



# THE BIG APPLE

The EskDale High School choir has been going on trips across the nation every other year. This year they are planning a trip to New York City, also known as the “City that Never Sleeps”. Their tour will take place on May 8<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>.



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The students will be seeing the amazing, historical sites the city has to offer: the Statue of Liberty, 9/11, the Empire State Building, two Broadway plays (The Lion King and Aladdin), Central

Park, and Times Square. The choir will be singing at various locations in New York. Their tour guide from two years ago had such an amazing experience with the kids of EskDale

that he will be accompanying them again.

Before these students go on this great experience, they must each raise \$1,200. To do so, they have been fundraising—washing cars, participating in concerts, pulling weeds, running, etc. Lois, the choir director at EskDale High, has been helping the kids more by setting up a program at GoFundMe.com. At this website anybody can donate as much as they are willing to the school to help them reach their goal of a total \$31,200.

BY EZEQUIEL TORRES

# DIVERSITY PARTY 2014

Saturday, September 20, the student body of EskDale High School and Garrison Secondary School sang at the Border Inn for the annual Diversity Party. For the past ten years, the Diversity group has generously donated to the high school to help them raise money for the choir trips that take place every other year. In recognition for their generosity, the students sang “Never Gonna Walk this Journey Alone” for the staff and the rest of the crowd that gathered in the restaurant and banquet room.

The diversity group has come annually for thirteen years, and in ten out of those thirteen years, they have donated all of their money to local education, which has been approximately 15,000 dollars. When they come to the Border

Inn, they put on a show that entertains not only the residents of Snake Valley, but also the residents of Milford, Delta, and Ely. After the show there is a dance which has live music that is played by a western band: for the past few years that has been the band Loose Connection.

The student body has greatly benefited from the money that is donated; it has allowed them to go on numerous out of state choir tours which include but are not limited to San Francisco, San Diego, Branson, MO, Washington D.C., and this year the students are raising money to go to New York City. The students have greatly appreciated the money donated to them and look forward to the upcoming trip!

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## CHANGES IN THE FACULTY AND FORMAT OF JUNIOR HIGH

This school year, the junior high of EskDale High School has gone from having one classroom teacher to two. The majority of the class and both teachers say that they like having more than one teacher, and many believe that it is a better system.

When asked why she liked it, one of the students said, "I like how the teachers are specialized instead of just one teacher that has a general knowledge of the stuff." They all agreed that two teachers are better than one, though some of the students would rather have just one classroom.

"It's nice to have one class room because when you leave your stuff there, you know that no one will move it or take it or anything." One student stated, "It's just easier to leave your stuff for the next class in there." This idea has more contro-

versy however. For instance, Melanie Heckethorn expressed that, "One class room is boring! I love having two class rooms!" The teachers are content with the class room arrangement, so it is doubtful that the two class rooms are ever going to merge without a single teacher to manage it.

The junior high students weren't the only ones affected by the change in faculty. The teachers have had to adjust to the new schedule as well. During exclusive interviews, Mr. Faber and Ms. Conrad, the new teachers of the junior high, disclosed their opinions on the matter. Mr. Faber stated that it was actually easier not having a full-time junior high teacher, and he enjoys teaching these students. It has worked perfectly for him to take over several of the new classes, as he was giving his high school classes to Ms. Conrad. He

said that the new classes keep him busy, and he likes that. He actually prefers not having a full time junior high teacher.

Ms. Conrad had much of the same opinions, though for slightly different reasons. Her schedule hasn't changed from last year's because she was not employed as a teacher last year. The extra classes "work to my advantage." She said. The extra hours of teaching the junior high help her fill her quota of teaching Language Arts classes for her teaching license, and as an added bonus, she truly enjoys teaching the junior high.

Even though EskDale High School hasn't had a multi-teacher format for the junior high in many years, the current arrangement seems to be working smoothly and enjoyably for everyone involved.

BY TINA HAYWARD

## SPORTS AT ESKDALE HIGH

Any sport at EskDale High is a big achievement in itself, let alone the fact that we will be participating in *three* major sports. These major sports being Cross country, Basketball, and Track. We did not achieve these sports by ourselves. By combining both EskDale High and West Desert High Basketball teams we are able to play in Varsity league for this upcoming season.

### Cross-Country Season 2014

This being only our fourth season of cross country we have worked hard and made a recognizable name for our school's cross country team under supervision of Janille Baker, the head coach of the EskDale High School cross country team. She has led the team into some outstanding improvements this year. Our star runner for the boys' team Christian Conrad has whipped out an impressive 18:20 in one of the previous meets and is looking to improve on that time. Look for us at the upcoming cross country meets in Milford, Cedar City, Orem, and in Salt Lake for

State! Sports schedules are located on page 5 of this paper.

### Basketball Season 2014

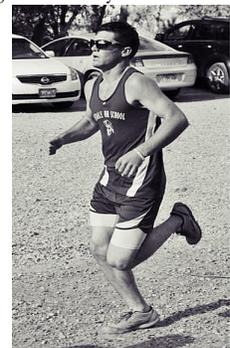
Like previously said Bas-



ketball wouldn't be able to happen without combining both West Desert High and EskDale High together simply because both of our school's small sizes. Neither West Desert nor EskDale High have enough boys for a

team of their own. Thanks to the School board and our staff fighting for both schools to combine, the boys from both schools get to play the game they love.

This season we will have Ricardo Villarreal, Caleb Baker, Christian Conrad, Hesston Elmer, and Justin Howland representing EskDale High. From West Desert we will have Devin Timm, John Reil, Kirk Lewis, and Chris Reil. By combining we create an interesting combination of skills. Watch for us playing near you this upcoming season starting on September 13 through February 20.



BY LATHAM WEIGHT & RICARDO VILLARREAL

# YOLO TO NO POLO

The EskDale High School uniform has been around since 1955. It has changed over the years and people have argued and discussed whether to have a uniform or not. Some people are happy with the uniform and others think otherwise.

We want to know your opinion of a casual Friday! For this adjustment to happen, all staff members of EskDale High and all parents must be informed and have a unanimous vote of consent.

If this proposal, which we're calling YOLO TO NO POLO, gets the okay, you can wear what you want by paying a fee of \$1. The money will go to the school store.

Do you want to keep the



uniforms or wear casual clothes on Fridays? (Casual clothes must still be in accordance with the Millard County dress code.)



BY ASHLEY WRIGHT & EZEQUIEL TORRES

## POLLS AND QUIZZES

### *The Votes Are In!*

You chose the winners,  
and here they are!

**Best Artist:** Taryn

**The loudest boy/girl:**  
Vincent and Melanie

**Most Gregarious:** Zeke

**The Fastest Texter:** Ashley

### HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW YOUR PEERS? TAKE THIS QUIZZ TO SEE!

- #1. What is Lauren's favorite snack food?
- #2. What is Ashley's favorite movie?
- #3. What is Megan's favorite season of the year?
- #4. What is Caleb's favorite football team?
- #5. What is Jami's favorite pastime?
- #6. What side is Zeke's pimp tooth on?
- #7. What is Grace's favorite book/series?
- #8. What side is Emily's birthmark on?
- #9. What is Taryn's middle name?
- #10. What is Ricky's favorite sport?

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BY VICTORIA PEREA & TINA HAYWARD

# WHERE MY LIFE BEGAN

a personal essay by Tina Hayward

I have to laugh when people say, “I come from a small town. It only has like 10,000 people in it!” Small? I don’t think so. “Small” isn’t a town that has several thousand people in it, and a “small” school with a couple hundred students isn’t truly small. Where I live, there are only about seventy people (not counting Baker or the few dozen people scattered throughout the valley,) and my *entire* school, grades seven through twelve, only has twenty-six students. “Small” doesn’t even apply to EskDale. *Infinitesimal* might be more accurate. Alright, that might be a bit extreme, but EskDale is a tiny place, unique in how it has influenced and shaped my life, and my home.

Ninety miles from anywhere, EskDale is an oasis in the desert. Surrounded by its own fields of barley, hay, corn, and alfalfa, EskDale Community only has a circumference of about half a mile, omitting a few outlying buildings, such as my house, the shop, and dairy. Dozens of dirt roads criss-cross the desert behind my house, and they can be a maze sometimes. The roads make excellent long distance running trails, but you need to be careful of rattlesnakes.

I’ve run into many dead rattlesnakes that have been crushed by a passing truck, but I’ve had a couple of close calls with live ones as well. The first time I did that, I was running with my brother/running coach, Mark, past the dump after dark. Because I was wearing the head lamp, Mark had to run behind me, and he took the opportunity to push me to go faster. I didn’t even notice the snake as I ran past, but when Mark passed it moments later, I heard a loud buzzing sound. However, that was nearly drowned out by some startled yelping noises that Mark made as he danced past the angry rattler. We sprinted until we were sure that we were out of its reach and only then dared to stop. After we had caught our breath, Mark wanted to go back and look at it, and that’s exactly what we did. It was really cool, but I was glad when we left it and ran home on another road. I like snakes, but not necessarily the ones that could kill me.

Snakes aren’t the only wildlife we have around here, though. We have all sorts of animals such as antelope, deer, coyotes, rabbits, jack-rabbits, chipmunks, lizards, and lots of birds. We also have a large number of cows at our dairy. Even though I live right next to it, I don’t tend to go there much.

The dairy has and continues to employ several of our high school students, but I have never worked there. I have other jobs to help me make money. Mostly, I get paid to clean some of the buildings here on a weekly basis. I clean parts of several buildings, including the Center, which is where the whole community gets together for their daily lunch. The EskDale Public High School is allowed to use it for a few things too. For example, the school kids are welcome to bring their lunches with them to eat at the tables, and they are able to perform the annual fundraiser of the Christmas Banquet- a dinner theater show- there as well.

The people of EskDale are very supportive of the school, and many even help put on most of the fundraisers and concerts the school does every year. My mom and dad are some of those people. When we put on the Christmas Banquet, my mom always volunteers to help where she can, and my dad is the lights and sound guy for all of the productions. He lets me help him, and I love it. For the past several years, I have helped him set up the lights and sound for every production that needs them, including the Christmas Banquet.

A lot of productions and fun things happen in December, and it is one of my favorite times of the year. The Christmas Banquet has to be my favorite part of December, aside from Christmas, that is. I love the hustle and bustle beforehand, and I love to help my dad backstage. I’ve always been his gofer when he sets up, but since Mark has left for college, he has been training me to run the lighting board. I now know enough to program and run the lights myself! I really enjoy doing that, but it hardly takes up all of my time.

For the rest of the time, I enjoy practicing piano and violin (most of the time, I do,) and singing in the school choir. Because we have so few students, everyone is in choir. Plus being small allows us take the choir on expensive and distant school trips! A few years ago, we went to Washington D.C., and this year we are going to New York! Every school day, the choir meets in EskDale’s Auditorium, which also holds the rest of the music and drama classes. It is a multi-purpose building and happens to act as the church building for the local congregation on weekends.

I have lived in EskDale all my life, and I have never given a second thought to the habits and customs I have adopted from this singular little oasis. When I really think about it or talk about how it works to anyone who has never been here, though, I see how special EskDale is. We are a tight-knit group, really. Everyone is family, and all share in the hardships of living on a small farming community. Living here has really shown me how important it is to be there for people.

I am glad that I have grown up here; I wouldn’t trade it for anything. It is distinct in many ways and has its own special problems, but I love it. It is green and beautiful, and the people are great. All my older siblings have moved away either to go to college or to make their way in the world. I know that I will also leave eventually, but I know that EskDale will forever be responsible for a part of me. My whole world view has been shaped by my life here, and that’s okay. I wouldn’t have it any other way.

## SPORTS SCHEDULES

### Cross country-

- October 3<sup>rd</sup> @ Cedar City
- October 9<sup>th</sup> @ Milford
- October 14<sup>th</sup> Region @ Orem
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> State @ Sugar House Park.

### Basketball Schedule 2014-15

- 12-17 Mt. Vernon @ WD
- 12-19 @West Ridge
- 1-7 USDB@ WD
- 1-9 @ St. Joseph
- 1-14 ICS @ WD
- 1-16 @Wendover
- 1-21 Telos @ WD
- 1-28 @ Tintic
- 1-30 @Dugway
- 2-4 Wendover @ WD
- 2-6 @ Telos
- 2-13 Tintic @ WD
- 2-20 Dugway @ WD
- Feb 26-28 Region tournament



BY RICARDO VILLARREAL & LATHAM WEIGHT

## OH CLEVER ONE!

Oh Clever One! is an advice column for people that need help or just want some questions answered about life and/or the struggles they face.

*Oh Clever One,*

*What is the best way to tell someone that their breath stinks?*

Dear Anonymous,

The best way to tell someone that their breath stinks is to offer them a mint or some gum. Do not make it obvious but hopefully they will take the hint ;) Unless you want to be mean, then you should straight up tell them (but nobody is that forward and rude right?)

*Oh Clever One,*

*Why does a bird's head move when it walks?*

Dear Anonymous,

Birds move their heads when they walk because it assists with their balance, provides depth perception, and it is said that it somehow sharpens their vision. (Don't ask me how; birds are weird like that.)

## QUIZ ANSWERS & SCORES

### Answer Key

- #1. Flamin' hot cheetos
- #2. Nightmare Before Christmas
- #3. Winter
- #4. If you don't know this one...
- #5. Feeding calves
- #6. Left side

- #7. Fablehaven
- #8. Left
- #9. Renae
- #10. Soccer

### Scoring

- 8-10/10** Wow! You know people!
- 5-7/10** You know people fairly well!
- 2-4/10** You don't really know people...
- 0-2/10** Oy Vey... Have you even met these people?!