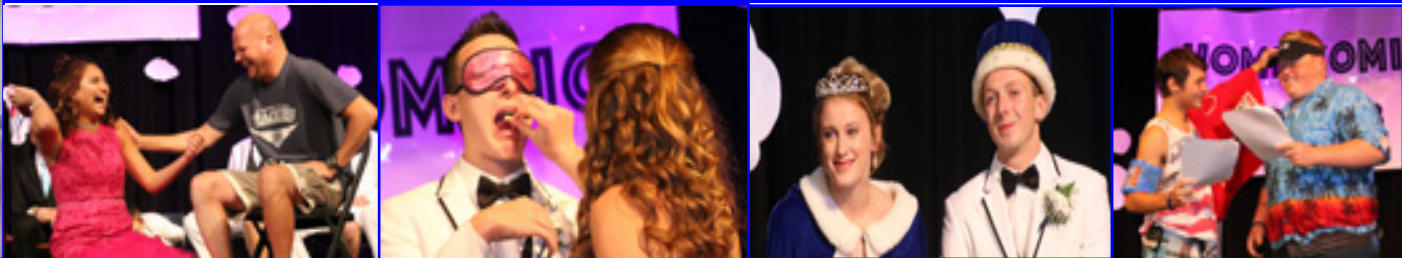




# Homecoming: Rock Their Boat



The cast of *Snoopy the Musical* practices their dance moves.

## Musical moves to fall lineup *Snoopy* debuts Nov. 3

There are some noticeable changes in the drama lineup this year including a production move from spring to fall and the debut of a new director. Cassy Lahr and Kris Latcham have taken over directing duties from long-time director Vicki Meyer who retired from the position last spring. Veronica Soine is assistant director. The Community Ed play, which historically has been staged in the spring, has made a move to fall. “We are trying it in the fall because we felt that students are so overwhelmed with testing, spring sports, prom, and all the other spring activities. Plus, for myself and Cassy Lahr (artistic Director), we wanted to try it while we were all fresh to the school year,” Latcham said. This year’s production is play *Snoopy! The Musical*, The play is a sequel to “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” which was staged at EVW in 2003 and again in 2012. Junior Jordan Stanwick will play the role of Snoopy while freshman Makulien Kleist is Charlie Brown. Other prominent characters include Jake Manske as Linus, Mady Haag as Lucy, Hailey Ramthun as Sally, Rylie Inselman as Peppermint Patty and Lilly McQuisten as Woodstock.

## Broadcast studio to air EVW news

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EVW News will soon be on the air, broadcasting from “The Studio”, located in the former small p/c lab. The room will also serve as home to the Aquila and Eagles Cry. The Studio is about reading to go and its hoped to have the first broadcast during one of the advisor/advisee periods on October. Meeker Cooperative Light and Power gave a \$300 grant to EVW for a teleprompter. The need for a school news broadcast has been discussed for the last few years. Last spring, media specialist Bonnie Spohn, media center paraprofessional Gwen Asfeld, and computer lab paraprofessional June Kahlstorf went to Howard Lake-Waverly Winsted to tour their broadcasting room to get an idea of what to expect. “Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted’s broadcasting room was very impressive,” Asfeld said. “We got new ideas and learned a lot from the tour.” The three, along with journalism  
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# EAGLES' CRY

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Photo by Julie Bulau  
Newly-crowned queen Shaylei Brutger gets a congratulatory hug from queen candiate Olivia Schlepper. See more photos on page 7

## Homecoming week off to rockin’ start

Homecoming 2018 kicked off Sunday night with the annual coronation and variety show. A large crowd was on hand to see Eric Fostad and Shaylei Brutger crowned king and queen. The coronation followed the variety show which included memorable sophomore and junior dance lines, soloist Olivia Dorman and some unforgettable candidate competitions. Student council members chose “Rock Their Boat” as this year’s slogan since EVW will face the HLWW Lakers in both volleyball and football. The festivities continued Monday with the class color dress up days and the annual powder puff football game senior v. junior girls. The results were unavailable at press time. Here’s the schedule for the remainder of the week:  
•**Thursday** - Dress Up Theme: Jersey Day  
Homecoming Dessert – Build your own Sundaes  
Pepfest in HS Gym – 2:45 p.m.  
Volleyball Game vs. HLWW – 5:45 p.m. - FFA Pork Sandwich Sale during the Volleyball Game.  
•**Friday** - Dress Up Theme: Extreme Eagle Spirit;  
Noon Activity: National Guard Rock Climbing Wall; Homecoming Cookout Lunch; Homecoming Parade – 2:35 p.m. (Parade unit participants dismissed at 2:16 p.m., remaining student body dismissed at 2:55 p.m.)  
Football Game vs. HLWW @ 7:00 p.m.  
•**Saturday** - 7-12th Grade EVW Homecoming Movie Night @ EV Event Center 7:00-11:00 p.m. FREE ADMISSION!!!

## Beefing up safety, security, infastructure: Project looks to upgrade ‘27 wing

Cory Zimmerman  
Staff Writer

Special Education teacher Amy Haag’s classroom doesn’t seem very remarkable on first glance. The windowless, beige-painted room, ornamented with a garden-variety assortment of motivational posters, is located in the southern end of the EVW 1927 building. But don’t let yourself be fooled: her room also has some surprisingly atypical characteristics. “A few years ago, we kept hearing this banging in the ceiling, but for a while, we just let it go. Eventually, I told someone about it, and apparently there was a big plumbing issue, and if I hadn’t said something

that week, the whole school would have flooded with sewer water,” Haag said. Although the ceiling noises have now subsided, another more startling phenomenon has begun. “The girl’s bathroom is just on the other side of this wall, and often, when someone flushes the toilet in the third stall, there’s a huge bang. The walls shake and the floor tremors. I’ve been told it’s just a plumbing thing, but it scares kids. I teach Special Ed., and most of the kids get used to it, but some of them just don’t understand,” Haag said. Admittedly, this makes Haag’s classroom an excellent place for students to learn about the 1940 London Blitz. Aside from that, however, the alarming behaviors of Haag’s classroom are nothing but an unwelcome

distraction to the learning environment. For this reason, updates to plumbing and HVAC in the secondary school’s 1927 building -affecting rooms like Haag’s classroom- are included in the Nov. 6 EVW School District referendum. With a price tag of \$8 million, the referendum aims at facility and security updates and repairs throughout the three campuses owned by the school district. Changes at the secondary school, which are projected to cost about \$2.2 million, are focused mainly on heating, cooling, plumbing, lighting, and basic infrastructure in the 1927 building. Although to some, facility issues may remain nothing more than items  
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## Robotics recruiting members

Hunter Schlangen  
Even Thielen  
Staff Writers

While robotic season doesn't start for four months, the team is already busy recruiting new members in ninth through 12th grade. Their goal is to at least double in size.

Since EVW joined "FIRST" competition three years ago, they have had their share of success.

"Being in robotics isn't just for engineers," said senior Eric Fodstad "It can be for electricians, programers, and carpenters."

The kick off is Jan. 5. That's the day the team will pick up their guidelines for this year's robot, and the construction begins. The build season lasts six weeks. "There are kick offs all over the state. This year our team will be going to Becker for the kick off," principal Bruce Kiehn said.

Unlike most high school activities Robotics is run through competition organizations. Two of the better known in Minnesota are FIRST and VEX.

"It all depends on the program

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## Ploughing ahead Sophomore places 6th at Worlds



**Ploughing for competition is a family tradition in the Gruber family. Sophomore Hailey Gruber recently competed in the 65th World Ploughing Competition in Germany where she placed sixth out of 26 competitors.**

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A sophomore's drive, passion, and love for plowing has taken her places she dreamed of being.

Hailey Gruber spent over 20 days in a foreign country to compete at the 65th World Ploughing Competition. Her grandparents, parents, sister, other family, friends, and Gruber left Aug. 12 and returned Sept. 4.

The competition was held on the Hofgut Einsidel estate in Kirchentellinsfurt, Germany, Sept. 1-2.

"I have been doing this since I was eight," Gruber explained. It is a family tradition for her family. Her grandpa started and passed it on to his children and his children to their children.

She started with a tractor and plow and practiced at home and would spend many nights in the field. Gruber was eight when she went to her first competition soon to be the start of many. In the beginning she wanted to have fun. As she got older though, Gruber wanted to start being competitive and have fun at the same time.

Competitive plowing is judged on how straight, neat, parallel and deep your rows are. The competition is also a timed event. Twenty minutes is for two open passes, up and down the rows. The crown and

neck furrows which is two mounds of dirt pushed together can not go over two hours and 40 minutes.

"The hardest thing to do is keeping your furrows straight since it's the most important thing to look for and complete," said Gruber.

There is no special tractor a person would use during the contest, but a competition plough is strongly recommended. It depends on how the plows are built.

Gruber likes to use a Farmall 55 horse Case I-H tractor and a two bottom Conventional Kverneland Plough compared to a Dowdeswell. She participated in the conventional classes of stuple and grass, the only American in those classes.

"It's like a big family, we are all competitors but at the end of the day we are family," she said. Gruber placed sixth in both stuple and grass classes.

Earning those helped land the place of sixth overall in the competition out of 26 competitors, some twice her age. "At the end of my plot there were tons of people standing there and watching me do my thing. It was amazing," Gruber said.

"It can be hard to do with all my school activities," Gruber explained. Although, she wants to continue competitive ploughing in the future, just doesn't know when.

Competing Gruber has had fun, bonded with her family, gained experience and a love for ploughing.

## German, Spanish students travel abroad this summer

Kaitlyn Mathies  
Staff Writer

Gehen wir nach, Deutschland! This summer, like many others, Frau Orbeck brought a group of students to Germany.

The group was made up of 20 students, Orbeck, and three other chaperones, Laurie Kohnen, Heidi Kuechle, and Penny Covert. The group was in German for about four weeks. First they flew into Hamburg, then traveled

to EVW's partner school in Oldenburg.

Next they visited Amsterdam in the Netherlands, explored in Berlin, and ventured into Oberammergau. Once their fun was over the group of students flew out of Munich.

A few of the ways the German students travelled was by plane, train, and charter bus. Some memorable moments for then were going to the Alps and seeing all the historical buildings in Berlin. The had such an amazing time that Frau Orbeck said that there was no bad parts. Only good.

Orbeck's favorite part was see-

ing the students use the language and make memories, she said.

### Spanish Trip - June 18-27 11 students

"We had a great time on our trip Spain," Spanish teacher Kit Penne said. "It was very busy as we visited 7 cities in 8 days including a day trip to Morocco (we averaged 7-9 miles/day walking).

The tour started in Barcelona located on the northeastern coast of Spain and ended in Málaga on the southern coast. Some of the cities the visited were Barcelona, Toledo, Madrid, Seville, Granada, Málaga and Tét-

ouan Morocco. They were able to visit some of the most iconic places in Spain such as Güell Park, Sagrada Familia, La Calle Mayor, La Giralda, Columbus' grave site, La Alhambra etc.. The stop that stood out most for me was La Alhambra in Granada. La Alhambra was a fortress built in 889 then converted into a palace for the Sultan of Granada in 1333 then became the royal court of Queen Isabella I in 1492. It was here that Christopher Columbus received the royal endorsement for his expedition to the new world.

## Bond

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on a list, compromised building systems have a painfully real effect on teachers and students.

"We've measured it up to 84 (degrees) in here, and the humidity is way worse," said Physical Science teacher Emily Kutzler, who has an upper floor classroom without air conditioning. "I set up fans, but they don't do much. People complain about the heat, and students spend time complaining about the heat instead of learning. When it gets that warm, the students have a hard time focusing; I have a hard time focusing," Kutzler said.

After enduring the sweltering spring and fall months of school in sauna-like classrooms without air conditioning, students are then confronted with another problem. In colder months, temperatures between classrooms can vary drastically, from toasty to frigid.

"I feel bad for kids who go room-to-room dealing with the temperature differences in the classrooms and hallways. It's hot to cold to hot to cold... If it were me, I'd get a headache. Lately, I've especially

been noticing a lot of kids with sniffles and coughs from allergies, and I really don't think the temperature changes help that. People need to remember that student health is most important," German teacher Donna Orbeck said.

In addition to heating and cooling, plumbing issues in the secondary school have impacted far more people than just the students in specific classrooms. In fact, a 2017 incidence of clogged pipes flooded part of a major hallway and affected the whole school.

"It happened because of a clog in the pipes in the janitorial closet across the hallway from my old room. I think a towel got clogged in the the drain or something. Anyways, water was coming out of the closet and into the hallway. Some of it came into my classroom, but I made a dam with one of my rugs. Kids were freaking out. It was just gray water, but I learned later that a lot of kids thought it was sewage," Math teacher Rachel Neu said.

On the day Neu was describing, a plumbing issue caused the flooding of a

cross section of the main hallway by the Peps Neuman gym. For the remainder of that day, Neu's classes had to move to an alternate location, and between-classes congestion was a serious issue because students had to avoid that part of the hallway.

From HVAC to plumbing and beyond, each specific item on the high school referendum agenda has an all-too real effect on the students and teachers of the school. In fact, most teachers and students, similar to Amy Haag and her startling classroom, Rachel Neu and the flooded hallway, and Emily Kutzler's science-oriented sauna, can share specific stories relating the interesting challenges posed by a building in need of repair.

Luckily for students and teachers, most facility problems have hope for rectification in the near future. These updates, however, hinge on whether or not voters in the EVW School District choose to approve the Nov. 6 referendum.

## Seventh graders adjusting to move

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The 2018-19 school year has started, and a whole new group of kids are moving up to the high school.

When you finally hit seventh grade it's the best feeling in the world, because you finally get to hang out with the "big kids".

Everybody has different viewpoints of the school, so we all see it in a different way. Tate Brovold sees it as not being watched so closely, but the homework can be a bit much.

"I love the whole atmosphere here, and the amount of freedom we get", said seventh-grader Brooklyn Glenz.



# the SCOOP

## Changing of the guard: Staff gets new looks for fall

### Math department adds 2 new faces

Kaitlyn Mathies  
Staff Writer

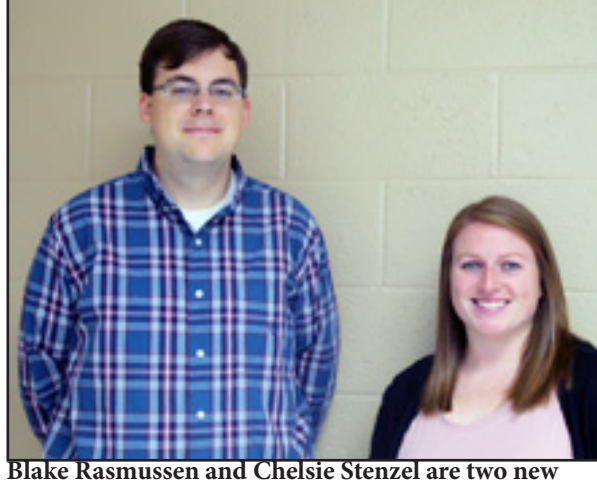
Subtracting two staff members at the end of the school year resulted in two new additions to the math department this fall. Blake Rasmussen and Chelsie Stenzel are EVW's brand new math teachers.

#### Rasmussen joins team

Blake Rasmussen grew up in Sauk Centre and received his teaching degree from St. Cloud State University. Growing up his favorite subject was math. No big shock that it still is to this day. His least favorite school subject was and still is English. Before he came to EVW, he taught at CGB or Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley schools, home of the Wolverines. Rasmussen said that if he could be anything else or do anything else, he would be studying history. His favorite part of teaching is interacting with the students and seeing them grow.

#### Long-term substitute returns

Stenzel shares similar views when it comes to teach-



Blake Rasmussen and Chelsie Stenzel are two new members of the math team.

ing. She loves interacting with students and helping them grow. Stenzel grew up in Litchfield and graduated from Concordia College and St. Scholastica. After graduating, she completed a long-term substitute job at EVW and liked the district, she said. She went on to teach at Rocori Middle School for three years, before coming to EVW. Stenzel said that she loves math, more specifically Algebra. Her least favorite subject is English and if she could be anything else, she would be an accountant.

## Garthus joins English

Madysen Haag  
Staff Writer

With the start of a new year, there are some new faces. Whether that would be new students from different schools or the seventh graders, or new teachers. This year EVW received a new English, Taylor Garthus, taking the position once owned by Bonnie Spohn. Garthus had heard of an English position from Spohn, who she knew through speech connections. "I looked into it and asked people about the school, I found out it was a fantastic district with great students and staff," Garthus said.

Garthus has seemed to always show an interest in English. "I believe that the written word, particularly stories and literature, is key to getting important information into the world, so I want to help students realize that," she said. "Also, many members of my family have taught English, so I grew up with a love of authors like Shakespeare." Hoping to help prepare students for their futures, Garthus became a high school English teacher. "I want to help them see that they have the potential to set goals, reach them, and even surpass them," she said.

From what students may see,



Taylor Garthus

Garthus is a devoted English teacher, but when Garthus is not teaching she enjoys quality time with her

husband, who has just recently returned from California where he was an active duty Marine for the last four years. She also enjoys hanging out with a fluffy, black cat of hers named Gideon. And her other pastimes include playing the piano, playing tennis, trivia nights with friends, and watching plays and musicals at the theater.

So far it seems she is being welcomed into EVW. "The people here are amazing to work with," she said. "They are very welcoming, especially to new staff. Also, I am very happy to be in a school that has so many opportunities for its students, even though it has a small town vibe." The new teacher has already set her objectives. "My goal for this year is to collaborate with and learn from my fellow staff members," she said. "However, I would also like to create an equitable learning environment for my students where they can feel confident about learning."

## Staff members assume new roles

### Teacher takes tech position

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English teacher of 24 years, Bonnie Spohn-Schmaltz, has taken on a new position in the school district.

Spohn, who recently became president of the Minnesota State High School League, will be switching from an English teacher/media specialist to the district's new tech integrationist.

"I was approached by Bruce Kiehn, the high school principal, about taking the position, and I'm lucky at EVW that I have the opportunity to take new positions to learn and evolve," Spohn said.

Tech integrationists collaborate with, share with, and instruct teachers on technologies they could be incorporating in their classes based on their curriculum. In addition, Spohn also instructs the students on how to use these technologies. She now splits her day between the high school and the Eden Valley and Watkins Elementary schools.

Spohn says she especially enjoys getting to work closely with her colleagues and seeing all the cool things the elementary teachers are doing.

"I've never taught at the elementary level so that's been fun," she said, "There's a lot of great teachers over there."

Spohn will also continue to teach two college classes at the high school, Advanced Public Speaking and Advanced Modern Fiction, so she will still get her kid fix.

She likes to use her students as her own guinea pigs to test out new technology on.

"There's so much to learn it's crazy," she added, "I never thought at this point in my career I could start something so exciting and challenging."



Long-time high school staff members Susan Knutson and Bonnie Spohn now have positions that take them to the elementary schools as well.

## New spot for counselor

Kennedy Kleist  
Scoop Editor

For former school counselor Susan Knutson, the school year of new beginnings. Thanks to a state grant, she has taken on a new position in the district.

Knutson has worked in the EVW district for 24 years, and although her place of employment has remained the same, her job title has not.

With a Bachelor of Science in Emotional and Behavior Disorders, a Master's in Counseling Psychology, and a Specialist Degree in K12 Administration, Knutson has done it all, from teaching English, and Special Education, to school counseling, and now taking on her new role as an ADSIS Administrator.

Knutson's position as an ADSIS (Alternative Delivery of Specialized Instructional Services) Administrator opened up after the school, led

by Knutson, received a two-year state grant designated for providing interventions in math, reading, or behavior.

With the focus on the behavior, one aspect of Knutson's job is to set up resources and plans for students struggling with behavior in the normal classroom setting.

"It's really busy and really fun!" Knutson added.

With her new job requiring her presence at both the high school, and elementary schools, Knutson is always moving around to connect with all her students and teachers.

"The teachers are really willing to get help," Knutson said, "and the kids are really receptive."

Although Knutson is content and looks forward to her new position, she plans to keep striving to eventually fulfill her goal of becoming a principal somewhere at some point. And so, her list of titles will continue to grow.

## The Studio

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teacher Julie Bulau also visited Belgrade-Brooklyn-Elrosa High School to tour their media production site.

Initially, the journalism class will be launching the broadcast but interested students can also join the broadcasting team.

According to Denise DeJulianne who oversees

district tech support, about \$3,000 worth of equipment previously purchased by Lead TV will be put into the broadcasting room.

The plan is to start slowly and expand. Initially news cast will be broadcasted during SASSY time and will be about three minutes. School officials are also looking at livestreaming events through the studio.

## Snoopy

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McQuisten as Woodstock. Performances in the Peps' gym are set for Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. Depending on the status

of volleyball/football playoffs a Friday night performance may be added. There will be student performances Nov. 2

The characters are based on St. Paul native Charles M. Schulz' *Peanuts* comic strip

## Robotics

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that your school decided to go to. FIRST is more creative. It gives you what you need to build the base then you branch off. VEX is the other program it gives you everything that you need," Kiehn said.

After six weeks, the team has to bag and tag the robot, and it can't be touched

until the competition.

If students are in sports they can still do robotics, the practices are some Saturdays and after school when it works.

The team has been invited to the Inspire Conference on Nov. 16 at the U of M Campus. It is about the different engineering that is in the medical field.

"We are hoping to go to State and Worlds again this year" Kiehn said.



CLASS OF 2019

# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Mitchell Utecht

Three things you must do in your life? Be born, live, die

Advice for younger grades? Don't graduate

When I was young, I imagined myself as... a little horse

What has helped you get through high school? Making fun of Ashley

Fav high school memory? Fortnite vircoys with da boiz



Ashley Hansen

Three things you must do in your life? Marry Scott Eastwood, buy an island, own horses

Advice for younger grades? Don't procrastinate

When I was young, I imagined myself as... a horse!

What has helped you get through high school? Melted ice cream

Fav high school memory? Prom and junior dance line



Hailee Dyre

Three things you must do in your life? Go to college, be a nurse, help children with disabilities

Advice for younger grades? Do your homework in school

When I was young, I imagined myself as... a nurse

What has helped you get through high school? Friends

Fav high school memory? Shae-lyn tackled me in touch football



Kendra Kuechle

Three things you must do in your life? Own a cat farm, marry Justin Bieber, always be "sister savvy"

Advice for younger grades? There is no hope

When I was young, I imagined myself as... Justin Bieber's wife

What has helped you get through high school? I know what didn't: procrastination

Fav high school memory? Justin's

## Meet the Class of 2019



Lillian Thompson

Embarrassing in-school memory? I spilled yogurt all over Kayla Gaslin and myself

Any favorite teachers? Ward and Bulau

I will always remember... How much I hate school

One thing you'll miss about high school? Telling everyone that Kayla is sad

What's your biggest in-school accomplishment? My high MCA score



Tucker Maas

Embarrassing in-school memory? Junior year-Iron man volleyball- I wore a cutoff and long socks with black cowboy boots

Any favorite teachers? Holdvogt

I will always remember... Falling down the stairs at knowledge bowl while Grant Johnson laughed at me

One thing you'll miss about high school? My friends

What's your biggest in-school accomplishment? Not killing anyone



Damon Brutger

Embarrassing in-school memory? Jordan Steenblock de-pantsed me in the back of the classroom

Any favorite teachers? Orbeck

I will always remember... My friends, but mainly Jordan for being my best friend through high school

One thing you'll miss about high school? Joking around with Orbeck

What's your biggest in-school accomplishment? Nothing, I'm still stuck at school



Herbie Walker

Embarrassing in-school memory? I was nervous presenting in front of the class in 7th grade and I cried

Any favorite teachers? Lubbers-he's funny

I will always remember... Ms. Becher is the G.O.A.T

One thing you'll miss about high school? My football team

What's your biggest in-school accomplishment? Making it to senior year



# Fans choose sides of new Netflix series

Abigail Holmberg  
Staff Writer

All of you have probably heard of the two new Netflix original movies that were released over the past few months: *The Kissing Booth* and *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*. Each movie has a love story, but the story to love is quite different. So which is your favorite? Are you a member of Team Kavinsky or Team Flynn? Here's a little background about *The Kissing Booth* (don't worry I won't spoil the movie.) The Kissing booth is about a high school girl named Elle. Her best friend since birth is Lee Flynn, who has a brother named Noah Flynn who just so happens to be really cute. (Elle definitely has a secret crush on Noah.)

For homecoming that year, Elle has to set up a Kissing Booth as a fundraiser. The events that follow are unpredictable. This is Team Flynn. Now on to *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*. Lara Jean is a shy, quiet girl who loves to write. She puts her feelings into words. When she was in middle school, Lara



## *The Kissing Booth*

Jean wrote five love letters - one for every boy she's ever loved.

Suddenly, she finds out all the letters were mailed. One of the letters was mailed to Peter Kavinsky. Lara Jean's love life rapidly goes from imaginary to unbelievable. Welcome to Team Kavinsky.

The debate on which movie is superior is never-ending. Freshman Kali Torborg claims *The Kissing Booth* is better. "I liked the story line better. I was more interested in it and it was more anticipating. I had no idea what was going to happen."

Sophomore Taylor Phelps, on the other hand, just can't decide which



## *...Boys I've Loved Before*

was better. "They were both detailed in a very dramatic way," Phelps said.

Senior Kennedy Kleist also had a different outlook on the movies. In *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*, the acting was ten times better. I liked Peter's character a lot better than Noah's. He was a lot more relatable. I found Elle from *The Kissing Booth* to be very annoying. The situations were more realistic and the main characters were more real in *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*," Kleist said.

So to all the people who have seen the movies, which Team are you? Team Kavinsky or Team Flynn?

# Scary movies: Some love thrill, others not fans

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Lillian Thompson  
Staff Writers

Halloween is just around the corner and moviegoers are headed to the theater for some thrills and chills.

The science-fiction thriller *The Predator* topped the box office for the weekend of September

14-16 with the horror film *The Nun* coming in second.

Both films keep viewers at the edge of their seats. Not everyone



likes to be terrified when watching a film. An informal poll of EVW adults did not find many fans of the scary movie but most teens admit they enjoy them because they never know "what happens next".

"My favorite scary movie would probably be *Slenderman*" senior Shaelyn Desm said. Overall she loves them but gets scared every time. After watching a scary movie, she says "I usually have to watch funny videos or vines on youtube, otherwise I'll get night terrors."

While most teens are fans of scary movies, most teachers are not. Susan Knutson was one of the few teachers who admit they like horror films. *Pet Cemetery* is one of her favorites. "It's questionable and there's no aliens in it," she said.

Sophomore Jessiana York enjoys scary movies like most teens. "My favorite scary movie is probably *Sinister*, because there is a creepy guy in it," York said. "Then, York briefly talked about another scary movie she watches because it's "messed up," it was the *Saw* movies York also enjoyed.

Teacher Tracy Huhn is one adult who will never watch horror movies. "I intensely hate them, will not watch them" Huhn says. "The last movie I watched was at a movie theater, but that was by accident because I didn't know it was a scary movie until we went in there and saw it."

For those of you who like watching scary movies, here is a list of the top five movies. *The Exorcist*, *The Shining*, *Halloween*, *Nightmare on Elm Street*, and *Texas Chainsaw Massacre*. If you aren't a fan of scary movies, beware. It might just be the worst decision of your life.

# Walking tall

## Height advantage, disadvantages

Kayla Johannes  
Madison Johannes  
Staff Writers

A select few students and staff from EVW High School are towering over the crowds in the hallways. Others students and staff are more down to earth. Literally.

Every height has its advantages, even short people. "You receive nice hugs," said sophomore Ayana Ertl. Short people are also able to sneak through crowds, which comes in handy when trying to sneak out of a class early, while tall people are always overlooking the crowd, and could never get away with that unless one tries hard enough.

Being short isn't always fine and dandy though. "I can never reach things at my house or at the grocery store," Social Studies teacher Jodi Penk said.

Being short has also affected the lives of short people. "You get picked on," Ertl said. "In a school setting, most students are taller," Penk said. Short people also have to look up at a person in order to talk to them.

Students and staff had quite a bit to say about being tall. Reaching the top shelves basically anywhere, and seeing above a crowd are the biggest advantages. Tall people are also looked up to a lot.

There are disadvantages for being tall. Shoes are never on sale, and sleeves and pants are always too short. "Everyone is looking up to you, so you have to make sure you look good because you don't want anything to look wrong," said sophomore Jake Manske.

Being tall has affects people life. "Old ladies ask me to grab stuff at the supermarket off the top shelf," English teacher Jess Lubbers said. Tall people also get in the habit of ducking when entering a room or walking under stuff.

The tall and the short rely on each other. "I feel like there's not a lot of tall people in



Sophomore Josh Streit, 6'8" leans on classmate Taylor Phelps who measures about 5'4".

Eden Valley," Manske said, which means the tall have to work harder to be able to help all the short people from EVW.

# Cardi B keeps fans speculating with pregnancy, motherhood

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As most people know Cardi B. is a very popular star. She is featured in many songs and has lots of her own songs as well.

Lately she hasn't been getting attention for just her music though, she's been getting lots of attention for her life as well.

When the world first found out that she was pregnant, it was a huge shock. She kept her pregnancy a secret for as long as she could.

Back in February there were plenty of rumors floating around saying that she was pregnant. She denied them saying that she was just getting fat. As we all know that line was actually just a cover up.

In April she finally admitted that she really was pregnant, and that she was due in early July. She decided to keep this a secret for so long due to all of the judgement she felt she would receive. "People be so thirsty to scrutinize and try to destroy something that's supposed to be a blessing," she wrote on an Instagram post.

Finally on July 11, she announced that her baby girl was born. Cardi and Offset, her husband, announced that they named their baby girl Kulture Kiari. They are being very private with baby Kulture.

Cardi also had most people in shock when she came out on stage at the VMA's holding multiple blankets. She pranked everyone in that room though, including her husband Offset. When she opened up and took off all of the blankets, everyone believed that she was revealing baby Kulture, but she actually had an award wrapped up.

She is very open about her motherhood. She has made multiple comments about how she "underestimated the whole mommy thing." She also decided not to join Bruno Mars on his tour this fall. She believed that she would be ready to go on tour and take her baby with, but decided that it wouldn't be very healthy for her baby to be on the road and travelling that much.

All in all we will have to continue to wait to see and hear more about Cardi B., and how she is really adjusting to her new life as a mother and as a celebrity.



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# Opportunity to earn college credits comes with service hour provision

A new class of seniors brings in a new set of rules. The class of 2019 is the first class to give back for their college prep hours.

College Prep is given to students who take one or more college classes, it acts as an independent study hall. Seniors use their time at the bench or in the media center working on homework. Once a week, seniors either peer helper at the elementary school or right here in the high school.

The school is pushing this rule to help students appreciate the opportunity the school offers them through college classes. EVW currently offers 64 concurrent enrollment credits in agriculture, English, foreign languages, social studies, math and science.

As a result, students can save nearly two years of college tuition plus save on room, board and books without leaving the halls of EVW.

Taught by EVW staff in conjuncture with professors at the University of Minnesota, St. Cloud State University and Southwest State University, the EVW courses offer the benefits of smaller class sizes, more opportunity for one-on-one time with the in-

structor and and learning enviroment of their peers.

Every year the school offers college classes to students and pays for them, so we don't have to. In return, the students will peer helper to help out the school. A plus to the new rule is the hours given for peer helper double as hours for community service. Those hours can go towards an honors diploma.

Given one hour a week to peer helper, may seem like a lot to some students, but to others it's an easy way to get closer to their honors diploma.

Many students disagree with the rule, some saying it takes away from ample study time and preventing kids from completing homework. Others are enjoying the time away from the high school and getting to help younger kids.

Overall, we think it's a good idea to require service hours. Most high schools have similar requirements for graduation and asking students to give back an hour for the opportunity to save upwards of \$30,000 or more in college tuition sounds like a good deal to us.

## What's on your mind?

# Flys and Flops

**Fly-** The new cafeteria food and lunch program seems to be running smoothly this year. With the addition of smoothies and new lunch options, the program has been a hit with those who eat breakfast and lunch daily.

**Flop-** New for seniors this year, the college prep rule has met some unhappy campers. For every college prep a student takes, an hour of community service is required. Although not popular among seniors, this community service is put toward an honors diploma.

**Flop-**Fall weather leads to hot and cold classrooms. While the old wing remains hot and stuffy, new rooms like the math section are borderline freezing. With the fluctuating temps, our classrooms make the daily change of air conditioners and fans to closed windows and heaters.

**Fly -** While we're on the topic of classroom temperatures, hope may be in sight. The upcoming referendum includes about \$2.2 million in upgrades to the 1927 building at the high school. Air conditioning updated ADA-approved bathrooms, plumbing, lighting replacement , etc. are part of the plan that district residents will be voting on Nov. 6.

**Flop-** There are no snow days in sight. Although the temperatures are reaching a low of 45(no thanks!), the only precipitation on the radar is rain. We'll just have to wait for our next break, or hope that a snowstorm blows our way soon.

**Fly-** Speaking of days off, MEA is just around the corner. Coming up next week, students already seem excited about the upcoming break.

**Flop-** Also a new rule this year, sophomores have two semesters of English instead of one. Although not entirely bad, some students have complained about the extra workload, or just that their schedules have been messed up because of it. Students taking the class can now not take other electives such as journalism. Chin up sophomores, the year will be over before you know it.

# Thoughts on homecoming

Homecoming week revolves around traditions - coronation, varietyshow,powerpuff,andthefootball game which go back decades.

One thing is off this year's list and that's the annual Homecoming dance. Attendance at the once popular symbolic end to the annual Homecoming week, has taken a nosedive in recent years.

We think it's sad the no one seems to want to go to school dances anymore. They can be a blast - just talk to last year's prom-goers.

With that said, we do applaud the student council for

trying something new. We urge kids to check out the movie night Saturday at the Eden Valley Community Center. The price is right with free admission.

While we're on the topic of Homecoming, let's about the infamous toilet papering escapades. Waking up to a sea of white furls of Charmin covering the trees and bushes may seem like a waste of good toilet paper but people don't seem to complain much until it goes beyond t'ping.

Items such as eggs, honey, jelly and oil may sound harmless but

can cause costly damage to certain surfaces. That's when it crosses the line to vandalism. Property damage to mail boxes, homes or vehicles may lead to a trip to court. Make good choices and don't get carried away.

We've had a positive start to the school year. Let's close out another successful Homecoming week with a show of spirit at the pepfest, volleyball and football games and cheer on the Eagles to victory.

Go Eagles!

# Too much screen time hurting productivity

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Fifty-seven percent of teens claim to be cutting back on social media, video games, and device time, but the observing and talking students of EVW says otherwise.

Teens in this decade, as well as kids and adults, have a whole new advancement of technology ranging from computers, tablets, and smartphones. This technology is very useful in the classroom, in the workplace, and for personal use, but is there a point where there is too much screen time?

The answer is yes, according to science teacher Betsy Nordgaard. "It's having negative effects," she said.

Surprisingly, most students that were questioned agreed with her. Those students also admit social media, games and other personal uses are the main reason for having cell phone devices.

For some, it may relieve the "awkward silence" that occurs when people run out of things to talk about, but on the flip side, it could turn what could be a good conversation into the "awkward silence".

Physical education teacher Dan Berg mentioned how devices can be very use-

ful for school, also at home. On the other hand, he also sees some downsides. "When you need it to walk, it's a issue," he said.

Forty-five percent of teens say they are on their devices constantly, according to a recent national poll conducted by Pew Research Center. YouTube, Instagram, and Snapchat are the most popular uses in teens.

With 95% of teens having access to a smartphone, Pew Research Center, the potential of over usage is soaring. Is it easy to stop the "addiction" of these devices?

It's obvious that teens overuse their devices, but not all usage is pointless. Devices are huge, and there is no stopping them.

"Do students used their devices too much, or is there was a point where it was harmful?" senior Ethan Laudendbach responded to the question, "Its too much when "you are not productive."

Other students responded, "When you can't interact with others". Those are starting to become common issues.

Employer David Wochnick, owner of Dave's Pallet Service, agrees. He has a sign on his business wall. "Don't just be busy, be productive."

These devices often get in the way of that. Teachers, parents, and most teens know this, but it's up to the people with the issue to fix it

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# District flexes its strength when it comes to academics

## EVW out performs surrounding schools

EVW continues to make the grade when it comes to MCA test results. A comparison of area school districts shows EVW is #1 in science, and second in reading and math. The district has maintained its reputation for academic with solid performances over the past 15 years. The 2018 overall ranking finds EVW #2, just behind Albany. EVW was #2 in 2017 and #1 in 2016, 2015 and 2014. A ranking of the top schools in Minnesota done by niche.com listed EVW at number 38 among the more than 300 school districts in the state. Sartell and EVW were the only schools in the St. Cloud area to make the top 50.

“There are 330 districts so this puts us in the top 12 percent,” superintendent Mark Messman said. “It’s promising we are doing so well but we don’t want to rest on our laurels. At #38, there are still 37 steps to go.”

The niche.com rankings are based on assessment scores, attendance, graduation rates, and baccalaureate programs. EVW takes a hit because the rankings recognize advance placement and international baccalaureate programs but does not take into account EVW’s highly-successful concurrent enrollment programs such as College-in-the-Schools through the University of Minnesota. EVW offers 64 credits in college-level courses.

District    % Proficient    Cohort Rank 2018  
MATH

Albany	74.7	1
EVW	71.3	2
Kimball	65	4
Litchfield	57.4	7
Paynesville	66.2	3
Rocori	64.7	5
State	57.6	6

READING

Albany	69.4	1
EVW	68.6	2
Kimball	66.5	4
Litchfield	64.6	5
Paynesville	63.7	6
Rocori	66.7	3
State	60.3	7

SCIENCE

Albany	63.6	2
EVW	65.3	1
Kimball	NA	NA
Litchfield	47.4	6
Paynesville	54.7	4
Rocori	55.9	3
State	52.2	5

Rank	M	R	S	Rank 2018
Albany	1	1	2	1
EVW	2	2	1	2
Kimball.	4	4	NA	NA
Litchfield	7	5	6	5 (T)
Paynesville	3	6	4	4
Rocori	5	3	3	3
State	6	7	5	5 (T)

# Homecoming ‘18



The royal court (from left) front - Olivia Schleper, Kendra Kuechle, MaKenna Ludwig, Ashley Hansen, Sophie Schneider, queen Shaylei Brutger, king Eric Fostad, Grady Kuechle, Jordan Steenblock, Justin Streit, Jack Lies, Damon Brutger; back - Sawyer Kuechle, Halle Jensen, Madelyn Ludwig, Baili Hommerding, Reilly Hennen, Ayana Ertl, Teagan Ludwig, Jackson Geislinger, Dylan Utecht, Josh Streit, Zack Nistler, Michael Bautcher



Playing in the rain, the seniors outscored the juniors 22-6 to win the annual powder puff game Monday night. Senior quarterback Olivia Schleper goes back for a pass.



Freshman Olivia Dorman sang a rendition of *Hallelujah*.



The junior class teamed up for a mix of music and dance including “She Thinks My Tractor’s Sexy” (right) including line dancers and “tractor” drivers Jacob Bischof and Logan Hoff.



The sophomore “Dance Crew” entertained the crowd with their routines to a medley of songs. (right) One sketch was “Summer Loving” from Grease. Jordan Wendroth is surrounded by Blake Marquedant, Zach Kuechle, Parker Kenning and Josh Streit.





## Trio playing together since kindergarten

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Back in their playground days, a trio of boys teamed up to play soccer through EVW community education. More than a decade later, they're still playing.

Juniors Alex Ertl, Wyatt Schmidt and Cory Zimmerman are now teammates on the Chain of Lakes Soccer Club's high school team. "Alex Wyatt and I have played together since kindergarten," Zimmerman said. As middle schoolers, they took their game from the playground to playing field and signed up for the Chain of Lakes club.

"My dad played as a kid and I thought it would be fun to try," Schmidt said.

Nicknamed "The Roosters", the club's high school roster includes 18 boys and two girls from Kimball, EVW, Paynesville, and BBE.

The soccer club was formed in 2003 as a way of offering Central Minnesota youth the chance to play soccer. This season they are coached by Ramon Arce.

Other EVW members include junior Joseph Monge and eighth graders Elise Schmidt, Alder Ertl and Caden Waite. "The varsity team isn't going great," Schmidt said. "We've won two games and tied one, but lost the others. The middle school team is doing great and haven't lost a game yet."

This year, the club also offered an elementary program for grades fourth through sixth.

"It's a fun, universal, skill-based sport that can be quite rewarding at times," Zimmerman said.

Schmidt like the opportunity play with students from other school. "I think it is really cool playing with kids from other schools," he said. "It's really cool when I go somewhere for school and I see my teammates around."

In recent action, the Roosters were defeated by Faith Christian of Foreston 4-3 Sept. 30, the two teams battled to a 1-1 tie. The Roosters picked up their second win of the season Oct. 5 with a victory over a team from Cambridge.

## Volleyball 'digging' their success



Photo by Taylor Haines

**Right hitter Emma Schultz goes up for a hit against Pierz. The Eagles downed the Pioneers in three straight sets.**

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The Eagles volleyball team is off to a strong start. They have started the season with a record of 16-7.

With only three games remaining in the regular season, the Eagles are looking to finish on a win streak entering playoffs.

With a 20-plus win season a strong possibility, the Eagles have more wins than the last three seasons combined.

"Our passing has improved a lot compared to last year, and we have very good team chemistry. I think this is what has helped our team be so successful this season," senior Breanna Walz said.

The Eagles ran into a small problem when they had two starters unable to play due to ankle injuries. Both Whitney Jansen and McKenna Moehrle double sprained their ankles during the home game against Litchfield.

"We all needed to step up and do what needed to be done until we could get our regular starters back,"

senior hitter Emma Schultz said.

After sitting out the Pierz and Upsala matches, Jansen and Moehrle were back in action against Paynesville.

The Bulldogs entered the match with a record of 12-5 and were coming off a big win against 2017 state champion Maple Lake. The Eagles dropped the first game but came back to win the next three to win the match.

There are three regular season games left for the lady Eagles. They face a tough Howard Lake-Waverly-Winsted team at home Oct. 12. They then are on the road at Kimball Oct. 16 and will closeout the regular season at home against Royalton Oct. 22.

Subsection seeding will take place Oct. 17 and EVW will have their first playoff game on Oct. 25.

"We are really hoping to have a home playoff game this year and then make our way to the subsection finals," junior Halle Jansen said.

It has been a turnaround season for the volleyball Eagles who finished 7-18 last year and 5-20 in 2016.

## Cross Country runners hitting their stride

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The cross country athletes are in the running for another state tournament appearance.

The EVW/Kimball squad has qualified for state the past three years and have their goal set on making it a four-peat.

"We have everyone back from last year's state team except one of the alternates," head coach Holly Hansen said.

Both girl's and boy's teams this year have had a great start and are building up every day.

"The turnout for kids this year has been amazing," junior runner Olivia Kuechle said.

Head girls coach, Holly Hansen says, "The boys team has grown a lot in size and depth this year. They are working hard and doing a great job improving their

times and coming together to work on the team placing a bit higher each time."

The girls have been doing very well this season as they have been placed near the top in almost every race, including first place finishes at the NLS Invitational and the Paynesville Invitational.

Senior Olivia Schleper adds, "We have been working hard on cutting time, race strategy, and improving ourselves to be the best for our team."

There are a total of nine seniors that double as captains this year that include Gregory Gathje, Olivia Schleper, MaKenna Ludwig, and Ciera Cronen from EVW. From Kimball there is Kiersten Johnson, Krista Loch, Amaya Lyrek, Rachel Utecht and Libby Yozamp.

Senior Makenna Ludwig said, "I can't wait to see what the rest of the season has in store for us."



**Junior Olivia Kuechle has been on all three EVW/K state teams. She is one of the team's top runners.**

## Football hopes to finish season strong

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With only one win, the Eagles' football season is not the record coaches, players or fans were hoping for when the season opened.

Although they may have had a slow start, senior Justin Streit said, "all the coaches have been spending a lot of time going over film and seeing how we can improve our team."

The Eagles have some new faces in the coaching staff this year. Af-

ter last year's football season, Jon Thielen stepped down as head coach, and Adam Tri took over. "I like his tempo and his pace. We are always doing something productive during practice," senior Gavin Klocker said.

To get back to winning, Justin Streit said, "We have to come with a game winning mentality every day to practice."

Klocker also believes they could have better chemistry as a team. This will be hard due to recent injuries to starters. During the game against Rockford, Sept. 21, sophomore AJ Rasmussen, junior Carson Geisling-

er, junior Luke Jansen, senior Mitchell Utecht, senior Alex Marquedant, and senior Gavin Klocker were hurt.

When asked on how they were going to bounce back, Justin Streit said, "Our motto this year has been next man up which has been big due to some starters getting hurt. We have to work together as a team and have a sense of urgency in practices in order to get back to the winning side.

Sophomore Josh Streit still believes they have a chance, "We just need to focus on our next opponent and not on previous games," he said.



Photo by Julie Bulau

Senior Jack Lies is the leading rusher for the Eagles this season. He is averaging 4.5 yards per carry.