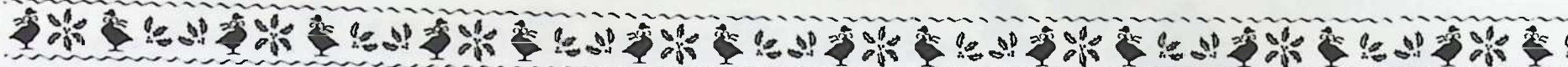


SPEECH/NFL

By Jed Rowden

THE AFTER SCHOOL HOMEWORK CLUB

By LuCynda Zartman



The school year is off to a great start and so is the speech team. The team has only been to one tournament thus far, however they had another at North Medford High School on November 23. The team's coach Marcia Warren is proud of the work the students have accomplished this year. There are several different categories, such as pros, humorous, duo, speech, dramatic, debate, poetry, radio, ads (after dinner speech), congress, and serious.

The results for the first tournament are as follows: 1st place Novice Prose, BJ Parlet; 3rd place Novice Prose, Arron Shaw; 1st place Open Humorous, Melody Carlisle; 2nd place Open Duo, BJ Parker and David Hoel; 2nd place Open Prose, Bonnie Biando; Finalist Novice Radio, Ronnie Lyon; and 3rd place Open Dramatic, Caleb Moore. Members of NFL (National Forensic League) include Tony Beals, Bonnie Biando, Melody Carlisle, Amanda Hamilton, David Hoel, Britani Johnston, Cody Kelly, Victoria Lawrence, and Amanda Newby. To become a member of NFL an individual must earn twenty-five points collectively at speech competitions.

There you have it. Look forward to some amazing results from these highly skilled and motivated students.

FIESTA

By Arron K. Shaw

Fiesta, Fiesta, Fiesta! Earlier this year Ms. Torres' Spanish II class had a Fiesta Espanol. The students were celebrating finishing chapter 2 in their Spanish book, Juntos. So their final task for that unit in Spanish II was to have the fiesta. All of the Spanish II kids prepared one dish. They invited all of the High School Staff to the fiesta. Everyone left chanting Ole, Ole!

All in all The Spanish fiesta was great they all had a great time and so did all of the staff. They all brought food. The best food dish was Arron Shaw's family salsa recipe. It was really hot and good it had a good flavor to it besides having that hot, hot spicy flavor.

THE BONFIRE

by Amanda Hamilton

Another year of blazing fun has come and gone, and it was another success! Nearly fifty students, friends, and family enjoyed our traditional bonfire. The bonfire burned from 7:00 to 11:00. There was music and many refreshments, and for the most part everyone was behaving themselves. Many students contributed to set up the bonfire, including Jed Rowden, Kenn Biando, Kelly Harrington, Chris Copeland, Shannon Sizemore, Derek Burns, Asia Million, and many others. Thank you for all your help!

I'm tired, I'm hungry, I want to go home. These are some of the thoughts that are going through a teenager's mind when sitting through one whole, drooling hour of the newly formed "After School Homework Club", a consequence of the BFHS A.S.P.I.R.E. program. This club meets from 4:00pm to 5:00pm Tuesday through Thursday. Most kids call it detention. Detention, the most dreaded word of a high school student. Well, I wouldn't really call it detention but a "homework opportunity," as the teachers put it. If it was really a club, don't you think that the students would actually want to go to it? A club is supposed to be fun, and if you ask me, this isn't really very fun. I really wanted to know what people thought about The After School Homework Club, so I set out and asked a variety of students, some who are members and some who are not, what they thought about The After School Homework Club?

Richard Jackson said, "I don't go to it because I have other things that I like to do after school, and it gets in the way of my online games." Melody Carlisle replied, "I think that it gives students a good opportunity to improve their grades, and we can have all of our players on the teams again." David Hoel said, "I think it is good to provide people with the opportunity to make up their work after school, especially if there are teachers available to help."

Well, I got some answers, but I just wasn't satisfied, so I set out for more.

So I posed another question, "Do you think we should have The After School Homework Club?" Kenn Biando said, "No, I think it is a waste of time, and nobody really does their work in there anyway." Kathi St. George said, "No, I'm sorry, but I think it is a bad idea." Her sister Kari St. George said, "No, I think it is stupid." When Ronnie Davis was asked the same question he replied, "No, I think it is stupid, because the cop goes in there to do it, and if we need help he might not know how to do the work in order to help us." I asked more people but I still wasn't satisfied, so I asked for their opinion on The After School Homework club.

Trae Stephenson said, "I think that it is embarrassing for the students name to be put on a list where every one can see it. My personal opinion is that their focus teacher should tell them that they are in the club, so it will save the embarrassment." When James Grieve was asked this question he said, "I don't agree with it. I think it should be a choice to go or not."

Well folks, there you have it. I say that majority rules and as you can tell, the majority of the students think that we shouldn't have the After School Homework Club. However, since this is program is still new and students haven't been able to see the positive effect it can have on their grades, it is probably to early to tell. If their grades improve, so may their opinions.

FOOD SERVICE CLASS,

as seen through the eyes of Richard Jackson

My normal every day activities in Foods class are fairly consistent. I go over to the Elementary school during nutrition break to eat the left over food from breakfast. Joined by my fellow classmates David Hoel, Keith Stark, Brian Gasperson, Darren Hampton, Tony Beals, Bonnie Biando, Julie Hayes, Jason Stevenson and B.J. Parlet, we stand around for about five minutes eating and drinking all sorts of good stuff. Then, it's time to work.

We put on our aprons and sanitize are hands at the sink.

Someone takes out the trash, others are busy preparing the salad bar for lunch, while others complete the preparation of the hot lunch. Then we clean up our messes and set up the tables. Now it is almost time to go. Mrs. Brown's little helpers from the elementary school come to help her serve the food. I call them little people.

