

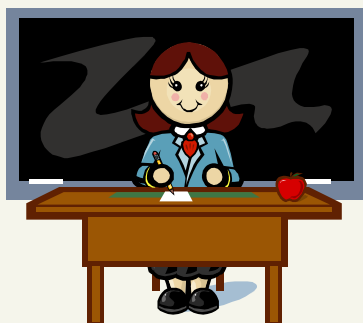
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NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Bursting with excitement, barely able to contain themselves, students poured into Echo on Aug. 21; the day their summer freedom ended. Already registered, they headed to their classes and “hit the books.” Actually, on this day,



On September 1st the Echo Cougars traveled to Dufur to the Eight Man Classic. The Cougars game began at 1:30 p.m. and the Cougars kicked off. Jorge recovered the onside kick giving the Cougars great field position.

The Cougars drove right down the field and scored the opening drive. After they completed the two point conversion it made the score 8 to 0 in the first five minutes of the game against the Pine Eagle Spartans.

only one book: The Student Handbook. Students received their copies and endured the first bit of class, as the handbook was read to them.

After the first fifteen minutes of handbook review, a familiar voice came on an announcement, calling for everyone to meet in the gym for an assembly. There, new teachers were introduced, while welcoming everyone back from their summer vacations. Following the

introductions, the students participated in several games, and then were released to continue their scheduled day.

The remainder of the classes focused on introducing students to the classroom rules, and in Mr. Hall's case, assigning some homework. Thus began a new school year. To all the new students and faculty, Welcome! To everyone returning, Welcome Back! You survived the first day!

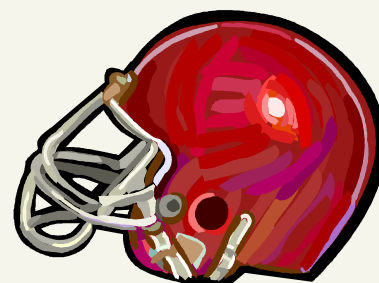
OPENING SEASON

By: Joey Middleton

The Cougars continued to have a great game with an almost unstoppable starting offense and defense. Before the half time rolled around the Cougars were up 40 to 0, which was a great confidence builder for the Cougars.

As the game came to an end the cougars had done there damage with a final score of 68 to 16; the junior varsity even got varsity time this game which was a good experience for the young guys. The star

players of the game were Dustin Christensen, Michael Madison, and Andy McFarlane. Jorge Munoz also received high honors and was the junior varsity star of the game. The Cougars did well in this game but they still have a tough season ahead,



Lions and Tigers and New Teachers...Oh My!

By: Laci Srofe

This year, at Echo High and Elementary School, we have many new teachers. One of these new teachers is Miss Amy Helms. She was born and raised in New Mexico and has a Bachelor's degree in Elementary education as well as an endorsement in reading. In her spare time she likes to hang out with her dogs Sinco and Carly. Miss Helms is teaching 4th grade this year and is going to be married on September 6, 2007. Her new last name will be Hendrickson. Also new to Echo is Mr. Trevor Pyke. He graduated from Humboldt State University, and has obtained his Masters Degree in Teaching. If you were to take a walk through the halls of Echo High you'll see his smiling face teaching classes such as Communications I-IV and Yearbook/Publications. Down the stairs from Mr. Pyke's Classroom we have Miss Snyder who teaches classes such as Science and Math. This is her first year teaching ever and what a better place to experience it than Echo! Miss Snyder likes to do things like hiking and exercising. And just around the corner, we have Mrs. Umbarger. She teaches Biology, Physical Science and Physics. She is a first year teacher not only at Echo but this is also her first year of teaching ever. Her brother plays for the San Diego Chargers and Miss Snyder says she loves to dissect things. Also new to Echo is Mrs. Cooley who teaches High school and Junior high school choir and teaches elementary music classes. She took a little break from teaching last year to run a day care out of her home and she also had a new baby girl named Cozette. We have a great group of new teachers this year and we hope to keep them around.

A Western Adventure

By Chelsea Myers

On Wednesday, September 12th, the Echo elementary, and over 20 other schools took a field trip to the Pendleton Round-up. Schools in this area decided to do this to support their students participating in the Children's Rodeo. They then stayed to watch the normal rodeo.

Echo's K-6th graders left Wednesday morning around 9:45 am, and returned at 3:30, around the same time school ends. All of the elementary teachers accompanied the students, along with some parents. Most of the kids wore cowboy hats, and a lot of them got snow-cones, slushies, and water, thanks to the heat. Mrs. Hampton, Echo's fifth grade teacher, said the kids were very well behaved.

At the Children's Rodeo, Echo watched our Zach Evans, a fourth grader, participate and cheered as he roped a "bull." When the normal rodeo started, and the Queen and Princesses jumped the gate with their horses, everyone got really excited. When asked, quite a few kids said their favorite part of the rodeo was the Indian Relay Races, where cowboys jumped from horse to horse. All of the kids had a really good time, and everyone is looking forward to next year's rodeo, particularly because this field trip was such a success.

Echo High Volleyball

By Saudi Ibarra

The season kicked off with the Midnight Madness practice in August, which kept the girls up from midnight until two o'clock in the morning. Despite it being so early, most players had no complaints. Kaylyn Bloom said, "it was fun because we actually got to play volleyball." Conditioning week began immediately afterwards during the first week of school. Though described as tough, players expected it to be that way. This year, Coach Davis will be using a new system which will be "interesting and fun," she said. Also coaching the volleyball team is Lore Martin, who teaches in the Middle and High School.

With all the positive commentary made on the team chemistry, early predictions were that the team seemed cohesive. Coach Davis feels that this year's team is an actual one. One volleyball player named Hilary Cisneros said, "I think the team is good." The players were first put to the test on September 1st in a tournament in Dufur. Even though they only won one of their five matches, they never lost by more than five points.

The first game was on September 4th against Touchet. Even though they lost the match, they still kept high spirits. They are continuing the season with high hopes and expect to have people in the stands in both home *and* away games. Don't let our girls down!



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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|---|--|---|---|--|---|
| | 1 | 2 HSVB  | 3 | 4 HSVB  Reading Night | 5 | 6 HSFB  HSVB  |
| 7 | 8 Jump Rope for Heart Kick Off | 9 HSVB JHVB  | 10 | 11 HS/JHFB  HS/JHVB  | 12 | 13 JHVB  |
| 14 | 15 | 16 HSVB  | 17 PSAT 8-11 Suicide Prevention Parent mtg | 18 | 19 HS/JHFB  HS/JHVB  | 20 JHVB  |
| 21 | 22 HSjvFB  | 23 JHFB  | 24 Picture Retakes | 25 Jump Rope for Heart Finale | 26 HSFB  | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 | 31  | <p><i>Please visit us at our website at www.echo.k12.or.us</i></p> | | |

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Elementary Reading Night and Book Fair—Thursday, October 4th

All Juniors Should take the PSAT test! Wednesday, October 17th

Picture Retakes will be Wednesday, October 24th

Jump Rope For Heart Kick-Off and Finale this Month

Homecoming Game will be Friday, November 1st

Fall Sports Schedules are available at the office & on the school's website

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