

THE LAST TRAIN

For those of you who have seen our past productions, most of the time they are some sort of comedy or melodrama that will have you laughing. This spring play, Lois Faber and her students decided to put on a different kind of production, a historical drama. On March 10th at 7:30 pm, a production called "The Last Train" took place. Set towards the end of WWIL, it is the story of a girl from Holland taken by Nazis and put with a group of Jews that were also taken. The only thing is, she was not a Jew. She recognizes one of the Nazi soldiers as being her old friend from Bremen, where she grew up. The soldier vows to get her safely away because he knows she is not a Jew. The only thing standing in his way was the leader of the Nazi group. The story ends with multiple people, including all of the Jews, the girl who was not a Jew, a few Nazi soldiers, and the leader of the soldiers all dying.

All of the students in the school were involved in the actual production except for the 7th grade, Burklie Wright, Adolfo Iverson, and Jessica Rodriguez. Anyone who has ever done anything in theater knows that there is much more to a play than just the actors, there is a whole backstage crew as well. The crew that made this production consisted of Crystal, Janene, and Ashley Eldridge for costume and set, Dean Hayward for mics, Tina Hayward for lights, Danielle Hayward for sound, and Lois Faber as director. The whole crew made

N everything possible, and the play would have not been a

reality if it wasn't for every single person involved.

On the night of the play everything went well, and there were, surprisingly, no mess ups. In fact, everyone seemed to actually do the best they have ever done. I was able to get a hold of a few people and ask what they thought of the play. Some of the people I interviewed were a part of the play, while others were a part of the evening's audience. I asked each person how they enjoyed the play overall and what, if anything, they learned, here are some of the responses:

"I found the experience meaningful and while not being 'fun,' it was important. I learned more about the history from all of the videos we watched to prepare for the play" - Diego, actor

"I thought it was amazing. Even though it was a very hard subject matter, all of you students were able to bring the appropriate energy and emotion that accurately reflected the topic. There was enough hope when there needed to be hope, there was enough despair when there needed to be despair, there was the appropriate angst over what the war had done to the country and I think you guys had the ability to reflect all that very well." - Mary, audience

"You did a very good job but that was a dark play. I learned that some people can be very messed



head" -Buffy, audience "In our current world where people think it is funny to

> make fun of Jews, black

people,

up in the

Asians, gays, etc., sometimes people need to see something like this so they know it is not just a joke or something funny. Jokes about these things are not funny and never will be because these were real events stemming from prejudice that affected many, many lives." - Sharon, audience

"I enjoyed laying down in the cattle car waiting for the next scene. I learned that improv comes in clutch." - Alexa, actor

Everybody learned something or had an important comment to share. We did a very important play, and everyone who participated or watched the play were impacted, and while everyone may have been impacted

differently, there was one common thing: it felt real.

"The Last Train" is based on true events and even though this exact

story may have not happened, the circumstances are based on real events, many of the feelings and emotions that the actors and actresses portrayed were real emotions. This may be a sad part of our history, but it is still a part of our history and you can still see the effects it has on people's lives.

To wrap everything up, the performance really went well, and everybody really enjoyed either participating or watching the play. At the end of the day, we need to remember the importance of these events and the impact they have on people's lives.

I would also like to say one last thank you to everyone who made the play possible. \Diamond



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BEHIND THE SCENES: THE LAST TRAIN



As you heard about what the play was about and what time it took place in, it took the crew some time to be prepared for this type of thing. To prepare us for this type of play, Lois had us watch movies such as The Woman in Gold which told us the true story of Maria Altmann, a woman who fought her way to the U.S. Supreme Court to force the Austrian government to return a painting of her aunt which, after, had been stolen by the Nazis when they were invading Austria. We also watched documentaries

about prisoners who made it out alive from the camps after U.S. soldiers liberated them, some of which can be found on YouTube.

As these were shown in class, they were meant to prepare us for this play and its dark subject matter, although I don't think that any of us were ever fully

REGION FESTIVALS

This year for our music region festivals, we're having solo/ensemble performances and choir performances on the same day. We will be going to Tintic High School on March 22, 2023.

The choir will be performing Omnia Sol, Shut De Do, and Singing Bring Me. Cary Faber and Greg Faber will be our accompanists. The people performing for solo/ensemble are Yudnely, Burklie, Larissa, Diego, Ernesto A, Aidan,

EVERY BRILLIANT THING

On February 24th, Every Brilliant Thing, a traveling play about suicide and depression, came to EskDale High

of the play was

prevention. It also tries to inspire people about life by showing it's not all bad all of the time. It gets better. There is one tour manager, one

School. The aim

mental health

through suicide

to improve

stage manager, and two actors switching off between the one-person show along the tour.

The plot of the play starts with the actor playing the role of a young kid who writes a list of his favorite things, hopeful things, to read to his mother

prepared for this hard topic. As we were rehearsing the play, a lot of crying would happen. Right now I'm going to ask some of our cast some questions:

Q #1:What were your thoughts when this was first introduced?

Q #2: What was difficult about being backstage?

Q #3: And is this a play that you would like to keep as a memory? Whv?

Yudnely (Anna): When it was first introduced, I thought that it would've been a fun play to act. But once we got into it further, that's when it really started to get to me emotionally. The difficult part of being backstage was the amount of space that we had both out of the train and out of the train. And this is definitely a play I would like to keep as a memory only because it is something to remember and it was fun in a sad way.

Matthew, and Ava and Ernesto D are aoina to be in the orchestra. Emma and I will be doing solos as well. Many of these people will be doing vocal solos. The girls' ensemble and boys' ensemble will be performing as well. The high school girls will sing Motherless Child, and the high school boys will sing Sea Fever.

These are all the solos: To The Sky- vocal by Emma Scherzino- flute by me and Ballade- piano by me

Larissa (Helga): I cried a lot when it was first introduced to the class. For us it was sometimes difficult to just be stuck in the train car when everyone else is doing their scene. Also, acting dead was really hard. And yes! This is definitely something that I would like to keep as a memory, because it is based on a story that really happened. History is doomed to repeat itself if we do not remember, so we need to remember! And I think that we acted this much better than the rehearsals.

Ernesto (Soldier): When this was first introduced, I thought that some of the boys were going to make inappropriate jokes. I'm glad they didn't. One of the most difficult things about being backstage was to stay quiet. And I wouldn't really like to keep this a memory only because it got me really sad. ()

By Diego Huerta

Loch Lomond- vocal by Ernesto A All My Trials- vocal by Larissa It is Well With My Soul- voice by Yudnely and The Blue Bells of Scotland- violin by Yudnely The Water is Wide- vocal by Diego Danny Boy- vocal by Matthew Le Petit Negre-piano by Aidan Orientale - flute by Burklie.

We wish good luck to everyone in their performances. $\langle \rangle$

By Ella Faber

thing was that even though it doesn't have a big crew, they can accomplish a lot."

Ava Hamilton: "It was a lot of fun! The actor was really good."

Matthew Baker: "I liked it all! Especially the part where Sharon got engaged and divorced in the span of 4 minutes!" Aidan Faber: [When asked if he would recommend this play to others] "Absolutely."

Ernesto Duran: "I learned to not be depressed."

Burklie Wright: "My favorite parts were Yudnely being the therapist person..."

Of all the people interviewed, their most favorite part was when Sharon got married. I thought the play was really well done and had a great moral message. I would hope others would agree. I think the high school students in Utah are very lucky to have this production come to their schools. $\langle \rangle$

By Charlie Sheppard

after she attempts suicide. The interactive part of the play occurred after the actor distributed cards with numbers on them.

Each card had a phrase on it. When the character called the number, if you had that card number, you would read the phrase or word out loud. The actor then played the role of a teen who continues to add to their list. The mother resists accepting the list, so the character continues the list all the way into adulthood. The play is very entertaining because the audience gets to participate and the actor is very funny and very engaging the whole time.

Linterviewed several students after the performance, and here are their thoughts:

Yudnely Avelar: "I enjoyed it very much, it was very interesting. I learned that people who are victims of parent suicide are affected a lot more than people think. [The] most surprising

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THE SOUND OF MUSIC

The Ely Children's Community Iheatre is putting on a performance of *The Sound of Music* this year. Four students from EskDale High School are going to be in the production, as Maria, Captain VonTrapp, Sister Margaretta, and Sister Sofia. The Sound of Music is a musical play about a postulant at an abbey who is sent to be a governess for a family of 7 children. While there, she realizes she has fallen in love with the children's father. This play takes place near the beginning of World War II, and the play has to do quite a bit with that.

The auditions for this play were in November, and the first practice was in January. The show will be playing on March 24, March 25, March 31, and April 1, 2023. The play will take place at the Methodist church in Ely on these dates. There is a large cast full of youngsters, and it will be a very exciting wortch

The set and costumes of this show are going to be amazing. Every person has a beautiful costume to wear, and most people go on as ensemble in lots

DRAMA REGION

Drama region is drama, but you are only being judged. This year the Drama Region is going to be located in Eureka, Utah. The students would need to perform in front of judges to be able to

WORKSHOP WITH TRAVIS

On Monday, March 13th, Deputy Travis Allred came to our school to spread the word and educate us more about the common drugs found throughout our world today.

We talked about nicotine and how addicting it is. We talked about alcohol and how many deaths are caused by it. We talked about meth, and he was explaining to us and told us to be aware if you see a person trying to make a mega computer out of a

UTAH HISTORY TRIP



Every other year the 7th and 8th graders get taken on a day trip to Salt Lake City for their Utah History class. This year Isaac, Alexa, Ella, Luis, Emma, Curtis, Blake, Katelyn, Remi, and Julliett went. Sharon Conrad and Mary Weight drove the children to This Is The Place of scenes, so you may see many people twice. The set is very cool, and quite easy to switch around... even with the many set changes throughout the play. There are so many kids that have costumes, and so many that have multiple. There are two people in charge of costumes and stage makeup, and they are so good at what they do. The director also has put so much effort into this show. He deals with so many little kids that run around screaming during practice.

Wondering what goes on behind the curtain at Sound of Music Practice, I decided to ask some of the cast. The first question I asked was:

Are you looking forward to the show? Alexa (sister Margaretta): *shrug* yes

definitely! *sarcastic laugh* Emma (Sister Sophia): Kind of, its definitely been a fun experience, but I'm excited for the show.

Larissa (Maria)- Kind of...I am very nervous Matthew (captain)-I am very excited for the show!

What do you think about the costumes/ set?

Alexa- I think the costumes are pretty good, and the set is alright

qualify for state, otherwise you turn around and go home. Yudnely Avelar is the only one from EskDale High School that is going to be going. Yudnely describes her emotions as " a wild rollercoaster" and she's mostly looking forward

lawnmower or someone picking up a lot of pointless rocks thinking they're arrowheads, they are most likely on meth, or what Travis calls a "METHematician".

We also got to talk about cocaine and how dangerous fentanyl was if you got exposed to it. Fun fact! 3-4 grains of fentanyl can kill a normal human being, which I personally think is mind boggling!

After the presentation, we went outside to do a demonstration on

Heritage Park and to the Utah State Capitol.

At This is The Place, they toured the Deseret Hospital exhibit. Then they went to the pioneer school house and learned about the punishments in school back then and about the Deseret alphabet. They also visited the tanner shop where they learned about working with leather. Then they took a train ride around the whole Park before eating lunch and heading to the Capitol where they played on the lawns outside before taking a tour of the building. **Emma-** I love the costumes, and the set is pretty cool

Larissa– They are pretty good

Matthew- The costumes and sets are pretty good, the stage is larger than the one available at EskDale.

Who is/are your favorite cast member(s) to work with?

Alexa- that's a trap question. No comment

Emma- the nuns, because I pretty much only have scenes with the nuns Larissa– Haha, besides the people from EskDale, I would say Joy (Mother Abbess)

Matthew- My favorite cast member? I don't know, some of the VonnTrapp children are pretty fun to be around, but the person playing Rolf is also pretty cool. All of the cast is great.

Do you think you will be ready for the performance? Alexa- Yeah... Emma- may/be?...

Larissa- No HAHA Matthew- I think I'll be ready for the

performance.

Break a leg, guys! Make sure to come see them in Ely on one of the performance days! $\left<\right>$

By Emma Baker

to seeing people perform and the food. Her goal is to make it to State and get in the top three at region. Good luck, Yudnely! We're rooting for you! \Diamond

By Blake Iverson

impaired/ fatal vision. Travis brought some goggles that were very trippy to the point you lose balance. He made us do an obstacle course and had candy for us if we made it through. It was really weird, but kind of fun in the same way. I had a very fun time and learned a lot, and a lot of the other students can and most likely will agree with me. Thanks, Travis! ◊



By Blake Iverson

I got a chance to interview the kids and ask them some questions about their trip:

Did you guys enjoy it, and what did you learn?

Isaac: The car ride was pretty fun, and we learned about leatherworking.

Emma: It was super fun, and we played zombie tag. We learned about the Capitol and lawmaking.

Alexa: It was very fun and I enjoyed spending time with people. We learned about the old school.

Blake: I enjoyed it. I learned how to behave in a class room back in the day. \Diamond





UPCOMING CHOIR TRIP!

Every other year here at EskDale we go on a choir trip. On these trips, we go to various points of interest in a certain region (e.g. Empire State Building.) We sing at these various points of interest, and we have a great deal of fun doing SO.

This year for our choir trip, we are going to the Oregon coast. The last

HONOR CHOIR



Every year, some students are able to attend Honors Choir music events. This year's Honors Choir performances involved eight students (Yudnely, Larissa, Burklie, Ava, Matthew, Diego, Aidan, Ernesto D) and took

SHETECH

On February 28th, the high school girls went to the Mountain America Expo Center for SheTech Explorer Day, which is a hands-on tech conference for high school girls from grades 9th through 12th. They had hands-on

FIRST AID WORKSHOP

On February 8 we had the school nurse Jamie Barrus come to our school to teach us about First Aid. She taught use how to do CPR and also taught us how to use AED. She brought a bunch of first aid manneauins so we could learn how to do resuscitation and also to do press compression. We also practiced the Heimlich maneuver. Most of the students enjoyed and

UTAH HISTORY VIDEO

The Utah History class is wrapping up and doing a final class project: a short film. We ended up voting on what we were going to do, and the majority vote was "The first year in Utah in 1847." Everyone started the project together on March 6, 2023. We started discussing what we were going to do and started writing the script on March 7, 2023. We started filming on March 13, 2023.

choir trip that we had was to Salt Lake. On this trip we didn't actually sing anywhere, this is due to the fact that when we were on that trip the Covid-19 pandemic was still a very prevalent problem.

On the choir trip this year we'll be flying up to Portland with Alaskan Airlines, we'll then ao towards the coast and sing at the Tillamook cheese factory. We'll also visit the Evergreen

place on January 13th and 14th in Abravanel Hall.

Since Honors Choir is split into Men's and Women's choirs, there were only two songs that all eight EskDale students performed together. Each separate choir had its own set of four songs that it performed, however.

I asked each participating student their opinion on Honor's Choir: Ernesto D: "It was very cool to

technology, engineering, and math (STEM). There were STEM organizations from all over there with booths full of freebies and information.

A lot of the girls favorite part was having Spencer Cox, the Governor of Utah, speak to everyone at lunch time. A least favorite part was there were lots of people and not lots of space. There

also had fun learning about what to do when people choke or are suffocating.

I asked some of the students what their favorite part was and if they learned something. Here are some of their responses:

Yudnely Avelar- I found it really helpful, now I know what to do if someone was choking. My favorite part was that even though we were doing simple things, we still made it chaotic.

Burklie Wright- It was really fun! I really liked the way she taught us. Practicing

I asked some people who are a part of the project what they thought about it, their favorite parts, and what they thought we could have done better. This is what they replied with: What were your favorite parts of this project?

Emma: Blake getting run over Isaac: Emma falling Alexa: hanging out with people Blake: the dialogue Remi: Emma's death Luis: I don't know

Aviation and Space museum, that's the museum that has the H-4 Hercules, one of the largest planes to ever be built.

The choir will also go to a workshop that will help us improve our singing. All of us here in the school are really excited for the choir trip! We hope that it'll be a great experience for everyone, and that we all learn something new! \Diamond

By Matthew Baker

participate in."

Matthew: "Well, it was fun." Diego: "It was okay, we should do it again." Yudnely: "I thought it was very fun, and our conductor was fun." Burklie: "It was good, it was a lot of fun." Ava: "It was a lot of fun, it was cool

singing with a big group." All in all, it was a lot of fun, and I hope to see more of these events. $\langle \rangle$

By Aidan Faber

were way too many people and it wasn't organized well enough to maximize the individual experience. They would've been able to visit more booths or have more meaningful workshops if it was better organized to handle that many young women. \Diamond

By Remi Perea

it all got really crazy, so that was fun.

Larissa Crouch- I thought it was very cool. I liked when we had to perform CPR.

Diego Huerta- Well, I thought that the dummies were scary. My favorite part was Yudnely's attempt to give the dummy CPR.

We all learned a lot and hope she can come back again next year to teach us more! ◊

By Ernesto Avelar

What do you think we should have done better about the project?

Emma: the drownina Isaac: paid attention Alexa: not let three people be in charge of everything Blake: paid attention to the book Remi: everything Luis: not fight

Check out the EskDale High School YouTube soon to see the finished product. It's sure to be an instant classic. 😳



workshops in science,

NEW STUDENT-JULLIETT DURAN-CAMPOS

Our school has a new student: (dramatic drum roll) Julliett. She prefers to be called "July" (pronounced Julie). She is related to Ernesto D, and now lives in Baker, Nevada. We asked her 10 questions about herself.

Question 1. Do you like this school ? umm not that much yet. Question 2. Do you like it here or in Mexico?

I like it more in Mexico because I know it more in Mexico Question 3. What do you like about this

school?

umm that everything's the same and

that we can go out and go to stores and buy

stuff and it is colder here than Mexico. Question 4. What school was easier here or Mexico?

Umm this school is easier so far.

Question 5. Did you like the warm happy weather there or like to freeze your rear end off here?

I liked it in Mexico because it was warm there, and it barely got cold

Question 6. How many people were in your old school?

There was like 100 students in all of the school the school **Question 7. Which part of Mexico did**

you live in?

Juchipila Zacatecas, Mexico.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: JESS RODRIGUEZ-LUNA

We are all quite sad to lose our beloved seniors, but we are also so proud of them for all of their accomplishments. Jessica has been with us for the past two years, and we will miss her when she graduates. I had



a very interesting interview with her (over email). Here it is: **Q. What is** your favorite class? A. "My favorite class is biology, I think it's interesting." Q. What will you miss most about this school?

A. "I think I'm going to miss going to choir class, because this year was my first year in that class and I wanted to learn a little bit more."

Q. What is the thing you will miss the least?

A. "Hmm, I don't know, I think I'll miss everything. I learned a lot from this school."

Q. Do you plan to go to college? If so, where?

A. "Well my plans are to go to an aviation school to study as a flight attendant in Mexico."
Q. What is your favorite color?

EVERYONE HAS A STORY-JENNY HAMILTON years from

For this topic, I decided to interview my mom, Jenny Hamilton because she has a very interesting story. I decided to pick out some questions to ask her, and here are her answers!

Q: Where do you work?

A: I'm self employed and I work out of my cute little cabin on Main Street Baker, NV. I'm blessed that I can play a role in the community. I can be of service and they are my biggest supporters. I've been licensed as a massage therapist now for half my life! (20 years). When my dad passed away 16 years ago I decided that every massage I did would be in his honor.

Q: Why did you choose to go into massage therapy?

A: I chose to do Massage Therapy because I wanted to be in a field that helped people. Plus, I've always been fascinated by the human body and how it all worked together. Funny how I was using those massage skills building up stamina and learning "body wisdom" by rubbing my dad's feet since I was in Jr. High. Years of practice before the light went off in my head. Dad was sick for Leukemia and other diseases and he told me how my massages were helping ease the pain. Not just in the feet but all over his body. Intriguing. Through those years I began to associate touch with well-being. I didn't understand the mechanisms then, I just loved that I could help him feel that way. Sometimes I'd give him eye rolls and sigh because he asked me to rub his feet... A LOT. After all, I was 13 Iol.

Q: Did you always want to do that?

A: Amazingly, it didn't really ring a bell for me to actually get a degree in it until I was already 2 years into college (still pondering what direction to go and finishing up my general education). I was attending SUU (Southern Utah University) and happened to see a Massage Therapy program advertised. I felt strongly drawn to the idea and greatly encouraged by my family. So, I transferred colleges where I earned an Associates of Applied Science degree at Provo College, UT in Therapeutic Massage & Technology. I was in my element. I love what I do. But mostly I love the feeling of helping people.

Q: Where did you grow up?

A: I lived in Springville, Utah until I was 8 years old. Then we moved to EskDale.

Question 8. How much different is this school from your other school?

Umm there is more students in Mexico, and here the class are closer.

Question 9. What school was closer to your house? the one in Mexico

Question 10. were there buses in Mexico to get to school? No, there were no buses so my parents and I walked to school.

We're so happy to have you here with us, and we hope you can settle in and enjoy your new home here. \Diamond

By Luis Avelar & Curtis Young

A. "My favorite colors are yellow and black."

Q. What is your favorite memory from your high school years?

A. "I think a favorite memory from high school is the day of the banquet and crying with Lois about not hitting the high notes."

Q. Do you have any advice for other high school students?

A. My advice to high school students is to never give up, if it's hard, try your best to do it. The fact that you try to push yourself makes you a great person with power. Always fight for your goals."

We will miss you and wish you best of luck, Jessica! $\left<\right>$



When I was about 11, we moved only 5 miles away to Bethel.

Q: What advice do you have for kids and teens?

A: Enjoy this Journey! Life is a series of small moments. It's about learning, navigating, and focusing on the process instead of just being wrapped up in the success at the end. Every little step you take is important for growth on your path. While you make goals and work hard, make sure you take a breather and admire the view during the climb. Be proud of your progress on the way to the top. There are so many small victories to be celebrated! When you take your time to be present and notice, it fosters and attitude of gratitude. Character may be manifested in the great moments, but the foundation is made up of the small ones. In the wise words of Winne the Pooh, "Sometimes it's the smallest things that take up the most room in our heart."

Be present in the moments wherever you are, no matter how big and how small.

Well there you go! Thank you so much for telling us some of your story, Jenny! By Isaac Hamilton





CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 20, 2023—First day of the 4th quarter!
- March 22, 2023—Region Solo & Ensemble & Choir Festivals
- March 24, 25,31, 2023—Sound of Music performance in Ely, Nevada, 7:00 pm, MDT
- ◊ April 1, 2023—State Drama Festival
- April 1, 2023—Sound of Music performance in Ely, Nevada, 1:00 pm, MDT
- ◊ April 3-7, 2023—Spring Break!
- April 10-14, 2023—Spirit Week!
- ◊ April 29, 2023—State Solo & Ensemble Festival
- May 1-4, 2023—Testing Week
- May 5, 2023—Spring Concert, 7:30 pm, EskDale Auditorium
- May 10, 2023—Day trip to SLC to see Hello, Dolly! at the Hale Centre Theatre
- May 12, 2023—State Choir Festival
- May 17-22, 2023—EHS Choir Trip to the Oregon Coast!
- May 25, 2023—Highway Cleanup! Last half day of school!
- May 25, 2023—Graduation, 7 pm, EskDale Auditorium

TEACHER FEATURE: LOIS FABER

EskDale High School is lucky to have some amazing teachers. I have chosen to interview Lois Faber, our Drama, Orchestra, and Choir teacher.

Q: What's your favorite subject to teach?

A: Music in general.

Q: When did you figure out you wanted to be a music teacher?

A: When I was a senior.

Q: What is the best part about teaching students? A: Inspiring them to be all that they can be and then watching them do it.

Q: What's your least favorite part about teaching? A: Probably discipline. **Q:** What was the first instrument you learned to play? *A:* Plano when I was 5.

Q: Which instrument is your favorite to play? A: Probably violin but guitar is a close second.

Q: What has been your favorite musical/play that you have taught?

A: I like them all, but I think one of my favorites was Beauty and the Beast.

Thanks, Lois, for answering my questions! All of us students love and appreciate having Lois as our teacher. Her enthusiasm for teaching is inspiring to us all! We are very lucky to have her here at EskDale High School. \Diamond



By Ava Hamilton