



# THE SOLDIER'S SWORD

MARCH 2018-QUARTER 3 EDITION

ESKDALE HIGH SCHOOL

## THOROUGHLY MODERN MILLIE!

This year, EskDale High School students performed their biennial musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.*, on March 8 and 9. This musical is based on the movie, which starred Julie Andrews, but as musical it strays from the movie in many ways. Country bumpkin Millie Dillmount comes to New York "so full of hopes and dreams [she] might as well be sleep walking," and she has a plan to make herself rich: she's going to marry her boss. However, her plan gets derailed, and the plot thickens with white slavery, kidnapping, and unexpected love.

Our starring students included me, Melanie Heckethorn, as Millie Dillmount, Dallas Hayward as Jimmy Smith, Dilzia Villarreal as "Miss Dorothy Brown from California," Ambre Moorhous as Mrs. Meers, Danielle Hayward and Sam Roberts as Bun Foo and Ching Ho, Jorge Saucedo as Mr. Trevor Graydon, Mollie Eldridge as Ms. Flannery, and all the other students who make musicals like these possible. Each student in EHS plays an invaluable role when they are involved in a school as small as EskDale High School. Each student is needed whether they are choral support, a Priscilla girl, part of the ensemble, or even helping to get props on stage.

This year it was a struggle to decide on a musical. In our

2017-2018 school year, our school population dropped and the ratio of girls to boys got huge: 15:5. In our school of twenty students, there are only five boys, and finding a musical that didn't involve a lot of boys was a difficult feat. After combing through many a musical, we decided on *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.* However, then came the next struggle: the set.

None of us were quite sure how we were going to utilize our small stage in the best way possible. How were we going to have a New York city street and an office space? How were we going to fit eleven desks as well as all the other props? All of these questions seemed insurmountable at the time, but somehow, we always manage to conquer these questions. Through the help of many amazing, complex-thinking minds we got it done. With Sharon Conrad's eyes for musicals, Lois Faber's choral direction, Crystal Eldridge's organization and visualization, Dean Hayward's ability to design and conquer, and Shauna Lewis and Carson Wright's hard work, all of these seemingly unconquerable tasks were done. Not to mention all of Janene Eldridge's hard work on each of actor's beautiful costumes. Each of these people

were invaluable when it came down to getting everything together. Without even one of them, this production would not have been possible.

Each night of the performances went well overall, but each night had their own minor struggles. On Thursday night we had some struggles with the music. Sometimes the tracks weren't starting when they were supposed to, and some of the actors forgot their lines a few times. Then on Friday we had mic troubles. The whole performance was thirty minutes late because we couldn't get my mic to work, and then after that one of the jail cells fell on top of its inhabitants. But even with all the troubles, each night was unforgettably fun.

As I look back on *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.*, I am reminded of how lucky we are to go to school like EHS. Each and every student is invaluable in a school like this, and I think that's pretty neat. In what other school is just one student impossible to replace? So, I am very grateful for the opportunities we are given in this school, and I'm so thankful for all the people who made Millie happen. ♦

BY MELANIE HECKETHORN

KEEP UP WITH  
EHS ONLINE:  
OFFICIAL WEBSITE:  
<https://sites.google.com/a/millardk12.org/ehs-gss/>

EHS FACEBOOK:  
[www.facebook.com/EskDaleHighSchool](http://www.facebook.com/EskDaleHighSchool)

EHS YOUTUBE:  
[www.youtube.com/EskDaleHighSchoolUT](http://www.youtube.com/EskDaleHighSchoolUT)



This issue of  
**THE SOLDIER'S SWORD**  
was written and produced by the Language Arts students of Eskdale High School

## BACKSTAGE AT MILLIE!

This year, EskDale High School put on a performance of the Broadway musical, *Thoroughly Modern Millie, Jr.* Here are some of the student's favorite parts of this year's musical:

**What were some of your favorite moments throughout the whole quarter of rehearsing and getting ready for the performances?**

**Kara:** When Sharon yelled "HUG!" at Sam and Dilzia during one of our dress rehearsals.

**Fatima:** I really liked learning the dances; I love dancing.

**Rylee:** One day when Sharon had to play Trevor and Jimmy because Dallas and Jorge were gone.

**Dallas:** When I got mad at Melanie during practice and picked her up and carried her around.

**What was your favorite backstage moment?**

**Mollie:** When the play was really quiet, and Kayli's mic was on and she was backstage talking.

**Sharon:** When Kayli got dressed in the wrong

outfit and had to run back into the trailer and get dressed into the right one really fast.

**Megan:** When Kayli took off running to be on time for the scene after she stupidly got dressed at the wrong time.

**Ambre:** Dancing aggressively to the music while we were backstage.

**What was your favorite blooper during the performances?**

**Mollie:** When "Long as I'm Here With You" started, and no one was ready and we had to restart the song.

**Kara:** When the cell fell on top of Daisy during the jail scene, and her head was poking through the bars. And Jenna couldn't stop giggling!

**Ambre:** When I messed up Sam and Danielle's names during the play and then tried to save it by saying they were the same heights.

**Yudnelly:** When the bars fell on Daisy.

**Dallas:** When Melanie called Mollie's character "Peg" before she knew that character's name.

**Megan:** When the jail cell fell on Daisy.

**Andrea:** What happened to Daisy was my favorite part.

**Did you have a favorite scene or song from the musical?**

**Kara:** "Forget About the Boy" is probably my favorite, but I liked all of the dances.

**Yudnelly:** Definitely "Forget About the Boy."

**Mollie:** "Forget About the Boy"

**Fatima:** "Forget About the Boy"

**Andrea:** "Forget About the Boy"

**Sharon:** I loved it all and didn't really have a favorite, but I did really like "Forget About the Boy" and the window scene.

**How do you feel, with this being your last musical?**

**Ambre:** It's a bittersweet. \*Mario voice\*

**Jorge:** Broken inside.

**Fatima:** I'm really disappointed. It was really fun, and I liked having a small role.

**Megan:** I thought the musicals were fun, but I never wanted to be a very big role.

Everyone had a really fun time this year and we can't wait for the next musical! ♦

BY KAYLI BAKER

## GIRLS' BASKETBALL SEASON IN REVIEW

This year we had the first ever girls basketball team! EHS and West Desert joined up, so they could have enough girls on the team. From EHS, the girls who joined were Kayli Baker, Kara Conrad, and Fatima Villarreal. They alternated having practice at

West Desert and Baker Hall throughout the week. They competed with different schools all around Utah. The coaches were Elizabeth "Buffy" Perea and Kayla Christensen. They have been working with the girls since last summer. Now that the season is over, I interviewed the girls in EHS that were on the team.

Kayli said that she thought that playing basketball was fun, and her favorite part about playing was being able to be with the team and hanging out with people. Her least favorite part was all the practicing, but if she could, she would play again.

Kara thought that basketball was good, and her favorite part was playing at the games. The worst part was the driving to West Desert.

If she could, she would definitely play again.

Fatima also thought that playing was good. She loved playing the games, and her least favorite part was the conditioning that they did at the beginning because no one knew what they were doing. She would definitely do it again if she could.

They played 8 games and 2 pre-season games. Although they did not win any of their games this year, they got pretty close. They had a lot of fun doing it, which is the only thing that really matters. I think the girls did a good job playing, and I hope we will have another team for next season! ♦

BY DAISY TORRES

## THE START OF TRACK SEASON

The 2018 track season is about to begin! Currently on the team is junior Megan Baker, sophomore Mollie Eldridge, and freshmen Kayli Baker and Kara Conrad. The team of students have already begun to start practice even though it isn't the third quarter quite yet.

Janille Baker is the track coach again this year, and she will drive the students to the meets. This year, Megan plans to do 1600m, 800m, maybe 400m, and the javelin. Mollie is going to try out the 1600m (one mile) and

the 3200m (two mile). If she likes these events, she will probably do them for the rest of the season. Mollie says that she may or may not try other events. Kayli plans to do the long jump and she is going to try different long distance events. She might also try sprinting events. Kara plans to try the hurdles, sprinting, long distance, and the throwing events.

The first track meet was actually a mini-meet in Fillmore on the 14th of March. This is called a mini-meet because the scores don't count towards state. The track team will have four regular season meets, BYU invitational, region, and then state. The four regular season meets are on every Saturday in April (see calendar on back page).



Results from the mini-meet in Fillmore are in! Only Kayli and Kara could compete because Mollie was sick. Kayli ran 15.82 in the 100m, and Kara ran a 15.84 in the 100m. Kara also threw the shot put 20'2". For their very first time running on a track, the girls did a pretty good job. Overall, their first track meet went well! ♦

BY KARA CONRAD





## HONORS CHOIR

Utah Honor choir was on January 26-27th. Honors Choir required a pass off that was held at EskDale High School. The selected students of Delta High School and Millard High School also attended the pass off. The students that were chosen this year for EskDale High School were Dallas Hayward, Jorge Saucedo, Dilzia

Villarreal, Megan Baker, Melanie Heckethorn, and Fatima Villarreal. The conductor of the women's choir was Leslie Walker from Springville High School, the men's conductor was Kenny Wiser from Provo High School.

Honors Choir rehearsals in Murray High School and Hillcrest Jr. High School. The rehearsal was on Friday, January 26th all day,

with lunch and dinner breaks in between. The performance was on Saturday, January 27th at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City. There were seven pieces in total that the students had to memorize, two of those were combined, five were sung by the women's choir and five by the men's choir. Honors choir was a fun experience for the selected students at EskDale High School. ♦

BY FATIMA VILLARREAL

## UPCOMING REGION FESTIVALS

On March 21, EskDale High School will be participating in its region's Solo and Ensemble festival. Many students will be performing, either in group ensembles or solos. Fatima Villarreal will be performing a clarinet solo called "Scherzo in C minor" by Paul Koepke, as well as a duet with Kara Conrad on the cello, "Sleepers Wake" by Johann Bach. She says she is confident in her solo. Kara will also be playing a piano solo, "Charge of the Hussars" by Fritz Spindler. Jorge Saucedo will be playing a solo on the viola called "Pavane for a Dead Princess" by Maurice Ravel. Both Dallas and Danielle Hayward will be playing piano solos. Dallas will be playing "Dansa de Indio Branco" and Danielle will be playing a piece from "Impromptus" by Franz Schubert. A vocal solo

will also be performed by Melanie Heckethorn. She will be singing "The Last Rose of Summer."

Some of the students will be performing in group ensembles as well. The women's ensemble will be performing the same song they sang at the Christmas Banquet, "There's Still My Joy" by Melissa Manchester. The orchestra will also be performing this year as it is small enough to be a chamber orchestra and can be considered an ensemble. They will play "Wedding Dance" by Jacques Press.

Drama region takes place on April 6. This will be a new experience for the current students as previously EskDale High School has not been able to attend. Ambre Moorehous

plans to perform a monologue from Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Melanie Heckethorn and Dallas Hayward plan to perform the window scene from the musical EskDale High School recently performed, *Thoroughly Modern Millie Jr.*

EskDale High School will also be attending the choir and orchestra region on April 11. This year it will be held at Delta High School, and more choirs will be attending than previous years as Milford is now in the same region. Hopefully, all of the students will do well in these competitions and will learn something from them. ♦

BY MOLLIE ELDRIDGE

## ACT ON COMPUTER

The ACT (American College Testing) is a college admission test that high school juniors are highly advised to take. The results of the test can be used to gain scholarships or to even be accepted by some colleges as many colleges require an ACT score on your application.

This year on the 27th of February was the first year that the ACT was taken on the computer, instead of with paper booklets. The idea was that it would be more cost effective and efficient than the booklets. Although it is more supposed to be more efficient, it still takes 5 to 8 weeks to get the results from the test.

In Utah, the ACT has now replaced the SAGE test for the juniors. Unlike the SAGE, the

ACT is taken all in one day, instead of being spread out over several days. The ACT covers the following subjects: Math, Science, Reading, English, and Writing. Each subject has a time limit of 35 to 60 minutes. All together it adds up to about four hours of testing and staring at a computer. The lengthy amount of time caused the students and teachers to be nervous about test fatigue from looking at the computer screen for such a long period of time.

There were two breaks in the testing session, the first to allow the students to use the restrooms and get a drink of water, and the second was to eat lunch. The breaks helped to avoid extreme test fatigue. Taking the test on the computer was less paperwork for the administrator, but the possibility of network issues was frightening because the school is

always having them. Nobody would want to start this test over. One of the complaints about the test format was that in the reading test, the individual was unable to see all of the questions about the passage before reading it; instead they had to read it over for each question to be sure of their answer.

Another complaint was that you lost time while each question was loading. It could take up to three to four seconds for a question to load, which adds up if there are a lot of questions. On the positive side the students didn't have to worry about getting their answer sheet number off from the question booklet numbers like they did before. Altogether, for the first time taking the test on the computers, things went pretty smoothly. ♦

BY CARSON WRIGHT

## UVU TRIP

On January 8th, 2018, three students took a trip to Utah Valley University in order to check out the college and see what it's like if they decide to go there. The students that went on the trip were Ambre, Jorge, and Andrea. They loved the experience and can not wait to start going there as students and not just visitors. Ambre, a senior, has already been accepted into UVU and will begin attending Fall 2018. I also plan on attending in the future and hope to enroll as a music major in order to become a music teacher.

The school itself is very fascinating and very artistic. In the library you have one of the

biggest art installations that you could imagine. It's like a colorful spiral that stretches all along the whole length of the library. There is a lot of art scattered around the whole entire campus. There's one piece of art that caught my attention most of all and that is this huge display of the past and where we have come and where our society is going. It is made entirely of colored stain glass, and it was made into a curve so people could sit by it and just enjoy the art.

Another great thing about UVU is that they have a pendulum in their Pope Science building that takes exactly 24 hours to complete a full swing. They also have a huge hallway full of the flags from around the world.

Utah Valley University is the university with one of the biggest campuses in Utah and has the most students in all of Utah. This is mainly due to the fact that UVU is an open enrollment school.

The trip was a great experience because we were able to go to the school and experience what the school feels like and what it would be like. UVU sponsors a lot of summer programs that benefit the prospective students that are wanting to enroll at the university. UVU also offers a variety of degrees from ranging from accounting to web design. The idea of all of these degrees is so that everybody can have a chance at an affordable degree. ♦

BY JORGE SAUCEDO

## STORYTELLING FESTIVAL

This year, students from different schools will be doing the storytelling festival. It will be the First Annual Old Capitol Storytelling Festival. Professional storytellers will be going to three different places: Fillmore, Delta, and Snake Valley. The storytelling festival is when students go and tell stories about their family



history or Utah history.

This year's theme is "Claim Your Territory." The story can be from any time period. The contestants only have up to 5 minutes to tell their stories. The more of the theme they have in their story, the more favorably the judges will review it. The top three students from different schools will win money. The first place winner will win \$25, second place winner will win \$15, and the third place winner will win \$10. Then the first and second place winners are going to tell their stories at the Border Inn alongside professional storytellers on Monday, March 26, at 7 p.m.

Some people from our school are planning on telling stories (e.g. Jenna Conrad, Jorge Saucedo, Yudnelly Avelar, etc.) There are also younger children from Garrison Elementary who will be participating.

The professional storytellers will also be coming to EskDale High School on Sunday, March 25, at 6 p.m., and the speaker will be Ron Draper. Some people, like me, are excited how there is going to be money, and others are excited for people to hear their stories.

Some people that you might know are going to be Featured Regional Storytellers at the Border Inn (e.g. Lois Faber, Denys Koyle, Sue Wetmore, etc.)

If you want more information about the festival, here are some websites you can visit - <http://storycrossroads.com>, <http://www.timesheppard.co.uk/story>, <http://themoth.org/education>, and <http://www.OldCapitolStoryFest.com>. We hope to see you at the Border Inn! ♦

BY YUDNELLY AVELAR

## PHYSICS AND COMPUTER TECH FUN

Physics is a class that few would think of as fun, yet it can be. This year, eleventh grade students participating in the Physics class taught by Teresa Conrad have done more than worksheets and quizzes. They've played with water and air propelled rockets, they've had to get an egg safely through an obstacle course, and they've constructed a windmill.

The first of these activities was the egg obstacles course which was done in the first quarter. Students had to move an egg from a desk to a countertop, through a cardboard tube, over a stack of wood blocks, into a sink, up a ramp onto a wood block, and drop the egg into a bucket on the floor without breaking the egg or touching it with their hands more than once. Megan and Dilzia's team cleared the obstacle course the fastest.

Later that quarter, the students got to go outside and experiment with air pressure and tilt to see what amounts of the two made a plastic rocket travel the farthest away from its launch pad. They also experimented with a two liter soda bottle, water, and a bike pump to see how high they could launch the bottle in the air. The students would fill the bottle with

varying amounts of water, attach the bottle to the bike pump, and put as much air pressure as they could into it before the bottle launched itself into the air to see how much water would produce the highest launch.

Then in the second quarter, Teresa tasked her students with designing a windmill from scratch that could lift 30 paperclips 30 centimeters with nothing to power it but a hair dryer. All of students succeeded, so naturally, it turned into a race. Who could lift the paperclips the fastest? Team Megan and Dilzia came in last. Team Melanie and Jami came in second. And Team Jorge and Dallas came in first with the record time being under a second.

Physics isn't the only class that the juniors have been having fun in. Computer Tech has also been an entertaining class for the juniors. Greg Faber, the teacher of computer tech, had



the juniors design and build popsicle stick bridges which, due to student promptings, were tested to see whose bridge was the strongest. Jorge and Dilzia's bridge came in last, collapsing after just two encyclopedias were placed on it. Melanie and Megan's bridge came in second,

collapsing after fifteen encyclopedias were placed on it. Dallas and Carson's bridge came in first, collapsing after twenty-two encyclopedias were placed on it.

Mr. Faber has also had his students design and print a variety of objects on the 3D printers kept in his classroom. It's been a fun year for the juniors so far. Who knows what other kinds of fun they will experience the rest of this quarter and the next? ♦

BY DALLAS HAYWARD

## GREAT BASIN ART EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITY

EskDale High School has been invited to do the Great Basin Art Contest, and they have reserved 5 spots in their exhibit for our school. The theme is "Darkness is Needed by Everyone."

So many people live in places with light pollution and that makes us very lucky people, being able to see the milky way on any cloudless night. Some cities have taken action to remove some light pollution and it helps, but we also have the nightlife with many animals that illuminate the night as much as the stars.

The contest is open to most anything except normal paper. They have sent five canvases to use if we want. We are also allowed to use burlap, cotton, crocheting, knitting, weaving, painting, collage, stitching,

printmaking, thread, sewing, quilting, felt, wool, tie dye, batik dye, watercolor, batik, photography, photo transfer, digital, markers, crayons, paint pens, fabric markers, pastels, oil pastels, acrylic and tempera paint, etc. That is some of the stuff we can use and with such a variety, it makes me wonder what we will come up with in the end. Everyday materials such as trash bags, old cassette tape, soda labels, candy rappers, and cut up clothing can also be used.

Collaborations are also welcome. Each art piece can be made by one or more people. Some art has already been sent in that was made by up to 16 people; to me, that is crazy because that is almost the number of kids in all of EskDale High School.

We have to have our five pieces done and

postmarked by Friday, May 18, of this year. They will be exhibited from July 1- September 8, 2018, and then the art will be returned to the schools. This is the first Great Basin National Park art exhibit.

This should be a really fun project for our school. I can't wait to see what projects are created. The night sky should bring lots of inspiration. I really like to see the stars, and I would hate to only see city lights because the stars seem to show the way through to the rest of the universe. This is why this contest should be fun and an inspiration to city people when the art is on display because stars and the night animals are also very important, and you don't see either of those very much in the city. We are very lucky to have the night views we do. ♦

BY BURKLIE WRIGHT

## FEATURED TEACHER: TERESA CONRAD



Teresa Conrad is one of the greatest teachers ever. She teaches multiple classes here at EskDale High School. She teaches math to all the grades except 7th grade, and she teaches all of the high school history, science, and geography classes.

She has worked really hard to help all the kids understand what she is teaching. The other day, I had a little interview with her. Here is the interview.

**Q: Which class is your favorite class to teach?**

*A: I like teaching all of them. I like to teach*

*science, I love to teach math, and when I get into history, it gets really great. It's hard to say because they're all different. It depends lesson to lesson which class I'm most excited about.*

**Q: How many classes do you teach?**

*A: This year, I teach seven. I teach 8th grade math, Secondary Math I, Secondary Math II, Secondary Math III, Earth Systems, Physics, and Geography.*

**Q: How long have you been teaching?**

*A: All together, I've been teaching for 33 years.*

**Q: What college did you go to?**

*A: my Bachelors degree is from Utah State University.*

**Q: What's your favorite type of math?**

*A: My favorite type of math to teach is calculus.*

**Q: What would be your backup career if you weren't a teacher?**

*A: I think that if I had to choose a new career now I would be a geologist.*

**Q: Was it hard to get your degree?**

*A: I got a 4 year scholarship, and for the first three years, I went to be an engineer. Then in the last year of that scholarship, I changed and got my history degree.*

**Q: What do you like to do in your free time?**

*A: In my free time, I like to read, and I like to go hiking (if my knee would heal). I also like to sew.*

**Q: Is it hard to teach?**

*A: Well, it's definitely challenging but it also depends on what your teaching.*

**Q: Have you ever thought of retiring?**

*A: Yes, I have thought of retiring just not for a couple more years. Unless I can't move my knee, I would like to teach for as long as I can.*

**Q: Have you ever taught at a different school apart from this one?**

*A: Yes and no. I taught at this school when it was the private school under the name Shiloah Valley Christian Schools. Now I teach at EskDale High School, but it's my same classroom.*

**Q: What's the biggest class you've ever taught? How many kids?**

*A: Well, one year I had a class of 18! It had 18 kids because it was a year that we had a school that had 35 kids. We don't get that many kids anymore, but I had 18 kids because that year we combined the 9th, 10th, and 11th grade all in one class.*

**Q: For how long have you been living out here in the middle of nowhere?**

*A: I have lived out here for my entire life except for 12 years. I really enjoy living out here.*

Thanks for all you do for us! ♦

BY CARLOS SAUCEDO

## EVERYBODY HAS A STORY—A PROFILE ON BEN ROBERTS



For this article, I interviewed Ben Roberts. More specifically, I asked him about the story of his time in the Peace Corps:

**♦ Why did you decide to join the Peace Corps?**

*I joined the Peace Corps because I wanted to travel, see part of the world, and maybe learn some new skills.*

**♦ Where were you posted?**

*I was posted to Morocco, North Africa, where we did three months of language and*

*technical training in the capital of Rabat before we were sent to our final locations.*

**♦ How old were you when you joined the Peace Corps?**

*That's a good question. I believe I was twenty-three.*

**♦ What exactly did you do in the Peace Corps?**

*I was a biologist at Eastern High Atlas National Park, primarily studying Barbary sheep.*

**♦ How long were you in the Peace Corps?**

*I was in the Peace Corps for two years and three months.*

**♦ What was the most interesting part of your life in the Peace Corps?**

*The town that I was posted in was called Tounfite, which was a town of... I don't know 800 or 1000 people. It was the end of the pavement road. That was the last town with pavement streets.*

*So, to get up to the forestry post which was in the Park that I was working at, I either had to hike 16 miles, or I had to ride a Camion, which is essentially a big dump truck without a dump bed.*

*It's just got a flat bed with tall four to five foot sides. The trucks only went up every three to four weeks. If you wanted to get a ride, you had to pay the driver. The amount depended on what you wanted to carry. Everybody who was going to all the little tiny villages of twenty people or fifty people along the way would all ride in the same Camion, along with goats and sheep.*

*So, in any given Camion, you'd have anywhere from ten to twenty-five people, usually four or five sheep and goats, and all the supplies that people were taking up or down with them, which included big, hundred-pound bags of oats or wheat that they'd grown and were hauling down, which they'd take to the mill. They would subsequently bring back hundred-pound bags of flour, big five-gallon drums of cooking oil, and propane bottles. That was all the people had to survive off of.*

Ben lives in Baker with his wife, Brandi, his amazing son Sam, and his dog Biscuit. In his spare time, he likes to read, work on his family's house, landscape, work on his jeep, and travel. ♦

BY SAM ROBERTS



## SPIRIT WEEK

Spirit week is here! The best week of the year, this week isn't only about having fun this is also about helping the ill. Once again, we are partnering with the Leukemia & Lymphoma society to raise money for cancer. Each day of spirit week has a coin designation where students can bring in whatever spare pennies, dimes, nickels, etc... they have lying around. Obviously, participation in this is entirely voluntary.

We brought all the money we could to donate to the society. For instance, Monday March 12, 2018 was PJ "Penny" Day, and we brought all the pennies we could to donate to the society. There was a movie party after school too, and we all watched *Spirit*.

Tuesday, we brought nickels and dressed as crazy as possible. Wednesday, we brought dimes, and this was my favorite day: it was school spirit day. Go Soldiers!!!



Thursday was Tourist "Quarters" day. After school, we played board games together in the study hall. Friday was all the girls' favorite, I am sure. It was Decade "Dollar" Day! You could dress up in your favorite fashion from your favorite decade.

After school, starting at 8:00 pm was the "Under the Desert Sky" dance at the EskDale Center. The dance cost \$5.00 for singles and \$7.00 for couples. Overall, Spirit Week was a lot of fun, and we donated a bunch of money to the Leukemia & Lymphoma society. A week of fun and a week of caring! ♦

BY RYLEE ELMER

## COLLEGE FAIR

Early morning on Tuesday, February 20, all the EskDale High School juniors were driven into Delta High School by Nomi Sheppard where they attended the college fair. All of the juniors met in the auditorium to watch a video on a projector where they introduced all the colleges in Utah and one in Idaho. After the video, each student chose three colleges they were interested in and attended a half hour informative talk about what college life would be if they chose that college. After they listened to all three, Duane invited the EHS students to lunch at the Red Rabbit Grill where they enjoyed a delicious lunch and hilarious conversations about Duane and his habit of speeding. ♦

BY DILZIA VILLARREAL

## DEBATES IN ENGLISH II

The Juniors debated on different topics for their English class. They were paired up against each other. I asked a few of the debaters about their discussion. I also asked some bystanders their thoughts on them. Here is what they had to say about it:

"Carson and I did our debate on if vegetarianism is better for you." - **Jorge**

"I was against Dallas, I debated on towards on how GMO labeling should be required. My topic was a bit difficult since GMOs are harmless, but I gave it my best shot. I am unsure on who won." - **Dilzia**

"Some of the topics weren't quite as interesting as others. I did really have a lot of fun observing the debates regardless of these things. It made me a bit sad that I didn't get to participate in one when I was a junior but I got to live through my peers this year." - **Ambre**

"The debates were riveting." - **Nomi** ♦

BY ANDREA GOMEZ

## SPRING BREAK PLANS

It's March, which means it's time for spring break. Spring break is March 29- April 3.

The students and faculty have different activities planned for their much needed break. Several were asked about their Spring Break plans, and their responses of what they will be doing are below.

**Danielle**- "Hanging out with my family, going to my piano lesson at BYU, and working!"

**Rylee**- "I am going to a dance recital for my cousin in Riverton, working, and riding horses!"

**Dallas**- "Not being at school."

**Melanie**- "Riding my horses is what I am going to do!"

**Ambre**- "Visiting my sister in Salt Lake."

**Daisy**- "I am probably going to St. George to hang out with my cousins!"

**Yudnely**- "Going to Elko to visit my family and cousins!"

**Sharon**- "Thanks to our sweet students, Lois and I are going to see the Hunchback of Notre Dame at the new Hale Centre Theatre in Sandy!"

**Jenna**- "I am going to feed the ungrateful and selfish calves at the dairy!"

**Nomi**- "Hiding Easter eggs!"

There you have it folks! What will you be doing over spring break? ♦

BY JENNA CONRAD

## MUSICALS QUIZ

1. What is the longest running Broadway show?
  - a. The Lion King
  - b. Chicago
  - c. Phantom of the Opera
  - d. Cats
2. Theatergoers spent \_\_\_ on show tickets during the 2016-2017 show season.
  - a. \$1.5 billion
  - b. \$1.45 billion
  - c. \$1.73 billion
  - d. \$1.34 billion
3. Which Broadway show has made the most money?
  - a. Les Miserables
  - b. Cats
  - c. Thoroughly Modern Millie
  - d. The Lion King
4. Broadway theaters are almost always missing which row?
  - a. Z
  - b. I
  - c. G
  - d. A
5. More than \_\_\_ million people attended Broadway musicals in 2017.
  - a. 11.3
  - b. 12.1
  - c. 10.8
  - d. 7.6

### NOW FOR SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT OUR CAST WITH ANSWERS DETERMINED BY A POLL

1. Who is most likely to miss their cue?
  - a. Jorge
  - b. Jenna
  - c. Carlos
  - d. Dallas
2. Who is most likely to be caught saying something inappropriate on mic?
  - a. Megan
  - b. Jorge
  - c. Fatima
  - d. Dilzia
3. Who is most likely to walk on stage with the wrong prop/no prop?
  - a. Ambre
  - b. Sam
  - c. Jorge
  - d. Kayli
4. Who is most likely to trip in the middle of a dance? (Multiple answers)
  - a. Jorge
  - b. Jenna
  - c. Sam
  - d. Carlos
5. Who is most likely to walk out in the wrong costume?
  - a. Dallas
  - b. Dilzia
  - c. Kayli
  - d. Andrea
6. Who is most likely to forget all of the dance moves?
  - a. Carlos
  - b. Sam
  - c. Kara
  - d. Rylee
7. Who is most likely to be caught singing someone's solo/saying someone's line? (Multiple answers)
  - a. Sam
  - b. Melanie
  - c. Jorge
  - d. Danielle
8. Who is most likely to forget their lines?
  - a. Jorge
  - b. Dilzia
  - c. Sam
  - d. Rylee
9. Most likely to lose their wig while on stage?
  - a. Kara
  - b. Daisy
  - c. Fatima
  - d. Everyone

Answers on back page!

BY MEGAN BAKER

## THE SEARCH FOR ALRUWHANI—A SHORT STORY

There once was a man who was a traveler. He was one of the strange ones, believing in rumors and such. One day when this traveler was 20 years of age, he heard someone say that in a desert, somewhere in the world, was a castle known as Alruwhani. Some said that this castle was filled with treasure, and others said that people were still living there and ruling Alruwhani. The traveler didn't know if either of those rumors were true, but he wanted to find out, so he started searching for the castle Alruwhani.

The young traveler had nothing else to do in his life but travel. He loved exploring, so as soon as he heard the rumor, he ran home, grabbed his cloak and his staff, and was off to the deserts of the world. The young traveler devoted his life to searching for the castle Alruwhani, but after years and years of searching, he never found the castle. He searched the smallest to the biggest desert but was always disappointed. You would think he would give up, but no. He was too determined to find the castle, so he kept on searching.

One day when the traveler was 37 years of age, he was leaving the Sahara Desert when he collapsed! He had no energy left to search for Alruwhani; he was giving up! He laid on his face on the desert floor for a long time until he felt something poking his back. He looked up to see an old man. The old man leaned over and whispered in a husky old voice, "After years of searching, you give up now?" Then he

mumbled, "That is the younger generation, they give up too soon!" The traveler looked up in disgust at the old man. Suddenly, something caught his eye; something past the old man. He saw a tall cliff a little ways away. He got up and walked past the old man and headed toward the cliff. The old man smiled and chuckled, "They give up too soon...even when what they're looking for is right in front of them!" Then he walked away in the other direction.

As the traveler came closer, he saw two tall mountains and a tall, solid bronze gate in between them! He knew this must be the gate to Alruwhani! The gate was too big to open, so the traveler climbed one of the tall mountains at its side instead. When he got to the top, he stopped in awe of what he saw. Beyond the gate was a magnificent castle that looked like it had been there for years. You would never have seen it from anywhere else except on top of the gate or the mountains. He had finally found it! After years and years of searching, he had found Alruwhani!

The traveler stared at the castle, wind blowing through his dusty gray hair and his staff placed boldly in front of him. He had finally found what he had dedicated his life too. He climbed down the tall mountain and walked



proudly up to Alruwhani. He stood for a long time staring at the door; then he opened it and went in. That was the last time anybody ever saw him. Some say that he died in the castle, and others say he married a beautiful princess and ruled Alruwhani. We will never know if these rumors are true, so maybe you should go find Alruwhani yourself and tell us the truth. ♦

BY DANIELLE HAYWARD

## A CHILDHOOD MEMORY

It was a beautiful Saturday in North Las Vegas, and both my parents had gone to work to earn that coin. The eldest in charge was none other than my brother Armando at the whopping age of 7. Not really sure how my mom expected a seven year old to look after four other kids that ranged from the ages of one to six. This hadn't been the first time she'd left us alone. It happened every Saturday, but this one in particular was different.

There was a knock on the door. We all thought, "Should we open the door? Stranger danger!" Our mom had always told us, "Don't open the door to anyone!" But being the rebellious children that we were, we opened the door. There stood a tall policeman with his badge and everything. Our parents always told us if we misbehaved then the police would come and take us away. Was that happening in that moment? Who was going to be taken away?

"Hey kids, can I speak to your mom?" He asked us. We all looked at each other scared.

"She's at work." Armando responded trying to be the adult child he was.

"How about your dad?" He asked concerned.

"He's working too!" Armando answered innocently. The cop spoke into his walkie-talkie and then proceeded to tell us that he was going to take us to a safe place until one of our parents came and picked us up. Once we got to the place we were all separated. Fatima and I were together where they bathed us, fed us, and gifted us toys. I wasn't complaining because I got free food and new toys. Although, I feared our new toys would be stolen by the kids in our neighborhood.

I have a distinct memory of the ladies in charge putting Fatima in a crib where she could sleep, and I had a toddler bed. I didn't want a toddler bed. I wanted a crib, so I climbed into a crib and tried to sleep but the lady in charge took me out saying I was no longer a baby. Naturally, as the most dramatic child in the family, I immediately began to cry. This was a thing I constantly did to get my way, which always worked at home. This lady wasn't having it. Every time she would leave the room I would climb back in to the crib. She'd come back and I'd get taken back out.

A couple hours had passed, and they told us our mom was here to pick us up. I was ready to go home because the lady in charge of me and Fatima was being so rude to me. My mom had gotten a call during work from her neighbor saying, "The police took your children and you need to go and pick them up." She immediately left work and took the bus downtown where she was lectured by officers about dangers of leaving children home alone.

After this event my mom forced my dad to stay with us every Saturday, and we were never left alone again. Well, that anyone knew about.

Years later after we had moved from Vegas, we discovered that the neighbor that called my mom to inform her about us being taken was the same one that called the police to let them know about us being left alone. The last day in Vegas before we moved to Baker, I told the neighbors kids I hated them for taking my free toys. ♦

BY DILZIA VILLARREAL

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ March 19, 2018—Quarter 4 begins!
- ◇ March 21, 2018—Region Solo & Ensemble Festival at Tintic High School
- ◇ March 22, 2018—No School! Parent and Teacher Conferences 3-7 PM.
- ◇ March 25, 2018—EHS Orchestra performs at Old Capitol Storytelling Festival event, EskDale Auditorium, 6 PM
- ◇ March 26, 2018—Old Capitol Storytelling Festival event, Border Inn, 7 PM
- ◇ March 29, 2018 - April 3, 2018—Spring Break!
- ◇ April 5, 2018—Cave Presentation by Gretchen Baker
- ◇ April 6, 2018—Drama Region Festival at Tintic High School
- ◇ April 7, 2018—Milford Invitational
- ◇ April 9, 2018—Utah Festival Opera Company presentation at EHS
- ◇ April 11, 2018—Region Choir and Orchestra Festival in Delta
- ◇ April 14, 2018—Old Capitol Invitational
- ◇ April 18, 2018—Curiosity in the Classroom—Thanksgiving Point Presentation at EHS
- ◇ April 18, 2018—Delta Qualifier
- ◇ April 21, 2018—Desert Peaks Invitational
- ◇ April 27, 2018—Possible Track meet in Cedar City
- ◇ April 28, 2018—State Solo and Ensemble Festival
- ◇ May 4-5, 2018—BYU Invitational
- ◇ May 9, 2018—Region Track at Milford, Utah
- ◇ May 18-19, 2018—State Track at BYU
- ◇ May 21, 2018—Earth Science and Junior High Science Field Trip
- ◇ May 24, 2018—EHS Graduation, EskDale Auditorium, 7 PM