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## STOP THAT VILLAIN! by Jenna Conrad

On March 12, the EskDale High School's drama program performed a play called "Stop that Villain." The play takes place in Virginia City, Nevada. More specifically, the play is set in the lobby of Ms. Jenny Flutterpearl's hotel.

The play is about Ripley Roquefort, a villain who cheats at cards, steals people's money, and is an overall scummy scoundrel. He's regarded with suspicion by almost everyone, but no one can prove him guilty of anything. A judge comes to town with information regarding Roquefort's uncle, Jasper. Uncle

Jasper has recently died and left his fortune for Roquefort. The judge informs him that he will only inherit if he marries the girl of Uncle Jasper's choice, Little Jane. Luckily, Little Jane is visiting Virginia City with her Uncle Clem to collect rocks for her rock collection. It's the perfect situation for Roquefort to get Little Jane to fall in love with him.

However, he has a big secret. He is already married to a woman named Comatose. Roquefort schemes to get rid of Comatose by hiring Horseback to throw her into the river. Everything is going in Roquefort's direction until Little Jane falls in love with the town sheriff, Merton Manly.

Bathsheba Pickles, an old ex-partner of Roquefort's schemes, helps him frame the sheriff to be a drunkard. The villains then use this humiliating scandal to make Little Jane marry Roquefort. At the wedding, Comatose arrives after surviving the plunge into river and everybody goes after Roquefort. The sheriff takes Roquefort down and then the sheriff proposes to Little Jane. Roquefort is then sent to jail and everyone in town celebrates.



"Stop that Villain" was the play that the students liked the most from a selection they read in class. Of course the play also had to fit the number of students. Most of the students picked their own parts. Sam called dibs on playing the role of the evil villain, Ripley Roquefort. The role of Bathsheba Pickles was chosen by the one and only senior, Kara Conrad. Danielle Hayward played the role of the horrible opera singer/ hotel owner, Jenny Flutterpearl. Comatose, the secret wife of Ripley Roquefort, was played by Jenna Conrad. The strong and handsome sheriff, Merton Manly

was played by Adolfo Iverson. The role of the damsel in distress and the heroine, Little Jane, was played by Yudnelly Avelar. The role of the crazy, used-camel salesman, was played by Diego Huerta. The role of Claudette, a scared and shy maid was played by Burkleie Wright. The role of Poker Allen, the card game obsessed townsman, was played by Matthew Baker. The smart and commission-lacking Judge Lynch was played by Aidan Faber. The caring Uncle Clem was played by Ernesto Duran. The lost, spacy stagecoach driver, Horseback was played by Ernesto Avelar.

The play went remarkably well and the students had so much fun. The set of the play was amazing, and so were the costumes, thanks to Crystal and Janene Eldridge. Dean Hayward and Tina Hayward worked very hard on lighting and mics to make the play even more excellent. Lois Faber and Jessica Weight worked very hard with the kids everyday to get them to play their parts perfectly. The EskDale Drama class would like to give thanks to everyone who made the production possible and to the people who came. ♡

## BEHIND THE SCENES OF STOP THAT VILLAIN! by Yudnelly Avelar

With our play "Stop That Villain," there was a lot of stuff going on behind the scenes. Special thanks to Crystal and Janene for the beautiful costumes and the whole background. Also many thanks to Dean and Tina for all the lights and mics. Without them it would have not been possible. But nothing could have been done without Lois and Jessica; they helped us choose the play and coached us. Without them, there would literally

not be a play.

I asked some of the cast their favorite "behind the scenes" moments.

**Burkleie-** Uhhhhhh We had this rope backstage that we kept tying people up with during rehearsals. It was always easy to untie it but it was a lot of fun.

**Diego-** The red lights.....

**Sam-** When we listened in to Adolfo calling his girlfriend, wait no I meant ex-girlfriend.

**Danielle-** Fighting with Ernesto A, about the weird cloth thing.

**Adolfo-** The mini duels we had that were completely fake but they were still fun.

There were a lot of great moments during our time practicing for the play. There were also slightly scary moments; for example, it was a Thursday, and Sam and Jenna were practicing the choking scene. It turns out that Sam was actually choking Jenna. Oops. ♡

## ACCREDITATION WEEK! *by Adolfo Iverson*

On the week of March 8-12th, we had zoom meetings all week with Cognia evaluators who were conducting an Accreditation Review on our school. The people who interviewed us were the evaluators Fran Brady and Cynthia White. This is what people have to say about it.

**Sharon:** She had a school leadership meetings as the principal, and later she had another conference meeting with all the teachers. Then she helped with organizing parents and students for their meetings.

**Lois:** She was in the teacher meeting, and she said it was easy for her to have the meeting because she has them all the time.

**Teresa:** They asked plenty of questions, and the meeting was ok. The evaluators seemed very

smart and nice, and the meeting worked out well.

**Kath:** She liked that she did not have to travel for the meeting and did not need to do a lot of things for the meeting.

**Jessica:** She was a little nervous to start. Sharon did all of the presenting, and so she only had to answer a couple of questions. Overall she liked the two ladies a lot and thought they did a great job in the accreditation process.

**Diego:** The meeting was normal for him because with Covid; he did plenty of Zoom things last year.

**Burklie:** The meeting was good, and the people were nice. She liked the dog that was with the evaluator Fran.

**Yudnely:** The meeting was fine. However, Adolfo was in the meeting, so she hated it. *(joke!)*

**Adolfo:** I really did not like the meeting because I felt embarrassed, so I hid my face and did not answer their questions if I did not have to.

**Ernesto A:** The meeting was ok. and the people were nice.

**Ernesto D:** he don't not know how he felt about the meeting.

**Matthew:** The meeting was ok and the people were nice.

**Kara:** she liked it. She thought the questions they asked were interesting because we talked about classes, school involvement, and how we felt in school.

Overall, it was an interesting process and a good learning and growth opportunity for our school. ◇

## COLLEGE DAY IN DELTA *by Carlos Saucedo*

On the Day of February 10th, three of the four juniors at EskDale High School went to Delta High School to participate in their College Day. This year, because of COVID, there were only three schools that went to talk about their colleges. They were Dixie State University, Snow College, and Southern Utah University. It was a good day nonetheless.

The EHS suburban left 10 minutes after schedule because Carlos decided to wake up late, but that was to be expected. But, thanks to Jessica Weight's expert driving, they still got there on time. When they got there, they headed to

the auditorium and sat down to get a little overview of how things were going to work.

The first college they went to see was Snow College, which was really interesting. They talked about all sorts of things like activities, housing, classes, and other expenses that were to be expected like tuition and other things like that.

After Snow was the Dixie State presentation, which was pretty much the same thing except it was just about a different school.

Last, they went to see what SUU was talking about. This presentation was the most interactive. The SUU presenters were more

engaged with and involved with the people they were talking to, which was really nice.

After all of that was over everyone went back to the auditorium, and they had a raffle for stuff that people from the different colleges brought. Some of the things that they included in it were shirts, sunglasses, a blanket, and some water bottles. Both Sam and Jenna got something from the raffle. Jenna got a fanny pack, and Sam got a stress ball, which he gave to Carlos. At the end of the day there were donuts for all of the students. Overall it was a great day, and we learned a lot about some of our college options. ◇

## A NEW FORM FOR REGION SOLO & ENSEMBLE *by Danielle Hayward*

This year's Region Solo and Ensemble is going to be an experience for everyone. Due to COVID-19, a lot of annual events have been canceled, and it is a miracle that Solo and Ensemble Region is happening at all!

Every student that wants to be a part of Solo and Ensemble has to prepare things a little bit



differently this year. Instead of traveling to a different school and performing in front of judges, the students have to record themselves and send the judges their videos. Though it is nice to not have to travel the long distances, not performing in person is not as fun.

Usually, EskDale High School has a lot of people who do things for Solo and Ensemble, however, we only have five

musical numbers going this year. We have Yudnely Avelar on the violin, Burklie Wright on the flute, Danielle Hayward on the piano, the woman's ensemble, and one orchestra number.

Each performance will be recorded separately and then sent to the designated judges for evaluation. The students will have to wait a little while until their scores are sent back to them.

Yes, Solo and Ensemble will be a little more challenging this year, but we are grateful that we get to do it at all. Thank you to all those who are making it possible for us to have Region Solo and Ensemble! ◇

## SCHOOL TRIP TO SALT LAKE CITY! *by Diego Huerta*

This year at EskDale High School, we are having our biennial school field trip **in state** due to Covid-19. Thus, our trip is going to be in Salt Lake on May 8—May 10, which is a Saturday through Monday. Lois Faber has been hard at work making the plans for this trip.

On Saturday the time we are most likely going to leave is at 8:00 in the morning. Our first stop when we get to Salt Lake is going to be the historical "This Is The Place" monument and village, which is named in honor of Brigham Young's quote when he said that the pioneers

should settle in the Salt

Lake Valley. Then after that, we are possibly going to go to the Hogle Zoo. After, we will go to our hotel and then get ready to go eat and go to the Hale Centre Theatre and watch the play *Les Misérables*. After all this we will then go and spend the night at the hotel.

The next morning on Sunday, we are going head to the Lagoon amusement park and stay for the entire day until it closes! Then we will go and have a nice dinner at a buffet, and then head back to the hotel.

On the last day on Monday, we are going to the Golden Spike re-enactment which is when they joined of the rails of the First Transcontinental Railroad across the United States, connecting the Central Pacific Railroad from Sacramento (California) and the Union Pacific Railroad from Omaha (Nebraska) on May 10, 1869. After the Golden Spike reenactment, we will head back home!

*What is going to be your favorite part about the trip?*

Adolfo, Yudnely, Burklie, and Sharon all said: "Going to the play to watch *Les Misérables*!!!" ◇



# REFLECTIONS ON A YEAR WITH COVID 19 by Burklie Wright

The Covid-19 pandemic has been going on for a year now. Our fourth quarter of school starts soon, and right before fourth quarter last year, schools switched to online learning. Luckily, our school was able to resume in-person learning when it was time for school to start again in the fall. Many schools weren't able to return, but our school was allowed to as long as the students and school staff wore masks and physically distanced.

Now, three quarters of the school year have passed successfully. I was able to ask some of the other students to reflect on the year of Covid.

**Yudnelly-** *It got very lonely... very, very lonely. Lonely nights where you cry thinking that you won't go to school and see people anymore. Sleepless nights. Having no social activities. Never leaving your room. Becoming scared of the outside world.... Other than that, it was great!*

**Adolfo-** *I didn't really follow any of the instructions. They said, "Don't go hang out with friends," but I still hung out with friends.*

**Diego-** *It was kind of weird at first, but I got used to it fast. Now, everything just feels normal.*

**Danielle-** *Honestly, it was kind of fun. Some things were annoying, but nothing really*

*changed for me.*

**Sam-** *It sucks.*

The Covid-19 pandemic isn't the best thing to live through, but luckily, cases are going down and life will probably return to normal someday. It's been really great to live in Snake Valley during this time because we haven't had many cases within the valley. Like all things, there are both good and bad sides to this pandemic, and now that it's been a year, we are learning to live with both of these sides.

Hopefully, in the near future, we will be able to stop wearing masks and return to the way things used to be. Until then, we will all keep learning to live with and adjusting to these strange times. ◇

# SPIRIT WEEK! by Diego Huerta

This year in the second week of March (8th—12th), we had one of our most-loved weeks of the year.

We had our Spirit Week when we chose to either act or dress as something fun and specific for each day. For example, on Monday, we had Pajama Day

where we only wore pajamas for that day. On Tuesday, we had blackout day where we had to wear all black clothes only. On Wednesday, we had "crazy day," which was a day where we



could do and wear anything crazy or weird related things, like crazy hairstyles. Then on Thursday, we had "Old People" day where we could act and look as an old person. On the last day on Friday we had Camo day.

On Tuesday after school, we had some fun activities as well. We played dare base (a capture the flag game basically), and a board game where we just "roast" each other. It was called "The Game of Loaded Questions."

What was your favorite day (s) of Spirit Week and why?

**Burklie:** *Camo day, because everybody did so that's what made it fun.*

**Yudnelly:** *Pajama day because we just get up and leave to school, and also blackout day because everyone did it.*

**Adolfo:** *I say pajama because I just got out of bed then fell on the floor and slept and then got up and went to the bus and then slept again. Also, Camo day because it was just fun and a warm day. ◇*



# EVERYBODY HAS A STORY: MARIA DEL ROSARIO HARO by Ernesto Duran

*Benito Juárez, Ingeniero Jose Rodríguez Elias, and*



My amazing mother Maria Del Rosario Haro is the person I decided to interview for this newspaper. She was born in the year 1984. She was born in the city of Juchipila in Zacatecas. Mexico is a pretty

dangerous place to live in, but it is also beautiful.

Maria used to work as a teacher in Mexico

before she moved here. Her favorite part of being a teacher was teaching dance classes. Her least favorite thing about being a teacher was teaching a class with over 40 children.

Learning English for her was a hard thing to do since not many people knew both languages too well. Changing to wearing different types of clothes instead of dresses and high heels was also a challenge.

Now to ask some questions about her life.

**What schools did you go to?**

*Leobardo Reynoso, General Enrique Estrada,*

*Salvador Varela Resendiz.*

**Where did you live for most of your life so far?**

*Juchipila, Zacatecas, and Baker, Nevada.*

**Do you have any hobbies?**

*Yes, gardening!*

**As a child what did you want to be when you grew up?**

*A Nurse or Archaeologist.*

Maria currently lives in Baker, Nevada with her husband Ernesto and their three children. ◇

# VALENTINE ' S MOVIE PARTY by Aidan Faber

Many of us stayed after school for our Valentine's Day party. Most people there brought desserts such as brownies, cookies, or Mountain Dew. We watched the movie *Shrek*.

The way we pick movies for parties is generally through a Google Forms sheet

containing movie suggestions that Kara sent everyone. People voting picked movies they wanted to see and suggested more that weren't on the list. *Shrek* got 5 votes, and four separate movies got second place at 4 votes each.

I asked several people who attended what

their favorite part of the party was.

**Ernesto D:** "Um... I don't know"

**Ernesto A:** "Eating all of the food and watching *Shrek*"

**Matthew:** "Watching *Shrek* all the way through for the first time"

**Kara:** "The desserts." ◇

# STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: AIDAN FABER by Matthew Baker

Aidan Faber was born in Salt Lake City in 2007. He was born with the illness Asthma. He currently lives in EskDale, Utah. He has some cats and enjoys computers.

**Q:1 What do you like to do in your free time?**

*"Use the computer way too much and ruin my eyesight for years to come."*

**Q:2 What is it like having asthma?**

*"I hate having asthma because half the time I can't breathe, and the steroids that I have to take for my asthma stunt growth, so yea."*

**Q:3 What's the most interesting thing that you've seen?**

*"The time an F-16 almost crashed into the flagpole in Baker."*

**Q:4 What's your opinion on pets?**

*"Pets are great! I've been trying to convince my parents to get a dog, but they keep saying no."*

**Q:5 What's your opinion on school?**

*"School is fun but I don't get to see some of my friends and it's school and all so it's not that fun, though it is a lot better than online school."*

**Q:6 How excited are you for summer?**

*"I'm very excited because over the summer I'm going to earn a lot of money."*

**Q:7 Where are you going to work somewhere this summer?**

*"The EskDale dairy."*

Despite Aidan talking constantly in normal class, he was suddenly not very garulous when it came to answering these questions. We hope that he will stay healthy in the months to come. ◇



# FEATURED TEACHER: LOIS FABER by Ernesto Avelar

*sharing music with them.*

Lois Faber is a music teacher for EskDale and Baker schools. She teaches kids how to play instruments and teaches kids how to sing. She is so talented and loves to teach kids. Here are some of the questions I asked Lois.



**Did you go to college and where did you go?**

*the University of Utah*

**What is your favorite part about teaching?**

*Interacting with students and*

**Did you want to become a teacher, and why?**

*I wanted to become a teacher to give children the opportunity to learn. Young people are the future. I want to prepare them to be all they can be and to create a better world for themselves and others.*

**What job would you want if you weren't a teacher?**

*If I wasn't a teacher I would have loved*

*to play music professionally.*

**What is your favorite class?**

*It's hard to pick my favorite class. I love all of them.*

**When did you become a teacher?**

*Right out of college in 1975.*

**Did you always want to become a teacher?**

*I didn't think I would be a teacher when I was young. My mother was a teacher, and I saw how hard she worked. I didn't think I wanted to do that. But I'm glad I did. The hard work is worth it. I love my students!*

**And we love you! Thanks Lois!** ◇

# SPRING BREAK PLANS by Sam Roberts

Spring break is beginning in just over a week, so I asked the students of EskDale High School what their spring break plans are. Here are their responses:

**Carlos-** Commit arson in Eswatini. (Don't worry, he's not serious. Probably.)

**Jenna-** You know, I'm not sure, but I'm probably going to go to town.

**Danielle-** Play video games, try to do useful stuff, but that probably won't happen.

**Kara-** Do my college classes. That's literally it.

**Adolfo-** I don't really have any.

**Diego-** Just play all day.

**Ernesto A.-** Play airsoft.

**Aidan-** Just sit around all day and do nothing.

**Ernesto D.-** I don't have any.

**Matthew-** Go to Salt Lake and ski. (The author would like to express approval)

**Burklie-** I'm not sure. I'll probably just be home.

**Yudnely-** Probably go to town. If not, just stay home and work.

Well, that's it. While there weren't many concrete plans, that's not really important. What's important is that you enjoy yourself. Have fun on break! ◇

# SPRING HAIKUS by Sam Roberts

Here is a small selection of spring-themed haikus for your contemplation. Enjoy!

Short days grow longer  
Green grass pushes through dark earth  
Snow melts into slush

Eggs are hidden well  
A huge rabbit sneaks around  
Really, who buys that?

Precipitation  
Is no longer snow, but rain  
It is much wetter

Cadbury's creme eggs  
So delectable! And yet...  
Calorie count wrecked

Small creatures come out  
Boasting squirrels say to them,  
"Out here the whole time."

Bears come out of dens  
One thought is in their minds  
Food! Wonderful food!

Crops are sown in fields  
Cold snap hits, freezes the crops  
Farmers are angry.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 22, 2021**

First day of the fourth quarter!

**March 26, 2021**

Drama Region Festival at Tintic High School

**March 29—April 2, 2021**

Spring Break!

**May 8–10, 2021**

School Trip to SLC!

**May 27, 2021**

Graduation for EHS!