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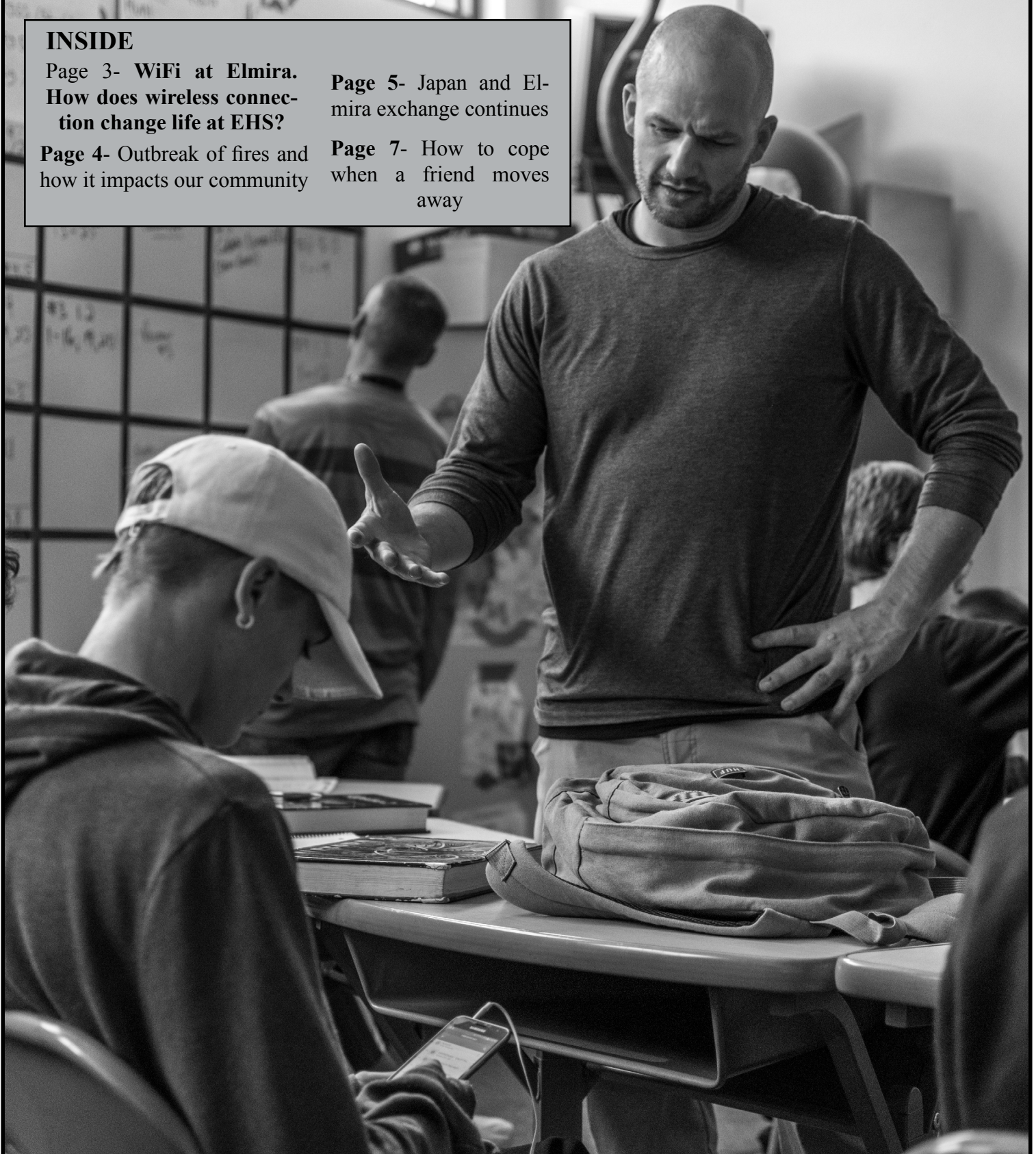
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EHS Staff accolades and announcements

Congrats to all our fall athletes. The ability to balance both academics and athletics is a valuable skill to carry into the future. Great job being successful and may your diligence continue!
- Mr. Monegan

First practice for winter sports is on November 13th. If you are playing basketball or wrestling get your paperwork in the week before so you can practice on the first day. - Mr. Best

Thank you to the ASB & Class Officers for their EXCELLENT work in organizing the 2017 Homecoming activities! You are all awesome!! - Stacy Cornelius

To all of the students in Study Hall- thank you for a great start to the school year! Keep up the great work!! - Julie C

Congrats to all of the Fall Sport Athletes that are out participating, as well as those

students challenging themselves by taking AP Classes. Go Falcons! - Mr. Carpenter

Congrats to all of the fall sports athletes. . finish the season strong! Also, great job to everyone who participated in and helped out with all of the Homecoming festivities! Gracias,

Jennifer Snider


Mr Cooper is grateful to all of his Geometry classes for an excellent group of kids that work hard and want to succeed in math. It is a blessing to teach you! #GeometryRocks #Coopdog #GoFalcons



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Point: Wi-Fight internet access to students?

By Ethan Frolov

The step forward into an era where Elmira High School allows the free distribution of internet via WiFi is of a mind of positive progressiveness. There are a multitude of reasons why school permitted WiFi is beneficial to the student body; one touched upon by Ian Connors, Sr. is the fact that the internet is a gateway to the cumulative reservoir of information held by the human race. The argument that students will find distraction in their phones is a trivial one. The school board and administrators who allowed the installation of the new WiFi systems were well aware of this matter, and choose

to proceed with only basic content filtration and monitoring programs. Why might this be the case? Because our school already has rules in place to mitigate phone use; for example, teachers have already barred phone use in classrooms unless explicitly stated otherwise. So why barricade those students who don't have data plans or internet at home from accessing the "culmination of humanity's pursuit of knowledge" simply out of fear a student would try to access their social media, a pastime already so prevalent that the addition of school Wifi is negligible.

Wireless network introduced to EHS

By Elva Zhao

Elmira High School recently got Wi-Fi. The password for the new Wi-Fi is "gofalcons" under the guest network.

Before, there were a lot of places on campus that did not have cellular service. This made it hard to use phones. Students would have to use cell data, if they could use it at all. The new Wi-Fi gives students the opportunity to look up homework they missed or check the bell schedule.

"The Wi-Fi is reliable and it allows students to more easily connect to the internet since we do not have good cellular service," said ASB President Kevin Cochran, sr.

Gary Carpenter, Superintendent of the Fern Ridge School District and Principal of EHS,

believes that Wi-Fi will help the guest speakers when they use PCs during presentations. He also thinks it would be useful for the people that come to our school to watch football games. But, he is concerned that the network will crash due to its being only one network with 300+ people using it.

Carpenter also mentioned that this upcoming month the high school will have up to three separate networks. They will be for guests, teachers and students. Students will use their student ID numbers to login to the Wi-Fi.

So far everyone seems to be enjoying the new Wi-Fi, and it will improve more throughout the year.



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Counter-Point: Open internet access in a school environment constricts the efficacy of the learning process

By Ian Connors


It can be argued that the internet is the ultimate resource for those interested in the pursuit of knowledge, and they are absolutely correct. We are exceedingly fortunate to live in the age of the World Wide Web. The internet is a mind blowing complex creation that represents the culmination of humanity's pursuit of knowledge, and is the pinnacle of current technological advancement. With access to this virtually infinite network of information lying a mere keystroke or touch of a screen away, ignorance is more of a choice than ever. This argument, however, falls to pieces when applied to the likes of high school students. We are very easily distracted, finding enjoyment in a plethora of fun-filled, mindless applica-

tions including, but not limited to, iFunny, 9gag, Youtube, Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, etc. These services provide a quick laugh, a superficial connection to friends, and in many cases, a distraction from the monotony of one's daily schedule. The fact that the students can bring their own devices further escalates the problem because it is significantly more difficult for the administrators to implement an effective filtering and/or monitoring system. Many more exploits exist in a system with devices free of restrictions versus a controlled environment such as those exhibited by the computers that currently exist in our labs. I would provide examples, but our IT expert has enough to do.

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Forest Fires impacts sports and other activities throughout the state

By Leonardo Griffin

There have been over 900 fires in Oregon so far in 2017, many of these in Central Oregon. The total amount of land that had been damaged is at 525,662 acres according to the Oregon Department of Forestry's Wildfire blog as of Sept. 3. The fires have caused many homes to be evacuated while the fires are contained.

The largest fire is the Chetco Bar fire in Curry County; it has burned over 180,000 acres of land since it was reported on July 12.

Weather conditions have hampered firefighting efforts

throughout Oregon. With high winds spreading fires and smoke farther south.

The smoke has canceled outdoor and athletic events, such as the JV soccer meet at Creswell on Sept. 5. Soccer participants such as James Lang, fr., were disappointed that the game was canceled by the smoke. Lack of rain has caused grass to become dry, making it easier to burn; some lightning strikes even causing fires. Fires caused by lightning strikes burned more land than the human produced fires. There are also many fires whereby the causes are

unknown. The Eagle creek fire was sparked by a firework and burned thousands of acres.

Several large complex fires have formed in central Oregon and have done damages to nearby towns and forests. A fire becomes a complex when two fires run into each other and become one larger fire, or two fires start in the same area and are assigned to one fire marshal. Fire complexes are worse than standard fires because they are much larger and they put a heavier strain on available resources.

To prevent fires from starting there is a ban in place on burning

during fire season, though some districts still allow burning debris with a permit. If you do burn, it is recommended that you make sure there are no branches or power lines above it; that the fire is completely out after it finishes burning, and that you don't burn it on a windy day.

Many fires continue to burn, and new ones are being ignited by lightning and other causes. For updated information please visit the ODFs website and find the Wildfire briefing maps. Please wish the firefighters good luck on their attempts at containing the fires.

Foreign Exchange Student Spotlight: Camilla Sartore

By: Emma Maingot

Camilla Sartore, jr., is an Italian exchange student who is currently spending an exchange semester here at EHS. She is from a small island called 'Elba' in the region of Tuscany. She has been in the US since Aug. 12 and is enjoying America a lot. During her exchange semester she wants to learn as much as possible about the American culture.

Q: Why did you choose to do an exchange semester in the US?

A: "I chose to spend a semester here because I wanted to improve my English, meet new people and learn to know a new culture."

Q: What are the biggest differences you see between here and your home country?

A: "The food and the school are very different. In Italy I have 12 different subjects and not the same schedule every day. There's a lot more school spirit here than in Italy."

Q: What do you miss the most about your home country?

A: "Pasta and Italian food in general."

Q: What has been the greatest challenge you've faced so far?

A: "Speaking English all the

time."

Q: What are you learning from this experience?

A: "I learn to make decisions of my own and I'm becoming more independent."

Q: Do you participate in any activity inside or outside of school?

A: "Yes I'm on the volleyball team."

Q: What will you miss most about this country when you go home?

A: "I will miss my host family, having a host sister and the school."

Q: What's your favorite American food?

A: "Cheeseburger!"

Q: What's the climate like in your home country? And what's the landscape like?

A: "It's very sunny where I live and warmer than here. As I live on an island, there's also the sea nearby."

Q: Tell me about your hometown. Where would you take me if I came to visit?

A: "I would take you to the beach and to the highest mountain where you have a view on many other islands. And I would probably take you scuba diving, as I really enjoy diving!"

Bellingham continues tradition of hosting Japanese

By Andrea Griffin



Photo courtesy of Rebecca Lorenz

The Japanese students shout "Bonzai" from top of the state capitol building.

Over the summer a group of junior high students from Minamiuonuma, Japan, visited Elmira. The trip was organized in part by Brad Bellingham, former EHS history teacher. Each summer, 20 students from Minamiuonuma come to stay with Elmira host families and a larger group of students and family members from Elmira visit Minamiuonuma every three years.

Bellingham has been helping coordinate the exchange program between Oregon and Japan schools for 24 years. Throughout the past ten years, 218 students have come from Minamiuonuma. In order for students to be able to travel to the U.S. with their school a competition for spots is held by writing an essay and going through an interview process. "It's not very hard," said Shie Watanabe, a 14 year old who has been studying English for three years.

"The Japanese are so appreciative of what we do for them," said Bellingham. He believes it is important to continue this exchange as both groups get to learn a lot about the others' culture, and even a little of their own, something you simply can't learn from a book. "[The Japanese] are so nice to us when we go over there," said Bellingham.

The Japanese students said they found Bellingham to be very interesting. "He is very friendly and has good Japanese," said Hana Imai, a junior high student who has been studying English for two years.

In total, there were ten different host families from Elmira, each with one high school student who would travel to Portland with Bellingham and spend two days touring as a large group with the Japanese. Each family hosted two Japanese students of the same gender that corresponds with the family's student representative; this year there were six boys and 14 girls. "[The students] were all super excited to be here and I was excited to meet them, they are super adorable," said Elle Russell, jr.

On Aug. 21, Bellingham took a tour bus with the American high schoolers to Portland to meet up with the Japanese. Along the way, the group made a stop in Salem to watch the solar eclipse. "It was super cool," said Kristlyn Seamon, jr.

Shortly after being picked up from the airport in Portland, the group went on many tours lead by Bellingham

and Ted Akasaka, a coordinator and translator for the Japanese. They visited Multnomah Falls, Bonneville Fish Hatchery, and ate dinner at Red Robins. "I really like how excited they got when I gave them quarters [to feed the fish at Bonneville]," said Shelby McCormick, jr. At Red Robins, the Japanese students were awed at the size of the burgers and often had a hard time finishing the whole meal.

On Aug. 22, the group took a walking tour of Portland, ate lunch at Hometown Buffet, toured the Oregon State Capitol building, visited Lone Pine Farms and ate dinner at the EHS for a welcoming ceremony.

"Bellingham is both the tour guide and the tourist," said McCormick.

During the walking tour of Portland, Bellingham led the group through Japanese Plaza, where they learned about Japanese Concentration camps; Pioneer Square where they could see the oldest Federal Courthouse built in the west; and First Congregationalist Church where they learned about the religious heritage of Oregon. "We've come so far, that's why it's so important to learn these stories," said Bellingham, in regards to the history of how the Japanese were treated during WW2. Even though the U.S. and Japan had bad relations in prior years, he feels the two cultures have been able to look past that and forgive each other. "[The Japanese] are so nice to [Elmira] students. [They] are so nice when [the Americans] visit [their] town," said Bellingham.

"[Portland] is a very beautiful town, with lots of buildings and a big river. [In] my town there are not a lot of buildings or a big river, America is big," said Hana Imai, a 14 year old Japanese student who has been studying English for two years. She also noted that the Niigata Prefecture is famous for its nature, such as the mountains and trees, which makes it similar to Oregon.

On Aug. 23, the Japanese students toured a fire station in Eugene, Swanson Brother's Saw Mill, Hayward Field, McKenzie Willamette Medical Center and Autzen Stadium. Shie Watanabe, one of the students, enjoyed the tour of McKenzie Willamette Medical Center and the saw mill the most, "I liked the smell of the trees," said Watanabe.

On Aug. 25, the students spent the whole day with their host families doing whatever they felt like. Many families went shopping and to the coast, some even attending a cross country dinner, hosted by Andrea Griffin, jr., followed by an evening at Get Air. "I saw the beautiful sea, shopping, and many people come to [the Griffin] house," said Imai.

On Aug. 26, all the families went to the Oregon State Fair together and ate dinner at Pietro's Pizza. "The attractions are very fun," said Watanabe. According to her, Japan also has many summer festivals, but they are centered more around Japanese culture and there are no fun rides.

The Japanese students left early in the morning on Aug. 26. They spent two days in San Francisco before heading back to Japan

"I want to be an American," said Watanabe.

Plenty of job opportunities available for students

By Makenzie DeFoyd

Looking for a summer job? It's a lot easier than you think; there are so many local businesses in Veneta and Elmira that are happy to accept your hard work. Different employers are looking for people that have different skills so there are a variety of jobs that you could choose from.

For example, Ray's Food Place you can find their applications at gorays.com or by asking the manager for an application.

Another place that you could work if you are good with tools or any outdoor activity is Ace Hardware.

There are also many coffee shops in this town from Hillbilly Brews, Cup of Joe, Window Box cafe, and so on. If you would be interested in working somewhere like that you could go talk to them yourself or you can write up a resume and give it to them.

From April to July 2017, the number of employed youth 16 to 24 years old increased by 1.9 million to 20.9 million, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported today.

If you need more information you can also go to the counseling center at Elmira High School and they would be happy to go over applications and give you advice. So if you're looking for some extra cash and don't know where to start it's easier than you think.

Teacher Feature: Erin Ellis

By Linda Cline

Do you ever wonder about your teachers, the ones who teach us day in and day out? We interviewed Mrs. Ellis, our new history teacher, this is what we got.

Q: What is your favorite country?

A: "Well, that is a hard to choose. Though my top three [countries] are: Mexico, Greece, and Italy."

Q: Do you have any pets?

A: "Yes I have two Miniature Dixons a twelve year old German Shorthaired Pointer, and a two year old Pointer named Archer."

Q: What kind of food do you like?

A: "I like all food, but enchiladas are the best."

Q: What is your opinion on sports?

A: "I love sports and played soccer as a kid. Now this year I am the track sprint coach."

Q: How old are you?

A: "I'm thirty one."

Q: What hobbies do you have?

A: "I don't really have a lot of hobbies though I love hiking with my dogs on the weekend."

Q: Have you traveled anywhere interesting lately?

A: "Well I've been to Italy, Greece, and on winter breaks I go to Mexico."

Q: What college did you go to and at what age did you graduate?

A: "Ok now I've got to remember, I went to Oregon Pacific College, and graduated at twenty four. It took four years to earn my degree."

Q: Why did you choose to work at this school?

A: "I did my student teaching here and I live close. Before I got here I was teaching at the Siuslaw high School."

Q: How were your grades in high school?"

A: "High school was pretty easy, and I graduated with honors."

Q: Is there any show you particularly like, or dislike?

A: "There is no show that I don't like, though my favorite show is 'The Walking Dead.'"

Q: We all have place that we love to be. Where is yours?

A: "This is hardly a question, it is my bed."

Girl's soccer swoops into season

By Riley Chambers

The girls soccer team is off to a great start this year. Head coach Rob Lee, P.E teacher, and Tommy Laing, volunteer assistant coach, are excited for this season. The Elmira girls soccer team is currently in second place in the Sky-Em League, just behind Junction City.

"We should be in the mix for the League title," said Lee.

Last season the Falcons finished third in league, the highest in more than a decade. Some of the highlights included beating Cottage Grove, away and at home (for the first time in over 10 years), beating Sisters twice in the season (again, first time in over 10 years), and hosting a play-in game for the state tournament.

"They need to work on communication on the field, finding the back of the net, finishing opportunities, and work on intensity and confidence," Lee said

Compared to last year, the current girls soccer team is a lot younger. The team lost 10 players from last year, so it is a rebuilding season.

"We are much younger, but there is a much more positive atmosphere," Lee said.

To compete, stay healthy, and qualify for a state play-in game is what Lee and the team are looking for this season.

"The teams at the top of the league are very competitive, and we are right there in the mix for the League title," Lee said.

Boys soccer team makes efforts to improve their league standings

By Andrea Griffin

Last year, the Elmira Boys Soccer Team finished second in the Sky-Em league and made it into the playoffs. The team is currently ranked 26 out of 40 teams by OSAA with an overall record of 1-2-1. "We should be very competitive in the league this year," said Ryan Chambers, counselor at Elmira Middle School.

This year, coach Chambers moved from being an assistant coach to head coach. Kyle Johnson, a substitute IA, is the new assistant coach. According to coach Chambers, the team has a much more team oriented focus compared to past years.

This year's team captains are Justice Storey, sr., Kevin Cochran, sr., and Riley Chambers, jr. "They were selected by their teammates for their leadership, both with actions and with words. They are all encouraging and respectful to [their] teammates. They help others get better," said coach Chambers.

Riley Chambers has been playing soccer for 13 years. "I love the sport of soccer because

it is a team sport, it can be played anywhere and everywhere and there is a history behind it. Most of all, it is super fun to play," said Riley Chambers. He feels that this year's team is a great group of guys who are a lot of fun and create a great positive environment.

"It would be awesome if we could win league," said Riley Chambers.

Coach Chambers hopes that his players will keep improving everyday, especially in communication, which is a key element of soccer. "I hope all of our players continue to grow as young men and develop a love for the game, all while improving as players. If we do that then the on-field things should take care of themselves."

Many of the soccer athletes are also cross country runners. Even among the soccer players who happen to be varsity cross country runners, soccer is their priority. All dual sports athletes are required to attend at least two cross country practices a week prior to the meet if they

plan on running; although, one of these practices is allowed to be a simple check-in and not a full on workout.

"When you're a dual sport athlete, you don't have much free time," said Keegan Cook, jr. Cook has been playing soccer for most of his life, he is currently a midfielder for the boys varsity team, as well as a varsity cross country runner. "It can be tiring because you have to work hard in as many practices as you can for both sports," said Cook. Cook also plays basketball and runs long distance in track for Elmira.

Although several of the varsity cross country are also soccer players, no one among them declares cross country as their primary sport. "It's much easier to do cross country on your own that it is to do soccer on your own," said Kellen Smith, sr., varsity soccer player and captain of the cross country team.

"I'm very excited for this season. Come out and watch these guys play," said coach Chamber.

Cross Country rises to top of their league, runners set personal bests



Phototos courtesy of Tom Boldon

Varsity Boys place second out of nine teams at Harrier's Challenge, The Dam Run, with a score of 63, just 21 points behind Philomath who took first. Keegan Cook, jr., took third (18:16), Paul Ossowski second (18:17). Varsity Girls had two runners finish in top five, Katlin Cook third (22:17), Andrea Griffin fourth (22:40).



Elmira Boys Varsity team takes first at Santiam Christian Invitational in Corvallis with a score of 36, 46 points ahead of Santiam Christian who took second. Elmira Girls Varsity team also takes first with a score of 72, just ahead of East Linn, 82.

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| Team | Location | Top Runners | Place | Time |
| EHS | @ Richardson Park | <i>Canceled</i> | | |
| EHS | @ Cascade HS | Keegan Cook Paul Ossowski Riley Chambers Kellen Smith | 10 th 11 th 13 th 14 th | 18:21 18:21 19:13 19:15 |
| EHS | @ Schwarz Park | Kaitlin Cook Andrea Griffin Keegan Cook Paul Ossowski | 3 rd 4 th 3 rd 4 th | 22:17 22:40 18:16 18:17 |
| EHS | @ Santiam Christian HS | Paul Ossowski Keegan Cook Kaitlin Cook Andrea Griffin | 2 nd 4 th 2 nd 3 rd | 17:55.81 18:18.00 21:02.18 21:25.25 |

'It' (2017) audiences' nostalgia

By Dean Nelson

Stephen King's *It* is a 2017 horror movie that absolutely blew me away. The director, Andy Muschietti, perfectly captured what times were like in the 80s for kids, along with how they behaved during those times. My favorite child/teen actor Finn Wolfhard was also in this movie, and I simply adore him for how comical he is at times that seem dreary. Actor Bill Skarsgård did such a good job as Pennywise, and I loved that there were techniques used by Muschietti to hide the actors from Pennywise until it was time to shoot with Skarsgård.

The movie takes place in the Town of Derry, Maine, and the local kids are disappearing one by one, leaving behind bloody remains. In a place known as The Barrens, a group of seven

kids: Bill Denbrough (Jaeden Lieberher), Ben Hanscom (Jeremy Ray Taylor), Beverly Marsh (Sophia Lillis), Richie Tozier (Finn Wolfhard), Mike Hanlon (Chosen Jacobs), Eddie Kaspbrak (Jack Dylan Grazer), and Stanley Urus (Wyatt Oleff) are united by their terrifying and strange encounters with an evil clown, Pennywise (Bill Skarsgård), and their determination to kill it.

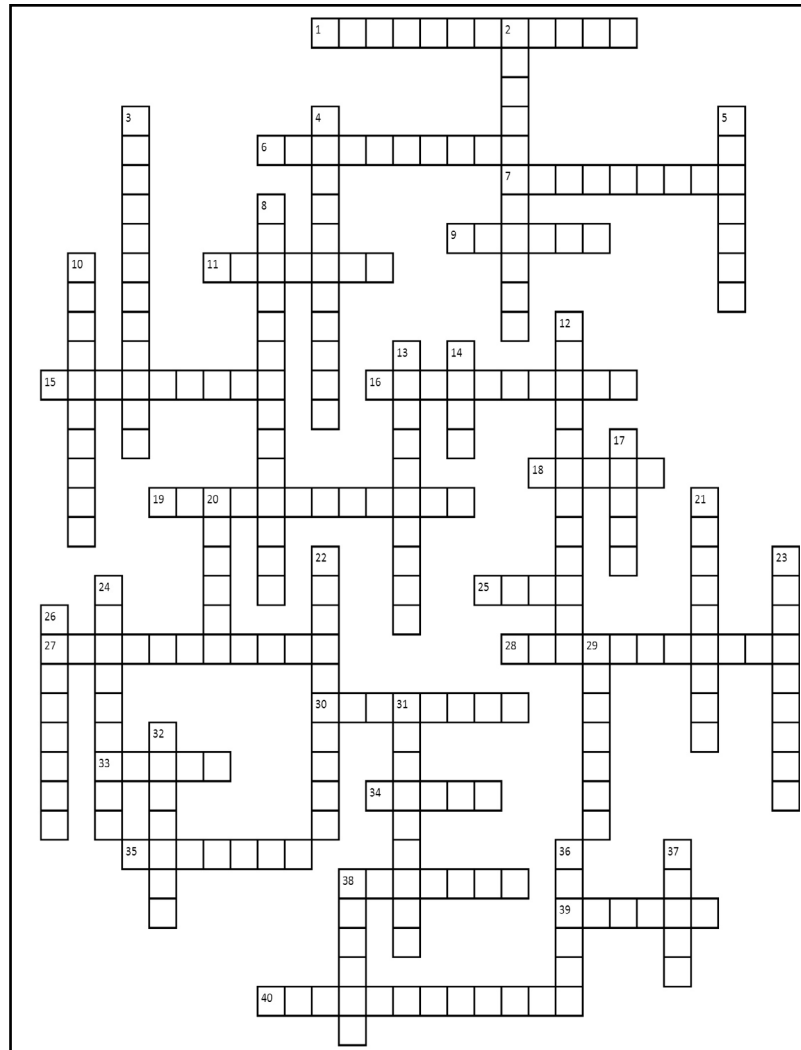
The movie runs for about 2 hours and 15 minutes, and is R rated. The movie was just released on Sept 8, but the director Muschietti already has plans for a sequel in 2019 due to its enormous success at the box office (\$117,150,000). So far the movie has an 87 percent on Rotten Tomatoes, 8.1/10 stars on IMDB, and a 70 on Metacritic.

Crossword puzzle of the Month: Fall Edition

By Ian Connors

Across

- 1- where all the kids are going
- 6- the sound of rustling leaves
- 7- a common word to describe a good harvest
- 9- a measure equal to 64 us pints
- 11- a fall fashion choice
- 15- trees with falling leaves
- 16- commonly ridden by witches
- 18- a large fruit with a hard shell
- 19- carved and filled with candles
- 25- used to collect leaves
- 27- a full moon seen nearest to the time of the autumnal equinox
- 28- a well known German holiday
- 30- a glossy brown nut that is often roasted and eaten
- 33- a British term for corn
- 34- another word for cold
- 35- a ride on a wagon carrying cut grass
- 38- a very light rain: stronger than a mist but less than a shower
- 39- left behind by spider-bro
- 40- a popular fall treat consisting of a specific fruit covered in a specific sweet sauce



Down

- 2- a day devoted to a famous explorer
- 3- the official flavor of white girls
- 4- what bears are doing and what I'd rather be doing
- 5- someone who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons
- 8- having a fantastic or deceptive nature as something in a dream
- 10- the unfiltered juice of apples
- 12- a common activity on halloween
- 13- bringer of death
- 14- a measure of 128 cubic feet of cut wood
- 17- a hole in the ground
- 20- filled by the dead
- 21- a similar but less well known German holiday
- 22- a symbol of plenty
- 23- a song by Earth, Wind, and Fire
- 24- a sweet fruit resembling a large tomato
- 26- what the leaves are doing
- 29- a group of fruit trees
- 31- scares away black birds
- 32- what birds do
- 36- when a witch hears a funny joke
- 37- precipitation, ice mixed with rain or snow
- 38- of or associated with woods

Ask Freddy the Falcon

Dear Freddy the Falcon,

My best friend in the whole world is moving away and I don't know how I'm going to cope. Who's going to walk everywhere with me and share her lunch with me? Please help!!
Sincerely, Soon to be Friendless

Dear Soon to be Friendless,

Just stay in touch! Sure she's moving away but you can Skype, make phone calls, Facebook, Facetime, Email..... the list goes on and on. You could even send her an old fashioned letter! Maybe view this as a chance to strengthen your bond with other friends, and perhaps you can even make new ones! Who knows what will happen? In any case, just try to enjoy the time you have left together. Why waste time mourning the inevitable? Unless she's moving to Antarctica, or perhaps being admitted into the Hunger Games, or going to Hogwarts, this won't be the hardest thing you'll face in your life. We're human! The only constant in life is change! So embrace this change I wish you the best of luck!
Much love,
Freddy the Falcon

Horrorscopes: tis' the season to be spooky

By Ian Connors and Ethan Frolov

Taurus (Apr.20-May 20):

You feel the power of a raging bull flowing through you. That may, however, be the 6 cans of Red Bull talking. You drank a bit too much caffeine, wowza. 666 milligrams to be exact. Your heart is thumping against your chest like Dave Grohl on a drum solo. You feel your chest breaking apart; the ribs are bursting outward; that wasn't red bull at all, it was a chest buster.

Gemini (May 21-Jun. 20):

You will bask in a special light unique to yourself, shining bright, as if a beacon to others. But, this beacon is fortunate, a warning even, to those others. Your misconduct when handling the plutonium may have cost you your life. Even now the radiation poisoning is permeating your bones, you're fatigued, and your hair is falling out by the handful.

Cancer (Jun.21-Jul.22):

Cancer is supposed to be sentimental. I disagree. Cancer sucks.

Leo (Jul. 23-Aug. 22):

You feel as though you're a leaf floating through the air, swirling blissfully along the gentle ebbs and flows of the wind beneath your flimsy frond of a body. How did you get there, how is that even possible? You

land on the pavement, confused and terrified. A shadow appears above your dry frail head, getting larger around you... the boot lifts up, leaving paper-like bits fluttering in its wake.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sep. 22):

As a Virgo, you like things a certain way. Something of a perfectionist you are. And it shows. You look very nice today. Keep doing what you're doing.

Libra (Sep. 23-Oct. 22):

Your life is about balances, not unlike a scale. Maybe you'll think about scales a lot this month, especially considering the prevalence of reptile people in every faction of our "democratic" government. Bush didn't do 9/11, the lizard people controlling him did.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

From henceforth, all Scorpions must own scorpions. If you're feeling really ambitious I recommend injecting yourself with various forms of scorpion venom and with the hope that one of them is radioactive. However, without one of these things you will continue being a disappointment to your family.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

As a Sagittarius you are inclined to adventure. Maybe

that adventure will take you somewhere you've never been before. Like a graveyard. But this one is different. The crawling of your skin confirms it. Out of the corner of your eye you see it. A tombstone. Why the heck is there a 10 ft. tombstone? Then you notice your name on it. Curious, you read the epitaph: Blank, tragically killed in a falling-tombstone related accident on October 34, 2017. Today's date? November 3.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

This horoscope officially marks the insurrection of the Capricorns. The message has been sent worldwide; it's already too late, resistance will only result in futility. Rise up, fellow Capricorns, rise up and tear down the walls of oppression that rose like dark spires into a starless sky. The time has come.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

As an Aquarius, you are

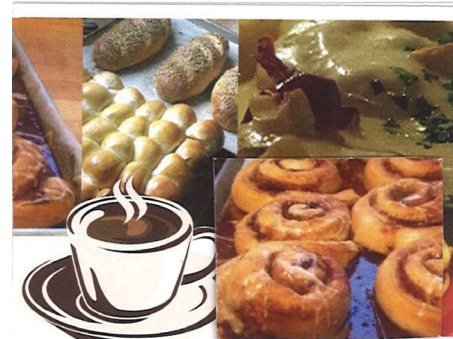
meant to be independent. Much like the X variable in a math equation. Speaking of X, it often marks the spot. Speaking of spots, 44.051032, -123.346635. Look under the green slide.

Pisces (Feb. 19-Mar. 20):

Just keep swimming. Or don't. Maybe just relax for a minute. Maybe stop looking for that life preserver thrown from afar. Maybe stop hoping for rescue. Maybe just sink peacefully beneath the choppy waters of despair and into the blissful release of death waiting just below the water line.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 19):

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