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By Jessica Hyde

Jon Villani, (junior), returned home on February 26 from the USASA Nationals at the Snowbasin Resort outside of Salt Lake City, Utah, boasting first place in both of his snowboarding events.

Villani raced 63 other snowboarders, some of them pros. Villani said that this was by far the longest race in distance that he has ever competed in.

Villani said, "It was intense because it was like a minute in a half of sprinting and you wanted to fall down at the end."

Jon admitted that he was nervous about racing at first, but it got easier. Villani said he concentrates on getting down the hill smoothly while he's racing.

Jon had the opportunity to train with some Olympic coaches. He also met some professional racers.

"Most of the pro racers were really nice and



Photo by Roxanne Radder

Jon Villani (junior) races down the mountain during States March 16.

even gave me some little tips on what to do," said Villani.

Jon has raced in CNISF, States, National qualifiers, and is going to the Next Level snowboard camp 3/21-3/31. Villani took first in the State Tahoe Qualifiers,

fourth in giant Slalom in States at Mammoth CNISF, ninth in Slalom in States at Mammoth, and sixth in all State Championship, at Mammoth.

Villani recently hurt his back, but with

chiropractics, it healed enough before he had to race in Utah. Jon had a two second lead over the second place snowboarder in this qualifying race. The National Finals take place on March 27 in Northstar Tahoe. Villani said,

"Motivation has been my key, never giving up."

Villani has been snowboarding since he was in third grade and race boarding since he was in sixth grade. His first race was when he was 15 years old at Mt. Shasta with the EHS snowboarding team, and he's been racing ever since. Jon hopes to become a pro boarder in the near future.

Villani hopes to be in the 2010 Olympics. He will be competing in junior world cup races this year as a step toward the Olympics.

Jon said he succeeds by never giving up, doesn't stop thinking about snowboarding, and tries to get different coaches for different points of view. Before he races he visualizes where the tough key gates are, like a double gate. He visualizes himself making the tightest line around the gate.

## Unification Goes to Voters

By Antonia Cornell-Banke

On March 9, 2006 the State Board of Education (SBE) in Sacramento voted 6-2 in favor of the four Scott Valley school districts unifying. The decision now goes to the voters in November.

Mrs. Freda Walker, Etna Union High School District Superintendent stated, "I was impressed with the time and effort that the SBE took on the unification of the Scott Valley School Districts."

However Mr. Glen Harris, Etna Elementary District Superintendent, "I am disappointed because I don't feel we had enough time to present our point of the subject" at the March 9 hearing.

He also said that each person was given approximately two minutes to present his or her findings and beliefs of the subject. He believes this is a not enough time considering the complexity of the subject. Also Harris said that he was disappointed in the actions of the SBE board members because he feels that many did not know the issue as well as they should have.

The meeting was open to the public, and present were people in favor and opposed to unification along with some present for informational purposes. Present in support of unification were Mr. Randy Eastlick, president of Etna Union High School Board of Trustees, Mr. Joe Grigsby, Fort Jones School Board of Trustee, and Walker. Present in opposition were Harris and Mr. John Holliday, Quartz Valley School District

Superintendent. Present to report their informational findings were Mr. Larry Shirey from the California Department of Education, Ms. Barbara Dillman, Superintendent of Siskiyou County schools, and Mr. Joe Guerra, Siskiyou County Office of Education Accountant.

Now that the SBE has approved of the unification, the voters will make the final decision in November leaving only eight months for the people to become informed.

This may be a problem because when informally surveyed many Scott Valley residents and EHS students did not know what the unification proposal is much less the details and reasoning for it.

Contrary to what some misinformed students think, unification does not mean all Valley students will attend school in the same building.

Walker says that she will try to inform the people by sending out pamphlets and holding focus group meetings, though it will be up to the people to get involved. Her main interest is to determine current concerns and educate the people on this subject.

When asked their opinion on this subject teachers and staff seem to agree on one thing, they want what is best for the kids, though they do not agree on what that would be.

Mr. Jim Morris, Ag teacher, said, "I believe that the unification is good for the kids, and anything that is good for the kids is a great idea."

## Spanish Club Vistits Mexico



Photo by Caitlin Olson

Antonia Cornell-Banke, center, Sarah Knox, in back, and Abby Zufelt, right, participate in a Spanish lesson at the Center of Languages in Mexico.

By Caitlin Olson

On February 19 at 3:45 am, eleven Spanish club students and three chaperones departed for Ensenada, Mexico. They spent one week exploring the culture of the area. The students got back early on February 25.

First they traveled by van to Sacramento to the Southwest Airlines terminal. There was a problem with the plane, so it had to be delayed. One passenger on the plane could not understand what the problem was because she only spoke Spanish; Senora Marx volunteered to translate for her. Finally, the Spanish club flew to San Diego and then took a trolley to the border. Afterwards, they walked across the border, took another bus from Tijuana to Ensenada and then took a taxi to The Center of Languages.

The students participating in the trip were Alicia Derry (senior), Sarah Knox (senior), Antonia Cornell-Banke (junior), Vanessa Brown (junior), Hillary Plank (junior), Tezca Quintero (junior), Avery Shepard (junior), Michelle Westbrook (junior), Mac Whitman (junior), Abigail Zufelt (junior), and Caitlin Olson (sophomore). The chaperones were Senora Jeffy Marx, Anita Shepard, who is Shepard's grandmother, and Crystal Blanchette, a friend of Cornell-Banke.

The students spent a lot of time beforehand preparing for their trip. They raised money by selling chocolate, oranges, and tickets for a Mexican dinner, which brought in \$600 required per student for the trip.

The students stayed with assigned families who cooked authentic food. The meals mainly consisted of bread, beans, and cheese. "I loved the tacos at the taco stand that we went to," said Cornell-Banke.

Everyone had to adjust to the different lifestyle of eating in Mexico. In Mexican culture, it is the custom to eat a regular breakfast in the morning, then a really big meal in the afternoon after school around 3:00 pm. At about 8:00 pm they eat a light supper. This is different from the usual big dinner most Americans experience in the US.

The students went to a school for classes everyday at the Center of Languages. They attended classes from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm. There were about six students in each class. There were three different levels of study. After the day classes, the students went to other places in the area to experience the culture.

On Monday, they went downtown and shopped in the local stores. The students had to use their Spanish skills to bargain with the storeowners to get the prices of the products down.

They went to La Bufadora on Tuesday. La Bufadora is a natural phenomenon in Mexico. The name literally translates to "blowhole" because a deep underwater canyon leads to the cave in the cliff. Whenever a wave comes up, it is headed through the canyon and forced beneath the surface into the narrow, tunnel-like entrance of the cave, which cre-

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# WASC to Visit School

By Mary McDonald

I'm sure all of you have noticed the janitors scrubbing and painting the walls during school hours, why the sudden attention? They are doing this because they need to prepare the school for the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC) accreditation team. The school has also created a written report of what is recommended in order to improve the school.

Colleges look at how our high school was graded during its last accreditation. E.S.L.R.'s (Expected School-wide Learning Result) is basically a vision of what Etna

Union High School expects students to be able to do by the time they graduate. The L.I.O.N.S. poster showing these E.S.L.R.s is in almost every classroom and represents the five things that the teachers and our community think should be the standards for EHS students.

A WASC team last visited the school six years ago, which is the greatest possible number of years they give you to improve your school. A school can either get six, three, or one year(s). Six being the best, only 10% of the schools get it; three years is the most common and is still a good number. If a school gets a 1, then it needs

to improve greatly and will be visiting the following year.

The WASC team will arrive on Sunday March 29 for an informal meeting with the staff of the school. Then, on March 30-31, the WASC accreditation personnel will visit EHS all day and ask students in the hall and cafeteria how they like the school and if they feel that they are getting the proper learning. The school would appreciate it if you were honest but not complain about every little thing such as how you don't like the taste of some of the food in the cafeteria. The WASC team will also pull random students out of class to have a meeting with them sometime during

the day. The team looks at the curriculum and the behavior of students.

The school has also asked "you don't run a muck while they are there. Act as you would on a normal day," said Mrs. Sherma Isbell, WASC coordinator.

On Wednesday, April 1, we will have an impromptu show from the drama class before lunch while the WASC personnel give the final report to the staff. There, they will award the school a certain number of years (1, 3, or 6) in which to improve the school before the next review. Also, they will give commendations and recommendations that the school will work on for the next few years.

# Honor Students Recieve Awards

By Erika Schwall

On February 16, 2006, specially selected students of Etna High School met in the multi-purpose room for the Academic Awards Night. Awards were given for Honor Roll, Lion of the Season, Outstanding Achievement in Physical Conditioning, and certificates for volunteering were issued by the Family Resource Center Workshop.

Seven freshmen received letters for being on the Honor Roll. Along with the letter, they also got a pen.

Also, five freshmen received honorable mentions.

Twenty-four sophomores received awards for Honor Roll. The sophomores who had already received a letter their freshmen year got a pin and a pen.

Seven juniors received their awards for Honor Roll.

Eleven seniors received a pin and a pen for their hard work. Seven received Honorable mentions.

To be on the Honor Roll one must attain a GPA of 3.5 to a 4.0 by the end of the

semester. To receive this award you can't have any D's or F's and must be taking at least four academic classes.

Travis Bishop (junior) received a certificate recognizing his Outstanding Achievement in Physical Conditioning.

The Lion of the Season award was given to eight students: Jilinda Franklin (freshman), Jonathan Ojeda (freshman), Kalie Murphy (sophomore), Brittany Travis (sophomore), Amber Hagadorn-Borba (junior), Jon Villani (junior), Philip Neel (senior) and

Silisha Doane (senior).

The Lion of the Season is based upon a student's contribution to class, school, and community or a marked improvement in academic performance.

Others to receive special certificates for volunteering at the Family Resource Center Workshop were Antonia Cornell-Banke (junior), Tezca Quintero (junior), Shane Schnieder (senior), Alison Sturges (junior), Jessica Thackeray (senior), and Hillary Plank (junior).

# News Briefs

By Sara Wilmot

## Seniors Hold Fundraiser

On March 16, the senior class held a spaghetti feed to raise money in order to fund their senior trip. Students sold tickets before hand and at the door. They started preparing for the dinner two days before by cooking over 22 lbs of ground meat and cooking the pasta. All in all the class cleared \$850 which will go towards their trip year end trip to Southern California. Adults who helped with the event included Ms. Marji Genter, Mrs. Maryanne Munson, Mrs. Eileen Munson, Mrs. Desiree Kaae and Senior Class Advisor Mrs. Christine Skinner.

## CHE II Class Participates in Job Interviews



Photo by Greg Howell

## Nicole Lack (senior) participates in a Job Interview with Mr. Michael Theofanides

In February Mrs. Isbell's senior CHE II classes participated in Job Interviews with community member volunteers. Students presented a resume that they made in class to the interviewers as well as dress up for the occasion. They were graded on how well they prepared for and presented themselves in the interview.

## Freshman Honor Roll

Jilinda Franklin  
Hilary Hampton  
Sarah Loogman  
Nicholas Schwall  
Tasha Staton  
Jannalee Thackeray  
Nicole Westbrook

## Freshman Honorable Mention

Dean Autry  
Ben Besoain  
Everett Dowling  
Julie Hall  
Javier Hansen  
Keaton Jones  
Andrew Kramer  
Jordan Pehle Munson  
Allie Taylor  
Chaley Thom

## Sophomore Honor Roll

Sally Ayres  
Kendra Burns-Edel  
Emily Carlson  
Christy Carter-Brown  
Mitchell Eastlick  
Scott Fitzpatrick  
Aubry Freckman  
Lacy Hanna  
Cecilli Kelley  
Nicole Luiz  
Brittany Kistler  
Tyler Miller  
Kacey Munson  
Caitlin Olson  
Ashley Page  
Chloe Papazian  
Ashley Parry  
Steven Pearson  
Sally Anne Petit  
Heather Smelt  
Emilie Smith  
Destiny Soli  
Tracy Thackeray  
Robbie Towne

## Sophomore Honorable Mention

Alexander DeCair  
Henry McBroom  
Morgan Moran  
Skyler Schneider  
Logan Towne  
Megan Wiles

## Junior Honor Roll

Vanessa Brown  
Antonia Cornell-Banke  
Jana Dickinson  
Melissa Franklin  
Michelle Westbrook  
Mac Whitman  
Keywan Zohrabi-Kalantari

## Junior Honorable Mention

Ryan Farrington  
Kellianne Jones  
Tyler Strohmeier  
Sara Wilmot

## Senior Honor Roll

Alicia Derry  
Kim Friden  
Stevenson Genter  
Greg Howell  
Sarah Knox  
Ian McGonigal  
Sarah Miller  
Ryan Pehle  
Duong Pham  
Shane Schneider  
Jessica Thackeray

## Senior Honorable Mention

Henry Ayres  
Smokey Dowling  
Tiana Finch  
Ashley Harris  
Jared Monnette  
Samantha Seimers  
Daniel West

## FFA Parli Pro Competes at Regional Level

The Novice and the Advanced Parliamentary Procedure teams traveled to Chico State University March 16 to compete in the regional Parli Pro contest that each team qualified for at the Sectional contest in February. The Novice team competed and did not make it into the final round. The Advanced team competed making it to the final round and placed sixth in the Superior Region of the FFA. Both teams do not continue on to the state level.

## FFA State Convention in April

The FFA State Convention in Fresno will be April 22-25. Several FFA members will attend the convention and participate in various activities. They will attend official sessions for the state organization and listen to state officers and keynote speakers. They will also spend one day on field trips to agricultural sites in the Fresno area.

## Beyond Belief

Christian evangelist Mr. Josh McDowell will speak to parents and adults Saturday April 1 in the gym at Jackson Street School in Yreka from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm. McDowell will then speak to youth from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. This seminar includes a musical concert by Christian power rock band Stellar Kart. Advanced tickets are \$10 and \$12 at the door. McDowell has dedicated his life to helping others find their faith and has given over 23,000 lectures. For more information on this event call (530) 436-2529.

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# Pro Vs. Con

## Should Voters Approve Unification of School Districts?

### Pro

By Sarah Loogman

In November of 2006, members of our community will vote to make a decision that will greatly affect the education of our Valley's children. The voters will determine whether our valleys' educational system will continue the same practices as divided districts or to improve the methods of instruction as a united system goaled for success.

Unification of our Valley's school districts into one combined function will provide less fragmented leadership, increase our revenues, and allow less duplicated services in our schools.

In each of the four districts in our valley there is a separate panel of leadership. This means that each district has its own superintendent, board of trustees, and other prominent administrators in the leadership position. If all the districts combine, this form of fragmented leadership can join together to work towards the same standards.

"Ultimately, we all have the same goal which is to provide our children with education and success," said Mr. Jeff Fowle, Etna High School after-school tutor. "Unification will focus the community on education as a whole."

In a unified district with the same destination, school courses can be aligned to work towards the same goals and build on each other



Sarah Loogman

to provide stronger education. "The school system in Scott Valley is long overdue in collaborating on curriculum and instruction," said Cliff Munson, EHS parent.

In our state, where education is tight on money, public schools are forced to be vigilant in the spending of funds. Unification of our districts would not only increase our leadership focus but also increase the overall revenue brought in meaning more money per child.

The new combined district will bring in \$300,000 a year for education to the Scott Valley schools and will also save around \$60,000 a year in contracts to provide students with better educational services.

Many community members, particularly Quartz Valley residents, have shown a concern in how the Quartz Valley School will be affected by the unification. Many fear that the small school with an enrollment of only 48 could be forgotten among all of the other larger schools in the new district or even possibly closed, but that is not the case.

Certain grants are provided for special small schools, such as Quartz Valley, and provide financial aid revenue. Quartz Valley then, would serve as a benefit to the new district. But then, citizens wonder if this money would be spread out among all of the schools and, although that case is possible, it would not be a disadvantage for the Quartz Valley School. Being joined with other larger schools and the proceeds of a larger district, Quartz Valley would gain from those profits as well.

Through unification, each school will financially benefit from the others to provide better resources for students.

Along with collaborated leadership and increased revenue, district unification will provide the students with more of the educational attention they need rather than the time being spent on duplicated job tasks. Within each of the four school districts that currently exist in our Valley, each district must follow certain regulations that take time and effort. Merging the districts will allow more time to further educate our children.

"Less wasted time equals more time to work with the students," said Mrs. Freda Walker, Superintendent of Etna Union High School District.

By Jon Villani and Sarah Miller

At a hearing held on March 9, 2006 in Sacramento, the California Board of Education approved a proposal to unify four school districts in Scott Valley: Etna Union High School District, Etna Elementary School District, Fort Jones Elementary School District and Quartz Valley Elementary School District. The joining of these four school districts is a bad idea because of the different needs for each student, for the education of students who attend each school, and the board of trustees' jobs.

One issue is the rules. If we have a joined district, would the rules be the same at all the schools or would local administrations be allowed to decide? One thing we believe is that high school is a step towards being an adult. High school students should have separate rules compared to the ones of an elementary school. We think that high school makes one tough and ready for the real world. We, as high school students, experience different things than we did when in elementary. Hence, we need more freedoms. Rules at each site must take this into account.

Mr. Glen Harris, Etna Elementary Superintendent, is in favor of the idea of unification but believes that now is not the time. Now is



Sarah Miller

definitely not the right time. We have been raised in this system and don't need to change what works.

Mrs. Dana Bradford, Etna Elementary Board Member, commented that Etna Elementary school has worked hard, is financially sound, has outstanding test scores, and would like that to continue. If unification will get in the way of these school goals, she is definitely not for it.

There is a possibility that staff could lose their jobs, because there will not be a need to have so many people to run the new district, such as book-keepers, superintendents, and possibly vice principals. There will be five people elected to a new board by the vote of citizens in Siskiyou County. The current board members for each district board will lose their positions.

Creating a new board is too risky. According to Bradford, most Etna Elementary Board members are parents who know the



Jon Villani

district's issues. Having a board of people who don't know about the way a school is run because they didn't have their kids attend there in the first place is troubling. Having a member of this sort on the new board means decisions that could hurt current programs that work.

Another problem that has been voiced is the issue of funding. All the decisions would go to the newly elected board members after the first year. Yes, we will most likely receive money in the unification, but what does the district have to give up in order to achieve that money? Bradford is concerned about losing local control or programs.

Currently, each district has its own salary range for teachers. Will the new board vote to increase all ranges to the highest? If one school has a higher pay range than another, then after the unification, will the money earned be used to equalize payments to staff?

## Mexico -

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ates a giant splash of water spurring out of the top. The geyser can reach more than 80 feet up into the air. The students observed La Bufadora and visited the many shops that were located around the area, and they also bought the churros that the area is famous for.

On Wednesday, they visited the local high school to converse with the students. EHS students were supposed to speak only in Spanish, and the Spanish students were supposed to speak only in English, which they have been studying. After visiting the high school and getting a tour, the students walked back to The Center of Languages. Then they took a bus to the beach to play in the water and spend time collecting shells and playing tag.

Thursday was the last full day for the students, so they first went downtown for an hour, then walked down to the Discoteca, which is a night club which was closed to the public so that the students could learn how to salsa. After attending the Discoteca, the students walked back downtown where a carnival was being held. The carnival was filled with lots of music and rides.

On the last day, Friday, the students went to school as usual and then departed on the long journey back to the United States. "Crossing the border back was scary," said Shepard.

"This was the most phenomenal trip yet. I didn't hear a single complaint, and I was glad that all of the students in the group were willing to take the challenge," said Marx.

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## Letter To The Editor

I am writing this in regard to Ms. Loogman's article on Abortion, in the December 2005 edition of the paw print. The article was very insightful to read, as well as factual. Although there was one flaw that I noticed. When she listed the many types of abortions she included the Morning After Pill (MAP), correctly known as Emergency

Contraception. Emergency Contraception is not a form of abortion, but considered as a method of birth control. It is a birth control because it is used to PREVENT pregnancy BEFORE conception has occurred. Emergency Contraception can work in many different ways, from not allowing an egg to be released from the ovary, to stopping the egg from attaching to the uterus. It is often confused with the

Abortion Pill (Mifeprex (mifepristone) also called RU-486), which is a pill used AFTER the woman becomes pregnant that causes the uterus to abort an already fertilized egg, therefore ending the pregnancy. Emergency Contraception should be prescribed by a physician and always be taken within 72 hours of unprotected sexual intercourse. Once again Emergency Contracep-

tion is a safe form of birth control as it is only a higher dose of estrogen and progesterin than what is in regular birth control pills, and will NOT work if a woman is already pregnant. It is important for women to know the correct facts, and that our technology has provided us with another alternative to unexpected parenthood.  
Sincerely,  
Taylor Webster

## Student Opinions

If you found \$1 million dollars what would be the first thing that you would do?

By Caitlin Olson



April Conklin (freshman)  
-I would give part of it to charity and use the rest to spend on my family.



Emilie Smith (sophomore)  
-I would invest it in stocks and live off of all the interest.'



Greg Howell (senior)  
-I would give Travis the world.



Mac Whitman (junior)  
-I would probably open a dance club, and buy a Vespa, and a Mini-Cooper and start a brand new restaurant chain. That's where all the money is at.

### March Birthdays

- 1<sup>st</sup> Keke Jones  
Charmain Mortenson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Melissa Montgomery
- 7<sup>th</sup> Glen Filippone  
Ian McGonigal  
Derek Reynolds
- 10<sup>th</sup> Henry McBroom
- 13<sup>th</sup> Jilinda Franklin  
Allison Sturges
- 15<sup>th</sup> Robbie Brown  
Beth Elkin  
Jasper Nichols
- 16<sup>th</sup> Cache Moyles
- 20<sup>th</sup> Alex Case  
Kayla Gilmore
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Stevenson Genter
- 25<sup>th</sup> April Hicks  
Jared Monnette
- 26<sup>th</sup> Allison Davis  
Lauren Lack
- 28<sup>th</sup> Tasha Staton
- 29<sup>th</sup> Austin Eastlick  
Joselyn Kelley
- 30<sup>th</sup> Silisha Doane  
Joe Montgomery
- 31<sup>st</sup> Melissa Hinkle

## Hannes Silez Wenzel

Mary McDonald

Meet Hannes Silez Wenzel. He's from Berlin, Germany, which has a population of around four million. His school there is much bigger than Etna High School, about 500 kids and is "old and ugly" according to Hannes. The classes he takes there are English, German, Russian, Latin, history, social science, and PE. Here he takes a simpler array of classes: art, CPM III, yearbook, history, PE, drama, and English.

Hannes loves the EHS teachers and all of the "colorful students here." He appreciates the way that everybody acts and how they have their own way of expressing themselves. The thing he hates is the dress code and all of the rules.

One of his favorite things about America is how the landscape is so wide open, but he doesn't like the idea of how there are so many people who protest and are against their own country.

One of Hannes' hobbies includes war gaming, a game that involves painting and putting together game



Photo by Christine Skinner  
Hannes Wenzel

pieces and landscape to replicate previous wars that have happened in the world's history. He also likes Kung Fu, art, and writing poems. While in Berlin, Hannes played handball, volleyball, hockey, and croquet, but since he's been here, he takes pleasure in playing soccer with the school team.

Hannes decided to come to America because his grandma travels a lot and loves America. His mom is an English teacher, and he has always been crazy about languages.

Like most of our foreign exchange students, Hannes misses his friends and family the most.

## Junk of the Month

By Jon Villani

March's Junk of the month is Jasper Nichols' (senior), brown 1987 Jeep Cherokee. It has only six single cylinders, but it can seat five and carry all sorts of things in the trunk. The car gets a mpg range from 10 to 20; it just depends on where he drives it. He has had the jeep for three years. The car's nickname is "The Cherokee," given by most of Jaspers friends.

The Cherokee could be nominated as the dirtiest vehicle in Scott Valley. The only time that the car gets washed is when Nichols drives it in the rain. But then, usually drives the Jeep in donuts when there is mud around.

The Jeep has a couple of dents, but the interior is trashed. The power steering is out. One door is welded on.

Once the starter went bad, and he had to jumpstart it every time he wanted to drive it. Plus there is about a centimeter of dust in the inside.

Jasper says, "It's a beast."

One recent event that happened to the Jeep is Jasper broke the key off while it was in the ignition. His friend, Robbie Stevens (senior), tried to drill it out, but failed to do so. So he had the Jeep towed in and fixed.

If Jasper could, he would get the jeep a new stereo, and a new horn. He is currently trying to make the Jeep a new exhaust pipe. Jasper has another Jeep, a newer one that isn't trashed. But the old one is reliable. Jasper's favorite car company is Jeep, and it's not going to change.



Photo by Caitlin Olson  
Jasper Nichols' Jeep Cherokee does its best to keep going.

## Lesser-Known Religions: Jehovah's witness

Antonia Cornell-Banke

There are many denominations of Christianity. While many are similar and only separated by one or two separate beliefs, there are some denominations that break from the mold to form a separate interpretation of the Christian religion. One such Christian denomination is Jehovah's Witness.

The bible that they use is called the *New World Translation of the Holy Scripture*. According to [www.watchtower.org](http://www.watchtower.org) a Jehovah's Witness web site they state that they are not perfect and try to fix their imperfections by studying the bible. They believe that the bible is a historical record of what has happened. A practice that many religions use is also present in the Jehovah's

Witness religion. The practice is shunning. Shunning is when a member of the church goes against a rule and in non repentant. The member is then excommunicated and ignored by the members of the church and in many cases by their family members as well. Jehovah's Witness also believe that many predictions prophesized in the bible have already occurred and that others are in the process of being fulfilled.

They like all Christian religions believe that there is a God and that he sent his son (Jesus) down from the heavens to become the salvation of mankind. While they share the belief in Jesus being sent to save man they do not believe in the trinity. According to [religioustolerance.org](http://religioustolerance.org) they believe instead that God and

Jesus are separate beings and the Holy Spirit is not a being at all but an energy force that god uses to interact with the world. They also believe that Jesus was Archangel Michael before he came into human state at witch time he became a human being the same as every other human soul with the exception that he was sinless at birth and stayed that way throughout his life on earth. At his death Jesus was resurrected as invincible and was enthroned by God (Jehovah) as the king over all creation.

Unlike many Christian denominations, Jehovah's Witness', believe that Jesus and the devil, the major personified spirit of evil and foe of God, have already engaged in the end battle that many Christians believe bring about the end of times.

According to religious tolerance Charles Taze Russell, believed that Christ secretly arrived in the year 1874 to establish the Kingdom Of God on earth in October 1914. He supposedly based his calculations on finding he found in the bible and the great pyramid. One of the greatest components in making his prediction was the book of Daniel where the book refers to "Seven times" Russell then interperated that each time was equal to 360 days. So there fore according to his predictions the end time battle would be held 2,520 years after 607 BCE. The start of World War I was considered the physical phenomenon of the battle with Christ and the Devil.

Along with their individual belief in the end of the world they hold

spectacular beliefs about what they believe is acceptable to put into the human body. They do not believe in consumption of alcohol or caffeine drinks or the use of drugs. They also believe that some medical procedures are contrary to what the bible teaches is correct.

While many critics believe that the Jehovah's Witnesses belief in denying blood transfusion has caused the death of innumerable men women and children it is a belief that Jehovah's Witnesses hold. They believe that taking a blood transfusion is in direct opposition to what the bible says is correct. Jehovah's witnesses believe that blood transfusions are wrong and a Jehovah's Witness that takes a blood transfusion is excommunicated and

shunned by the religious community and their family.

Also Jehovah's Witness is also individual in their belief in not celebrating any holidays including birthdays and national holidays. "We believe that it takes away from the glory of Jehovah," said Cody Rogers Etna High School freshman.

While this religion veers from what is considered the Christian faith they are indeed a Christian denomination in every sense that counts. They believe that Jehova or God had his son become man and that as man he did not sin. They believe that later he died for the sins of others and in doing so mankind can be forgiven of their sins.

## Guess Who?

Try to identify the following students:



Turn to page 6 for the answers.

# The Music Book

## Miller impresses with *The Music Book*

By Sara Wilmot

The EHS sophomore class presented the debut of the play *The Music Book* for a class fundraiser, although the actors ranged in grade levels from freshman to senior.

The play was written and directed by Tyler Miller (sophomore).

As the lights dim, the audience sees the stage, which has been split into two. One half is a dusty cabin, decorated with posters from various musicals. The other half is blank with a black background where each musical comes to life.

The play starts off with five friends finding themselves in an empty cabin they come upon after their car breaks down. These actors included seniors Ashley Harris, Sarah Miller, Jared Monette, Phillip Neel, and Marshall Peckam. Each character is profoundly different from the next yet they appeared to be great friends. As the group examines the cabin they see posters on the wall and a large book of music on the shelf. As they open the book the first musical performance begins.

The first song that they see is *Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend* from the classic musical *Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend*. The song was performed by Crystal Curry (sophomore) and Miller. As the production came to life, Curry sang as diamonds danced around the stage. Curry's costume resembled a true Marilyn Monroe style with a long elegant dress and lots of jewels.

After the song ended the group of friends were left in a state of shock



Photo by Christine Skinner  
**Crystal Curry sings a Marilyn Monroe song.**

about why this song came to life.

As the friends turn to another page in the Music book, another song comes to life and is performed in front of them. The second song is "16 going on 17" from the *Sound of Music* sung by Emilie Smith (sophomore) and Miller. This older fashioned song is sung with a classic spin and mellow costumes and dancing.

The surprise performance leaves the group in the cabin with many questions. They still do not know why this is happening. After each song one of the group members is left in awe as it each song touches them on an emotional level.

They read on and another song comes to life. This time it is a song from *Hello Dolly!* Entitled "Hello Dolly." Christy Carter-Brown (sophomore) performed this song.

Brown's costume emphasizes the time period in which the song was originally from.

As the saga continues the next song that comes to life is "Some Where Over The Rainbow" from *The Wizard of Oz*. There is a lead in right



Photo by Theresa Harris  
**Marshall Peckham plays a geeky mathematician.**

from the movie in which Dorothy played by Nicole Westbrook (freshman) seems to be getting in her aunts way played by Prairie Simes (senior) and begins to day dream about being somewhere else in a new world. The costumes and lead in reflect the classic movie really well.

The last song that the group sees brings the 50's back with "Summer Nights" from *Grease*. The song about the love that was shared between the two, was sung by Curry as Sandy and Miller and Danny Zucco. Each singer was surrounded by their group of friends with each of them describing in song about a summer that they shared. With the girls in poodle type skirts and the boys in leather jackets with greasy hair really puts us in the time period.

After the songs come to a close, each group member has been affected by what they have seen. Soon it is morning and they decide to make their way back to their car but none of them leave without changing in some

way.

The use of this classic as well as new musicals helped to bring the whole production together. It was a great production with a lot of effort put into it.

The three performances of the play were on Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February and another on Saturday the 25<sup>th</sup>. There was supposed to be another performance on Sunday the 26<sup>th</sup> but it had to be canceled due to a power outage, so there was a third performance on Thursday March 2<sup>nd</sup> for just EHS students.

Many weeks were spent writing the script, designing the set, and practicing lines. About 17 students involved in the production. All profits went towards the class of 2008.



Photo by Christine Skinner  
**Tyler Miller, center, with Dan West, left, and Andrea Kristopherson, right, sings "Summer Nights" from Grease.**



Photo by Theresa Harris  
**Sarah Miller's character laughs at her own joke.**

## Behind the Scenes; Preparing the Play

By Sarah Miller

On Friday and Saturday night, February 24, and 25, *The Music Book* made its way on the stage with flying colors. As an actress playing a part in a production that is put on by all high school students, and only one adult, I believe that it was quite a success. Friday night all the cast arrived at the theater at 5:30. We were all excited and nervous, but definitely ready to go! We all helped each other get ready, had little last minute tragedies that needed to be fixed, and everyone was scurrying about making a lot of noise, but when it time it was time to go on stage, we were all confident.

As the first part of the play went underway, the five of the actors and actresses in the cabin were extremely nervous, yet didn't forget even one line, and it really truly felt like we were true friends who had been hiking for hours and simply lost our way. I believe that it put an extra touch to have such diverse people

being friends together also. When Crystal Curry, Emilie Smith, Christie Brown, Tyler Miller, and Nicole Westbrook came out to sing their songs, all of the cabin mates were amazed. The dancers, Tiana Finch, Prairie Simas, Christie Brown, Kendra Burns-Edel, Sally Anne Petit, and Sally Ayres, were also believable from the eyes of our cast, worked so hard, and perfected their area of expertise. Dan West and Andres Kristoffersen were also convincing as they listened and gestured to Tyler Miller as he sang about a "summer fling." We all agree they did such a wonderful job, and wished we could have applauded them while watching on the stage.

On Saturday night everything seemed to flow a lot easier, and the nervousness was at a low. All the actors and actresses were again excited and ready to start! That night, there were not as many problems, and the cast was definitely supportive.

Now, Sunday

afternoon, February 26, there was supposed to be another play scheduled for 2:00. All the cast arrived at 12:30, walked into the theater, and there was NO power! This was a mess because Tyler still directed us to get dressed just in case the lights came on, and no one had flashlights, and the heater was off. So, at the very least to say, kids were running all around, having a horrible time trying to find things. After the chaos had settled Tyler decided that we would wait at the theater until 2:00, and then if the power still was not on, we would arrange to have the play rescheduled for 7:00. At 5:30 the cast came and were mostly dressed. We waited around until about 7:00, and then decided to cancel the whole thing for Sunday. The cast went to the Miller house for the cast party, and we watched the movie that was taped of us from Friday night. It was then decided that we will do the play again on Thursday, February 28, for Etna Union High School.



Photo by Sarah Miller  
**Above Tyler Miller (sophomore) goes over lines getting ready for the big night.**



Photo by Sarah Miller  
**Above, Ashley Harris (senior) greases senior Phillip Neel's hair backstage before the start of the show.**

**At right, Sarah Miller (senior) helps Emilie Smith (sophomore) with her hair for the Sound of Music song.**



Photo By Sue Pettit

Lady Lions Devour Minors... Roar! Skiers, Boarders Carve up Competition

By Mary McDonald

On Tuesday, March 7, 2006, the Varsity Softball team beat Yreka 4-3. The first run of the game was made by #4 of the Yreka team. Leaving the score of the first inning, 0-1 in Yreka's favor, but this lead didn't last long.

In the beginning of the second inning, Vanessa Brown (junior) ran to second but had to go back, ran back to first and dove head first into the base, injuring herself, but not severely, causing Eli Pynes (sophomore) to take her place.

In the bottom of the second inning, Ashley Harris (senior) pitched high and threw four balls in a row, but by the third inning, she was again throwing strikes right down the middle of the plate. During the third inning, Harris made the first point for EHS, causing great excitement in the crowd. In the bottom of the same inning, Harris quickly got out three Yreka players ending the inning quickly. The fourth inning was the quickest inning by far. Both teams got out before they got to first.

The top of the fifth was over quickly, but the bottom lasted for some time as the Yreka Miners caught up with Etna's score and tied the game, 3-3. One of their scores was made when Jen Munson (senior) and Kacey Munson (sophomore) ran into each other while trying to catch the ball; the result was Kacey doing a flip over Jen. After this happened, Harris pitched a full count to #4 who then struck out. Harris finished this inning by catching the ball hit by #21 and throwing it to first, getting her out as well.

The last point of the game was made by Brittney Potter (freshman) who stole second, got to third, and stole home to put Etna one up in the score.



Above: Staci Deppen (senior) hits the ball and runs to first base.



Left: Ashley Harris (senior) swings at a fast pitch thrown by the Yreka Minor's Pitcher.

Photos by Mary McDonald

In the top of the seventh, Etna didn't even get to first before getting out. However, the bottom of the seventh was quite interesting. #5 of Yreka started it off by hitting a foul ball over the fence and hitting a car in the parking lot. Probably the best part of the seventh inning was when Harris got the ball and threw it to Brown who tagged a Yreka girl just before another girl got home, keeping the score the same as it had been when #1 scored.

By Jon Villani

From March 3-10, the EHS Ski team competed in the California Nevada Interscholastic Ski and Snowboard Finals. The skier's races were supposed to be on March 6 (Giant Slalom) and March 7 (Slalom), but due to bad wind and snowy conditions, the races were postponed to the same days as the snowboard events, March 8 (Slalom) and March 9 (GS). The best day there was March 8. It was sunny, and the whole team got sunburned. Fortunately for the bad weather days, the team got some rest before the race. But on the last race day, because of bad wind conditions, the racers were only allowed one run.

For the girl skiers, Allison Sturgis (junior), got 36<sup>th</sup> on the first GS race. Then with a disqualification, she got 67<sup>th</sup> on the Slalom race. Nicole Westbrook (freshman), got 11<sup>th</sup> on the GS race. Then also with a disqualification, she got 65<sup>th</sup> for the Slalom race. Hillary Hampton (freshman) got 51<sup>st</sup> for the GS race and 52<sup>nd</sup> for the Slalom race. The girls combined ski team got 15<sup>th</sup> place.

For the boy skiers, Stevenson Genter (senior), got 15<sup>th</sup> for the GS, and 20<sup>th</sup>

for the Slalom. Jordan Pehle-Munson (freshman) got 52<sup>nd</sup> for the GS and 46<sup>th</sup> for the Slalom. Ben Paula (freshman) got 62<sup>nd</sup> for the GS and 49<sup>th</sup> for the Slalom. For combined team points the boys got tenth place.

For the snowboarder girls, Alyssa Radder (senior) got eighth in the Slalom, and first in the GS, and fifth in the All State. Lauren Grassman (senior) got 52<sup>nd</sup> in the Slalom, and 49<sup>th</sup> in the GS. Shawnee Gowan (senior) didn't race in the Slalom but placed 48<sup>th</sup> in the GS. Abigail Zufelt (junior) got 61<sup>st</sup> in the Slalom and didn't race in the GS. The boarder girls placed eight in combined points.

For the snowboarder boys, Jon Villani (junior), placed ninth in the Slalom, and fourth in the GS, and sixth in All State. Jason Paula (junior) placed 45<sup>th</sup> in the Slalom, and 34<sup>th</sup> in the GS. Jeff Walker (sophomore) got 98<sup>th</sup> in the Slalom and 90<sup>th</sup> in the GS. Taylor Pehle-Munson (freshman) didn't race in the Slalom but placed 86<sup>th</sup> in the GS. The boys combined results were 13<sup>th</sup> overall.

Team coaches include Mrs. Roxanne Radder, Mr. Ernie Genter, and Mr. Mark Hampton.

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Etna Slams Ashland

By Melissa Hinkle

On March 15 the EHS girls tennis team crushed Ashland 13-0. Etna's boys team lost 4-6.

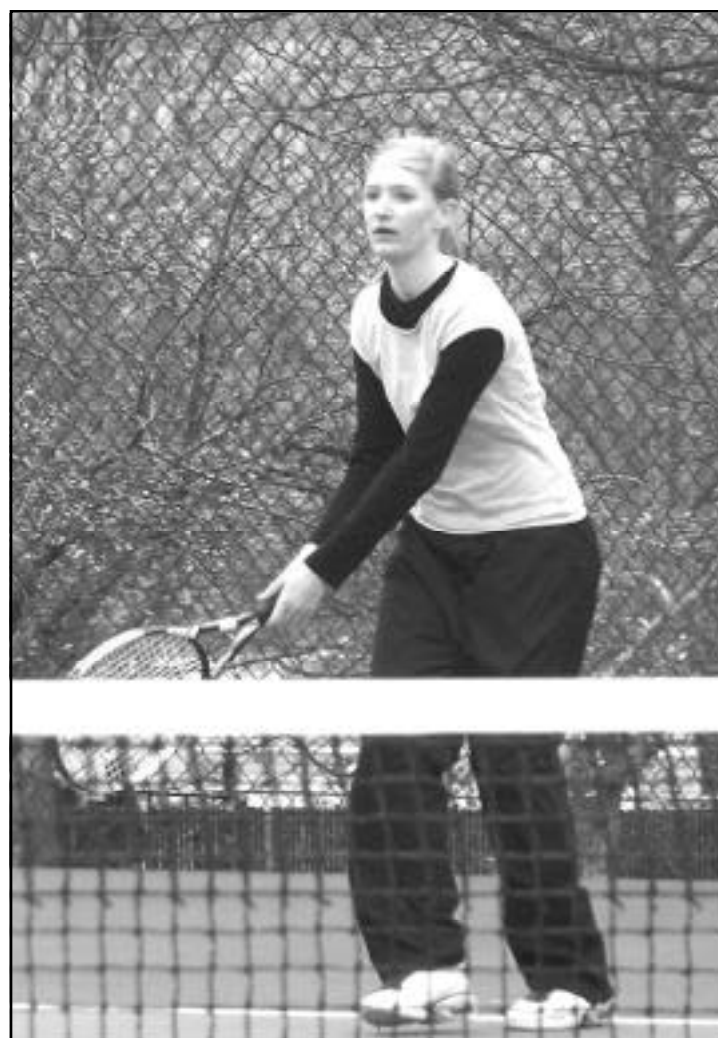
In the girls' singles competition Kim Friden (senior) won 10-2, Samantha Siemers (senior) beat her opponent 10-1, Michelle Westbrook (junior) won 8-2, Sally-Anne Petit (sophomore) won 8-3, Emily Carlson won 8-4, Kayla Gilmore (senior) won 8-6 and Zoe Szczepanek (junior) and Melissa Hinkle (senior) both beat their opponents 8-0.

After her match, Szczepanek stated, "It was my first match, but it seemed like I knew more about tennis than my opponent did. It looked like she had only been playing for a few days". This, Szczepanek claims is the reason she won.

In the girls' doubles competition Friden and Siemers won 10-1, Westbrook and Hinkle won 8-0, Petit and Carlson won 8-0, and Gilmore and Szczepanek beat their opponents 8-1.

The boys team did beat Ashland in five different matches. In the singles competition Tyler Grenvik (senior) beat his opponent 10-0, Ryan Pehle (senior) won 10-8 and Scott Fitzpatrick (sophomore) won 10-7. In the boy's doubles competition Pehle and Grenvik won 10-3, Fitzpatrick and Kewyan Zohrabi-Kalantari (junior) won 11-9.

The teams' coach, Mr. Bill Birch, stated, "I think the team did really well



Kayla Gilmore (senior) positions herself to return a lob from a Yreka opponent.

considering how much court time they have had."

Etna played another match against the Mt. Shasta Bears on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month.



Photos by Melissa Hinkle

Tyler Grenvik (senior) prepares to serve.

**Guess Who Answers**  
From Left To Right: Amber Borba, Amber Peters  
Jared Monette, Dan West

## EHS Rodeo Travels to Red Bluff

By Melissa Hinkle

On March 3-5 the Etna High Rodeo team traveled to Red Bluff to participate in the Inter-District Rodeo.

Roy Johnson (junior) was sixth in steer wrestling and Frank Johnson (sophomore) received eighth in steer wrestling.

Dean Autry (freshman) took first in the cutting competition. Cutting is a competition consisting of a herd of cows and the participant atop a horse and the participant has to maneuver a cow away from

the herd and keep it from going back into the herd. The participant is scored on how well he/she maneuvers his/her horse and how well he/she keeps the cow out of the herd.

"It was fun, a lot of people were there and there was a lot of competition," said Autry.

Next the rodeo team will travel to the Challenge of the Champions. The Challenge of the Champions consists of the top three for each event from each district. It will be March 24-26 in Plymouth.

## Golf Team Prepares For New Season

By Jon Villani

On Wednesday, February 22, the EHS Golf Team started its Wednesday practices. Coach Mr. Bill Cunha has four golfers currently; Chad Bruce (junior), Geoff Weedon (junior), Jeff Walker (sophomore), and Jon Erickson (freshman). The team is open for new players at anytime.

The golfers practice at coach Cunha's home down Scott River Road after school every Wednesday. They practice long drives and putting in his nearby field.

The team had its first tournament on March 13, at their home course at Lake Shastina golf course. They play against golf teams from Weed, Mt. Shasta, Modoc, Trinity, and Palo Cedro. The teams' farthest tournament is in Palo Cedro, right out of Redding.

The team has a usual routine, before each tournament they watch the movie *Happy Gilmore* starring Adam Sandler for tips and for a better sense of humor. The team is looking for a good season, and they are looking for some fun.

## Baseball Highlights

By Mary McDonald

On March 7 the JV boys baseball team beat Yreka 5-1. Clint Johnson (sophomore) got two runs, once while stealing home, the other off a bunt made by Logan Dysert (sophomore).

Sophomores Frank Johnson, Michael Sanders, and Henry McBroom also made runs. Dysert struck out 11 members of the Yreka team, and Trevor Kendrick (freshman) did an excellent job catching, only letting one ball pass by him.

The Varsity boys lost -3 because they really weren't playing to their full potential. Cache Moyles said, "We could have played better, but we didn't do it there."

On the same day, the JV girls lost 23-4. Until the third inning, no one had scored, and then Kyra

Lorenzini hit a home run, which got two runs in. Then Yreka realized that EHS wasn't adjusting to their bunts well and made several more points.

Also EHS only got a couple outside practices before the game and Ashley Page only got to pitch to them once before the game started and they had a really strong fast pitch, causing them to get a lot of strike outs.

The Varsity boys won 4-0 March 20 against Lost River.

Shane Schneider (senior) hit well, and Cache Moyles (senior) made good plays and good hustle, according to Troy Hayden (senior) and Grant Pynes (senior).

"The bottom of the batting order stepped it up big time," said Pynes.

## Hamilton Came as Braves, Left as Cowards

Sarah Loogman

On February 22, the Varsity Boys Basketball team of Etna High School played their first of two NCISFF Playoffs on their home court and dominated the Hamilton Braves 79-66.

The game began quick paced with tough defense and strong offense. The Lions focused on passing the ball to the open shot and playing as a team.

"We all went into the game with a positive attitude and were very confident in our ability to defeat Hamilton City," said Tyler Grenvik (senior). Playing strong throughout both the first and second quarter of the game, Etna lead the score at 38-29. Robbie Brown (senior) scored a shot from outside of the key at the buzzer announcing the end of the first half placing the score at 40-29 to take to the locker rooms.

The second half began with the Braves bringing in the ball. A turnover on their side put the ball in Etna's hands for Jordan Hiett to sink a three point shot less than thirty seconds into the game. With 6:10 still left in the first quarter, Hamilton gave the ball over to the Lions when they decided to take a

stroll with the ball. Thirty seconds later, a timeout showed the score at 43-34.

When the Lions entered back into the game following the timeout, Matt Eastlick stole the ball for an easy lay up. Several two pointers from Hiett, Brown, and Grenvik put 53-42 on the scoreboard. Another turnover on the Braves sunk another three pointer down through the ring by Brown. Shane Schneider placed in two for two free throws after a foul and the score was at 58-44.

With little over one minute left in the third quarter, Schneider pulled down a defensive rebound off a missed free throw from the Braves that went to Brown for a quick two point shot. With 30 seconds left, the Braves made a two pointer from inside the key. Point guard, Eastlick calmly brought the ball across half court with 20 seconds remaining on the clock.

In the final seconds of the game, Grant Pynes grabbed an offensive rebound off his team's shot and put it back in on the buzzer. The third quarter ended 62-48.

Once again, the Braves brought in the ball at

the start of the last quarter. Like third quarter repeated, the ball was turned over to the Lions' Hiett who again, 30 seconds into the game, scored. But this time, rather than a three point, Hiett hustled down the ball and slammed a two handed dunk right through the ring.

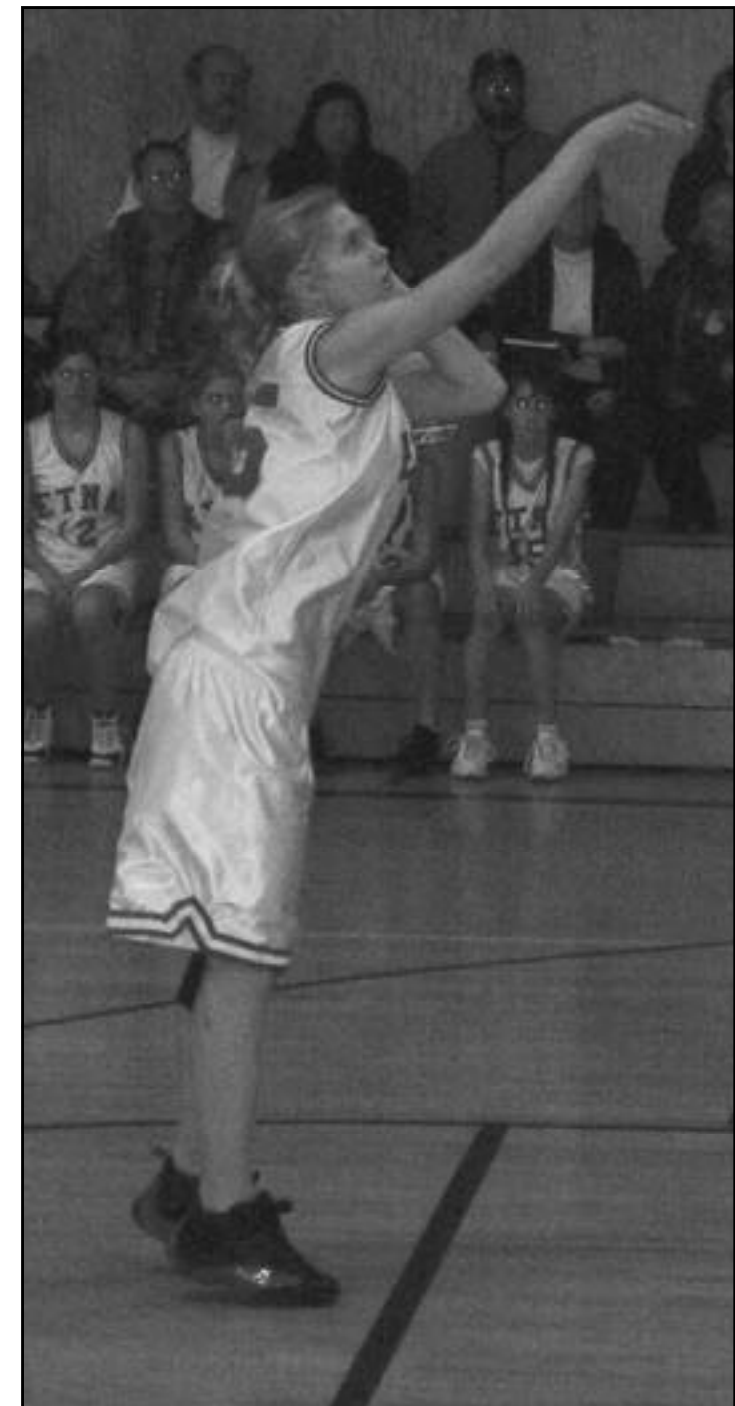
"That was probably the best highlight of the game," said Grenvik along with several others on the team. The Braves again turned over the ball and gave it up to Brown for a fast break. A few more plays for both teams up and down the court and Etna's teamwork began to show. On one particular play, the Lions worked together exceptionally and Grenvik scored to finish it. Soon after, Brown put in another 3 point. The score was at 69-48 on the 5:50 mark up on the clock.

After a time out, the quickly sinking Braves finally managed to score two points almost halfway through the quarter. After a run up and back down the court, Schneider made a steal from the weak hands of the Braves and scored inside the key. A lay-up from Eastlick, and another 3 point from Hiett showed 73-52 on the

scoreboard.

Hamilton brought in the ball after a timeout, attempted a three point, and missed. A deflected ball from Schneider tipped it off to Eastlick and on to Hiett for yet another 3 pointer. Thirty-nine seconds of the game left and Hamilton scored a two pointer. With 12.5 seconds left, Germany exchange student, Keywan Zohrabikalantari, got a hand on the ball to take it from the Braves leading to two foul shots. The game ended 79-66, Lions sending the Braves home a little less bold.

**This year's Basketball Teams did very well and we're very exciting to watch. The Pictures shown are of the girls JV and Varsity and the boys Varsity teams playing in the first round of play-offs against Hamilton City. All four teams had a very good season.**



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## FFA Competes at Sectional Level

By Sara Wilmot

On February 16 Etna FFA members traveled to Shasta College in Redding to participate in the Shasta Sectional Contest in various speaking activities. The contests included Prepared Public Speaking, Job Interview and Parliamentary Procedure.

Ryan Pehle (senior) and Kendra Burns-Edel (sophomore) represented the Etna FFA at the contest for Prepared Public Speaking. FFA members presented their speeches then answered questions from the judges. Burns-Edel placed first in the section with her speech on scrapie, a common sheep disease.

Pehle took second place with his speech on Certified Angus Beef. Both students will move on to the regional contest to be held the weekend of March 25 at the Superior Regional Convention at Chico State.

The Job Interview contest involves students being interviewed by judges and graded on their responses to the questions and how they present themselves throughout the meeting.

Robbie Towne (sophomore) and Austin Eastlick (junior) participated in the contest with Towne placing first and Eastlick placing third in the section. Both of these students will move on to the regional contest as well.

Novice and Advanced teams competed in the parliamentary procedure contest. This is a contest in which students run a meeting discussing a topic given to them, while following the structure of Roberts Rules of Order.

The Advanced team consisted of Kacey Munson (sophomore), Towne (sophomore), Christy Carter-Brown (sophomore), Pehle, Sara Wilmot (junior), Elli Pynes (sophomore), Shasta Hinkle (sophomore), and Burns-Edel. The team competed against three other teams from the section and placed second.

The Novice team consisted of Aubrey Freckman (sophomore), Ashley Parry (sophomore), Javiar Hansen (freshman), Jordan and Taylor Pehle-Munson (freshmen) and Jon Erickson (freshman). The team competed against two other teams and placed third.

## Harvard Grad Speaks to Students



Photo by Jessica Hyde

By Jessica Hyde

Ryan Fawaz an 01 EHS grad, spoke to Avid students and AP/honors English students on February 22, about his

in the fall.

In his four years at EHS, Fawaz was a member of FFA, played sports for the Lions, volunteered in the community, and had summer jobs.

As Ryan graduated from EHS he applied to Stanford University. He admitted that his admissions essay was horrible. As a result to his awful essay, Fawaz was rejected. Instead of trying a different university, Ryan went to a junior college, and advises students to do the same. Ryan talked about how under-educated the college boards are about our small community. Fawaz explained how it would look better on a college application if one came from a school they had heard of.

Ryan said, "Be unique, and show them you."

Fawaz admitted he never thought he would get into Harvard. He advised our students to tell the school you want to go to why you are different. He said that many Harvard students didn't work. They just spent "daddy's money", and colleges will

appreciate the hard work EHS students are used to.

Ryan also said, "Harvard was an experience like no other."

Fawaz told the students to know your teachers. If you know your teachers and become friends with them then they might write you letters of recommendation for the graduate school you are applying to.

Ryan said, "The best advice I can give you is go to class."

He reasoned if you know your professors and know what they think, you can agree with them and you are more likely to get a good grade if you agree with what they think. You're paying them \$500 a lesson so why not go? You can save \$500 and just buy a textbook.

Fawaz advised our students to make friends. In case you miss a class, you can get notes from them. Also one should share notes with friends who miss class.

Both the Novice and the Advanced teams moved on the regional contest on March 16 at Chico State.

## After-School Program Possible Next Year

By Travis Alford and Antonia Cornell-Banke

In January 2006 because of state spending levels, Proposition 49, that was passed in 2002, was triggered to be implemented. This legislation is suppose to allow any elementary, middle or charter school in California to provide an after school program Monday thru Friday between the hours of three and six P.M.

As it is written, Proposition 49 will fund programs up to \$50,000 per elementary or charter and \$75,000 per middle school or junior high. At this time the California Legislature has two Senate Bills, SB, on the floor, SB 1302 and SB 638. Both bills change the funding levels from \$50,000 and \$75,000 to \$112,500 and \$150,000 per

site. They also change the Average Daily Income from \$5.00 to \$7.50 for after school programs per child. "While the details still need to be worked out, this is a one time opportunity to provide after school in California," Cliff Munson, A Region 2 Co-Lead for After School support stated. "We have been assured that if we want programs in Siskiyou County, we need to be on the train when it leaves the station." In Siskiyou County, there are 31 eligible schools for ongoing funding. This includes Scott Valley Junior High.

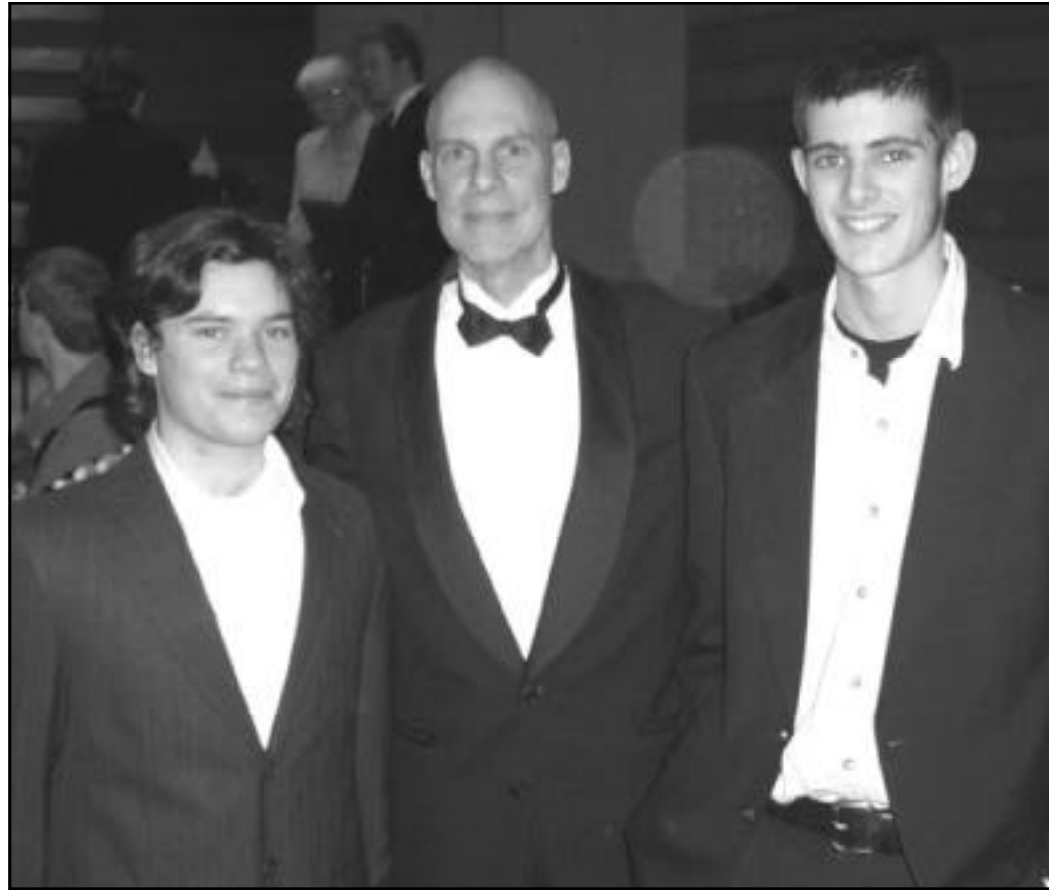
The purpose of this after school program is to help students with their homework and tutor them in their core classes. The program also has to provide a snack, technology, a physical activity, and enrichment programs. "This will be similar to our former

21st Century after school program, that lost all available funding because our API scores were too high to compete in the competitive grant market," stated Jeff Fowle former 21st century tutor.

State officials feel that the majority of elementary and middle schools will be funded by the \$550,000,000 in Proposition 49 and the After School Education and Safety program, ASES. SB 1302 and SB 638 both propose to use the 21st Century dollars received in California to fund high school after school programs.

Etna High School may be included in the \$128 million of 21st Century funding to go unused when the Middle Schools and Elementary schools switch to the ASES funding.

## Students Perform with Honor Band



Marshall Peckham (alto sax), Dr. Eric Hammer (Conductor), and Henry Ayres (bari sax).



Photos by Mrs. Ayers

The EHS band poses after competing in Redding in March.

By Antonia Cornell-Banke

On February 4-5, four EHS students traveled to Southern Oregon University to participate in the Honor Band festival.

Marshall Peckham (senior), Henry Ayres (senior), Avery Shepherd (junior), and Sally Ayres (sophomore) stayed in the

dorms at the S.O.U. campus, along with 120 other students from other schools from Northern California and Southern Oregon.

They rehearsed and performed a concert open to the public. They were directed by guess conductor Dr. Eric Hammer from

University of the Pacific in Stockton and S.O.U.'s band director Cynthia Hutton.

"It's great for our kids to play in a band with every kind of instrument and where the playing ability is so high. It's a great challenge," said Madeleine Ayres, EHS band teacher.

## Westbrook 1st in History Day

By Jessica Hyde

Michelle Westbrook an Etna High junior won first place in history day for her paper on Florence Nightingale. The title of her paper was, Taking a Stand in History: Florence Nightingale.

History day took place on March ninth at the Siskiyou county golden fair grounds in Yreka.

Michelle said that her friend gave her the idea to do Florence Nightingale, but she also really wanted to do her report on a woman.

Westbrook said, "It was harder to do because I kept putting it off."

Florence Nightingale was a nurse who founded modern technology. She also had outstanding determination and wild focus.

Michelle didn't get an award for her paper; instead she won a spot on the state team. The state team goes to the countrywide history day. These participants are from all over the

state of California with 19 members total.

Westbrook said if she had the chance to do it over she would choose the same person, because after she did it she learned a lot about Florence and found out she was a really interesting person.



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