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Students 'Pull Together' on Dec. 16

GCHS held its second annual Pull Together Day on Dec. 16, the last day before a two-week winter holiday break.

Students first checked in with their advisory teachers and received name tags. They then went to the auditorium to watch a motivational video.

Starting at 8:30 a.m., four morning break-out sessions were held, with different groups meeting in the commons, the gym, the band room, and other areas. Each session featured team-building games and other activities. These included "Trust Game," "Cross the Line," and "Teacher Jeopardy."

Shortly after 11 a.m. all the students gathered in the auditorium for another assembly, which featured a presentation on Internet safety given by Alli Rathgeber of Utah Netsmartz, which is run and sponsored by the Utah Attorney General's Office.

The half-hour multimedia presentation featured short videos warning students of the dangers of cyberbullying and sexting, and reminding them to always "think before you post".

Following the presentation, the students had lunch, then met back in their advisory groups to discuss what they'd learned so far, and to write down a few motivational quotes of their own. These quotes will be posted up around the halls of the school in January, said GCHS student government adviser Maralee Francis, who helped organize the Pull Together Day event.

After one more half-hour breakout session, the students gathered in the auditorium once again for the third and final assembly of the day. Highlights included skits by student government, performances by the cheer and drill teams, and a couple of musical numbers, including one featuring the GCHS faculty singing a parody of "The 12 Days of Christmas."

Although attendance was noticeably lower than a regular school day due to it being the beginning of holiday break, the event was a success, according to the organizers and many of the participants.

"I thought it was pretty cool how we all just got to hang out together with our peers," said GCHS junior Brett Walker afterward. "It is important to never give up and to work your hardest in everything you do," Walker added.

"It was a fun way to get to know people better," added freshman Andrew Hugentobler.

"Mr. Calkins should never be allowed on stage again because I think he scared all the students," joked sophomore Anna Scherer, referring to English teacher Mr. Calkins' humorous acting out of the line "a T-shirt to cover cleavage" during the "12 Days of Christmas" song.

But besides that, it was a pretty fun day," added Scherer. "The teachers' 12 days of Christmas was HILARIOUS! Mr. Calkins was great!" said Meera Edwards, a sophomore.

Added Kaden Stocks, a junior: "I thought it was a great day to really get to know each other and to become more aware of other peoples surroundings and to at least get to know someone before you judge them."

Sophomore Becca Farnsworth added, "It was oodles better than last year, and we truly learned to work together as a team and put aside our own personal needs. This year was definitely a step up and I look forward to next year's!"



Students sing 'Silent Night' during holiday assembly at GCHS on Dec. 16. Photos by Chris Cleveland and Jeff Richards



Ms. Cari Caylor leads a team-building activity in the band room.



Above and below: students playing a game in the commons.



Students play "Cross the Line" game in gym.



A group waits in band room for next rotation.



Treyton Helquist in commons



Students participate in a team-building exercise in the gymnasium.



Alli Rathgeber delivers a presentation about Internet safety.

Prizes offered for Giveback contest; deadline is Jan. 13

The deadline for contestant applications for the second annual GCHS Grand Giveback Contest has been extended one week to Jan. 13, said organizer LJ Kennedy.

Also, a \$500 scholarship prize will be awarded to the winning contestant, added Kennedy, noting that the second- and third-place winners will also receive scholarships of \$300 and \$200, respectively. The awards are courtesy of Mountain America Credit Union.

The contest, which is scheduled to be held the evening of Feb. 25, is open to both girls and boys who are juniors or seniors, and focuses on the students' talents and giving something to the school or community.

For more information or to apply for the contest, please contact Kennedy at 260-2460.

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Food drive brings in 614 items

By Hailey Zeiler

Thanks to all of the students and faculty who participated in the November FCCLA food drive.

The food collected was donated to the food bank right here in Moab. It is a time for giving, and let's just say that Grand County High School gave a lot. It was great to see the school give out so much for the community.

FCCLA especially thanks the homeroom (first hour) teachers who really encouraged their students to donate. We can all give a round of applause for Mr. Ryan Anderson's home room who came in first with 203 items and Mrs. Mary Walker-Irvin's home room of 121 items.

Other totals were as follows: Mr. Jeff Richards' home room had 68, Ms. Jenny McKay's home room had 54, Ms. Ashley Violet's home room had 40, Ms. Laura Reed's class had 34, the school office had 33, Mr. Ed DeFrancia's home room had 26.

Additional donations came from the first hour classes of Ms. Christa Green, Mr. Ron Dolphin, and Mr. Richard Jenkinson.

The grand total of all items given was 614, which weighed a total of 622 pounds! Thanks again to all of you who donated.

FCCLA club staying busy with various activities and projects

By Juniper Roman

Grand County High School's FCCLA (Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America) chapter has been up to a lot lately.

On Oct. 5-6, club members traveled to Provo to attend the 2011 State Leadership Conference. Students Hailey Zeiler, Marisol Pesce, Tressa Franklin, Jordan Dolphin, and Juniper Roman, along with adviser Ms. Jenny McKay, all attended and enjoyed the experience.

The following week, Oct. 7-13, Juniper Roman traveled to Washington, D.C. with the other Utah State FCCLA Officers to attend the organization's national leadership conference.

In November, the FCCLA club organized a food drive competition among the all the first hour classes at GCHS (see related article on this page).

So far in December, FCCLA has held their holiday dinner (on Friday, Dec. 9). The event was open to all members and featured a white elephant gift exchange.

During the final week before the holiday break (Dec. 13-15) FCCLA members were to be involved in making shopping bags for the GCHS Booster Club and also helping with the Pull Together Day scheduled for Friday, Dec. 16.

FCCLA members have also started getting their projects ready for upcoming competitions. It's not too late to join FCCLA, so if you are interested, please come to a meeting or an activity, or talk to one of the club officers.

Students of the Month for December 2011

The faculty of Grand County High School is pleased to announce that the Students of the Month for December 2011 are Torrie Lopez and Kaden Stocks.

Torrie is a junior. Her parents are Rick and Pam Lopez.

Torrie says her favorite class is English. "When I write, I feel like the world around me falls silent, and for a short moment, it's just me and my pen," she said. She added that her most difficult class is science, because there are so many terms to learn.

Torrie has been active in numerous activities throughout high school, and has lettered in tennis, basketball, softball, and cheerleading. She has also been involved in student government, the Student Action Group, and science competitions. She also enjoys drama and has appeared in the annual school musical each of the past three years, including 2011's production of "Footloose: The Musical."

Outside of school, Torrie has volunteered as a youth sports team coach, has talked to younger children about bullying, and served meals to senior citizens during the summer. She works occasionally as a hostess at Jeffrey's Steakhouse and also babysits in her spare time.

Torrie says that GCHS would be improved if expectations were higher. "If teachers expect a lot out of kids in the classroom, it will improve the lives of students, the atmosphere in the school, and Grand County's reputation," she said.

After high school, Torrie is planning to attend either a smaller college or Brigham Young University. She is interested



in learning foreign languages and would like to teach English in a foreign country. She has also considered specializing in other subjects, including sports medicine, physical therapy, and psychology.

Kaden is a junior. He is the son of Jim and Sherri Stocks.

Kaden says his favorite class is work-based learning, which allows him to work in the school district's technology department. He often is seen troubleshooting computers and dealing with other technology issues. "I enjoy helping teachers with technical problems," he said.

Kaden said his most challenging class is English.

Kaden has worked as a sound and lighting technician for various school programs and productions, and also performed those duties for Simply Dance Company's recent recital titled "The Nightmare Before Christmas." He also works at Slickrock Cinemas.

"I do what I do for the sheer pleasure of doing it," he added.

After high school, Kaden said he is thinking of pursuing a career in law enforcement.

The Student of the Month program is sponsored by the local Elks Lodge under the direction of Frank Vaccaro. The high school coordinator is Richard Jenkinson. The students are also recognized by the Rotary Club and Grand County School District Board of Education. The program was started by the Elks to recognize students who were outstanding in the areas of character, leadership, service, citizenship and scholastic performance.



English classes offered

The Moab Valley Multicultural Center is offering a five-week session of intensive English classes this winter, starting Jan. 3. The classes are held three days a week (Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 10 a.m. until noon. Registration is \$35 for new students. Call Megan at 259-5444 for more information.

Academic support available

The GCHS Title VII program and Academic Support Center are working together to help students maintain good grades. Following a "Keeping Up with Grades" seminar Jan. 3, the ASC will be holding regular Saturday school sessions from 8 a.m. until noon, starting Jan. 7. Students interested in staying caught up with their school work are encouraged to sign up. Anyone needing transportation to Saturday school should call Cora at 260-9394. Parents are also welcome to contact David Bryson at the ASC (719-4840), to set up a time to become familiar with the SIS grade tracking program, and how to receive daily e-mail notices on how their students are doing in school.


Transition Fair held on Nov. 14

A Transition Fair designed to inform students about post-high school options and opportunities was held during school at GCHS on Nov. 14.

"We had more than 240 attendees meeting with the 14 different agencies," said organizer Teresa Goheen, a teacher at GCHS, thanking those who attended.

The agencies and organizations represented at the fair included the following: Guardianship Associates of Utah, Active Re-entry, Vocational Rehabilitation, Four Corners Community Behavioral Health, Division of Services for People with Disabilities, Utah State University, the Arches Education Center, Seekhaven, Moab Regional Hospital, Zions Bank, Wells Fargo Bank, Interact, Job Corps, Utah Workforce Services, and State Farm Insurance Agency.





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Science students attend bridge-building competition in Price

By Lauren Keogh

Last month (November), GCHS students from the science club went to the CEU and USU campus in Price to attend a bridge building competition.

Students and their bridges competed against other students from around Utah and CEU physics class members.

GCHS teams were as follows: Randy Treptow and Evan Schilling were partners, as were Jordana and Tamara Nickle, and Deanna Irvin and Jasmine Swink. There was also a four-person team of Torrie Lopez, Ryan Betts, Macrae Olsen, and Mary Rice. In addition, Lauren Keogh

and Rebecca Minor each built their own bridges solo.

The most weight that any of the bridges was able to hold was 20 pounds.

All in all, the competition was a success because each of the students tried their best. The competition was enlightening of how the science club members could improve in their bridge designs. Mrs. Laura Reed and Mrs. Mary Walker-Irvin are always accepting new members to the science club and would love to have more participants for the upcoming Science Olympiad competition.



Jordana Nickle keeps an eye on her bridge.

GCHS hosts Arches Invitational debate tournament Dec. 16-17

While GCHS may have let out for a two-week winter holiday break Dec. 16, its halls and classrooms were soon filled with dozens of debaters who'd gathered from nine schools from around the state to participate in the annual Arches Invitational debate tournament.

Although Westlake High School garnered the most overall team points, the Red Devils fared well in their home tournament, with several students placing in the finals in their respective events during the two-day tournament.

Senior Joey Rigdon took first place in the open spar event. Junior Mary Rice tied for first place in open oratory, second place in open combined extemporaneous argumentation, which involves speaking on both national and foreign affairs. Rice also took sixth in the open Lincoln-Douglas category.

Also for GCHS, junior Maren Larsen and sophomore Becca Farnsworth teamed up as finalists in the open public forum event, in which opposing teams argued whether society has a moral obligation to help the less fortunate. Meanwhile, in novice public forum, seniors Andrea Savarese and Hadley Schank tied for first. Larsen also made the finals in the open impromptu category.



GCHS debaters Maren Larsen, Colton Nielsen-Finch, Anna Scherer, and Meera Edwards pose during Arches Invitational.

Also for Grand, sophomore Sarah Stalpes placed first in the novice oratory category, while fellow sophomore Anna Scherer placed fifth in novice impromptu.

In the humorous interpretation category, senior Brooklyn Richards and sophomore Brendon Henderson teamed up to take third place. Their skit involved a dialogue between two corporate employees taking a rather eventful elevator ride together.

GCHS head coach Boyd Bryan thanked all of the many parents, alumni, and other volunteers who helped with judging, food, and other logistics during the home tournament. "Without all of our volunteers doing such an amazing job, we wouldn't be able to hold this event," he said.

According to Bryan, GCHS is planning to send a small group of debaters (as many as six students) to the Columbia Invitational tournament in New York City Jan. 20-22. The next full-team event that Grand is scheduled to participate in is an invitational tournament at Westlake (Saratoga Springs) the weekend of Jan. 27-28. The Red Devils then have a handful of additional events scheduled over the next couple months, culminating with the state tournament in St. George in mid-March.

Debaters compete at Carbon

By Chris Cleveland

On Dec. 2, the GCHS debate team took a trip to the annual Carbon Combat tournament in Price, Utah.

Despite Carbon and two or three others schools placing higher, overall, our team had a wonderful time competing.

This year's tournament was very fun for everybody and full of memorable experiences for each and every member of the team from Chris Cleveland, who took fifth in Dramatic Interpretation to Mary Rice who took first in both Open Oratory and Open LD (Lincoln-Douglas).

Perhaps the best part of the whole trip was not the placing or the competition as much as a blackout that the school had on the first day during the night hours of the tournament. Most of us were having a thrill-ride of laughs and chills as we wandered the school that was only somewhat lit in only a few scattered places around the school by the emergency power.

After the tournament ended and the students of Grand were on their way home, some just settled down and talked quietly for most of the trip. Others (most prominently, the ones further back) played a game of truth or dare to pass the time which was described by a few of those who participated as an unforgettable experience.

Despite not placing as well as we may have liked, this tournament showed perhaps the optimism and never ending positivity of everybody who competed on both days, in spite of how they might be on the verge of collapse by the time they were finished with all of their rounds.

And, it doesn't get any better than obtaining a sword for third place or higher from Carbon County High (no joke, these were actually the trophies), a little plastic cup for fourth place, and a little clapper for fifth.

Well done, Grand County debaters, and good luck to all at the Arches Invitational Tournament on Dec. 16-17, right before the holiday break. We got this one nailed. (see related story at left).

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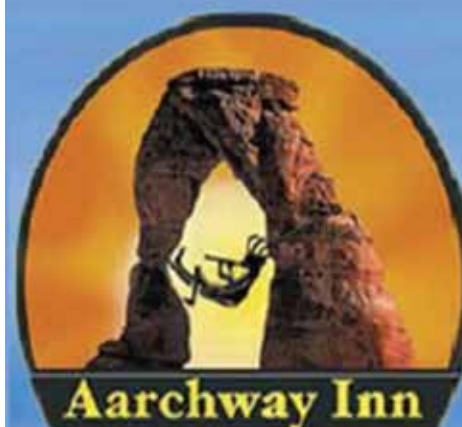
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Boys basketball wins first game, loses next six, then wins two

By *Mary Rice*

The GCHS boys basketball team started off the 2011-2012 season with a victory at Wayne High on Nov. 29. The Red Devils beat the Badgers by the score of 57-54.

"I really felt this was a great opening game, against a talented team," said GCHS head coach Travis Clark.

Senior Zak Hazlett led the scoring for Grand, putting in a total of 21 points for the team. Other notable players from Grand included sophomores Kaden Risenhoover and Nat Smith, who scored nine and eight points, respectively.

"We were actually up seven to nine points the entire game," said Clark. "At one point, it looked like we were about to break away but they kept getting back on us".

"We're looking forward to a great season," Clark added. "We've got a tough schedule and some tough games ahead of us," he said. "We've got no easy nights on our schedule. To be honest, I think we're going to have some great wins and some heartbreaking losses."

Later that weekend (Dec. 2-3), the varsity team traveled to a tournament in Richfield to compete against Manti and North Summit. On Friday, Dec. 2, the No. 2-ranked Manti Templars defeated the Red Devils by the score of 68-47.

Hazlett was once again the top scorer for the Red Devils, contributing 20 points. Smith added another 12 for Grand.

The next day, Dec. 3, Grand was matched up against the North Summit Braves.

"We played a better game," said Clark. "We had a lot of effort, but we just couldn't buy a basket."

The Red Devils lost to the Braves by the score of 65-41. In the loss, Hazlett scored 14 points for Grand, while junior Wesley Rodda and sophomores Koi Cook and Kaden Risenhoover also got on the board for Grand.

"In both games, the turnovers were really hurting us," Clark said. "We had 22 against Manti and 23 against North Summit... We didn't shoot the ball well against North Summit. But we did a really good job at rebounding. We had 32 against North Summit and 35 against Manti."

The Red Devils then played their first home game of the season when they faced Green River on Dec. 7. Despite leading for much of the first three quarters, Grand fell behind in the final minutes and ended up missing a potentially tying shot at the buzzer to lose the heartbreaker, 67-65.

Tyler McDougall led the Red Devils in scoring with 22 points, including six 3-pointers. Also scoring in double figures for Grand were Nat Smith with 15 points, Brett Walker with 11, and Kaden Risenhoover with 10. For the Pirates, Justin Johnson poured in 40 points, including a pair of game-winning free throws in the final seconds.

Grand's next game was on the road against Gunnison on Friday, Dec. 9. The Bulldogs won that game 43-26, with Walker being the only double-figure scorer for Grand with 10 points. It marked the Red Devils' fourth straight loss.

The following week, on Wednesday, Dec. 14, the Red Devils traveled to Sandy, Utah to play the Waterford Ravens, a game that Grand lost by the score of 39-53. The Red Devils were never far behind the Ravens, but Waterford started out with a slight lead and built upon it to finish with the 14-point win. Hazlett led the scoring for Grand, putting in 22 points, while Walker added 7.

"[The Ravens] were a very good team," said GCHS head coach Travis Clark, "And we played a really decent game. We were a little short-handed, Dale [Thomas] and Wes [Rodda] were both out sick, so we were a little shallow with our guard line. We played a pretty close game though, probably within seven to nine points for most of it. We just missed a shot or they got a rebound and they managed to pull away. Still we had lots of effort from the team."

Later in the week, the Red Devils played the Duchesne Eagles on Friday, Dec. 16. In that matchup, Grand kept the game close, but the Eagles ultimately won the game, 58-50. Hazlett led the Red Devils with 23 points, while Rodda scored 11.

"We played a really good game," said coach Clark.

"We didn't have a real strong third quarter - we lost that one 19-11 and they kept that up and won by those eight points. Duchesne is a real good team, but I'm really proud of those kids. I think it's because we played so tough and so tight against them that it carried over the next night to our game against Monticello."

The next night, Saturday, Dec. 17, the Red Devils played to full stands at home against the Monticello Buckaroos.

Grand grabbed the lead early in the game, being first to score and capitalizing on free throws and McDougall's 3-point shot to pull ahead to a 12-3 lead by the end of the first quarter.

"We came out and played Monticello real tough," said Clark.

During the second quarter, Monticello began to pull their game together and scored 15 points in the quarter, but Grand secured another 13 points to remain in the lead. Junior Preston Walston came off the bench during the second period and scored nearly half of Grand's points during the quarter. He was helped by Rodda who scored two baskets right before halftime, bringing Grand's lead to 25-18.

Grand went on the offensive early on in the third period, with junior Brett Walker making the first basket only 20 seconds into the quarter. Walston scored and Hazlett quickly followed with a free throw to bring the score to 33-18. At that point, Monticello recovered possession of the ball and went on a 10-point run, closing the gap at 33-28. Grand pushed back and Hazlett scored with 45 seconds to go in the third quarter, before Monticello added a free throw, making the score 35-30. Then, with only seconds left, the Red Devils regained control of the ball and Walston slammed the ball through the net at the buzzer, giving Grand a solid 37-30 lead going into the fourth period.

The game grew more aggressive in the fourth quarter, with each side collecting multiple fouls and trading off scoring as both sides battled it out for the win. Hazlett was first to score in the quarter, making four free throws to give Grand a 10-point lead. After that, the two teams traded scoring before Rodda scored twice for Grand, followed by senior Tyler Hugentobler and McDougall. Those efforts put Grand in the lead 51-37 before Monticello managed to break Grand's run with a free throw. Rodda and McDougall scored again, but Monticello made the final baskets of the game to finish the game with Grand winning, 55-40.

"We had really good rebound and great defense," said Clark. "But we had a lot of players come off the bench and one of them was our top scorer - Preston's presence on the offense I think made the difference in the game. He came out aggressive and he made the shots."

Walston led Grand in scoring with 14 points, followed by Hazlett with 13, and Rodda and McDougall, who each collected 10.

"I think this was the game they needed," said GCHS assistant coach Tony Chacon, "I think this game made them realize what they need to do from here on out to get a victory, and it's not gonna be easy but I think they know they can do it now."

On Wednesday, Dec. 21, the Red Devils avenged their earlier loss to Green River by beating the Pirates at Green River in a close game, 45-44. Koi Cook led Grand with 22 points, while Walker added 11 and McDougall contributed 10.

Grand's first scheduled game of the new year is a home on Tuesday, Jan. 4 against Carbon High.

The Red Devils will begin region play on Friday, Jan. 6 against Richfield, also at Moab.



Dale Thomas of Grand takes a shot in Red Devils' 45-44 win over Green River on Dec. 21. Photo by Mary Rice

Red Devil wrestling update

By *Sarah Quigley*

The wrestling season has begun and Grand has already competed in two tournaments and one dual match. Their first tournament took place in Price at the Carbon Duals Invitational Tournament.

Grand competed in five matches; winning two and losing three. The second match was held on Tuesday, Dec. 6, where Grand County High school hosted the first home wrestling match against Monticello.

It was an exciting match with screaming fans from both sides, and many close losses and a few wins. Both Dexter Sheets and Jacob Francis wrestled until the end and lost by a close decision.

The final score of the meet was 48-30. Gage Lindquist, Trenton White, and Stefan Secrest gave Grand three wins because of forfeit. James Martin and Tannen Messick both pinned their opponents and gave Grand two more wins, making the end result five wins for Grand and nine wins for Monticello.

The following Friday, Dec. 9, the Red Devil wrestlers traveled to Nephi to compete in the Juab Winter Classic Invitational Tournament. It was a large tournament consisting of 21 schools of diverse rankings.

Grand competed against nine of those 21 schools, winning three of the nine matches of the two-day tournament. Many of the Grand wrestlers had three or more wins, including: Jacob Francis, Edgar Gomez, Tyson McDougall, Dexter Sheets, Gage Lindquist, Tannen Messick, and Trenton White. Robert Allred had three wins as well in junior varsity.

A handful of wrestlers have not competed yet this year because they are recovering from injuries, including Kevin Ballard, Caleb Holyoak, and Doyle Irvine.

Deb Hren named 2A volleyball coach of year

GCHS head volleyball coach Debra Hren was recently named the 2A Coach of the Year by the Utah Volleyball Coaches Association.

Hren recently completed her third year as head coach of the Lady Devils, who finished their year with an 18-13 overall record, taking fourth place in the state tournament. The No. 3 seed from Region 15, the Lady Devils won their first two games (against Beaver and Rowland Hall) before falling San Juan and Enterprise on the second day of the state tournament.

Grand's quarterfinal win over Rowland Hall was somewhat bittersweet as Hren herself was coached by current Rowland Hall coach Kendra Tomsic throughout middle school and high school.

"I wanted to coach the team to a win, but almost felt guilty doing this against a coach who pretty much taught me everything I know," coach Hren was quoted as saying afterward. "I do what I do because of the love of the game I learned from her."

Hren's husband Stephen Hren is the principal of GCHS. Their oldest daughter Taylor, a senior setter for the Lady Devils, was named to the 2A all-state volleyball second and third teams by the *Salt Lake Tribune* and *Deseret News*, respectively.



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Lady Devils start season with losing streak

The GCHS Lady Devils basketball team may have lost its first seven games of the season, but the players and coaches hope to improve in time for the regular season when it starts in January.

The Lady Devils' first five games were all played at home. Against Green River on Nov. 29, the Lady Devils jumped out to a strong start in the opening minutes, with junior guard Morgan Dalton draining a 3-pointer on Grand's first trip up the floor, giving the Lady Devils a 3-2 lead. Grand led 7-4 early on, but then hit a dry spell for much of the rest of the first half, as Green River went on to take a 26-10 halftime lead. Grand's only points during that stretch were on a basket by senior Tericita Tsosie midway through the second quarter, and a free throw by junior Torrie Lopez with 11 seconds left before the half.

The Lady Pirates continued to roll in the second half, outscoring Grand 14-7 in the third period to take a commanding 40-17 lead. Grand managed to score a dozen points in the final period, but Green River ended up with a 50-29 victory.

Then, against Pinnacle on Dec. 2, the Lady Devils kept the score close in the first half, but ultimately lost to the Lady Panthers by the score of 55-38.

Grand had a 12-10 lead at the end of the first quarter and still led by one at halftime, 22-21. But Pinnacle outscored Grand 14-10 in the third period and 20-6 in the fourth to pull away with the win. Senior guard Jessie Sorensen led the Lady Devils in scoring with 12 points, while Morgan Dalton added nine and Tsosie had seven.

The following afternoon, Dec. 3, the Lady Devils faced Whitehorse High. The athletic Lady Raiders jumped out to a strong start, holding Grand to a single basket in the second quarter as they posted a 29-10 halftime lead. Grand then outscored Whitehorse 9-4 during the third quarter and got as close as 11 points before the Lady Raiders pulled away at the end for a 44-28 victory.

"We didn't shoot very well in the first half, and gave up too many easy baskets on fast breaks," said coach Lopez. "We made some adjustments at halftime, and were able to catch up a bit, but just as we were about to get back in the game, we had players getting into foul trouble."

Dalton led the Lady Devils with nine points, while Tsosie added six and Lopez had five.

Next, the Lady Devils lost to Manti 35-19 on Dec. 9, and lost to Millard 45-30 the next afternoon, Dec. 10.

Poor shooting from the field and from the free throw line plagued the Lady Devils both games. To make matters worse, Grand may have lost one of its key players for the remainder of the season, as junior guard Dalton, the team's leading scorer, suffered a serious knee injury in the fourth quarter of the Millard game.

Coach Lopez said afterward that even if the injury doesn't require surgery, Dalton is likely to miss most if not all of the upcoming basketball season. "It looks like it's going to take awhile for her to recover," he said.

Dalton, a multi-sport athlete who also plays soccer and softball, suffered a similar injury to her other (left)

knee midway through her freshman year, which eventually required surgery.

"It's going to be a big loss for us, but we'll have to regroup," said Lopez.



GCHS senior Jessie Sorensen drives the ball past a Manti defender on Dec. 9.

Against Manti, the Lady Devils scored just 10 points in the first half and nine in the second en route to a 35-19 loss. Dalton led the Lady Devils with seven points, while senior Jessie Sorensen contributed five. Grand made just 8-of-48 field goal attempts (16.7 percent) and converted just 2-of-11 free throws (18.2 percent) during the game.

"Manti came out and pressed us early on, and took us out of the game, because we were in panic mode," said coach Lopez.

The following afternoon against Millard, the Lady Devils got off to a promising start when Sorensen hit a baseline jumper on Grand's first possession, giving the Lady Devils an early 2-0 lead. But that basket ended up being Grand's lone field goal in the first half, as the Lady Eagles built a 24-6 halftime lead.

However, Grand managed to outscore Millard by three points in the second half to make the final score more respectable, 45-30.

"We started out too sluggish, but in the second half we started to move the ball better and draw more fouls," said Lopez, noting that Sorensen scored seven of her team-high 13 points on free throws.

Tsosie was Grand's No. 2 scorer for the game with eight points, while Dalton made four points before leaving the game early in the fourth period due to her injury.

Through five games this season, Dalton made a total of 43 points, for an average of 8.6 points per game.

After playing their first five preseason games at home, the Lady Devils played at Monticello on Tuesday, Dec. 13, where they lost by the score of 36-21.

"We started out okay, but ran out of steam after the first period," said coach Lopez. "We played good defense, but just couldn't get anything going offensively."

Then, on Friday, Dec. 16, the Lady Devils traveled to Green River to face the Lady Pirates, who won the rematch, 49-23.

Green River jumped out to an early lead, going ahead 11-4 in the first quarter and 23-10 at halftime. Green River's Michaela Hughes finished with 19 points and teammate Jamie Johnson added 14 as the Lady Pirates improved to 6-3 overall.

Tsosie led the Lady Devils in scoring with eight points, while sophomore Alena Geiser added six.

"It was just a rough game for us," said coach Lopez. "We were sluggish, and struggled to make shots."

Grand didn't play during the two-week holiday break -- their Dec. 20 game at Pinnacle Academy was rescheduled for Jan. 31.

The Lady Devils' next home game won't be until Jan. 17 when they host Monticello.

"I feel like for the amount of experience we have, we're actually playing decent basketball," said GCHS head coach Rick Lopez early this week. "Our girls just need more floor time, more experience, and they'll get better at transferring what we've learned in practice to the games."

Devilettes ready for competition



Devilettes perform during holiday assembly Dec. 16.

By Alisha Cheney

After a successful fall season, the GCHS drill team, the Devilettes, has been busy getting ready for upcoming regional and state competitions.

The Devilettes have moved their performances indoors and are performing at the halftime of basketball home games. They also recently finished a production of "The Nightmare Before Christmas" in conjunction with Simply Dance Company, a local dance group.

The Devilettes' first competition will be Saturday Jan. 14 at Richfield. They are also scheduled to attend a meet in Cedar City on Saturday, Jan. 21. The Region 15 competition will be Tuesday, Jan. 24, also at Richfield. The state drill competition will be Saturday, Feb. 4 at Utah Valley University in Orem.

Although the girls are busy right now, they still have a little bit of time to finish polishing up their dances and get them ready to perform for the competitions.

The 2011-2012 Devilettes are coached by Tiffany Gill, with manager Bailee Norman. The team's senior captains are Landen Vancil, Cassidy Gill, and Morgan Taylor, with junior co-captain Hailey Taylor-Johnson. The other seniors on the team are Belyn Norman, Alisha Cheney, Shalece Guerrero, and Taylor Garlett. The sophomores are Marissa Trujillo and Justice Norton, and the freshmen are Kaelyn Lammert, Zoe Wuthrich, and Katie McFarland.

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Technology in schools is like a double-edged sword

With winter break wrapping up, Moab kids are headed back to the classroom. Breaking for the holidays is something that every generation knows and has remained relatively unchanged. The same cannot be said for the classes that we return to. Students today have access to amazing technology that our great-grandparents could hardly have ever dreamed when they were our age.

One of the biggest technological tools we now have is access to the Internet. Now, instead of spending hours at a library sifting through pages of books and keeping a dictionary handy, we can simply type in a few keywords and find exactly what we are looking for.



**Opinion Column
By Deanna Irvin**

Writing a research paper is much easier and faster this way. This sort of access lets students who ordinarily would not complete a paper due to a lack of time to work on it, still finish their assignment. This also partially eliminates the discouraging frustration that accompanies not finding what you need; something that often happens

when students try to search through a library.

Another great tool in the arsenal of today's tech-savvy students is useful word processing programs, such as Microsoft Word. One of the best features of Word is spell-check, an application that will point out misspelled words and improper grammar and offer suggestions to correct them. It's easy, then, to see why it quickly became a favorite among people who do not have a gift for grammar. Tools such as spell-check allow students to still produce quality work they would not otherwise achieve.

However, both the Internet and word processing programs both have their downsides.

The Internet, while a great tool for research, is also a great source of distraction. You may start out with the intention of finding an article on the 2012 presidential elections and be distracted by a link leading you to a story about your favorite band playing a concert nearby next week. Soon enough, you're looking up pictures of that band and thinking of ways you can convince your parents to let you go to their concert. This is where the Internet can become more of a hindrance than a help.

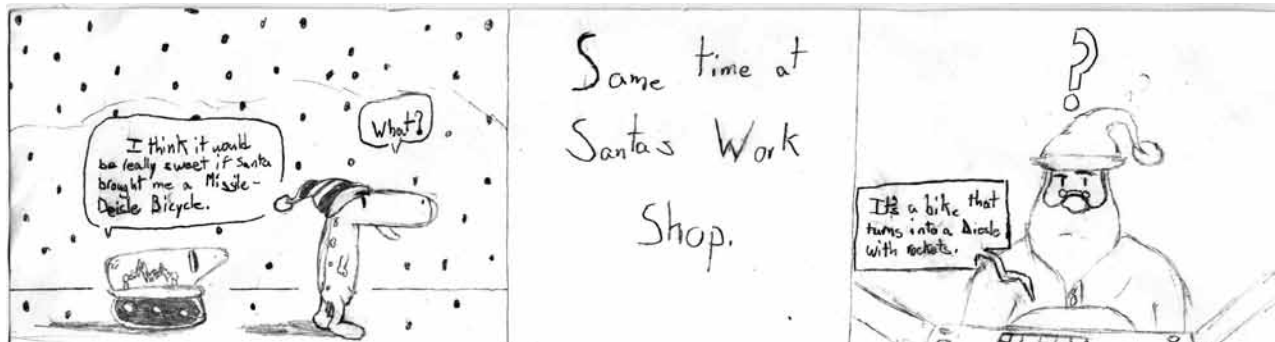
Spell-check is really useful as well, but I personally have mixed feelings about it. I'll be the first to admit that I use spell-check, but I think it's starting to create problems. It's getting to the point where students can't hand-write a paper because they don't have a program to check their spelling and grammar. Plus, they've become so reliant on spell-check that they don't know of any other way to check for accuracy.

Overall, incorporating new technology into school has turned out well. Students can type up grammatically correct papers and find information much faster than in years past.

However, they can also be easily distracted by the Internet, and they can also become too heavily reliant on spell-check to do all of their proofreading for them.

In the end, technology in schools is a double-edged sword and is best to be used in moderation.

Dimple by Macrae Olsen



How will the Occupy movement affect Americans?

Hey everyone, it's good to be back!

So, the last couple of months, no doubt many of you have seen your news headlines occupied recently by stories of well...Occupy Wall Street.

It's a movement that has gained a lot of attention recently, shouting slogans like "We are the 99 percent" and "People not Profits!" and so on and so forth, but sometimes the purpose of these protests are a little unclear.

What most people understand about Occupy Wall Street is that it is a series of protests in which people from the lower and middle class—the 99 percent of Americans, protest the fact that the very wealthy upper class—the top 1 percent of the population—possesses between 30 and 40 percent of the wealth in America.

Certainly, it's a pretty startling contrast—it's like having 100 people in the room and \$100 to go around and giving \$35 of it to one person and then giving 65 cents to everyone else in the room. That's the kind of income disparity that these people are protesting, and when we look at it that way, it seems like they've got a point.

Another very notable thing about Occupy Wall Street is that it is not an entirely cohesive movement. That is to say, the movement doesn't have a single leader. But to me, it seems like that is a very significant part of the Occupy message. One of the ways that the Occupy movement works is by having each individual have the same strength of voice as everyone around them.

According to one article in the Washington Post, that's what makes Occupy so successful—the idea that everyone has an equal voice brings Occupy above the idea that one person's thoughts are more valuable than another, that one issue is more important than another, and gives equal attention to all of them. As such, no one person becomes more important, and so no one person is the leader of Occupy.

It might seem like having no leader won't get the protesters anywhere, but many successful movements have been more loosely organized, without a single leader—the most notable being the feminist movements of the 1960s and 1970s, and those were very successful—we can see the results of those actions today.

The Occupy movement has become explosively popular, and the individual democracy aside, the idea of the common man rising up against corporate greed resonates with a lot of people, for obvious reasons. There was even an Occupy Moab march on Dec. 10 in conjunction with Human Rights Day.

Now while the Occupy movement has spread so far and to so many people the only thing that remains to be seen is—will it be effective? While some leaderless movements have accomplished a great deal, affecting legislation and mindsets and so on and so forth, just as many have dissolved without any sort of influence.

Will Occupy manage to level the enormous disparity between the wealthy and the middle class? Will Occupy bring jobs to Americans? Only time will tell.



**News analysis
and opinion
By Mary Rice**

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Book review: Misery, by Stephen King

By Chris Cleveland

From Stephen King, the author who brought us *The Stand* and *Under the Dome*, comes a horrific tale of survival, enclosure, and imagination called *Misery*. This is the story of a best-selling author named Paul Sheldon (who is famous for his Victorian-era series about a girl named Misery Chastain) who drives to Los Angeles under a drunken impulse and suddenly crashes on the winter road along the way there.

At first, it is thought he dies in the crash but a former nurse named Annie Wilkes salvages his body from the wreck and revives him with a drug called codeine that she gets him addicted to. When he comes around, she tells him she is his biggest fan which is not an unusual thing for him to hear from many people.

However, the unusual part comes when she tells him he is her hostage until he writes a novel for just her that sees the revival of his character Misery (whom he had killed off in his last book with her). And if he refuses, she will kill him and take his body to where no one will ever be capable of finding him. Things worsen when she reveals that she has broken his legs severely enough to confine him to her



house. Drug-addicted, wheelchair-bound, Paul Sheldon writes the novel of his life and may literally be his last with one false step.

Reading this book initially, I thought it was kind of a weird plot and couldn't conceive of how this hostage situation could be any scarier than one I saw in the movies. However, as I progressed, I was both entranced and horrified by this book which had no ghouls, goblins, or anything slimy like I wouldn't have been surprised about from Stephen King but didn't need them. Because the monster was Annie Wilkes and the victim was Paul Sheldon. It was a plot that was very intricate and only needed two characters to play it out as well as it was.

Terrifying, heart-pumping, and intricate, this book of survival will give you the chills even after you finish it. I highly recommend *Misery* for anyone interested in horror novels or even just interested in a good book as I was. There is a movie adaptation out that I have yet to see but if you like the book, give the movie a shot. I've heard it was great though probably not nearly as good as the book itself.

Construction class busy building a new home on Mtn. View Drive



By Kyle Hilgenfeld and Paige Hass

The GCHS construction classes have been building a house on Mountain View Drive. The students are doing everything from drywall to electrical. In early December, the students were helping with the framing of the roof and walls.

The construction class is a very good experience for students to get experience in the field of construction under the very skilled and watchful eye of instructor Kent Dalton. Mr. Dalton said that 18 students are currently enrolled in construction at GCHS. "Even though it's been cold weather, the kids have all been working well so far," he said.

There are enough students working on the project that it will probably be done before the trimester is over, with maybe some finishing touches needing to be made in the early spring, Mr. Dalton added.

This project is being done not only for students to gain experience and job skills for the rest of their lives, but also to better the community and provide a home for a family.

'Deck the Halls' was theme of holiday decorations at GCHS



During December, students at GCHS spent time decorating classroom doors and halls in various ways, as part of a "Deck the Halls" contest designed to celebrate the holiday season and promote school spirit.

The hall outside Mrs. Laura Reed's classroom was decorated like a giant fireplace, complete with stockings that had the students' names on them. Plywood reindeer lined the halls outside Mr. Dalton's woodshop classroom, and a fully decorated Christmas tree was nearby. Other displays featured stylized Santa Clauses, strings of lights, wreaths, and snowflakes. Pictured at left are Kris Kemp and Kamron Call, who worked on a display outside Mr. Joe Reiners' classroom.

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HOROSCOPES

By Brooklyn Richards

Aries (March 21 - April 20) A new year, a new life. It might be time for some new socks, too. Your purple ones have ghastly holes.

Taurus (April 21 - May 21) Now that Santa won't be watching as close this time of year, don't be afraid to do a little mischief around town...

Gemini (May 22 - June 21) Bad hair day? Don't be discouraged, frizziness is caused by Jupiter. It will pass.

Cancer (June 22 - July 23) If you forget to defrost your car one morning, you might end up in a pickle. Be alert at the first light.

Leo (July 24 - Aug. 22) Next time you see a hippo blowing bubbles, you might want to check what your mom's been putting in your food.

Virgo (Aug. 23 - Sept. 23) After you break your new bike and eat all your candy canes, you might have a bad case of the Holiday Blues.

Libra (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23) If you find that your jeans are getting a little tight, perhaps it's time for less hot chocolate and more time at the gym.

Scorpio (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) Your sister will confess her phobia of cheese. Don't be too tempted to take advantage of it.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23 - Dec. 21) Make sure your friend's New Year's Resolution doesn't include getting revenge. (You know what you did.)

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Not happy with the way the country is run? It's time to research your political beliefs and get the facts.

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19) Don't waste time with people who put you down. With 2012, may you find self respect.

Pisces (Feb. 20 - March 20) A blue flamingo will attack you the next time you open your sock drawer. Sorry.

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Top 10 Things 2012 Will Bring

10. Getting the iPhone 5
9. The World Won't End
8. The Last Twilight Movie (Finally!)
7. Graduation for Seniors
6. The U.S. Presidential Election
5. Money Inflation
4. The iPad Mini
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