



NEWS *from* NOWHERE

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30TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET

Lois Faber has been doing Christmas Banquets for 30 years! That's right: this is the 30th annual Christmas Banquet at EskDale! The month of December is a flurry of activity for all involved with the Christmas banquet!

There are people working on so many things, and it feels kind of rushed while it is going on. Crystal Eldridge works on the set, Janene Eldridge works on all of the costumes for the play. Lois Faber coordinates and teaches all of the kids choir, orchestra, and drama. Dean and Tina Hayward do the lights and sound. There are so many people that help so much with the Christmas banquet!

This year's Christmas banquet is on the 14th and 15th of December. It will start with the orchestra playing Christmas music, then the choir will sing their arrangement of Christmas songs, and then the play will start.

This year the play is called "A Christmas Chaos." It is a chaotic and funny version of Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." It is also quite a bit like "The Play That Goes Wrong." The play is quite humorous and will

hopefully leave all the people who watch it amused.

While all of this is happening, people are working hard in the kitchen to make everyone who attends a

delicious meal. Mary Weight coordinates with parents and volunteers and manages all the kitchen activity. Tabitha and Cheri Phillips prepare the meal, and the food that they make is spectacular. Kenneth Conrad orders all of the food, and he and Annette Faber decorate all of the tables, so that the people who attend can be thoroughly impressed with the decorations and the food. Cecelia Phillips and Gwendy Heckethorn also volunteer by babysitting the young children of attendees.

There are also the people who help with all of the music. Cary Faber accompanies lots of the choir songs and plays the bass in the orchestra. Kiah Conrad is in a brass trio, and John Paul Hayward is playing cello for the women's ensemble song.

Thank you everyone who has helped with this banquet! So much work has been put into this banquet, so thank you so much! ♦

- by Emma Baker

The Christmas Banquet has been around for 30 years, and each year there is one person holding the stress-filled time together: Lois Faber. Each year Lois has to take her time and help the Orchestra, Choir, and drama people. She is truly amazing when it comes to the banquet. I have come up with a list of questions for her to see how it all started.

Q: Why did you guys start the Christmas banquet?

A: "We wanted to start doing choir

tours, so we needed money for choir trips and we wanted to do something different than other people."

Q: Which Christmas Banquet was your favorite?

A: "It's really hard to choose, but probably the year we did 'It's a Wonderful Life.'"

Q: Is it always really stressful getting the music for the Choir and Orchestra?

A: "It's difficult to find music to find music that fits our group."

Q: How do you think this year's Christmas banquet will go?

A: "Because of all the sickness, I think the Christmas Chaos name fits, but I think all the kids will do great."

Q: Which is your favorite part about the banquet?

A: "Seeing all the talents of people come together to make a festive time for people to enjoy!"

Q: Anything to say to the performers?

A: "We will all just do our very best and that will be enough."

Thank you for answering my questions, it is wonderful to hear from the person who started it all. I am truly blown away at how much work these people put into this. This year's Banquet will be very fun, and I am very excited for the years to come. Hopefully the fun overpowers the stress.

It was amazing to hear from Lois and learn more of the background of these productions. We would like to thank everybody who helped with this banquet so much! ♦

- by Britton Faber



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BEHIND THE SCENES

EskDale High School can have the most stressful time of the year around the Christmas banquet as on the stage, a great performance appears effortless, but backstage is quite another story. During backstage it is essential that the actors look at their lines to see what is next, what props they need, and if they have the right makeup and costumes for their roles, which is probably the most stressful part of this entire banquet. Prior to opening hours, students and our teacher, Lois Faber, take turns making sure everyone's instruments are in tune before the orchestra

BAKER & GARRISON CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

For months now, Baker and Garrison schools have been working hard on their annual Christmas Program. The event will start on Wednesday, December 20th at 7:30PM Utah time at the Baker Hall, and will be full of all sorts of entertainment and fun! The event will be packed with singing, dancing, playing music, and more.

As usual, the Baker School orchestra will

starts playing. Maybe it's feeling like we need more time, maybe it's memorizing our lines, or maybe it's the orchestra, but to be honest it's probably a bit of everything.

We all have a love/hate relationship with the Banquets, only because of the extreme stress that comes from memorizing choir songs, the play parts, and still doing all the school work that has to be dealt with at the same time. Practice sessions are a lot of fun, but when the big day arrives, things get serious and all we can do is hope for the best.

The kitchen is another area backstage that is hidden from view for the audience. The

audience is treated to a fantastic three-course meal in the dining area. Thus, things can get really chaotic in the kitchen. Ten or twenty people gathered back there. And although there are others preparing food, cleaning dishes, plating food, serving food, and serving drinks, the parents of the students are fortunate enough to have volunteered in the kitchen during the banquet and are aware of how chaotic it can be. Thanks again once more for showing up and we hope you enjoyed our Christmas program A Christmas Chaos. ◇

- by Diego Huerta

Garrison play is called, but it is supposed to be about animals traveling to places around the world.

After both of the plays are finished, there will be a small dessert and snack potluck for people to enjoy, and Santa will come to talk to the kids at the program. Kids from Baker School seem to be pretty excited about the performances, and I'm excited to see them too! ◇

- by Isaac Hamilton

CAVE PRESENTATION WITH GRETCHEN BAKER

On November 16th, Gretchen Baker was nice enough to come to our school and do a presentation on the Lehman Caves. We got to learn about how the types of caves found in the Great Basin, and the three main ways they were formed. She also talked about the various types of cave decorations and told about how each of the cave formations was created. There is a lot of new science happening about our caves, and scientists are still learning new things about it. For instance, Gretchen told us how the local cave systems have been geologically dated and are

actually much, much older than previously thought.

Later on Gretchen told us about some other cool caves in our area. At the end Some kids were able to test if they could fit through small spaces in a cave by trying to fit through a clothes hanger. The students had fun, and here are some things they learned.

Ernesto A: I learned that caves are tight.

Diego: I wouldn't be able to go in caves because I'm claustrophobic.

we will be talking about.

This past week, we have sent more than half the students home sick - yes, even on the banquet week. The only students who have managed to keep healthy this whole time are: Ella, Aidan, Isaac, and Luis. I am glad that these people did not get this really bad sickness yet. We have no clue what this illness is specifically, but we know that it has caused: nausea, stomach ache, high fever, bad cough, shortness of breath, faintness, lung issues, and extreme fatigue.

Curtis: the turkey mashed potatoes.

Britton : my cousins came and we got to eat a fancy dinner and after that we played ghost in the graveyard

Emma: I got to play spoons with my family and the food was good

Isaac: We ate some really good chicken, and I was going to run but I slept in.



Charlie: You can find the age of caves.

Aidan: I learned about the different ways caves form. ◇

- by Ernesto Duran

ILLNESS STRIKES EHS

These first two quarters of school have already hit us with more sickness than we usually get in a whole year.

We have had three different outbreaks already which causes people to be absent. It has been weird, however, because the first one was not too bad, the second one was worse but didn't get as many kids out of school, but this last one has been a struggle. That is what

Some people were even out for a whole week (or close to a whole week), these people were: Ava, Larissa, Landon, Diego, and Stratton. But let us take a moment and realize that most of the kids doing the banquet are either not feeling good, or haven't felt good leading up to the banquet. So EHS students and teachers, you guys are doing really well and I'm so proud of you for doing this banquet as well as you are. GOOD JOB! ◇

- by Alexa Crouch

THANKSGIVING RECAP

This Thanksgiving almost everyone got sick, but here are some people's favorite part of Thanksgiving.

Strattun: my favorite part was the turkey, the mashed potatoes, the green beans, gravy, pork pie.

Landon: well the food, of course. I got to play a couple of games and we had family over

And that is all of the people that said what they liked about Thanksgiving. ◇

- by Luis Avelar

EHS FALL DANCE

On October 20th, EskDale High School had a fall dance. It was the first one of the year, and it was planned very well by the student council, which is led by Larissa Crouch. This was the first time that some students had actually attended and it was probably the best dance we've had in a while. Here are some people's opinions of the dance:

Ella: *I thought it was fun. It was probably my favorite dance that I've ever been to. I had a good time.*

Alexa: *Oh my gosh it was so much fun!*

Diego: *I feel like it was a lot more active this year, which was good. Better snacks. The grapes were really good. I really enjoyed this first dance of my senior year.*

SNOW COLLEGE TRIP

On Thursday, November 30th, four juniors of EskDale High School made a college visit to Snow College in Ephraim, UT. Our counselor, advisor Colton Griffiths, and office assistant Mary Weight accompanied us. On the visit, a student tour guide led us around campus and shared interesting information about Snow College.

We were able to visit the library area, which was super big and had two or three floors. Many appreciated the visit to the Construction Management facility, which was

SECRET SANTA PARTY

For at least the past 6 years during the holiday season, EskDale High School has been participating in "Secret Santa," a game in which students are secretly assigned another student's name to get a gift for. While participation is not mandatory, generally all the kids in the school want to be involved and get quite excited for it.

TEACHER FEATURE: LOIS FABER

The teachers at EskDale High School are the best. This quarter's paper features Lois Faber! I asked her 10 questions about herself.

Q: How long have you been teaching?

Lois: *You really want to know? This is my 48th year teaching!*

Q: When did you start teaching?

Lois: 1975

Q: Where did you go to college?

Lois: *University of Utah*

Q: What is your favorite class?

Lois: *Music, but really I like teaching kids*

Q: What is the best part about teaching?

Lois: *I don't know, probably that people love music and drama*

Q: What inspired you to become a teacher?

Larissa: *I think it was one of the better dances. And no one cried, so a win is a win. I did well. You're welcome, peasants.*

Luis: *not that much drama, which is a good thing. It was fun. The grapes were good.*

Curtis: *Ehh, It was good. Dawg.*

Britton: *The dance was really fun. I danced with as many people as I could. I was expecting a lot more drama. We should have these a lot more often.*

Emma: *So basically, it was really good, and it was really hype, and there wasn't very much which is really good. And the girlies were super slay.*

Isaac: *I think that it was really fun, and the least drama filled.*

Landon: *It was fun. I think we should do it more often, with more drinks. I think we should*

very large and held incredible machinery designed for woodcutting and cabinet making. A professor there talked to us about Construction Management. We also encountered an engineering professor who let us visit his lab, which was fantastic. We tried to visit the office of our beloved US government professor, Jamison, but he was gone preparing for class.

We walked past the campus bookstore with "merch" and apparel and visited food courts. We went to the sports center and saw the basketball team practicing; we also peeked at the indoor gym. In addition, we saw a

Around Thanksgiving break, students who choose to be involved let Sharon know, and she sends out Secret Santa emails, so no one else knows who has anyone else. This gives everyone a few weeks before the holiday party to purchase their gifts. There are a few easy rules about gifts, such as a \$20 minimum, no used items, etc. During the last week of school before Winter Break, we throw a

Lois: *Ummm, I just wanted to teach other people to love what I love.*

Q: What is your favorite color?

Lois: *Blue and green*

Q: Who is your favorite superhero?

Lois: *Dean and Crystal that volunteer and help people out of kindness*

Q: What is a message do you want to send the younger generation?

Lois: *Work hard and help other people*

Q: What do you do in your free time?

Lois: *Ummm I like to bake unusual things like black licorice and do things with my grandchildren and go to places with my husband like museums.*

Thanks for answering my questions and for being an amazing teacher to feature. ♡



have chocolate milk. We should have better snacks, too.

The couples were: Larissa and Ava, Ella and Ernesto A, Alexa and Ernesto D, Emma and Landon, and Remi and Curtis. Overall, the dance was so much fun. We should have them more often, and apparently the grapes were especially good. ♡

- by Remi Perea

swimming pool with a water yoga class. The trip ended with a late lunch at a pizza place we all enjoyed. We were sent home with Snow College swag bags. Here are some comments from students who attended:

Aidan: *It was fun. Snow College looks like a fun place to go.*

Ernesto A: *Ooh man, it was great, the food was good. I liked our tour guide. He liked the 'your mom jokes' I made, and the pasta was fire.*

Ernesto D: *It was fire bro. NO JAMISON! :(*

- by Charlie Sheppard

school holiday party where we all get together in a circle and spin a wheel with everyone's name on it to determine who gets to open their gift next. In the end, everyone gets a present from someone. This year we will have the holiday and dessert potluck party on December 20th, and we're looking forward to it! ♡

- by Ava Hamilton



- by Curtis Young

WINTER BREAK PLANS

As the year comes to a close, we get to celebrate a holiday that is many people's favorite: Christmas! Christmas means that we get to spend time with family, eat really good food, and get to celebrate! I have had some really great memories of Christmas, and I know that many others have had some of their best memories too! Everyone has plans, and those plans are usually pretty interesting!

Aidan: "I'm going to stay in EskDale and have some good food."

Ernesto A.: "Either go to California or Mexico

to spend time with family."

Ernesto D.: "Stay home and play video games."

Charlie: "Stay home with family."

Ava: "We're going to go to Las Vegas for Christmas."

Matthew: "My family is going to go to St. George to attend a family reunion, it's going to be really fun!"

Alexa: "Sleep a lot. And hang out with family"

Ella: "Sleep, hang out with my family, watch A Christmas Carol at the Hale Theatre, maybe watch the Eras Tour and the new Hunger Games, and that's about it."

Curtis: "Eat good food, sleep, and maybe go to my grandmas."

Larissa: "I have a bunch of family arriving the day of Christmas, so we will celebrate a tad later... Other than that... just chill... sleep... and eat."

Strattun: "My plans for the break are to sleep and spend time with my family. I'll probably try and beat my darksiders game on the xbox 360 and play on my phone."

Remi: "Go to my grandparents house and have fun with them and my cousins." ◇

- by Matthew Baker

DEAR SANTA

For the Christmas season, Santa answered some questions about himself from students at EskDale High School:



Q: Alright Santa, I've got some questions that have been on my mind lately: What is one thing no one knows about you? Your pet

peeve/s? What do you do after Christmas? Do you have any kids (not your elves or your reindeer)?

A: *Hmm. Well, I don't think there's much about me people don't know... Probably that I stepped down as CEO of Christmas Inc. in 2002*

and passed the torch to my buddy Eric. My pet peeves? That would probably go to that 'lump of coal' myth. Coal is harmful to the environment! I just give the bad kids iPads now. After Christmas? Well, I have three summer homes in Hawaii, Switzerland, and Florida. I just pick one each year and laze around until December. I have three kids, but they all grew up and moved away and I don't really talk to them anymore.

Q: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE COLOR?

A: *Red?? Please don't hurt me*

Q: Be honest: what engine do you have on the sleigh? All those presents can't be powered with just Christmas spirit, right?

A: *It's a twin charged 15.6-liter triple block that we run a magical fuel blend through. Normally*

I let it idle while the reindeer pull the sleigh, and then when they get tired I punch it. I can't tell you any more specifications (confidential trade secrets and such) but it's a really awesome piece of engineering.

Q: Why do you use elves? Why not tall people?

A: *Christmas Inc does not discriminate in its hiring process in any way. We currently have 1,342 employees around the world who measure above 6'2. The 'elf' thing is actually an exaggeration of a contract we signed with ELF Logistics back in 1732 to supply us with presents for the kids.*

Q: Why don't you come to my house anymore? :(

A: *Who says I don't? It's a nice house! ◇*

- as dictated to Aidan Faber

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT: DIEGO HUERTA

For this article, I interviewed Diego Huerta. He is one of EskDale High School's two seniors. He's cool... I guess. Just kidding, just kidding. He is pretty cool. Here are his responses to my questions.

What do you want to do after you finish high school?

A: *relax a bit then get ready for the Army.*

What is your dream profession?

A: *some sort of Law Enforcement Job.*

What's your favorite class in school?

A: *CHOIRRRRR!! and orchestra, kind of depends on the song though.*

What is your favorite memory from your high school years?

A: *ooooo I would say the times I've gone to All-State and Honor Choir.*

Do you have a favorite fellow student?

A: *It's honestly pretty hard to have a favorite during your senior year. I'm gonna miss everyone I've gone to school with.*

If you could be any animal, what

would be, and what would your name be?

A: *I would probably be an otter, and my name would be Joshua Otterton.*

Do you have any strange talents?

A: *I can make my leg go around my head.*

Do you have a favorite teacher?

A: *No. They're all my favorite in different ways.*

What is a memorable story about your graduating class?

A: *How can I possibly pick a favorite memory when every single memory at this darling school is infinitely memorable?!*

What is the worst thing about being a senior?

A: *-knowing that I'll have to be an independent adult.*



What is your favorite movie and song?

A: *I have a lot of favorite movies!! I would say all the movies in the Marvel timeline. And for the song I would possibly say something from Queen.*

Thank you Diego for taking the time to answer my questions. We all wish you the best when you graduate. ◇

- by Ella Faber

EVERYONE HAS A STORY—DONNIE CROUCH

Everyone has a story, but out of all of them which one do I want to know more about? Well a story that I look up to, a story I respect, a story that lives around me every day and that was there from my beginning. The story of my Dad, Donald Landon Crouch, or Donnie Crouch.

My dad has a pretty cool story. From a young age he went to places I would only dream of going like for instance when he was fourteen he went to Venice in Italy. So I would love to go to Venice, but he went alone so I would probably freak out.

My dad has met a lot of people but the one person my dad will never forget that he met and talked to was the actor who played Mr. Bean from the TV show (Rowan Atkinson.) He also met the actor

who played Eddie Winslow in Family Matters.

Q1: When and where did you meet Rowan Atkinson?

I met him in Las Vegas in the Four Seasons inside the Veranda restaurant, in 2000 while attending college at UNLV.

Q2: How was your experience in Venice?

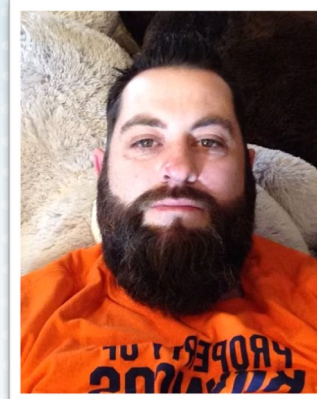
It was AMAZING. I got to see a lot of different sites, just me and a friend.

Q3: What was your favorite 'adulthood from before kids' memories?

Getting married is my favorite thing

Q4: What is one thing you wish you could do again that you have already done?

Go to Europe, specifically Italy.



Q5: What event was your

favorite to celebrate someone with?
The Super Bowl.

Q6: What Event made you glad that someone was there?

Pioneer day on July 24th 1999: the day I met Christina Woods. ♡

- by Landon Crouch

NEW YEAR 'S RESOLUTIONS

It's almost 2024, which means new beginnings and new challenges! What better way to embrace this than to come up with new year's resolutions! So I have gone around and asked a few students what their new year's resolutions are.

Charlie: "to continue working out."

Ernesto A: "I'm going to keep up with my running plans"

Matthew: "I'd like to play more Dungeons and Dragons"

Aidan: "I don't do new years' resolutions."

Diego: "Finish basic training in the army."

There you have it! I'm sure everyone will do their best to stick to these resolutions! Let's get a good kickstart to the new year! ♡

- by Ava Hamilton

SANTA 'S FIRST SIGHTING A CHRISTMAS STORY

On Christmas Eve, a kid was getting cookies ready for Santa and getting a glass of milk. When he finally had everything ready, his parents told him to go to sleep. So the kid gets in bed and starts falling asleep... until he heard something on the roof.

He hurried and got some clothes on and ran down stairs. And then he slowly creeps into the room and sees a boot. He looks closer, and it was Santa! He jumped up and hugged Santa.

Santa was so surprised that there is a child right there. He hugged him back and asked, "Why are you up?"

The kid said, "I heard you and wanted to see you."

"That's very sweet. Now you have seen me, you should go back to bed. Tomorrow is Christmas!"

So then the kid goes back upstairs and falls asleep. Santa finished putting the presents under the tree and then sprinkled some magic dust over the kid so the kid doesn't remember what happened that night. ♡

- by Ernesto Avelar

A CHRISTMAS MEMORY

One time when school was out for break, my grandma and I were getting ready for Christmas Eve. She had me bake cookies and get the milk. But when I opened the oven, there was fire because I must have pre-heated the oven too high. I grabbed the fire extinguisher, and my cookies were no more.

I redid the batch and it was better. But WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T MAKE ME BAKE COOKIES.

After I was done with that batch of cookies, I set them down on the tray with the milk, and I went to bed. I woke up in the middle of the night and went to the couch and fell asleep... but before I did I saw the big man in my house and that's when I fell asleep.

- by Strattun Gilleland



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

December 20, 2023

EHS holiday party and Secret Santa gift exchange!

December 20, 2023

Garrison and Baker Elementary Christmas Programs, Baker Hall, 7:30 MST / 6:30 PST.

December 21, 2023

EskDale High School choir performs at Millard Care and Rehabilitation Center, Delta, 10:00 AM.

**December 22, 2023—
January 2, 2024**

Winter Break!

January 3, 2024

School reconvenes after Winter Break

January 10, 2024

End of 2nd Quarter

January 26-27, 2024

UMEA Honor Choir

January 15, 2024

No School!
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day!

February 15-16, 2024

Parent Teacher Conferences for Garrison, Baker, and EskDale schools

February 19, 2024

No School!
Presidents' Day!

March 7-8, 2024

EHS presents
Les Misérables.
More details soon!

March 12, 2024

ACT test for EHS Juniors

March 15, 2024

End of 3rd Quarter

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