

Echo Cougar Times

Breakfast of Champions honors Echo students

By Chelsea Myers
Staff Writer

On Wednesday, January 10, 2007, the Hermiston Chamber of Commerce hosted the second annual Breakfast of Champions in the Hermiston Community Center.

The Echo students who won this honor included: Naomi Sherbahn, 5th grade; Braden Williams, 7th grade; and Danyelle Myers, a senior. The students' families also attended.

Walking into the Community Center, the door greeters thanked you for attending and offered you a big, welcoming smile.

Continuing on, you saw tables covering the floor space and a long table on the opposite wall providing nourishment for the hungry on-lookers.

At 7:00 a.m., while dining on your continental breakfast of doughnuts and assorted fruits, the Chamber of Commerce President mentioned the sponsors for the event.

A few of them included Washington Demilitarization, McDonald's, KOHU, and KUMN, among a few others. Then she continued on with the teachers. One by one, she introduced the principals and other

representatives from each school.

Finally she got to, "Larry Wolfgram, from Stanf-," and it is here where she was interrupted by our very own Danyelle Myers, with an abrupt correction of "ECHO!" This was immediately followed with Danyelle blushing and our Echo table erupting into hushed laughter.

Continuing on with her opening speech, the President congratulated the parents and adults for influencing the honored students and helping them get where they are today.

She then invited each student and their family to the front where their school representative gave a short speech about the student and their achievements.

They also spoke of the student's qualities and interests and what they meant to that teacher. Keep in mind that this is a room full of students and families from different schools in this area, elementary and high school.

There were a lot of students to honor. Finally, at 8:00, Echo was introduced.

Mr. Wolfgram, sporting his camo jacket and doing what he does best, talked for a bit and then called up Naomi Sherbahn. Naomi,

her mom, dad and sister all went up to receive her award, and Mr. Wolfgram talked about her many 4-H achievements and how her smile and quiet confidence would get her far. Also with her outstanding character, he appreciates having her in class.

Next was Braden Williams. He and his family walked to the front of the assembly and was recognized for his loyalty to his team even through his recent injury and the difficulty he faces following in the footsteps of his two older sisters.

Lastly, Mr. Wolfgram introduced Danyelle Myers and listed off her achievements. Of course this was a rather long list but he kept it as short as possible. He spoke of how he always counts on seeing her smile every morning and how she is now working with Rose Photography in Hermiston.

Each student received a framed award and a McDonald's certificate. The award was, "For outstanding performance and excellence in exceeding expectations," and was signed by the Hermiston mayor.

This is a very worthwhile program to honor student for their achievements. Our Echo students are very appreciative for this opportunity to be recognized at the Breakfast of Champions.

Student Of The Month looks for students exhibiting compassion

By Amy Hoover
Staff Writer

The regular student of the month assembly came up, and the trait this time was compassion. The teachers vote for the students they think show the character trait the best.

Danyelle Myers is the senior who won for December, and she said, "I was literally shocked. I thought somebody would tell me since I'm on the ASB, but they didn't."



The junior who won was Austin Wortman who thought that, "getting student of the month was ok."

Ashlee Hodgen won out of the sophomore class. "I kinda knew already because my family was there, and I was happy because my big sister was there," she said.

The last person to win out of the high school was freshman Sara Reese. She said, "I was happy, but I already knew because my mom

was there. That always ruins the surprise."

Two junior high students won from the seventh and eighth grade. The eighth grade winner was Keenan Correa who said, "I felt happy and excited I guess. Uh, I was happy that I was good enough for the teachers."

Then last but not least, Rachele Round was the winner for the seventh grade. "I felt excited," she said.

Congratulations to the winners, and good luck to everyone for next month's trait: kindness.

Echo boys' basketball still maintain District hopes

By Devon Mitchell
Staff Writer

The Echo Cougars have not had the best season. With the boys at 5-11, and the girls at 0-10, they still have a lot of work to do.

The boys' basketball games have been good and have shown much improvement.

"We are all getting better," Colter McCallum said, "but still have a lot of work to do." According to Coach Sheperd, Ryan Ramos is the most improved, along with Kelan Danner.

They will have to get at least four wins to get to Districts, which Mr. Shepherd has no doubt they will do.



They have four more games: three at home and one away. "Past games have been hard on the senior players because there hasn't been much success," Seth Hiatt said. "It has been a great experience.

In the up-coming games it will be hard, but our team won't quit."

School canceled day before Christmas Break

By Joey Middleton
Staff Writer

On December 21st the students of Echo High School were all supposed to have their

Christmas parties, but that didn't happen due to the freezing rain.

There were school closures all around the area.

Some of the students arrived at school that Thursday

with out knowing that school had been canceled.

All of the students were very happy to know that they got to start their break a little early.



Girls' basketball continues working to achieve goals

By Heather Frederickson

Staff Writer

This season the girl's basketball team has done fairly well. At the beginning of this month, they played their arch rivals, the lone Cardinals. They went into the game with the high hopes of coming out with a win.

Their confidence level was very high as they went into the game, but the Cardinals have played a hard season and played a great game.

"We started out the game hard," said Echo student and basketball player Amy Hoover. The Lady Cougars played their hearts out, and at the half they were only down by a few points. They sadly ended up losing that game, much to the disgust of the team.

At the end of the season, they hope to be putting up 80

shots a game. The girls have also been playing good defense and have improved in that area.

According to Coach Bacon, the most improved players for the

girls have been Alyssa Scott, Shilah Hillard, Ryanne Tarvin, and Amy Hoover.

We wish the girls a good rest of the season.

Senior places for academic athlete award

By Joey Middleton

Staff Writer

Cierra Eby recently had some very exciting news—she placed in the top ten for the Wendy's High School Heisman award. In doing this, she had to be a very good athlete, but also she had to be good in school.

The only way that you can be nominated for this is by a teacher. After she was nominated, she had to fill out an application and also had to write a couple of essays.

Cierra was notified that she was one of the top 10 girls chosen from Oregon. (There are also 10 boys from each state chosen.)

Though Cierra did not make it to the finals for our state, she still won a medal and patch for her letterman's jacket. If Cierra could have made it further in the contest, she could have made it to Nationals.

We are still very proud of Cierra and hope she keeps up the good work. She is a role model to many of the students. Well done, Cierra. We hope that you will in-



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<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p><i>No School Presidents Day</i></p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>HS Reward Ski Trip</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p><i>TSA Spring Competi- tion</i></p>	<p>23</p> <p><i>Cabela's Field Trip</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p><i>Valentine Dance 9:30-12:00</i></p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p><i>Student of the Month Assembly 1:30 elem 2:45 JH/HS</i></p>	<p>1 March</p> <p><i>CLASS PICTURE DAY</i></p>	<p>Basketball Abbreviations:</p> <p>VB = High School Varsity Boys/Girls</p> <p>JVB = High School Junior Varsity Boys/Girls</p> <p>JHGB = Junior High Girls</p>	