



**Helping our Veteran's:** Delanie Kohr and Kortnee Marriott led the way for our VFW Thanksgiving food drive. It was very successful in which Union High School student's 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades collected a substantial amount of food for the needy.



**FFA/AG: Chelcee Mansfield:** The past semester has brought great success and community service to the Union High School agricultural classes as well as the FFA. The beginning of the year yielded two second place banners in crops and weeds as well as soils. From there our officer teams (both green hand and advanced) attended the Eastern Oregon Leadership Camp where the green hand team won first place in rituals with Kylie Bruce and Jaimee Baxter earning outstanding officer positions. Wade Rynearson led our district as the Eastern Oregon District president, as well as Union FFA president and did an excellent job representing both. Our advanced officer team has been putting on well attended and organized meetings. If you have questions when they might be check out the Bobcat Bulletin or look at our FFA website at <http://Union.theaet.com>

In December our Agricultural Sales teams excelled and took home first place in beginning agricultural sales and second place in advanced agricultural sales. Many students were involved in this endeavor and Mrs. Mansfield was extremely proud of the time and effort put forth in this event. We had many top placing students including: Beginning-Anthony Goodwater 1st customer service, Garrit Ritter 1st place

telephone, Eman Oliva 4th Ag. Sales, Brianna Kohr 2nd advertising, Kiley Bruce 1st prospecting. Advanced: Wade Rynearson 1st customer relations and 2nd prospecting, Delanie Kohr 1st advertising, 2nd Quinn Evans and 3rd Jesse Troutman order taking, and 3rd Dawson Kennon Ag. Sales.

The welding class has their CNC plasma cutting machine up and running and they are making some incredible signs and experimenting with artwork, logos, and more. We are currently working on a project for the new coffee shop opening on Main Street. If you are interested in the students making a welcome sign, custom parts, artwork, house numbers, or anything personalized for you or your family please contact Mrs. Mansfield. We are very reasonably priced and only charge our cost of materials plus 15% for consumables and student labor.

Animal Science was completed this last semester and students had the opportunity to do a variety of animal physiology dissections, ration formulations, nutritional analysis, animal facility designs, and much more. Students will be earning Animal Science 121 college credit from Treasure Valley Community College.

Advanced Agriculture has been working hard on developing marketing plans for local businesses within Union County. Aggies, Platz Produce, Sinclair, and Golden Crown were the businesses that student groups selected to study and develop a plan involving the five P's of marketing. Students made candles and learned the vast marketing ventures at Aggies and had the opportunity to tour the farm and farm stand at Platz Produce.

Community service projects included feeding the entire junior high and high school a turkey feast during November and we have been helping shovel snow for local

community members who cannot (please contact Mrs. Mansfield if you know of anyone else who might need some help). We also made and gave away wreaths for Christmas and helped to take in over \$250 and 12,000 pounds of canned goods for the FFA food drive (this was a joint effort between Union, Cove, La Grande, Imbler, and Elgin) FFA chapters.

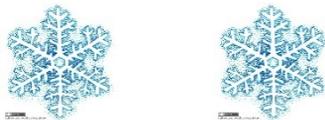
There are many events coming up for FFA members including: FFA Week, FFA State Convention, parliamentary procedure, public speaking, marketing plan, and much more. We are also in the process of working on a really cool project with local contractor Steve Lindley. If you want to help with any of the projects, coach or assist with a team, or want to find out more, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Mansfield at [chelcee.mansfield@unionsd5.org](mailto:chelcee.mansfield@unionsd5.org).

### March of Dimes Week

**FBLA:** Officers prepared a week of awareness for premature babies by decorating the halls, coordinating a fundraiser throughout the week, and planning an assembly. The fundraiser consisted of selling "Pie the officer team" tickets and donation pumpkins. On the day of the assembly students who bought tickets were able to throw a pie in the face of a person of their choosing. FBLA members also passed out baby bottles to the elementary classrooms for the students to put in any change they would like to contribute. In the previous year Union FBLA sent a check of \$128.00 to the "March of Dimes". The officer team decided on doing it again another year and sent in a check of \$604.86 for this amazing cause. The FBLA chapter could not be more proud of our school and community by participating in our effort to help premature birth.

## SPORTS

Basketball started league play 1/13 and wrestling has been doing well at all meets. Get out there and support our kids!



**Snow, Snow and more Snow!** Union School District has had five snow days! Which everyone knows is pretty unheard of. So far we are not adding any new school days, we intend to change 2/23, and 5/4 from early release days into full school days. Currently the State Board of Education is considering allowing districts to use inclement weather days in their calendar. When the state comes out with a ruling on this, the district will make a decision on how to adjust the calendar. Thank you for your patience as we see how the rest of the winter unfolds.



## Science/Greg Poor

The first semester of 2016-17 has shaped up to be a fun and exciting first semester of science. We have completely switched over to our paperless curriculum and both the students and I seem to be adjusting well and enjoying stepping into the digital age of science curriculum. Overall, student success has been very good for the semester and I am excited about starting the second semester and moving toward more labs and warmer weather!

We will be focusing on more labs during the second semester and beginning the process of learning how to use some improvements we have made in our lab. We have upgraded the lab with Vernier interfaces and data collection devices and are excited to learn how to use these more sophisticated data collection devices in our labs throughout the rest of the school year.

## Social Studies/Kelly Anderes

The first semester has raced by in the Social Studies department. Students have studied topics ranging from the Roman Empire to world religions to

Twentieth Century America. Eighth graders simulated the Columbian Exchange while Career Education students explored their interests and strengths. But the one topic that topped all others this year was the 2016 presidential elections. The Citizenship class used this election cycle to study and analyze political parties, debates, and advertising. I am excited to see where our study will take us next.



## Art/Jaime Gustavson

Union High is full of talented artist. There is always



art on display in the art room. Some of the high school students have their prints hanging in Zable Hall at EOU. The Annual Regional High School Art Exhibition at EOU's Nightingale gallery will take place on February 24. This is a great way to see the work from many of the Eastern Oregon High Schools. Our junior high is just wrapping up a portrait unit. The growth that they have made in this unit is substantial and I am very proud of them. This new semester will bring new experiences....maybe some snow sculptures! Happy New Year.

## English/Sara Dyche

In English IV, the seniors have started their research papers, and in English III, we are finishing *To Kill a Mockingbird*. The sophomores just finished their final speeches for the semester, and the 8th graders have discovered an interest in plays. The journalism class is working on the school newspaper; we hope to have a new issue posted to the school website in the next couple of weeks. Personal Finance students are continuing to work on scholarships and have started working on building budgets.

## P.E/Jordan Klebaum

Due to the unfortunate weather conditions we have had to stay

inside for all PE classes; however, we are still finding FUN ways to work hard and be physically active in the gym. As far as health class goes, we are just getting into a general anatomy unit, my personal favorite. This has been, and will continue to be an awesome year of health and PE.

## Math/Joe Shaw & Faith Courtney

The math department is continuing its involvement in a grant that emphasizes teaching about application of math in real life. Both Mrs. Courtney and Mr. Shaw have developed and taught lessons that emphasize the real world application of the mathematics that they are trying to teach in class. A few examples of the lessons that they have taught include: finding the best layouts for center-pivot sprinklers, designing jigs for laser cutters, ticket revenue at a spaghetti feed, miles per gallons of vehicles, etc. We are planning to do a lesson with our combined seventh grade classes that simulates an air traffic controller's work. We are optimistic that this type of teaching will help students better understand the math that they are working on because they will see how it is applicable.

## English/Vivian Matthews

News from Room 13: English 7 has just finished the final drafts of personal essays. Paragraphs are fun! Edgar Allan Poe entertained the freshmen and inspired them to write and read aloud their own short Stories. Sophomores wrote essays that can become informative speeches as they begin to plan their first speeches for college speech class (OIT Speech 111). Nerves and excitement reign! AP English is about to venture into the study of Hamlet. Seniors in college writing: OIT Writing 121 will soon change to Writing 122 where they will choose their own topics. We should be writing odes to snow, but alas, we are not.

## Spanish/ Blackburn

Things are going great in Spanish in the New Year. We are planning a trip to Costa Rica for 2018 during spring break anyone interested please contact Señor Blackburn. Spanish 1 is starting out the year with past tense and Spanish 2 is moving into the future tense.

**We hope that you enjoyed our Newsletter. GO BOBCATS!**

