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CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2014

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The Christmas Banquet has a long reputation in Snake Valley and surrounding areas as providing excellent live entertainment and food.

For over twenty years, every student in EskDale High School has been involved in some way in the preparation of two to three hours worth of choir, orchestra, drama, and special numbers. While you watch, you are being treated to a four course meal, prepared by the professional chefs Tabitha and Cheri Phillips, with the help of Mary Weight and volunteer parents. With tickets

going for \$25 a piece, each student raises \$100, on average, for their choir trip in May. The whole reason the Banquet got started was to raise enough

money for the choir to go on tour. This year we our going to New York City. The drama club of EskDale High School's play for this year is called "The Bag Lady's Christmas." Though the idea was taken from another

play, much of the current dialog and setting was created by Lois Faber. By the time it's over, guests have been treated to a meal of fancy meat, potatoes, dessert, and more! It will be delicious and the performance just as great! We hope to see you all there!

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EHS Choir - Banquet 2013

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Breanna & Ricky
EHS Play - Banquet 2013

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CHRISTMAS BANQUET INTERVIEWS

BY EMILY WEIGHT

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Over the years EskDale High School's annual Christmas Banquet has gained a good reputation, from the four course meal, to the full-on entertainment performed by the student body of EHS. To achieve all of this, it requires a lot of help and support from the teachers, parents, and EskDale Community members. I recently interviewed some of the biggest contributors to ask them why they do what they do.

Mary Weight has been the coordinator over the parents for twenty one years. She assigns parents to either Thursday or Friday to help in the kitchen and the other night they get to see the play. When asked if she has ever attended the Banquet as a guest she replied, "No." When I asked her why she told me, "Because I am working in the kitchen." I proceeded to ask her if the other parents received a night to see their children perform and she told me, "Yes, they do." Mary Weight has three children performing in the Banquet this year. I asked her if she thought it was fair that the other parents received a night to watch the play and she laughed. "Yes, I do think it is fair because I'm not sure if I could sit peacefully through the

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—MARY WEIGHT

Banquet." Mary Weight volunteers her time, and spends 120 plus hours in prep, planning, and coordinating all the parent help. There are over thirty volunteers this year that give at a bare minimum of three hours to helping prep the food and clean up. Some parents give up to twenty hours.

EskDale Community is a very big contributor to the Banquet. They supply all of the China, silverware, glass cups, decorations, lighting, sound



Mary, Lois, Tabitha, & Cheri - Banquet 2013

systems, fuel, and the space to put it all together. If EskDale Community did not give all of this and we had to pay for everything including the parent help each plate would cost at least \$300. The student body is very grateful to EskDale Community for allowing us to put on this performance and giving us the opportunity to excel in the arts.

I also interviewed Tabitha Phillips one of the makers behind the magic of the Banquet. Tabitha is an alumnus of EskDale High School and a professional chef whose help is invaluable. I asked her why she volunteers her time since she is a professional chef and could ask to be paid; she told me, "To relieve stress of the other volunteers, I helped with the Banquet early on, and it was a very stressful situation." I asked her how many hours she puts into the Banquet and she replied, "120 plus." She has helped with the Banquet for the past five years. I asked her what is her inspiration for the food is and she bases it off of the play. This year we are having a nice meat and potato meal. Since the play is about a woman trying to get arrested, she decided to do a fancy jail-food-type dinner. Individually Tabitha is putting in over twelve hours per Banquet night. That is a lot of hours dedicated to EHS. Her help really makes the Banquet a memorable occasion for everyone who attends.

Crystal and Janene Eldridge are the main reason we all look so wonderful in the plays. They volunteer their time and have made quite a few of the costumes we use in the plays. On

average it takes about eight hours to make one costume. For the Aladdin play we did last spring it took over three months to get all the costumes made. I asked if they make all the costumes by hand and Crystal responded, "Yes, between my mom and I we make the costumes. I design them and my mom sews them." I asked what her inspiration was for the costumes and she told me, "Tv, movies, and watching lots of plays. When I watch plays I notice the customs." If you ever wondered who makes most of our amazing costumes now you know.

The last major contributor I interviewed was Kenneth Conrad. He does all of the decoration for the Banquet. He has been volunteering his time for eight years. On average it takes anywhere from two to three hours to decorate depending on the complexity of the center piece. I asked him how long it takes to do all of the prep work and he said, "Forty hours, but it just depends on the complexity." The EskDale Community dining hall always looks so wonderful due to the hard work of Kenneth Conrad. Every year when I walk in to the Center, and I am always amazed at how beautiful it looks.

Putting on the Banquet is a big job, it requires a lot of man hours to put it all together. The student body of EHS could not do this without the help of all the parents, EskDale Community members, and the volunteers from around the valley. As a member of the student body I want to take a moment to say thank you for all you do without you we could never do this. **Thank you!**

BASKETBALL INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT COACH KIAH CONRAD

BY CALEB BAKER

CB: What are your expectations for the team this year?

KC: My first expectation is for the players to work well with the team and work with coaches to develop fundamentals. We want to win games, but the main expectation is to create an environment in which players achieve their full potential in ways that will build their confidence not only in basketball, but in all aspects of life.

CB: How do you think the team is shaping up?

KC: I think we had some rough starts in some areas, but I have also seen some areas of large amounts of improvement. I am seeing some hard

work and some areas where we are slacking.

CB: How well do you think the team knows the offense and defense?

KC: It is early on in the season so the team still has lots to learn about the offense and the defense, but I think we have a great group of athletes and I see great potential on both ends of the floor.

CB: In what areas do you think the team needs to improve the most in?

KC: We don't have a lot of experience on our team. Only three kids have varsity experience, while the other six have a combined four years of junior

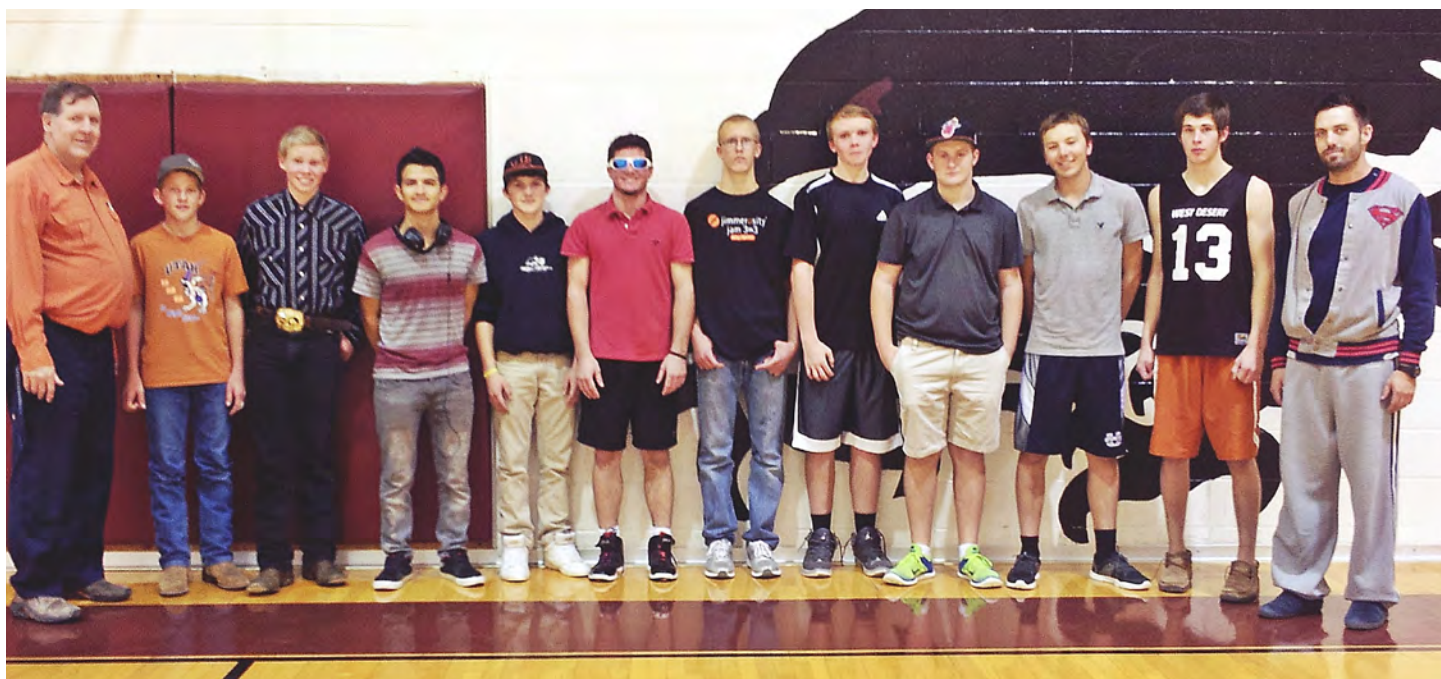
varsity experience. We could also use improvements in ball handling and shooting, but with lots of hard work and practice we can improve in those areas.

CB: In what areas do you think the team is best?

KC: It varies throughout the team. Some work hard to stay in shape. I am also really impressed with how the players are learning to work together as a team. The players also have good discipline and focus this year

CB: Do you like coaching?

KC: Yes, If only I could get players to consistently practice shooting.



BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

BY JUSTIN HOWLAND

Last year, the EskDale High Soldiers Basketball team played junior varsity for the West Desert Hawks varsity team. This year the team will be joining the Hawks as a varsity team. There will be a nine man roster playing thirteen games.

Our first game will be December 13th at West Desert, against Intermountain Christian School.

The Soldiers return three players from last year's junior varsity team and add two new players for five total. The Hawks return three players from their team last year and only add one.

From EskDale: Caleb Baker, Christian Conrad, Hesston Elmer, Justin Howland, and Ricky Villarreal.

From West Desert: Christopher Reil, Devin Timm, Johnny Reil, Kirk Lewis, and Dillon Lewis will be on the freshman team.

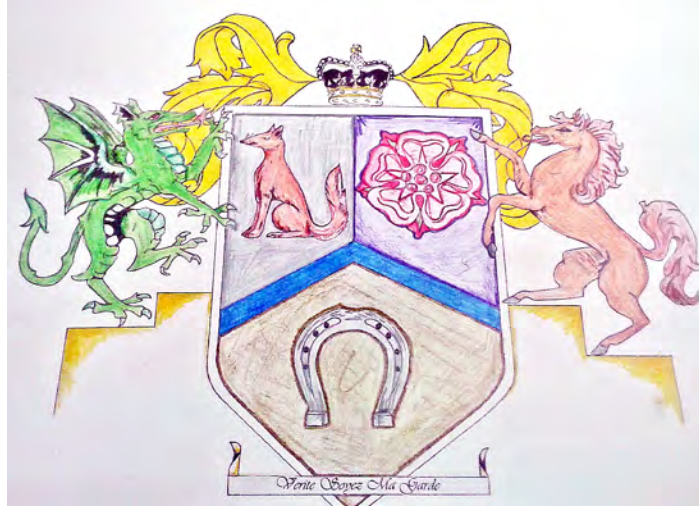
12/13/14: ICS@ West Desert
12/17/14: Mt. Vernon@ West Desert
12/19/14: West Desert@ West Ridge
1/7/15: USDB@ West Desert
1/9/15: West Desert@ St. Joseph
1/14/15: ICS@ West Desert
1/16/15: West Desert@ Wendover
1/24/15: Telos@ West Desert
2/4/15: Wendover@ West Desert
2/6/15: West Desert@ Telos
2/13/15: Tintic@ West Desert
2/20/15: Dugway@ West Desert
2/26-28/15 Region Tournament

COAT OF ARMS

BY HESSTONELMER

This quarter in Mrs. Conrad's World History class, we are each doing a coat of arms project. This is important to our education because it helps us study medieval time period. The coat of arms is a shield that represents your family and what country you are from.

We students not only get to learn about medieval times, we also can express ourselves uniquely by decorating our



shields with things that represent our own individuality or family culture.

Mrs. Conrad has been having her students participate

in this activity in her World History class for 14 or 15 years. The students really like doing this because it is fun, and they get to do something they like to do.

Mrs. Conrad says she makes the student do this so they can learn

about medieval times while also recognizing, defining, and learning more about their own personal values and their family's culture and values.

LETTER TO SANTA

FROM A DISGRUNTLED PATRON (CHRISTIAN CONRAD)

Dear Chubby,

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction with your Christmas Present delivery service. First of all, you need to be quieter when bringing me my presents! Just come in the front door; stop trying to fit your fat !@&# in my chimney. Also, if your reindeer keep eating from my garden, I'm going to put poison on it, and the next time you come you will have to pull your own sleigh around! At least then you may be able to fit in the chimney.

All the years of my life I've asked for a brand new truck and a motorcycle, and yet, I didn't get either one of them from you. Stop making me buy my own stuff! This year, if you give me more crap that I don't want, I'm going to go to the North Pole, shoot all your fat reindeer (if they're not already poisoned), chase you down, and torture you until I get my freaking presents. I will be waiting in my garage when you get here, so you better have what I want.

From,

Christian Conrad



TRIVIAL TRIVIA

BY AMBREMOORHOUS

Welcome to this month's addition of *Trivial Trivia!* where we'll test your knowledge of the school, its students, and possibly a little bit of Christmas history. 'Tis the season after all.



1. In what year was EskDale High School changed from a private school to a public school?

2. Which student holds the record for fastest emergency trip in and out of Wal-Mart on a choir trip?

BONUS: What was this record-breaking time?

3. What color are the berries of a mistletoe plant?

4. How many years has EskDale High School done Christmas Banquet?

5. What was the very first play that was performed for Banquet?

6. Name the eight original reindeer.

BONUS: Who was Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer's father?

7. When was the school uniform changed from skirts for girls to khaki pants for both genders?

8. From which country does the poinsettia plant originate?

9. From where does the tradition of kissing under mistletoe come?

10. What was hung by the chimney with care in the "Twas the Night Before Christmas" poem?

BONUS: What did the driver exclaim as he drove out of sight?

How many questions did you get right? The answers will be on the last page of the paper. Merry Christmas to all!

Enjoy the Banquet!

CHRISTMAS WISHLIST COUNTDOWN

BY AMBREMOORHOUS

The results for the 2014 top five wishlist items are in! A survey taken of millions upon millions of children and teenagers as well as a few adults has added up everything that everyone is wishing for this Christmas.

In our number five spot we have the glorious and amazing PB&J sandwich! It's not hard to imagine that this tasty and timeless lunch has crept its way onto our lists.

In fourth place we have the infamous "Hope Diamond." I can't imagine why anyone wouldn't want this one. Well, other than the fact that it is rumored that the Titanic sank with that diamond on board. Oh, and that Marie Antoinette was executed with the diamond in her possession. Those things are beside the point though! That diamond sure is beautiful!

Our third place spot is occupied by something everyone loves: a pantsuit. Ah yes, the pantsuit. Hm...

I'm trying really hard here. There is something good about pantsuits, I'm sure. Um... Hm... They're... Ah... Very... Professional? Yes! Professional indeed!

Here in second place we have the very neat and stylish Chia Pet! I always wanted one of those as a kid. I never got one though. Every Christmas I would faithfully unwrap every present in the hopes that a little Chia lamb or a little Chia turtle would be waiting for me, but I was always disappointed every Christmas morning.

Stealing out first place spot by a whopping 79.84679% we have the thing that almost every five year old is wanting this year. All these kids want for Christmas is their two front teeth. They wish they could only whistle and pronounce their th's.

PEACE, LOVE, &
UNDERSTANDING?
HECK NO! I WANT A
PLAYSTATION!

So really they want their two front teef.

There you have it folks! Everyones' Christmas wishes. Their hopes and dreams! I'd like to meet the person who gets everything they want this year. If anything just make sure that you get them that PB&J that they want so badly!



RUINING CHRISTMAS

BY CHRISTIAN CONRAD

SANTA GETS CAUGHT IN THE CHIMNEY AT HESSTON'S HOUSE

CHRISTIAN AND HESSTON STEAL SANTA'S SLEIGH AND REINDEER TO GO COYOTE HUNTING.

HESSTON ACCIDENTALLY SHOOTS ONE OF SANTA'S REINDEER



THEY CRASH INTO A TREE, SANTA'S REINDEER DIE, AND THE SLEIGH IS BROKEN.

HESSTON HAS RUINED CHRISTMAS FOR EVERYONE!

BUT HESSTON AND CHRISTIAN ENJOY A CHRISTMAS COOKOUT.



CALENDAR

DECEMBER 13TH

Basketball game at West Desert

DECEMBER 17TH

U of U Medical Presentation at EskDale High School

Basketball game at West Desert

DECEMBER 18TH

Baker & Garrison Schools' annual Christmas Program at Baker Hall.

DECEMBER 19TH

Basketball game at West Ridge

DECEMBER 22ND -- JANUARY 2ND

Winter holiday break!

JANUARY 5TH

Classes resume for 2015.



CALEB BAKER

Always working toward doing my best.



CHRISTIAN CONRAD

I shoot animals for the sport.



HESSTON ELMER

I love to hunt and fish.



JUSTIN HOWLAND

I am back to nowhere again.



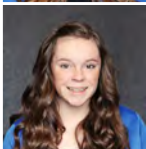
AMBRE MOORHOUS

Runs into wall. Says, "I'm sorry!"



LAUREN PALFREYMAN

Tall enough to touch the ground.



EMILY WEIGHT

Smart in all the wrong ways.

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 2001

2. Caleb Baker

FIRST BONUS: Approx. Two Minutes

3. Red or white

4. Twenty One Years

5. Christmas Around the World

6. Dasher, Dancer, Prancer, Vixen, Comet, Cupid, Donner, and Blitzen.

SECOND BONUS: Donner

7. 1999

8. Mexico

9. Greece, originally a marriage ceremony

10. Stockings

THIRD BONUS: "Happy Christmas to all! And to all a good night!"