



Our Mighty Pen

The Soldiers' Sword

NEW YORK CITY!

BY MEGAN BAKER & MOLLIE ELDRIDGE

We met our tour guide Jesse at the airport after arriving in Salt Lake on Thursday night and then flew to New York. On Friday we arrived in New York in the early morning. After eating breakfast we went to the 9-11 memorial and museum. After spending time at the museum, we went to the "Sony Tech. Wonderland." We then saw performances at Washington Square Park. and we sang a few songs. We didn't do much for the rest of the day and got some much needed rest.

Saturday morning was mostly dedicated to shopping and sightseeing. Some people went to the Yankee's game early and tried to get autographs while the others shopped. After lunch, we got to go to a Yankee's Game! They played against the Orioles, and the Orioles

won. After the game, we went and ate at the Hard Rock Cafe, and it was really good!

After we finished eating, we went to the Imperial Theater and watched a Broadway performance of Les Miserables. It was amazing!

On Sunday we got to visit the American Museum of Natural History, which was where the "Night at the Museum" movies were filmed. After that, we watched the live performance of the Broadway Musical Aladdin. It was such an impressive and awesome show to watch! After the show, we ate dinner at Planet Hollywood.

On Monday, after breakfast, we went to Hunter College for a choral workshop with one of their choir teachers. After lunch we had a choir exchange with a local elementary school and then had some time to explore Central Park. We had a delicious Italian meal at Buca di Beppo. Some of us decided to shop one last time in shops around Times Square, others decided to just go back to the hotel and pack.

On Tuesday morning, everyone



woke up early to eat breakfast at the cafe, Daniela's, next to our hotel. After that, we loaded all of our stuff onto the tour bus and left for Battery Park. At Battery Park, we all boarded a ferry to go to Liberty Island to see the Statue of Liberty. We then rode a ferry from there to go to Ellis Island. Then we returned to to motor coach to go to the airport. While we drove to the airport Jesse sang us a song. Due to heavy traffic, we barely got to the airport on time, causing us to miss dinner. Thankfully Jesse generously gave each of us twelve dollars for snack boxes on the plane. Thank you, Jesse!

We would like to thank all of the people that helped and supported us for this trip. For all the people that donated money or came to our concerts and performances, thank you for supporting us! This trip was a lot of fun and all of us learned quite a bit while we were having fun. Especially thank you to Lois who made all of this possible!

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SOLO AND ENSEMBLE STATE

BY JAMIWEIGHT

Solo and Ensemble is a musical event that our high school kids participate in every year. Some of our junior high went this year and did really well, but sadly they can't go to State because they are too young. Melanie Heckethorn and Dallas Hayward got Ones (Superior Rating) on their pieces. Melanie performed a vocal solo and Dallas presented a piano piece.

All of the students that were eligible to go to State are: Zeke Torres, Taryn Childs, Lauren and Grace Palfreyman, Tina and Dallas

Hayward, Emily Weight, Breanna Conrad, Ambre Moorhous, Ashley Wright, Tori Perea, and Melanie Heckethorn.

The quartet, which consisted of Emily on the cello, Lauren and Tina on the violin, and Taryn on the viola, played Canzonetta by Mendolson. The Trio played the song called Trio by Max Burg. That performance consisted of Grace playing the piano, Taryn playing the viola, and Zeke playing the clarinet. Emily played a piano solo the called Romance by Sibelius. Tina played a

violin solo called The Son of Putza by Keller Bella. Lauren played a violin solo called Chrysler Tambourin by Frite Chrysler. Grace played a piano solo called Chopin Prelude D_b. Tina played a piano solo called Autumn by Chaminade. The last one was the girls' ensemble called Shule Aroon which was an Irish folksong.

Everyone did well on their pieces. There were four One ratings, three One minus ratings, and two Two pluses. Great job everyone!



UNIFORMS NO MORE!

BY MELANIE HECKETHORN

BREAKING NEWS! The EskDale High School and Garrison Secondary school have been freed from the oppression of uniforms! On April 6th, of 2015, the Parent Council gathered together at EskDale High school and discussed a pressing issue. Uniforms.

Together, they discussed all of the pros and cons and at the end of the meeting they decided to get rid of

the uniform policy. The Parent Council told the students that the uniforms would be banished as soon as existing fees were paid.

By April 8th all fines had been paid and the students were free! Now all of the students enjoy the freedom of jeans and t-shirts as long as they follow the Millard County Dress Code. They have abandoned the khakis and polos forever!

YEAR END RECITAL & SPRING CONCERT

BY JAMIWEIGHT

Our year end recital is naturally at the end of the school year when students that have private lessons go play a solo. This year it was on a Sunday the 3rd at 3:00pm. There were fifteen numbers in it. Everyone played their numbers very well. There were piano and violin solos, a clarinet duet, a vocal duet and a guitar trio.

We also had a Spring concert on Tuesday the 5th that started at

7:30pm. The EskDale High School performed choir and orchestra



pieces and they were also joined by the Baker Elementary School, who played some orchestra pieces. Thank you all who came to these events to support our school.

PROM 2015!

BY MELANIE HECKETHORN & JAMI WEIGHT

It was a success! Everyone looked stunning and we all had a great time! This year, Prom was held on Saturday, May 2, at the EskDale Center. Prom started at 6:30 pm and ended at 11pm. Something we also did different this year, was we invited the West Desert High School students to our prom. Having them there made our

Prom a lot more fun! The theme for it was An Enchanted Forest. The whole night was filled with good food, good friends, and good music.

The whole Prom experience started right when you entered the Center. It really felt like you were in an Enchanted Forest. The experience continued as you



started dancing. Vines hung all around and there were magical lights strewn around them. It was awesome!

Moving on, there were actually a lot of couples this year, so it made Prom a lot of fun. With such a small school, it's difficult. But having the West Desert students really helped bring out the fun in everybody.

Now, there's pictures, food, fun, but the best part is the dancing. There was a huge playlist of songs and our "DJ" took special requests.

All in all it was a spectacularly fun time, and we can't wait until next year. A big thank you to Chandra Conrad for preparing food, Breanna Conrad, Grace Palfreyman, and Taryn Childs for planning it, Emily Weight, Megan Baker and Lauren Palfreyman for decorating, Alyshia Baker for being our "DJ", our chaperones Sharon Conrad, Ben and Chandra Conrad, and Janille Baker, and we also thank Sharon and Janille for taking beautiful pictures of all of us!

END OF YEAR, LOOKING AHEAD

BY CARSON WRIGHT

This year's graduating class of seniors is Taryn Childs, Grace Palfreyman, and Breanna Conrad. The Valedictorian is Taryn Childs and the Salutatorian is Grace Palfreyman.

Next year's senior class will be Zeke Torres, Ricardo Villarreal, Tina Hayward, Victoria Perea, Latham Weight, and Ashley Wright.

This year's graduating 8th grade class and next year's 9th grade class is Vincent Palfreyman, Jami Weight, Melanie Heckethorn, Megan Baker, Dallas

Hayward, Dilzia Villarreal, and Carson Wright.

Next year we will be adding 3 new students which will be the 7th grade class, and they are Bryer Elmer, Kayli Baker, and Kara Conrad.

Next year Dr. Sheppard is trying to add some new classes to our choices such as a cooking class, Ag science, and worked-based learning. These will count toward CTE (career technical education)



credit. She is also trying to do away with the MEO (Millard Education Online) classes or computer classes as we like to call them. She is trying to put a person back in the computer's place where ever possible!

SPORTS: THIS YEAR AND NEXT

BY VINCENT PALFREYMAN & MEGAN BAKER

Our school's track team has had a rough season with plenty of injuries and setbacks, but they still found a way to be awesome runners. The season started around early spring and ended after the State Track meet on May 15.

Track Region was on May 6th, the day before we left for New York City. Our school's team came in 5th place overall. Both of the relay teams made it to state and almost everyone qualified for state in at least one event.

Track State was on May 15 & 16, and was up in Provo. The guys' relay team came in fourth place overall and the girls' team came in ninth. Breanna Conrad came in 8th place in javelin and 15th in discus. Zeke Torres was 7th in 300m hurdles, and 13th in the javelin. Christian Conrad was 12th in the 1600m with a PR of 5:11.41! Tina was 17th in the 3200 meter with a PR of 15:53.29! Lauren Palfreyman was 9th in the 100m, 8th in the 200m, and 7th in the 400m. She ran in 7 events over the two days. The EskDale Boys team tied with Wendover for 17th place overall and the girls team was also 17th place.

The season is finally over for the year and the track team is done. Looking forward to another great season next year!

The basketball schedule for next year has finally been set. There are still a few games that haven't been finalized yet. There were no seniors on the team this year, so we won't be losing any players. There will be new freshmen next year, so we will be gaining a player or two.

12/16/15	Mt. Vernon	@	West Desert
12/17/15	West Desert	@	ICS
12/18/15	Dugway	@	West Desert
12/19/15	West Desert	@	Merit
12/21-25/15	Moratorium		
1/6/16	West Ridge	@	West Desert
1/8/16	West Desert	@	St. Joseph
1/13/16	Wendover	@	West Desert
1/15/16	West Desert	@	Tintic
1/20/16	Telos	@	West Desert
1/22/16	West Desert	@	Mt. Vernon
1/29/16	West Desert	@	Dugway
2/3/16	Merit	@	West Desert
2/5/15	West Desert	@	West Ridge
2/12/16	West Desert	@	Wendover
2/16/16	ICS	@	West Desert
2/19/16	Tintic	@	West Desert
2/20/16	St. Joseph	@	West Desert
2/26/16	West Desert	@	Telos
3/1-5/16	State Tournament		

ENTERTAINMENT SECTION

LIAM THE GREATEST WIZARD

A SHORT STORY BY DILZIA VILLARREAL

So this is the story: I am a Wizard! Yeah, I know what you're thinking: wizards don't exist, but vampires and werewolf do. Trust me, wizards exist just like fairies, mermaids, ogres, and all of those other mythical creatures that everyone claims don't exist. The reason they tell you they don't exist is because they want to keep us a secret. Okay? Good, you know the truth. Now, back to my wizardry practice. How do we get to practice without everyone knowing? Simple! We have to go into the janitor closet. I know what you're thinking: how would a janitor closet lead you to practice? Let me explain - the janitor Mr. Egipoxious is the head wizard that teaches young wizards like me and my best friend Sam. By the way, Sam is a girl not a boy.

It's time for school! How fun! (Not.) But before I go, I must wait for Sam. We usually meet each other at the end of the street because she lives down the next street by us. We became best friends back in kindergarten, although our first meeting was a sad story though. I was eating my animal cookies in the sandbox when she came up to me, pushed me into the sand, and then stole my cookies and ate them while I cried. However, after a while we found out that we had many things in common. For example, we both like animal cookies! She loved them so much that I had to bring her a box everyday for eight years. Anyway, back to school and the wizard training.

"Hurry up, Doofus! We're going to be late," Sam shouted as she ran to open the school door.

"I'm coming! I just have to..." I got cut off by Mr. Planear, our principal.

"Why are you kids at school? It's the weekend! Shouldn't you be at home playing Xbox, Wii, or whatever those things are called?" Mr. Planear exclaimed, surprised.

"Ohh, you know, we're just getting our extra credit for school," I said nervously. You see the reason we didn't tell him the truth is because he doesn't know anything about the wizard thing. Only Mr. Egipoxious and the other young wizards know. We have to keep this a secret from Mr. "Planear because if he ever finds out then we would be in some serious trouble.

"Hmm. Well, okay. The school will be locked in three hours, so do what you have to do before you get locked in." Mr. Planear said walking to his car.

"Where are you going, Mr. Planear?" Sam asked.

"I have to take care of some serious business at home, and then I will come back in three hours to lock up." Mr. Planear responded, in a lower quieter tone.

"Well, Sam, we better get working on our *project* before we don't have any more time," I mumbled poking Sam's elbow."

"Oww! Watch it, doofus! I'm coming!" Sam retorted harshly. "Just trying to get to know Mr. Planear better, okay?"

"Well, bye, kids. I will see you in three hours," Mr. Planear stepped inside his car and shut the door. We watched as he drove past the school and in a few moments his car was just a little black dot moving down the road.

Sam and I entered the school and walked down the dark hallway. I jumped, startled and turned around quickly when the lights suddenly flipped on, but it was only Sam. We walked down the hall until we reached the lockers where we stored our wizard tools. I reached into my locker and retrieved my wand. Then I put that in my back pocket and reached into my locker again to find my cape. It stunk like moldy cheese with dirty socks. Ugh. It smelled like that because last week we fought the Magical Unicorns. I know you're probably wondering why we fought such majestic animals. Those evil things try to poke their horn into your heart if you get near them, and they use their magic to hurt wizards and drain their power. Not so cute or majestic now, huh? Anyway, I needed to wash my cape because it stunk a lot.

"Hey Liam, you like my wand? Isn't it *so cute*?" Sam said mocking me. I blushed and laughed, recalling how the week before, a unicorn took most of my power and the unicorn magic affected me strangely. I started acting very girly. For example, I complimented Sam on how pretty her hair was and talked a lot about how her outfit matched her eyes - yeah, those kind of things. Then I asked her if she thought my

magic wand was cute. How embarrassing! I think I also asked her if I looked fat in my cape, but I don't remember and I wish not to remember.

"Stop it, Sam. Okay? It wasn't my fault! It was the unicorn's fault." I whispered, annoyed and embarrassed.

"Uh-huh! Right! Because, you know, you *were* standing out there in the open where all the unicorns could see you." Sam laughed.

"Well my favorite animals are horses, and I just wanted to pet a unicorn, okay?" I grinned reluctantly.

"What stinks? Ack! I can't breathe," Sam groaned, one hand covering her nose and the other waving back and forth through the air in front of her face."

"Ohh that's my cape." I admitted. "I guess I forgot to wash it."

"No, not that smell. This is even worse!" Sam's whines ended with a small shriek, and I turned quickly to face her. There was one of the mythical creatures: the Hydra - a scary dragon-like creature with multiple scary dragon-like heads! Each head was staring directly into my eyes. I didn't know what to do! I needed my cape on to be protected, but it was on the ground at my feet. I looked down and then back up. The Hydra was angry. Slowly and carefully, I knelt down, keeping my eyes locked with the Hydra. I picked up my cape with one of my hands. A movement from Sam caught my attention, and I saw she had fixed her cape on. The Hydra noticed the movement from Sam's direction, and several of its heads whirled around, trying to keep both of us in sight.

"Run at the count of three," Sam whispered, from the corner of her mouth. "One..."

Wait, I need to put on my cape and grab my wand," I half-yelled. "Two..... three.....RUN!" Sam took off, running towards the janitor's closet. I was right behind her! The Hydra, much larger but without the advantage of speed was still down the hall. Then I tripped over my cape. I flipped and slid on my belly toward the lockers lining the edge of the hall. As I tried to get back up quickly, the Hydra caught up and blocked my way, his multiple eyes glaring down at me.

I'm his next meal! Fear overwhelmed me. I shut my eyes tightly. I could feel the Hydra's multiple heads breathing down on me from several directions.

"Listen to me! I'm going to distract it, and you make a run to the janitor's closet." Sam zapped the Hydra with her wand, and immediately it turned and went chasing after her down the hall and around the corner. With added urgency, I fastened on my cape and followed it down the hall. I was not going to leave my best friend alone with that monster. As I neared the corner, I heard an awful, high-pitched scream. My pounding heart felt as though it would burst through my chest. Then I heard the footsteps approaching the corner. I tensed and held up my wand in preparation.

Sam calmly and nonchalantly walked around the corner to meet me. "Were you scared?"

"SAM! But... But you were... and....you, you screamed?!" I struggled to say, relief and confusion overwhelming me.

"Oh relax! That was my hologram!" Sam laughed.

"Well, you scared me to death! I put my life out there just to save your hologram!" I said walking over to her and pushed her shoulder.

"Well done! You guys have defeated the Hydra. I hope you know, you two have become two of the most powerful wizards." Mr. Egipoxious said while rubbing his long white beard.

"That was a test?" Sam and I spoke in unison.

"Yep! Well, it seems like my job is done," Mr Egipoxious walked towards us, taking a shiny thing out of his beard. It was a medal. He put it on Sam; then he took another out and gave it to me. He smiled and said, "You guys are fully-trained to take care of the world, and I must go now," He turned quickly, walked straight down the hall, and suddenly a big cloud of smoke appeared behind him. He was gone.

"Hey, kids! It is time to go!" Mr Planear yelled.

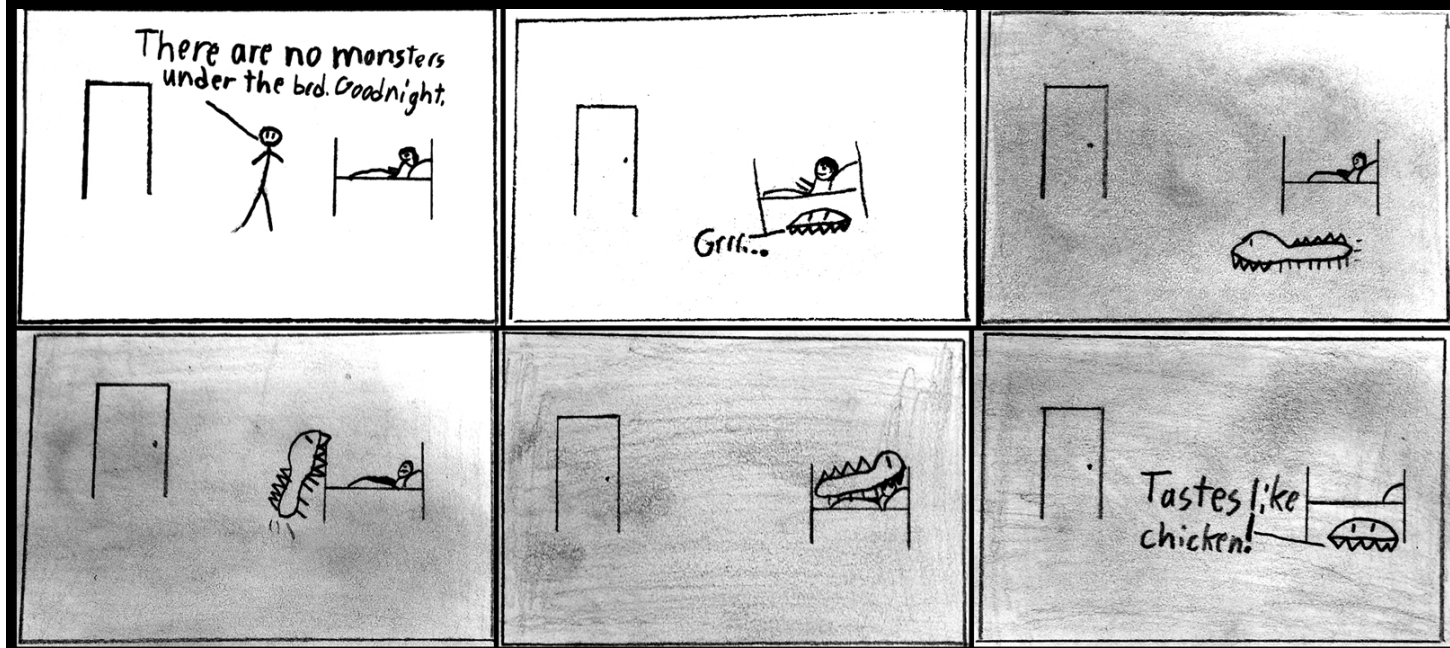
"Okay, were coming." Sam and I walked home and thought things through. We were surprised that it had been Mr. Egipoxious' plan to test us for our next and final medal. We had been studying for a while, but Mr. Egipoxious told us many times that we would have a lot of years before we finished. But now... we were finished! Now we were in charge of the world: balancing out the evil and the good. Can we really do this on our own without Mr. Egipoxious?

SPORTS: QUIZ BY VINCENT PALFREYMAN

- How many championships have the Nets won?
 - 3
 - 0
 - 4
 - 1
- How many championships have the Jazz won?
 - 3
 - 5
 - 2
 - 0
- How many championships have the Warriors won?
 - 5
 - 3
 - 0
 - 1
- How many championships have the Bulls won?
 - 6
 - 9
 - 4
 - 11
- Who has an autographed Stephen Curry jersey in the EskDale High School?
 - Justin Howland
 - Caleb Baker
 - Vincent Palfreyman
 - Ricardo Villarreal
- Who holds the record for the most 3 pointers made in a season?
 - Reggie Miller
 - Stephen Curry
 - Kyle Korver
 - Ray Allen
- Who won the 2014-2015 season MVP award?
 - Stephen Curry
 - James Harden
 - LeBron James
 - Russell Westbrook
- Who has won the most MVP awards in NBA history?
 - Michael Jordan
 - LeBron James
 - Magic Johnson
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
- Who holds the record for the most points in NBA history?
 - Stephen Curry
 - Kareem Abdul-Jabbar
 - Michael Jordan
 - Hakeem Olajuwon
- Who holds the record for the most rebounds in NBA history?
 - Wilt Chamberlain
 - Tim Duncan
 - Bill Russell
 - Moses Malone
- Who has won the most slam dunk contests?
 - Michael Jordan
 - Vince Carter
 - Dominique Wilkins
 - Nate Robinson
- Who holds the record for the most NBA championships?
 - Larry Bird
 - Bill Russell
 - Michael Jordan
 - Wilt Chamberlain

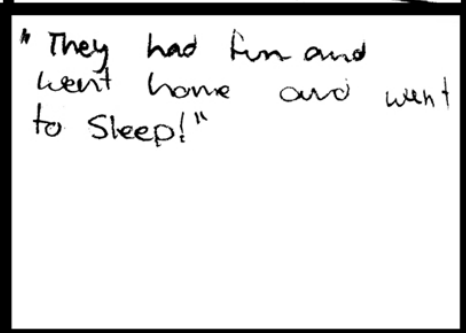
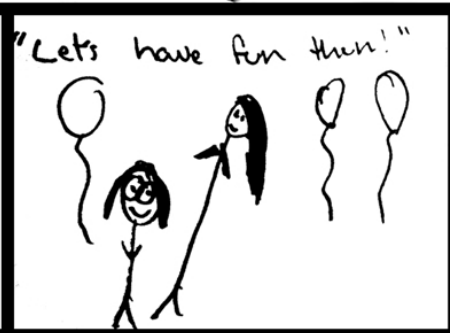
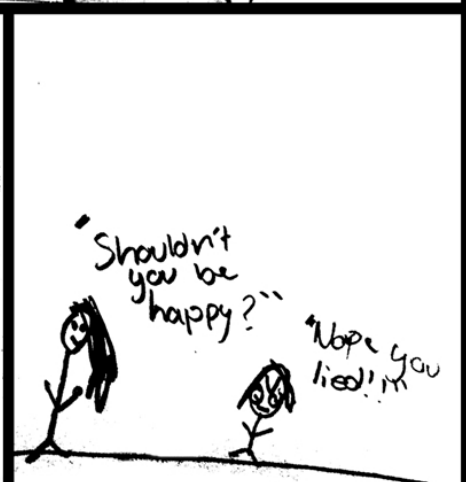
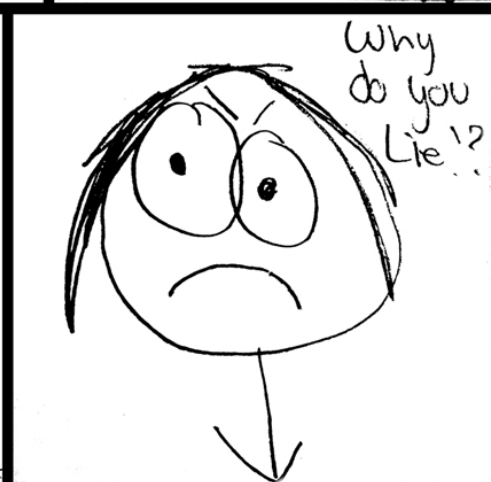
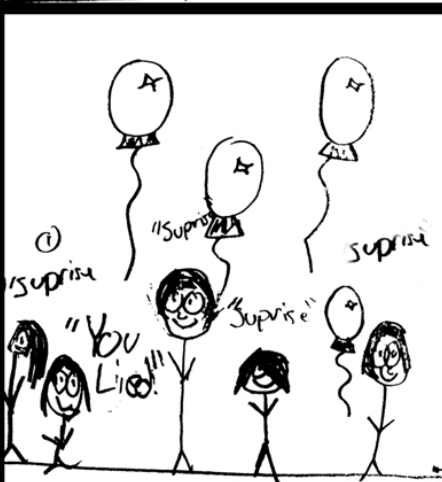
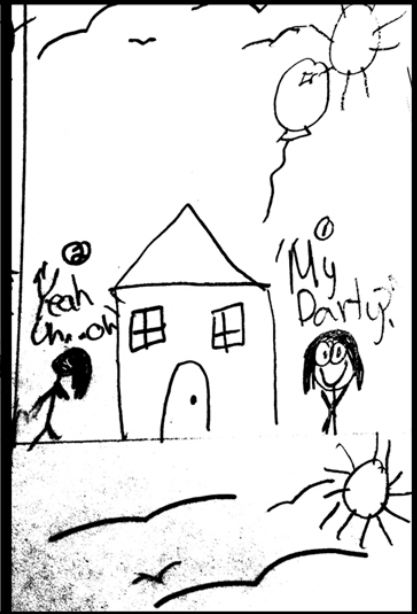
SWEET DREAMS!

BY DALLAS HAYWARD



QUIZ BY DILZIA VILLARREAL

- What product is mostly used in Mexican candy?
 - Cocoa
 - Tamarindo
 - coconuts
 - Chili Peppers
- What crop is most grown in the United States?
 - Corn
 - Squash
 - Beans
 - Strawberries
- Which island in the world is the largest?
 - Hawaii
 - Greenland
 - Madagascar
 - Bora Bora
- How many main Islands make up Hawaii?
 - 3
 - 5
 - 10
 - 8
- Which animal is the most endangered?
 - Polar Bears
 - Javan rhino
 - Elephants
 - Birds
- Which is the hardest wood?
 - Pine
 - Oak
 - Maple
 - Quebracho
- Who invented the piano?
 - Bartolomeo Cristofori
 - Simon Lee
 - Robert Piano
 - Einstein
- What fruit is poisonous?
 - Blueberries
 - Coconut
 - Lima beans
 - Pineapple
- Who invented the pencil?
 - Conrad Gessner
 - William Penn
 - James Bowie
 - Sharon Conrad
- Why were pyramids built?
 - Because they wanted Egypt to be well-known
 - tombs for their pharaohs and queens
 - They experimented
 - Because they felt like it.
- What was the first candy made of?
 - Honey mixed with fruit and nuts.
 - Sugar
 - cocoa powder
 - caramel
- What was the first book ever written?
 - The Bible
 - The Math Book
 - The Atlas
 - Mulberry Street.





MEGAN BAKER

I have time to fix this!



MOLLIE ELDRIDGE

Every day comes with an opportunity!



DALLAS HAYWARD

What's the worst that could happen?



MELANIE HECKETHORN

I'm blonde and I know it!



VINCENT PALFREYMAN

Keep calm and love Steph Curry!



DILZIA VILLARREAL

It's been rough, but I'm here.



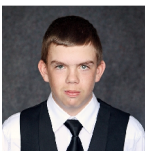
FATIMA VILLARREAL

I am weird, but who cares?



JAMI WEIGHT

I was once awesome, still am!



CARSON WRIGHT

Ridin', ropin', huntin', fishin' done here.

UPCOMING EVENTS

BY MOLLIE ELDRIDGE

Summer is upon us! Here are some upcoming events to look forward to.

MAY 21, 2015

Class of 2015 graduates
from EskDale High School!
7pm, EskDale Auditorium

JUNE 19-21, 2015

Snake Valley Festival!

Visit www.protectsnakevalley.org for the full schedule and more information.

JULY 3, 2015

Fourth of July Celebration in EskDale.
6:30pm, EskDale Plaza - Food
8:30pm, EskDale Amphitheater - Concert!
10pm, fireworks!

JULY 24, 2015

Summer concert* at EskDale Community

AUGUST 14, 2015

Summer concert* at EskDale Community

AUGUST 17, 2015

2015-2016 school year commences at
EskDale High School, Garrison Secondary

AUGUST 21-23, 2015

White Pine County Fair

*dates are tentative and subject to change.