Every other year, EskDale High School does a musical, in 2022 we did The Lion King, and now, two years later, we successively performed Les Misérables. Les Misérables is a play that was written in 1972 in France and is based off of a book by the same name written by Victor Hugo in 1862.

The basic plot of the play is that a man by the name of Jean Valjean stole a loaf of bread to save his sister's son from starving, and spent twenty years in prison. He is released on parole, but due to no one wanting to hire him and being treated like dirt because of being a former prisoner, a bishop takes him in and gives him silver after Valjean tries to steal it, he then rips up his parole note and takes on a new identity. Ten years later he is the mayor of a small town, and after an incident he is caught again. He then successfully runs away and adopts a child by the name of Cosette. There's another ten year time skip, and at this point there is a group of rich college students that want to rebel against the French government. They try and fail, with Valjean saving one of the students by the name of Marius, who loves Cosette. Marius and Cosette get married and Jean Valjean dies in the days following the wedding.

The whole school was incredibly excited for the play and really enjoyed performing it! We've had huge help from several people that need to be mentioned. Lois, for starting the play and being a great director. Crystal and Janene, for making the best set l've seen and for making the incredible costumes that we got to wear. Tina, for controlling the lighting and elevating this show to another level. Dean, for controlling the microphones and putting up with our shenanigans. John Paul, for using his valuable time to help us polish the show and coach us on acting. And many others that helped make the performance as wonderful as it was. Thank you! You all helped make the show incredible, and it wouldn't be the same without you!

At the beginning of the long process of making the show happen there was some contention about the choice of play. Some wanted to do other musicals, but after the first couple of read-throughs everyone was on board with the choice. To everyone who came to the show, thank you! We had a ton of fun putting it together, and we're so happy that you were able to come and see it! $\diamond$

BY MATTHEW BAKER

## BACKSTAGE: LES MISERABLES

Last week was the EskDale High School musical! Many students worked very hard in order to perfect this year's production, Les Misérables! Everyone put a lot of effort into this musical, and we're very thankful for that. The performance might be fun to watch on its own, but have you ever thought about what it's like from the actor's perspective? So much goes on behind the scenes, and we are writing to bring that to light. The school had a few dress rehearsals, and there is a lot to say about what goes on behind the scenes, so we asked a few questions, and here are the answers!
Q: What are your favorite stories that happened backstage?
Larissa (Eponine): When I shmacked into the set walking out.
Luis (Combeferre): When I was walking in the back, and then Curtis was on the ground, so I didn't see him and tripped over him. Isaac (Courfeyrac): One time, Matthew was late to getting in on Emma and Ella's fight scene, so Emma just kept beating up Ella. Landon (Ensemble): One time me, Luis, and Charlie were talking, and Curtis came by, tripped over a basket, and face planted.
Q: What are your favorite and least favorite parts about the performance?
Charlie (Thernardier): I have a funny role, but it is a long and tiring play.
Alexa (Madame Thenardier): The tiredness, and I LOVE the costumes.
Emma (Ensemble): It is really fun to do, but there is a lot of sitting around
Luis: Favorite is that me and Isaac get to use the guns. Least favorite, it is a long play.
Landon: I like how there are a couple of points where everyone is onstage and I don't know about the least favorite part.
Q: What do you like and dislike about your part?
Luis: Some parts are kinda high and I struggle.
Charlie: / like that the character is funny. I wouldn't say I like getting hit.
Alexa: I hate that I'm mean and a child abuser, it makes me VERY uncomfortable. But / like my "Drink with me" character.
Emma: I like that I get to beat up Ella, I don't like the ultra fast costume changes.
Landon: I like how to get to shoot at the barricade, but I wish I had more parts that involve interactions with my sisters.
Q: What was the most difficult or stressful part about this play?
Remi (Ensemble): The time to come in on some of the songs.
Charlie: The singing, holding pitch, and not running out of breath.
Alexa: Having to be so mean to Clara. I'm worried that kids will think l'm acting mean.
Emma: Costume changes and SO MUCH PRACTICE. My voice hurts.
There are some fun stories from the performance nights too! On the Thursday performance, Sharon was doing a scene change, and Britton was in her way, so Sharon shoved Britton out the door to get her scene change done on time. Britton did not fall, but he was shocked for sure! On Friday night, in the scene where the college students die, Isaac fell as if he had been shot, and he hit his head on the floor! Isaac passed out for a few seconds, but he is okay!

So there you have it! This musical was definitely stressful to put together, it took a lot of work from everyone, but it was so worth it to share this musical with everyone who watched. We here at EskDale High School would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible, especially Sharon, John Paul, Lois, Dean, Crystal, Janene, and Tina. You helped put this together, with your amazing directing, costumes, lights and sound, and more. And also, thanks to you, the audience, for coming to watch! $\rangle$

BY EMMA BAKER \& ISAAC HAMILTON


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## VALENTINE'S DANCE

On Friday, February 16th, we had our last school dance for this year. We had everybody in the school go to the dance, and everybody had a great time. Our dance was located at the Baker Hall, and we had the student council decorate it. They had lights all over and for the backdrop for pictures they made a big heart with other hearts. Our chaperones were some parents, and also Mary who is our secretary. It was also the last dance for our seniors Diego Huerta and Larissa Crouch. They both had a fun time hanging with their friends and dancing with them for the last time in high school.

I went around asked people some questions about the dance.

What did you guys think of the dance?
Landon-it was fun and cool especially the pre dinner
Strattun-It was fun for it being my first time coming to one
Emma-it was pretty fun. Definitely not as good as the last
one, but it was still really fun.
What did you like about the dance?
Landon-I liked how many people started to dance Strattun-l liked how everybody did the macarena, that was the best part for me
Emma-The snacks were really good and the decorations
What was your favorite part of the dance?
Landon-The game were the girls put in there shoes and dance with the boy who picks their shoes
Strattun-Just the whole thing was fun Emma-Getting ready and eating dinner at Donnie's, and also the fast songs. $\triangle$ BY ERNESTO AVELAR

## DONNIE CROUCH IN CCA

A few weeks ago, Donnie Crouch came to the junior high CCA class to give his presentation, which was about aviation. The students who attended were Remi, Ella, Emma, Curtis, Luis, Landon,Strattun, and last but definitely not least Britton. He talked about how his job as a helicopter pilot for life flight was hard, especially, if you lost someone. However he did tell us that when his job was successful it was rewarding. And he said the flight drills were very fun.

I asked some of the students how they enjoyed the presentation.
Luis: "Oh, it was the bomb ESPECIALLY when I got to wear the helmet."
Emma: "It was pretty chill, it was pretty interesting. He broke Chad's door." Curtis: "I liked it a lot *thumbs up*" Britton: "It was probably the most fun presentation that we
had except my dad's."
Strattun: "it was the bomb. It was so cool he let us try on his old helmet, I wish he would let us try on to his new helmet. He was a dope guy."
Landon: "I was really excited, and it was even better than I expected." $\rangle$

BY LANDON CROUCH

3 QUARTERS DOWN, 1 TO GO!

It's nearing the end of 3rd quarter, and it feels like this school year has gone by in a flash. Throughout this year we've had so much fun doing all sorts of fun things. We've had a couple of dances which have been so good this year. All State was during 2nd Quarter and four students participated: Larissa, Alexa, Ernesto A, and Aidan. All students were included in the banquet where we performed some choir songs, orchestra pieces, and put on a play.

Shortly after, a group of students attended Honors Choir and had a really fun time. And of course everyone's favorite event so far, Les Mis. We have all been working very hard to put the production together and have had an amazing time!
Q: What is your favorite memory from this year?
Charlie: I would say honors choir was pretty lit

Ernesto A: Playing the part of Javert
Matthew: Practicing for Jean Valjean
Ernesto D: The college tours with Colton
Aidan: Probably our college tours
Larissa: When we each brought stuff to school to make Street Corn at lunch

Diego: When we went to Texas Roadhouse during Honors Choir

Stratton: probably the dance because for it being my first time going it was very good
Landon: The last dance was really fun especially the shoe game where the boys had to pick one of the girls shoe

Luis: probably the dances
Curtis: Working on Les Mis $\diamond$
BY AVA HAMILTON

## HONOR CHOIR

On Saturday, January 27th, at Abravanel Hall in Salt Lake City, eight students from EskDale High School participated in Tenor/Bass and Treble Voices Honor Choir. This event, sponsored by the Utah Music Educators Association, included a day of rehearsal on the Friday before the performance. The Honor Choir directors were Jeremy Baer (Ridgeline High School) and Marueen Hatch (Westlake High School).

Song selections for the Treble Choir included Joyful, Joyful Day! (From "Acis and Galatea") by G. F. Handel arr. Linda Spevecek, A/I Together We Are Love by Katerina Gimon, Ubi Caritas by Dan Forrest, The Universal Whisper (Power) by Dan Hall, and Don't Stop Me Now by Freddie Mercury arr. Mark Brymer. The Tenor/Bass Choir sang Zikrby A. R. Rahman/arr. Ethan Sperry, Pirate Song by Tim Y. Jones, Ceann Dubh Dilis by Michael McGlynn, Feverby R. Sund / Baer, and Tuba/Namhla Kudibene by Michael Barrett. The combined Honor Choir sang Fire by Katerina Gimon, and / Sing Because I'm Happy Music by Charles H. Gabriel arr. Kenneth Paden adapted by Rollo Dilworth.

Questions and answers from Honor Choir Participants:
Is this your first time at Honors Choir?
Larissa: No, I have been many times.
Alexa: Yes.
Neto D: No, my second time.
Ella: Yes.
Ava: No, it is my second time.
Matthew: No, I went last year.
Diego: It is my third.
Did you enjoy it?
Larissa: It was quite fun.
Neto D: Yes, it was very fun.
Alexa: Sure.
Ella: I would go again.
Ava: I did enjoy it.
Matthew: Yeah, it was fun to go to honor choir.
Diego: Most certainly did enjoy it.

## Most memorable part?

Larissa: Chit-chatting with our neighbors.
Alexa: When Ava dropped her necklace behind the fridge
Neto D: Matthew getting a girl's number.
Ella: All of it was memorable.
Matthew: The pirate song and wearing an eye patch.
Diego: Uber Eats at night.
Ava: Meeting the choir kids next to us, having boba with everyone.

## How were the directors?

Neto: The male conductor was great, but the girl was not as good.
Larissa: The guy was really funny, and the girl was ok.
Ava: Our conductor was boring.

Ella: Ours was alright, not as funny as the boys.
Matthew: The male was great; he looked a little bit like Brad Pitt.
Diego: This year's conductor was pretty good, pretty funny, and the pianist was absolutely awesome.
Alexa: The boy one was pretty funny, and the girl one was mean.

## What part were you?

Larissa: Alto 1
Diego: Bass 2
Ella: Soprano 2
Ava: Alto 2
Alexa: Soprano 1
Neto D: Bass 1
Matthew: I was Tenor 2
Favorite song?
Larissa: I did really like 'Fire'.
Neto D: The Pirate Song
Ella: Don't stop me now
 Ava: Fire
Diego: Dis irae
Matthew: The pirate song
Alexa: Fire
Do you have a funny story?
Ava: I don't have any funny stories.
Diego: When I called Texas RoadHouse
Alexa: When we were sitting in the hallway talking.
Neto D: When a girl made Charlie's hair into braids.
Larissa: umm, we went to the gym and basically made up this story. So,
like, the story had these fake people, and they were like cheating on each other, and there was a guy there exercising at the gym too, and we wanted to give him some fake drama; fast forward, we found he was also one of the directors, and Lois knew him really well.
Matthew: No.
Ella: When we first got there, Ava dropped her necklace, and all the boys
were tearing apart the room to find the necklace.
Would you recommend this?
Larissa: Yes
Neto D: Definitely
Diego: Yes
Ava: Yes
Matthew: Yeah, good experience
Ella: Yes
Alexa: Yes
Would you go again?
Larissa: I would, but I will be outta here, sadly.
Diego: I would if I had another year.
Neto D: Yes
Matthew: Yes
Ella: Yes
Ava: I would go again.
Alexa: Yeah $\triangle$

On February 9th, the CCA class had a special guest come. Tori came all the way from Ely to talk about Firefighters and EMTs. Tori's presentation was actually pretty interesting. She talked about the different jobs of what she does. She said that it is very fun most of the time. She was also glad to hear some of us were interested in the job (Strattun especially). I think we should have her out for CCA more often.

I asked some of the students what they thought of the presentation. Here is what they said:
What did you think of Tori's Presentation?

## REGION FESTIVALS

The Utah Music Educators Association (UMEA) runs many different music programs. These programs are usually done in collaboration with the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA) and are separated into specific regions. Participants who do well then go on to the UMEA State programs on April 27th.

This year, though, the UHSAA changed its region boundaries, which ended up moving EskDale High School from its former Region 21 (now 1A Region 22). The former region's Solo \& Ensemble event was held in Tintic. Unfortunately, with the region changes,

Landon: "It was interesting to see how involved EMTs are with the fire department. I wish they would talk more about the equipment, instead of just their own."
Emma: "It was cool, I learned a lot."
Curtis: "It was a good presentation!"
Strattun:"It was good, I really want to become a firefighter." (See what I mean?)
Luis: "10/10, you can play video games and sleep, if you don't get called."

It was great having Tori here. Hopefully she'll come back again to present for the next CCA class. $\rangle$

## BY BRITTON FABER

EskDale participants would have to travel to Kanab on April 15th. Given the long driving distance, permission was asked of another region to participate there instead, changing the location to Parowan instead. This change will put much less strain on the choir, especially in the wake of EskDale's student production of Les Misérables on March 7-8.

Scheduling differences associated with the region changes have also effectively canceled drama, solo, and orchestra region programs, as these all occur during EskDale's spring break. $\Delta$

BY AIDAN FABER

## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT- ADOLFOO IVEROS


funny, chill, and adventure seeking senior who has been finishing his last year at EskDale High School online. He is from Beaver, Utah and plans on going into the military after high school. His favorite class is dirt biking for PE since its fun and entertaining. For fun he likes to dirt bike, play games, and hang with his buddies. In his
spare time he likes to relax as much as possible.

Adolfo is a very helpful person and enjoys helping people if he can. He knows a lot about how to use and fix working equipment. He understands the basics of most handyman services so he is able to do them himself. He is also pretty mean with a rifle and loves to go shooting or hunting. To know more about him I asked him a few questions.

What is your Favorite movie? American Sniper
Favorite show? Supernatural
Do you have any pets? Don't like animals
Favorite song? Gone Away by Five Finger Death Punch
What interests you the most from the military? The mechanic part $\diamond$

## BY ERNESTO DURAN

## WINTER BREAK RECAP

So I am going to ask some questions to some people about what they did for their Christmas break. Christmas break was the 21st of December through the 2nd of January. It was a long break too, which was fun and good. And if you are wondering what I did, all I did is watch Netflix and chill.

Isaac: I went to Vegas and saw my cousins Emma: I chilled with my extended family Britton: SLEEP
Curtis: I got a GoPro and saw my grandma and drove old semis
Luis: umm what did i do uhhh I don't know and don't remember wait i sleeping and ate my mom's good food
Landon: I hung out with my family and it was cool. We played games, ate food and slept, thankfully and that's it.
Larissa: I had a ton of family over
Diego: I hung out with family mostly we had a pot luck with our family and then hanging out with friends
Matthew: For Christmas break my family and I had a reunion in St. George. We rented a house and had about 20 people from all over the country visit. It was really fun!
Emesto A: we were just at home and hanging out with family
Remi: chilled at home with family
Alexa: I sat around and ate food
Charlie: Sleeping. Gaming. Practicing Honors Choir
Ava: I mostly just hung out, I think we went to Vegas but I honestly don't remember.
Aidan: I just sat around and ate, pretty much. Ella: I went to a play, slept, ate food, and hung out with my family.
Emesto D: I went to Mexico.
BY STRATTUN GILLELAND

## SPRING BREAK PLANS

I went around and asked students what they are going to be doing the week of our upcoming Spring Break, which starts March 23 and ends March 31. We are all excited to have this much needed break off from school!
Q: What will you be doing this spring break?
Strattun: Probably go to my aunts' and hopefully get my hair cut because I need it. My cousins say they like it, but I don't like it. It's way too long for me, it gets in my face all the time, and it annoys the living heck out of me.
Remi: I will be cleaning.
Larissa: I am going to Branson
Aidan: Work, sleep and play games.
Alexa: I am going to Missouri with my family
Charlie: Simple stuff - Gaming. Sleeping. Eating.
Relaxing.
Curtis: Goin' to San Diego in a Tahoe with six other
people
Landon: My family will be going to Missouri to see a play (I think) and go to an amusement
park so it should be fun.
Isaac: Going to Vegas and Tucson to see cousins
Emma: I'm going to Arizona to visit family
Britton: I have no idea.
Matthew: I'm going to go visit family in Flagstaff and hopefully relax
Diego: I'm going to Salt Lake for the whole week.
BY LUIS AVELAR
BY LUIS AVELAR

When did you become a principal? About 10 years after / moved out here, so about 1996 and then I retired about 2012 so I was a principal for about 18 years

When did you go into the military? in 1972. When I got in there I was
active for 4 years, and reserve for 20. I retired in 1996.
How many kids do you have? 6 kids and 24 grandchildren.
What is something most people don't know about you? / have never been to South America, or Australia. But / have been everywhere else.

## What did you do while in the

 military? For my 4 years in active duty, I was in the operations department. I planned and captained the naval ships made for landing helicopters. Then for my 20 years reserve duty, once a month / went to trainings in Salt Lake City for a weekend and had to spend 2 weeks on a ship a year.Well there you are folks,
that was a featurette on Ed Alder who answered all my questions about his life.

Here are some things that Ed likes:
playing with all of his 24 grandchildren
50s and 60s rock
farming
I learned something about Ed like he drove helicopter landing ships and taught in Idaho. I would like to thank Ed for answering my questions and you for reading it! $\rangle$


TEACHER FEATURE: TERESA CONRAD


For this quarter's teacher feature, I chose to interview Teresa Conrad. Teresa is awesome. This year, she teaches Geography, Earth Science, Physics, and all of the math (7-11), but in other years she also teaches US History, World History, and Geology. We are extremely grateful to have such an amazing teacher like Teresa. Here are her responses to some questions I asked: - How long have you been teaching? About 43 years.

- What college did you attend?

I got a bachelor's degree from Utah State University up in Logan. I got my teaching certificate from Southern Utah University.

- What do you do in your free time?

Lately l've been doing some rock hounding. I enjoy reading, listening to music, and hiking in the summer.

- How long have you lived out here?

Most of my life except for when I went to school.

- Who's your favorite student?

Whatever student I'm with is my favorite. (Ella's interpretation is that it's her).

- What is the best part about teaching? When I work with students who are interested in learning. That's really fun.
- What is the worst part about teaching?

When you don't know how to motivate students to learn.

- What is your favorite class to teach?

It's hard to pick because I like them all.

- Where would you really like to go someday?
I want to go to the UK. Go visit some of the historical places.
- Do you think you're going to retire?

I'm planning on it. Next year might be my last year.

Thank you so much Teresa for taking the time to answer my questions and for being such an amazing teacher. I couldn't think of a better person to teach me math! $\rangle$

## ADVICE FROM MADAME THÉNARDIER

Oh hello you peasants, come to read my article have you? Well aren't you lucky! These buffoons asked me to do an advice column on account that I am wiser than all of you. Now I know you all must have so many questions, after all if I was as clueless as you I would want to ask hundreds of questions to a wise, beautiful, woman such as myself. However, I don't have time for you and will only answer a few of your questions.
Q. What middle name should I pick for my child?
A. Well it should be a mighty name, a great name......like Madame Thénardier, for example.
Q. How do I get a boy to notice me?
A. You could do what I did to Mr. Thénardier. I told him "You better notice me cause no one is gonna notice you with you looking like that."
Q. What is a good hobby?
A. A nice cup of win- I mean coffee and a nice book.... That you can use to hit someone with and take their watch.

## Q. Is being mean to your child bad?

A. Not if they were once cute and helpful and now they are a love sick puppy and a blundering idiot like my Éponine.
Q. How do I survive the revolution?
A. You don't. But I will gladly take good care of your stuff for you.
Q. How do I become rich?
A. Hard work...... *laughs* just kidding, Stealing.
Q. Should I go to college?
A. No, it's a waste of time. You should be out terrorizing the town instead.
Q. Is there a possibility I have too much money?
A. Absolutely, I will gladly help you by taking some of it off your hands.
Q. Do you believe in "wholesome moments"?
A. Ah yes, I can recall a time when my little Éponine stole her first wallet, she said that she "had a right to take it cause my mama says I'm better than Cosette". It's stuff like that that brings tears to a mothers eyes.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 18, 2024-First day of the 4th quarter!
- March 25-29, 2024—EHS Spring Break!
- April 4, 2024—EHS Juniors tour Utah Tech University
- April 15, 2024-Choir Region in Parowan, Utah.
- April 19, 2024—EHS school tour of IPP
- May 6-9, 2024-State testing week for grades 7-10
- May 10, 2024-Choir State (if qualified)
- May 16, 2024 -Spring Concert, 7:30pm, EskDale Auditorium
- May 20, 2024-Geology Field Trip for grades 7-9
- May 23, 2024-Highway cleanup! Last half day of school!
- May 23, 2024 -EHS Graduation, 7pm, EskDale Auditorium

