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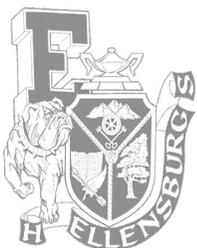
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Free College Credit Should Be Free

A Jada Godwin
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Editorial

Ellensburg High School offers a few additional credit options for its students, including Running Start and College in the High School. These dual credit programs offer credit for both students' high school and college transcripts, allowing a student to fulfill their high school graduation requirements while starting their college degree. But students beware—these programs come at a price.

Running Start, a program in which students take courses at Central Washington University either in-person or online, offers tuition-free classes for EHS juniors and seniors. However, these students are still responsible for paying various fees, such as technology fees, which can add up to several hundred dollars each year. They must also buy or rent their own textbooks, although students who qualify for free or reduced lunch can apply to a book loan program for free textbooks. The program is very transparent in explaining that textbooks are not guaranteed, and the books unable to be provided through the program must be bought out of students' pockets.

There is also the College in the High School program, designed to provide college credit for classes taken at the high school. Students can take their regular high school classes for reduced college tuition and full college credit. For \$55 per credit, and as most classes are five credits, this allows students to take classes for \$275 each. Through this program, students can receive reimbursement for one class per semester, or up to

\$550 for two five-credit classes per year. This reimbursement still requires the student to pay \$275 upfront, which for lower-class families becomes a problem.

If this money is going to be reimbursed a few months later, why can it not be paid by the school district in the first place? Wouldn't it be so much easier, faster, and cheaper to simply remove the middleman? Money doesn't need to be wasted on billing and filling the same expense over and over again.

This process of reimbursement also unnecessarily burdens lower-class families. Many families live paycheck to paycheck, and finding \$300 out of nowhere is not an easy task. Not to mention, families are not immediately paid back. Reimbursement requires families to fill out and turn in a reimbursement form, and although there is an immediate payment option, that option still requires time to file all the necessary paperwork and still forces families to pay the school. And if families don't turn in their reimbursement form, they're simply out of their money. Reimbursement is not automatic, and for busy families, the paperwork can slip through the cracks.

As for Running Start, students shouldn't have to pay any additional fee to the tuition. The point of the program is to allow students to earn free college credit. These fees are often not explained to prospective students, and are the full responsibility of the student to pay. That is unacceptable.

Reimbursement is a step in the right direction, but there is progress that must be made to further extend the opportunity to receive free college credit in high school, especially to the families who couldn't afford it otherwise.

Abstaining from the Pledge

 **Lucy Altman-Coe**
Copy Editor
Opinion

Every morning over announcements the words, “please stand for the Pledge of Allegiance,” ring throughout the school. However, starting in 2016, I have consistently remained sitting through the Pledge of Allegiance.

According to RCW 28A.230.140, a piece of Washington state legislation, “pupils so desiring” recite the pledge every day. However, it adds that, “students not reciting the pledge shall maintain a respectful silence.”

I don’t consider myself an anarchist, or a radical leftist. I stopped reciting the pledge due to personal reasons and an internal moral compass. I’ve never tried to convince my fellow students to stop saying the pledge, and I am always maintaining the “respectful silence” demanded by the state.

My original reasoning for not saying the pledge started in the November of my 7th grade year, when I began to notice some of the many flaws in our country: rampant poverty being ignored by the government, a lack of federal funding for public schools, and an overwhelming feeling of dread for the state of the country.

This was only fueled by an assignment late in my 7th grade year that asked us to examine what aliens would find odd if they landed on Earth. I then realized: why is the government, from a young age, ingraining the words in our heads that we must

One Reporter’s Reasoning

always be loyal to our country? When I was taught this habit, I barely even understood what these words meant, let alone the implications of them.

While I understood that many did not share the same views as me, I did talk to my parents, professors at Central Washington University, about my feelings. They explained to me that, though the habit had been handed to me without the chance for me to consider, I actually had the choice. I began to stand when the request was made to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance, but I would not say the words.

Several students and even a couple teachers have accused me of being disrespectful, violating rules, and disrupting the class. Despite these remarks, I have continued to refrain from repeating the pledge and, in 9th grade, I began to remain sitting while my classmates rose and repeated the words, “I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

Again, I am not diminishing those who do pledge their loyalty to the United States every day, nor am I trying to pressure those who do into stopping. However, those who do not say the Pledge of Allegiance are not rule-breaking anarchists, they are those who have simply made a different choice in a small aspect of their lives.

Covid-19 Update

 **Lucy Altman-Coe**
Copy Editor
Column

Despite vaccinations being at a higher level, Covid-19 numbers are still an important thing to keep an eye on, as accurate information is a crucial step to better understanding the pandemic.

In Ellensburg School District, as of March 9th, there are 76 total cases, according to the Ellensburg School District Covid-19 dashboard and previous data. Of those, 19 have occurred at Ellensburg High School.

Kittitas County as a whole has seen 2,336 total cases, along with 28 deaths due to the virus, reported the Kittitas County Community Impact Dashboard as of February 28th. Of these, 328 cases have occurred at Central Washington University from September 9th, 2020, to February 28th, 2021, according to the CWU Covid-19 dashboard.

Statewide, there are a total of 321,079 cases and 4,956 deaths, according to the Washington State Department of Health on February 28th. Throughout the country, we have seen 28,355,420 accumulated cases since January 21st, 2020, according to the Center for Disease Control on February 28th. There have been 510,777 lives lost nationwide due to the Covid-19 virus.

The staff of the Alutant urge you to follow guidelines from health officials as the county continues to fight the pandemic. For more information on masks, see page 16.

Trump's Second Acquittal

A Closer Look at the Closer Vote

A **Carson Wright**
Staff Reporter
News

On February 13th, Donald J. Trump, the 45th President of the United States, was acquitted by the Senate with a vote of 57-43.

This was the only time a US President has been impeached twice.

The first impeachment took



President Donald Trump. Photo Courtesy of Wikipedia.

place one year ago after there was debate on whether or not Donald Trump abused his power as President and obstructed Congress.

The House of Representatives voted to impeach on both accounts with a vote of 230-197 and 229-198. But the Senate voted to acquit with the votes of 48-52 and 47-53. Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT) was the only Republican senator that voted to convict. But the second impeachment told a different story.

On January 6th, a Trump-supporting protest quickly turned into a riot. This riot made history. The last time the capitol was stormed was in 1812 by the British, who burned the Capitol

Building to the ground.

The rioters broke into the House and Senate chambers while the representatives and senators were inside. One DC police officer died in that break-in, and four rioters.

Following that event, an article of impeachment was introduced to the house that accused Trump of "Incitement of Insurrection."

The House quickly voted guilty with a vote of 232-197. The article then went on to the Senate, where the final vote was 57-43.

The Senate is currently

split with 50 Republicans and 50 Democrats. So which 7 Republicans voted to impeach?

The first was Senator Mitt Romney (R-UT). He has expressed his distain for Trump many times and he was the only Republican that voted to impeach in 2020.

The next senator is Richard Burr (R-NC). According to USA Today, he said that "as I said on January 6th, the President bears responsibility for these tragic events. . . I do not make this decision lightly, but I believe it is necessary."

Senator Bill Cassidy (R-LA) also voted to convict Trump. He made a statement shortly after the trial, saying that "our Consti-

tution and our country is more important than any one person. I voted to convict President Trump because he is guilty."

Lisa Murkowski (R-AK), was one of two female Republican senators that voted to convict. "I'm sure that there are many Alaskans that are very dissatisfied with my vote," she explained. Murkowski went on to explain that the country is divided and how we need to unite.

The fifth senator is Ben Sasse (R-NE). And he did not stop attacking Trump. "First, President Trump lied that he 'won the election by a landslide.' He lied



Senator Bill Cassidy. Photo Courtesy of Gage Skidmore.

about widespread voter fraud, spreading conspiracy theories despite losing 60 straight court challenges, many of his losses handed down by great judges he nominated."

Republican Pat Tooney from Pennsylvania stated that he thought that Trump wasn't a good president. "He began with dishonest, systematic attempts to convince supporters that he had won."

The last senator that voted to convict was Susan Collins



Senator Ben Sasse. Photo Courtesy of Gage Skidmore.

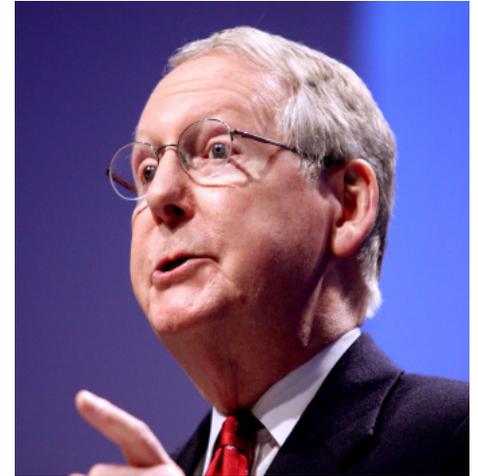
(R-ME). After the trial she told the people of America that she voted because of his, "failure to obey the oath he swore on Jan. 20, 2017."

So why didn't he vote to convict? Was it pressure on the party or did he think that he was going to lose his next election?

Either way, February 13th

After the trial, Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-KY) said "there's no question, none, that President Trump is practically and morally responsible for provoking the events of the day."

was a historic day in American history.



Senator Mitch McConnell. Photo courtesy of Gage Skidmore.

Girls' Soccer

Kicking It Into Gear

A Haley Wallace
Staff Reporter
Sports

Ellensburg High School's girls' soccer team has always been known for their amazing skills and perseverance, and they have displayed that resilience and athleticism this year, despite starting in February.

wearing as many layers as we can, including masks during practice and games, and have had to deal with shoveling snow and playing on ice which isn't normal, but we are all just really grateful to have a season at all," says Madelyn Snow, one of the team's senior captains.

this year for girls soccer, we did have a smaller group try out but still enough for a junior varsity and a varsity team. The quality of players on each team is incredible this year too, so I think both junior varsity and varsity will be very successful!" stated Snow.



Varsity player Emma Vietzke battling a warrior from Cle Elum-Rosland in a game on March 9th.

"Starting the season in the middle of winter has definitely been a shift for all my teammates, including myself. We are

The team has competed in four games and are proudly undefeated.

"My teammates and I have responded to the season starting right now very well! We have been working hard and are excited to be back!" said Kaelynn Smith, a junior on the team.

Despite the assumption that this year's participation would drastically drop, the team has had plenty of girls come to try out.

"Regarding the participation

Although this year's sports have gone through many trials, the girls' soccer team has exemplified EHS team spirit through comradery, community, and sportsmanship. Snow made it clear that she felt the team is as close as ever.

"Our soccer team is unique in the way we all push each other to be the best athletes we can be, but are also super close friends. We spend around two hours together everyday and create a special bond that I think anyone would love to be a part of. We work hard and we have fun!"

Volleyball at EHS

School Sports Return

A Stephen Martin
Associate Editor
Sports

Volleyball was one of the six spring sports that returned to Ellensburg High School this February. Along with the new regulations due to the pandemic, there is also a new coach: Jesse Stueckle.

Stueckle had been coaching volleyball since 2007. However, he only took over the position of head coach this season after the resignation of the former head coach.

"I had been the assistant coach at Ellensburg High School for two years," he said. "Then former head coach, Ted Landry, resigned, so then I was asked to interim head coach this season."

The date for the beginning of the season moved around considerably

"Things changed month by month. They always had a plan through WIAA to have condensed sports seasons. So first it was going to be possibly the beginning of the sports seasons in January, and then it was pushed

back to February, but we continued."

The volleyball team has taken many precautions to prevent the spread of Covid-19 during practices, following guidelines from both the state and WIAA.

"We're very conscious of our distancing," said Stueckle, "We keep our players in pods of six, and we try to keep those very little close contact within those same pods. We're sanitizing balls, we control our entrances and exits, we are taking temps, and we are checking every player as they enter the facility. We're trying to just do a good job of keeping kids safe and athletes healthy."

While competitions were not permitted when the season began, on February 12th Ellensburg's health region was moved into Phase 2, allowing them to have their first game against Prosser High School. Since then, there have been five more games, most of which they have won. Scores are listed to the left.

The season is expected to end on March 20th.



Coach Jesse Stueckle instructing students.

Prosser EHS wins 3-0 (25-23, 25-14, 25-14)
Selah EHS wins 3-2 (22-25, 26-24, 26-24, 21-25, 15-12)
East Valley EHS wins 3-1 (22-25, 25-22, 25-23, 25-17)
East Valley EHS wins 3-0 (25-20, 25-13, 25-12)
Grand View EHS wins 3-0 (25-14, 25-11, 25-4)
West Valley EHS loses 2-3 (23-25, 19-25, 25-20, 25-21, 13-15)



A player about to bump the ball.



A player preparing to set the ball for a spike during practice.

Cross Country

A Good Run of It

A Jada Godwin
Editor-in-Chief
Sports

With the start of second semester, students at Ellensburg High School were able to start participating in school-sponsored sports again. Grouped into various seasons, each sport now has about a month and a half for its season. Six sports are just now finishing up their seasons, including the popular cross country team.

Cross country, normally a fall sport, officially started having practices on February 1st. The season this year has been pushed back repeatedly due to Covid-19. Although the virus is still spreading in the U.S., several safety procedures have been put in place to protect the players.

"COVID has had a huge effect on cross country this year," stated Jeff Hashimoto, cross country's Head Coach. "We are meeting in smaller pods. We usually do

a lot of whole team activities, like a camping trip, games and fun activities. We have to limit these now. Our meet schedule usually involves some longer trips to the westside- this year we are all local. Our focus is on safety."

That's not all. Captain Olivia Berthon-Koch added that, "There are a lot of safety procedures being enforced to make sure that all athletes are staying healthy. We have to wear masks

before and after running, we have to stay 6 feet away from other people, our temperature is taken before every practice, and we have a screening we fill out daily to demonstrate we don't have any symptoms of COVID. Also, there is optional COVID testing which many athletes have taken advantage of."

Hashimoto, who is also the Secretary of the Washington State Cross Country Coaches Association, said he "advocated for common sense safety procedures for our sport" in preparation for the season. Even with all these added precautions, both maintain that cross country experience hasn't suffered.

"Students are excited to have the season, even in February! We have had a lot of enthusiasm despite all of the modifications we have had to make," stated Hashimoto. Although participation has dropped from an average of 85 students to just 55 this year, the students who've continued with the sport are "dedicated" and even "willing to run in the cold and snow!" as Hashimoto put it.

It wasn't just the official season that students were excited about.

"I did a lot to prepare for



Hashimoto (left) and his pod at the end of a run last fall at Umptanum Road. Photo courtesy of Jeff Hashimoto.

the pre-season. Whether that was preparing gift bags for the new coming runners, writing letters to everyone on the team, or just plain training, I feel that the team captains and I really worked hard to make sure everyone felt excited and included in the season coming up," stated Berthon-Koch. "I dislike how short the season is, but I love my team and the inclusive atmosphere we continue to create year after year."

Both Hashimoto and Berthon-Koch encouraged others to participate in the sport.

As Berthon-Koch stated, "I think everyone should join XC! Many of our varsity runners didn't even like running before they joined the team. Joining XC my freshman year was the best decision I made throughout High School. We all work really hard to foster an inclusive and encouraging atmosphere on the team, where everyone is friends with everyone. I truly believe that XC is the best sport/team offered at Ellensburg High."

The last official meet of the season was March 13th, and was held at Rotary Park in Ellensburg.



Captain Olivia Berthon-Koch at practice. Photo courtesy of Stephen Martin.

Fall Play's "The Monologue Show"

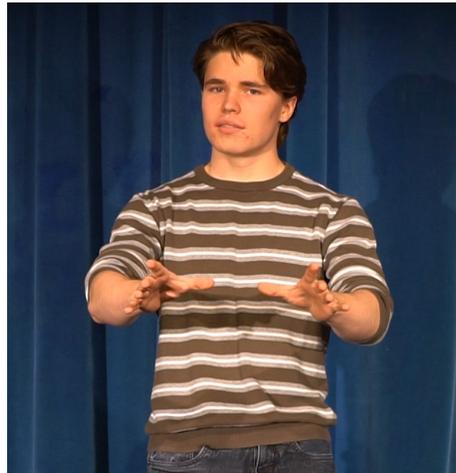
A Jada Godwin
Editor-in-Chief
Review

Although I was disappointed that Ellensburg High School's Fall Play production of "Clue" was cancelled, its replacement, "The Monologue Show," was an unexpected treat.

"The Monologue Show" centers around the dramatics of a high school theatre class, playing on the tropes of the "weird theater kids," a relationship gone bad, and a teacher in over his head. The show itself was a class assignment for the characters, and as it progresses on, the monologues become more and more chaotic as the students take over.

London, played by Carol Ritzenhaler, and Caleb, played by Nick Zimny, were the most well-known characters by the end of the play due to their status as the fighting couple. Their performances were downright amazing, but the real strength of the show was the individual effort of each actor who shouldered the burden of the spotlight alone. It was obvious that the students in the show had dived

into their characters and really dissected the motivations behind their monologues. Whether it be weighing in on the London/Caleb debate or attempting to advocate for their personal hobbies and dreams, the audience knew exactly why each character was onstage and what they wanted to use their stage time for. Every monologue held the audience's attention, and always for a different reason.



Nick Zimny, playing Caleb, performed several monologues in the play.

This monologue format, to the best of my knowledge, has never before been used to this extent in an EHS Fall Play. Restrictions to diminish the spread of Covid-19 hit the Fall Play hard, but their success with this new show, published in 2016, was honestly inspiring.

The play does have some humor portraying gender stereotypes that made me uncomfortable, but, as the cast and crew announced in the credits, they weren't backing everything said in the play. Even so, the humor was at times demeaning, and I



Carol Ritzenhaler during one of her monologues playing London.

was surprised to hear the snide comments about yoga pants and teasing a boy about having barbies.

With that exception, I can confidently say this was a great choice. Students were able to be spaced out for the play and even filmed on separate days, which kept things safe while maintaining the plot of the show. As for editing, it was incredibly well done and for the most part never took away from the students' performances, and at times even added to the experience.

Some of the humor dragged down this play, but the actors themselves did an incredible job. I would have never guessed this wasn't the original show planned for the 2020-2021 school year. This performance, for me, was 4 out of 5 paws.



Grady Fortier performing a monologue as Alexis on robbing a mall with Taylor Swift.



Starting the show off with a bang, Chloe Clyburn performing a monologue as Bailey on her character's superiority complex.

Poetry Out Loud

High School and the Arts

A Stephen Martin
Associate Editor
Arts and Entertainment

This winter Ellensburg High School held its annual Poetry Out Loud contest. The contest was won by Senior Thomas Lonowski and Freshman Krista Nolan at the school level.

The competition was very different from years prior. Instead of a live performance in front of the judges, students submitted videos of themselves performing their poems. EHS English Teacher Lorraine Barlow explained how the competition was conducted.

"Usually we have class competitions where students present in front of the class, and then the top performers in the classes then move on to a schoolwide competition," said Barlow. "But this year everything was virtual, because every level beyond the school level is virtual, up to the nation level because of covid."

While Barlow still conducted a classroom competition virtually, many teachers, such as Sara Treadwell, could not justify con-



Thomas Lonowski, senior.



Krista Nolan, freshman.

ducting the competition with reduced class times.

"AP Lang, unlike AP Lit, is more based on nonfiction, and argument," said Treadwell, "and so I couldn't really justify doing it there, only seeing students two days a week."

The competition was also judged differently from years prior due to a shortage of poets.

"Usually we try to have all the judges be poets, and this year we only had one poet," Barlow said. "And we had arts commissioners. So one poet, arts commissioners, and then two professors from Central."

However, these setbacks did not stop students from submitting poems.

Thomas Lonowski, who performed "Abecedarian Requiring Further Examination of Anglikan Seraphym Subjugation of a Wild Indian Rezervation" by Natalie Diaz and "Love" by George Herbert, explained why he decided to

participate.

"I had a chance to do it my sophomore year and compete at the school level," he said. "And then I was pretty busy my junior year so I didn't choose to advance from the class level to the school level. And this year I had a little more time so I figured I'd give it another try."

He said that he enjoyed being able to express himself artistically.

"I just think it's cool to be able to express yourself some way," he stated, "and poetry is a way that we can do that in school."

Krista Nolan, who performed "End of Days Advice from an Ex-zombie" by Michael Derrick Hudson and "I heard a Fly buzz - when I died" by Emily Dickinson, said something similar.

"I like acting and reading poems is kinda like acting because you have to express what the author was trying to express," Nolan said, "so I thought that it'd be fun."

The regional competition was judged on February 16th. Neither student moved on to the state competition.



The Poetry Out Loud logo. Courtesy of poetryoutloud.org.

New Year, New Yearbook

Clubs Designing Their Own Yearbook Pages

A Drew Bland
Staff Reporter
News

Within this past year change has become an inevitable part of the high school experience, ranging from the hybrid model to how we get our lunches. Another shift has popped up within the yearbook, as the tasks of creating club pages has been delegated to the clubs themselves, as opposed to those within the yearbook creating the pages.

Summer Dykes, a member of Ellensburg High School's Dungeons and Dragons Club, found that "clubs doing the pages is a really good idea and can help the more creative people use their talents to help the school that would [instead] be left to a small group of students."

"I think that [clubs doing their own pages] is better because the clubs get to show what their club was about. But I think that we should change it up a bit and have the clubs do like a collage of what their club is about or something that might be able to be drawn." Dykes believed clubs doing their own pages is a change that should continue post-Covid-19 as, "new students will be able to experience creating and being a part of the yearbook."

Through making the D&D club page Dykes and other D&D

club members have enjoyed this new creative freedom and even developed the slogan "you know it's over when the DM smiles," but there are still some constraints. As Dykes said, "I do think that the placement of the pictures and words is hard because of the triangular format which makes it hard to fit more



Cody Holdeman, junior, Marine Biology Club President. Photo courtesy of Cody Holdeman.

than we were told to put."

Cody Holdeman, the President of Marine Biology Club, was on the same yearbook page as Dykes and agreed that "clubs pages being done by clubs this year allows club members to be creative and include what is important to their respective clubs,

which I think is great, as each club is different." Holdeman also said, "I think the option of clubs creating their own yearbook pages is the best option. It gives more control to the individual clubs on how they are seen by the rest of the school, it also allows them to make the pages more unique to the club."

"Challenges that my club has had with making our own page is coordination and the gathering on images to include in the page. However, while there are some challenges that go along with making our own club page, we are still able to be productive and it has been an invaluable experience."

Payton Harvill, a member of all three of the cyber clubs, felt that "club pages should be done by the participants in the yearbook class, however, it is definitely nice for clubs to express themselves in the way that we (club members) want to be perceived." She also understood that "considering the circumstances, this was the best option available; when things were normal, it was nice to have the yearbook handle those affairs."

When asked how Harvill felt about clubs making their own pages becoming a tradition she said, "sure, this could be an opportunity for each club to design their own page; it may be better for this opportunity to be

optional so that there is no pressure, but I definitely could see this being the new norm for club pages.” Harvill said her club had struggled to, “get the club photos and design an aesthetically pleasing page,” but she has enjoyed being able to “create a space where we can display what our club does, in a way that we would like.”

Lexi Bennett, the yearbook’s Head Editor, stated “[I] think it is a great idea to have clubs work on their own pages! That way they can make them look however they feel matches their club/ club family

personalities, if that makes any sense!”

When Bennett was asked

I feel as though it might be better, because one of the problems that we face while working [on] a page is making sure that everyone who is in the club is included in the page and the names are spelled correctly and go with the right person for that matter.” Bennett also felt that clubs making their own pages should continue once the Covid-19 pandemic is over.

Though opinions vary, it appears out of all the changes made this year, clubs making their pages may be a change well accepted and encouraged to continue once our world looks more normal again.



Lexi Bennett, junior, Klahiam Head Editor.

whether clubs making their own pages is better than the yearbook making them she said, “in a way

Spring Photo Contest

Submit your pictures by April 23rd to our email at alutant@esd401.org with the subject line “Alutant Spring Photo Contest.”

Multiple submissions are welcome!

Blast From the Past:

Technicians Spring To Action

A Lucy Altman-Coe
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EHS History

The call to 911 went out at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 18. The bleachers in William Brown Memorial Gymnasium on the EHS campus collapsed and over 40 students were injured.

The first to arrive on the scene were the state patrolmen who secured the building. They were quickly followed by firemen who categorized the victims as critically injured, injured, walking wounded, or dead. The victims who were still alive were then bussed to the Kittitas Valley Community Hospital for medical attention.

The victims, who were members of Darrylin Osborne's health classes, weren't really injured but had gone through a moulage where they were painted with cosmetics to indicate various degrees of injuries from the simulated disaster.

Every year emergency personnel are required to simulate disasters in order to make sure they are prepared for such a disaster. All of the calls really went out to places that KVCH would send people. They did this to see if area help would be prepared to handle it. The hospital staff kept track of how many ambulances were available from surrounding hospitals, how many rooms were available,

how many people they needed to be transported by air lift, and how many spots there were available in each helicopter.

After being bussed to KVCH the "injured" students went through triage where they were categorized again and sent into the emergency rooms or readied for surgery, air life to Seattle's Harborview Medical Center, or an ambulance ride to Yakima's

ambulances broke down and the others could not be used as they might be needed for a real emergency.

This is the high school's first time participating and Osborne stated, "Overall it went well. Some of the students thought that it went slow, but the hospital staff informed us that it would have gone even slower if it had been a real emergency."

The students volunteered to participate, and to prepare for the ordeal they studied first-aid, and a student from Central Washington University taught CPR. They also learned about career opportunities in fields such as fire fighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, X-ray technicians, and lab technologists.

After the "injured" students were treated they were taken to the newly built KVCH Mediplex building where they were then treated to cookies and juice.

"The best part was not actually being hurt and seeing what it is like to be in an emergency room situation," said senior Nikki Eaton. She continued, "I just wish that I had been able to ride in the ambulance".

Original article written by Julie Helleson. Published in Volume 22, Issue 5, on December 3, 1993.



Counselor Jean Countryman comforts senior Nikki Eaton as she waits on a gurney for a nurse. Insert: Freshman Desela Sayar is wheeled through the hospital to a waiting room after being treated by KVCH staff.

Memorial Hospital.

Although the demonstration went smoothly not all went as planned. A couple of students were going to experience an ambulance ride, but one of three

91 Years Ago Today

A Look into Ellensburg High School's Past

A Drew Bland
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EHS History

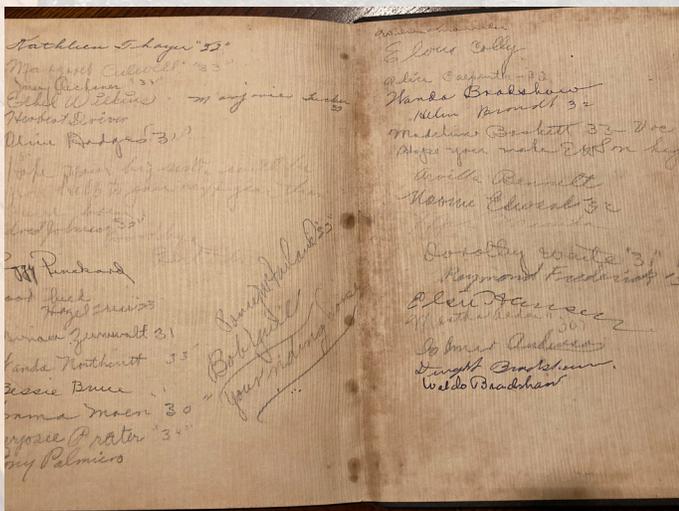
Twelve years after the new high school was built, Klahiam Head Editor John Whitney and his team of 17 others worked away to create a record of events. Even as it felt the world was on the brink of collapse, the small valley of Kittitas County still found a way to embrace the joys of the world within the latest edition of the Klahiam in 1930.

The principal, F. W. Bleakney, had the quote "I'm going to tell you a story about mars," next to his name. He had managed the school and all 16 of its teachers involved in subjects including French, Latin, sewing, geometry, commercial geography, and many more.

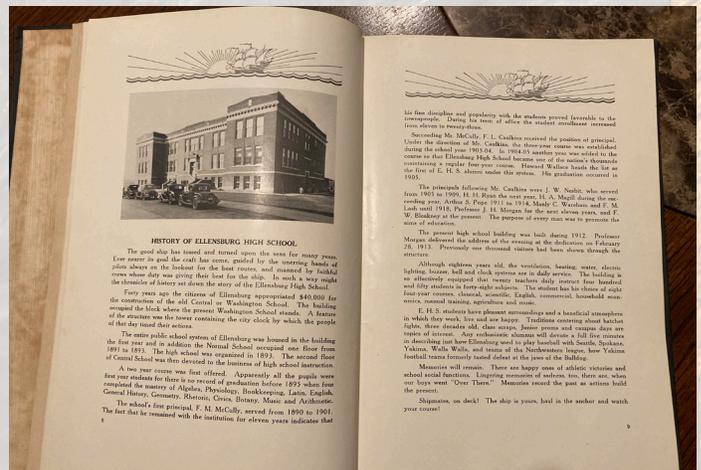
The class of 1930 consisted of approximately 80 students with Lloyd Vining being the class president. The students graduating had participated in many events such as Point Club, Glee Club, Associated Student Body, debate, theatre, and sports.

In the 1929-30 school year the football team had a record of four wins and five losses competing with familiar opponents such as Wapato and unfamiliar opponents such as Cashmere and Yakima. Boys could participate in football, basketball, and track, while girls could participate in basketball and captain ball. Girls' sports were only held during a tournament between the different grades at Ellensburg High School, where the school song, shown to the right, could be heard.

Oh, here's to the health of the
Ellensburg High,
Sing, Boo-la, Boo-la, Boo-la,
Boo!
We'll sing her praises to the
sky,
Sing, Boo-la, Boo-la, Boo!
We're hard as nails and tough
as rails,
And first in every fight,
So here's to the health of her
tonight,
Sing, Boo-la, Boo-la, Boo.
Osky-wow-wow, Wisky, wee-
wee
Ole-muck-e-i, Ellensburg
High,
Washingtonai, Ellensburg
High,
Washingtonai, Ellensburg
High,
Rah! Rah!



Two pages filled with student signatures in the back of a 1930 Klahiam.



Pages 8-9 of the 1930 edition of the Klahiam detailing the history of Ellensburg High School.

Background: Cover of the 1930 Klahiam.

Bulldog Talk:

What is your favorite class you have taken at the high school?

A Lucy Altman-Coe
Copy Editor
Feature

Even though I enjoy all of my classes this year, I think that my favorite would be biology with Mr. Arlt. The thing that interests me, as I've come to learn with myself, is science. I have always loved the power behind science, how we can make energy from the sun and how the largest mammal swims in the ocean. I love the fact that we can land on Mars to find hidden forms of life, and how our bodies work in harmony to get us out of bed in the morning. In biology, I can learn more about some of these things in depth. I have found that I'm a visual learner, I need to know what is happening in detail to get me from point A to point B. I think that is also one reason that I enjoy biology. I get to see what is happening on Earth and get a better understanding of how life works. Now take all of these amazing things and combine them along with Mr. Arlt and you get an amazing class. He helps get me motivated to find a challenge; whether that be by studying bacteria or learning about the human body, Mr. Arlt helps move my learning forward.

Sydney Dick, Class of 2023

So far Agricultural Biology is my favorite, Mrs Sims teaches that class. and I guess it's an interesting subject but Mrs Sims seems so full of life that it makes me wanna learn y'know.

Richard O'Brien Jr., Class of 2023



Annika Zimmerman, Class of 2022. Photo courtesy of Annika Zimmerman.

I haven't been at Ellensburg high school for very long but before Covid hit our town I was in Mrs. Nelson's health class and I absolutely loved it. I mainly enjoyed the happy and energetic environment the class had.

Lexxus Nierman, Class of 2022

My favorite class that I have taken so far has been woodshop, I really enjoy making things and either giving them as gifts or displaying my creations in my house. Mr. Wilson teaches the class and does a good job at making sure everyone is educated on how to use the machinery.

Alexis Gillespie, Class of 2024

I have two favorite classes: Aquatic Ecosystems with Mr. Hodges and Biology with Mrs. Zentner. I loved both these classes because they are super hands on and science is one of my favorite subjects! Both Mrs. Zentner and Mr. Hodges will always be some of my favorite teachers, for opening my eyes to the science of living things.

Stuart Loverro, Class of 2021

I think my favorite class that I have taken while in high school was Algebra 2 last year with Mr. Smith. He was just a great teacher and explained things well, he also still liked to have fun and joke around which just made class that much better!

Annika Zimmerman, Class of 2022

I think my favorite class so far was my freshman science class which was Systems of the Earth with Mr. Hashimoto. I liked this class because of the subject, the fun labs, and how much fun we had in the class.

Sara Simonson, Class of 2023

AP Art History, taught by Mrs. Barlow, because the content was interesting and the class project-based instead of monotonous, neverending assignments.

Adele Caron, Class of 2022

My favorite class or multiple classes actually have been the Spanish classes I've taken from Señor Majsterek. I've had him for first through third year Spanish and am looking forward to continuing with fourth year next. I've enjoyed these classes because of the original way he has managed to teach us the language. If one way of learning words doesn't work he has other methods too. His class is engaging and he is funny and entertaining. Overall a great experience. And it has helped me become a lot closer to speaking a second language which is really awesome.

Melanie Hull, Class of 2022

My favorite class was AP Psychology with Mrs. Zentner. It was a really interesting class; it was a topic that fascinated me and it was challenging enough that I wasn't bored, but not so challenging as to scare me away.

Charlie Gimlin, Class of 2021
My favourite class has been 1st year Japanese, taught by Yoko Allen. Students call her "Sensei" and she's a very wonderful teacher. She is very understanding, cares about all her students, and she makes learning Japanese so much fun. We sing occasionally in the class - we learn funny songs to help us remember phrases. Ms. Allen provides gifts for the students (sometimes even using her own money - see how sweet she is?) and we play a lot of games, and there is never pressure on the assignments. Sensei gives many opportunities for extra credit, and it's near impossible to fail the class. I always look forward to Japanese class, plus it is a beautiful language and very unique culture.

Beebin Duvall, Class of 2023
Freshman Honors English taught by Mr. Majsterek because it got me to think about literature and composition in entirely new and exciting ways.

Willow Logan, Class of 2023



Suvathi Nataraja, Class of 2022. Photo courtesy of Suvathi Nataraja.



Charlie Gimlin, Class of 2021. Photo courtesy of Charlie Gimlin.

All years included, my favorite class would probably have to be Biology taught by Liz Zentner. She's a great teacher and I found the class interesting and enjoyable.

Cody Holdeman, Class of 2022
So my favorite class has been art class and Mr. Walter taught it, it was my favorite class because we did many different fun projects and also I was able to talk to my friends and have fun!

Bereniz Lazcano, Class of 2022
I'd have to say that Mr. Walter's 3 dimensional art class has been my favorite because of the relaxed attitude of the course and my interest in art.

Kaleb Ford, Class of 2021
My favorite class while in High school was 2nd year Spanish during my Sophomore year. It was taught by Sra. Nicolai and she was able to make the class something that I looked forward to every day! The class was just so interactive, and it helped me understand the language better and catch on to concepts faster when they were used in specific contexts. But the thing that really fueled me to learn would be the pesos. I'm a super competitive person, so having something like that made me participate more, which in turn allowed me to get the most out of the class.

Suvathi Nataraja, Class of 2022

I think my favorite class right now is AP world [history], Mr. Acheson's class. It is a difficult class but I enjoy the struggle and I'm always learning new interesting things.

Kelly Duong, Class of 2023
My favorite class so far that I have taken in high school is career choices with Mrs. Panattoni because I get to see what my future can be.

Fernando Jasso, Class of 2024
My favorite class was psychology taught by Mrs. Zentner. It was really fun to learn about how our brains work when making decisions and the processes behind our thoughts

Jenna Callan, Class of 2021
I like all my classes in general, but my favorites one are History with Mr. Wickwire and United Science with Mr. Dwight. I say this because in previous years I had these classes and I failed, was difficult and boring... but now with these teachers I got more interested in these classes.

Josy Carrasco, Class of 2022
In my time in high school, I have taken many amazing classes, although one continues to stick out. Metals, taught by Mrs. Sims, is my favorite class I have taken throughout high school. Metals teaches you a life skill that some students utilize as a career choice. As well as teaching you a trade, Mrs. Sims uses it as an opportunity to ready us for our futures by teaching us how to write a resume and a cover letter, along with how to properly present ourselves in an interview. These skills that have been taught, you won't find in any of your traditional classes and will be used for the rest of your life.

Kohl Hansen, Class of 2022

Is Your Mask Safe to Use?

And Are You Wearing It Correctly

A Carson Wright
Staff Reporter
Feature

We all hate it but we all use them. Masks are now something that you never leave your house without. It has become a staple thing you always have, but is your mask protecting people?

On March 24th, 2020, the stay-at-home order took place. From then on some people used masks in public to protect themselves and others from contracting the virus.

It wasn't until June 26th that Governor Jay Inslee and Secretary of Health John Wiesman ordered that masks must be mandatory when going into public.

The Food and Drug Administration has not approved of all the masks that people use. For instance, one of the most popular ones, gaiters, are the masks that

have no elastic straps and goes all the way around your head. Those masks are not Covid-19 proof.

Gaiters are not good masks because they are thin. They only have one layer, and the layer is typically stretchable cotton that creates tiny holes for the virus to pass through.

The other reason the gaiter mask is not a good mask is that the ordinary mask that uses elastics to go around your ears is designed to not have your exhale go through the mask but to go out the sides. But with the gaiter there are no sides so your exhale will go through the masks bringing Covid-19 along with it. So if you are wearing a gaiter, it probably needs to be subbed out for a better mask.

The only mask that can stop 95% of all particles that pass through is the N-95. But, that mask is known for itching and because it stops so much air, the air inside of it gets very warm and your face will start to sweat.

Although, that doesn't mean that you have to wear the N-95 mask. A simple cloth or splash mask will do just fine.

But is that mask too thin? Here is a test that scientists, including Bill Nye, say will help you determine if your mask is safe.

Simply light a flame. Put your mask on and try your hardest to blow out the flame.



Proper way to wear a mask. Photo Courtesy of Pixabay.

If you are successful, that mask isn't safe. You will find that as I mentioned before, the gaiter will not pass the flame test.

Now that you have the correct type of mask, are you sure you are wearing it correctly?

The proper way to wear a mask is to first pull the straps around your ears, or all the way around your head if you are wearing a N-95. Then take the top and bottom and pull the bottom around your chin and the top over your nose. Your nose should not be hanging out, as that defeats the whole purpose of the mask. Then pinch the adjustable nose clip so it cradles your nose perfectly. Now you are ready to go out in public.

If you do not own a mask, or your mask is not safe, Ellensburg High School provides perfectly safe and adjustable splash masks over a range of sizes that you can find in The Commons near the entrance.

Remember to stay six feet apart, stay home, and most importantly stay safe, because the Alutant and EHS care.



Sophomore Ashely Callan wears her mask correctly. Photo Courtesy of Ashley Callan.

A Film to Die For

“Rear Window” Movie Review

A Lucy Altman-Coe
Copy Editor
Review

“Rear Window,” directed by Alfred Hitchcock, came out in 1954 and is a truly unique film despite its age.

L.B. Jeffries, or “Jeff,” played by James Stewart, is shown at the opening of the movie to be confined to a wheelchair due to a leg injury. He moves through his daily life with the help of a nurse, Stella, played by Thelma Ritter, and is also visited several times by his socialite girlfriend, Lisa Fremont, played by Grace Kelly.

While Jeff is stuck in his apartment, he begins to observe the lives of his neighbors through his rear window. From a dancer to a salesman to a songwriter, all of his neighbors, which he can see by looking across their courtyard, are clearly different from each other.

However, Jeff begins to suspect one of his neighbors of killing his wife after he sees quite a few odd moments. Under the watchful eye of Jeff, salesman Lars Thorwald, depicted by Raymond Burr, leaves his apartment in the early morning with his sales case, takes a large roped-up case out of his apartment, and cleans a knife and a saw in his kitchen.

Jeff immediately shares his concerns with his girlfriend Lisa and nurse Stella, as well as an old friend, Detective Thomas Doyle, played by Wendell Co-



L.B. Jeffries (James Stewart) and Lisa Fremont (Grace Kelly) in the 1954 movie “Rear Window.” Photo courtesy of Flickr.

rey. While they all, especially Thomas Doyle, initially have many suspicions, they are all eventually convinced of some shady activity.

As the group begins to investigate Mr. Thorwald from afar, the varied personalities and talents of all four members becomes apparent, especially in how important they all are to making the movie enjoyable.

Stella is an especially interesting character, and she adds a bit of humor to every scene, but never to an uncomfortable degree. More than jokes, she often is sassy or sarcastic, which is a fun factor of the movie.

The fact that Jeff cannot move very far even within his apartment and spends most of his time by his rear window is transferred beautifully into the film. Throughout the movie, there is nothing shown to the viewer that Jeff does not see. This makes

it more enticing, as it leads people to feel Jeff’s curiosity as some things are cut off from sight.

While an overwhelming majority of the movie centers around Jeff trying to get to the bottom of the mystery across the courtyard, there is a side plot with his girlfriend, in which they debate marriage and whether they could live within each other’s lives. Honestly, it felt thrown in at the last minute, dry, and unremarkable. After about 15 minutes or so, though, this plot nearly vanishes, and the rest of the movie does not suffer because of it.

This is, all in all, a great classic that many will enjoy because of the amazing plot and execution. I rate this movie 4.5 paws out of 5. If you are interested, the movie is available for streaming on Hulu, and there is also a DVD available for checkout at Ellensburg Public Library.

Season 1 Sports Lookbook



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Women's History Month Word Search

Famous People

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