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Alexandra Mills



Sophomore:
Abbigale Williamson



Junior:
Ashlyn Foote



Junior:
Rhian Coffee



Falcon of the Month:
Rowdy Ramirez

EHS Staff accolades and announcements

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you to all my students for making 2017-18 one of the best years of my teaching career. EHS students and staff are amazing!
 - Mr. Cooper

Make all the things you think, good things. This world needs more good things. Congrats to all the students that passed all your classes this year! The hard work and discipline shown will pave the way towards many future opportunities.
 - Monegan

I want to applaud all AP students for doing a great job following instructions throughout the AP Exam period. And I want to thank all the AP Teachers that spent extra hours preparing them for their exams. I wish them good luck when finding out their scores in July.
 - Mr. Guldager

Congratulations to all seniors! We wish you the best in your future endeavors!
 Also
 The Interact club still has some vegetable starters for sale, \$3.00 each. Please let your family and friends know. Go to the Veneta

Farmer's market on Saturday from 10-2, or online at growinga-future.org. We will deliver orders of 10 or more free to the Veneta, Elmira area.
 Sincerely,
 Stephanie Hackett

Thank you to all of the Falconer staff for your hard work and dedication this year. Thank you to our Editor Andrea Griffin for your leadership. And good job all you counselors at Out Door School. You really make a difference for all of the kids.
 - Mr. Burgess

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Can you find The Falcon in this issue?



Find the Falcon hidden within this paper! Good luck.

On the cover: Outdoor school counselor "King Lear" (Ethan Frolov, sr) shows 5th grade students how to dissect a squid. Meanwhile nearby "Dr. Strange" (Ian Connors, sr) prepares the squid as calamari to rave review.

Answers to the crossword on page 8:

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Auf Wiedersehen, Frau Oedekoven

Story and photos by Riley Chambers

After the current school year, Angelika Oedekoven, German teacher, will be moving to Portland with her family, leaving the German teaching spot vacant next year.

Oedekoven grew up just outside of Köln (Cologne), Germany, which is about the same size as Veneta. She moved to the United States after visiting, and decided to attend college in California.

"One of the first times I came to the United States I did a road trip with my sister to see some of the National Parks. On that trip I met someone who invited me to visit San Francisco. I fell in love with the city and decided to stay and go to college in the Bay Area," she said.

Oedekoven then received her masters degree at the University of Oregon. After volunteering at her children's elementary school, she decided to teach German because of her love of the language. Then she worked at Willamette HS, teaching German, for three years. After that, she ended up at Elmira, finishing up her fourth year this year.

"I very much like the students here at the school. I've enjoyed getting to know them."
- Frau Oedekoven



"I will miss the students. It has been fun to teach German and I hope many will continue to learn a second and possibly even a third language (maybe in college?). I will also miss the staff. Everyone has been wonderful to work with," said Oedekoven.

Up in Portland, Oedekoven will be working at a German immersion school, one of only a few on the Pacific Coast. She will be instructing not only as a second language, but to more advanced students, ones who have been learning since the first grade, and children from Germany.

Ross takes on new ESD job, leaves heartbroken EHS

By Josiah Lorenz

Next year, Cassidy Ross, new English teacher at EHS, will be moving to work at Lane Educational Services District, or Lane ESD, in the Instruction, Equity, and Partnerships Department. She has worked in the district for thirteen years, twelve years at Fern Ridge Middle School and 2017-2018 at Elmira teaching English language. This year was also her first year teaching AP Language and Composition. She will be missed; however, her new job will have her assisting high schools, including EHS, with opportunities to give students college credit.



Cassidy Ross and her AP Language and Composition class making crepes in celebration of the end of the school year and the completion *The Grapes of Wrath* by John Stienbeck. When asked why she picked this activity Ross said for the 'Crepes of Wrath'.

"I will miss seeing my students and being a part of this incredible community."
-Cassidy Ross

While she loves being a part of this district, Ross also said she took the ESD job to be closer to her kids Jack (11), Sawyer (9), and Clementine (5).

"Mrs. Ross is a fantastic teacher and an even better person," said Riley Chambers, jr. "I loved starting my day with her class." Many of her AP students felt she prepared them well for the AP Exam and that she really cared about them.

According to Ross her biggest challenges with teaching here were grading essays and keeping grades updated. She said the best part is seeing the difference she made in student's lives.

Ross also expressed a desire to thank some people at EHS. "Thank you EHS students and staff for welcoming me with open arms and for an amazing school year!" said Ross.

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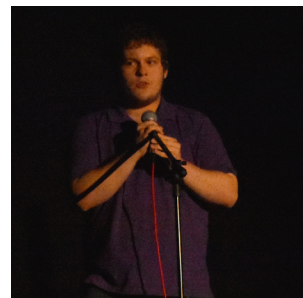
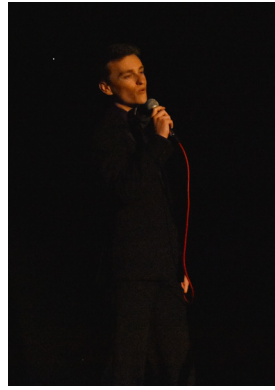



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Several students sing, dance, preform in EHS Talent Show



First Place: Beau Admire
 Second place: Kevin Cochran Jr.
 Third Place: Josh Mlynczyk

(clockwise from photo above) Josh Mlynczyk, jr., dancing to a modern, electronic song. Guillermo Farje, soph., performing stand up comedy. Kevin Cochran Jr., sr., singing *I Won't Give Up* by Jason Mraz. Tammy and Mark Boren being recognized and appreciated for their work in the community. Devin Groshong, sr., singing and playing guitar. Micheal Huber, sr., singing a song from *La La Land*.

EHS students and fifth graders bond and learn at Outdoor school

Photos, including the cover, by Ian Connors

On May 24, 2018, the fifth grade classes of Elmira and Veneta Elementary embarked on a trip to Sky Camp just outside of Lowell, Oregon. This year, Outdoor School was free for all fifth-graders who attended, thanks to a new grant in the state of Oregon. Outdoor School was an enriching and special experience for all.

Bob Bruce, a camp director and substitute teacher, has been involved with outdoor school for the past two decades. "It's like an addiction, I just keep coming back," said Bruce.

High school juniors and seniors met once a week for two hours for six weeks to learn what it takes to mentor the fifth-graders for the weekend, care for them, and teach them about science during the day.

There were six different field study groups: Micro-World, Water-World, Nature Walk, Survival, Squid and Salmon, and Rotten World. Each field study was lead and taught by counselors, which is something that most outdoor school counselors from other camps do not do.

Camp is about doing new things and

challenging yourself. Many fifth grade students were away from their parents or family for the first time ever. Many had never camped out before. Many of the high school students have never taught or had to deal with younger children's wants and needs. Activities like Campfire challenged all involved to be creative and get up and perform.

The weekend was a wonderful success, with both fifth-graders and counselors feeling very tired and sad upon parting ways.



Fifth graders working together to dissect a squid during a field study. The squid was observed, cleaned, and then later cooked into calamari and eaten by the fifth graders. This years calamari, cooked by Ian Connors, sr., was regarded as the best the camp has seen and was enjoyed by many fifth graders who had never tried it before.



Bob Bruce played a large role in training the high schoolers, disciplining and leading the fifth graders, as well as being an advocate for the program. (Pictured above) Bruce laughing during 'campfire', a time in which fifth graders and their counselors preform skits and sing songs.



A fifth grader observing her squid and locating the gills.

Elections yield excited new officers for next year

ASB Officers



ASB President:
Elle Russel
ASB Vice President:
Alexis White
Sergeant of Arms:
John Nelson
Secretary: Ethan Yost

Elle Russel was elected ASB President after running against several others. All students who run for an ASB position are required to give a speech in front of the whole school. Some candidates sing songs, or give humorous speeches, while others are more serious and talk about real issue or their own personal struggles. "I didn't have any particular [campaign] strategy but trying to stand out. I enjoyed making posters and tried to speak from the heart," said Russel. Elle hung up larger, handmade, colorful or sparkly posters around the school and gave a speech that talked

about her personal experience and plans for the future.

Russel was in leadership throughout middle school and her freshman year of high school, but lost the election for sophomore class president and took a break from leadership until campaigning this year. "Being a part of a motivated, productive group is important to me," said Russel, "somebody has got to get stuff done."

Russel plans to put small programs in place in order to achieve her larger goal of having a more positive and productive school climate. "I want to spread a positive outlook on school and alter

activities to improve participation and inclusiveness," said Russel. She wants to be an advocate for all students.

Russel feels she is sensible and personable. "I am really dedicated to the wellness of others because I love the people in this school." She hopes that students will feel comfortable approaching her and giving her suggestions so that she can help change things for the better. "I think there is always room to improve, but I'm lucky to go to a school where there is such an emphasis on community," said Russel

Senior Class Officers



Class President:
Andrea Griffin
Class Vice President:
Grey Canada
Secretary:
Daniel Boren
Treasurer:
Sydney Greene

Andrea Griffin has never been in leadership at Elmira before; however, she does not see this as a disadvantage as this gives her a fresh perspective and different ideas about what a leadership class is for. "For many students, school is a refuge from the tumultuous home lives they possess and as such students and staff members should do everything they can to cooperate in order to maintain a safe and efficient environment for all students.

As president, I hope to preserve and improve this environment," said Griffin.

One idea that Griffin would like to see implemented, is a freshman orientation that is run by upperclassmen. This orientation would not just last one day, but would be a long lasting relationship between upperclassmen and freshman. This would serve to help leadership students to develop their leadership skills, troubleshoot issues with students, and help

freshman find allies at the highschool.

Griffin believes that she is responsible and mature enough to handle the role of president, as well as go above and beyond in implementing new ideas that will help her class. "My life goals are to make an effective difference in my community, I want to create and inspire change as much as possible because I believe that change is the agent of improvement," said Griffin.

Junior Class Officers



Class President:
Jamon Wolgamont
Class Vice President:
Alex Head
Class Representative:
Lexie Geiger

Jamon Wolgamont has never been in leadership before, and he feels that joining leadership will be his chance to try and impact others. "I think leadership is important because it gives others the opportunity to have their voices heard and bring their ideas to the table," said Wolgamont.

Next year he hopes to improve his class's involvement in school activities. He hopes that his personality and approachable nature will help with this. "I'm pretty neutral with most of the people in my class," said Wolgamont.

He liked seeing the leadership class do things like

Dude Be Nice week, and he wants to do more things like that in the future.

"I think our school is pretty involved and positive overall," said Wolgamont. He personally has not seen a lot of bullying at school and he hopes it will remain that way.

Sophomore Class Officers



Class President:
Brady Scroggins
Vice President:
Madison Wisner
Secretary:
Edenn Blunt

Brady Scroggins is new to leadership. He hopes to make EHS more student driven and have students voice their opinions on changes happening around the school.

"My goals are to make the sophomore class more open

on our decisions such as the homecoming theme. Also to add more spirit weeks to the school year," said Scroggins. He wants to encourage communication by putting out a suggestion box, as well as improve school spirit. He also wants to continue doing nice things for students and staff members, such as the appreciation posters that were made for staff members.

"I think it needs [school climate] to improve because I think it could always be better. Lots of students don't want to participate in events because

they think it would be dumb or there would be no point to it. The more cooperation we have the more our school could benefit and improve," said Scroggins.

Scroggins feels leadership is important because it gives the students a voice and it gives them leadership experience and skills that are essential for become an adult.

"I believe that my hard work ethic and ability to listen to what others say would make me a good leader as well as my knowledge on how students feel," said Scroggins.

Freshman Class Officers

Class President:
Clyde Oglesby
Vice President:
Kendal Hazenlton
Secretary: Carsen Imnbler
Treasurer:
Lily Johnson
Class Representative:
Beau Koffler

Baseball

		<i>Win/ Loss</i>	<i>Score</i>
EHS	Sutherlin	L	5-11
EHS	Sweet Home	L	4-14
EHS	Sweet Home	L	0-16
EHS	Junction City	L	1-17
EHS	Junction City	L	2-16
EHS	Cottage Grove	L	2-4
EHS	Knappa	Canceled	
EHS	Sisters	L	2-13
EHS	Sweet Home	L	2-4
EHS	Sutherlin	L	1-2
EHS	Sutherlin	L	0-7
EHS	Sisters	L	3-14
EHS	Junction City	L	5-12



Softball

		<i>Win/ Loss</i>	<i>Score</i>
EHS	Cottage Grove	W	18-5
EHS	@ Sutherlin	W	16-0
EHS	Sweet Home	W	6-4
EHS	Sweet Home	L	5-8
EHS	Yamhill-Carlton	W	11-3
EHS	@Junction City	L	0-8
EHS	@Junction City	L	2-3
EHS	@Cottage Grove	W	11-2
EHS	@Cottage Grove	W	10-0
EHS	@Sisters	W	18-1
EHS	@Sisters	W	24-3
EHS	@Sweet Home	W	11-6
EHS	Sutherlin	W	5-3
EHS	Sutherlin	W	14-3
EHS	Junction City	L	2-9
EHS	@Junction City	L	3-8
EHS	Astoria	W	8-4
EHS	@ Gladstone	L	2-10



(Photos from top to bottom) Bryson Estrella, soph. waiting on the bench to bat. Mike Weaver, soph., throwing strikes. Madison Dorsey, soph., with the wind-up and pitch. Kelly Hoffman, soph., and Madison Dorsey, soph., listen to the coach's strategy on striking out the next batter.

Dude Be Nice! Leadership encourages kindness



“Dude Be Nice” week was held in order to celebrate staff and students and create a more positive school environment. Sticky notes (pictured above) were placed on the front windows with the names of people students appreciate on them. Below: Bubble wrap was provided to “Stomp your stress away,” according to Erin Ellis, ASB advisor.



Coffee House once again entertains a full house!



One of many talented acts at the final Coffee House of this school year was (lf-rt)Grey Canada, Cordell Chase, John Nelson, Reid Sodeman, and Mrs. Kappeler (off stage and on the flute) performing the classic 80’s hit from Men At Work, “Land Down Under.”

Last Issue’s crossword! (answers on page 2)

- Across-
- 1- overnight hiking
 - 8- spiky but sweet fruit
 - 9- the second most recent X-Men film
 - 10- Eugene Pro _____
 - 14- a curatorial program of the Minneapolis Institute of Art
 - 15- hallowed
 - 16- 87.5% of a movie about an Olympic athlete during WWII
 - 17- common denominator between the adjective forms of the cardinal directions
 - 19- South Korean boy band
 - 20- A concave molding with a cross section that approximates a quarter circle
 - 24- iron deficiency
 - 25- small body of water
 - 27- involving punishment
 - 28- active ingredient in bug spray
 - 29- best use of this summer
- Down-
- 1- enjoyably warm
 - 2- water buffalo native to Sulawesi
 - 3- small prison
 - 4- crest of a hill
 - 5- cooking vessel
 - 6- similes can use
 - 7- crystal filled rock
 - 10- a teacher of the Torah
 - 11- plant with edible seed pods (and a c instead of k)
 - 12- formed as a result of cohesion and adhesion
 - 13- expression of surprise or fear
 - 15- Sanchez Energy Corporation
 - 16- “Bad spellers of the world _____!”
 - 17- flat and smooth
 - 18- shallowest form of sleep
 - 20- heredity class of Hindu society
 - 21- indefinite article
 - 22- slave to those who teach
 - 23- from the Cucurbitaceae family
 - 25- 1337
 - 26- against
 - 27- spherical green seed
 - 28- eight years in college

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HOROSCOPES: SUMMA TIME LOVIN'

By Ethan Frolov, Cordell Chase, and Ian Connors

Aries: (March 21-April 19) You've always had an unnatural connection to sharpies, held a positive disposition to the bittersweet stinging aroma that came from them, you've tried to hide it, but fret no longer, consume the sharpies and gain their power!

Taurus: (April 20-May 20) Let not your disposition towards tangerines fool the others, for in your past life, you were a tangerine tree. Listen closely, your fruit will tell you the secrets of people, use this to your advantage, Taurus.

Gemini: (May 21-June 20) Everything in your life has culminated into this, during graduation you know what to do. It will make a scene, yes, but trust your gut: it's worth it. You will be remembered fondly, Gemini.

Cancer: (June 21- July 22) Your life, Cancer, epitomizes that of a person who has forsaken who they are for the lifestyle of popularity. So much so, that you've lost your final spark of humanity. Fortunately for you, all those friends you've made don't actually

like you, just your pitiable facade. This means you'll have no problem leaving them behind to correct this vile misstep in your life choices. Soon, you will discover yourself in the Himalayas with your newfound Sherpa friend/soon-to-be blood brother for whom you would lay down your life, and his for yours.

Leo: (July 23-August 22) In your dreams, a bidet. But not just any bidet, a gold plated one. Now every toilet you use feels subpar, cheap. Now that you've had a taste of the best, there's no going back. Every toilet salesman in the tri-state area knows you by name. A gray hair joins the ranks for every false lead you investigate. A decade after the dream, all hope is lost. You dreamt too big.

Virgo: (August 23-September 22) There is a weird man on the radio today. Funny, it's right around 5th period. Wait you know who that is going on long winded rants about how weird his pee smells after that asparagus at dinner last night. You break into a sprint towards the radio room, fearing it's

too late. You throw the door open and an unpleasant smell wafts out. You enter slowly and let out an ear shattering scream as the radio man comes into view. For there is no radio man. All that stands there is a single stalk of asparagus and a mysterious yellow puddle on the floor.

Libra: (September 23-October 22) Your 'friend' who has always been there for you, making fun of others, for the amusement of you both. You've grown so close to them, maybe consider them your best friend. Only then, you find out: they've been lying to you about everything.

Scorpio: (October 23-November 21) As the end of school nears, you wonder if it's all worth it. All this knowledge you've accrued seems useless and without meaning. But fear not, for there is hope. Practical applications exist. Just beyond the metaphorical high school walls, you can finally solve real problems with real implications. Maybe you won't need to determine the speed of a sailboat based on how fast a butterfly is beating its wings across a

lake, but future employers will appreciate your problem solving skills, your boundless enthusiasm, and your good work ethic. You will go far.

Sagittarius: (November 22-December 21) You've been listening to your music too loud. Everyone around you can hear it and you get looks all the time but you don't care. Your music is so good. What they don't know is that you are gaining energy from the obnoxious sound waves. Every note adds to your already great power. Soon you will release your newest album. Your name? Kanye.

Capricorn: (December 22-January 19) There are several forces out to kill you, Capricorn, beware. If you ever seem on edge, nervous, or anxious, do not ignore those feelings. They are likely feelings sent to your deep subconscious from benevolent, trans-dimensional beings, warning you of danger nearby. These dangers may not harm you physically, mentally, or otherwise, but may just snip the fabric that keeps you tied to this world and prevents you from tum-

bling into the endless void of disreality.

Aquarius: (January 20-February 18) Love and romance are going very well for you Aquarius. However, today you could find that things get a bit uneasy when either you or your partner suspects something isn't true or is suspicious. This is most likely due to the fact that the lovecraftian horrors that latched onto our brain stems and control our thoughts and actions have become bored with your dull relationship, and have decided to take action and throw a wrench into your frankly obtuse, linear love life. You should be thanking our sub-neural squidlings, and remember, they don't exist.

Pisces: (February 19-March 20) Little things in your life matter a lot, and you should pay attention to those along path you walk in your life. This particular thing is especially pertinent, however, as demonstrated by the fact that there is a microscopic cluster of cancer cells growing in your left lung.



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