

Trojan Tribune



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Calendar

Thursday, November 16

4:00 pm - MS G BB in Ridgway

Saturday, November 18

All Day - HS Specch in Gunnison

9:00 am - MS G BB Tournament @ home

November 18-26

Thanksgiving Break!

Heard in the Halls

"I've noticed you Americans are so weird. For a dinner, you just throw anything you have in the fridge together and call it 'leftover night.' I'd never heard of that"

Actors Showcase Hard Work

by Ally King

On Thursday, November 9, the Ouray High School drama department opened their production of Noel Coward's comedy *Blithe Spirit*. "I was definitely nervous," said lead actor Owen Timm. The cast had been working hard for 6 weeks to memorize lines and build the set for the play. According to technology teacher and set designer Dee James, "The fear of getting it done on time weighed on our minds."

"The actors did amazing," said former drama director Nancy Nixon, especially considering "the script being so hard." Actors were challenged with words like "ectoplasmic, Rachmaninoff, and manifestation." Actors had to memorize 80 pages of script in order to prepare for the play.

Almost all of the actors felt very prepared. "It was good," said junior Giorgia Stazi, "but Owen was reading lines from the book." Owen had not yet memorized all his lines and read many of his lines after the first act from his script. "It was hard to get so many lines memorized on time," Owen said "I decided to use my resources to put on a show."

"It was a great play," said junior Jaden Kunz. "I loved it so much." She didn't see last year's play but thought this year's "was really great." Jaden enjoyed many parts of the play, but her favorite was when "Nisha had to yell at Owen in the play."

"I really liked the ghostly effects," said freshman Scout Donovan. Scout's post was in the light box upstairs during the play. "It's one of the best seats in the house," she said.

The whole crew was proud of the job they did making the play run smoothly. "We were able to pull off all the effects we were going for," said junior Kristian Reed. "Even the chair flipping over."

Students were impressed with the quality of the acting. "Even when the actors messed up their lines," said junior Alec Bridges, "they never broke character." Alec too was upstairs in the light box, manning the lights for the entire play along with freshman Sadie Dunham. He was "amazed and impressed" by the actors' ability to stay in character.

"There was a great turnout of people," said junior Lindsay Faust. Over 60 people attended the first night of the performance. "This was amazing for a Thursday night," said the play's director, theater teacher Alyssa Preston.

"It went pretty good," said junior Preston Williams. Preston was working backstage during the play. He was in charge of helping to set props for the play. "All the props were set up in the rights spots," said Mrs. Preston. She was proud of students for "putting on a good play and having everything set up on time."

Ouray Community Moves Forward

by Cliona Pasek

The citizens of Ouray voted Tuesday, November 7 on city council, courthouse, school board and mill levy measures, making an impact on the future of Ouray.

"I'm really happy with the results," said freshman Caeley Eddy. "I think that what the citizens voted for will bring a positive impact to Ouray."

By November 8, the results were official. Pamela J. Larson was re-elected as mayor with 349 votes and Glenn Boyd and Dee Hilton will also return as city council members.

"With the support the community showed to the present council through Glenn Boyd, Dee Hilton and myself, I feel like the community is giving support in the direction in which we are leading the community. That is a good feeling and makes us say, 'Okay let's move on ahead,'" said Mrs. Larson.

The majority of citizens also voted to raise sales taxes in order to renovate the courthouse.

Freshman Haley Kunz said on the matter, "I don't know. I have mixed feelings about it. I feel like it is going to be a good remodel but at the same time it might not be such a good idea to spend that much money on something they might not need to do."

But Mayor Larson would disagree. "As far as the city is concerned," she said, "the courthouse is a very important building both from a historical standpoint and from the fact that we are the coun-

ty seat. So to have such great support for the renovation of that building means a lot to the community and the county as a whole, so I am very glad that it has passed."

According to county commissioner Ben Tisdell, the next steps will be to build the "renovation budget into the 2018 budget," and to "discuss next steps with finance and architectural consultants."

Unlike the city council, the school board experienced significant turnover. New members are Nicole Skoloda with 615 votes, Nate Disser with 581, Sandra Kern with 481, and Bryan Williams with 463.

The school board is relieved and excited that the Mill Levy override measure, otherwise known as 3A, won a 61% majority with 502 votes. Board president Kentee Pasek said, "I really feel like the citizens of Ouray get what the school needs right now. It takes a huge huge burden off of our teachers, staff, and our board. We are now able to maintain the school and have the focus go back to what is really important, and that's the kids and the students and their education. That is such a great feeling, like a blanket just kind of covering us and that everything will be okay."

Students also appreciate the community's support. "I was very relived when the MLO passed and happy that our school gets to continue being a useful learning facility," said freshman Audrey Gibbs.

Welcome Josh

by Mackenzie Gibbs

After a week attending Ouray School, Josh Taylor, a freshman from Olathe, seems to already be fitting in wonderfully with his fellow students. "Josh is my new best friend!," exclaimed freshman Scout Donovan.

Josh moved to Olathe in July, living there just long enough to participate in the football season. In the past, he's also played basketball and soccer and will be on the Ouray High School Boys Basketball team this year. "I really enjoy playing team sports," he said.

"All the junior boys came into our class and started telling him to join the team," said freshman Audrey Gibbs. "They all really want to include him in the sport."

Before Olathe, Josh lived in St Clair, Missouri, but his home town is Reno, NV. "My mom owns a cleaning business as well as an online e-commerce business," said Josh. "We move around a lot."

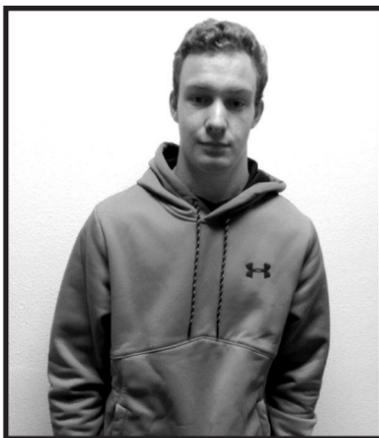
Like a lot of teenagers, Josh enjoys playing video games in his spare time. But he is also very

focused on his future. "I am set on being a CEO," said Josh. "Hopefully starting my own business. The world economy is shifting towards online commerce so that's where I'm focused."

Josh's teachers are already impressed with his participation in the classroom. "He was answering the questions I posed to the class faster than any student," said science teacher Ms Ballard. "This was during one of his first days at school."

He seems to have the ability to get along with anyone. "Josh made friends surprisingly fast," said freshman Joy Vann. "I think boys are just better at that because Brandon and him were hanging out after only 3 hours of knowing each other."

Although he's only spent a short time here, Josh already likes Ouray and the community a lot. "I think it's really great here. I'm looking forward to spending more time in this town."



Students Anticipate Thanksgiving Break

by Caeley Eddy

Thanksgiving break is coming up, and students are excited to have a whole week off this year, instead of the briefer break caused by last year's late start of the school year. Most kids in our school are going to visit their families, go on vacation, or just stay home. "I am staying home like I do every year," said freshman Joy Vann.

Many students, however, will take advantage of the extra time to travel more and further than they were able to last year. "This Thanksgiving, I'm going to Moab," said freshman Cliona Pasek. "My family and I are renting a house and are going to do fun things around the area, like biking, rappelling, golfing, and swimming in the pool beside our rental. I'm really excited because my family always has Thanksgiving in Ouray. So this will be something new and exciting."

Another student who is traveling is freshman Audrey Gibbs. "I am going to Las Vegas, to go climbing and biking I think," she said.

One lucky junior, Abby Link, is going to her

brother Jake's wedding in Georgia. "So that'll be fun, and we'll come home afterward and have Thanksgiving."

Sometimes these vacations can be an opportunity for families to visit cousins, uncles, aunts, and grandparents. "I am going to visit my mom in Arizona. It's been awhile since I've seen her," said freshman Haley Kunz.

Other kids are staying home to spend time with close relatives or even with friends. "I am staying in town and playing basketball," said junior Griffin Holifield. Since basketball is starting Friday November 11th, many kids have to stay to practice. "I'm going to play basketball and eat lots of food," said senior Courtney Alvarez.

Most agree that Thanksgiving is a time to share and be with family, though some will add adventure to the mix. "I am going to play in the mountains on a snowmobile, and cook a giant homemade dinner for my family," said librarian Cappi Castro.

Congratulations to Ouray High School State All-Conference Runners!
 Achieving All-conference status are Sr. Mackenzie Gibbs and Jr. Cooper Rondinelli. Jr. Zach Briggs earned Honorable Mention All-conference.