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November 6

Election Day

Nov 12

Winter Sports Begin

Nov 19 - 23

Thanksgiving Break

Dec 19

Winter Art Show

Dec 24 - Jan 4

Winter Break

January 21

MLK - No School

Jan 23 - 25

Final Exams

Avon changes laws to prevent underage vaping

Saroja Manickam Reporter

On August 14th, 2018, Avon's Town Council voted unanimously to raise the tobacco purchasing age to twenty-one. While the ordinance presented is applicable to all tobacco products, it was specifically designed to stop the high rate of vaping in teens.

The ordinance will create a licensing system among tobacco distributors that forces them to only sell to patrons over the age of twenty-one. It also makes sure that tobacco products are marketed in a way that's not appealing to a younger audience.

This addition to local law is part of the "Tobacco 21 Initiative," headed by the Preventing Tobacco Addiction Foundation. Their goal is to raise the legal minimum sales age to twenty-one nationwide. Their work is based off of the idea that when you raise the legal tobacco purchasing age from eighteen to twenty-one, it will reduce tobacco use for high school and middle school students.

Mandy Ivanov, tobacco specialist at Eagle County Public Health, claims this works because high schoolers are "more likely to know an eighteen-year-



Lilly Reynolds '20 presents at an Avon Town Council about Tobacco 21. Photo courtesy of Michelle Stecher

old than a twenty-one-year-old who is willing to purchase tobacco for them." Due to this research, over 350+ cities and counties in twenty-one states have made the same change as Avon in raising their tobacco purchasing age.

This law is now effective in Avon, and those involved hope it will spread to other parts of the Valley including Vail. The Vail Council has been receptive to bringing this change but Ivanov and T21 need more student support to make it happen.

Any students who are passionate about vaping regulations and nicotine addiction are urged to contact Mandy Ivanov at mandy.ivanov@eaglecounty.us.

Student Council organizes schoolwide canned food drive

Margaux Stavney StuCo Rep & Reporter

Though Student Council is known for the major events it puts on, such as Wish Week and Homecoming, there are many other smaller activities that they organize.

Several members work in committees to plan events like Free Hug Friday and Free Hot Chocolate Day. Among putting on various functions, the point of these committees is to promote a positive school community and bring students together.

While several events have already been put on by Student Council this year,



Canned foods such as beans, soups, and meats are great options to donate for this year's EVHS food drive.

there is much more that is still in the works. Right now, the school food drive is in full swing and will continue until November 15th. The bar has been set high with a goal of 10,000 cans.

Although this is a very successful fundraiser at the elementary and middle school level, the high-school equivalent has struggled to catch on over the last few years.

According to Eagle County Schools, about 42.2% of students in the Eagle Valley qualify for free and reduced lunch. This is a state run program focused on supporting families in lower income brackets and deals with a larger issue many families in this community face.

Unfortunately, many still fall between the cracks because they can't qualify for government assistance.

This is where the canned-food drive comes in to play. By bringing in just a couple of cans, students can provide a meal to families who struggle with food insecurity in the valley.

Student Council has high hopes for the food drive this year. With nine days left before the event ends, anything can help. Students are urged to bring what they can to their Access classrooms, where teachers have containers set aside for canned-food items.

The Future is Diverse

Finn Mott

Columnist

Diversity is the art of thinking independently, together. The concept of diversity is often ignored in present day society. It is an extremely broad concept, however it is important to you and to the world. Progress in society feeds off of diverse opinions and perspectives. As individuals, the key to success is working together because each person's strengths and weaknesses are different. If there is no diversity, there will be no growth. Our differences are our greatest strengths.

Change starts with the individual. Individuality is special because there is only one of everyone. Therefore every person is diverse and contains a unique perspective. So what is the value of this one of a kind perspective? It is beyond anything in material form.

How do you implement your unique perspective into daily life? The simple answer is to get involved, which means putting individual and diverse perspectives out there. But what does getting involved

do? It allows voices to be heard.

There is an infinite range of ways to put yourself out there, from joining a club, to starting a blog about something you're passionate about. One current and relevant opportunity is the midterm elections. Being a citizen of the United States, the most important civic duty is voting in the presidential elections. Being educated, and voting in this upcoming election is crucial because every voice is unique, and the youth is the future.

As citizens of the United States we have responsibility to guide the country for progress, not decay. All are diverse all voices are vital in this process. Other ways to get involved and have your voice heard are volunteering, working, and exploring what you are passionate about.

Your voice can also be heard through simply being yourself. Do not feel like you have to conform to what society expects of you. Accept others for their differences and do not judge. Do not hinder your creativity and ideas because there is a supposedly "right" way to live.

The only way to be the change you want to see in the world is to fight the status quo. Use your diverse perspective and do not let other people hold you back. Make the world your own.



Identity versus Ideology

Caroline Dewell

Columnist

Below the Washington Post's title line, Judge Damon J. Keith's quote from 1963 boldly announces "Democracy dies in darkness". Although this quote is jarring and slightly ominous, it's meaning remains truthfully essential, democracy suffers when the public lacks the ability to voice their needs.

Through every news outlet, viewers are overloaded with multitudes of current political issues. In addition to being informed of these issues, however, people are also made aware of which political parties support or condemn it.

Although these viewpoints are important, the relentless degree to which this "who-approves-what" is broadcasted creates a perceived lens through which the political landscape is navigated - rather than people voting for their beliefs, they are voting for their parties.

Political parties find their origins in the newly-born 18th century United States. As George Washington was elected for his second-term, two parties emerged in his cabinet - the Federalists and the the Republican-Democrats,

Though the 1700s version of parties has transformed immensely, the purpose - to represent differing political principles and support a candidate for presidential candidacy - has spanned decades. In our modern political field, the Democrats and Republicans are the two most dominant parties and, in an attempt to gain support, they can often be found villainizing each other.

According to National Public Radio, "unfavorable opinions of the other party has more than doubled in the past 23 years." Although dislike for differing parties is expected, creating such harsh perceptions of one another reinforces voters to align with all beliefs their party has.

This influence pressures citizens to base their votes on party beliefs, which means ideals straying from said standards become suppressed rather than voiced. Voters should not let numbers and partisan bias vote for them. Our government functions best when, and because of, the public voicing their own stances on policies. At the end of the day, the party numbers may be added up, but the true votes are what matter.

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Why politics actually matter

Staff Editorial

You as a teenager might be thinking "I don't care about politics!" With the stress of applying to college, participating in extracurriculars, and having a healthy social life, politics can seem insignificant. In all honesty, we felt the same.

At first, we as a staff were unsure about covering politics because we were not sure it would resonate with our audience. Yet the more we thought about it, the more important political activism began to seem for us as a journalistic platform.

Primarily, being politically involved is a great way to share your voice and get connected with the community. Eagle County is actually a swing county, meaning it typically shifts back and forth between voting

Republican and voting Democrat. Your voice can be instrumental in deciding policies that affect us directly.

As well, politics is incredibly valuable to us as a publication. The press are obligated to report what is happening around them, including political events. By having an appreciation for politics, we will be better suited to inform our community as to what is happening within and outside of it.

Our goal is to to inspire a peaceful political conversation amongst students. With this issue, we strived to challenge the conception that politics are irrelevant to youth in our valley.

Eagle Valley High School holds

the next generation of voters. We want those voters to be informed, active, and excited to make the world their own. We will be the change seen in the world. Let's make it great.

-Your Co-Editors-In-Chief



Riley Dudley

Reporter

Today Americans across the country will vote in the midterm elections. With the growth of movements such as March for Our Lives and the strong emotions youth have surrounding the Trump presidency, it seems as though teenagers are more politically active than ever. However, a lot of young adults, both here and across the country, still do not show up to the polls.

According to the New York Times, only 17.1% of Americans age 18-24 voted in the 2016 election, a glaringly small number.

Mr. Doug Little, a United States history teacher says, it is important to "turn on to politics or politics will turn on you."

Participating in democratic processes is the only way to ensure that issues important to the Eagle Valley are addressed.

Meredith Murphy '20 thinks it is important to vote in the upcoming election because "kids are the future."

One of the most important reasons why young adults should make voting a priority is that the decisions made in government will have a direct impact on their lives. Through voting, American citizens get to decide how they want the country to be run. By not voting, people leave very important decisions up to people who may have very backgrounds and opinions than they do.

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While some are convinced that their vote is insignificant, history has proven this to be untrue. In 1971, a House of Delegates vote in Virginia came down to one ballot. This one vote decided who would take office and represent thousands of people, proving that each vote is important.

An even more prominent example is the highly controversial 2000 presidential election between Republican George Bush and Democrat Al Gore, which came down to the votes of a small group of people from Florida. No matter how negligible one vote may seem, it can decide entire elections.

At stake is the 2018 elections is Colorado's governorship, with one candidate, Stapleton, supportive of "income sharing," a program in which college graduates would pay a portion of their eventual income to their alma mater instead of piling on student loans, while the other, Polis, wants to provide free preschool and kindergarten to all Coloradans without an increase in taxes.

There are also several new amendments and propositions introduced within this year's ballot. Measures like Amendment 73 and Proposition 112 will have serious effects on how our schools run. The democratic process of voting ensures that all citizens can share their voice on such important issues.

Amendment 73 is a ballot initiative that would raise the income tax for wealthy Coloradans to increase school funding across the state.

WHY SHOULD I CARE ABOUT ELECTIONS

Proposition 112 is a potential law that would restrict oil and gas drilling, which may unintentionally lower school funding. These are just a few examples of what is on the Colorado ballot this year that could have a profound impact on the lives of every student at EVHS.

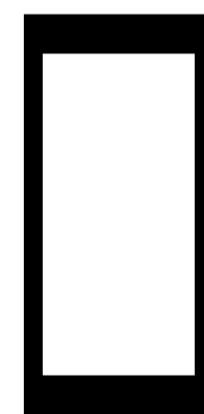
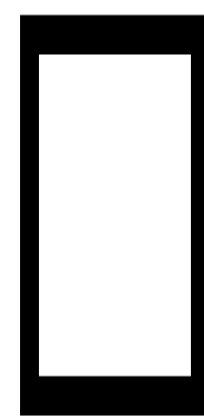
Fortunately, most predict that young adults will flood the polls this year to speak on issues they have witnessed over the last two years.

Philip Peterson '20 says, "there are many people across the ocean fighting for our rights, and if we just put that to waste, it is not okay."

Young adults across America have begun to realize how important it is to make their voices heard by voting in midterm elections.

As for students that cannot yet vote, there are still many ways to get involved. If something occurs that they disagree with, they can use their First Amendment rights to speak up and advocate for the issues they care about. Kids can also convince their friends and family to go out and vote. The United States is a country where everyone can get involved in politics, and are encouraged to do so.

VOTE



How to REGISTER to Vote

In CO, there are **3** main ways in which people can register to vote:



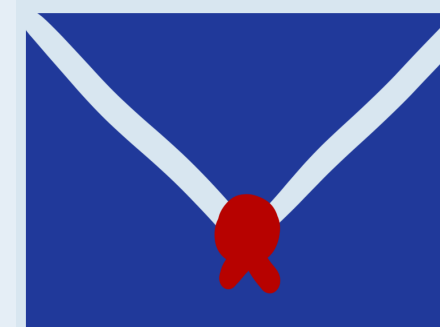
- You must have a CO-issued ID.
- Once you register online, you won't receive a ballot by mail, but you can go to the Eagle County Building to vote.

<https://www.sos.state.co.us/voter/pages/pub/olvr/verifyNewVoter.xhtml>

GO TO THIS LINK!

- Contact your local election office for information on when/where to register to vote.

500 Broadway, Ste. 101
Eagle 81631
P.O. Box 537
Eagle 81631
Phone: (970)-376-8715
Email: elections@eaglecounty.us



- Print and fill out the National or CO Voter Registry Form.

National:
https://www.eac.gov/assets/1/6/Federal_Voter_Registration_ENG.pdf

Colorado:
<https://www.sos.state.co.us/pubs/elections/vote/VoterRegFormEnglish.pdf>

MAIL

LINKS

WHICH POLITICAL PARTY REPRESENTS YOUR VIEWS?

While this quiz can help you see where you align on certain issues, it is not a completely accurate measure of what party you actually belong to or should join

Should minimum wage in America be higher?

- a. Yes
- b. Minimum wage should be eliminated and left to the discretion of the business owner.
- c. No
- d. It should be raised a significant amount.

How should drug usage be controlled by the Federal Government?

- a. Marijuana should be legalized and racial disparities in drug sentencings should be eliminated.
- b. The War on Drugs should be ended and all nonviolent drug offenders should be pardoned.
- c. Drug use should be restricted by the federal government as it can lead to abuse and addiction.
- d. Drug counseling and treatment should be expanded. Instead of incarceration for drug related crimes, there should be more innovative methods put into place.

What role should the government play in providing health care to citizens?

- a. Everyone should have access to affordable health care. Coverage should be expanded and costs should be cut.
- b. People should have the right to decide what health care they want. The government should not provide health care.
- c. Government-run universal healthcare is insufficient and will lead to substandard care. Medicare should be reformed to give seniors more flexibility and choice.
- d. There should be universal health and preventive care for all. Having access to health care should be a right, not a privilege.

Should the U.S. accept more immigrants?

- a. Yes
- b. There should be few constraints on immigration as long as they do not pose a threat.
- c. No, there should be stricter boarder control
- d. There should be permanent border passes to all citizens of Mexico and Canada to who can prove their identity.

What role should the government play in the regulation of firearms?

- a. There should be more regulation of firearm usage and all assault weapons should be banned.
- b. The government should not be able to restrict, register, or monitor the ownership or sale of firearms.
- c. Gun usage should be reasonably regulated and all law-abiding citizens should be able to own firearms.
- d. There should be much more extensive background checks and restrictions on police usage of all control weapons.

RESULTS

3 or More 'A's- Democratic Party

One of the strongest beliefs of the Democratic Party is that of equality on all fronts, including healthcare and education.



3 or More 'D's- The Green Party

The Green party aims to create an ecologically sustainable society and supports policies that promote nonviolence and social equality.



3 or More 'B's- Libertarian Party

Libertarians seek to maximize political freedom and autonomy. They want to limit state authority over the individual.



Less Than 3 of Any Letter- Independent

Your beliefs tend not to align with any one party. Instead you most likely have beliefs surrounding specific issues that have no connection to partisanship.



3 or More 'C's- Republican Party

Republicans tend to believe that the federal government should have a smaller role in the everyday lives of citizens.



SPORTS



What makes a good coach?

Carter Josef and Bode Kostick

Sports Reporters

All the sports in the our valley depend on one crucial thing: coaches. Players constantly look up to their coaches for inspiration, mentorship, and advice. A good coach understands and works with their players to create the best possible team atmosphere.

A quality that many players want in a coach is their ability to understand and promote a positive team chemistry. Justin Hoppins '20 states, "the best coaches are going to see who plays well together."

Players also recognize the fact that a coach has to be a strong leader.

Jaden Pope '22 explains that good coaches are "a strong figure head," and "someone to look up to." He also believes a coach should be "somebody who can be respected."

Although players see coaches as leaders, Coach Ri-



vera believes that her biggest job is to teach the players to take on leadership responsibility.

Rivera emphasizes that she cannot be with her players on the court, so she must "have girls that know how to lead" without her "being there to support them all the time." She demonstrates that the best coaches are able to create a team that can run itself.

A great coach does not just help their players on the field, they also support their athletes off of it.

Jesse Moser '19 describes that "they are there to help."

Coach Dupree, a nineteen year coach, reflects, "When you coach someone, it forms a much stronger bond with that person."

He shares an example of this, "I had a student who passed out during practice. It was because her family couldn't afford food, and she wasn't eating. She got to the point where she knew I was there to help."

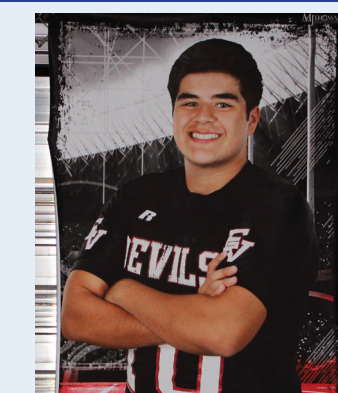
Coaches are supposed to improve the athletic performance of their team, but often being able to help their players outside of the sport fosters a deeper team bond.

The Devils' Advocate's Athlete of the Fall Season: Gabe Tena '19

Carter Josef and Quin McCarroll

Sports Reporters

Gabe Tena '19 is a multisport athlete who plays football, basketball, and runs track. He was nominated for Athlete of the Season by Coach Gabe Brown.



Gabe Tena '19's photo hangs on a senior banner outside of Hot Stuff Stadium.

Since he started playing sports his freshman year, Tena has always looked up to the older athletes on his teams. He knew that he wanted to be like them.

"It's not like they were born spectacular," Tena observed. "They actually worked for it."

Tena has followed in the footsteps of the older athletes by working incredibly hard over the last few years.

Because of his hard work, Gabe Tena has become someone who his teammates look up to. One of his main goals is to make sure his teammates know that he "has their back."

Having trust and respect between himself and his team is very important to Tena. He has worked to earn that respect so that he can create a great energy before games.

"I'm not going to get pumped up from someone I don't respect," says Tena, "and I know my teammates are the

same way." Sports have been very important in Gabe's life. Through athletics, he has learned some very important life lessons.

The most memorable lesson for Gabe was when he learned to "not be afraid of failure." This has helped him both on and off the field.

Tena reflects that he used to be "the kid that did not want to be called on." But his mindset has changed dramatically because of sports.

"If I fail, I should reflect on that and see how I am going to get better," says Tena.

During his time at EVHS, Gabe has become a great student athlete and leader who inspires his teammates to work hard and accomplish their goals.

CALENDAR

11/29 Varsity wrestling @ Grand Valley HS

11/30 Varsity girls basketball @ Fruita Monument HS

12/1 Varsity wrestling @ Buena Vista HS

12/4 Varsity boys basketball @ Eagle Valley HS

12/6-8 Varsity basketball tournament @ Steamboat Springs HS

12/14 Varsity wrestling @ Grand Junction Central HS

12/15 Varsity basketball @ Grand Valley HS

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HOROSCOPES

What Sign Are You?

Scorpio Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Passion will take you where you want to go. Try not to worry about what other people think.



Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Be ambitious in your studies. It is the perfect time for you to focus on your school work before the holidays.



Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Stay patient as good fortune is heading your way. Although school can be rough, keep a positive mindset.



Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Use your creativity to boost your academic performance. Think outside the box and you will be rewarded.



Pisces Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Compassion will help you form new relationships. It is a great time to reach out to someone new.



Aries March 21-April 19

Take a step back and try something new. Keep pushing toward you goals even if it may be scary.



Taurus April 20-June 20

Keep working hard on what is important. Do not be afraid of change that may be coming your way.



Gemini May 21-June 20

Your knowledge is key to success. Stay consistent with your work ethic in and out of school.



Cancer June 21-July 22

Help out someone who is struggling. Let those around you know how much you care about them.



Leo July 23-Aug. 22

Step into a leadership position if given the opportunity. You are ready to take on the responsibility.



Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Try not to get caught up with the small details in life. Everything will work itself out.



Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 22

Form a deep, meaningful relationship with someone new. Step outside of your comfort zone.

