, they recommend a reduction of the importance of individual achievement, especially in academics, an increase in the importance of ethicality and unselfish morals and actions, and a more in-depth and student-specific definition of a good college.

The implications of these recommendations are that students need to be cautious of focusing on just themselves and start genuinely caring for others and the common good, as well as recognizing their limits. The best way to

demonstrate a genuine care for others is through sustained service to one's community and family, making organizations such as scouting, Key Club, and Honor Society more important in college admissions.

"I always like to introduce these ideas with students, but I'm also aware that meeting academic standards [is important] and the requirements of those are very real," said Megan Haas, guidance counselor at Elmira High School. "I always encourage you all to find balance between life and academics and believe that if you find that happy medium you will enjoy the journey [through life] that much more."

As students plan their summers, the upperclassmen may want to look towards ways in which they can serve their families and/or communities and reconsider their class loads.

-By Blaine Loftis



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JEANIE MAY SAYS GOODBYE

I met my husband in 1996. He was from Oregon. I was from Kansas. We married in Kansas in 1998, and I moved from Kansas to Oregon in the same year. I left behind a 26 year teaching career, my family, a house and much of my furniture because I had an auction and sold out, loaded what I wanted to keep in a 5 X 7 foot trailer and pulled it with our Maxim and headed west. (Later my children and entire family followed me to Oregon.)

In Kansas I was "at the top of my game," head of the English department and journalism adviser of a staff who had just taken the title of 4A Sweepstakes winner at state competition.

When I landed the job at Elmira High School in 1999, I didn't have a classroom and I travelled around to three different rooms, pushing a squeaky, noisy cart; my life was on that cart. You could hear me all over the school! Believe me, I was humbled very quickly.

I learned so much from my

students that year and from the staff. I learned from Teri Moen that students no matter what their ability deserve a teacher's best effort. And from Kathy Langley that you really can teach

so to speak. I was given the freedom to incorporate several new classes into the curriculum, including technical writing, applied English, Communications I and II, Investigative Writing,

given the journalism class, and their accomplishments have been numerous over the past 16 years.

What is so amazing at Elmira are its students and its staff. I've taught so many exceptional, talented students, including wonderful student teachers, polite and kind students, caring and thoughtful students...it's been amazing. And, the staff is so professional and intelligent. They welcomed me, a Kansas girl, wholeheartedly and made my teaching experience both productive and meaningful even though during the first few years I often heard, "Jeanie May, you aren't in Kansas anymore."



J. Smith/The Falconer

Senior world lit. class reviews *The Third Witch* notes with Jeanie May.

anywhere, even in a closet. I learned that all students can learn if they have the desire and the teacher has the patience. In Kansas I had been designated a Master Teacher, and at Elmira I was starting all over again,

and AP English Language and AP English Literature, and the AP classes are still being taught. And I will be forever grateful for the professional license extended to me then and throughout my stay here. The second year I was

So many have asked me why I left Kansas and moved to Oregon and I always tell them the same thing, "I did it all for love." And if given the choice, I'd do it all again: I did it for my soul-mate, my one true love, Freddie. Goodbye, Elmira, you will be missed!

-By Jeanie May

Jackie Turle Leaves Elmira Elementary

To the Fern Ridge Community, Thank you for allowing me to be a principal and a leader in this district for the past 8 and ½ years. I feel that through this experience I have grown tremendously and have been fortunate to be a part of your lives. I was fortunate to work at the high school and elementary school and about 2 weeks in the middle school. I have worked with many many staff members and teachers over the years. Let me assure you that all the teachers, secretaries and aides in this district are some of the best I have ever seen. You will never get this type of small town dedication and expertise from a teaching staff anywhere else in the state. While we are often quick to criticize, many of us do

not know or are unaware of the long hours these people put in to make your children successful. We are lucky here to work with these professionals.

I also want to acknowledge a tremendous administrator, Gary Carpenter. I was first hired by him and worked for Gary as the assistant principal of the high school for about four years. He is fair, bright, and witty. Gary always has the kids' interest at heart as he makes hard decision after hard decision leading our very successful high school. He is a tremendous leader. Two of the things I respect the most about Gary are his ethics and his ability to make hard decisions in the heat of the moment. He is a straight shooter great communicator and one of the

primary people responsible for Elmira Elementary getting a new school. The Fern Ridge community is very fortunate to have him as a leader.

Thanks for the great memories and fun times. Remember to support the education endeavors at the Fern Ridge School

District as these endeavors support your kids who are our future leaders. Remember great leaders come out of solid educational foundations. By supporting your local schools you support the positive growth of your community.

-By Jackie Turle,

Elmira Elementary Principal

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Q: What sacrifices did you make to accomplish this achievement?

A: A lot of sleep and my sanity.

Q: What has made you want to be in this position?

A: I am always looking for a challenge and it seemed like a great opportunity.

Q: What university will you attend?

A: Oregon State University Honors College.

Q: Is there anyone one that inspired you to get to this point?

A: Gannon Jones because he is awesome and a star idol.

Q: What will you miss most about high school?

A: Mr. Bellingham, all of my friends, sports, Homecoming week, and lastly, Riley Chambers and Paul Ossowski.

Q: What is your most memorable moment of your senior year?

A: When the distance medley team broke the record.



Q: What sacrifices did you make to accomplish this achievement?

A: Pulling all-nighters to study, sleepless bus to away games with a math book in my lap, and empty tear ducts via AP Physics.

Q: What has made you want to be in this position?

A: I have always wanted to go to college and I figured this would help.

Q: What university will you attend?

A: Lewis and Clark College in Portland!

Q: Is there anyone who inspired you to get to this point?

A: My awesome parents and grandparents for the [monetary] support, all of my coaches (shout out to Coach Lee!), and my teachers, especially Monegan y Señorita Snider.

Q: What will you miss most about high school?

A: I will miss all of the free food from Spanish fiestas.

Q: What is your most memorable moment?

A: Graduating.

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Teachers flashback to high school memories

High school is an experience unlike no other. It is a time of changes and firsts. Teens go through many physical and emotional changes. It is a time of finding true friends and realizing what is important in their lives. They also start to receive more and more freedom as they grow older.

While many people have a hard four years in high school, for others they are the best.

"I think I subconsciously knew my high school years were a blessing. I embraced all of it," said Debra St Hilaire, physical science teacher.

Teachers at Elmira all seemed to en-

joy different things. "In high school my focus was horseback riding. I competed in 3-Day Eventing and I loved everything about horses!" said Krin Hunt, math teacher.

While some teachers focused on sports, others turned towards academics.

"Our astronomy teacher had a dinner/stargazing activity for us. He brought all kinds of telescopes and we were able to see some amazing constellations and planets," said Kathy Langley, social science teacher.

Some teachers were even voted on

for different things by their classmates. "I was voted student body queen my 9th & 12th [grade] years even though the popular girls hated me; that was really cool!" said Saint. Along with extracurriculares, high school is maybe the time to make lifelong friendships. "I made some great friends that I still keep in touch with," said Langley.

Along with the good memories, there may come some bad ones. "Initiation - the older students made the sophomores (high school was grades 10-12) wear a bib that said "I'm a baby Irish." We also had to kiss the

'blarney stone'," said Langley.

Besides hardships that might be experienced in high school, there can be some wise words given to the younger generations.

St. Hilaire offered some words of advice.

"High school is your practice for life. It becomes a faded memory very quickly after you leave so embrace all the good here and walk away from negativity," said Saint.

-By Ashlyn Foote

Journalism srs. say goodbye

Austyn Bechtol

First, I would like to say thank you to the teachers who have put up with our class through all the years of schooling. I also wish all the teachers good luck with next year's freshmen. Next, I wish all the luck to the next year's seniors and hope they graduate.

Daniel Phillips

Good bye Journalism, allons-y Elmira high.

Good bye fellow students of journalism and class of 2016.

Jesse Sagen

These past three years will always be cherished and missed. But now it's time for me to spread my wings and fly from this nest. Mrs. May, I appreciate your words of wisdom that lead me through this path and all the time we've spent. I'd like to also thank all of the new editors for dealing with my obnoxiousness throughout these years; you may

be underclassmen in school, but you guys are worthy role models in my heart. Now good bye and farewell to all of you; I am out.

You guys please just don't give up on anything through your high school career; when combined, you are not a force to be reckoned with.



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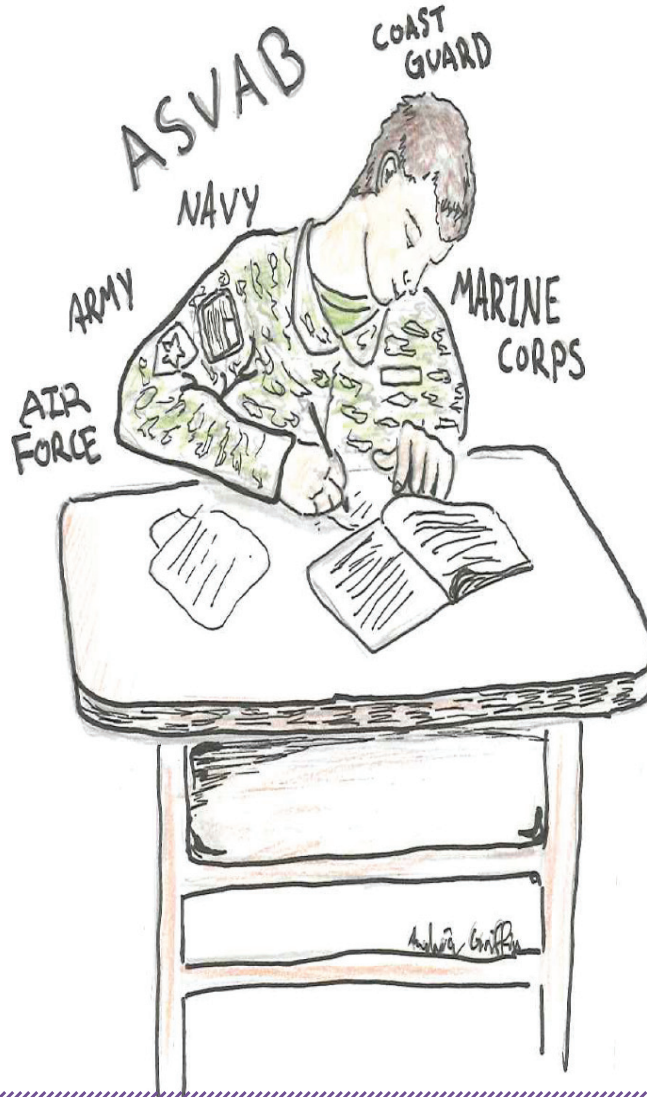
MILITARY PLANS LIE AHEAD FOR SEVERAL SENIORS

U.S. military is composed of five branches: Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marine Corps, and Navy. All the branches of the military, however, have the same test. This test is called The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB). The test scores a person on a scale of 0-99 with 99 being the best a person can get and zero being the worst a person can get. Those people taking the test have specific reasons why they would like to join. They also have a specific branch of service they are trying to join.

Each branch has a minimum score a person can get to join. According to militaryhandbooks.com the minimum score for each branch is Coast Guard 50, Air Force 36, Navy 35, Marine Corps 32, and Army 31. "I plan to go into the Marine Corps. I have taken practice ASVAB and scored an 89," said Drew Lightle, sr.

The practice ASVAB is a small portion of the real test designed for recruiters to test a person to see what parts of the test the person needs to work on to improve their chances of getting a higher score on the real test. "I took the practice ASVAB and scored a 36. After studying I took the real test and scored between a 45 and 50," said Hunter Johnson, sr. Some people score high enough on the practice ASVAB so they don't have to study. "I scored an 89 on the practice ASVAB, but I still plan to study books to improve my score," said Lightle.

Most people have the same reason



why they want to join. "I want to join the military because I have more family who served in the military," said Lightle.

Johnson said that his great-grandpa, grandpa, and cousin served. Others have a different reason why they would like to join. Some people want to be able to have free schooling after a few years and others want it to travel or get a better job after serving.

"I plan to join the military so I can serve my country and become a game warden afterwards," said Johnson.

Advice from Lightle is to "Study hard and don't go into it halfhearted."

Johnson is already enlisted into the Navy and leaves to go to Chicago, Illinois, for boot camp September, 2016. After Chicago, he is going to Pensacola, Florida, for schooling.

For any student or person planning on joining the military but needs more advice he or she needs to find someone who is a recruiter or someone who is already enlisted in the military. If the student or person is not sure if they are going to do well on the ASVAB, he or she should take the practice ASVAB to see what they need to work on or if they even meet the score to join the branch they want to join. Lastly, just taking the ASVAB does not mean a person has to join the military.

~ By Austyn Bechtol

Graduates prepare for dorm-living, changes

It's that time again: graduation. With graduation comes moving onto higher levels of education as well as leaving home. While leaving home, how do individuals decide what to bring with them? Well, by looking online or using previous graduate students, individuals can decide.

Practical items are necessary to make college seem like easy living. These items include

- Clothes for all occasions
- Raingear
- Bedsheets/ Blankets
- Pillows
- Clothes hangers
- Dishware (Cups, plates, bowls, reusable containers, silverware)
- Salt and Pepper Shakers

- Technology chargers
- Microwave/Mini fridge
- (Check college restrictions)
- Crates or stacking containers
- Baskets for laundry
- Paper towels
- Cleaning supplies
- Desk lamp(s)
- Shampoo/conditioner/

Body wash

- Dish soap
 - Towels
 - Brush/comb
 - Tissue
 - Medicine
 - Band-Aids
 - Water
 - Trash bags
- As well as these items, some

impractical items may also make college seem a little more enjoyable. These items include:

- Laptop
- Dictionary
- Day-planner
- Camera
- Sports or recreation equipment
- Batteries
- Flashlight
- Headphones
- Speakers
- Snacks for your dorm
- Duct tape
- Staples
- Can opener
- Fan
- Hair dryer/Straightener
- Netflix Account

- Sticky notes
- Rug
- Jewelry organizer
- Shoe rack
- Over-the-door storage
- White board/corkboard and markers/pushpins
- Posters, picture frames, paintings, etc.
- Chip clips
- Musical instruments

With these items, college living may seem easier and more comfortable. These items will provide comfort and reassurance when college can start to cause stress, this will be a relief when times get tough. While heading off to college, it may be beneficial to keep some of these items in mind.

~By Desirea Collins

SEXY SENIORS

Adam Kaiser

- Parking pass- \$40
- Gas- Over \$1,000
- Baseball- \$200
- Getting out of the friend zone- Priceless

Erik Stinson

- Sports fee- \$150
- New Glove- \$105
- Batting gloves- \$20
- Spending the whole year on the bench- Priceless

Danielle Provine

- Weekly gas to school- \$30
- Prom night- \$300
- Senior Extras- \$150
- Graduating High School Class of 2016- Priceless

Taylor Agnes

- Subway- Over \$1,000
- Prom dress- \$300
- Gas- Over \$200
- Uniting with Madison Dubé- Priceless

Ian Hall

- Tux- \$145
- Yearbook- \$50
- Senior sweatshirt- \$23
- Senior Prom with Hannah- Priceless

Kaitlyn Steelman

- Yearbook- \$50
- Notebook paper- \$35
- Pencil supplies- \$10
- Meeting my best friend- Priceless

Kayla Schwarzkopf

- Class ring- \$199
- Graduation Stuff- \$90
- Yearbook- \$50
- Work samples- Priceless

Kaitlyn Hicks

- Grad night- \$50
- Prom dress from my

grandma- Priceless

Adreanna Jones

- Prom dress- \$100
- Prom jewelry- \$30
- Prom dinner- \$30
- Winning prom king and queen with my high school sweetheart- Priceless

Allia Petersen

- Price of a permit- \$15
- Price of a license- \$60
- Price of vehicle- \$1,000
- Freedom to go to all you can eat buffets all the time- Priceless

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Tanner Cregan

- ASB- \$20
- Grad night- \$50
- Prom- \$200
- Prom King- Priceless

Harley Clarke

- Ceramics- \$20
- Coffee to wake up- \$3
- Parking Pass- \$40
- Being able to sleep in after this year- Priceless

Michael Taylor

- Nonexistent fees- \$35
- Parking pass- \$40
- Taking naps- Priceless

Teja Zellers

- Buy a new ds game- \$30
- Buying frosted animal cookies- \$15
- Coffee because of loss of sleep- \$10
- Spending time on the couch with Alex Olsen eating and playing ds- Priceless

Alex Olsen

- New cleats every year- \$300
- Soccer sweatshirts-

\$120

- Ibuprofen and athletic tape- \$20
- Playing soccer with my favorite people- Priceless

Blake Utter

- Engine Mount- \$480
- Slashed tire- \$80
- Cheese- \$3.99
- Root beer- Priceless

Christian Ashley

- Wii U- \$300
- Video game- \$60
- Controllers- \$100
- Skipping school to play Smash Bros. with my brothers- Priceless

Kelsie Bowman

- Television- \$169
- Bed- \$399
- Phone- \$99
- Family- Priceless

Dale Miller

- Rilea Football Camp- \$175
- Football fee- \$125
- Wrestling fee- \$125
- Winning districts for wrestling at Elmira my senior year- Priceless

Fiona Carlin

- Prom dress- \$89
- 7 days of baking- \$200
- Pencils- \$30
- Finding my soul friend aka Kaylee Wolgamott- Priceless

Kaylee Wolgamott

- Prom dress- \$15
- Every Spanish project ever- \$75
- All the clothes for school since freshman year- \$400
- Finding my soul friend, Fiona Carlin- Priceless

Samantha Ruppert

- Yearbook- \$50
- Date night- \$30

- High Heels- \$30
- Making memories with Tyler Smith- Priceless

Brandon McElhose

- Car- \$3,000
- Each sport I did- \$125
- ATV- \$2,000
- Meeting Allia Petersen- Priceless

Austin Johns

- Acura Integra- \$1,500
- Sound system- \$100
- Countless parts replaced- \$500 to \$700
- Learning how to work on a car- Priceless

Katie Mobley

- Sports- \$170
- Grad night- \$50
- Prom- \$300
- Graduation- Priceless

Francis Pardo

- Snacks- \$50
- New blanket- \$40
- Netflix subscription- \$8
- Spending my whole life watching Netflix- Priceless

Jerry Winters

- Burrito- \$4
- Nacho- \$6
- Taco- \$6
- Hot dog- Priceless

Simren Kaur

- Prom tickets- \$35
- Yearbook- \$50
- Ceramics- \$20
- Making memories with the homies- Priceless

Cassandra Gage

- Cap & Gown- \$120
- School fees- \$40
- An education- Priceless

MASTERCARDS

Daniel Phillips

- Prom tickets- \$35
- Tux- \$200
- Car- \$1,800
- Prom spent with my girlfriend- Priceless

Corbie Johnson

- ASB sticker- \$20
- Grad night- \$50
- Prom- \$150
- Teaching the powderpuff cheerleaders how to cheer- Priceless

Clayton Oilar

- Guitar- \$750
- Amp- \$600
- My personality- \$26
- Owning the Grinch in a guitar battle dressed as Santa Claus in front of the school- Priceless

Harley Rook

- Parking pass- \$40
- Ceramics fee- \$25
- Kellen's thoughts- Priceless

Scott Sanders-Anderson

- Wrestling fees- \$125
- Tattoo- \$150
- New truck- \$10,000
- Free POWERADE left in machine- Priceless

Austyn Bechtol

- Homecoming- \$10
- Grad night- \$50
- Yearbook- \$50
- Spending my last year in high school with my friends- Priceless

Ashlee Stevenson

- Parking pass- \$40
- Prom tickets- \$60
- Grad night- \$50
- Spending senior year with the love of my life, Jesse Sagen.- Priceless

Adam Costello

- Clothes- \$1,000
- Mac Book pro with logic pro x- \$1,300

- Misc.- \$2,000
- Spending my spring break on the East Coast trip- Priceless

Cheyenne Vosburg

- School fees- \$80
- Cap & gown- \$120
- Cold meds- \$6
- Stress about life after graduation- Priceless

Drew Lightle

- Candles- \$15
- Movie tickets- \$20
- Picnic lunch- \$35
- Getting ditched for her ex- Priceless

Cody Crist

- Cliff bars- \$10
- Power bars- \$15
- Spending time with family- Priceless

Mathew Pilling

- Prom tickets- \$20
- Tux- \$150
- Prom dinner- \$35
- Nick Boykin grabbed my butt- Priceless

Tyler Smith

- Tux- \$265
- Vending machine- \$20
- Parking pass- \$40
- Meeting and spending time with Samantha Rupert- Priceless

Whitney Fox

- Beach towel- \$12
- New socks- \$5
- New Pencils- \$5
- Getting a new car- Priceless

Trevor Shaw

- Pac-man costume- \$60
- Red Converses- \$55
- Red dress- \$20
- The fact I didn't

- win the Falcon Competition- Priceless

Jonathan Phillips

- Woodshop- \$20
- Food and Nutrition- \$20
- Cap and Gown- \$120
- Fun with friends- Priceless

Mason Walker

- Wrestling- \$125
- Baseball- \$125
- My car- \$1500
- Going to state for wrestling- Priceless

Ethan Agnes

- Gas- \$1000+
- Wrestling- \$125
- Food- \$30
- Friends and memories- Priceless

James Haller

- Driver's license- \$60
- Movie tickets- \$20
- Shoes- \$80
- Ms. Langley's face when I showed a scene from Alien in AP gov't- Priceless

Julia Smith

- Food- \$5
- Car- \$3000
- Redbull- \$4
- Hanging out with Teja, Mason, Ethan, and Esther during world lit.- Priceless

Esther Anstine

- Coffee with extra shots- \$4.25
- Redbull- \$5
- Gas- half my paycheck

- The days I showed up to school- Priceless

Nathan Hadley

- Pop- \$20
- Chips and dip- \$20
- Candy- \$20
- Eating whatever I want

Madison Dubé

- Subway- too much
- Red Bull- too much

- Hair dye- way too much
- All of the times Taylor & I laughed ourselves to tears- Priceless

Rachel Huntoon

- The yearbook of random people I won't remember- \$60
- Prom tickets- \$25
- Graduation stuff I'm never going to use again- \$30

- The time I go to spend with my friends before I graduated- Priceless

Miya Affeld

- Pop- \$20
- Chips and dip- \$20
- When I got a tattoo- Priceless

Adora Morse

- Senior sweatshirt- \$23
- Lunches- \$60
- Art Fees- \$45
- Making friends- Priceless

Nik Kennedy

- Food- \$58
- Drinks- \$108
- Gas- \$308
- Listening to Jessica's & Kevin's weird conversations- Priceless

Kevin Rutledge

- Protein bar- \$2.00
- A bad bet- \$5.00
- Yearbook- \$50
- A mid-class nap- Priceless

Hunter Johnson

- 1997 4 runner- \$3000
- 1986 Toyota pickup- \$1100 traded for a 1988 Jeep Cherokee
- 1994 ford f-150- \$1500
- Getting my license- Priceless

Key Club achieves much over the year

Key Club awards night took place Thursday night, May 19, in the high school cafeteria. Key Club is run by the students and teaches leadership skills. Over the year students met early in the morning before school every Tuesday to discuss plans for the month and volunteer for projects or help out in the community.

“Key club is something that is really important to me and the community,” said Brad Renfro, jr.

Elmira has done many things over the course of the year. They held an assembly during Key Club week, back in Nov., where baskets were passed around the student body to raise money for Doernbecher Children’s Hospital; the baskets were also set up around the community. To raise more money for the hospital they sold hot dogs and snacks at Al’s Hidden Tree Farm for a number of weekends during the holiday season, \$586 was earned from that. The Club sold snack at the school’s Winter Formal dance. They also decorated fifty-nine pairs of socks for the children, using puff paints. Members of the Kiwanis board sewed together 19 teddy bears for the children as well.

Altogether, Key Club raised three times more money than last year, a total of \$1,207.97, the most money from any Key Clubs in the state.

Raising money for Doernbecher wasn’t the only thing Key Club did. They went door to door trick-or-treating for UNICEF, to eliminate tetanus worldwide. During the meetings, they brought an assortment of toys to fill shoes boxes that were sent overseas

to orphanages where they may not even celebrate Christmas. They helped out at the Veneta Elementary Thanksgiving feast, and served food at the Mid Lane Cares banquet at Deep Woods. In March, they made Easter egg baskets, hid eggs, and helped put on an Easter Eggs hunt for Veneta Elementary.

“[Elmira’s Key Club has] done an outstanding job in this community,” said Rosie Melton, Co-Key Club Advisor and Kiwanis board president. Melton will be stepping up next year and taking Protons place in Key Club next year.

Elmira’s Key Club has around 21 members. There are about 600,000 Key Club members worldwide. Doncella Marquesses, art teacher, is the faculty adviser of Key Club.

At the awards night members of Kiwanis and Elmira’s Key Club gathered for a potluck dinner to celebrate their achievements. Key Club’s members recited the pledge, the club’s motto; “I pledge, on my honor, to uphold the Objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school and community; to serve my nation and God; and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.”

Awards were given out to Annalisa Linn, jr., for ‘outstanding attendance’; to Emma Straub, jr., and Trevor Shaw, sr., for ‘outstanding service to our community.’ This year’s officers: Renfro, president; Finn King, sr., vice-president; Adreanna Jones, sr., secretary; Trevor Shaw, sr., treasurer; and Tanner Cregan, sr., PR person,



were thanked and given gift baskets. The upcoming officers: Renfro, president; Linn, vice-president; Emma Hoerlein, jr., secretary; Jane Stevens, jr., treasurer; Andrea Griffin, fr., PR person, were sworn in.

“[The awards night potluck] is Kiwanis’s way of thanking [Key Club] and celebrating the work [they’ve] done,” said Denis Pronto, Key Club adviser and chairman of the Mid Lane Cares board.

“It has been a great year,” said

Pronto.

Pronto talked about the uniqueness of the nature of Key Club compared to the other high school clubs. For key Club, there are no requirements you have to meet to be allowed to join.

“You don’t need to have a 4.0 GPA, or be a star athlete, those are the people [that join the club],” said Pronto.

-By Andrea Griffin

Talent show returns to Elmira High School

Talent shows across the country are used to showcase students’ unique talents. In recent years though, student participation has been declining.

The purpose of a talent show is to show off different students’ talents outside of the classroom and sports.

Some students may be afraid of what their peers may think of them. Self-confidence is a big part of high school. Sharing something special with a large crowd can overwhelm and cause nerves for students.

Last year, Elmira did not have a talent show because there



weren’t enough people signed up. One reason students may not have signed up last year might

have been because they believe talent shows are only for singing. “Students need to know it isn’t

just singing; it could be dancing, rapping, or poetry,” said Stacy Cornelius, leadership sponsor.

So far fourteen students have signed up for auditions: freshmen Joshua Mylnczyk, Tanner Faulkner, and Tristin Smith; sophomores Beau Admire, Devin Groshon, Kevin Cochran, and Todd Huntton; juniors Annika Faris, Brianna Glynn, Logan Schmidt, Marissa Shults; seniors Celeste Dax, Christian Ashley, and Kaitlyn Hicks

Tryouts are the week of May 23-26, and the talent show is on June 2.

-By Ashlyn Foote

"Voices from Veneta's Past" Presented by the Fern Ridge School District

"Voices from Veneta's past" presented by the Fern Ridge School District.

Local students of Fern Ridge School District take part in presenting a play of Veneta's past history with original stories and a performance.

These students have spent a lot of time preparing and finding information. A lot of their research was done at the local Applegate History Museum. There they looked through the documented history to find the research needed.

Originally Angie Pebworth a teacher at Veneta Elementary, was preparing the students to write a book to later be published. Two years ago they got together to prepare and get the information.

After much of the research was found, the book was set back a year. Last year when they were even closer to completion in February. They found that there were a few issues still to overcome.

Someone recommended that the students should perform a play

based on the book. Soon after that idea was introduced Pebworth soon started looking at recreating

after school hours.

"I am very impressed with the students and it was very interest-



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Nancy Coffman performs her part about the Oregon Trail with Lucy Mitchem.

the story.

Marti Byers runs the Local Art Inc, and leads a few plays through the year. After Byers got a hold of the kids they quickly started preparing and practicing for their performance. Byers worked hard during rehearsal, which started

ing to watch them do the research," said Pebworth.

Byers spent a lot of time conducting and making the play happen. She taught the young children how to act on stage and she even shared her props for the performance.

After working on this project for two years, students were still attending school, but one had graduated. Emilee Russell, a student at Lane Community College, was working on this project in her senior year. Russell wrote about the country fair and how it has impacted this area. Nancy Coffman, a fifth grader at Elmira Elementary, performed a part about the Oregon Trail. Originally, Lucy Mitchem wrote the story. These students all had one thing in common: they loved to tell the story and to look at the history of this little town. Some of them said it was really cool to see the change this town has gone through.

Most of this play was done with younger students from the grade schools and the middle school. Two high schoolers took part in the play. Shelby McCormick, fr, had written about forming Veneta's history in 1910s. Ashlyn Foote, fr, wrote about the 1940 construction of the dam.

-By Daniel Phillips

Freshmen comment about their first year

Kristlyn Seamon

Q. How was your first year at Elmira?

A. "It kinda sucked. People were mean. There were no opportunities for freshman to get higher [advanced] classes."

Q. Did you feel prepared at the start of the year?

A. "Yes, I felt prepared."

Q. What's your favorite class (teacher)?

A. "Probably choir."

Q. Do you have a favorite memory?

A. "Getting to see Shelby."

Q. Is high school the same as what you thought it would be?

A. "Yes."

Q. What is something you want to do differently next year?

A. "There is really not much I would change; except, I would hang out with nicer people."

Grey Canada

Q. How was your first year at Elmira?

A. "Good."

Q. Did you feel prepared at the start of the year?

A. "Yes, but middle school did not prepare me."

Q. What's your favorite class (teacher)?

A. "Math class."

Q. Do you have a favorite memory?

A. "I don't have a favorite memory."

Q. Is high school the same as what you thought it would be?

A. "To me high school is the same as middle school."

Q. What is something you want to do differently next year?

A. "I want to keep doing the same thing, for the most part."

Austin Anderson

Q. How was your first year at Elmira?

A. "Upperclassmen were mean."

Q. Did you feel prepared at the start of the year?

A. "No, I wasn't used to a lot of homework."

Q. What's your favorite class (teacher)?

A. "My favorite class this year is history with Bell."

Q. Do you have a favorite memory?

A. "Winter Formal. That was fun."

Q. Is high school the same as what you thought it would be?

A. "Yes, it's boring."

Q. What is something you want to do differently next year?

A. "Study more for tests."

Maddy Shreeve

Q. How was your first year at Elmira?

A. "It was pretty good."

Q. Did you feel prepared at the start of the year?

A. "I felt over prepared. Middle school was almost harder than high school."

Q. What's your favorite class (teacher)?

A. "Guitar."

Q. Do you have a favorite memory?

A. I went paintballing with some friends from school."

Q. Is high school the same as what you thought it would be?

A. "No, I thought it would be harder."

Q. What is something you want to do differently next year?

A. "Study harder and get better grades."

-By Andrea Griffin

COUNTRY FAIR WORRISOME FOR TOWN

The Country Fair may be fun for the attendees, but for others, The Country Fair is just another “hippy fest” that is both loud and bothersome.

The Country Fair is very loud and disrupts most people across the town of Veneta. There is late night music, drunks yelling, and campers that just like to be loud. People who attend the Fair bring another culture that is accepted and brings fun, but what do the people of Veneta hear? They hear the loud and annoying so-called “fun.”

Another thing that is disliked about the Fair is the traffic that comes with it. Just to get around town is a hard task without having to get stuck behind the Fair attendees. The attendees are everywhere during the day, all around Veneta’s shops. This is a problem because even going to the store to pick up one item is a difficult task due to the clamor of extra people around.

The Fair also provides extra risks for Veneta. The risks that can happen include fires that can spread from the campers, drunk driving incidents, and aggressive behavior.

The Fair also demands more from the people of Veneta, including the police officers. In case it has gone unnoticed, Veneta raises its prices in each of the stores, thus asking the people of Veneta to pay more to accommodate the Fair attendees. Also, the more people there are the more police officers Veneta will need. The Fair can distract the

officers while the people of Veneta can basically get away with more crime.

Since July 2015, Oregon has had the law passed about recreational marijuana. Because of this law, many people use marijuana at the



Country Fair. This is bothersome because not only are there drunk people, there is also people who are high, not to mention the smell.

So while the attendees of the Country Fair are having fun, the people of Veneta have to deal with the struggles and worries that come with it.

-By Desirea Collins

TOURISTS PUT VENETA ON THE MAP

Many people have a negative opinion about the Country Fair, but people just overlook the good things and focus on the negative things. In fact, The Country Fair has many great things to offer the community.

Food is not only wonderful there but the shows are very entertaining

Delicious food! Food stands are throughout the fair, and they are always easy to find. All of the food options range in ethnicity from Asian food to Afghani food. Personally, I love getting the naan bread hummus plate and the mint rose iced tea at Golden Avatar.

The fair brings in artists and composers who play on many stages so performances can be seen and heard everywhere you go. A band lineup for the fair will be posted June 1, and the music is definitely one of the reasons people go to the Country Fair every year.

In addition to putting on a great fair, the Country Fair organization donates thousands of dollars More to schools and organizations around Lane County. The organization has donated more than one million dollars in the past twenty years, and about one-third of it has gone to projects in Veneta and West Lane County. The Endowment Fund gives all of its annual grants to youth projects. The Country Fair impacts the local economy and generates about one million dollars of revenue per year.

The Country Fair also recently helped create the KOCF radio station. This has given our community a radio station to broadcast from and provides opportunities for teens to be a part of a radio staff.

It is true that the traffic during the Country Fair can sometimes be a little more congested at times, and sometimes some out of the ordinary things happen, like interesting clothing choices that may show some nudity, but all in all, the Country Fair does great things for the community and puts on a wonderful fair that puts Veneta and Elmira on the map.

-By Riley Chambers

as well. Furthermore, the Country Fair organization gives thousands of dollars back to the community and the schools. It helped create the new KOCF radio station by paying for the bulk of it with donations.

There may be some things that people think are a little weird and out of the ordinary, but one of the good things about the Country Fair is that in the Country Fair, everybody is equal. Attending is a fun and pretty cool experience. It is a once in a lifetime, must attend event.

BIRDS' EYE VIEW

Country fair- How do you feel about the country fair, would you go there?



Sarah Stout, fr.
“Never, I don’t want to see naked people or smoke pot; it’s not the place for me.”



Jade Williams, jr.
“I think it’s cool. It’s a nice experience if you’re okay with seeing naked people. I’ve worked there before, and it’s fun.”



Nate Lecoe, soph.
“It’s fun; there are usually nice people. I don’t really have anything against it.”



Tanner Cregan, sr.
“Considering the fact that I work at Ray’s I don’t really like the Country Fair. I’d go to the Country Fair, but it has a lasting effect; the people are there for a while.”

HOMESCHOOLING PROVES HARMFUL

Homeschooling proves more harm than good
Homeschooling acts as a nuisance for most parents

As a parent, one of the major responsibilities is to ensure that children are schooled. But how exactly is a parent to go about schooling his or her child?

Public and private schools have proven to be more beneficial to a student's and parent's life as a whole, and therefore, public schooling should be considered over homeschooling.

When students are kept at home for their schooling, they lack the social life offered to public schooled children. It is true that homeschooled children have social events that they can attend, but they do not get the daily social interaction as a public or private schooled child would.

The learning potential of a homeschooled student is equivalent to that of a public schooled student. That means that the same amount of learning can occur with either method of schooling. Some students will learn better in a home environment where there are fewer distractions, but there is still an equal opportunity for learning in each setting.

Another problem that arises with the homeschooled students is among the parents. When parents' children have to stay home for their schooling, parents then have to have supervision for their children. That means that the parents

either have to dedicate all of their time at home with their children, or that they need to find and pay for childcare services. Not only that, but when children are at home all the time, the house can get a little unorganized as the child's



homework, snacks, and other things are spread around the house.

Homeschooling is not a better option for students. It doesn't offer much difference than public schooling and can actually prove less beneficial than private and public schooling in social and environmental ways.

-By Jessica Coone

HOMESCHOOLING, EASIER THAN PARENTS THINK

In the seventies, educational theorists began to realize public education's focus on rote learning and memorizing was creating a mundane scholastic atmosphere focused on producing obedient employees

towards an education based on improving intelligence, knowledge, and conceptual understanding.

Traditional schooling is often viewed as a far better social experience than homeschooling. But, homeschooled students can socialize through other methods; in fact, in some cases, they end up socializing on a more diverse basis. Another claim is homeschooling requires too much effort from parents. This depends on what style of homeschooling the parents utilize. What most envision when they hear the word "homeschool" requires a large amount of time and effort from the parents. The internet has made homeschooling much easier. There are many methods of homeschooling, including one where the students go to a central location to get and return their assignments week by week. They work from textbooks at their own house on their own schedule.

instead of advancing the intelligence of American society. In the eighties, the homeschooling movement took a more religious turn. These groups and other parents could see homeschooling was a better option for their children.

This reaction was certainly justified, as public schools still lack what these people were looking for in the education of their children. The one place they have improved is in a shift

Overall, homeschooling simply provides a more pace-, schedule- and ability-specific curriculum. Traditional schooling tends to generalize too much, and their focus seems to shift back and forth between ethics and intelligence, while homeschooling remains independent of this motion.

-By Blaine Loftis

BIRDS' EYE VIEW

Homeschooling: Which do you think is better, homeschool or public and private school and why?



Anthony Minicucci, fr.
"I was homeschooled, [homeschooling is good] as long as the parents are on the child; otherwise, the child will get lazy and fall into sloth."



Cody Wolkersdorfer, jr.
"I think homeschooling is great, but there's not a lot of social interaction. It makes people socially awkward."



Meagan McCallum, soph.
"If your parents are smart and know how to teach then that's great. If you don't, you're kinda screwed."



Teja Zellers, sr.
"I'm not against homeschooling, but I think it's good to go to public school so you can meet people and have social interactions."



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Athletes of the Year

Shane Orme, Sr.

Alex Olsen, Sr.

Q: What is your favorite thing about playing sports?
 A: spending time with friends and pushing myself to see what my limits are
 Q: What is your favorite hobby?
 A: other than running, uni-cycling and playing guitar
 Q: Why do you think you got athlete of the year?
 A: because I've done five different sports and enjoy pushing myself
 Q: what sports do you play, and how long have you played them?
 A: soccer, four years; cross country, three years; basketball, two years, and track and field, four years
 Q: How do you feel about being awarded athlete of the year?
 A: I am honored...and possibly blushing

Q: What is your favorite thing about playing sports?
 A: I love becoming super close with people that I normally wouldn't and forming close bonds as a team.
 Q: What is your favorite hobby?
 A: probably petting my cat.
 Q: Why do you think you got athlete of the year?
 A: Because I play a lot of sports.
 Q: What sports do you play, and how long have you played them?
 A: I've been playing basketball for 10 years, track for seven years, and soccer for 13 years. I'll be playing soccer (my favorite) in college.
 Q: How do you feel about being awarded athlete of the year?
 A: Well, it's my fourth year in a row, so I'm feeling pretty shnazzy.



F.Pardo/Yearbook

What Would You Do?

You walk into math class in the middle of the semester and realize there is a new kid in the class. In this class the teacher usually introduces the students. The kid sits in the back of the class, he is taller, has black hair, blue eyes, and just wears a black t-shirt and jeans. You sit in front of him. You look over and decide to start up a conversation.

"Hello, what is your name?" you ask as you turn around and look at him.

"Uh, Cam," he says looking at me in confusion.

"Well welcome to our school. I hope you like it here," I said with a warming smile.

"Oh, why thank you! You are the first one who has said that to me today," Cam said with a returning smile.

"Who are you talking to?" a girl asked who sat by you.

As you turn around to introduce Cam, he is gone. You feel embarrassed and just didn't
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answer. You maybe hope to see him again.

Later on in the week, you stay after school to help in the library. You are the only one in the library. Since the librarian has left to go home, you put away books on the shelf and you feel like someone is staring at you. You turn around and scream as Cam is there in a chair looking at you.

"What are you doing here?" You

ask as you go to sit by him.

"I wanted to talk to you about something," Cam says as he looks at his hands.

"That's good because I have to talk to you about something too," you say with concern. "I have been wondering why I haven't seen you anywhere else. It's like you have disappeared. The last Cam that was in this school was in 1985. So my question is who

are you?"

Cam laughs and says, "That is what I was going to tell you. I'm a ghost. Now before you think I'm crazy. Let me explain. I died from a car crash and I had no place to really go so I haunt the school I guess. I've been here since the last date you found me. No one sees me unless they have the gift but if not I go unnoticed. So with this gift I guess, I cause trouble in order to get new and better things for this school. I also love pulling pranks on students because I have the power to. The other day, I was going to prank the math teacher, but then for the first time, someone saw me. You were so polite, and I was actually happy to have a friend. So would you mind still being a friend of mine?"

Now it was time to make a choice: to have people think you are crazy for talking to the air or have a lifelong friend. What would you do?

-By Kyla Esselburn

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MARVEL HAS DONE IT AGAIN WITH CAPTAIN AMERICA: CIVIL WAR

Marvel studios just released a new hit film on May 6. *Captain America: Civil War* is about how the Avengers friendship will be put to the test due to so many new laws that want to be put in order. After a fatal bombing in another country, the world wants the Avengers and other super powered humans to be put into check and the U.N. drafts the "Sokovia Accords."

Sokovia accords state that the heroes may only act on a case if the other countries permit it. Of course this

causes some problems among the heroes. Iron Man, Vision, Black Widow, and War Machine believe that the heroes should accept limitations, while Captain America, Falcon and Scarlet Witch (Wanda) believe that they shouldn't hand over their rights.

Some other heroes and villains do make an appearance such as Agent 13, Winter Solider, Hawkeye, Black Panther, Spider Man, Ant Man, Baron Zemo, and Crossbones. Iron Man's team consists



of Vision, Black Widow, War Machine, Spider Man, and Black Panther. Captain America's team includes Falcon, Wanda, Winter Solider (Bucky), Hawkeye, and Ant Man. The teams are

fairly evenly matched.

Throughout the whole movie there are several battle scenes and also scenes with mass destruction. Though, of course, being a Marvel movie there are humorous jokes throughout the movie. The movie will actually make your heart ache at the end. Though all around Marvel never disappoints us with their movies. This movie is one to go see before it is removed from the theaters.

-By Kyla Esselburn

FALCON ATTACKS



FIONA CARLIN, SR.

Q: Who are your 3 favorite feel-good musicians?

A: Ray Charles, Stevie Nicks, and Axel Rose

Q: cake or pie

A: PIE

Q: If you could have a super power, what would you want it to be?

A: sub particle manipulation

Q: What makes you feel the best about

yourself?

A: When your favorite song comes on and you know you look bad trying to sing it, but you feel like you nailed it.

Q: If you could have one thing in the whole universe what would it be and why?

A: The Elder Wand from Harry Potter; I could do anything!

Top ten reasons why seniors should be happy about leaving high school

- 1.No more homework
- 2.No more underclassmen
- 3.College to look forward to
- 4.The rest of your life ahead of you
- 5.Only classes you want to take in college
- 6.Living on your own
- 7.You could travel all over
- 8.The end of one chapter and the beginning of another
- 9.No more AP testing
- 10.Free!

Trivia

Every time you lick a stamp, you consume 1/10 of a calorie.

No word in English rhymes with month, orange, silver, and purple.

A giraffe can go longer without water than a camel.

Ninety percent of all species that have gone extinct are birds.

There is approximately one chicken on earth to each human.

A rainbow can only be seen in the morning and afternoon.

It has never rained in Calama, a town in the Atacama Desert of Chile.

The average pencil can draw a line thirty-five miles long or 500,000 English words.

Women blink twice as much as men.

Donald Duck's middle name is Fauntleroy.

This information was found on djtech.com

THE FINAL WILL AND TESTAMENT OF MR. BELLINGHAM

Thirty-three years ago, I started down this road called teaching. Twenty-one years ago, it led me to a place called Elmira High School. It would be the fifth school I taught at, and it would be my last. It is now time to look back, remember, and say goodbye. So many things have changed, so many students survived my classes, and so many athletes to challenge and reach their goals!

You would hardly recognize our school today from the place when I started. We had so many students, (over 700) that I didn't even have my own classroom. I had to teach in a different room every period on other teacher's prep period. The cafeteria was in what is now Computer Lab 10, and when school dances were held, they were in the upstairs gym, which is now the wrestling room. It is hard to imagine we now have empty classrooms and less than 450 students. But it is exciting to see new construction and a new gym headed our way.

I will miss the freshmen every year bouncing their way into the high school, learning their World History and the four periods of time. I will miss the sophomores in US History recreating Paul Revere's Ride with the Battle of Lexington, or walking on the "ice" at Valley Forge. I will especially miss the daily challenge of my AP US History juniors, as they tried to climb History Mountain. The yearly East Coast and West Coast trips will always be special memories, watching them make Pickett's Charge in

Gettysburg, staring up at the Capitol's Rotunda in D.C., or walking in the footsteps of Lewis and Clark at Fort Clatsop. To all of the staff at EHS who went on those trips for the last 17 years,

girls' basketball, cross country and track here at EHS. Those student athletes who took on the extra challenge of sports never ceased to amaze me. I will especially never forget those athletes

across America in US News and World Report magazine. It takes an entire staff: principal, A.D., teachers, coaches, and students who give their best effort every day to master their state and AP tests, to make it all happen. It has been an honor to be a part of the team.

It is tough to say good bye to so many great people and students. I will never forget what one hotel manager asked me on one of our history trips back east as we checked out. He just couldn't believe that a group of young people could be so mature and well-mannered that he wanted to know where I found kids like that. I proudly told him, "We are the Falcons, and everywhere we go, people want to know, who we are, so we tell them"!

Okay, actually I said we come from a small town in Oregon. He just shook his head, exclaiming, "Wow" (By the way, we don't get good kids unless we have great parents. Thanks to all of the parents I have met over the years for sending me such great kids and for sitting through my parent conferences!)

When it is time to go back to school again in the fall, just remember there are no shortcuts in history. You have to bring it every day. Good luck to all of my students in your future years of learning and go out there and make America proud!

Bell signing out!!

-By Brad Bellingham



R. Chambers/*The Falconer*

Brad Bellingham, history teacher, helps Rasit Erdogan, jr., with his end-of-the-year slideshow

I cannot think of better people I would want to travel with, even Mr. Carpenter! To those students and staff who also have helped with the Japanese Exchange Program, I hope they enjoyed our time together as much as I did.

I have coached boys' basketball,

who ran distance for me. My XC and track teams have given me some of the proudest moments of my life.

I am most proud of the fact that Elmira H.S. continues to win National Awards from the rankings of all high schools

Bellinghamisms

You can't understand history without Waldo.

If you can't get over the wall into the castle, you won't be able to get a grade in the castle!

This test should be like taking candy from a freakin' Halloween stick.

That's your answer! That's your ding ding ding!

It should roll off your tongue like cheese on a taco.

I WON'T TAKE THIS ESSAY WITHOUT A BECAUSE.

These poor people are living in the slums while you're sitting here eating a chalupa in your mansion.

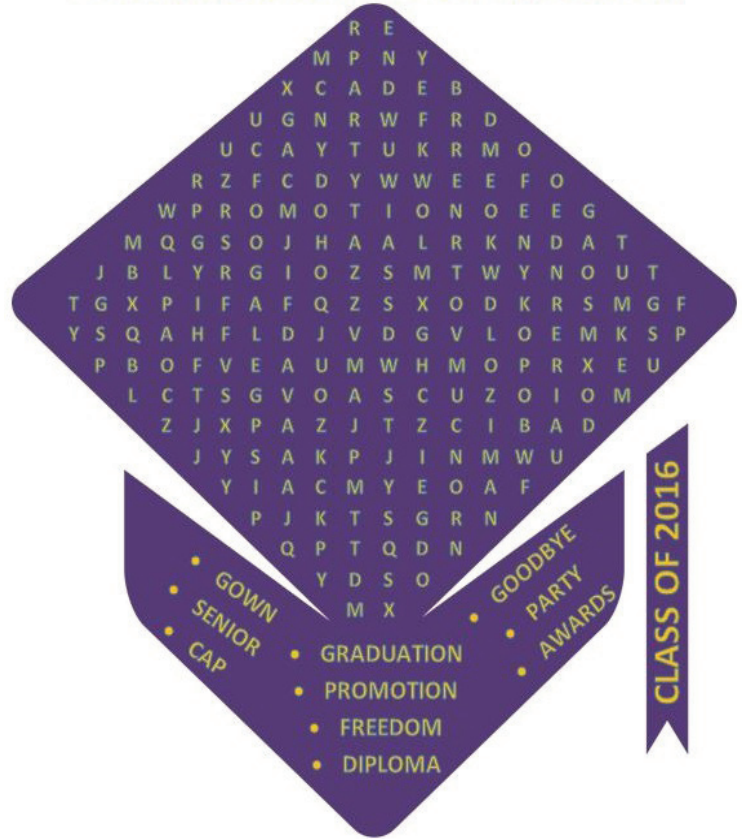
COVER CONTEST

SECOND PLACE: KAYLEE WOLGAMOTT, SR.



Congratulations to Kaylee Wolgamott, sr., for winning second place in the cover contest with her creation made entirely in the Paint application.

Graduation Wordsearch



Seniors show off artistic talents, featuring Yost's painting, Anstine's ceramics



Doncella Marquesses, art teacher, often talks about the large number of talented art students at Elmira High School. Marquesses has many talented students of different grade levels, but among the seniors she chose to feature a painting made by Jessica Yost and a ceramic piece made by Esther Anstine.

The painting was made for an assignment during the first semester, but the subject of the picture was chosen by Yost. The ceramic piece was also made by choice, during the second semester.

Yost used an assortment of acrylics on water media paper. Anstine used clay and glazes to create a design.





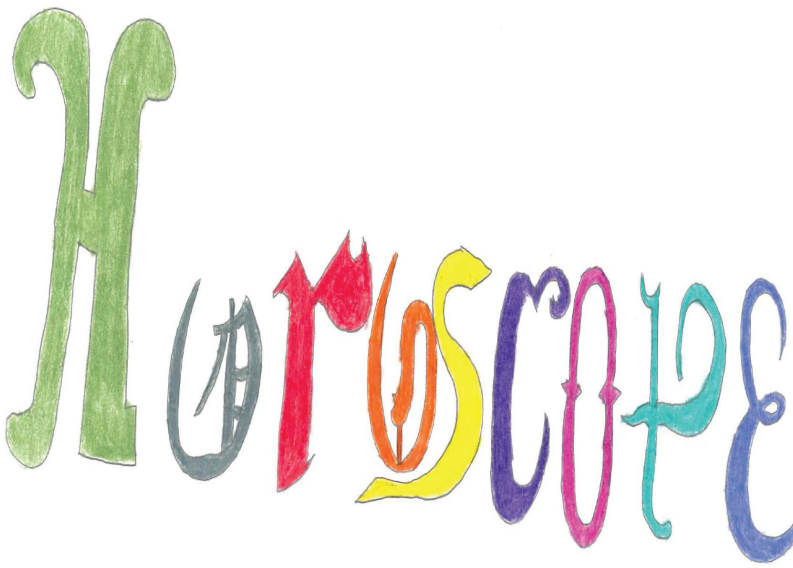
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YOU CARE TOO MUCH. STOP IT.



Gemini (May 21-Jun. 20)

If you're reading this, the ninjas failed. Last time I hire them. I mean seriously, why can't eight ninjas take one high schooler? I'm getting a refund. Word from the wise, do not hire ninjas from Dan's Ninja Emporium. It's a total sham.

Cancer (Jun. 21-Jul. 22)

Don't follow you dreams. Last dream I had, Santa and I stole a train to escape the CIA. In Nepal. It was all kinds of confusing. Next time, follow a laser pointer. It's quite liberating.

Leo (Jul. 23-Aug. 22)

Blah blah blah blablalblah blah blabla blah bla. See how it feels? Do you see how it feels? Good. Then stop speaking Twitter and get with the modern language: real English. And for God's sake, no more hashtags. It's called a pound sign.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22)

You want a jetpack? You seem like someone who needs a jetpack. They'd be very useful in the apocalypse. Maybe I'll get one too. We can be jetpack buddies! Jetpacks. Do it. Do it now.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22)

Frankly, this isn't that important

to me. It's nothing personal, it's just that I don't care. I don't care, you don't care, nobody cares. Who cares? Nobody. Even in the 30 or so seconds you retain this message, you won't care. So stop caring. You care too much. Stop it.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
Well, well, well, look who it is. It's you. But you probably already knew that, you clever devil, you. You're just sooo smart, aren't you? Seriously, are you? I have no idea who you are. Please help.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Time to die. No. Not die. Dye. Time to dye. Make everything chartreuse. That's your new favorite color. Hair, water, clothes, everything. I'm sure it'll be popular.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)
You're so hip. Kids these days. With their Justin Beaver and Fifty Cents weirdos. Back in my day, a beaver was a hat, and fifty cents could get you five candy bars. But you went and let the yuppies take over. Crazy kids.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)
Ever wanted to rob a bank? I

mean who really gets hurt? Don't let your dreams be dreams. Just do it. I'll even join you. But if we get caught, I'm deaf and you don't speak English.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)

Roses are red, violets are blue, horoscopes from me mean control over you. You're bent to my will, though you struggle and itch, now get in the kitchen, and make me a sandwich. I recommend the Italian deli sub. It's pretty good. Now march.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)

Good... Gooooood... Feel your hunger... Feel it consume you... It won't end until you eat... Don't worry, I'll have Pisces make you a sandwich.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)

You must not fear the unknown. You must not fear that which you cannot control. You should, however, fear the Shapeshifting Communist-Alien-Zombie-Cyborg-Dino-Shark-Bear-Moon-Nazi-Lizard-Men that secretly run this dump. Those things are terrifying. And you'll never even see them coming. You could even be one, and you wouldn't even know.

-By Cooper Barnes

THINGS HEARD IN THE HALLS

Did you just say we have to swallow British villains?

Yes, we use magic to pirate a suit of lasers.

You forgot the pie, jerk

I'm gonna mwa me a beach!

Mmmm, tastes like soggy cardboard, not that I would know what that tastes like...

Was your cat eating your toes last night?

I thought you said this was watermelon

I'm punching you in your heart.

Does the Supernatural fandom REALLY have a gif for everything?

LOOK STUPID DOWN HERE LEVEL DOWN AT THE FOOT DOOR

I slipped up my friends