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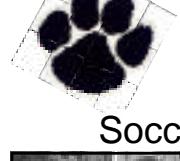
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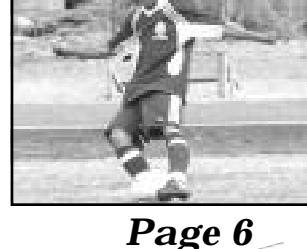
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By Sarah Loogman

This year's seniors are already beginning to feel the pressures of deadlines for Senior Projects. The class of 64 students has just embarked on a long journey in the tedious yet adventurous learning experience from which some will carry skills for years, perhaps even a lifetime.

Projects cover everything from refereeing sports to constructing planes and even creating kaleidoscopic glass walls. Many students have already spent hours devising their plans and choosing a mentor to create their anomalous, one-of-a-kind projects to present to the public next spring.

Music seems to be popular for a few annually. Among the diverse Senior Projects, this year, Melissa Hinkle chose to be trained in the skills of playing the piano. "It sounded simple enough to achieve but still a fun way to challenge myself, and that's why I chose it," Hinkle stated. "Hopefully I'll be able to learn enough to carry it on as a hobby."

Another musician in the making, Staci Deppen, who chose to attain the skills and knowledge to play a harp said, "I wanted to do something original that no one would've thought of, something unique." Harp players are rare, especially women harp players. Deppen trusts that this will be a good learning experience and possibly a source of income in her future. "I hope that I can

learn it well and keep the skills so that if I ever need anything to fall back on during or after college, I can use it as a way to support myself." Her mentor will be Sharron Summers who has been playing the harp for years.

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as possible and make it look really nice," Siemers said.

With Bill Thackeray as her mentor, Siemers plans to create even the most intricate details, such as square tiles and small furniture, to create a project that is exceptionally realistic.

So far, Siemers hasn't felt the burden that her fellow classmates have. She knows how much time she will have to put into her project to have it completed and well done.

In the midst, among harmonic musicians, vigorous athletes, and earnest woodworkers are also those of design and the arts. Samantha Siemers, who plans to major in interior design or another standard of art in college, wanted to test her abilities by creating a dollhouse for her Senior Project.

Beyond the musicians and artists, the carpenters and the builders, are many others; each project portrayed and constructed in its own individual way.

Lauren Grassman will learn professional

photography, Joe Pedro will practice welding techniques, Jordan Hiett plans to rebuild a riding saddle, Matt Elkin will repair a broken guitar, Ali Kistler will redecorate her bedroom, and Dan Hendrickson plans to restore a Chevy pickup. The skills learned from these projects will carry on with these students for years or forever, and so will the adventurous memories of the process that no one will forget.

All Senior Projects will be presented to the public on April 24 when displays will show the results of each student's laborious hard work and the time and effort they put into them.

## FFA Convention

By Sara Wilmot

On October 26, six FFA members traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the 78<sup>th</sup> National FFA Convention. Students spent around three days in Louisville and then FFA members from the state of California went on to tour Washington DC.

FFA members from EHS that went attended the convention were, Ryan Pehle, Demetri Iannios, Sara Wilmot, Jana Dickinson, Vanessa Brown and Robbie Towne. Mr. Jim Morris and his wife Katie Morris also attended the convention.

While in Louisville FFA members attend sessions put on by the National FFA officers. The sessions

involved several guest speakers ranging from a motivational speaker to past national FFA officers. There was also the instating of the 2005-2006 National FFA officers. FFA members also got to take a tour of the Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum. There, they saw bats that were being custom made for current pro players.

On Saturday October 29, FFA members from California went on to Washington DC. There they toured the Smithsonian museums, which included the air and space museum, the natural history museum and the national archives. At the national archives students saw the Declaration of

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## Early Winter Strikes Valley



Photo by Christine Skinner

**April Hicks scrapes snow from her car at the end of the school day. Etna experienced non-stop snowfall from 7 am until into the evening.**

# Ag Students Take Trip To Shasta College

By Caitlin Olson

Thirty- two EHS students attended the annual agricultural field day at Shasta College on October 13.

The field day, also called the Career Development Event (CDE), held several competitions involving welding, small engines, floriculture, horticulture, natural resources, tree and wildlife identification, and livestock judging.

Our school has two teams that placed in the livestock judging and horticulture competitions. Sophomores Christy Brown, Kendra Burns-Edel, and Robbie Towne placed third in horticulture. Ryan Pehle (senior) and Taylor Pehle-Munson (freshman) placed third in advanced livestock judging.

Several students from our school also placed in their own individual competitions. Pehle won first in wildlife identification and third in tree identification.

"I had a great time doing something that I had never done before. Robbie,



**Jana Dickinson and Amber Borba assemble a flower arrangement during the floriculture competition.**

Christy and I placed third in our event, which was horticulture. It was a new thing for Christy and me to do, and we did well in it," said Burns-Edel.

"These events are valuable in many ways," Ag teacher, Mr. Jim Morris said. He added that the students could compete to gain experience in careers involving agriculture. This experience could interest

students in pursuing one of these jobs.

According to Morris, it is also a good event to participate in because the kids who went on the trip met new people from different schools that are also interested in agriculture. It is useful to be able to learn from others.

The students also visited Shasta College and met the professors at the school during this trip.

## Students Interview Vets

By Caitlin Olson

Last spring Mrs. Skinner's English 3 class interviewed various veterans about their war experiences. The interviews were integrated into PowerPoint presentations hopefully to be posted on the school website.

Students met with veterans to hear their war stories. Some of the students included Nicole Lack (senior) who interviewed female veteran, Mrs. Gloriam Jenner, Jessica Reynolds (senior) and her partner Lauren Grassman (senior) interviewed Gene "Putch" Dauber of Yreka.

"The main thing that we learned from Dauber is that you can never have enough friends. This is valuable in the war and in everyday life," said Reynolds.

Lack learned that it was a new experience for Jenner to go away from the sheltered Valley when she signed up for the war.

"I have always respected veterans, but it was really cool to hear Jenner's side of the story," Lack said.

According to both Lack and Reynolds, it was pretty easy to conduct the interview, but it was organizing the PowerPoint presentation on the computer that was difficult for both of them to do. They had to extract the audio from a taped video interview and add it to their slides on PowerPoint.

This project gave Reynolds a new view on veterans. "I think differently of them now. It was really interesting and shocking to hear the stories," she said.

"It was really cool to hear Mrs. Jenner's stories. I definitely think that it was a worth while project," said Lack.

Reynolds said that she would definitely do the project again and that it was



**Bryant Lack and Alicia LaMarr interviewed Mr. Jack Bergreen, a local WW2 Veteran, last spring.**

a good experience for her to do. She and Grassman developed a rapport with Dauber. They even took him and his wife cookies on day.

Mrs. Skinner assigned this project to her juniors last year so that they could practice their speaking and listening skills. Additionally, she wanted her students to "learn from a different generation. These veterans have much to share. I wanted the students to learn about their contributions and sacrifices."

Other veterans interviewed include: Jack Bergreen, Ed "Buddy" Buchner, John Harvey, Farrel Hatch, Dick Jones, Dick Luttrell, Hooper Maplesten, Linn Mills, Bill Rowe, Jerry Rowe, Richard Seres, Wendell Seward, and Bud Simas.

## Halloween at EHS



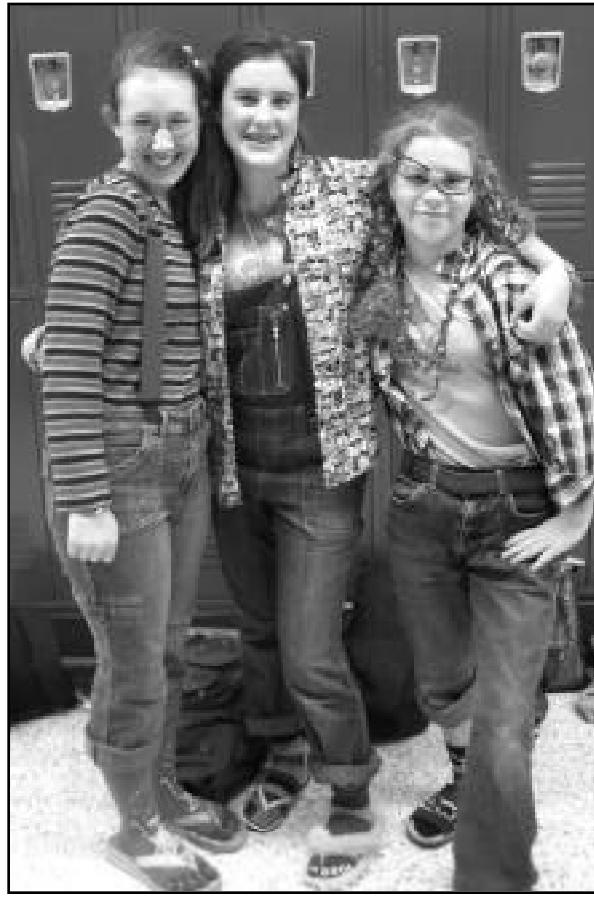
**At left, Alison Sturges, the disco diva.**



**At right, Morgan Moran and Aubrey Freckman.**



**Below left, Chloe Papazian and Bethany Langford.**



**Below right, Emily Carlson, Kalie Murphy, and Alyssa Goodwin.**

Photos by Christine Skinner

By Mary McDonald

From Bunny Ears, to full out Disco Diva, people dressed up to celebrate the fantastic festivities of Halloween. Several people, including staff members, had fun draping themselves in capes, covering their faces with creative masks, and finding various ways to disguise themselves.

It seemed to be a fun day all in all at the school; Mr. Isbell had a lot of fun strolling down the halls in his werewolf mask. Allison Sturges also seemed to have a great deal of fun, dressing up as a Disco Diva, equipped with white platform gogo boots, short

shorts, a tank- turtleneck, big silver hoop earrings, and an afro to top it off.

Friends Emily Carlson, Alyssa Goodwin, and Kalie Murphy dressed as nerds. Goodwin even wore the taped glasses and floods. Several were seen with bunny ears or fairy wings.

Despite their age, many students still went trick or treating, whether with a younger sibling or just with their friends. They crowded the streets of Etna and Fort Jones, going from door to door eccentrically asking trick or treat, and in return, getting an assortment of candy.

The streets seemed especially crowded in Fort Jones, as many small children, teens, and even adults went to

the haunted house at the Family Resource Center. The haunted house consisted of a small hallway going to several rooms. Costumed hosts would lead you through the hallway, going into rooms that held coffins. Then you would pass a window where you saw a wife stabbing her husband. You'd pass people who would hide under a curtain and grab your feet. Finally you were offered candy from a bowl and a hand would reach up and grab yours.

In Etna, it was a quiet Halloween night, but children went from door to door asking for candy, and occasionally getting healthy snacks as well.

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## War in Iraq: right or wrong?

## Pro

By Erika Schwall

"No one should want to fight the United States. We are the world's richest, most technologically capable nation. We can mobilize more combat power and move it farther, faster, and sustain it longer than anyone else. Sufficiently provoked, we are very dangerous, indeed even brutal." This is the opening statement in *Casualties, Technology, and America's Future Wars* written by Harvey M. Saposky and Jeremy Shapiro. Iraq is a country paralyzed by fear. It always has been from the reign of Saddam Hussein to the insurgent attacks on the local people. It seems that this country knows nothing but pain, blood, and war. It has been 30 months since the US and British invasion, and they're many more months to go, according to the new plan from President Bush.

But the question still lies in many of the hearts of the American citizens, "Why are we still there?" I think that we didn't totally know what we were going into, and I don't think that the American citizens understood what was going to happen. They expected to have our troops go in and out and that was that. I don't think that the average American Citizen understood that we are there to build a new government. And when there are specific groups that are out there to get you, that is not the easiest thing to do. Our troops are over in Iraq for a reason and it shouldn't matter what that reason is. We as the American community should support our sons and daughters that are fighting over seas. We should be proud of all the people that are giving up their time and risking their lives so that we can have freedom and that others may have freedom also. The fact of the matter is that we are there, and it isn't likely that we are going to pull out anytime soon. We are there to



Erika Schwall

rebuild a government and that doesn't happen overnight, so America needs to pull together and show our troops that we support them being over there and that we are proud of the job they are doing.

Going into this I think that we underestimated the time, money, and difficulty that this war would cost us. When US troops began to spread out into Iraq after the fall of Baghdad they made a surprising discovery. Most people were armed, often with high-powered modern weapons. Young Iraq men that have never been able to go to school have had to go straight into the army and train for war. They know nothing but fighting and war. Why? Because that's how terribly their government works: suppression of the common people, rule by fear, and terrorism. That is the reason that our troops are there, to help the common people and show them freedom. We are there to show them that there is a better way of life and that they don't have to live in constant fear of their government.

Many people look at the number of casualties and think that we are losing too many people, but we need to keep in mind that this is war and people are going to die. It's terribly sad when they do, but keep in mind that the average soldier is mentally and physically prepared for the consequences of war. Talking to a friend of mine that is in the army, he said that he was so eager to be there

and annihilate the rebels and insurgents. This guy was just recently injured in a terrible bombing involving a convoy truck that was carrying him and others back from a mission when a bomb was launched hitting their convoy truck. "It was the worst thing that could have happened to me," he stated. "One minute I'm talking to my buddy. The next I'm pulling him out from the rubble... dead." He went on to say that after the accident it instilled this new sort of energy, to go out and try harder to help the people overcome all the fear and hatred that is still present in this place.

According to Saposky and Shapiro, "Our sensitivity to our own military casualties is longstanding and certainly not unique. People of all countries love their children and their soldiers, but only we in the United States have the opportunity, the wealth, and the technology to protect them, even in battle." Our vulnerabilities are not in the quantity or quality of our conventional forces or in weapons of mass destruction. The United States cannot be out researched, out produced, or outgunned. Our troops are superbly equipped, brave, and well trained. No one's forces can see more or communicate better in the "fog" of war than ours.

War is a terrible thing, there is no denying that and it is sad. But when we are there for a good cause and the soldiers are proud to be there, we, as the American community, should stand behind them and support them in every movement made. If a decision is made and acted upon by the government then what can we do but support it and deal with whatever comes with it.

## Con



Shawnee Gowan

By Shawnee Gowan

"More than thirty months after Bush's stirring declaration of war and then declared victory, no chemical, biological or nuclear weapons have been found, nor any documentation of their existence, nor any sign they were deployed in the field." This was one of the many lies we were told as Americans to lead us to believe it was necessary to go into Iraq in the first place. Now, after the fact, we are not so sure. We are, the richest, most technologically capable nation, but when it comes to intelligence, we definitely lack.

Still we find ourselves in Iraq, trying to clean up the mess we made for what purpose? Why did we go in the first place? And why, oh why are we still there? It's a question that echoes in every corner of America. Some say it's because Bush wanted to impress his father by continuing what he had started. Some say it was to give us a renewed sense of power, invading a suffering, helpless country and "turning them around" to be, ideally, just like us. Still others believe that if we hadn't gone into Iraq, Saddam Hussein would have nuked us to death, or terrorists would have taken over the world. Yet there are also those who believe that we are fighting a "war on terror" trying to stop the Taliban, and getting vengeance for the 9/11 attack on the US. Although it would be nice if that were the case, we aren't even in the correct country to capture Osama and his terrorist squad. In fact, it seems like we have almost completely given up on that operation. That's why some

think we are at war with Iraq to cover up the fact that we never could find Osama, or much else to correct the 9/11 attacks, so we justified it by seizing Saddam and "liberating" Iraq. I'm sure there are many other excuses people have tried to explain Bush's reasoning for occupying Iraq. But, regardless of America's opinions, (because when has the government ever really cared about that anyways) the fact is that nobody really knows, and America is trying to figure out what we were thinking by allowing this to happen. Now that the lies that made this war sound like such a good idea have been proven time and time again to be, well..., lies, we have thousands of young Americans fighting a war that shouldn't be occurring, sacrificing their lives and their futures, for what?

We should support these troops with all our might. We all have seen the yellow car stickers and ribbons which say "Support Our Troops" In fact many of us have them on our own vehicles. But what are we doing to actually support them? Does supporting the troops mean just believing they will return home alive?

The best way to support our troops is to bring them home. The number of casualties is out of control, and these young people aren't even dying for much of a cause. Soldiers shouldn't be over there pulling their friends out of rubble dead and expecting to die themselves. We are not killing machines. There are many more peaceful tactics that could have been used to help out the Iraqi people.

We are trying to rebuild a government that we destroyed, trying to force democracy on a country that hasn't consented to even really wanting our assistance

## Drinking age OK

By Antonia Cornell-Banke

In America when you are 18, you can be put in prison for a life sentence for a federal crime but you are not allowed to choose what you drink. At 18 years old, "kids" are considered to be adults and in charge of their own lives. They are expected to take care of bills, make an income, and do everything that a 21-year-old must. So why is it that 18 year-olds are not allowed to

there, and we have blown all that they had (which wasn't much) into smithereens and are now acting like what we have done has helped them. Hooray for us, the policemen of the world.

I think people are denying reality and need to realize that we messed up here. If Mr. Bush would take a little responsibility for what he has caused, it would help, but his playing it off like everything that has occurred is completely justified and full of purpose isn't helping America out of debt, our troops out of Iraq, or much improvement at all over there. I agree that it would be nice if this whole democracy plan worked out for the Iraqi citizens, and if we actually did do anything to get rid of terrorist groups such as the Taliban, and tyrant forms of government, and give the people a taste of freedom. At least one good thing would come out of this seemingly pointless, sad, destructive war. But it seems right now that all we are doing is making terrorist groups and the rest of the world mad. None of our allies want to be part of this "effort" in Iraq, nobody agrees with us, and most of the world looks at us as idiots that have stirred up a swarm of wasps that otherwise wouldn't have been disturbed.

If we are there to show Iraq: citizens freedom and a better way of life so that they don't have to live in constant fear of their government, then why are we inflicting constant fear on them by our presence?

War IS a terrible thing, especially when the purpose is foggy and poor. People shouldn't die for something like this. If the government makes a decision and has our support based on lies, then when we find out that it is lies that we supported, and disagree, but it is too late to change anything, then what kind of government are we? Maybe we are the ones who need to rebuild a democracy. This war has proven to be the final straw of stupidity that the rest of the world has to help us fix. We need to take some

responsibility, clean up our mess, stop the killing, and get out of here before things get much worse, if that is still possible.

## Letter to The Editor

Dear Editor:

I'm writing this letter to address some of the problems the 2005 cheerleaders have faced this season. We have had excessive complaints filed against us about why we don't cheer for the junior varsity team and why we didn't attend the Modoc game. We don't cheer for the J.V. team because we only have two J.V. cheerleaders, and cheering for four hours is not something that is possible for anyone to do. Do the J.V. football players play their game and then go and play in the Varsity game as well? During the J.V. game all of the cheerleaders sit in the stands and support the J.V. team. We do cheers at every

quarter of the game. How is that not supporting the Junior Varsity? The reason why we didn't attend the Modoc game is because it is a five to six hour drive and four cheerleaders couldn't make it to the game, which left us with five cheerleaders. The school always complains about how it doesn't have enough funding to pay for the gas for all the sports vans, but when we don't go to a game that's five to six hours away we get tons of complaints.

Several parents took it upon themselves to file complaints against us saying that none of us should receive our block E's for the season; however, they never confronted our coach with their problems or any

cheerleaders. None of these parents knew what was really going on. They just made up what they thought was true and took it to the administration. I think it's sort of ironic how these parents complain about us not supporting their football players, but when we do cheer, they don't even make attempts to cheer with us. If the crowd doesn't appreciate us when we are there, what does it matter if we're not there for one game?

I also think it's pretty immature when a staff member of our school has to talk bad about us with other students. You're a grown adult. Talking bad about high school kids is pretty immature. We do so much for

this school and get the least bit of funding and the least amount of respect.

If this school wants to have cheerleaders in the future they need to start showing us some respect! Would these parents that have filed all these untrue complaints rather have no cheerleaders supporting their boys on the field? Lay off parents and staff. We do a good job. Start recognizing the good that we do instead of seeing every little flaw!

Thank you to all of the people that have supported us and all that we do.

Thank you,  
Prairie Simas

drink alcohol?

Many teens complain that adults make these laws without knowing who they individually are. Many would be surprised that teens actually had a major contribution in deciding that the drinking age in California should be 21. According to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving or MADD Web Site, in the

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# Teen pregnancy destroys young lives

Erika Schwall

In 2004 there were almost one million teenage women in the United States. Teenagers aged 15-19, which makes up 10% of the women in the United States, became pregnant. Seventy percent of teen pregnancies are unplanned, accounting for a fourth of all accidental pregnancies annually. Although teen pregnancy isn't too evident in Etna or other nearby towns, it is in cities such as Sacramento. In the town I recently moved from the local high school had to open a child care center

to watch the children so the teen parents could attend classes.

The likelihood of teenagers having sex increases steadily with age; however, about one in five young people do not have sex while teenagers. This may seem pretty self-evident. But nearly two-thirds (64%) of sexually active 15-17 year-old women have partners who are within two years of their age; 29% have sexual partners who are 3-5 years older, and 7% have partners who are six or more years older according to a Web site I found on teen sex and

pregnancy by the Guttmacher Institute ([www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb\\_teen\\_sex.html](http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_teen_sex.html)).

Teenage births are mostly associated with lower annual income for the mother, 80% of whom eventually rely on welfare. Teenage mothers are also more likely to drop out of school and only about one third obtains a high school diploma. Teenage pregnancies are associated with an increased rate of delinquent behaviors in the fathers, including alcohol and substance abuse, lower educational level, and reduced earning potential. In the United States, the annual cost of teen pregnancies from lost tax revenues, public assistance, child health care, foster care, and involvement

with the criminal justice system is estimated to be about \$7 billion. Another consequence of babies born to teen mothers is that they're at a higher risk of being abused and neglected. It's a proven fact boys born to teenage mothers are 13% more likely to be incarcerated while girls born to teenage mothers are 22% more likely to become teenage mothers.

A sexually active teenager who does not use contraceptives has a 90% chance of becoming pregnant within one year. The method teenage women most frequently use is the pill (44%), followed by the condom (38%). About 10% rely on the injectable, 4% on withdrawal and 3% on

implant.

One in four sexually active teens acquire a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD). In a single act of unprotected sex with an infected partner, a teenage woman has a 1% risk of acquiring HIV, a 30% chance of getting genital herpes and a 50% chance of contracting gonorrhea. Teenage women have a higher hospitalization rate than older women for acute pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which is most often caused by untreated gonorrhea or chlamydia. PID can lead to infertility and ectopic pregnancy.

Teen pregnancy rates are much higher in the United States than in many other developed countries, twice as

high as England, Wales or Canada, and nine times higher than the Netherlands or Japan. Thirteen percent of all U.S. births are to teens. One-fourth of all teen-age mothers have a second child within two years of their first.

Nearly four in 10 teen pregnancies are terminated by abortion. The reason most often given by teens for choosing to have an abortion are being concerned that having a baby would change their lives, feeling that they are not mature enough to have a child, and having financial problems.

\*All statistics enclosed were found from the Web site [http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb\\_teen\\_sex.html](http://www.agi-usa.org/pubs/fb_teen_sex.html).

## *Birthdays for November!!*

- 11/01 Tezca Quintero
- 11/04 Darren Eaton
- 11/06 Drake McBroom
- 11/09 Hillary Plank
- 11/09 Zoe Szczepeanek
- 11/11 Sarah Miller
- 11/15 Jayah Bennett
- 11/15 Abigail Zufelt
- 11/17 Trevor Eastlick
- 11/19 Curtis Sweezy
- 11/25 Julie Hall
- 11/25 Portia Hanes
- 11/26 Amber Borba
- 11/28 Heather Smelt

## FFA Convention - continued from page 1

By Sara Wilmot

Independence and the Bill of Rights. FFA members also toured all of the different monuments such as the Washington Monument to the Lincoln Memorial. They also saw the Vietnam Memorial wall and the Korean Wall. FFA

members were also given a tour of the National Cathedral.

While visiting Arlington Cemetery, members attended the changing of the guards at the tomb of the unnamed soldier. This was a very powerful and inspirational

performance put on by the dedicated individuals who are selected to guard this tomb.

Another memorable tour that the members took was to the location where all the U.S. money is printed. There they saw stacks of hundred-

dollar bills being printed in mass amounts.

The trip was full of educational as well as very memorable moments. Students who attended the trip said they never thought they would be able to see so much stuff in such a short amount of time.

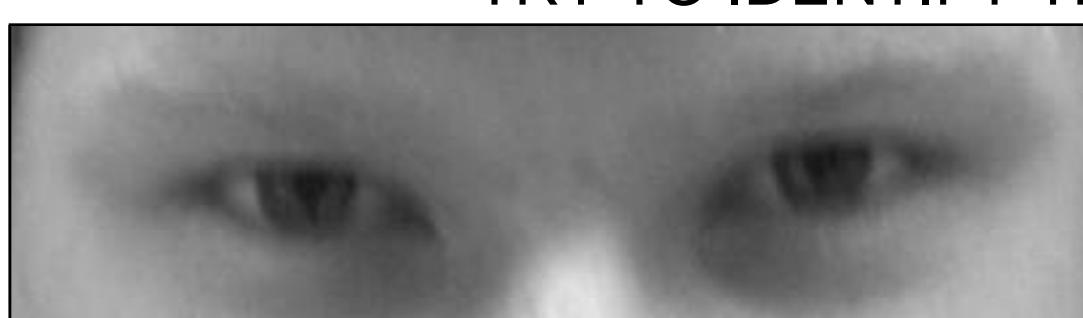


FFA Members standing next to the Oscar Mayer Wiener Mobile at the career fair at the National FFA Convention.

Photo By Katie Morris  
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## Guess Who?

TRY TO IDENTIFY THE STUDENTS BELOW



## Anne to return to France

By Mary McDonald

Imagine going from the rolling hills and ancient castles of France to the quiet terrain of the Valley. This is what it was like for Anne Jacquinot when she arrived here in August. Anne comes from the large town of Troyes, France. It has a population of about 65,000; even though the school she attends there has only about 800 kids, and it contains all grades from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Anne is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and is 15. While she is here, she takes the following classes: Chemistry, Computer Applications, English, US History, Choir, Drama, and Biology. In France, she takes a total of ten classes including Math, World History, Geography, French (which is like our English), German, English, Italian, PE, Biology, and Physics.

Although Anne is only staying here for three months, she has already visited Disneyland, and plans to see San Francisco, Ashland, the coast, and Oregon. She decided to come to America because of these places and she wanted to learn more about the American lifestyle. Some of her favorite things about America are all of the nice people and how fun school is here compared to her other school. Anne's least favorite thing about America is peanut butter. She hates peanut butter.

Some of Anne's favorite things about EHS are how nice all of the teachers



Photo by Kayla Gilmore

Foreign Exchange Student Anne Jacquinot

are because in France, the teachers are a lot more strict. No matter how much she thought, Anne could not think of a single thing that she didn't like about our school.

While Anne does play sports, it's not the rough kind of sports we're used to. She dances, mostly ballet though not the classical type.

Anne's hobbies include shopping, sleeping, watching movies, listening to music (pop and heavy metal), and hanging out with friends. Even though Anne misses her friends in France, she has made several new friends here including Natasha, Kalie, Heather, Olga, and Keywan.

Anne is staying here for only three months because the thought of staying here for a whole year was just too long. She is residing with Don Howell and Barbara Giacomelli on Lighthill Road in Fort Jones for the time that she is staying in the Valley.

What Anne misses most about home is hanging out with her friends Audrey, Nelly, Vincent, Floriah, and Jophnet. She also misses visiting monuments and castles with her mother, Malika, her father, Pascal, and her sister, Sarah.

## Interact to raise funds, build playground

By Jon Villani

The Interact Club is a branch of the Scott Valley Rotary Club for students. The Club is intended to establish a community service and a community fundraiser. Each year, the club has to have a specific community event and an international event. Last year, the Interact club cleaned up the field between Etna Union High School and Dotty's Korner Kitchen, and raised money to fund the tsunami efforts. This year the club plans to make a playground for

children at the Babe-Ruth Baseball field on Howell Street. They also intend on having a fundraiser for the earthquake victims in Pakistan.

Staci Deppen (senior) has been President for two years now. She hopes to get more people in the Interact Club because last year there were only four members. "We want to do more projects, but we will do them as they come to us," said Deppen.

The vice-president is Alison Sturgis (junior). She is participating for her first time in Interact Club. She hopes to raise the money for the earthquake victims in Kashmir.

The treasurer is

Alexandra DeCair (sophomore). The new publicity supervisors are Danielle Towne (senior) and Michele Westbrook (junior). They are also new this year. Publicity Supervisor a new job for the Interact club. They notify the press and send out flyers of activities that the club does.

Shane Schnieder (senior) is the "Middle Man". He reports to the Rotary Club and members with updates on what events the club is planning. "The more people that show up the better, but everyone needs to show up serious," said Schnieder.

## Junker of the Month: Drew's VW

By Jon Villani

Have you ever seen those nice looking cars in the parking lot that make you crave them over your car or your parent's car? But what about those other cars? Every month the *Paw Print* will write about those junkers we see in the lot.

The Junk of the Month, this month is Drew Hurlimann's black 1987 Volkswagen Cabriolet. He has agreed to present his car for this article. It is the hit when you see all of those big rigs parked so close and then at the end of the lot is this little beat-up black car. The car is full of dents and has a smashed side-mirror.

His family has had the car for five years. He had modified the car by adding Zebra seat covers and a radio. And has repaired a hole in the side with an inner tube. The air conditioner doesn't work, and if the car is going slow enough, the heater will get warm. It may not look attractive, but the car gets 28 mpg.

"It has only failed me one time when it broke down going over Forrest Mnt., it only needed a new



Photo By Kayla Gilmore

Drew Hurlimann's Volkswagen is commonly seen in the parking lot.

fuel pump," said Drew.

"I like bombin' around in it like it is a hovercraft," said senior Taylor Webster.

"I like cruising around with the top down and the windows down, goin' all around," said Lauran Grassman (senior).

If Drew could get another car, he would love a Mercedes. But right now he plans to keep this junker and if he can get enough money, he will custom it out.

People say that you can't judge a book by its

cover, nor can you judge a person by his car. Drew is the Senior Class President and is involved in every school activity possible. His car has nothing to do with his life, but it was

junk enough to get noticed for this article. His car is also envied by a lot of students, not just for its looks, but its size and versatility.

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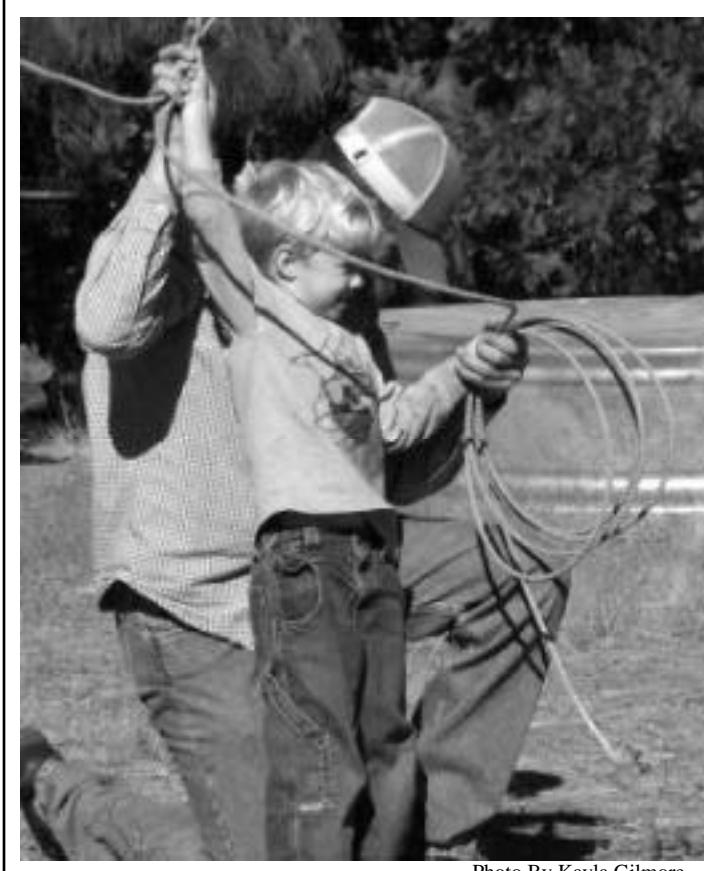


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Everett Dowling teaches Lane Towne how to rope a cow at the Ag. Barn during the Apple Festival. FFA members hosted an Apple Festival for kindergarteners from Etna Elementary. The kids participated in activities such as bobbing for apples and learning how to rope cattle. The kindergarteners learned about various agricultural activities that they could participate in once they got to high school. When the kids were asked what their favorite part of the day had been they responded "the apples." At the end of the day each student got to pick out their very own pumpkin to take home for Halloween.

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## Undefeated soccer team looses in playoffs

By Tyler Stack

The league champion EHS soccer team destroyed team after team after team making an intimidating reputation for themselves. The soccer team won its way to the North Section playoffs where they played Liberty Christian for a chance to advance to the semi-finals.

Etna's first match for the playoffs against Liberty Christian was the most intense and exiting game I've ever witnessed. The game started off with a long stale mate of shot after shot with no successful goal. EHS junior Geoff Weedon had two attempts at Liberty Christian's goal, but unfortunately he missed both times. After what seemed like an hour, Liberty Christian scored the first goal. Following shortly behind Liberty Christian, EHS junior Tezca Quintero scored the first goal for Etna, tying the game 1-1.

Then the referee sounded the whistle signaling the end of the first half of the game. When the second half started, Liberty Christian tried several times to make a goal on EHS senior Jared Monnette, but Monnette was able to block three goal attempts. Even though Monnette was on top of his game, Liberty Christian made another goal! Then the game went straight back into another stalemate.

It was almost the end of the second half, and we all thought the worst, but then EHS senior Robbie Brown made an incredible shot tying the game 2-2. Again the referee blew her whistle signaling the end of the game.

The officials decided the game would have to go into a fifteen-minute overtime. The game restarted with exhausted players on both teams. After about 10 minutes



Photos by Tyler Stack

Jared Monnette (senior) blocks a shot on goal.



Amyel Valadez (senior) skillfully dribbles the ball down the field.

of non-stop action, Liberty Christian scored another goal and ended the game 3-2 giving Etna its first loss in the season.

EHS soccer coach Marcus Hartmann said that both teams did a very good job, and it was the best game of the season. Hartmann picked two MVP's for the game: senior Troy Hayden

and Monnette.

Etna's season boasts

10 wins and 1 loss.

Hartmann hopes that next year he can have a team as strong as this year's.

## High School Rodeo Team Kills Competition

By Shawnee Gowan

On October 22-23, the district one CHSRA held its second monthly rodeo in Yreka, CA. Local Etna High School Competitors did very well.

In the events offered - cutting, bareback riding, saddle bronc, bull riding, steer wrestling, tie down roping, barrel racing, breakaway roping, goat tying, pole bending, and team roping - five of Etna's own placed in the average points. The average score represents Saturday and Sunday's combined scores.

Of the Etna High School rodeoers, Dean Autry (freshman) tied for first in the boys cutting. Roy Johnson (junior) placed second in the saddle bronc riding. Johnson and Autry also placed second and third in steer wrestling. In the tie down roping, Roy Johnson came in fourth just



Photos By Shelly Johnson

Dean Autry (freshman) takes third in Steer Wrestling.

in front of cousin Frank Johnson (sophomore) who pulled in fifth. David Johnson (senior) came in tenth out of 20 entrants. In the Team Roping, out of 25 teams, three Etna boys racked in some points. Clint Johnson tied with Frank Johnson for sixth place. Roy Johnson and Nellie Williams, a senior from Cottonwood took ninth place.

Lacy Hanna

(sophomore) and Shawnee Gowan (senior) also did well in the rodeo, gaining points in the go-rounds but not quite making average points. Hanna competes in Goat Tying and Breakaway Roping. Gowan competes in Barrel Racing and Pole Bending.

The kids from Etna competing on the District One CHSRA rodeo team have been doing very well thus far this year, up against

## Lady Lions Smash Cougars

By Kayla Gilmore

Thursday October 20 in the Carl Smith gym, the Varsity Lady Lions smashed the Weed Cougars.

Starting off in the first match of the night the Lions couldn't keep up with the Weed Ladies, but they were soon back to get their revenge. The first match was lost 17-25. Starting game play in match two, strong spikes by Sam Siemers (senior) kept the Cougars on their toes, but they still couldn't return many of the powerful hits. Charmain Mortenson (sophomore) had a strong game with her ace serving and her play at the net. The Lions won their second match 25-15.

The last match of the night was a nail bitter



Photo By Kayla Gilmore

Charmain Mortenson (junior) bumps the ball for a perfect spike.

as the Lions had to win this one to get an overall win for the night. Towards the end of the fifth game match, the Lady Lions and the Weed Cougars went neck and

## Junior Varsity Volleyball

### Statistics

#### Aces

Elli Pynes	51
Janna Thackeray	22
Tracy Thackeray	17
Bethany Langford	16
Chloe Papazian	13

#### Kills

Tracy Thackeray	43
Chloe Papazian	21
Elli Pynes	16
Nicole Westbrook	13
Sarah Loogman	9
Lindsay Statcher	9



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Kacey Munson (sophomore) bumps the ball to Tracy Thackeray (sophomore).



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Clint Johnson (sophomore) competes in Tie Down Roping.

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# Winter Wrestling Off to a Great Start

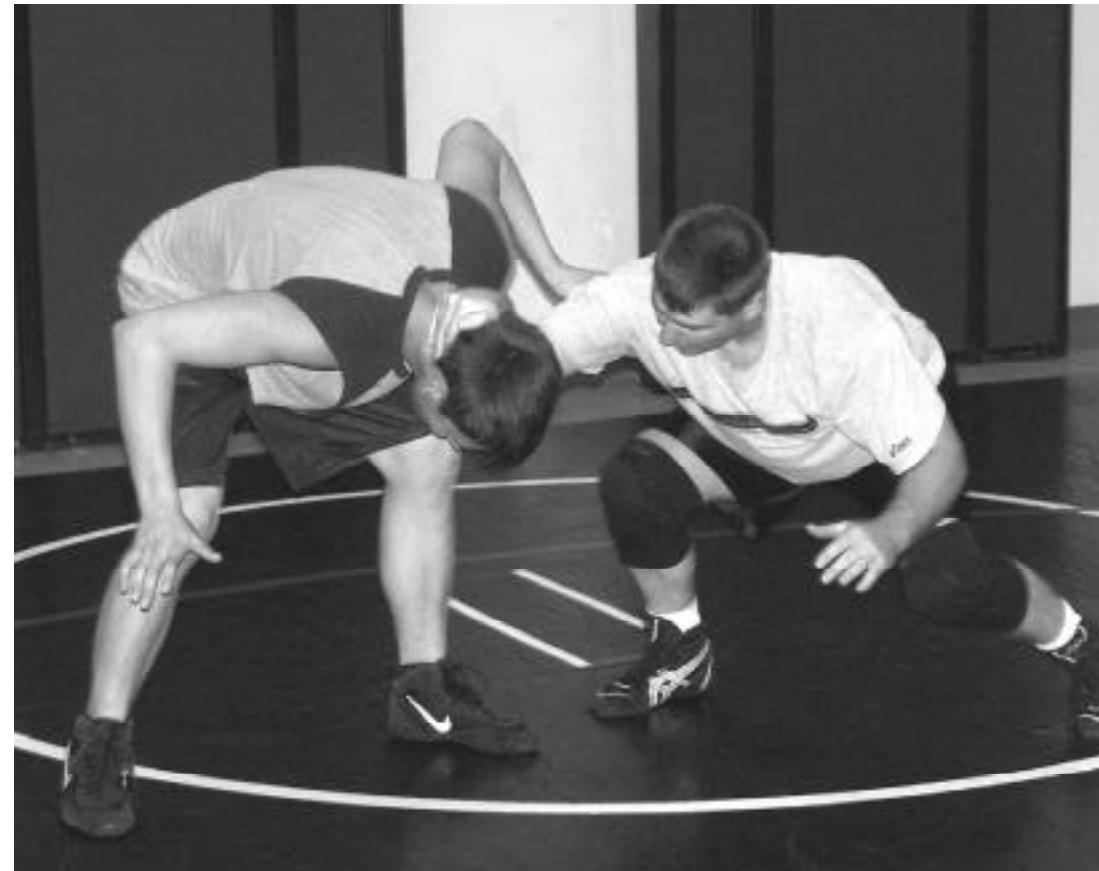
By Sarah Loogman

Winter wrestling is off to a good start. With intense practices each day to improve skills and learn new ones, this season's team holds high hopes for great achievements. Coach Kyle Kaae says he sees a lot of potential in this young team.

With just over a dozen weight classes ranging from barely 100 lbs to almost 300 lbs, dieting is important and slight differences can be an advantage. "Eating well and carefully watching your weight is a big part of wrestling," junior wrestler Michael LaMarr said. "Even one-tenth of a pound can make the entire difference of what class you may be in and who may be your opponent."

Although all of the wrestlers work together as a group at practice, in a competition matches, everything comes down to the individual. Wrestling in itself is an individual sport. "When you're going one-on-one with a person in a match, it's just you and them. If you win, you know it was because of your own hard determined efforts and the feeling makes you feel really good," said Megan Wiles (sophomore).

Wiles started wrestling last year and has come back for more this year. The independent feeling of wrestling, unlike any other sport, attracted her. Often times, wrestling is most popular among males, but being a girl doesn't change anything for



**Coach Kaae and Tom Balsz (junior) demonstrate a new wrestling move at practice last week.**

Wiles. "Being a girl can sometimes make it rough, but if I work just as hard [as the boys on the team], it doesn't matter who I am," Wiles said.

Currently, Tyler Stromeyer (junior) is ranked 4<sup>th</sup> in the northern section and Kaae expects to see a lot out of him. Kaae especially wants to focus on teaching self-discipline and motivation to his wrestlers. "There aren't any required dieting rules to follow, but hopefully they will independently watch what they eat to stay fit and healthy," Kaae added.

Last year's coach Scott Forrester moved to Alturas this summer with a new job offer, and Kaae plans to carry on with the wrestling program, but with a few changes. Opposed to previous years, matches

and tournaments will no longer be at such a far distance as some were before. The wrestlers plan to have up to three tournaments in Medford, Oregon. Kaae hopes that with the matches being closer to home, parents will become more involved and show more support. Coach Kaae also hopes for some news attention.

This year, a specific plan has been set up for the wrestlers including weight lifting, specific warm-ups, techniques, and takedown. There will be four to five practices each day after school.

One thought that LaMarr, going into his third year of wrestling, wanted others to understand is the concept that it seems that the athletes of more popular sports seem to get attention

while others, still working just as hard, rarely get noticed. "I'd like people to realize that we work just as hard like any other athletes," LaMarr said. "We don't do any less than they do, and we all have the same goal in the end which is to win."

The wrestlers will go to their first match on December 2 in Phoenix, Oregon for a one-day tournament.

# Last EHS Home Football Game

By Jon Villani

The last football home-game happened on a Friday October 28, and it was full of emotion, both good and bad. The Etna Lions hosted the Modoc Braves. The weather was cold and rainy, but the fans were bundled up and willing to sit it out. In the end, the JV had a tie, and even though the Varsity faced defeat, the fans were still proud of them.

The JV football team was evenly matched. The teams seemed like they were evenly numbered, and both teams were ready. The teams had good passing and running games. Logan Dysert (sophomore) led in running yards. Skyler Schneider (sophomore), led in receiving yards. Quarterback Clint Johnson (sophomore) admitted he wasn't at the top of his game after throwing five interceptions. But for every downfall on offence, they had an uprising in defense. Jonathan Ojeda (freshman) caught an interception. Players Henry McBroom (sophomore), Dysert, Jordan Pehle-Munson (freshman), and Taylor Pehle-Munson (freshman) lead in tackles. At the end of the game the score was

tied at 0-0.

The Varsity game was fierce. It was late and cold. The rain was drizzling down. And the field was muddy. The lead quarterback Ryan Pehle (senior) was absent for the game. So Jordan Hiett (senior) stepped up and took it on as the starting Quarterback.

"He was way better than I thought he would be, but he's got guts for stepping up," said wide-receiver Tyler Grenvik (senior).

Although their offensive game wasn't going well, their defense was trying as hard as they could to stop the ball. Andreas Kristoffersen (junior) caught a reception that grabbed everyone's attention. The leader in rushing yards was Ian McGonigal (senior), and the leader in receiving yards was Grenvik. The Etna Lions lost the game with a score of 44-0. But who says they didn't try.

The senior varsity players are sad to play their last home game. Some are looking forward to playing college level, or to come back to EHS and play alumni football games.

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# EHS Cheerleaders Support Lion's Varsity Football

By Jon Villani

EHS has lots of talent on the football field, but it is not just the football players. The Cheerleaders are doing a great job as well! They are the supporters of the players no matter what the score is. They are there to hold their heads up high and to keep our team from admitting defeat. Our cheerleaders are always there for the team, even when the temperature is 30 degrees. They give the players and spectators hope.

Rose Baker (senior) said, "I like to cheer on the football team to show school spirit."

Apart from the hand clapping cheers in front of the crowd, they have to gather their courage and perform five different routines. The team practices more this year,



**The talented cheerleaders show off their stunting skills.**

according to Baker. Practices are Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for two and a half hours each.

One important fact of our cheerleaders is that they all depend on each other to be and do what they are supposed to do so no one

gets hurt. If they aren't in position on a toss, for example, someone could seriously get hurt.

Baker added, "The

with only a few people."

This year's cheerleaders are: Heather Alonso (freshman), Rose Baker (senior), Olga Baulder (junior), Antonia Cornell-Banke (junior), April Conklin (freshman), Silisha Doane (senior), Tiana Finch (senior), Kellianne Jones (junior), Avery Shepherd (junior), and Prairie Simas (senior). Baker and Doane are co-captains of the cheer squad. There are also two stunt groups which are composed of five people each that help perform several stunt formations. This year we even have a mascot; Cornell-Banke wears the mascot costume.

The cheerleaders were also involved in cheerleading for the soccer team on October 20, who has recently, became division 5 champions.

## EHS Students Get Their Bucks



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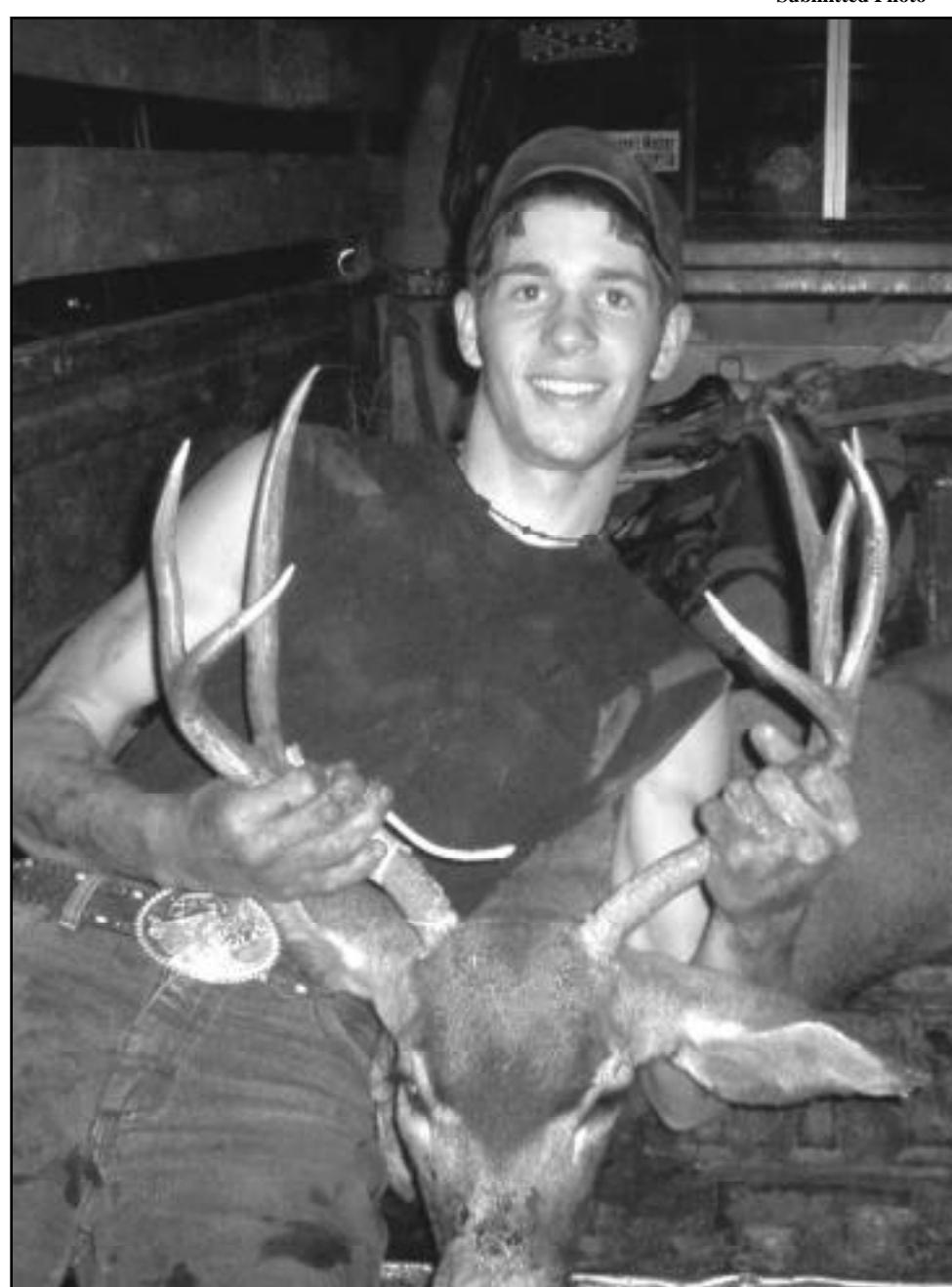


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**Clockwise from top left:**  
Nicole Luiz (sophomore),  
Lacy Hanna (sophomore),  
Demitri Iannios (junior), Mary  
McDonald (junior), and Darrin  
Eaton (junior) pose with their  
prizes.

**Answers for Guess Who?  
From page 4**

Clockwise from top left: Mike Sand-  
ers, Jamie O'regaa, Smokey Dowling,  
and Kekie Jones.



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## Drinking Age - continued from page 3

By Antonia Cornell-Banke

According to the Mothers Against Drunk Driving or MADD Web Site, in the 1960's and 1970's the drinking age was lowered to 18 drunk driving. In a majority of states there was a distinguishable increase in teenage deaths in fatal car crashes. The states then reinstated the age of 21 law, and the numbers of crashes dropped. There was up to a

28% decrease in car accidents involving teens. National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that due to the higher drinking age, more than 1,000 deaths are prevented every year. There are also medical reasons why the drinking age should stay at 21.

According to National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism if someone begins to drink before age

15, he/she will have a four times greater chance of developing a dependence on alcohol than someone who starts to drink at the age of 21. Also according to the MADD Web Site, the book *Buzzed* reported that a person's brain does not stop developing until around age 20. One of the last parts of the brain to develop is the part that creates the ability to plan and make complex decisions. Drinking before

one's brain has fully developed may cause one to not fully develop these important sections of the brain. Another harmful side effect is that learning becomes more difficult. Also drinking may impair memory.

So while many think that the drinking age should be lowered to 18, there is considerable evidence to keep the drinking age at 21.