



# Make way for Royalty

By Saudi Ibarra



Each of the high school classes recently named their princesses for Homecoming.

Fourteen year-old **Alyssa Larramendy**, escorted by Raymond Harris, is the freshman princess. Alyssa is new to Echo. She came from Blue Lake Elementary School, which she says is not very different from Echo. She has two younger brothers. Alyssa said it was “cool” when she found out that she was on the homecoming court and admits that she’s a little nervous.

**Elizabeth Ferge**, 15, is the sophomore princess. Her escort is Colter McCallum. Elizabeth is involved in many activities including basketball, FFA, Key Club, Spanish Club, and Youth Group. She also has a job during the summer at Bellinger’s. She has one sister and her parents are Lloyd and Kathy Ferge. Friends describe her as a very talkative person. She is very excited for homecoming night. Elizabeth would like to thank the Martinez family for letting her use their car on Homecoming.

**Ashley Gregerson**, 17, is one of the two junior princesses. Ashley, a former Tiger, says she “loves” it here. Her hobbies include sports (volleyball, basketball, and softball), running and hanging out with friends. She has two younger sisters and her parents are John and Kelly Gregerson. Ashley says that she is excited for Homecoming night. Her escort will be Devin Christensen.

**Sydney Swaggart** is also representing the junior class. John and Misty Swaggart are Sydney’s parents. She likes to play sports, which include volleyball, basketball, and softball. She also likes to go out with her friends. When she found out she was a princess, she was surprised because she is new to Echo. Sydney comes from John Day, but she likes it here. She will be accompanied by Andy McFarlane on homecoming night.

**Ambeah Hoover**, 17, is one of the senior princesses. Amy has two brothers and three sisters. She came from Pilot Rock half way through her junior year, but has grown close to her fellow classmates. Amy says, “I’m actually nervous for Homecoming.” Her parents are Cindy and Wayne Hoover. She has participated in track and basketball and expects to play softball in the spring. Chelsea Myers said, “she’s a character, she can make you laugh or make you cry.” Billy Pedro will be Amy’s escort.

Also representing the senior class is 17-year-old **Katilyn Jordon**, escorted by Kelan Danner. She has been here since kindergarten, so she knows what to expect on the night of homecoming, but that she is still kind of excited and nervous. She has one older sister and one younger brother. Katie plays softball, basketball and is a cheerleader. Her hobbies include raising sheep and riding horses.

The royalty will be introduced this Friday during halftime at the Echo Cougars homecoming football game. The queen will be crowned at this time.

# The Freshman Pep Assembly



By: Shawn Wohlsein & Ethan McAuslan

The freshmen started off with three students from each class and made them pop, set, and spike volleyballs. The juniors won that competition. The next competition was to get a serve from the other side of the court and take three members from each class, and have them pop, set, and spike the ball into a large net. The juniors won that competition too.

The next competition was an eating and drinking contest. The seniors won that competition thanks to Taylor Mize. Finally, the assembly ended with a dance competition, which Taylor Mize won again with his “robot dance.”

## Lost and Found New Policy

The Echo School lost and found storage is exceeding capacity. In order to ensure that we have enough room in the lost and found for lost items, we must begin removing items from the storage after three months. From now on we will catalogue all items brought to the lost and found storage and then donate those items that remain in storage for over ninety days. It is important that students claim their items in a more timely manner. The Lost and Found items are kept in the 5th grade classroom.



# The Dufur Game

By: Joey Middleton

The Cougars and the Dufur Rangers played an intense game on September 28 at the Cougars’ home field at seven o’clock. The Cougars kicked off to Dufur as the game began, and they were fired up. The Cougars forced the Rangers to a three and out when we gained possession, later the Rangers did the same. Then the real battle began. The Cougars were the first to spill blood, scoring on Dufur in the second possession, making the score eight to zero. When the Rangers gained possession of the ball again they were stopped by the ferocious Cougar Defense.

The Cougars scored again, putting the Cougars up sixteen to zero over the defending State Champions, Dufur. Also, the Cougars were able to score another touchdown making the score Echo Cougars 22 and the Dufur Rangers 12 at the half. After the Cougars came back after halftime they were faced with what seemed to be a totally different Dufur team. Dufur came out and scored on their opening drive at the start of the third quarter and were able to complete their two point conversion as the game progressed.

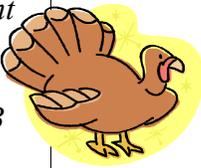
This made the score 22-Echo and Dufur-20. The Cougars then started having trouble moving the ball, and Dufur capitalized on this and were able to score one more touchdown making the score 26 to 22 and then the struggle continued. The Cougars and Rangers continued to battle it out until the very end, but to no prevail for the Cougars. The Dufur Rangers came out on top in a 26 to 22 win. The Cougars played an intense and close game, and everyone was very proud of the Cougars because they played all the way until the whistle blew, from start to finish.

After the game, Coach Norm Stewart was gracious enough to grant an interview. The first question asked was who he believed had the biggest impact on our team’s success. Coach Stewart answered that “there was not a single MVP for the Cougars, it was a team effort and we could not have played this well if the team had not stayed together and fought from the snap of the ball to the blow of the whistle”. Another question that I asked Coach Stewart was whether or not you have ever seen the Cougars play this well against the Rangers in the 10 years you have been here. Coach Stewart said that “I have never seen my Cougars play this well against the Rangers. In the past they have beaten us by an average of 42 points, and now to get this close to beating the Rangers proves that no one should ever underestimate the Cougars.” In conclusion, I say that the cougars played very well and I think that game will go down in history because, no one will ever forget how hard our Cougars played that night on the gridiron.



# November 2007



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><i>To contact the Echo School District call 376-8436</i></p> <p><i>Or visit us at our website: www.echo.k12.or.us</i></p>			<p><i>Homecoming Week</i></p> <p><i>Spirit Week Activities</i></p>	1	2	3
					<p><i>HSFB @ Homecoming</i></p> <p><i>Go Cougars!</i></p>	<p><i>Homecoming Dance</i></p>
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	<p><i>Basketball Practice Begins</i></p>				<p><i>JH Boys BB @ Home</i></p>	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<p><i>Girl's BB Dinner 4pm</i></p> <p><i>Veteran's Day</i></p>					<p><i>JH Boys BB @ Home</i></p>	<p><i>JH Boys BB @ Cove</i></p>
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
	<p><i>School Board Meeting 7pm</i></p>	<p><i>JH Boys BB @ Helix</i></p>	<p><i>Thanksgiving Holiday Begins</i></p> <p><i>No School</i></p>			
25	26	27	28	29	30	
		<p><i>JH Boys BB @ Pendleton</i></p>			<p><i>HS BB Tournament @ Home</i></p> <p><i>JH Boys BB @ Heppner</i></p>	

# 2008 Senior Focus

By: Devon and Micah

**Dustin Christensen** is a new student this year at Echo High. He was born in Gallup, New Mexico and raised in Hermiston, Oregon. He was born on September 27, 1989, he is 17 years old. Dustin is an outgoing and chill person. His hobbies are video games and collecting Hooters stuff. After high school he wants to go to college. He wants to go to Oregon State University and pursue a career in physical education at the elementary level. He was inspired to pursue this career by his grandfather. When asked how many brothers and sisters he had he said “four brothers and two sisters”. Some other interesting information about Dustin is that his favorite color is the whole rainbow, his favorite food is bon bons and his favorite rapper is the Birdman, aka Lil’ Wayne. His favorite class is conditioning with Mr. Shepherd. These are some fun and wacky facts about Dustin Christensen.

**Kaylyn Bloom** is a Pendleton resident and was born in Newport, Oregon. She was born August 23<sup>rd</sup> 1989. While attending Echo High School she is kind of like 2 people, smart and funny but also quiet in school... Her hobbies are listening to music and playing sports. After high school she plans on attending Blue Mountain Community College where she aims to get a degree in business accounting. Kaylyn’s inspiration for these plans came from her math teacher’s words of advice. Some other interesting facts about Kaylyn are that she likes volleyball, basketball, and also enjoys school. Good luck to both of our seniors in their futures.

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