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## Field Trip for Utah History

On October 7th, the EskDale Junior High went to Salt Lake City for a history field trip. They recently have been learning about the Mormons and their journey to the Great Basin. The eight Utah History students, their teacher Sharon Conrad, and parent chaperone Kath Hayward went first to This is the Place Heritage Park in Salt Lake City. This is the Place is a historical site with a functioning actor-led pioneer village full of living information about early Mormon pioneers and their journey to and
beginnings in the Salt Lake Valley, as well as information on the historic Utah Indian tribes of the area. This is the Place Heritage Park is located right at the foot of Emigration Canyon where the Mormons first came into the Valley, and where Brigham said his famous words, "It is enough. This is the right place. Move on."


When the field trip arrived at This is the Place, they went to the Printing Press where they learned how early Utah newspapers were made and how much they cost. Did you know that the first Deseret News cost $\$ 0.15$ each? That is the equivalent of $\$ 30.00$ today. After the Printing Press, they headed to the Indian Village where they learned about the culture and the hogans of the Navajo. The male hogans were used for religious ceremonies and for starting families. The women's
hogans were much bigger, and they were used when the families got too big for the male hogan.

Next the students had lunch under the bowery, which is a replica of the branch -roofed structures pioneers used for shelter and shade.

After lunch, they went on an informational train ride through the whole of the Park and learned a lot about each building and its historical purpose. They saw Brigham Young's house, the barn, the Huntsman Hotel and many other buildings. After the train ride, they learned about the Civil War and how it affected Utah. Luckily, there was some time after their last appointed stop to explore and walk around the Park on foot, and the students had a chance to see the pioneer school house, the stables, and the blacksmith's shop.

After leaving This is the Place, the group went to the Utah State Capitol building in downtown Salt Lake City. They took a self-guided tour, viewing all the rooms of the beautiful, esteemed building which had been decked out in style in honor of the Capitol building being dedicated 100 years before on October 9th, 1916. There were paintings in the dome of the building that showed a colorful representation of Utah's past. A painting of a blue sky and seagulls in flight covers the inside of


the dome. The tour included viewing the Governor's Office, the Supreme Court, the Senate Chambers, and the State Reception Room, also known as the Gold Room. They learned about the difficult reconstruction of the building which made it able to withstand earthquakes. The class also viewed the beautiful grounds outside which include a memorial dedicated to Utah's fallen peace officers and another dedicated to fallen Utah soldiers

and Missing in Action from Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. Another memorial they saw was one dedicated to the brave Mormon Battalion.

The EskDale Junior High students were thankful for the opportunity to learn about the original Mormon pioneers and how they lived at This is the Place Heritage Park, and they enjoyed the tour of the esteemed Utah State Capitol in celebration of its centennial. It was a great field trip!

By Kayli Baker $\propto$ Kara Comad

## Cross Country Season 2016

Another amazing season of Cross Country has just come to an end. With a small team of just four athletes, this year has been a huge success with PRs being set almost every meet. Every athlete qualified for state at the Region 18 Championships on October 12, 2016. Everyone placed highly and in the top ten at region with Vince earning fourth, Megan third, Lauren fourth, and Melanie seventh. Megan Baker set a new record for the girls' 3 mile with a 20:14 at Delta on September 28, 2016.

At the UHSAA 1A Cross Country Championships on October 19, the entire team performed very well. Lauren Palfreyman was awarded Academic All-State at State along
with other seniors after the race was over. Lauren Palfreyman was the only senior on the team and has run for all four years of high school. She set a PR at the Titan Invitational on October 5, with a 21:55.

At the State Championships, every person on the team ran hard and did an amazing job. Megan Baker placed in the top ten at seventh place with a time of 21:14.9, Lauren Palfreyman placed 18th with a time of 22:02.9, and Melanie Heckethorn placed 52nd

with a time of 26:59.4. Vince Palfreyman placed 34th with a time of 19:37.3 in his race.

Cross Country has finally come to an end, and now it's just a few more months until Track. Both Track and Cross Country are coached by Janille Baker and have been for three years now. She has done an amazing job coaching and works really hard to help encourage and prepare athletes for their events and meets. Cross Country is over, but there's always a next year for EskDale High School's team.

By Megan Baker

## Driver's Education

Aaron Ashton, Igor Iachirncinc, and Beaux underwood will perform at EHS on November 4th!

This people in this year's Driver's Ed class are Vincent Palfreman, Megan Baker, Dallas hayward, Jami Weight, and Carson Wright. So far, all of the students have completed their driving with the driving instructor Mrs. Duncan in Delta. They each had to drive total of 6 hours with

## Aaron Ashton comes to EHS

The popular violinist, Aaron Ashton, is coming to EskDale on November 4, 2016. He will be bringing two other musicians with him. Their names are Igor Iachimcinc, who plays the cimbalom, and Beaux Underwood, who is a vocalist. Aaron is an accomplished violinist. He is known to play ethnic, classical, and fiddle music really well. He
the driving instructor. During these hours they practiced basic maneuvers such as parking, U turns, 2 and 3 point turns, and some other basics of driving in town.

All of them have successfully passed the driving test. They have completed one

has performed with Josh Groban and Smokey Robinson, and he played in the opening ceremonies of the 2002 Olympics. He has
quarter of the in-class work with teacher Lois Faber and will finish the class and receive their certificate of completion in January.

After they have held their learner's permits for 6 months and turn 16 they will be able to get their driver's licenses!

By Casson Wright

Aaron will arrive at Garrison at 10:30 A.M. (MTS) to play with the students there, then he will go to Baker at 11:15 A.M., and at 2:15 P.M. he will be at EskDale High School. On that same night Aaron and his group will have a performance in the EskDale auditorium at 7:30. The EskDale orchestra will play a song with him called Swashbuckler's Saga. The orchestra may or may not play a few other numbers with him, but the majority of the concert will be focused on Aaron and his group.

By Dallas Hayward

## Recent Music Performances

On August $25^{\text {th }}$ the women's ensemble sang for the observatory dedication at Great Basin National Park. They sang "Bright Morning Stars", which fit the event perfectly. All of those who attended thought that they did an amazing job.

The women's ensemble also sang for the principals' retreat on September $20^{\text {th }}$. They once again
sang "Bright Morning Stars" along with "Pick a Bale O’ Cotton." In addition to the women's ensemble, the cello ensemble played "Sabbath Prayer" and a few people performed solos. Even Lois played a solo on her violin.

Everyone who participated in these two events did a wonderful job and everyone who was present enjoyed their performances. These were wonderful experiences for both the performers and the audience.

By Mollic Eldridge

## upcoming Christmas Banquet

The Christmas Banquet will be taking place on December 7th9th, 2016. Dress rehearsal is on the 7th, and select family and locals are invited to watch the banquet that night. The following nights are by reservation only and include a gourmet meal. As usual, this year's menu will be designed around the theme of the play.

This years production for the Christmas Banquet is "Joy to the Other World". Drama class this year began on October 21st, and they have just started work on the play. The people involved in the production this year are Emily Weight, Melanie Heckethorn,

Dilzia Villarreal, Dallas Hayward, Mollie Eldridge, Andrea Gomez, Fatima Villarreal, Kayli Baker, Kara Conrad, Daisy Torres, Carlos Saucedo, Jenna Conrad, Sydney Palfreyman, and Danielle Hayward.

To make reservations for this year's Banquet contact Chandra Conrad. Her home number is (435-855-2250); her cell phone is (435-209-0065). The cost is still the same as last year: $\$ 25$ per person. Babysitting will also be provided; the cost is $\$ 3$ per child. The choir will be singing six or seven songs this year, and the
orchestra will be playing several songs as well. Solos, duets, and ensemble numbers will also be performed. Hopefully this year's production is as successful as those in years past.

Christmas Banquet is possibly the most stressful time of the year as it is also near the end of the second quarter, with teachers running around and trying to prepare students to get their things done on top of preparation for the Banquet. The effort that goes into the event each year is immense but worth it.

By fatima Villasseal

## First Quarter PE Fun

Our PE teacher Nomi Sheppard has made PE so fun this year because she has brought in different people to teach us fun and amazing stuff. She brought people to teach us stuff like step dancing with Jason Nious, strength training with Adam Casper, soccer and cardio dancing with Armando Villarreal, volleyball with Buffy Perea, archery with Jon Reynolds and Ben Roberts, yoga with Jenny Hamilton, fitness and nutrition with Janille Baker, Tai Chi with John Woodyard, and roping with Baylee Elmer.

These are some of the new and active things that we did

## Featurette on Coach Janille Baker

EHS is well-known for its incredible music program. However, many people seem to forget that we also have some amazing cross country and track teams as well. This year, every member of the cross country team made it all the way to state! We couldn't have been any prouder.

The members of the team worked really hard to get there and so did their coach Janille Baker. It takes a lot to get where they are, and they couldn't have done it without her. Janille is the mother of Megan Baker who is a member of the team. Other than being their coach, she is also the Baker Ranch bookkeeper. We recently sat down with her to ask her about her coaching.

How long have you been coaching?
"Three years."
Why did you decide to coach?
"Because they needed one!"

What is your philosophy for coaching?
"To help the athletes to succeed at their personal goals. Even if a student's goal is to just get a different PE credit, I still want to help them succeed."

What's your coaching experience before coaching for EskDale, if any? "Nothing."

Are you satisfied or proud of how far your team has gotten?
"Yes, I am. And it's not just if they place well in a competition-I am more proud when they beat or accomplish their own personal goals."

## Do your team has grown since last

 year?"They've all improved over the last year; most of them have beaten their own times from last year. I would say that those who ran and trained over the summer improved most, beating their previous records by one to up to four minutes."

What's your favorite part about coaching?
"I think it's fun to watch them succeed at their goals; to watch them accomplish what they set out to do."

Do you teach any differently during cross country compared to track?
"Yes, because cross country can pretty much be the same workout for everyone, while track the workouts are more defined and individualized based on what events the athletes are in."

## How long do you see yourself doing

 this for?"As long as my kids are in school, possibly after, unless someone else wants to coach them."

What is your goal for each of your students?
"For them to accomplish their goals."
As you can see, Janille's way of coaching is centered on helping her team improve and accomplish their goals, which is very admirable.

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## EHS Class of 2017

This year we have four seniors: Emily Weight, Lauren Palfreyman Christian Conrad, and Caleb Baker. These four people have worked hard for many years and still have to go through about 6 more months of school before they will all go off onto their separate paths after graduation. These four teenagers will have very successful futures in music, agriculture, engineering, sports or any of the many other careers that they could follow.

Christian said that he wants to go to college when he finishes high school and the college he wants to go to is Utah State University. He also said that being a senior "feels like there's a
lot of pressure from people about going to college." Christian hasn't yet decided what he wants to major in or what he's going to be when he finishes college. The last thing that he said was that seniors feel the most pressure "because they have less time to decide what to do."

Emily said that she wants to go to college after high school, and she wants to go to the University of Utah. She said that being a senior feels "easy." She wants to major in Engineering. Emily said that seniors feel more pressure "because they're about to leave into the real world."

Caleb said that being a senior feels "just weird. All these things

## My Coodbye to EHS!

Many students were surprised to hear that I am actually achieving my goal of graduating early. With a combination of my coursework from EskDale High School and classes from Millard Education Online, I hope to complete my diploma through Adult Education before Christmas.

My mom is really proud that
I will be finishing high school in fewer than three years. My plan is to work full-time through this next year to save up money for college. Next fall, I hope to be an entering freshman at Dixie State University in St. George or at Weber State University in Ogden.

These are my final days at EHS, and whether you liked me or not, I will remember all of you.

## Senior Spotlight: Emily Weight

Emily Weight is one of the two female seniors we have at EskDale high school this year and we couldn't be more proud of her! She is a brilliant student and musically talented as well. She excels in academics and is especially skilled in math and science. Recently, she has volunteered to help with the children at the preschool and seems to quite enjoy being there.

An interview has been conducted with our honored student this Quarter, and we all hope you will enjoy the following snippets from this interview. This newspaper's senior spotlight is well-earned by Emily, and we all wish her well in future endeavors!

## Q: Do you have any career

 goals? If so, what are they? A: I would really like to at least earn a Master's degree in engineering. Specifically, bioengineering but I'm not sure yet.
## Q: Do you have any hobbies or talents?

A: I can take my socks off with out using my hands, haha. No, okay, I guess I'm good at piano and cello.

Q: What would you consider your greatest strength?

## Weakness?

A: Ah, let's see... My greatest strength would probably be that I'm adaptable. I'm also good with people of different levels of maturity. As for weakness, I guess I lack
initiativ
 Once I start something I do well but it's the getting started part that I struggle with.

Q: What
is your favorite class? Which class do you excel in?
A: Mmm ... My favorite class is probably physics! My best class, however, is most likely math, so pre-calculus.

Q: What college do you want to attend? Why?
A: University of Utah, they have one of the best science programs in the state.
are beginning to be your last." He intends on going to either Utah State or somewhere in Nevada. Caleb wants to major in AG Business.

Lauren wants to go to college after high school and is working very hard to get herself into a good college by preparing a violin audition that will get her into an amazing college such as BYU or even Julliard. Lauren's academics could also earn her scholarships.

Good luck to all four of these incredible seniors as they prepare their applications and make plans for their future!

By Varge Sanceda

I want to thank all the teachers for giving me the opportunity to learn and be successful, and for that, I will go on and try to be the best I can be.


Q: If you were an animal what would you be and why?
A: I'd be an owl, because they're so wise.

Q: What will you miss most about high school when you leave for college?
A: Probably my teachers!
Q: What are you most looking forward to after graduation? What are you most worried about?
A: I'm most worried about going out on my own and having to fend for myself. As for what I'm most looking forward to, that would be college!

Q: If you had to use just one word to describe yourself, what would it be?
A: Obsequious*
Q: What would you like to say to your teachers and peers before you graduate?
A: School may be hard but it's well worth it in the long run. To my teachers, I would like to say thank you for all of your years of hard work and dedication.
*Obsequious (adj.) obedient or attentive to an excessive or servile degree.

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Jenna Conrad-Younger sister of EskDale High School graduate Breanna Conrad and two other EskDale High School students, Christian and Kara Conrad. Jenna wants to be an actress when she grows up with at least five cats at all times. Her favorite subject in school is Utah History, and she enjoys "irritating the snot" out of her siblings.

Sydney Palfreyman-Younger sister to EskDale High School graduate Grace Palfreyman, senior at EskDale High School Lauren Palfreyman, and basketball star for the West Desert Hawks Vincent

Palfreyman. Sydney wants to be an author when she grows up and is addicted to reading books. English is her favorite subject in school, and she enjoys spending her free time hanging out with her amazing brother Vince and drawing pictures.

Sam Roberts-Son of Ben and Brandi Roberts. He wants to be an engineer when he grows up. His favorite subject in school is history, and he enjoys reading every minute he's not in class.

Carlos Saucedo-Younger brother to Sophomore at EskDale High School, Jorge Saucedo.

Carlos wants to be a soccer player when he grows up. His favorite subject is English, and he spends his spare time playing with his younger sister.

Daisy Torres-The younger sister to EskDale High School graduates Yadira, Crus, Hector, and Ezequiel Torres. If Daisy could use one word to describe herself it would be "awesome." She wants to be a psychologist when she grows up. Her favorite subject is math and she likes to read for her spare time when she's not working for other people.

By Vincent Palfeyman

## Fall Break Plans

Ah, fall is upon us! Crisp air, fallen leaves crunching underfoot, the usual sweater weather in the morning and melting from the inside out by the afternoon; all of this means Fall Break!

These are some of the students' plans for this joyous three-day-break from EskDale High School.

Megan Baker replied to my question with an, "Agh, I have no idea." Many of the students had this answer, but some knew exactly what they were doing.

Hesston Elmer told me, "I'll be hanging out with Vince and Carson. Slayin'...ducks, hanging out with women, shed hunting, and rattlin' for bucks. I'll shoot da shotgun, fix the tree, rope stuff, ride some buckin' horses,
stretch some yearlins' in the sage grass, and add to the hunting channel."

Jami said, "We'll be going to Logan to hang with Latham and watch a football game." She seemed pretty excited to see her older brother.

Fatima said, "Umm, hopefully getting a job and sleeping." Now that sounds fun! Good Job Fatima.

One of the seniors, Emily Weight, said, "Pretty sure we'll watch the $U$ vs. Utah State and visit Latham. How nice *sarcastic eye roll*." What a sassy Senior. Many of the other students just replied with an, "IDK." How boring are they!

The teachers had a different idea of what to do on Fall Break.

Mr. Faber told me, "I don't know. We'll do something but I don't know. I'll have to confer with my wife. " Awww, so sweet, Mr. Faber.

Sharon said, " Umm, grading book reports, redecorating my classroom, and rearranging classroom seating." Wow! Doesn't that sound like a blast!

Teresa told me, "I have no idea. Probably get my car fixed."

Nomi said, "We went to Corn Blaze, so I'm good. I don't need any more vacation." Sweety, everyone always needs more vacation. These are just some of the plans of the people of EskDale High School! Happy Fall Break!

By Melanic Hechetham

## Random Quiz-classroom, commercials, countries, etc...

1. On the "Books We're Reading" what grade is the light blue?
A: Sharon B: Junior High
C: 9th \& 10th
D: 11th
2. On the U.S. flag the top strip is what color?
A: Red B: White C:Blue D: Green
3. How many people are graduating from EHS this year?
A: $1 \quad$ B: 500
C: 4
D: 6
4. What kind of pants was Jake from State Farm wearing?
A: Shorts
B: Jeans
D: Khakis
C: Sweatpants $\qquad$
5. How many Figurative Language posters are there in Sharon's classroom? $\begin{array}{llll}\text { A: } 53 & \text { B: } 22 & \text { C: } 17 & \text { D: } 13\end{array}$
6. What is the house number of the Simpsons?
$\begin{array}{llll}\text { A: } 742 & \text { B: } 1999 & \text { C: } 955 & \text { D: } 1486\end{array}$
7. How many miles long is the Great Wall of China?
A: $1,994 \quad$ B: 4,000
C: $10,000 \quad$ D: 22,000
8. How old is a horse when it changes from a filly to a mare?
A: Two Years
C: Ten years
B: One year
D: Four year
9. On the "corrected papers" bins, the English 2 class is written in what color?
A: Dark Blue
B: Green
C: Light Blue
D: Pink
10. In Blythe, California, you can't wear cowboy boots unless you own at least five of what?
A: 5 head of cattle
B: 5 other pairs of boots
C: 5 books
D: 5 trucks

# The Adventure - a creative fiction story 

Once there was a family of six, and they were living in a very small morsel of a four house village, down a very long dirt road. This was in the early 1900s when livestock was the "big thing."
People cared about their
 their needs. This is how the story begins.

One day the family was at the house doing their daily chores. Two of the children Jenna and Christian went to go feed the cattle, but when they got there the cattle were missing. Christian and Jenna immediately went back home to report to the family what had happened.
"The cattle have been stolen!" They screamed with fright.
"Go saddle the horses; we will do a quick search over the horizon," Dad replied worried.

After searching and searching, they found nothing but plain old stupid rabbits and the other country animals. Soon they got tired and hungry, so they decided to go home. At supper, they had come up with a plan to leave for a couple days to keep searching for the missing cattle. In the morning, they woke up at "O'dark thirty" and headed for the mountains where the cattle rustlers and the back country outlaws hang out. They had packed clothes, food, water, bedding, and ropes in case they ran into mischief.

For hours, they had searched listening to Kara's headache facts and questions non-stop of who knows what, since they weren't really listening, but Kara thought they were. Then, all of a sudden they saw, from miles away, their cattle being herded into the mountains by the cattle rustlers, who were moving very fast.

The family decided to follow them until they stopped for the night. They had Breanna keep a watch out all night. Once she saw that all of the cattle rustlers had was. stupid. voice.
gone to sleep, she ran and woke the family up.
"They have all gone to sleep!
Now is the time to get them back. Let's go!" screamed Breanna.
"You are sure they are all asleep?" questioned Jenna, because she thought Breanna was clueless, which Breanna was.
"I am totally sure!" replied Breanna, amazed at how smart she
"Let's go and grab the ropes," Christian commanded with a hurried voice. When they had ridden their horses in haste for a couple miles, they had seen that a cattle rustler was on patrol, but of course he was sleeping. They were rounding up the cattle when one mooed so loud it woke up all the cattle rustlers. They started chasing the family when Christian got bucked off his horse. He ran for the bushes, but the cattle rustlers were too dumb to see him. None of the family except for Breanna saw him either. They tied the family up, and there was no way of getting out. No, they didn't take the family's' horses because... hmm...... maybe they are really

The cattle rustlers had given the family's cattle to the back country outlaws so the outlaws were well on their way with them. It was morning by the time they realized that Christian was gone.
"Where is Christian?" Kara shouted in a worried and quaky
"I don't know where he is right now," Dad remarked worriedly.
"I know where he is; he ran off into the bushes when the horse bucked him off. Christian is our only hope of getting out of this mess!" Yelled Breanna.
"He needs to come get us soon before the outlaws get any farther with our cattle," Mom warned.

An hour later, Christian came to save them. He untied their arms, and they ran for the horses, glad to be untied. The family rode off trying to get the cattle
back before the outlaws got any
hours until they stopped for the night.

In the morning they reached town. The family looked everywhere until Jenna saw the cattle.
"There's our cattle over there. Look!"Screamed Jenna with excitement.
"Let's go over there and get them back," Christian suggested.

They walked angrily until they got to their cattle. Then the cattle rustlers and the outlaws came out. Breanna ran to get the sheriff.
"Don't touch the cattle," commanded one of the rustlers.
"They aren't your cattle," roared Christian.
"They are too my cattle!"
Then the rustler got on his horse and herded the cattle away, so they all got on their horses and chased after him. The sheriff heard a loud noise down the street and then he arrested the rustlers.
"Thanks for helping us get our cattle back," thanked Dad.
"No problem, don't worry about your cattle for a while. These rustlers will be in the slammer for quite sometime. We've been looking for these guys for months now, and you're really doing us a favor," replied the sheriff.
"Let's get home, kids!" Dad happily sang.

They got on their horses and rode home, relieved that they had their cattle back. When they got home they put the cattle back in their pens and locked the pens.

They lived peacefully without the cattle rustlers and they were happy to see their animals and their beloved cat.

## The Beginning of Music-A Legend

One day, in the beginning of time, a girl named Muzik was walking around the woods enjoying the bright sunny day, with a slight cool breeze under the tall, shady trees. She enjoyed listening to the birds chirp in sync, making a beautiful sound. She admired these sounds, though she didn't know what they were called. She continued walking until she reached her tribe's territory.

She spotted her father and began to walk over to him. He was sitting by the river with his eyes closed. Her father, Guido D'Arezzo, had always told her to enjoy the sounds of nature.
"Hello father, how are you doing today? What are you doing?" she asked.
"I am a doing well, I'm just enjoying the beautiful sounds of nature." He sighed as he close his eyes.
"You know, father, I think we should name the nice sounds," suggested Muzik.
"What name would fit it appropriately, my daughter?", her
father replied.
"How about, Music? It sounds like my name!" She smiled widely.
"Mu-sic... I like it." He smiled back.
"I love music!" She clapped her hands together in front of him happily.

She kept clapping until she found a rhythm. It made a weird sound. A nice sound actually. She was proud that, for once, she made a nice sound, not the animals.
"Father! Do you hear this?" Muzik said to her Father.
"That is such a nice sound! Is it music?" He asked.
"I think so. I think that everything that has a nice sound should be called music." She replied.
"Do you think that we can made beautiful sounds from our mouths just like the birds and other animals?" he asked.

Muzik opened her mouth and tried to make a nice sound come out. With a couple of tries, she finally got a nice, pleasant sound
to come out.
"Father did you hear that? Wasn't it beautiful?" She squealed.
"It sure was my daughter." He smiled.
"Father, we should make Music well known around the tribe and other tribes! So everyone can enjoy it!"

Muzik felt the enrichment of music. She felt the power it held and knew it was going to go down in history. She knew it was going to become very well known for the next hundreds of years.

Because of a father and a daughter were so interested in the beautiful sounds of nature, music has gone down generation through generation, it has became a thing of everyone's lives and they cannot live without listening to music. No one can miss it, it is nearly impossible. There are many types of music. Everyone enjoys a specific type of music. This is how music came to be.
By Andrea Gamey

## In an Instant - A Personal Essay

On February 21st, 2008, I learned not to take anything or anyone for granted. It was a normal day I got up, put on my favorite pair of clothes, and headed to school. At school I went to my locker got my realtree notebook and my pencil, and then headed to my first class.

During the day I was just waiting for my last class because I really don't like school. I was excited to get home because I was going to go to my grandma's and bake cookies with her. I loved cooking with my grandma because she was always fun to be around and cook with.

The last bell rang and I headed for the bus. On the way home I sat in my favorite seat and got out my book Buffalo Before Breakfast and started reading it while I was on my way home. As the bus arrived in Leamington, I saw cop lights close to my grandma's house. For some reason I got a really bad feeling when I saw them-no words can describe what I felt. I put my book away and stared blankly out the window hoping and praying it wasn't any of my family.

The moment I got home I knew something had happened. My aunt was in the driveway waiting for me with tears running out of her eyes. When I got into her car, she told me that my grandma and my brother
had been in a bad accident, and she didn't know if they were going to make it. My heart sank and things started running through my head like what would I do if I lost either of them. Trying not to cry, I closed

my eyes and prayed that they were going to make it.

We arrived at the hospital. At first, I didn't dare go in because I was so scared that I was going to lose both of them. About thirty minutes later, my mom came out to talk to me. My brother was being life-flighted to Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City to get emergency surgery to save his life. This is when it got real hard for me: she told me that my grandma had passed away. As tears started coming out of my eyes, I thought about all the times I got to be with
her and to this day I still remember being with her. My grandma was a very special lady to me, and I hope one day we'll meet again.

That same day, we headed up to Primary Children's to see Bryer. As we drove up there, I was saying to myself, how would I make it through this if I lost him, too? I was also thinking about how my parents would deal with it if we lost him.
Thankfully, after several surgeries, we knew he was going to make it, which was a big relief to my whole family. Bryer had to spend a lot of time at Primary Children's before he was able to come home. When he was finally released from the hospital, he was in a wheelchair because he had broken so many bones, and he was still healing.

At my grandma's funeral was one of the hardest times for me. Seeing her in the casket made me realize that this was the last time for a long time maybe forever that I would get to see her. Before they closed the casket, I slipped a letter in there that I had written for her to read on the way to heaven.

I am so glad my brother made it because I don't know what I would do without him. This is why I never take anything or anyone for granted anymore because just like that they could be gone.

By Heston Elmes

# Geography Trivia! 

## 1. What is the longest rift

 valley in the world?2. What is the farthest north city in the US?
3. What is, approximately, the depth of Challenger Deep?
4. What is the highest mountain, not in terms of elevation, but base to peak, in the world?
5. Which sea is the saltiest in the world?
6. What is the northernmost part of Antarctica?
7. The Sahara is mostly made of $\qquad$ .

## 8. How long is the Amazon River?

9. The Nile River has two major tributaries. What are they?
and the
10. What is the last tributary of the Mississippi before it feeds into the ocean?

By Sam Roberts


