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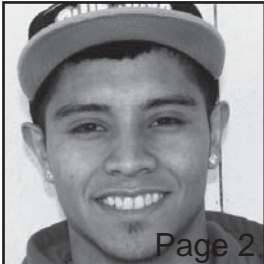
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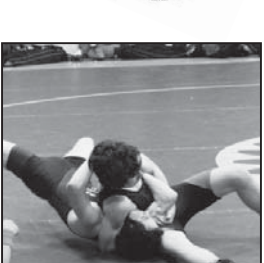
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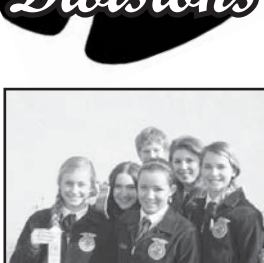
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Amer. Legion, Lions, Rotary Speeches

By Jace Thackerary

Every year Etna High School competes in many different speeches contests including: Lion's Club, Rotary, and American Legion.

Sawyer Eastlick (sophomore) who competed in the American Legion Oratorical contest took first place and was awarded \$125 for winning. He advanced to the Area 1 contest in Woodland where he took fourth place out of six, competing against five seniors. The others who competed against Sawyer in the local competition were seniors Tristan Burns-Edel, Kelly Menne, Zachary Wiles, and Hayden Kaae (sophomore). Eastlick spoke on the Seventh Amendment. Wiles spoke on the National Defense Authorization Act and took second winning \$100. Kaae talked about the Second Amendment and won third, winning \$75. Menne talked about abortion, and Burns-Edel spoke on the First

Amendment. The contest was sponsored by American Legion Perry Harris Post 260.

Michael Zavalza, Cami Morrill, Eric Jopson (seniors), Ty Bradford, Lauren Jenkins (juniors), and Rhyen Smith (senior) competed in the Etna Lion's Club Speech contest. Bradford took first place with a powerful speech about the differences that divide America and how we should unite. He won \$75. Jopson talked about the importance of gaining an education. Zavalza spoke about respect between people. Morrill spoke about correcting bad eating habits and obesity. Jenkins' speech was on the lack of respect for one's community. Smith talked about how not enough children are receiving an education. The judges included Ms. Sanova Siu, Mr. James Frey, and Mr. Maury Tasem. All of those who competed received \$25.

The Fort Jones Lion's Club speech

contest was in Fort Jones on February 15. Kelly Carter (junior) won. Sarah Carlson (junior), Breanna Hiatt (senior), John Whelan (junior), and Ren Brownell (junior) also competed. Carter spoke about how the future generation needs to value its property and money. Carlson spoke about the decline of romance and respect in relationships. Hiatt spoke about the influence of medicine over the years. Whelan spoke about the problems with obesity. Brownell talked about how America has lost its class. Carter won first place and \$100.

The Scott Valley Rotary Club held its annual speech contest February 27. Lindsay Miller (sophomore) took first place, Kainen Krueger (junior) took second, Nicky DelaRosa (junior) took third, and Tanner Schaefer (senior) took fourth. Miller's speech was about the effects of polio and the impact Rotary International is making to end it. Krueger



Photo by Jace Thackerary

Sawyer Eastlick (sophomore) wins the American Legion speech competition.



Photo by Mrs. Lynn Karpinski

Participants in the Rotary speech competition pose with their prizes.

spoke about how the death penalty is an unfair way to be punished in America, DelaRosa spoke about the child soldier problem in Africa, and Schaefer's speech was about the struggle for power that is tearing America apart. Miller won \$100 for placing first place, Krueger won \$75, DelaRosa won \$50, and

Schaefer won \$25. The judges for these speeches were Mrs. Melanie Fowle, Mr. James Frey, and Mr. Jim Morris.

Bradford and Carter will advance to compete against one another at the Lion's Club Zone competition on February 29. The winner will compete in March at the regional contest.

Students Show off Homecoming Spirit

By Kelly Menne

This year's Basketball Homecoming Week we had some very unique dress up days such as "former self day," which happened on Monday. This day required students and teachers to dress up as their elementary, junior high, and, in the teachers' case, their high school self. Another new dress up day was the combination day on Thursday with freshman dressing like the 50s, sophomores dressing for the future, juniors dressing like the old west and seniors dressing like the 80s. Along with the new dress up days there were the classics, "senior citizen day" on Tuesday and "hippie day" on Wednesday.

Not only did we have some amazing dress up days, but we also had one of the best bizarres ever. Each class was successful in what it sold. Freshmen sold mochas, strawberry shortcake and pizza rolls; sophomores sold soda and popcorn; juniors sold tamales, beans, and rice; and seniors sold eggs rolls and rice. The delicious chicken fried rice for the senior's bizarre booth was made by Eric Jopson (senior) for part of his senior project.

Thursday's rally was filled with spirit as well. It started off with a 3-point contest with Miss Loftus and Mr. Helsley on a team, versus, Mr. Ratliff and



Photo By Kelly Menne

Chris Sutter and Preston Munson (juniors) hobble down the hall, sporting their school spirit on Senior Citizen Day of Homecoming week.



Photo By Kelly Menne

Seniors embrace the big hair and 'jazzersizing' of the 80's during one Homecoming dress up day.

Mr. Bahen. Team Loftus/Helsley was victorious. The winning teachers then played the winners of the student 3-point contest, which were Sage Gomes (freshman) and Wade Thackeray (freshman). The young guns ended up winning against the teacher duo.

Homecoming Week came to a close with the dance Friday night after the basketball games, which was a "tropical"

theme and was held until midnight. Mr. Marty Russell was the jammin' DJ, and the always amazing Dena Finley took the Homecoming photos. There were a large number of students at the dance including multiple students who traveled from Weed to attend. Overall the dance went well, and it appeared that most students enjoyed themselves.

Superintendent Houck to Retire

By Ashantey Case

Superintendent Dr. Emily Houck will retire on July 1, 2012. Dr. Houck has worked for the Scott Valley Unified School District since it began in 2007. The Superintendent's five year contract is up. Dr. Houck said, "The Board decided this was a good time to look towards my future." Mrs. Miller said, "Dr. Houck has been a wonderful mentor to me as my superintendent. She has always been supportive, and I will miss her as she moves on from Scott Valley."

Dr. Houck had many successes and difficulties as Superintendent. Some successes were bringing together four districts into a unified one, and working with teachers to increase test scores. She added, "In these trying financial times the [district staff] have been able to work together to stay solvent." Many school districts have been close to going bankrupt in recent years, and the District staff has worked hard to prevent this. "That has been done with some creativity and by working together," Dr.

Houck explained.

Dr. Houck said, "A third success is a recent one. The staff district has just signed a contract to bring solar power to our district. The implementation of the solar plants will allow the district to get ahead of the \$10,000 a month electric bill. It will allow the district to access millions of dollars in modernization funds. These funds wouldn't have been open to use without the solar project, and now we have some funds to make some much needed repairs in facilities throughout the district."

Dr. Houck added, "My challenges have been my successes. I have had to make some very unpopular decisions, but they have always been to the benefit of the students, and I think we are better for it." Dr. Houck hopes to continue to work in education, maybe as a coach for a few administrators. She also wants to play more golf and explore some art projects.

The Board has hired Dr. Bryan Caples to fill Dr. Houck's position. He begins July 1.



Should the Drinking Age be Reduced?

Pro:



By Trina Alvarado

Once a teen has turned eighteen he or she is able to deal with responsible situations such as voting, serving on juries, purchasing tobacco, joining the military and plenty more. Legally, a person is an adult once he or she is eighteen, but the age to obtain alcohol in California is twenty one. Whether you start drinking at eighteen or twenty one, your tolerance level will most likely be the same. Meaning, the person won't know how

much alcohol his or her system can handle until he or she starts drinking.

According to a *New York Times* article, 71% of eighth graders say it is fairly easy for them to obtain alcohol. It doesn't matter what age you are. Alcohol is also an issue across our state. Lowering the legal age to drink might make a difference and might not. Some feel that the main reason why the drinking age shouldn't be lowered is because at the age of eighteen a person is not mature enough. If that is the case, then how can an eighteen year old be responsible and mature enough to vote for someone who is running our country, or mature enough to sit on a criminal jury?

When younger people get their hands on alcohol, they try to consume as much as possible because they do not know when the next time will be that they

will drink again. Statistics show in an article written by Ruth C. Engs, a professor at Indiana University, that in 1982 until 1987 about 46% of college students reported "vomiting after drinking." Alcohol poisoning can happen to anyone at any age. Society thinks when a person is eighteen that he or she will be abusive with alcohol, but even at twenty one a person can abuse alcohol.

Most teenagers graduate from high school when they are eighteen. Even though the legal age to drink is twenty one in California, 25% of teens drink before they reach the legal drinking age. In today's world, alcohol is going to be a problem no matter the age. Why don't we align the legal age of alcohol to match that of so many other adult rights, like entering the military, voting, and serving on juries?

Con:



By Daniela Ramos

The drinking age in California should remain at 21. If the drinking age was lowered then the death rate of alcohol poisoning would surely experience a sharp increase. The number of teen crashes caused by drinking would also increase because if a teenager was given the right to drink at a younger age then more teens would go out to parties, get drunk or just drink a little, and while

under the influence, drive home drunk. According to Procon.org if people start drinking at a young age, then they will more than likely become a alcoholics in their adulthood life. Procon.org also states that teens who drink have a greater chance of academic failure.

The age limit is currently set at 21 in California because not everyone has the same reaction to alcohol. Teenagers are known to get drunk with fewer drinks than adults do, and some teens don't know when to stop. Then they end up overdoing it. If the drinking age was lowered, then alcohol would be an even bigger problem for our state's youth. In the future when teens face alcoholism, they will have withdrawal problems which could damage their

brain. When a teen drinks and drives, he or she may get into a serious car crash and may end up injuring or killing him or herself or a person in an other car.

In 1984 the drinking age was set at 21 in California and, since then, the percentage of underage drinkers has decreased. Since a teen's body is not fully developed until then, the alcohol corruption would damage the growth process and destroy part of the brain which could affect a person's ability to think for him or herself. Allowing teens to drink could make them more vulnerable to drug and other substance abuse. Teens should not be allowed to drink because it's not only putting their lives in danger, but it's also putting the lives of people around them in danger.

Student Opinion:

If you found a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow what would you do with it?



"Buy the Miami Heat."

- Wade Thackeray (freshman)



"Keep it, of course!"

- Elida Pelayo (sophomore)



"First, I'd get away from the leprechaun, and then I would buy some new kicks."

- Devon Little (junior)



"Donate it."

- Gabby O'Brien (senior)



"I'd buy a big house and car."

- Emma Souza (freshman)



"Go NASCAR racing."

- Wyatt Finley (sophomore)



"I'd buy a swimming pool of candy!"

- Jasmine Bigham (junior)



"Take my girlfriend on a fancy date and buy her the world!"

- Jaime Beltran (senior)

Government Does Right by Dropping SOPA/PIPA

By Kristen Hash

SOPA, or the Stop Online Piracy Act, and PIPA, the Protect IP Act go hand in hand. Congress proposed the bills with the intention to stop online piracy. If the bills were passed, search engines, like Google, would not show results for websites that allow illegal downloading. The government would have had the ability to remove websites from the internet completely. Had the bills been passed, online piracy would have been stopped in the United States; however, the bills were written promoting government censorship of the internet, which could essentially allow the government to remove anything it wanted from the internet. This could cause consequences that were not intended with the passing of the bills.

On January 18, 2012, 18 million people, including myself, joined together to form the biggest online protest in history, telling Congress to drop SOPA and PIPA by refraining to use the internet. Also, many major sites, including Wikipedia, went completely dark as an online strike. The bills were officially dropped on January 20. I believe it was for the better, and the United States will surely find a better way to stop piracy.

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Kyle Smith



EHS, Community make Improv Night Success



Photo By Carson Herold

Hayley Kaae (freshman) and Becca Bingham (sophomore) have the audience cheering during a game of 'Evil Twin'.

By Darby Hanna

The Drama class hosted the ninth annual Improv Night, Saturday February 25 at the Avery Memorial Theater. Robert Borba (sophomore) emceed the evening. Darby Hanna (sophomore), Becca Bingham (sophomore), Ty Bradford (junior) Atticus Kramer (junior), Donnie Groves (junior) and Borba hosted the games.

The evening kicked off with the Dating Game, which featured drama students participating as bachelors and bachelorettes with odd personalities. In one game, Kramer and Bradford acted as Michael Jackson and the Pope. The drama students participated in many funny games. One

was "Props" where the speakers can't move; only their puppet masters can move them. "Hijack" is a game in which a hijacker must figure out what he's hijacking, what weapon he's using, and where he's taking his captives, only using clues from the members in the vehicle, and the audience clues. "Set Lines" involves two performers who can only say two lines apiece, and another actor must use the lines to move the scene forward. There were the old favorites like "Professor Know-It-All" and "Story Story Die."

The class also introduced the game "Evil Twin" in which two people perform a scene and must explain the action their evil twin

did. Audience members joined in the fun during games like "What Are You Doing," "Freeze Tag," and "Reverse." They also gave suggestions for scenes and personalities for the games. During "Hijack" and "Party Quirks," the audience was asked to hiss if the host or hijacker was way off target with his guesses, snap if he was close, and cheer if he guessed right.

Students baked a variety of desserts that were sold throughout the evening. The money raised at the door and bake sale will go to the Drama Scholarship and to send the class to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival to see *Romeo and Juliet*.



Principal's Points

By Mrs. Debbie Miller

Well, here we are in March and now we're hoping for a wet spring since winter seems to have passed us by. I went down to Chico and Paradise at the end of February and the almond trees and daffodils were already in full bloom. Beautiful, but unexpected and worrisome.

Progress reports are going out now which means that we are midway through 3rd quarter. Final grades for this quarter will be on March 30th.

Sophomores will take the CA High School Exit Exam for the first time on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 13th and 14th. The English portion is on Tuesday and the Math portion on Wednesday. Students must take and pass this test to graduate so it is very important. There is only this one testing date for 10th graders this year so please make sure your child is at school and well rested on these two days.

The new equipment for the weight room is being delivered on March 2nd. Many thanks to Lion Pride and Charnna Gilmore, Reece Gomes, Scott Finley, Bryan Daws, Scott Pynes, Jim & Ryan Hausauser, and Donnie Hogun. I can't wait to see it all in place!

Upcoming events:

- March 6-9 FFA Sacramento Leadership Experience
- March 8-10 Etna Baseball Tournament
- March 10 FFA CSU Chico
- March 10 PAL Basketball 9-noon
- March 12 Basketball Awards 6:30
- March 13&14 CAHSEE 10th grade
- March 13 Drama to Ashland for Romeo & Juliet
- March 16-17 Softball Tourney in Yreka
- March 20 COS Tour
- March 26 EAP exam for Juniors
- April 2-4 WASC visitation
- April 9-13 Spring Break
- April 21 Etna Varsity Softball Tournament
- April 23 Senior Project Display Night
- April 24 START SMART from the CHP 6pm
- April 28 Etna Tennis Tournament
- May 1 STAR testing begins
- May 5 SAT test 7-1
- May 5 Prom

Counselor's Corner

By Regina Hanna



I encourage all students to attend as many **career information talks and college tours** as possible to get an idea of what they want to do (or what they don't want to do). Last month, we had great speakers on campus talking about a career as a Forensic Image Analyst and about the Concrete Industry Management field. I am still taking signups for our COS college tour on March 20th too (still need parent drivers). Sign up in the office.

Hang on to your hats because green means go:

- o **Freshmen & Sophomores:** Do some spring cleaning with your binders, practice advocating for yourself, and get extra help if you need it. We still have after school tutoring resources Tuesday through Thursdays.
- o **Sophomores:** Apply to Camp Ryla to strengthen your leadership skills.
- o **Juniors:** Register online for the ACT (offered at EHS 6/9) or SAT (offered at EHS 5/5) this spring
- o **Juniors:** Take the EAP portion of Star Testing. It will help you know if you are ready for college-level coursework. If you do well, it will help you bypass placement tests for community colleges and the California State University system (CSU). Make sure you fill in the bubble in the "EAP Readiness for College English and Mathematics" section.
- o **Seniors** keep working on those scholarships, follow up with housing and financial aid verification forms, and register for orientations and college placement exams (double check to see if you need to take them). Come to school and don't get behind in your coursework. Remember, you can take the Compass Placement Test here at EHS and it works for many community colleges, including COS and Shasta College.
- o **Seniors** here is a good to do list when your receive your award letter:
 - o March & April-Correct FAFSA and set up an account with web grants so you can make sure you agree w/ your Cal Grant report (CAR)
 - o May -Housing & Meal plan commitments and deposits (\$50-500 usually required)
 - o May -Letter of Intent to attend (May require deposit \$50-\$500)
 - o June- Acceptance/Rejection of financial aid
 - o July/Aug-Registration of classes
 - o June-Sept. - Orientations for students and parents



Photo by Mrs. Christine Skinner

Kelly Menne (senior) entered the "App Attack" contest with Regina Hanna and Maryann Munson, to win an Amazon Kindle Fire. All she had to do to qualify was send in copies of her college applications. A few weeks later, she learned she won!



Submitted Photo

Rock climbing walls were recently installed in both Etna and Fort Jones Elementary Schools. The purchase of the new equipment was made possible through a \$10,000 grant from the Cheney Foundation and from Siskiyou Afterschool For Everyone. Principal Mr. Allan Carver is pleased at what the traverse walls "add to our physical education programs."

The 9th Annual Acoustic Night...
 ...will be on Saturday, April 28th at the Avery Theater in Etna. This fun filled night of music showcases both new and "seasoned" talent, all are encouraged to audition. For more information, call Mrs. Madeleine Ayres at 530-598-9157 or email her at madeleineayres@yahoo.com.
 Hope to see you there!



HOMECOMING ROYALTY 2012



Highest Paying Job\$ of 2011

By Jace Thackeray

“What do you want to be when you grow up?” Once the most common question when we students were younger is now the question that means more than ever. Whether you would enjoy being a dentist, cashier, lawyer, and so on, will it be enough for you to pay the bills and support your family.

A survey was conducted by economicmodeling.com near the end of 2011. These jobs range from a Pilot to a Marketing Engineer, and they pay more than you think. But the job that pays the most may not be the job that has the most anticipated growth. Listed in the chart below are the top 20 paying jobs in America. Each includes the name of a job, the hourly pay and the growth rate since last year.

The highest paying job in 2012 is oral and maxillofacial surgeon averaging \$84.22 per hour. This job area expects to expand by five percent this year. Next highest paying is orthodontists at \$81.23 per hour. This job is facing a four percent growth increase. Next is surgeons and physicians at \$76.52 per hour. This job area will increase seven percent this year. While airline pilots are paid an average of \$66.23 per hour, this industry expects to shrink by three percent in 2012.

Some of these jobs will require more schooling than others. For example, to become an Orthodontist can take up to as much as 10 years of college. On the other hand, to become a Flight Assistant, all you need is a high school degree.



seniors



juniors



sophomores



freshmen

Photos by Michael Zavala

By Lindsey Waite

On February 10, the Basketball Homecoming royalty crowning took place between the JV and Varsity games.

Freshman royalty were Tarron Branson and Renee Finley. Prince Tarron Branson is the son of Nick and Michelle Branson, and is older brother to Tristan. In his spare time he plays video games, football, baseball, and track. Princess Renee Finley is daughter of Scott and Dena Finley and younger sister to Paige and Wyatt. She

enjoys playing softball, basketball, volleyball, and swimming. She also likes having fun with friends and family.

The sophomore royalty was Zachary Fleener and Emma Morris. Prince Zachary Fleener is the son of Bob and Halli Fleener and younger brother to Allyson. In his spare time he likes to play baseball, basketball, snowboarding, and participate in FFA. Sophomore princess Emma Morris is daughter to Jim and Katie Morris and older sister to Ben and Will. In her spare time she

likes to play, volleyball, basketball, snowboarding, and participate in FFA.

The junior royalty was Tyler Murphy and Marisa Bostick. Prince Tyler Murphy is son of Scott and Michele Murphy and younger brother to Kalie. In his spare time, he hangs out with friends, hunts, and sports. Princess Marisa is daughter to Josh and Catrina McGuire and older sister to Devon and Ruby. She enjoys basketball, soccer, and track.

Senior prince and princess were Colby

Rimmer and Aly McEwen. Colby is son of Dan and Pam Rimmer and brother to Teal. In his spare time he likes to play baseball, basketball, football, and likes to participate in FFA. Princess Aly McEwen is daughter to Lance and Ronda McEwen and brother to Brandon.

Colby Rimmer and Aly McEwen were voted King and Queen. Last year's King and Queen, Eric Freckman and Jennifer Anaya, passed and the crowns. They were presented by Elli Gomes and Gavin Custer.

Who Art Thou?



By Melissa Berry

Q: What is your favorite color?

A: Green.

Q: What is your favorite movie?

A: *Step Brothers*.

Q: What's your favorite high school memory?

A: Sports.

Q: Who's your favorite singer?

A: Anybody on the radio.

Q: What's your favorite food?

A: Hamburgers.

Q: What do you enjoy doing in your free time?

A: Playing sports with my friends.

Q: What's your favorite sport's team?

A: San Francisco Giants.

Q: What is your future job going to be?

A: Something that makes me rich.

Q: Do you believe the world's going to end in 2012? If so how?

A: No, I think it's ridiculous.

Q: Who's your favorite superhero?

A: Superman

Q: If you could trade places with anybody who would it be?

A: Brian Wilson, because he seems like an interesting guy.

Q: What's your favorite holiday?

A: Christmas.

Junk of the Month

By Shasta Stewart

Have you noticed a little blue worn out car driving on campus? That is Savanna Hanley's (junior) hand-me-down car. This 1986 Honda Civic has been in her family for four years. One day she just claimed it and has had it for a year.

Some have called it the Tweaker Mobile, but she has not officially named it yet. She is looking for some ideas, though.

The Civic runs, but the it is missing the rearview

mirror, and when the lights are on and Savanna hits the brakes, the right blinker does not work. The speakers in the front just randomly work, so sometimes it scares her when music comes on unexpectedly.

All of Savanna's exciting stories about her junker include giant spiders and scary tumble weeds. She plans to drive this car until it breaks down a refuses to run anymore.



Photo by Kelly Menne

Savanna Hanley (junior) jumps in her hand-me-down Honda.

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Strange Facts

By Lindsey Waite

- Cherophobia is the fear of fun.
- There is a species of spider called the Hobo Spider.
- You cannot snore and dream at the same time.
- The Titanic was the first ship to use the SOS signal.
- During World War II, Americans tried to train bats to drop bombs.
- Even a small amount of alcohol placed on a scorpion will make it go crazy and sting itself to death.
- Hippos can run faster than humans.
- Scientists have performed brain surgery on cockroaches.
- A garden caterpillar has 248 muscles in its head.
- We share 70% of our DNA with a slug.



<http://www.thefactsite.com/2011/07/top-100-random-funny-facts.html>
<http://www.thefactsite.com/2010/09/300-random-animal-facts.html>

SENIOR PROJECT: ERIC JOPSON



By Ashantey Case

Q: What is your senior project?

A: It's on an Asian Cooking Cuisine. I'm making food for the senior class to sell at the bizarre, and I'm cooking for an elderly man with the community as community service.

Q: What led you to your choice?

A: I will be living by myself, and I want to learn to cook for myself in college.

Q: What difficulties have you had with your project?

A: Burning stuff. I was trying to fry pot stickers and they got blacker than I wanted.

Q: What part are you enjoying most?

A: Using the unique ingredients and utensils necessary for Asian food. There's this fish shaped pancake maker like a waffle maker used for bean filled patties.

Q: How many hours so far and remaining?

A: 16 hours done, and I have 8 more hours left.

Q: How expensive is your project?

A: It's not really expensive because I'm only buying the ingredients that are not very expensive. I buy lots of vegetables and sometimes meat.

Q: What skills are you learning?

A: How to cook for myself, and learned how to roll sushi.

Q: Who's your mentor?

A: Emi Loogman

Q: What are your plans for next year?

A: Go to collage at Cal Berkley to study bio engineering



Eric carefully slices his sushi into rolls.



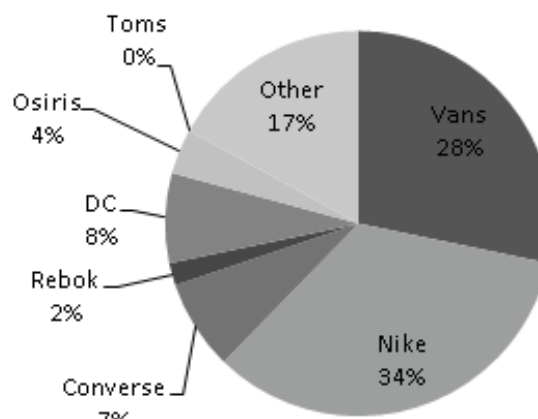
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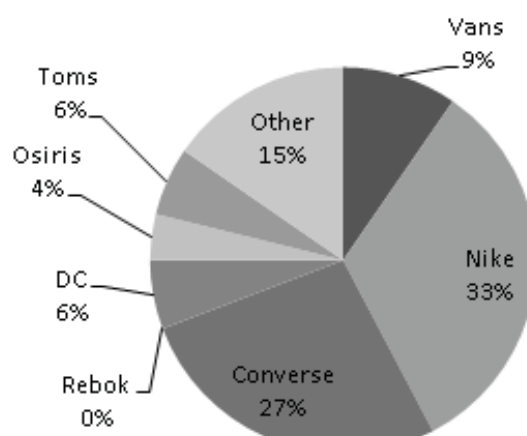
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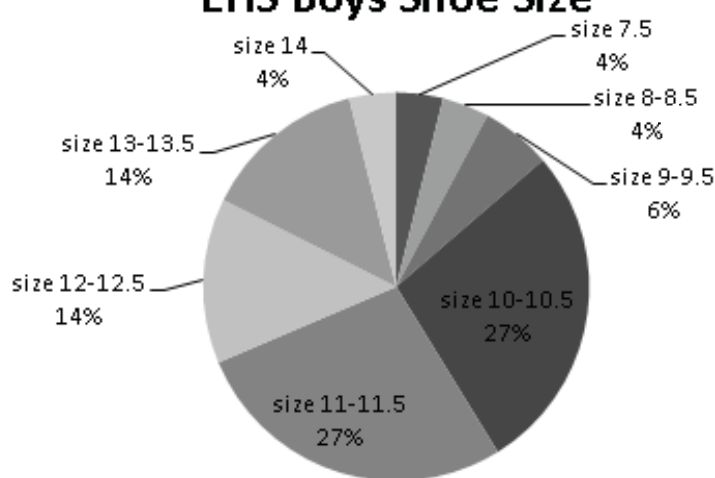
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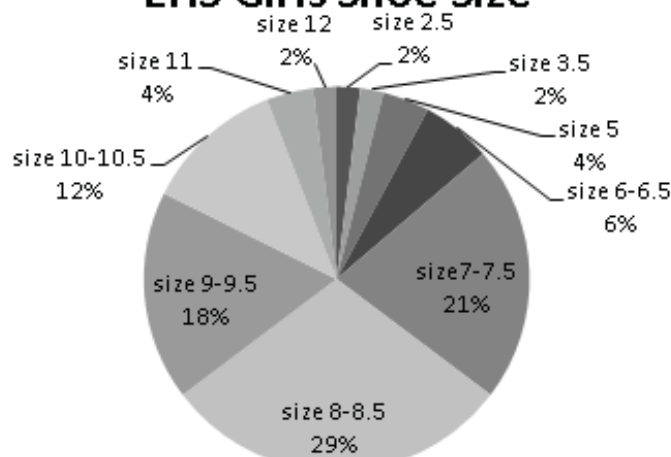
EHS Girls Favorite Shoe Brands



EHS Boys Shoe Size



EHS Girls Shoe Size



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By Erin Reynolds



1. Dribble, dribble, swoosh, swoosh, Bump, set, kill.
2. Roar! I'm hiding where you go to cool down after a great thrill. Look for me, and you'll find the next key. I'm vicious and should be loud. I make our school proud.

If you find one of the keys to the Treasure Hunt, bring it to Carson Herold or Mrs. Skinner for your prize.



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JV Lady Lions Undefeated League Champions

JV Girls Win Again

By Erin Reynolds

On Tuesday, February 7 the JV girls basketball team, coached by Mr. Les Helsley, beat the Mt Shasta Bears 57-41.

Hannah Little (freshman), started off with jumping the ball, and Elida Pelayo (sophomore) made the first basket for the Etna Lions. Throughout the first quarter, the Lions scored eighteen points against Mt. Shasta which followed behind with eleven points.

In the top of the second quarter, Natalie Aldrich (freshman) and Little started the Lions off with a few shots to get them farther ahead. The end of the second quarter, the Lady Lions scored fourteen points while the Bears scored only eight points.

Pelayo and Angela Rickey (freshman) scored the first couple of baskets to start of the third quarter. The Lions scored eight more points with the Bears close behind with seven points.

In the final quarter, the Lions scored seventeen more points to give them a total of 57 points to win the game. The Mt. Shasta Bears scored fifteen points to leave them behind, but

not too far, with a score of 41.

Little scored the most points for the Lions with 18 points. Aldrich made the second highest amount of shots with 12 points. The Lady Lions had a total of 30 rebounds and 28 steals.

Etna JV Lady Lions did phenomenally this year ending the season with their League record unbeaten 10-0, and their overall score 19-1.

JV Girls Secure League Title

By Melissa Berry

On Friday, February 10 the Etna JV girls made their League record 9-0, securing the League Championship with one game remaining in the season.

The leading scorer, Hanna Little (freshman), had 15 points. Little also led the boards with 12 rebounds. The Lions ended the game with a score of 39-27.

The Lions came out ready for a hard game and played together, and ended up winning every quarter by a basket or more. Emma Morris (sophomore) also added to the team's success with six points and seven rebounds.

At the half, the Lions



Photo by Tanner Schaefer

Hannah Little (freshman) jumps to block a shot.

we were ahead 17-13. They came out of the locker room full force and locked in their Championship with a final score of 39-27.

Morris said, "We played hard and wanted it more than they did, but they put up a good fight."

Cougars Beat Lions Homecoming Night



Photo by Tanner Schaefer

Tim Greene (sophomore) takes a jump shot in the key in the Homecoming game against Weed February 10.



Photo by Tanner Schaefer

Jimmy Hausauer (sophomore) lays it up before the half time buzzer.

By Tanner Schaefer

The JV Lions' basketball team lost to the Weed Cougars on Homecoming night on February 10.

The Cougars pulled out to a quick lead thanks to some acrobatic layups and threes by their point guard Edgar Casorla (sophomore). Etna was unable to retaliate, and the first quarter ended with the score at 5-24 Weed.

Though the Lions were down they were far from out. Allowing just nine points in the second quarter, Etna managed to fight its way back into the game going into half time with a nine point deficit of 25-34.

Etna continued clawing away at the Cougars' lead

in the second half. Thanks to good defense, some great plays by sophomores Sawyer Eastlick and Tim Greene (who had 22 and 18 points respectively), and multiple threes by Wade Thackeray (sophomore), the Lions managed to come within five points.

With just over five minutes left in the game, the Lions found themselves in striking distance with the score at 48-53. But, the Cougars were able to fend off the Lions' final attack and ran out the clock to a final score of 61-70 Weed Cougars.

LION OF THE MONTH



Hannah Little

Hannah Little's overall points made is 262 this season. She had 43 block shots, 145 total rebounds, 6 assists, and 67 steals. Hannah made more points this season for her team. This year the Lady Lions won Championship in League.

Q. Who inspired you to start playing basketball?

A. My dad.

Q. What was your favorite thing about the season?

A. Learning more from Coach Helsley and just having fun with my teammates.

Q. What sports do you play besides basketball?

A. I just started track and I am starting volleyball next year.

Q. Which NBA star do you want to be more like?

A. Lamar Odom. He works well with his team, and he's a good offense and defensive player.

Q. Kobe or LeBron?

A. Kobe.

Q. How long have you been playing basketball?

A. I started playing when I was six years old.

Q. What are your plans for basketball in the future?

A. I want to play for a four year university.

Q. Who is the best coach you ever had?

A. Mr. Helsley.

Q. What did you learn from him?

A. He taught me to shoot correctly and block shots. Helsley inspired me to do more sports like track and have fun while doing them. He was a great coach, and I'm excited for him to be my coach in the years to come.

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Cougars Beat Lions EHS Hosts Wrestling Duels

By Chelsa Wilson

On February 10, the Etna Varsity Boys played against the Weed Cougars for Homecoming. Starting off the game was Dillon Smith (senior), Zak Wiles (senior), Colby Rimmer (senior), Austin Berry (junior), and Kainen Kruger (junior). Throughout the game, the varsity boys made some great shots and got some good rebounds. "The game was fun and everyone was there to cheer us on, but we did not win," said Tyler Murphy (junior). Even when the boys were behind on the score board, they played strong and at the end of the first quarter the score was 7-17.

In the second quarter Rimmer, Preston Munson (junior), and Nicky DelaRosa (junior) all made three pointers. After Munson made his three pointer, he added another four points to the board. The varsity boys did great on rebounding like when Murphy made a rebound shot, and Austin Berry made two points on the rebound after Rimmer went for a three pointer. He missed and at half-time the score was 28-39.

In the third quarter, a technical foul was called on Weed for an over-aggressive block against Rimmer. DelaRosa shot the free throw shot and gave one point to the Lions. Shortly after Munson made a three pointer, Rimmer made two points and Alex Berry (junior) got a rebound. Later Alex Berry (junior) hit the ball out to save Etna from Weed making a basket. Then Austin Berry held the ball for a jump ball. Rimmer shot a two pointer and got fouled

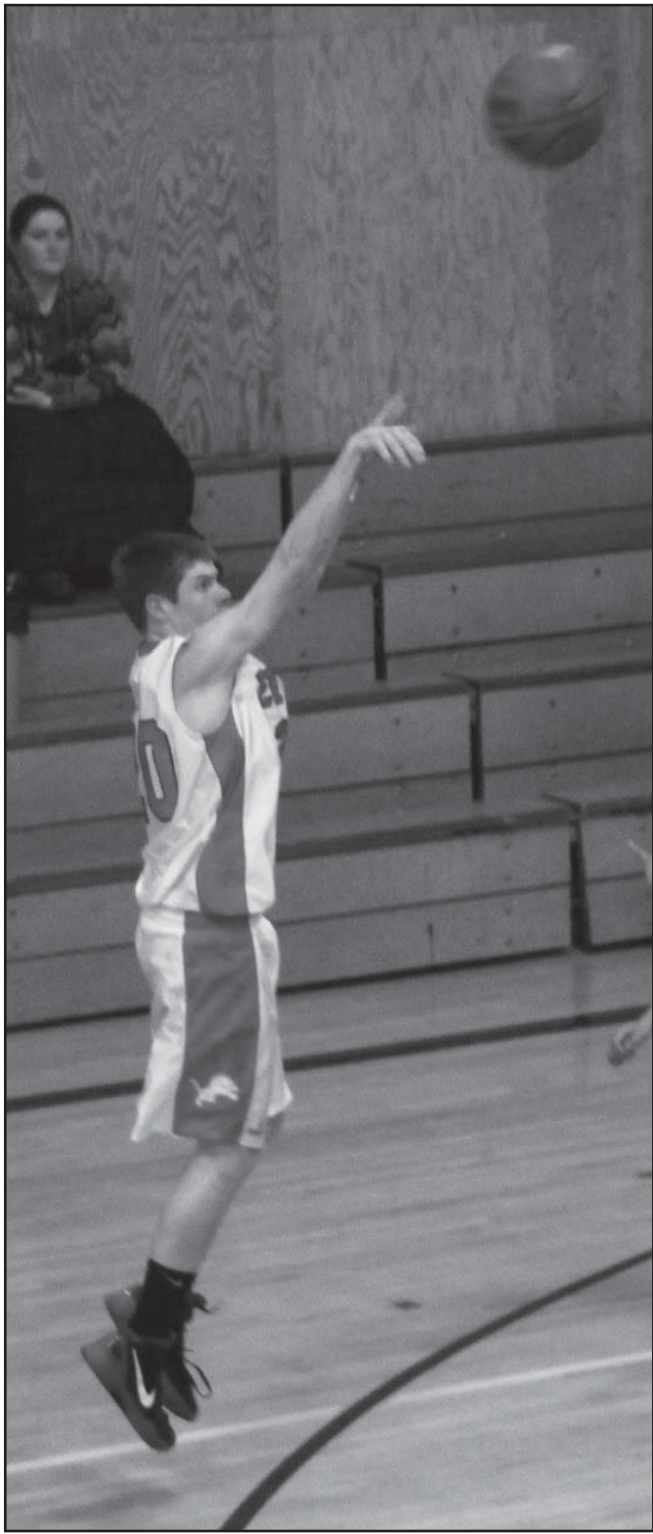


Photo by Chelsa Wilson

Tyler Murphy (junior) puts up the three.

and made one point for the Lions. Rimmer then passed to Austin Berry who made two points, and right when the third quarter buzzer went off, Nicky DelaRosa made two points. "One of the ups of the game was that we didn't foul too much," Murphy said.

In the last quarter Rimmer made a three pointer and Luke Hildebrand (junior) made

two points assisted by Munson. Hildebrand made another two points and got the rebound. Then he got the shot again. Smith got two points then battled for the ball and won. At the end of the game, the final score was 54 and 77.

"The game was like janga. We built ourselves up then tore ourselves apart piece by piece," said Smith.

Varsity Girls Lose to Weed

By Shaun Brown

On Friday, February 10 the varsity girls basketball team took on Weed for our Homecoming Game in Carl Smith gym. The girls lost 25 - 46, making their record 6-16.

To start off the game

Melissa Berry (senior) won the tip-off and Jessica Eiler (junior) scored. Sara Hoyt (junior) soon got a steal. Marina



Photo by Chelsa Wilson

Jessie Eiler (junior) dribbles to the hoop for a basket.

Gutleben (senior) made a two point shot, and Hoyt followed with another two pointer. Gutleben again had a two pointer followed by yet another two to end the half.

In the second half, Hoyt made a 2 point. Gutleben fouled, and

then Berry made a two point shot. Hoyt scored six points and had seven rebounds, Gutleben scored six points, and Eiler scored five points.

"I think we did well. We worked as a team and had a good time in our last home game of the season," said Berry.



Photo by Carson Herold

Hayden Kaae (sophomore) pins his Mt. Shasta opponent scoring 9-0. He wrestles in the 182 lb. weight class.

By Carson Herold

Wednesday February 8, in EHS's Carl Smith Gym, the EHS wrestling team hosted a 'duels meet' in which athletes wrestle only a few times for the sole purpose of practicing. While a winner is declared at the end of the duel, team points are not kept. Wrestlers from Bonanza, Chiloquin, Dunsmuir, Hosanna Christian, Mt. Shasta, and Tulelake were in attendance for the final opportunity to practice matches before the Division III meet.

In the 106 weight class, Anthony Garcia and Luke Schwall (freshmen) were both pinned by a Hosanna Christian wrestler. However, Joey Defaria and John-Michael Theofanides (freshmen), of the 113 weight class, made a strong come back for Etna with a pin and a nine point win, respectively. The second time Theofanides was called to the mat, he was unable to secure a victory

over yet another Hosanna Christian wrestler. Next, Defaira wrestled up, into the 120 weight class, and pinned his opponent from Chiloquin.

Earl Summers (freshman) wrestled twice in the 126 weight class. He pinned his first opponent from Chiloquin and won 11-0 against a Hosanna Christian athlete. Next was Cecyl Stout (sophomore), wrestling in the 132 weight class twice. Stout's first match, against Dunsmuir, was long and close, but in the end Stout secured the win. His next match was not so challenging as it resulted in Stout quickly pinning his Hosanna Christian opponent.

Lance Taylor (freshman) also achieved two victories, but in the 145 weight class. First he overcame a Hosanna Christian wrestler, and later Taylor was put up against a Mt. Shasta wrestler, whom he pinned, as a result of great effort

on Taylor's part. In the 152 weight class, Donovan Appler (senior) had three pins against Mt. Shasta, Chiloquin and Bonanza wrestlers. In Appler's second match, he and his opponent had a hard time keeping confined to the circle and on more than one occasion the referee called the wrestlers back to the center of the mat.

In the 160 weight class, Ruben Jamie (freshman) put up a strong fight against a Dunsmuir wrestler but was unable to escape a particularly strong hold and got pinned. Hayden Kaae (sophomore) wrestled against his Mt. Shasta opponent in the 182 weight class. Kaae secured an impressive win of 9-0. Jack Souza (junior), Etna's heaviest wrestler (in the 195 weight class), began his match strong and capable, but when his opponent tweaked Souza's previously injured shoulder, Souza was hurt and the match ended in his being pinned.

Etna Wrestling 2nd in Division III

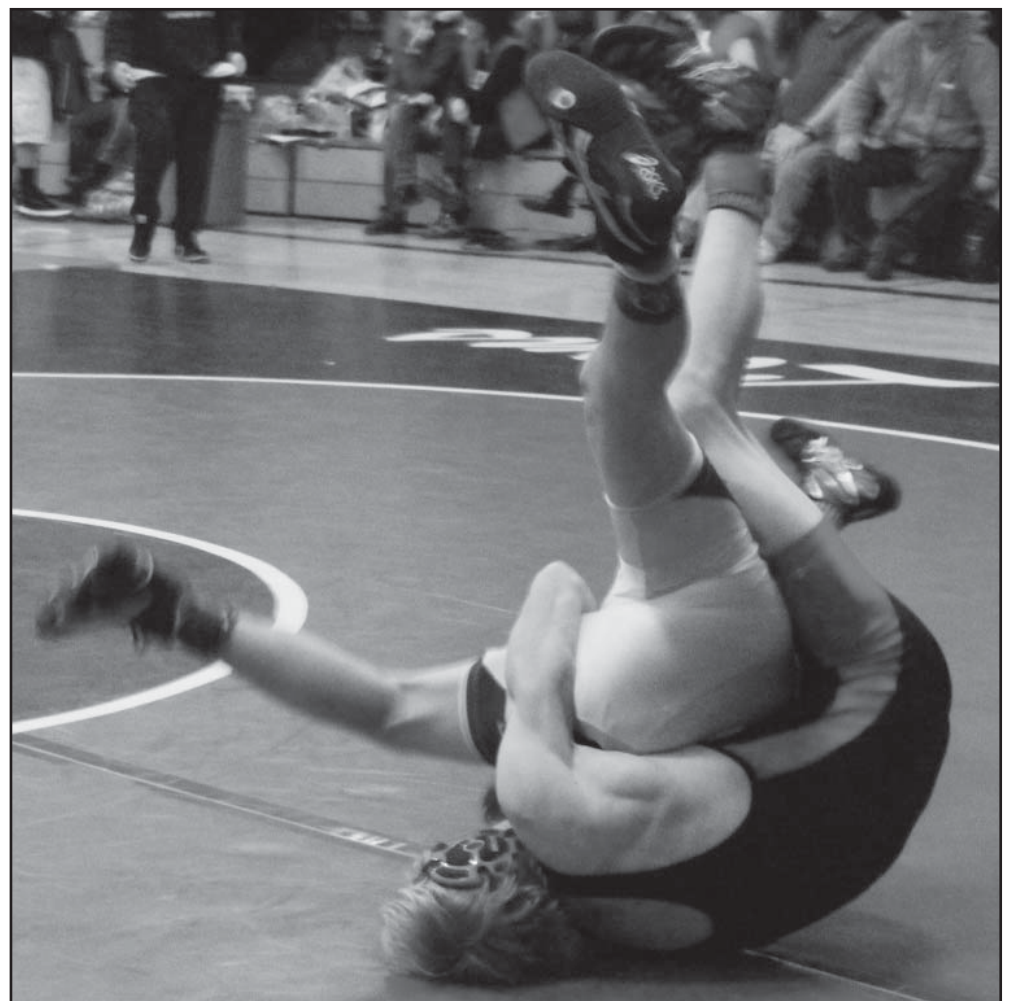


Photo by Shasta Stewart

Etna wrestler Donovan Appler (senior) takes down an opponent. Appler placed third in Divisions in the 145 lb weight class. This qualified him to compete at Sectionals.

By Shasta Stewart

On February 18 EHS won second place in the Division III Wrestling Tournament, which was hosted at Etna High School. Schools from all over Northern California attended including: Trinity, Modoc, Dunsmuir, Chiloquin, and more. Jack Souza (junior)

placed first in the 220 lb weight class. Hayden Kaae (sophomore) placed second in the 182 lb weight class. Donovan Appler (senior) placed third in the 145 lb weight class.

Placing fourth in their respective weight classes were Cecyl Stout (sophomore), Earl Summers (freshman),

and Anthony Garcia (freshman). Joey Defaria (freshman) took fifth.

Wrestlers placing fourth and higher qualified to compete at Sectionals February 25 - 26.

At Sectionals, Kaae placed fifth in his weight class. Appler tied a match and had to go into overtime, but he didn't place.

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FFA Speaks Up

By Darby Hanna

Etna FFA hosted its invitational speaking contest January 26 against Orland, Maxwell, Foothill, and Tulelake. Cricket Postma (junior) took first place in Prepared, Carson Herold (senior) won first in a second Prepared room just for Etna students. Renee Finley (freshman) placed second in Creed finals, Darby Hanna (sophomore) took second in Job Interview, and Preston Munson (junior) received second.

The contest began with Extemporaneous competitors preparing their speeches, and job interview contestants filling out an application. The prepared students studied their notecards before delivering a six to eight minute speech on a current ag issue. Impromptu contestants picked three topics randomly from an envelope, chose one topic, and had one minute to

think of a short speech, before delivering it. Freshmen who were to recite the Creed nervously awaited their turn to say the five paragraphs of the FFA Creed and answer questions, while Job Interview contestants attended a mock interview. Community members arrived to judge the contests and help tally results. Judges and contestants were fed lunch prepared by Etna FFA members.

The day after the contest, Etna members woke up early and set off to Tulelake for another speaking competition. Victoria Gamache (sophomore) placed third in Impromptu, Catie Schott took second in Creed overall, and Postma (junior) placed third in Prepared.

On February 3, Etna fought in another round of speeches at Shasta College for Sectionals. Herold placed second in Prepared,

R. Hanna took second in Impromptu, Schott placed third in Creed, Gamache took fourth in Impromptu, Postma placed fourth in Prepared, and Finley took fifth in Creed. The top three placements will move on to Regionals and compete against all of the sections in the Superior Region.

Local Cattlewomen sponsored the local Beef Ambassador competition. Emma Morris (sophomore), Tyler Murphy (junior), and EHS graduate Keri Luiz practiced with Coach Melanie Fowle in preparation for the competition. Morris placed first in the Junior Division, Luiz placed first in the Senior Division, and Murphy took third. Morris and Luiz will be moving on to State competition. Mrs. Fowle and Mr. and Mrs. Hargett were very proud to have Etna take home the title for the first time in years.

EHS, SVUSD Moderization Plans Move Forward

By Carson Herold

On January 18, the SVUSD Board of Trustees unanimously voted to begin the process of obtaining money from the State that will fund several improvements to be made to the district. Improvements to be made specifically to EHS include replacing the cafeteria floor, replacing the remaining two light poles on the football field, installing a new ramp to the library, modifying bathrooms so that they comply with the American Disabilities Act regulations, and wrapping heating pipes to improve their efficiency. At all SVUSD sites, lights will be replaced with retrofit lights, and 180kW of photovoltaic solar panels will be installed. Additionally, EHS and EES will be converting to a single trash compactor for their waste management.

Last school year, EHS alone spent \$108,026 on diesel heating fuel, propane, electricity, water/sewage and garbage. Currently, the district spends approximately \$12,000 per month on electricity.

The State money for the improvements will, in part, be refunded from a previous partnership and the remainder of the money will become available as a result of a second State partnership. The State will provide 60% of the money, and the district will put of the remaining 40%.

Initially, the Board found they were unable to meet the 40% require of the deal. Rather than try to obtain the money from General Fund, highly unlikely due to current economic conditions, Superintendent Dr. Emily Houck applied to the company Johnson Controls, a multibillion dollar State company dedicated to saving energy. The Board took out a \$2.2 million dollar loan



Photo by Carson Herold

Soon, Duncan Field will be ready to play ball this fall with four new light poles.

with Johnson Controls to install the solar panels at Scott Valley's schools, ultimately creating a solar plant. It is estimated that within 20 years the solar plant will have paid off the debt incurred by their purchase and installation, and all energy created after that will be free, clean and used in powering our schools.

In taking the loan for the solar panels, SVUSD is now eligible for \$2.4 million in State funded modernization money, and may thus make the necessary improvements mentioned above because they can pay the required 40%. Johnson Controls is the lead contractor on the project though local contractors will be employed in completing later phases of

modernization. Mrs. Kerri Hubbard, District CBO assured the security of the project. We are the first district in Siskiyou County to attempt such a modernization project. There is still one gate for the district to pass through before the project becomes a reality. The High Performance Incentive Grant will be applied for after the design phase of the project is completed. The Board of Trustees will know if the district was able to secure the grant within the next few months.

Many of the improvements, the solar panels in particular, are scheduled to be installed over the upcoming summer while others hope to be completed within the next few years.



Participants of the Etna Speaking Invitational gather after the awards ceremony.



Submitted Photos

Sectional speaking competitors Cricket Postma (junior), Renee Finley (freshman), Roxy Hanna, Victoria Gamache (sophomores) Carson Herold (senior), Darby Hanna (sophomore) and Catie Schott (freshman) display their awards.

EHS Grad's 30-day Fasting Challenge

By Carson Herold

Sarah Loogman, 2009 EHS graduate, who is attending college full time at both Shasta College and Simpson University in Redding, is taking a 30-day fasting challenge; she will fast from one everyday convenience each day in order to gain an appreciation for the things so many take for granted that the people of Africa and other third world countries so rarely or even never have the opportunity to enjoy. Last year, Sarah went on a missions trip to Uganda, Africa and her experiences impacted her in such a way that she knew she couldn't "possibly live my life the same again."

The Challenge is very much faith based. In her blog about the challenge, Sarah writes, "Each of these sacrifices will allow me to see the world

through more global eyes and authentically love and feel for those around the world who are much, much, much less fortunate than me. Most importantly, however, is that in breaking these chains, these yokes of oppression, I will be drawn to pull closer to God in my mild sufferings and grow more intimately closer to Him: to be broken for what breaks him, to love the people he loves, and see the world as he sees it."

The very first day of the challenge, Sarah fasted from physical comfort; she sat on the floor rather than in a chair or at a desk. She slept on the floor rather than in a bed. Sarah found, even as she lay on the hard floor that night, that she still had countless privileges that children in third world countries are totally unfamiliar with; she was safe, warm and

had a full stomach. In the middle of the night, Sarah's back began to hurt, and she was sorely tempted to jump into her large soft bed rather than toss and turn the rest of the night on the floor. But she remained on the floor with firm resolve, and the next day wrote this in her blog: "And millions, perhaps billions, of other people around the world would be sleeping in cardboard boxes, in the rain, among garbage or perhaps unable to sleep at all. In those moments of realization, not only did I want to cry out for their pain - though probably out of my own frustrated exhaustion as well - but I was made humble. Knowing that I wasn't alone, knowing that I was able to share in their suffering, strengthened me."

Other days of the challenge include fasting from the internet, from

electricity, from wearing shoes from running water, from independence, from noise, from vanity, from speech, from warmth, sacrificing possessions, and on the list goes. Each experience brought a new look at life for the underprivileged. Many of the days of fasting were far less than convenient for Sarah's packed schedule (which includes volleyball, track a job and two class schedules), but she took the time and put in the effort to make each day of fasting poignant and significant, seeing what millions of people around the world see every day.

Sarah found the days of fasting from speech and hurry to be most challenging for her personally. Fasting from speaking forced Sarah, a "very vocal person," as she describes herself, to keep her opinions

and ideas to herself. She learned just how valuable the ability to express oneself is to humanity. Sarah appreciated her fast from hurry in that it allowed her to tone down the hectic schedule and gain a "perspective that sometimes you need a break and focus on what's important."

One point that Sarah is very direct about in her blog is her desire for other people to join her in fasting their privileges. She writes: "My next objective is to encourage you, yes *you*, to join me in this Challenge. Consider what this might look like to you, even if it is to join me for just one fast a week or even just once in the entire month. No matter the sacrifice, there are rewards in store that I guarantee will benefit your life. Acknowledge that a majority of people on our same planet live

with much less than we do and begin to realize the "necessities" in your life that really aren't necessities at all. There's nothing more freeing than to break away from the chains that our society has bound us in and for one moment, one day, or thirty, walk in someone else's shoes."

Sarah is pursuing a Cross Cultural Studies major with an emphasis of learning to teach English as a second language. She endeavored to take on this challenge with the intension of returning to Uganda and leading a small team; currently eight people are interested in spending three or four weeks with her there. If you are interested in learning more about the progression of Sarah's challenge, you can visit her blog at <http://fastpraylove817.blogspot.com>.