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News From Ouray High School

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Senior Profile: Evan Vann

by Caeley Eddy

"Evan is a huge part of why I stay in high school," said Evan's freshman Joy Vann, stressing Evan's ability to inspire and his ironic attitude.

Evan was born February 17th, 2000. He has four sisters and two parents. Julia, the eldest, studies at Amherst University in Massachusetts. Since Julia is gone, that leaves Joy, Ella Blu, Lea, and Evan at home. But not for long.

Evan plans to go to a college on the East Coast. "There is a lot happening, it's a really happening place, and I think that's a good fit for me," said Evan. He has set high goals for himself, even though his does not meet them all the time, that's just fine with him.

Currently he is the Knowledge Bowl Captain. "All the time that Evan has been in high school we have won state," said senior Mackenzie Gibbs. He does lots of outside school activities. He likes to write for political organizations, and to volunteer.

"He works a lot for the Green Party and helped it get off the ground in this county. He also does lots of political science work," said history teacher Mrs. Harthan. Evan also works for Inspire Colorado, helping last year's seniors register to vote. Evan loves history and anything related to political science.

During his free time he likes to be at home with

his family. "My favorite movies are horror movies, especially like foreign horror movies. My favorite music is punk music or alternative rap," he said. His favorite book is A People's History of the United States by Howard Zinn, and he loves to drink coffee.

"No matter where you are, or what setting you are in, there are ways to improve it. So I try to make a point to look at the problem of whatever setting I am in and try to make things better," said Evan.

Evan tries his best, and acknowledges it when he messes up. He wants to tell people to "keep on keepin' on. Whatever you do, do it persistently. Make sure you're doing what you're passionate about." Evan's parents are his main influence because they taught him to be the best he can be and to advocate for himself.

Evan's friends and family have been a large part of his life since he was very young. "I mostly remember my younger days and growing up. Those were simpler times," said Evan. He will miss being able to walk around town without the fear of being mugged. Since he is graduating this year he will miss his sisters, and his parents.

He likes to quote the rock band Phish: "You're racing with the wind. You're flirting with death. So have a cup of coffee. And take a deep breath."



Calendar

Thursday, February 8

4 pm - MS B Bball in Telluride

Friday, February 9

All Day - MS Speech Meet in CO Springs

2:40 pm - Homecoming Pep Rally in Gym

7 pm - Homecoming Bonfire

Saturday, February 10

All Day - MS Speech Meet in CO Springs

9 am - MS B Bball in Dove Creek

11 am - HS Bball in Gunnison

8 pm - Homecoming Skate Night

Sunday, February 11

All Day - MS Speech Meet in CO Springs

Wednesday, February 14

4 pm - Parent Teacher Conferences

Heard in the Halls

"Did you know that Snoop Dogg is banned from Canada? But he's such a good guy."

KB League Champs

by Mackenzie Gibbs

Just one year ago, Mr F announced with disappointment that for the first time in nine years, Ouray had not taken first in the San Juan Basin League Championship. Last week the Ouray High School Knowledge Bowl A-team brought the San Juan Basin League Championship back home. Ouray scored 105 points while Telluride, in second place, only achieved 71.

The win is even more remarkable because just two days prior, the team had competed in Bayfield at the State qualifier, finishing in second place to Telluride, from whom they stole the league championship this year.

"I thought that they would be too worn out to do well at the meet on Monday," said coach Eric Fagrelus. "But they managed to push through and keep the ball rolling throughout the competition."

Telluride is Ouray's main competition at all the meets, league-based and otherwise. "It's funny because even when we travel all the way to Bayfield, we still end up in the room with Telluride," said team captain Evan Vann.

However, even though they are arch nemeses when it comes to Knowledge Bowl, the teams are actually very close friends. "I love the Telluride team so much. They are the best people," said junior Ry Gould. "And it's so cool how our main competition are our closest knowledge bowl friends."

The Ouray B-team is also making a name for themselves within the Knowledge Bowl community, frequently scoring in the top three teams at meets.

"Even though I'm going to leave next year, I know the team is in good hands," said senior Evan Vann. "I know that they'll have no problem being successful."

The next competition they look to is State, in which the A-team will have to defend their 1st place title, March 12-13. "In Knowledge Bowl, we qualify for State and then wait around for six weeks. It's ridiculous," said Mr F. "At least it gives us a lot of time to prepare."

New Responsibilities Fast Approaching

by Scout Donovan

Recently I was talking to my older sister, a junior. For six weeks in the summer she will be going to Long Beach, California to study marine biology thanks to the Pinhead Institute. After that she has one more year in high school and then she will be off to college.

I used to count down the days until she would leave and I wouldn't have to deal with my cranky sister anymore. But now I refuse to let her leave (little does she know I already have a plan to keep her college acceptance letters from ever seeing the light of day).

I know I will be devastated when the person closest to me is gone, but is she just as devastated to leave me? Probably not. But I wanted to put myself in her shoes anyway. How does it feel to be leaving and having some real independence? How does it feel to be grown up? What does it take to leave our home and dive headfirst into the great unknown?

When asked what it felt like to be old, senior Aaron Gregory responded with one word: "bittersweet." Another senior, Mackenzie Gibbs, was "counting down the days until [she] turned 18, not in excitement but in dread." Asked to use one word to describe how they feel about growing up and leaving home, juniors Alannah Wister and Abbie Link were both "excited."

The psychology behind the thoughts and emo-

tions of growing up is centered around fear. One of the biggest contributors to his fear is that when we are younger we have a sense of security and as we grow up we get more freedom.

Assistant principal Mr. Nelson remembers vividly when he was seventeen, and responsible for himself for the first time. "It was scary," he said. "You know, you don't have that security blanket of your folks anymore. Trying to figure out where my food was coming from, getting myself to school and practice, and getting a job so I could get there, realizing that this is my responsibility now."

As kids, we are taught to have fun and play but to keep in mind our choices and how they will affect our future. Ouray is the only home some students have ever known, and leaving may seem kind of crazy for them. Some are nervous, some are unnerved, and some just can't wait to leave. For the juniors and especially the seniors, leaving is getting closer and closer by every passing day.

Our teacher and peers here at the Ouray Schools spend their days preparing us for what is to come. Whether we plan on staying in Ouray or moving to a whole new continent, they watch over us and make sure we're doing our best. Ms. Cappi Castro, our school librarian, said, "That is the best part of my job, being able to watch these kids grow and learn."

Students Make Fashion Statements

by Sadie Dunham

Students at Ouray High School say that they do not think about fashion, but the truth is that fashion has always been part of everybody's daily lives. Students decide what to wear each day, and end up using clothes to make personal statements.

Many students from Ouray High school have a certain theme they use when choosing clothes. While some may have just a normal laid back teenager look, others aspire for a preppy look or a more particular look. "I choose what I like. I mean it has to be related to some kind of comic or something like that," said freshman Caeley Eddy.

Some may think that way, but others have a different point of view on how they choose their clothing. "Whatever looks most comfortable, whatever's clean and next to me. Pretty much, I put zero effort into it," juniors Abbie Link and Alannah Wister laughingly claimed.

Every school has a mascot and the day of a big game there are a lot of Trojans in the school. Many of the teachers have seen the flow of Ouray-themed clothing. "I often see a lot of Ouray wear, from businesses or events here and I think that that also supports the community," said librarian Cappi Castro.

Ms. Cappi noted that the school colors are popular, but has not noticed other color patterns among students. "You mean besides black and orange?" she asked. "I haven't really noticed."

"Mostly I noticed that a lot of the people in high school have a very unique fashion sense and I appreciate that," said Ms. Cappi. "Like the unique use of putting different patterns or colors together. That I often think...I didn't think of that. That looks really great."