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## UTAH HISTORY FIELD TRIP!

### This is the Place Heritage Park

On February 21st, the junior high school went to Salt Lake City for their Utah History trip. We took the school suburban, which barely-but-safely held all eight students and our teacher Sharon Conrad.

When we got to Salt Lake, we went up to the This Is The Place Heritage Park. This monument is very important to Utah History because in 1847, Brigham Young entered the valley and looked over the area where Salt Lake City was to be built and famously said, "This is the place."

The Heritage Park was a very cool

place to visit, and it was very fun to see all the historic buildings and actors. Our class went to four historic places on our interactive tour: the schoolhouse (with a lesson from Miss Facer the teacher), the blacksmith shop where we watched the



blacksmith make a cool metal leaf, the fort, where we got to see our guide fire an antique rifle, and lastly, the tanner shop,

where our guide explained how to make things with leather.

### The Utah State Capitol Building

The next tour stop in SLC was the Utah State Capitol building. The students arrived early and were able to walk around the outside of the building to see the various monuments, such as the Mormon Battalion Monument and the Peace Officers' Memorial. When we finally entered the building, we were joined by our docent who was an excellent guide through the historical features and stories of each room within. Because we visited while they were in session, we were able to see both sides of the Utah Legislature in action. We visited the House assembly room and witnessed them vote.

Afterwards, we saw the Senate room and their voting process. The last place we went was technically outside the Capitol building and down below it, where we were able to see the base isolators (base isolators are beams made of lead and rubber that work as shock absorbers that can shift the building above 2 feet in any direction to avoid major earthquake damage). It was a great tour overall and very interesting. Sharon (who brings the new junior high classes here

every other year) said this was the best tour guide yet.

### Q: What was the most interesting part of the Capitol building?

**Isaac D:** The golden staircase because it cut me.

**Strattun:** The paintings mostly because they had someone go up with no harness on and that's freaky.

**Eligh:** the tractor and the golden staircase.

**Stran:** The monuments outside.

**Cayman:** Probably the room made of gold

**Sharon:** I enjoyed sitting in the Legislative sessions.

**Camber:** I liked watching the legislative branches vote.

**Landon:** I liked seeing the base isolators and the monuments outside.

**Britton:** The Capitol Dome

### Q: What was

### your favorite fact about the building?

**Isaac D:** that it can withstand a 7.5 earthquake

**Strattun:** when they said it could withstand a big earthquake

**Eligh:** that it is now earthquake proof

**Stran:** how much gold the golden room had

**Cayman:** the part about the earthquake

**Sharon:** I really love all the marble and paintings.

**Camber:** I liked learning about the gold room and how much it cost

**Landon:** I liked that the biggest bird painted on the ceiling has a six foot wingspan.

**Britton:** The Golden room cost like millions of dollars by itself



I interviewed some of my classmates about how they liked the monument.

**Stran:** "My favorite part was the blacksmith. IT HAD MINI LEGO SWORDS!"

**Strattun:** "Yes I enjoyed it. My favorite places are the blacksmith and the school. Their alphabet was very confusing and dumb."

**Landon:** "It was really cool to see the historic buildings and how they were built."

**Cayman:** "It was good and I liked it. I liked the Blacksmith."

**Camber:** "It was fun."

**Isaac D:** "My favorite part was when the guy at the fort shot the gun (it had a blank)."

**Eligh:** "My favorite part was going to the fort and him SHOOTING THE GUN!"

My (Britton) personal favorite was learning the Deseret alphabet. It was very fun to write in that alphabet. As you can see my class really had fun at this stop on our trip. ♡

**By Britton Faber**

### Q: If you could pick any season ( Winter, Spring, Summer, and Fall) to go to the Capitol, when would you go and why?

**Isaac D:** Spring, 'cause it's gonna be warm and you don't have to worry about the snow

**Strattun:** summer because it's warmer and it's also nice

**Eligh:** Spring because of the flowers

**Stran:** fall because it's not too cold and just right

**Cayman:** Probably in the summer because I'd get to see the trees and flowers and I would take my family.

**Sharon:** I would go in late spring when the cherry blossoms are blooming, and it's all green and really pretty

**Camber:** Spring because that's when the cherry blossoms are on the trees

**Landon:** I would go in fall because the colors the trees would have

**Britton:** Spring cause the grass is green and the trees are blossoming

### Q: What was your favorite memorial?

**Isaac D:** The Vietnam memorial

**Strattun:** My favorite memorial was probably the Police one

**Eligh:** The Vietnam memorial

**Stran:** The Police Officers' memorial

**Cayman:** The Peace officers memorial

**Sharon:** I liked the peace officers memorial

**Camber:** The peace officers memorial

**Landon:** I liked the Veteran's memorial

**Britton:** The Vietnam memorial

In the end of the trip the JR high went home and told stories about their adventures to their parents and siblings. The trip was a long day full of excitement and joy, so by the end of it everyone wanted to go home. ♡

**By Camber Perea  
& Landon Crouch**

## CITIZEN'S ARREST-SPRING PLAY

park setup: with a variety of fake

On Friday, February 28th, EskDale High School put on our spring play, "Citizen's Arrest." The performance went quite well, and a minimal amount of lines were forgotten.

Citizen's Arrest is a short play about a man named Dennis who drops his candy bar wrapper on the ground, and a woman named Donna who confronts him about it. A lot of really funny characters are added throughout the play, and there are also some goofy jokes cracked.

The costumes were so amazing, and a lot of the audience really appreciated Landon's especially (which was an exaggerated hippie costume). The set was also pretty great—a city

plants and benches.

It took a lot of looking through plays to land on "Citizen's Arrest," and it was a good fit for our drama class. A lot of the comedy plays that people write are really cheesy and not actually very funny. With this one, Lois picked a play that actually is pretty funny.

The performance was the best run through lines-wise. Some of the funny jokes did flop during the performance. However, most of them were still pretty funny, and no one forgot any major lines or jokes.

We want to extend a massive thank you to everybody who helped! We couldn't have



pulled off this play without Lois directing us, Dean Hayward on mics, Yudnelly Avelar on lights, and Ashley Eldridge on set and costumes.

And thank you all for coming! ♡

**By Emma Baker**

## UPCOMING HAWAII TRIP!

swim, and be with the homies, and eat Hawaii fruit."

On Wednesday May 14th, EskDale High School will get on a bus to Salt Lake City for the Hale Centre Theatre and not return home until the following week—because we will be off to Hawaii!

The students and faculty will be watching Hale Centre Theatre's student matinee production of *Finding Neverland* on the afternoon of May 14th. That evening, they'll stay at a hotel near the airport because the morning of May 15th, the school heads to Salt Lake City Airport for their very early flight to Hawaii. The flight is scheduled to be around six hours and will land in Honolulu.

Here are some thoughts and feelings on the upcoming trip.

**Q. What is something you are looking forward to the most?**

**Curtis:** "Being somewhere that is not in this little valley. I'm excited to see the big water. And drink it."

**Ella:** "Going to Hawaii for the first time. And I'm kinda excited to go on the plane again.

Also to hang out with people because that will be fun, and sing for people."

**Luis:** "I'm really excited about the beach."

**Sharon:** "I'm excited about snorkeling, and the hike to the falls, and for the historical stuff like Pearl Harbor."

**Emma:** "I am SOOOOO (sings) excited to be in the ocean, and

**Q. What do you think about the play being connected to our flight the next day?**

**Isaac H:** "It's gonna make the trip feel a lot longer, and we will probably get to go to Walmart so that's a win."

**Ernesto D:** "It makes me feel really happy 'cause then we have one big trip instead of two small ones."

**Ava:** "Super nice."

**Q. What do you plan on doing on the trip?**

**Charlie:** "I don't know. Shopping."

**Ernesto A:** "I want to do some hikes. Also dig a giant hole on the beach."

**Aidan:** "Probably walk and look at the ocean, and enjoy it."

**Isaac H:** "I'm gonna dig holes and build sand castles."

**Remi:** "I want to mess around in the sand, and maybe swim."

A lot of people seem to be really excited. And they have the right to be considering the plans that are on our schedule.

Here are some of the plans that are on our itinerary:

### Thursday, May 15:

- 5 AM, on the flight from SLC to Hawaii
- 1:15 PM (HST), Arrival and Lunch OYO
- 3-5:00 PM, Tour the Dale Plantation
- 6 PM, go to the hotel and have dinner. Go to beach

### Friday, May 16:

- 6-7:15 AM, Breakfast at hotel
- 9-11:30 AM, Tour at pearl Harbor
- 12-1 PM: lunch
- 2-4 PM: Univ of Hawaii tour and workshop
- 4:30-6:30 PM, beach time
- ~~~, dinner, hotel

### Saturday, May 17:

- 6-9 AM, breakfast, and snorkeling at Hanauma Bay
- ~~~, lunch
- 2:15-3 PM, Perform at pearl Harbor
- ~~~, dinner, hotel

### Sunday, May 18:

- 6-7:15 AM, Breakfast
- 7:45-9:15 AM, Aloha stadium swap meet
- 10-4 PM, Sea Life Park, lunch
- 5-5:45 PM, Natl Memorial Cemetery
- ~~~, dinner, Hotel

### Monday, May 19:

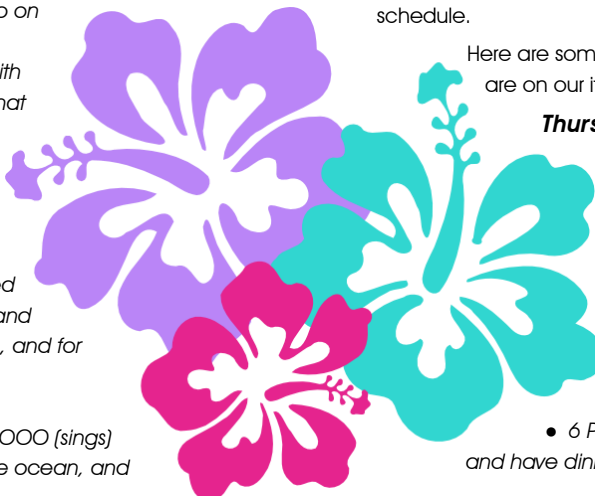
- 6-8:15 AM, Breakfast
- 8:15-9:15 AM, driving to Waimea falls
- ~~~, Lunch
- 12:30 PM, PCC Tour/Perform
- ~~~, PCC Luau Dinner
- ~~~, dinner, hotel

### Tuesday, May 20:

- 5 AM, heading to airport for flight home, Get snack there
- 7 AM, depart
- Late PM (MDT), Arrive in SLC, and probably head home.

Some plans are still tentative, but we are all getting very excited for this epic end of school year adventure. Gotta get through fourth quarter first! ♡

**By Alexa Crouch**



## UMEA HONOR CHOIR

On January 23, nine students from EskDale High went to Salt Lake City for the 2025 UMEA Honor Choir. The participants were Ava, Emma, Ella (me), Remi, Aidan, Matthew, Isaac, Ernesto A, and Ernesto D. The girls rehearsed at Herriman High School, and the guys practiced at some middle school (they forgot which one). We left on Thursday afternoon, and practiced all day on Friday, the 24th, for about 2-3 hour periods. Then on Saturday, the 25th, the girls lined up at Abravanel Hall early in the morning so we could get some practice in before the guys arrived.

The girl's director was really fun. She had lots of energy and brought all our songs to life. The guy's director was really cool, too, and they had a bunch of fun songs. We practiced our SATB songs all together, then the girls left so the guys could rehearse their songs. Then we

walked around the mall and ate/shopped until we performed the main concert at 1 p.m.

Overall, we had a really fun trip and I definitely can't wait for more fun trips like this in the future. Here are some interviews that I did.

**Q: How did you feel about Honors this year?**

**Isaac:** *It was pretty fire. The people in my section were really weird, but being with gang was chill.*

**Emma:** *I had a lot of fun and I really liked our director.*

**Remi:** *It was really fun and very interesting for a first time experience.*

**Q: Would you like to go again?**

**Isaac:** *Mm yeah. I'd like to go again.*

**Emma:** *Oh yeah. For sure.*

**Remi:** *Probably yeah.*



**Q: Rate your overall experience.**

**Isaac:** *8/10. Dave's Hot Chicken was fire.*

**Emma:** *I'd say 8.5/10.*

**Remi:** *9.5/10*

I had a really fun time too, and I would love to go again. We are all extremely grateful we have the chance to experience events like this. ♡

**By Ella Faber**

## UPCOMING TRACK SEASON

A track and field team is being reintroduced into EskDale High School. The coach is Gretchen Baker, and we will be starting training March 11th. Anybody in grades 9-12 who meet the academic qualifications are allowed to sign up. The team will be focused not on competition, but on getting the feel of the sport. Next school year (2025-2026), Gretchen will also be coaching Cross Country in addition to Track.

I've decided to interview people who are interested—or at least on the fence about joining the EskDale track team.

**Q: How do you feel about the upcoming track team?**

**Emma Baker:** *I'm excited, I hope it's fun and we get the feel of it and all that jazz.*

**Curtis Young:** *I feel like there's gonna be some good people and some bad people.*

**Ernesto Duran:** *I'm still not 100% sure I want to do it.*

**Ernesto Avelar:** *Uhh, I think it's a good idea, a little too late though.*

**Q: What events during the practices are you most excited to try out?**

**Emma Baker:** *I'm really excited for meets, and I really want to try out hurdles, I suppose.*

**Curtis Young:** *Throwing stuff.*

**Ernesto Duran:** *110 meter hurdles sounds fun.*

**Ernesto Avelar:** *Probably the javelins, and probably like the 100m sprint.*

**Q: For the competitions, what events do you plan on training for?**

**Emma Baker:** *I really don't know, I'm just gonna see what I'm good at.*

**Curtis Young:** *Anything that I like, but not running.*

**Ernesto Duran:** *The hurdles sound good.*

**Ernesto Avelar:** *Probably the ones I said.*

So, all in all, track will likely be pretty enjoyable for those who are participating. We would like to extend a special thank you to Gretchen Baker for giving us students the opportunity to join track and field once again. We hope for a good season and I hope that everybody who joins enjoys it! ♡

**By Isaac Hamilton**

## GUEST CONCERT & PRESENTATION

building itself



Mike Murray is an Opera singer and violin maker that will be coming to EskDale High School on March 14th. He originally studied violin-making at Peter Prier Violin Making School

of America located in Salt Lake City. He and a friend also started their own Violin / string shop called CMC strings. Though the actual

was then bought out by a company buying land, he now works on instruments at home. Even though he majored in business during college he still sang in choirs. Recently He received an opportunity to join the University of Utah Opera program and is finishing his master's degree in spring.

### How This All Started

Lois Faber, the orchestra and chorus teacher for EskDale High School first met Mike Murray at CMC Strings while getting some instruments repaired. As she visited him frequently every time an instrument needed to be fixed, he



told more about his love for singing and how he sang in choirs while he was in junior high and high school.. Lois then Invited him to share some of his singing talent with the students and also talk about violin making.

He will be doing workshops with the students of EHS and Baker Elementary on Friday March 14th, and then performing a concert for any who wish to attend that evening at EskDale

Auditorium, 7:30 pm. ♡

**By Isaac Duran**

## CHARLIE SHEPPARD

As the school year comes to an end we also come to our final newspaper (since we won't be able to do one for the last quarter because of the trip.) For this quarter I get the chance to interview Charlie Sheppard for senior spotlight.

Charlie is a silly, goofy, smart guy who was born and raised in this same valley. He is also an extraordinary gamer and quick learner. Over the years of knowing him, he's always been outgoing and brought joy to the people around him.

Here are some questions I've asked him with his response.

**Where are you going after High School?**  
Colorado

**If you have a favorite peer, who is it?**  
Just Ava

**What's your biggest trigger?**

*August Rush, When it smell really bad*

**Who's your favorite music artist?**

*C'mon, bruh, you already know. Kendrick Lamar*

**Do you ever plan on coming back to this valley?**

*For my parents or if we do a family reunion and maybe to hike Wheeler Peak*

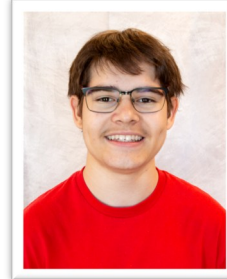
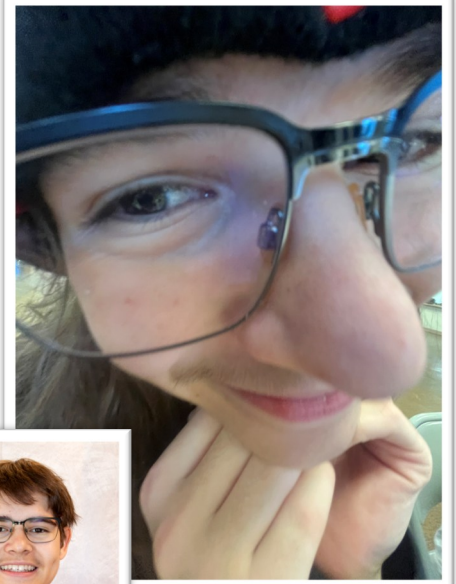
**What's your dream job?**

*Streaming on games, lowkey I'm not even gonna lie, becoming a music artist.*

**Do you plan on getting another pet when you move out?**

*Probably not*

As you can see Charlie has plans out of state after graduation. He will be missed by all. ◇



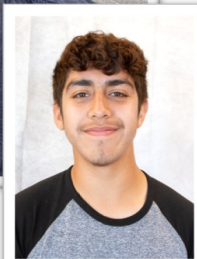
By Ernesto Duran



# SENIOR SPOTLIGHTS



## ERNESTO DURAN



We have 6 seniors this year, and we have interviewed everybody but Ernesto Duran, who I get to interview now.

Ernesto was born in Mexico and moved here when he was 3 years old. He has always been the one to be funny and always kind to everybody. He is in the Army Reserve, and he will be leaving for basic training two weeks after graduation in May. He will be going to Oklahoma for basic and then on to Virginia for his job training with the Army.

I have asked him a few questions, and here they are.

**What are you excited to do after graduating?**

*I am excited to leave and explore new places.*

**Where will you be going to college?**

*I haven't decided yet but is it between Utah Tech, UVU, and The U.*

**What will you be studying in college?**  
*Computer science.*

**Is there anything you are excited for coming up soon?**

*The boys trip that we are trying to plan during Spring Break.*

**What has been your favorite part of school?**

*The five friends I have been able to hang with through this school year.*

**What would be your dream job?**

*I would like to be an entrepreneur.*

**What is your favorite movie?**

*Cars.*

**Is there anything you would change about yourself?**

*Just try to be a little more confident.*

Well that is all the questions I have, and we are all excited for Ernesto to go on and live his best life! ◇

By Ernesto Avelar

# EVERYONE HAS A STORY: BUFFY PEREA

This article of "Everyone Has a Story" is about my mother, Elizabeth Timm Perea - a.k.a. Buffy. I chose my mom because I love her, she is an amazing person, and also because I am a procrastinator and I get it from her.

She is 37 years old and is the 3rd of six children. She works as a teacher's aid at Garrison Elementary School. In this article she will reveal the answers to a couple questions I had for her.

## What is your favorite childhood memory?

"Our yearly camping trip with my grandparents and whole family. Eating my grandpa's sourdough pancakes."

## What is the dumbest thing you did as a kid?

"Where do I begin?! One thing I always remember is the time me and my cousin got sick from eating nothing but Pepsi and Peeps all day. The High school was on spring break but I still had my online classes, so my cousin came to the school with me to help kill time between classes. All we brought with us were Pepsi and Peeps. We were more than happy to join the Board members for lunch when they invited us."

## What is something that got you in major trouble with your parents?

"I can't answer that one."

## How long have you lived in Baker?

"I have lived in Baker for about a year and three months, but I have lived in Snake Valley for all but four years of my life. I moved back in 2009."

## What is your favorite place to visit and why?

"Probably my parents place in Callao because I get to see my mom and dad, and I usually get to see my three younger siblings and their families."

## What did you want to be when you grew up?

"I like kids and always wanted to be a teacher, but figured I shouldn't because of my temper. Probably should have stuck with it though because look where I am now."

## What are some sports you did in high school?

"I did all the sports that were available to us, and if you didn't join, you would be left out of school trips. I did cross country, volleyball, basketball, and track, where I did the 200 meter, 400 meter, discus, and shot put."

## Who is your favorite sibling?

"I don't have a favorite sibling. We all get along in our own ways. But my two sisters are the ones I reach out to when I need to talk."

## Have you ever crashed a vehicle?

"Weeeelllll.... four days before my 16th birthday, my little sister and I were heading back from changing sprinklers for a neighbor. We were joking around, and my sister



grabbed the wheel and tugged on it. I went to correct, and the brakes locked so we went sliding off the road. We did not roll, but it bent the axles and the car was no longer drivable."

## What is your favorite thing about being a mom?

"I love watching my kids grow and seeing the wonderful girls they are all becoming. And the hugs, you can't forget about the hugs."

I hope these questions have helped learn a bit more of my mother's past. To be honest, some of them left me with more questions than answers. Way more questions than answers. Thanks, Mom! ♦

By Remi Perea

# TEACHER FEATURE: LOIS FABER

Lois Faber is the amazing music and drama teacher at EskDale High School (and also teaches intro music at Baker Elementary). We chose to interview her and feature her in this edition of our school newspaper! Here are the questions we asked her and her answers.

## How old are you?

3 score and 10

## How long have you been teaching?

50 years!

## How many grandchildren do you have?

20

## How was your recent hip-replacement surgery?

I am in sooo much less pain than I was before. It is great.

## What was your least favorite surgery?

knee



i robot

## Are you excited for the upcoming Hawaii trip?

super excited!

## Will you go snorkeling or stay on the beach?

not sure

## Why did you start teaching?

because I love music and I wanted other people to love it too.

## What's are your favorite hobbies?

Music, yard work, hiking, baking, family, and life

## What was your favorite choir trip?

all of them

## What do you like more, choir or

orchestra?

both for different reasons

## What's your favorite holiday?

Thanksgiving

## What was your favorite class when you were a child?

music class

## What is your favorite instrument?

violin and guitar but I love them all for their sound

## What was your favorite spring play?

I have a really hard time choosing favorites

## What was your favorite banquet?

it's like choosing a favorite child - I can't choose.

## What was the hardest musical to put on?

Les Misérables

## How many children do you have?

Seven

## What is your favorite part about teaching?

when my students start to love music.

## Hardest banquet to put on?

It's a Wonderful Life.

Thanks to Lois for answering our questions and for being such a great teacher and inspiration! ♦

By Stran Elmer & Eligh Young

# CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ **March 10, 2025**—First day of the fourth quarter!
- ◇ **March 13, 2025**—Morning workshop on Great Basin Weather
- ◇ **March 14, 2025**—Mike Murray workshops, evening concert 7:30 pm.
- ◇ **March 19, 2025**—Region Solo & Ensemble festival
- ◇ **March 21, 2025**—Region Drama festival
- ◇ **March 28, 2025**—Track meet: Juab Invitational
- ◇ **April 5, 2025**—Track meet: Richfield Invitational
- ◇ **April 8, 2025**—Region Large Group festival
- ◇ **April 12, 2025**—Possible Track meet: Milford Invitational
- ◇ **April 14-18, 2025**—Spring Break!
- ◇ **April 23, 2025**—School Picture day
- ◇ **April 26, 2025**—Possible Track meet: Delta Invitational
- ◇ **April 28-May 2**—Testing Week at EHS
- ◇ **May 2-3, 2025**—Track Region: Wendover Invitational
- ◇ **May 7, 2025**—Spring Concert
- ◇ **May 9, 2025**—State Choir Festival (if we qualify)
- ◇ **May 14, 2025**—HCT's *Finding Neverland*
- ◇ **May 15-20, 2025**—EHS trip to Hawaii!
- ◇ **May 22, 2025**—Last half day, highway cleanup
- ◇ **May 22, 2025**—Class of 2025 commencement at 7 pm

