

Senior delights crowds, directs play for personal project

By Edgar Lopez Staff Writer

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Haines, Chase Harms, Aaron Lyman, Severin Young, Brandon Hass, Dianna Rowe, Lena Datteri, and Conrad Schaefer.

She converted the story into play write form and consisted of one act.

Not only did she direct a cast for the play but also smoothly.

The staff consisted of a costumer, a makeup artist. a lighting design manager, and a set design group.

The cast and staff went through full dress rehearsal during the process and did a run through before the performance.

The performance took place during spring break for Aims students making the availability of facilities very convenient.

Lance knows the Aims Director of Activities personally making the booking process very easy.

managed a staff that would make everything run Lance did extra work with the lead roles and spent a lot of time on blocking and line work.

> "My favorite part was working with all the actors because of their work ethic and doing Tarzan at the same time," said Lance, "we all had to be really flexible and manage our time right.

> The project was part one of four of the IB testing and she will be graded off of a 3000 word essay reflecting her experience in detail from beginning to end, which she will then turn in to a committee to be graded. She hopes that her project will allow to receive college credit for her time in IB Theater.

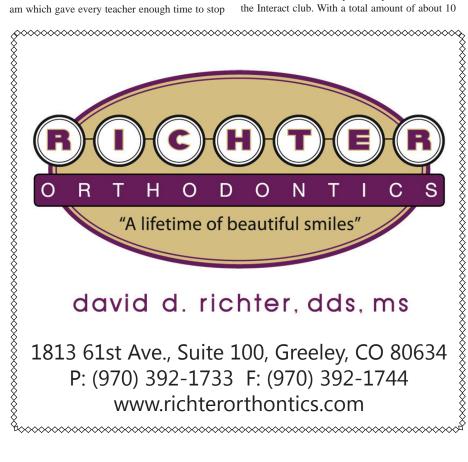
Interact provides breakfast during TCAP test for teachers

By Alex Garcia Staff Writer

A teachers breakfast was held at Greeley west on Friday March 14th in the teacher lounge. Breakfast was provided for all teachers in the building by the interact club. The breakfast was held from 8-11 am which gave every teacher enough time to stop

by the lounge and grab a bite to eat. There was a variety of foods for the teachers to enjoy. They had foods from bagels and cream cheese to donuts and cupcakes. They also had all sorts of cookies and

The event was mostly held by the officers of the Interact club. With a total amount of about 10 members there are about 8 total officers which include President Alexis Badiel. "A lot of the teachers thanked us and seemed excited for a cup of coffee or juice after a long week of TCAP," said Badiel when asked about how the breakfast went and if she believed it was a success. This was very good news because the whole reason for the breakfast was to make their day and really show gratitude for all the hard work for the week of TCAP. There was plenty of positive feedback from the teachers. They enjoyed the Irish music that was playing in the teachers' lounge and the many different choices of foods they had out. All in all the club is happy about how the breakfast went.







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Students look forward to getting away for break

By Malia Long Staff Writer

Spring break is a break everyone always looks forward to. People can get away and go somewhere sunny and fun, away from snow. "It has felt like we have been trapped around this cold weather and it would be nice to get away from it for a week" said Jianna Piacenza

"I am going on a road trip to California with a

bunch of my friends. We will be going to support the baseball boys for one day, maybe more. Then, we are going to have some fun on the beach the other days," said Piacenza

"I am going to Palm Springs and Las Vegas with My friend and her family. I am going because they invited me and I have never been to either place. I am really excited to tan and shop all day for a whole week," said Ellery Sedlacek

Other people are taking advantage of their spring break and checking out some colleges to find out what they are looking for in a college. "I am going to Fort Lewis to visit my brother and to take a tour of the college," said Brandon Duval

Students are becoming tired of school and most need a break mentally and physically. "I am super burned out of school and ready for a vacation," said Sedlacek

Many of other students are choosing to stay

home and relax with their other friends who have stayed home too. Students are ready for a week off of school.

Regardless of whether students are road-tripping or visiting brothers at college, they will be busy and enjoy being away from here for a couple of days.



Duval

Teacher shares concerns about health with students

Bv Michael Caro Staff Writer

The health of Greeley West students is becoming a growing issue. This is not only a local growing issue but a nationwide issue. Students today in schools are less active than they have been in the past. This includes not only overweight issues but the abuse of alcohol and drugs. Students all around the nation are drinking at earlier ages, smoking at earlier ages, and having sex at earlier ages. Not only are these act themselves bad for student health, but many of them come with consequences. There are STD's spreading among the youth through unprotected sex, liver damage from drinking, and more. Weld County ranks as one of the highest in nation in STD's.

In the past few years, students have become less active than they should be.

Overweight students are becoming common in many schools across the District. "We have a lot of kids who aren't active and kids need to get more

actively involved to they can stay fit," Health teacher Brian Holmes said.

Addressing the overweight problem at Greeley West is trying to encourage all students to participate in some sort of activity.

Brian Holmes believes all students should be aware and concerned about their health Holmes and learn how to manage it



when it gets out of hand. "All of the students should be aware what can happen to you if you don't care of your health," Holmes said.

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March Madness

Students go crazy

over pools

By Mason Barnes Staff Writer

For most sports fans the month of March is the best time of the year for sports.

March Madness is the D1 Men's championship tournament and is the most exciting sporting event of the year. There are numerous pools and grand prizes people can win with picking the best bracket.

Warren Buffet is one of these people.

He is offering a billion dollars to whoever picks every game right resulting in a perfect bracket.

He will pay the winner 25 million a year for the next 40 years. If multiple people get a perfect bracket he will split up the billion dollars between the people. Throughout the tournament's history there has never been a perfect bracket, but this might be the year.

Fans who are into betting and gambling on games, especially during March Madness find no better place to be than Las Vegas.

Casinos and hotels hold events and pools for the best brackets for a chance to win huge grand prizes.

Other common pools are around the office. At West, the staff and students also have a pool. The pool is run by football head coach Renouf.

Prom moves back to Greeley

By Tara Trevino Staff Writer

Plenty of school dances take place throughout the year, but one of the biggest dances to take place at the end of the year is Prom.

Options varied from all around the world, The Great Gatsby/1920's, and Disney. This year the theme will follow into The Great Gatsby era and the location will also be changed from Windsor to Zoe's Café downtown Greeley. Student council is looking to make it a great prom this year, raising more money than the previous years.

Zoe's café is the new location because of the space provided isn't so tight.

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Princely
Keku plays
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his beginning piano
class with
Mr. Chet
Arthur. Keku
is a foreign
exchange
student from
Cameroon.

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Living with a foreigner is foreign to most

By Alie Olivas Staff Writer

Having the pleasure of hosting a foreign exchange student is a once in a lifetime experience that no one should pass up. It gives you and your family an opportunity to explore different foods, cultures, religions, and ways of life that no book can teach you.

Hosting a student gives you a chance to help break the barriers of stereotypes, racism, and misinterpretations, while getting to learn all about amazing countries all over the world. "I have students available from Japan, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and MORE, looking for warm, happy inviting families to open their home for a Cultural Exchange! Full year and half year students available for the 2014-15 school year. All students come with their own spending money and insurance. Host families are required to provide three meals a day and snacks, including room and board." Lynn Keber emailed.

Princely Keku is a current foreign exchange student from Cameroon, Africa. His favorite experiences here in the United States are getting the opportunity to learn about American cultures and meeting the people here.

"The people here are friendly and it is a good experience to get to know how people live in other places around the world," Prince said.

He recommends hosting a student because "It gets rid of stereotypes that people have on cultures and places."

If you're interested in hosting a student, please contact the following.

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Interact sets April book drive to help impoverished

By Eric Seeley Staff Writer

Helping out others in need always makes people have a sense of accomplishment and just the feeling of satisfaction from helping out others. Students have the chance to help out others by donating books to the Greeley West Interact Book Drive.

Greeley West students need to bring in their old childhood books. The donated books will help benefit students at local elementary schools around Greeley. The schools are Dos Rios and Chappelow, and other schools that will be decided in the future. Interact club will be accepting new and gently used children books. The books need to primarily be for students from kindergarten to the fifth grade. If books for middle school students are brought in, they will be taking them to the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students at Chappelow. There will be

posters around the school and also announcements to remind students and faculty about the book drive. "We are doing this to encourage elementary students to read more," said Alexis Badial.

Badial is the president of interact club, and is in charge of the book drive. Students will turn their donated books into a classroom that they have. Each classroom will have a box that students can place their books in.

Clash of Clans game is the new Flappy Birds

New game has students on the edge of their seats playing with magical creatures

A new game/app has emerged called Clash of Clans and it is spreading throughout Greeley West culture and any smart phone willing to download the addicting game.

Clash of Clans is a strategic game made for the mind that



makes you plan out attacks, build up your village, and build an army all while fending your village from enemy attacks.

The way you build up your defenses is by gold and you have to create gold mines to do so, and getting "elixir" which is this purple stuff that allows you to build your army. You have to collect that over time to do so.

The main purpose of the game is to join a clan, which is a group of people to help destroy other clans, while using the trophy system. You gain trophies by winning attacks but you lose trophies if your village is attacked and destroyed. The game is played by seasons so the team or clan with the most trophies wins a large sum of prizes.

The game Clash of Clans is a free purchase

on the app store and is worth getting if you need to waste some time or have a lot of spare time on

The only bad thing about this game is you must have a large amount of patience to wait for your village and defenses to upgrade, which can either take a few hours and some take a few days. But in all honesty this game is worth a download on your smart phone.



Dress shopping can send some overboard

Prom dress shopping is something extremely important to every girl planning on attending

prom. Let's face it, you don't really worry about your accessories or shoes until the week of, and you don't really worry



about your hair and makeup until the day of.

Prom dresses on the other hand have to be bought at least two weeks ahead of time to ensure you find one and that you don't end up twinning with someone else. No girl ever wants to have the same dress as someone else at prom.

However, how early is too early to be prom dress shopping?

You can find the perfect dress one month to \ three weeks before Prom. If you go too early, you may end up with a really nice dress but no one to go with.

As crucial as it may seem to find a dress, it's important to have an idea of what you want and what price is right. Every girl who attends prom finds a dress that they believe is perfect in every way for them, but finding the perfect dress doesn't mean you have to over pay. Prom is truly a special and once in a lifetime experience, but it shouldn't be taken over board.

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Personal projects take considerable time

By Jake Firkins Staff Writer

Some students here at West are beginning to feel tremendous pressure as the end of the year is coming closer and closer. Students in MYP have to do their personal projects and present them soon.

MYP stands for the Middle Years Program which is a program that prepares students to go into the IB Diploma Program. These MYP Personal Projects are to going to be presented in April on the 15-17.

These research projects are designed to help the MYP students. They help them learn about themselves and help them learn how to manage

The personal projects are very complex and time consuming. They are assigned a year in advance. The students are supposed to pick a project research what needs to be done about it. They also have to write journal entries about their progress. their community mentor and their teacher supervisor about the project. Then they write an essay on it called a personal statement. Then they of coarse do the actual project.

Keegan Wilcox, an MYP sophomore at West, is restoring a 1987 Mercedes Bens. He researched it and talked to Wilcox



experts on certain aspects of the car. The car was sitting for 10 years without having been driven before Wilcox got a hold of it.

He spent six months deep cleaning the engine before he started it to make sure he didn't ruin anything because it was so dirty. Then he did engine work and general maintenance on the car. He also put a new paint job on the car.

"It's a lot of work. I pretty much hate it," said



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TCAP makeups minimal

By Anna Eisenberg Staff Writer

The week of March 10th the freshman and sophomore classes at Greeley West High School had to take the mandatory TCAP test. Missing TCAP testing is always a hassle, and many students miss. This year however, only about 100 students, out of 900, missed at least one test. "We are trying to get all of the missed testing done in these next two week," stated Ann Hudson, the assistant principal at Greeley West. Hudson is in charge of

the preparation and everything for TCAP.

The TCAP make ups are being held as available. "Overall, it was a very successful week. Students were going their best and taking all the time they needed. The staff also did phenomenal; they loved their students and all the teachers kept coming to me saying that they loved their group and thought they had the best," says Hudson.

Students will receive the same amount of testing time as everybody else. TCAP testing is expected to be completed by Wednesday, the 26th.



Relay teams lead track athletes early in season

By Tonya Schiestel Staff Writer

The Greeley West track team participated in a meet on Saturday the 15th at Windsor High School. This was a very large meet in which 27 teams attended. Greeley West did fairly well considering the poor weather conditions. It was extremely windy and cold that day making for a long, tiresome track meet.

It is still very early in the season and the athletes continue to adjust to the pace of the meets. The boys and girls relays did exceptionally well at this meet, particularly the 4 by 100 relays. "We have some really good sprinters this year and we are doing well in the earlier meets which gives us high hopes for the rest of the season," said Smith. Both the boys and girls relay did very well and scored points for the Spartans.

The girls relay consists of Skye Smith, Cadi Green, Kaci Padilla, and Sianne Boyd and is ranked

number one in Weld County. The boys 4 by 100 relay consists of Wesley King, Jake Firkins, Ismael



Davis

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competing within Weld County. "It was a great meet and there is tons of room for improvement," said Davis. "It's nice to be ranked number one and know that you can still do better."

Zach Batton also had an impressive meet taking sixth

Coach McAdams was very pleased with his performance but knows that there is room for improvement as the season continues. The athletes as well as the coaches are very excited to see what the rest of the season has to offer.

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By Garrett Hays Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, the Greeley West girls soccer team made Greeley Central look like a joke with a 6-1 victory over the Wildcats. The Spartans came out hot scoring three points in the first half and finishing strong with another three points in the second half.

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Tennis team serves up first victory

By Zeke Rodriguez Staff Writer

The Greeley West girls tennis team hosted the Monarch Coyotes in a conference match on Friday,

March 14. The Spartans came away with a 4-3 win. The match was a tight and contested win for the Spartans who are now 1-1 overall and 1-1 in conference

In singles action, No. 1 singles player senior Paige Crews went against Monarch's Emma Scott and defeated her 6-1 and 6-0 in two quick sets. No. 2 Singles player Emily Hopwood defeated Monarch's Senior Katie Mintle in a hardfought three-set win, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

No. 3 Singles player Darcy Ficek was defeated by Monarch's freshman Jenna Nguyen in another

close three set contest.

Two doubles teams won for the Spartans. The No. 2 doubles team, which includes two sophomores Kayla Hoskins and Kiley Cropper,

defeated Monarch's Hannah Kim and Hadley Tallackson in three sets 3-6, 6-0,

The other Spartan victory came from the No. 3 Doubles team of sophomore Lauren Miller and junior Olivia Denovellis. They defeated Monarch's Mikayla Dudek and Madison Rissi in straight sets 6-3, 6-0.

The Spartans played again over the weekend in a tournament sponsored by Greeley Central. Results of the match were unavailable at press time.



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before opening day.

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First year actor, Mason Sedlacek will play the main role in the Tarzan Musical. "It was my last chance to be in a

show at West and I wanted to challenge myself this year," Sedlacek said.

There will be six showings of *Tarzan* at Greeley West, for two weekends. On Friday nights, the show opens at 7:30, and on Saturday there are two showings at 2:00 and 7:30. Tickets can be bought beforehand or at the door.

From Tobacco, Page 1

slogan, Speak Out Against Tobacco Company's Sweet Cheap & Deadly Products has gained a lot of momentum in the surrounding Greeley schools.

"The whole idea of tobacco is that it is sweet cheap and deadly, tobacco companies often advertise to teens, so we are just trying to stop them," said Daniela Miramontes, a member of the PACT committee. Every member of the group against tobacco has been working hard in Colorado in order to stop teens from using tobacco.

"I think that we could make a difference, I think that raising awareness is important," said Miramontes.

But not every student is excited about the committee trying to ban tobacco use for 18 year olds.

"My Dad started using chewing tobacco before he was 18 years old. It was the only way for him to relieve stress and to get the work done that was needed in the tough life that he had. 18 years old is the closest step towards officially becoming an adult, and therefore, the idea that these kids can't make their own decisions is depriving them of choices that are rightfully theirs." said Brian Halsey.

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There are many affects for overweight students and even those who abuse drugs and alcohol," Holmes said.

"There's not only a drug problem in the school but in the community. We as a school and a community need to crack down on the drug use in school such as having random drug searches at the school," Holmes said. Society in general promotes drugs, alcohol and cheap fast food. All of drugs and alcohol are easily available for anyone, especially for students.

It is one of the main goals of the administrators and teachers in the school to stop and prevent the spread of unhealthy behaivors in teens and young adults. Teachers and administrators alike show their support in preventing unhealthy behaivors by lending their ears and all the help they can give to any students with problems that would like to disscuss it.



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Lance knows the Aims Director of Activities personally making the booking process very easy.

managed a staff that would make everything run Lance did extra work with the lead roles and spent a lot of time on blocking and line work.

> "My favorite part was working with all the actors because of their work ethic and doing Tarzan at the same time," said Lance, "we all had to be really flexible and manage our time right.

> The project was part one of four of the IB testing and she will be graded off of a 3000 word essay reflecting her experience in detail from beginning to end, which she will then turn in to a committee to be graded. She hopes that her project will allow to receive college credit for her time in IB Theater.

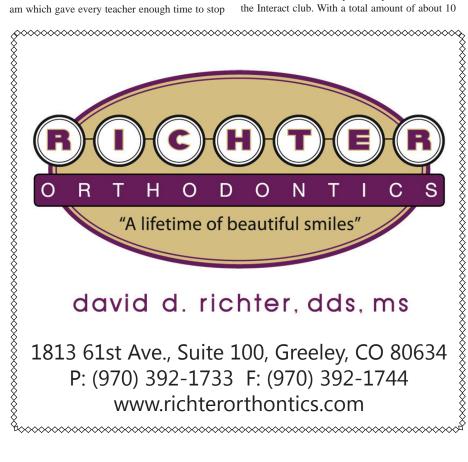
Interact provides breakfast during TCAP test for teachers

By Alex Garcia Staff Writer

A teachers breakfast was held at Greeley west on Friday March 14th in the teacher lounge. Breakfast was provided for all teachers in the building by the interact club. The breakfast was held from 8-11 am which gave every teacher enough time to stop

by the lounge and grab a bite to eat. There was a variety of foods for the teachers to enjoy. They had foods from bagels and cream cheese to donuts and cupcakes. They also had all sorts of cookies and

The event was mostly held by the officers of the Interact club. With a total amount of about 10 members there are about 8 total officers which include President Alexis Badiel. "A lot of the teachers thanked us and seemed excited for a cup of coffee or juice after a long week of TCAP," said Badiel when asked about how the breakfast went and if she believed it was a success. This was very good news because the whole reason for the breakfast was to make their day and really show gratitude for all the hard work for the week of TCAP. There was plenty of positive feedback from the teachers. They enjoyed the Irish music that was playing in the teachers' lounge and the many different choices of foods they had out. All in all the club is happy about how the breakfast went.







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Students look forward to getting away for break

By Malia Long Staff Writer

Spring break is a break everyone always looks forward to. People can get away and go somewhere sunny and fun, away from snow. "It has felt like we have been trapped around this cold weather and it would be nice to get away from it for a week" said Jianna Piacenza

"I am going on a road trip to California with a

bunch of my friends. We will be going to support the baseball boys for one day, maybe more. Then, we are going to have some fun on the beach the other days," said Piacenza

"I am going to Palm Springs and Las Vegas with My friend and her family. I am going because they invited me and I have never been to either place. I am really excited to tan and shop all day for a whole week," said Ellery Sedlacek

Other people are taking advantage of their spring break and checking out some colleges to find out what they are looking for in a college. "I am going to Fort Lewis to visit my brother and to take a tour of the college," said Brandon Duval

Students are becoming tired of school and most need a break mentally and physically. "I am super burned out of school and ready for a vacation," said Sedlacek

Many of other students are choosing to stay

home and relax with their other friends who have stayed home too. Students are ready for a week off of school.

Regardless of whether students are road-tripping or visiting brothers at college, they will be busy and enjoy being away from here for a couple of days.



Duval

Teacher shares concerns about health with students

Bv Michael Caro Staff Writer

The health of Greeley West students is becoming a growing issue. This is not only a local growing issue but a nationwide issue. Students today in schools are less active than they have been in the past. This includes not only overweight issues but the abuse of alcohol and drugs. Students all around the nation are drinking at earlier ages, smoking at earlier ages, and having sex at earlier ages. Not only are these act themselves bad for student health, but many of them come with consequences. There are STD's spreading among the youth through unprotected sex, liver damage from drinking, and more. Weld County ranks as one of the highest in nation in STD's.

In the past few years, students have become less active than they should be.

Overweight students are becoming common in many schools across the District. "We have a lot of kids who aren't active and kids need to get more

actively involved to they can stay fit," Health teacher Brian Holmes said.

Addressing the overweight problem at Greeley West is trying to encourage all students to participate in some sort of activity.

Brian Holmes believes all students should be aware and concerned about their health Holmes and learn how to manage it



when it gets out of hand. "All of the students should be aware what can happen to you if you don't care of your health," Holmes said.

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March Madness

Students go crazy

over pools

By Mason Barnes Staff Writer

For most sports fans the month of March is the best time of the year for sports.

March Madness is the D1 Men's championship tournament and is the most exciting sporting event of the year. There are numerous pools and grand prizes people can win with picking the best bracket.

Warren Buffet is one of these people.

He is offering a billion dollars to whoever picks every game right resulting in a perfect bracket.

He will pay the winner 25 million a year for the next 40 years. If multiple people get a perfect bracket he will split up the billion dollars between the people. Throughout the tournament's history there has never been a perfect bracket, but this might be the year.

Fans who are into betting and gambling on games, especially during March Madness find no better place to be than Las Vegas.

Casinos and hotels hold events and pools for the best brackets for a chance to win huge grand prizes.

Other common pools are around the office. At West, the staff and students also have a pool. The pool is run by football head coach Renouf.

Prom moves back to Greeley

By Tara Trevino Staff Writer

Plenty of school dances take place throughout the year, but one of the biggest dances to take place at the end of the year is Prom.

Options varied from all around the world, The Great Gatsby/1920's, and Disney. This year the theme will follow into The Great Gatsby era and the location will also be changed from Windsor to Zoe's Café downtown Greeley. Student council is looking to make it a great prom this year, raising more money than the previous years.

Zoe's café is the new location because of the space provided isn't so tight.

"It gets rid of stereotypes that people have on cultures and places."

-Princely Keku



Princely
Keku plays
piano in
his beginning piano
class with
Mr. Chet
Arthur. Keku
is a foreign
exchange
student from
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Living with a foreigner is foreign to most

By Alie Olivas Staff Writer

Having the pleasure of hosting a foreign exchange student is a once in a lifetime experience that no one should pass up. It gives you and your family an opportunity to explore different foods, cultures, religions, and ways of life that no book can teach you.

Hosting a student gives you a chance to help break the barriers of stereotypes, racism, and misinterpretations, while getting to learn all about amazing countries all over the world. "I have students available from Japan, Switzerland, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and MORE, looking for warm, happy inviting families to open their home for a Cultural Exchange! Full year and half year students available for the 2014-15 school year. All students come with their own spending money and insurance. Host families are required to provide three meals a day and snacks, including room and board." Lynn Keber emailed.

Princely Keku is a current foreign exchange student from Cameroon, Africa. His favorite experiences here in the United States are getting the opportunity to learn about American cultures and meeting the people here.

"The people here are friendly and it is a good experience to get to know how people live in other places around the world," Prince said.

He recommends hosting a student because "It gets rid of stereotypes that people have on cultures and places."

If you're interested in hosting a student, please contact the following.

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Interact sets April book drive to help impoverished

By Eric Seeley Staff Writer

Helping out others in need always makes people have a sense of accomplishment and just the feeling of satisfaction from helping out others. Students have the chance to help out others by donating books to the Greeley West Interact Book Drive.

Greeley West students need to bring in their old childhood books. The donated books will help benefit students at local elementary schools around Greeley. The schools are Dos Rios and Chappelow, and other schools that will be decided in the future. Interact club will be accepting new and gently used children books. The books need to primarily be for students from kindergarten to the fifth grade. If books for middle school students are brought in, they will be taking them to the sixth, seventh and eighth grade students at Chappelow. There will be

posters around the school and also announcements to remind students and faculty about the book drive. "We are doing this to encourage elementary students to read more," said Alexis Badial.

Badial is the president of interact club, and is in charge of the book drive. Students will turn their donated books into a classroom that they have. Each classroom will have a box that students can place their books in.

Clash of Clans game is the new Flappy Birds

New game has students on the edge of their seats playing with magical creatures

A new game/app has emerged called Clash of Clans and it is spreading throughout Greeley West culture and any smart phone willing to download the addicting game.

Clash of Clans is a strategic game made for the mind that



makes you plan out attacks, build up your village, and build an army all while fending your village from enemy attacks.

The way you build up your defenses is by gold and you have to create gold mines to do so, and getting "elixir" which is this purple stuff that allows you to build your army. You have to collect that over time to do so.

The main purpose of the game is to join a clan, which is a group of people to help destroy other clans, while using the trophy system. You gain trophies by winning attacks but you lose trophies if your village is attacked and destroyed. The game is played by seasons so the team or clan with the most trophies wins a large sum of prizes.

The game Clash of Clans is a free purchase

on the app store and is worth getting if you need to waste some time or have a lot of spare time on

The only bad thing about this game is you must have a large amount of patience to wait for your village and defenses to upgrade, which can either take a few hours and some take a few days. But in all honesty this game is worth a download on your smart phone.



Dress shopping can send some overboard

Prom dress shopping is something extremely important to every girl planning on attending

prom. Let's face it, you don't really worry about your accessories or shoes until the week of, and you don't really worry



about your hair and makeup until the day of.

Prom dresses on the other hand have to be bought at least two weeks ahead of time to ensure you find one and that you don't end up twinning with someone else. No girl ever wants to have the same dress as someone else at prom.

However, how early is too early to be prom dress shopping?

You can find the perfect dress one month to \ three weeks before Prom. If you go too early, you may end up with a really nice dress but no one to go with.

As crucial as it may seem to find a dress, it's important to have an idea of what you want and what price is right. Every girl who attends prom finds a dress that they believe is perfect in every way for them, but finding the perfect dress doesn't mean you have to over pay. Prom is truly a special and once in a lifetime experience, but it shouldn't be taken over board.

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Personal projects take considerable time

By Jake Firkins Staff Writer

Some students here at West are beginning to feel tremendous pressure as the end of the year is coming closer and closer. Students in MYP have to do their personal projects and present them soon.

MYP stands for the Middle Years Program which is a program that prepares students to go into the IB Diploma Program. These MYP Personal Projects are to going to be presented in April on the 15-17.

These research projects are designed to help the MYP students. They help them learn about themselves and help them learn how to manage

The personal projects are very complex and time consuming. They are assigned a year in advance. The students are supposed to pick a project research what needs to be done about it. They also have to write journal entries about their progress. their community mentor and their teacher supervisor about the project. Then they write an essay on it called a personal statement. Then they of coarse do the actual project.

Keegan Wilcox, an MYP sophomore at West, is restoring a 1987 Mercedes Bens. He researched it and talked to Wilcox



experts on certain aspects of the car. The car was sitting for 10 years without having been driven before Wilcox got a hold of it.

He spent six months deep cleaning the engine before he started it to make sure he didn't ruin anything because it was so dirty. Then he did engine work and general maintenance on the car. He also put a new paint job on the car.

"It's a lot of work. I pretty much hate it," said



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TCAP makeups minimal

By Anna Eisenberg Staff Writer

The week of March 10th the freshman and sophomore classes at Greeley West High School had to take the mandatory TCAP test. Missing TCAP testing is always a hassle, and many students miss. This year however, only about 100 students, out of 900, missed at least one test. "We are trying to get all of the missed testing done in these next two week," stated Ann Hudson, the assistant principal at Greeley West. Hudson is in charge of

the preparation and everything for TCAP.

The TCAP make ups are being held as available. "Overall, it was a very successful week. Students were going their best and taking all the time they needed. The staff also did phenomenal; they loved their students and all the teachers kept coming to me saying that they loved their group and thought they had the best," says Hudson.

Students will receive the same amount of testing time as everybody else. TCAP testing is expected to be completed by Wednesday, the 26th.



Tennis team serves up first victory

By Zeke Rodriguez Staff Writer

The Greeley West girls tennis team hosted the Monarch Coyotes in a conference match on Friday,

March 14. The Spartans came away with a 4-3 win. The match was a tight and contested win for the Spartans who are now 1-1 overall and 1-1 in conference

In singles action, No. 1 singles player senior Paige Crews went against Monarch's Emma Scott and defeated her 6-1 and 6-0 in two quick sets. No. 2 Singles player Emily Hopwood defeated Monarch's Senior Katie Mintle in a hardfought three-set win, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.

No. 3 Singles player Darcy Ficek was defeated by Monarch's freshman Jenna Nguyen in another

close three set contest.

Two doubles teams won for the Spartans. The No. 2 doubles team, which includes two sophomores Kayla Hoskins and Kiley Cropper,

defeated Monarch's Hannah Kim and Hadley Tallackson in three sets 3-6, 6-0,

The other Spartan victory came from the No. 3 Doubles team of sophomore Lauren Miller and junior Olivia Denovellis. They defeated Monarch's Mikayla Dudek and Madison Rissi in straight sets 6-3, 6-0.

The Spartans played again over the weekend in a tournament sponsored by Greeley Central. Results of the match were unavailable at press time.



Girls soccer team beats city rival

By Garrett Havs Staff Writer

Last Tuesday, the Greeley West girls soccer team made Greelev Central look like a joke with a 6-1 victory over the Wildcats. The Spartans came out hot scoring three points in the first half and finishing strong with another three points in the

West jumped out to a 3-0 lead, and after the Wildcats scored their first goal, the Spartans scored three times in a ten minute time span putting them ahead by five and putting the game out of reach. The Spartans came out on fire and never let up throughout the game, putting pressure on the Wildcats' goaltender.

Lordemann

After the game became out of reach for the Wildcats, they started to play rough and dirty to try and throw the Spartans off their game. While the Spartans had 34 shots on goal to the Wildcats 4 the outcome of the game was imminent.

> Sophomore Lordemann was named Most Valuable Player after the game, after scoring three goals in the first half of play

putting them up ahead early.

Swimmers show strength at Fairview

By Riley Mincic Staff Writer

The Greeley West Boys swim team is just getting underway as they took on Fairview on March 12. It was a strong performance from the team, as there are underclassmen that are proving to be good swimmers.

They lost the meet 194-111 as not all the swimmers are able to be there in the early season.

Some of the swimmers are currently being occupied by the spring musical Tarzan.

Brody Lewis qualified for state already in the early season. He qualified for the 200-meter freestyle and the 500-meter freestyle.

The season is looking promising for the Spartan boys and once the team is at full strength there is no telling what they will be capable of.



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before opening day.

"I saw *Tarzan* on Broadway and the musical wasn't available for amateurs until now and I also



Sedlacek

wanted to try something new and challenging for my theater students," Freemole said. Freemole has been the theater director at West for 24 years. "This is probably one of the most complicated Musicals I have produced," Freemole said. First year actor, Mason

Sedlacek will play the main role in the Tarzan Musical. "It was my last chance to be in a

show at West and I wanted to challenge myself this year," Sedlacek said.

There will be six showings of *Tarzan* at Greeley West, for two weekends. On Friday nights, the show opens at 7:30, and on Saturday there are two showings at 2:00 and 7:30. Tickets can be bought beforehand or at the door.

From Tobacco, Page 1

slogan, Speak Out Against Tobacco Company's Sweet Cheap & Deadly Products has gained a lot of momentum in the surrounding Greeley schools.

"The whole idea of tobacco is that it is sweet cheap and deadly, tobacco companies often advertise to teens, so we are just trying to stop them," said Daniela Miramontes, a member of the PACT committee. Every member of the group against tobacco has been working hard in Colorado in order to stop teens from using tobacco.

"I think that we could make a difference, I think that raising awareness is important," said Miramontes.

But not every student is excited about the committee trying to ban tobacco use for 18 year olds.

"My Dad started using chewing tobacco before he was 18 years old. It was the only way for him to relieve stress and to get the work done that was needed in the tough life that he had. 18 years old is the closest step towards officially becoming an adult, and therefore, the idea that these kids can't make their own decisions is depriving them of choices that are rightfully theirs." said Brian Halsey.

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There are many affects for overweight students and even those who abuse drugs and alcohol," Holmes said.

"There's not only a drug problem in the school but in the community. We as a school and a community need to crack down on the drug use in school such as having random drug searches at the school," Holmes said. Society in general promotes drugs, alcohol and cheap fast food. All of drugs and alcohol are easily available for anyone, especially for students.

It is one of the main goals of the administrators and teachers in the school to stop and prevent the spread of unhealthy behaivors in teens and young adults. Teachers and administrators alike show their support in preventing unhealthy behaivors by lending their ears and all the help they can give to any students with problems that would like to disscuss it.



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