

Trojan Tribune



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Calendar

Thursday, November 2

3:45 pm - Budget Mtg in Conference Rm

4:00 pm - MS G BB @ home vs Norwood

Monday, November 6

3:40 pm - Health Committee Mtg

Tuesday, November 7

3:45 pm - CPP Mtg

4:00 pm - MS G BB in Naturita

Wednesday, November 8

All Day - School Picture Retakes

Thursday, November 9

7:00 pm - Blithe Spirit Opens in APAC

Heard in the Halls

“Y’know I think we should have a class that just goes over the cutest boys in history. This is important information that I’m missing out on.”

Almost Swimmingly

by Ally King

“I know they are trying to get the heating issues fixed,” said junior Abbie Link. Due to the recent renovation of the Ouray Hot Springs there has been a speed bump with the heating system. “The waters not as hot as it used to be,” said Abbie “but it’s still warm and enjoyable.”

According to a packet given to Ouray Hot Springs employees some of the issues include “pump inefficiencies, drain and fill cycles in the hot and overlook pool, and a bigger pool with the same amount of incoming geothermal water.”

Two solutions that have been implemented are to “inspect the pump for wear and mineral build-up,” and to “keep a constant flow of geothermal water running into and out of the pools.”

Possible future solutions include “deployment of thermal pool blankets, and use of supplemental heat from a boiler.”

Although the Hot Springs is dealing with these problems, students still seem to enjoy the water.

“I love the Ouray Hot Springs,” said junior Sidney Murch. At the springs, the students of Ouray get to enjoy the hot, relaxing, and peaceful water for free. Many students come to the hot springs after school and on the weekends. “It’s a great way to spend free time,” said Owen Timm.

“Being able to soak for free is one of the reasons I go to the pool,” said junior Jaden Kunz. “It is super awesome to be able to swim whenever with all my friends.” Jaden tries to go swimming at least once a week to enjoy soaking with her friends and sister.

“I work at the Hot Springs on the weekend,” said Sidney Murch. She believes this is an excellent job for “students who want to build their career with life saving skills.” She has been a lifeguard at the hot springs since May 2017 and plans to work through the winter. “I see many students from Ouray come on the weekends and sometimes even after school,” said Sidney.

“The water is amazing,” said Italian exchange student Giorgia Stazi. She went to the hot springs right before school started with many friends. “There is nothing like this in Italy,” she said. She enjoyed the hot water and being able to soak with friends.

“I’m so glad I got to experience this,” said Giorgia “Such a wonderful aspect to the town.”

Teaching Math Through Art

by Cliona Pasek

20,000 nails, 3,000 yards of string, some wood, paint, and a handful of math students, and voila! You have got yourself an entire gallery of string art. For the past few weeks, Ouray School’s students have worked day and night to complete their string art masterpieces.

“I was actually expecting people to get more frustrated than they did. Maybe people did in their heads but I think everyone just went home sat, down got into a zen place, and spent an hour pounding nails every once in a while.” said Mr. James Chiang, the middle and high school math teacher at Ouray School.

Mr. Chiang did this project for an opportunity to incorporate the different math classes’ knowledge into an everyday, artistic perspective that, “not anybody has done before.”

“For the high school students, it uses skills that you’ve learned a while ago and never used on a real project. You might not even realize that math could be so simple by using proportions, basic geometry, drafting, and scaling.” said Mr. Chiang

One of his students, freshman Sadie Dunham commented, “It was nice to have a creative outlet in math and an opportunity to express yourself.”

To start the project, the students would select, either from Mr. Chiang’s string art book or from their own imagination, a pattern. Using a wooden board and some grid paper, they used their brains to figure out how to correctly position their

designs onto their board.

Next, they would paint their pieces of board from colors of black to blue to purple. Once dry, they could move onto the next step of nailing their nails onto their board. Their precise measurements and tools helped them keep their nails straight and deep enough into the boards.

After that, they used string or wire to finish off their artwork with colors from white to green to purple.



Once everyone was done, a show was held, in one of Mr. Chiang’s classrooms, with everyone’s artwork.

“I liked it, I think it was an interesting and different way to look at math.” said Abbie Link, junior at Ouray School,

“And it give us some extra credit points!” winked Abbie.

The students found it to be a very informative, rewarding, challenging, and interesting project for their math classes.

“I enjoyed it! I thought that it was just a very fun math activity. It was very cool we were able to create our own designs.” said Torria Colpitts, freshman at Ouray School.

It took some blood, sweat, and tears, but every student came through with artwork that is now hanging proudly in the math classes.

Junior, Nisha Harding said, “It was cool because we all did something different so we would say, ‘Wow that’s what you did, nice!’”

HS Teacher Competes at World Championships

by Caeley Eddy

English teacher John Kissingford, traveled to Slovenia October 15-21 to fence in the Veteran World Fencing Championships. “In the first round,” he said, “I faced guys from Austria, Japan, Slovakia, Switzerland, Australia, and Brazil.”

The top fencers from 55 countries fenced in the event. “I struggled against a guy from Hungary,” said Mr. K. “He was a nice guy, an excellent fencer, and his style was hard for me to deal with.”

Mr. Kissingford placed 14th in the individual event, and also represented the USA in the team event, where he and his teammates placed 4th. “It was a thrill to compete with people from all over the world, and just to be with so many people that love the sport as much as I do.”

“For me fencing is a complete sport,” he said. “You have to use all your strength, technique, and finesse, as well as strategy and psychology.”

Mr. K has been fencing since he was high school, where he convinced his JV soccer coach to chaperon the team. But he really learned to fence in college, under former US Olympic coach

Michel Sebastiani, a French master. Since college he has taught fencing, but returned to competitions seven years ago, after his friend Nathan Anderson started a fencing center in Denver Colorado.



Mr. Kissingford teaches fencing Wednesday nights at Ouray’s community center. Food services director Shannon Williams and her family has been studying with him for the past few weeks.

“I have always liked fencing,” said Ms. Shannon. “I like to try new things and challenge myself. For fencing, it is physically challenging, and you have to be a fast thinker.”

Junior Alec Bridges called fencing “very unique and it allows me to see you don’t need to be part of a team to play a sport.” Alec has been taking fencing for around two years.

“Studying under Mr. K. is unique: I have never had a teacher be so up close and personal, while teaching me.” Fencing, he said, allows Alec to pursue his own strengths.

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