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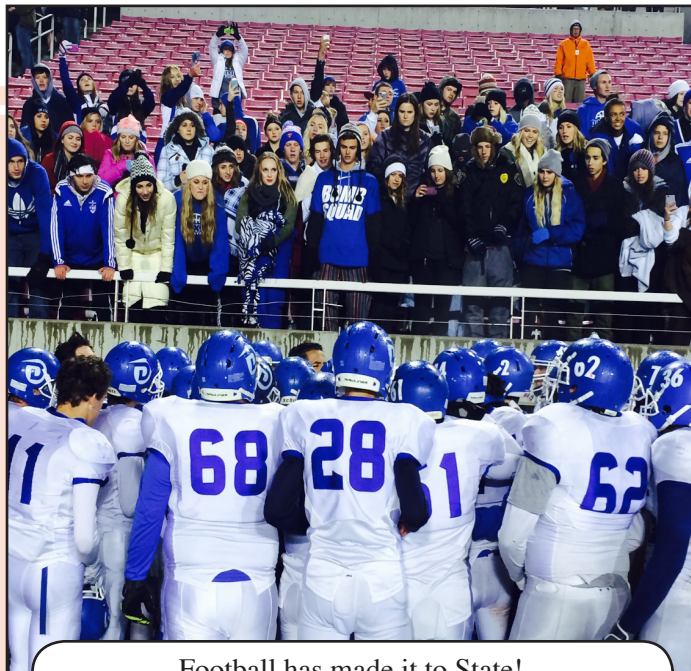
Mikayla Frei
Sports Editor

On a chilly Salt Lake night, the Thursday Night Lights shone down on Rice-Eccles stadium as the Panthers and Flyers took the field to face off once again.

Dixie's offense started early on the opening drive with an Ammon Takau to Bret Barben 41 yard pass to take the early 7-0 lead.

The Panthers would score twice in the first quarter, to take the lead 7-14 with three quarters left to play.

Tr Miller gave the offense a spark with an 11yd. run to start the first drive of the second quarter but the fire came from another Takau-Barben



Football has made it to State!
Photo Courtesy of Mr. Tate

made a spectacular one handed grab on the play to tie up the game.

Pine View's next drive was stopped when RJ Wilgar intercepted a Kody Wilstead pass on the two yard line to give the ball back to the Flyer offense. It only took one play for Miller to run 98 yards and give Dixie 21-14 lead.

Pine View fought back and scored a touchdown to tie the game up once again at 21-21. Dixie had the last say of the half with another Takau-Bar-

ben touchdown. This one was a 13yd. pass to give Dixie the 28-21 halftime lead.

With the weather getting sloppier in the second half both teams had to bear down and toughen up. "We had to change our playcalling a little bit, but it wasn't too bad," said Takau after the game. The beginning of the third quarter was a defensive battle until the Panthers scored their fourth and final touchdown to tie up the game for the last time at 28 all.

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"Holidisasters"



Kaylee Barrus
Reporter

Most everybody has had a holiday that has taken the turn for the worst. Whether it was sharing a room with your crazy snoring aunt or ruining thanksgiving dinner and having to eat at McDonalds, it's happened.

Ms. Stucki is no exception. "I once fell off the ladder taking down the christmas tree and tore my ACL."

Ms. Bradshaw also has two holiday stories full of mayhem. "Last Thanksgiving," she explained, "I had it at my house and I invited my parents and my sister and brother in law. Just us five. My dad is...very narrow minded and my brother in law is very cocky and self important."

Ms. Bradshaw's relatives then got themselves into a very lengthy confrontation. Her father argued that a motorcycle show, called Hell on Wheels, was inappropriate for good Christians to watch.

Her Brother-in-Law then proceeded to argue that her father See **Disasters** on Page 6

Dixie has made it to the big dance, they will play Hurricane for the state title.

touch-down pass, this one for 52 yards. Barben



THE SPORTS HANGAR

FOOTBALL

GIRL'S BASKETBALL

BOY'S BASKETBALL

WRESTLING

THE SPORTS HANGAR CALENDAR

<p>Football vs Hurricane Friday at 11:00am Rice Eccles Stadium (Salt Lake City)</p>	<p>Girl's Basketball vs Snow Canyon December 2nd at 7:00pm Dixie High School</p>	<p>Boy's Basketball @ Richfield December 4th at 7:00pm Richfield High School</p>	<p>Wrestling @ Pine View December 4th at 7:00pm Pine View High School</p>
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Girls Soccer Wrap-Up



Lennon Jones
Sports Reporter

The Girls Soccer season has come to a close this year. The girls performed great throughout the season and even made it all the way to semi-finals.

All the girls were very happy with the team this season. Senior Alexa Estridge said, "I felt like it was good and successful." There was no doubt that this year the team was very successful and they all got along with each other.

Senior Aubri Challis said, "To me team unity is a big part of Dixie High and of our team every year. This year was no exception, we all loved each other."

Everyone agreed that this years team was very young. "We were a younger team and weren't as mature as seasons past. We had to find new strong points as well as work on our weaknesses, but we all worked very hard and accomplished more than we thought we would."

The team also had some great moments and games this year. "My favorite game was our first game against Desert Hills. It's hard to play when it's not your own field, but we showed them who's boss," said Sophomore Liz Durrant. This year was yet another great season for Dixie High girls soccer.

THANKSGIVING FOOTBALL



Mikayla Frei
Sports Editor

There are many words that describe Thanksgiving, a few of these are; food, family, friends, faith and most importantly football. The NFL features three games on Thanksgiving providing all day long entertainment. Some families take it a step further and play their own Turkey Bowls.

Some families plan their meal to be around the game. Others eat their turkey feast in front of the TV, and others eat and then go play some football of their own in various places.

Brinlee Ipson and her family always play a football game no matter where they are. "Last year, my family went to California for Thanksgiving and we played football on the beach," reminisced Ipson.

Megan Wood and her family play in the street after they finish eating her Grandma's



Turkey Day Football

Popular football teams.
Photo Illustration by Emily Nostrant, *Flyer Flash*

Thanksgiving cooking. "My entire family plays in the street at my Grandma's house. It's always awesome when my team wins," commented Wood.

Others just sit back in their turkey induced comas and watch whatever game happens to be on before heading out to play their own game. Tana Miller's family keeps football an important tradition on their Turkey Day. "Does my family

have any football traditions involving Thanksgiving?" Miller joked.

Probably the best Thanksgiving memory, or non-memory depending on how you look at it, would be Bret Barben and his Thanksgiving in October moment. "Freshman year I got a concussion playing football and I thought it was Thanksgiving," laughed Barben. His

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REGION NINE SPORTS DOMINANCE



Mary Quinn
Sports Reporter

Region Nine has contained Utah's top sports teams for years.

Last year three out of the top four schools in the state were from Region 9 in both football and volleyball. In both girls soccer and drill, two out of the top four schools in the state

were also from Region 9.

For the last three years, the 3A/3AA Football State Championship has been awarded to southern Utah schools every time. If you wish to succeed in the state finals you must first succeed in the region.

"I think that the schools up north often times look down on us and that makes me work a lot harder because I don't like being viewed as the little

brother to those guys," said Arthur Anderson.

Region nine is not only dominant in football but in volleyball as well. "St. George has some very talented players and most of the state under estimates and forgets about little St. George. That's why when we come into state we surprise most people," said Malynn Marshall.

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"I'll be with family and go hunting."

-Mr. Dickson, Teacher

LIFE OF A FLYER

"Going to see my sister in Salt Lake."

-Karla Lopez, Junior

"Nothing besides Thanksgiving dinner."

-Colby Jones, Senior

What do you have planned for Thanksgiving?

"To go up north and to my sister's house."

-Warner Brown, Senior

Black Friday

MIXED THANKSGIVING TRADITIONS



Ezmi Donis
Reporter

The fourth Thursday of November is speedily approaching. You know what that means; food, and lots of it. From pilgrims and turkeys, to things we're thankful for, Thanksgiving is a very special holiday.

There's plenty of room during this holiday for traditions to continue and blossom. Ever since she can remember, Helen Ramirez has gone to her cousin's house to have a fabulous breakfast.

Now for that grand feast, "friends and family come over with tons of food," says Pilar Campos. They combine their



Thanksgiving brings turkey.
Photo Courtesy of Google

delectable dishes, eat and finally celebrate together, making it a potluck celebration.

Besides the satisfaction of a full stomach, Thanksgiving is a day of reflection and acknowledgement of everything that one has. A time to enjoy the special moments they've

experienced. In doing so, thanksgiving fulfills its true purpose.

For many, family and friends are the main things they're thankful for, "I am thankful for my health and for the life I have," exclaimed Campos.

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Helen Ramirez
Reporter

The day after the holiday of being thankful many students wake up early or stay out late to wait in line for the best store specials of the year.

Airin Lara exclaimed, "HECK YEAH! I'm mexican, all mexicans go to black friday." Lara also spoke about waking up early for the deals, "...those memories are horrible, I hate waking up so early."

"Everyone goes crazy! I think the fun is watching people who sprint to what they want." Said Jesmin Gomez, a Senior who goes out on the day to get the best deals.

Kaylee Barrus, Dixie high Junior, stated; "I dont even do black friday, theres no way I'm going to get up at 4 am to buy an iphone that I already have."

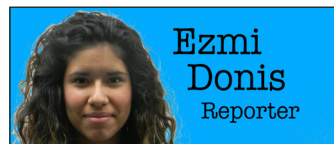
Shoppers who try to get the best deals usually have strategies; "I get in line early." Senior, Louis Bernabe voiced.

"Put a kid/family member in each line so by the time you get there they are in front or have them all know what to buy" Lara announced. Gomez said her trick is to have her cousin always in line.

Nichole Jones' aspect of Black friday is enjoying the food and go shopping after. "I go shopping at the Zions Factory mall thing. I've only been once."

Karla Mendez, a Junior stated
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FAVORITE HOLIDAY



Ezmi Donis
Reporter

The presents, candy, fireworks, outfits, parties and celebrations, the family and close friends, and lastly the food are what makes Holiday's fantastic. The festival's are the best days of the whole year. It's the time where families and close friends come together to celebrate the holiday's and have a blast.

There's ton of dif-

ferent holidays but obviously the big holiday's are constantly the popular ones.

On June 26th of 1870 Christmas was declared an official holiday and ever since then Christmas has been a favorite among many Americans.

Hannah Johanson simply just loves Christmas because of her family's traditions. Some of the Johanson's annual holiday festivities include solving a hard puzzle together.

Another one is drawing names of Hannah's siblings.

That way they are assigned whom they have to buy a present for, it's like a Secret Santa.

Bj Clark says "The best parts about Christmas is the presents, movies, eggnog, food, and the family time. So basically everything."

Clark's favorite thing to do with his family is going up to the snow and go snowboarding, skiing, and even sledding.

Not only can he play hard in the snow, the art of snow comes easily to him with his
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Ball	November 22 nd
Madrigal Christmas	November 28 th
Wrestling Duel	December 5-6 th
Choir Christmas Tour	December 11-15 th
Madrigal Concert	December 16 th
Christmas Break	December 20 th - January 4 th

GO ALL OUT



Mikayla Frei
Sports Editor

I had the opportunity to experience FFA at its finest at the 2014 National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. In the last week of October, Louisville had braced for an extra 60,000 teenagers wandering around the city.

Our first full day in Kentucky was spent touring the countryside. The rolling green “hills” of Kentucky were picturesque, even in the rain.

Our second full day was Wednesday, the opening day of

the convention. In the morning I visited Churchill Downs and the Louisville Slugger Factory, where I held a bat Derek Jeter used in a game.

In the afternoon, I went with my Marketing Plan team to the Galt House Hotel for team pictures and orientation. When we got there we discovered that the Florida State University football team was staying in the hotel and using the rooms we would compete in as meeting rooms.

As we were leaving we passed, Heisman winner Jameis Winston. I was pretty starstruck for a minute. We were unable to get a picture with him but I did



FFA 2014 National Convention
Photo by Mikayla Frei, *Flyer Flash*

take a picture of him.

That night was opening session of the convention. It was amazing seeing the keynote speaker, Nick Vujicic. He was born without arms and legs and now travels the world giving motivational speeches to teenagers.

The next day we had the real competition. My team rocked the preliminary round in the morning. While we waited to see if we would advance to

the semi-finals round we followed FSU players playing the FSU war chant while doing the Tomahawk. Some of the players thought it was awesome and did it with us, others just gave us weird looks. We did advance but lost to Washington in the semi-final round that afternoon.

The highlight of the trip was the Florida State-Louisville game. Mr. Huddleston tracked
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TURKEY DAY TRIPS



Andrew Eames
Reporter

Once the bell finally rings to dismiss the eager students into the welcoming arms of Thanksgiving break, most of them will embark on great journeys to visit family abroad.

They will engage in plenty of traditions, epic meals and spending time with their loving families.

Although, some students at Dixie High do not have the

luxury of close relatives to spend the holiday season with.

Sometimes family is multiple states away for them. These students will be forced to travel many miles across vast distances to see their loved ones, which might make one appreciate the effort to bring a family together could make the holidays more meaningful.

Junior David Grygla says the best part of his Thanksgiving travel is the initial reuniting of his family after the long awaited anticipation. “My family makes an extremely long drive

up to Salem, Oregon to see our cousins. It’s a very rewarding journey to see their faces after all this time apart.”

Upon arriving, Grygla elaborates upon the feeling of when he knows the journey is completed. “I actually really enjoy hugging my relatives, and unpacking in the guest room is strangely satisfying.”

Senior Katelyn Kelly describes her annual journey to visit her uncle in Washington with great enthusiasm. “My uncle has a condo in Seattle we go to, he has a nice tv that we

watch the football games on and we just chill.”

Kelly also describes what she looks forward to is just hearing what her uncle has to say since they met the prior year. “My uncle always has new stories to tell us about fishing journeys he’s gone on since we were last there. They are always nice to listen to.”

Collin MacRitchie, a sophomore, says the best part of the traveling to his grandparents house is the visions of food in his head from past visits. “The
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ERRITORY

NO SHAVE NOVEMBER



Sarai Villacorta
Reporter

No Shave November is a fundraiser done every year, and this year No Shave November joined with The American Cancer Society. According to no-shave.org, all the funds fully go to patients and cancer research.

No Shave November is generally when people unite to not shave throughout the whole month of November.

Dixie High School decided to link with No Shave November in their own unique way. "It's to earn money for Angel Tree. Each penny is a vote, so people will vote with their change," said Lennon Jones.

It was said that gallon bottles would be put out on a table that the students may deposit their fund. This event started on the



Many beards to be seen during November.

Photo by Emily Nostrant, *FlyerFlash*

fifth of November and ends on the nineteenth.

Aside from all the fun, things do get extremely hairy.

A few members at Dixie High School are participating in this fundraiser. Most people shave to support fellow patients, on the other hand, others also par-

ticipate for the fun of it.

Dixie's football coach, Mr. Tate, pointed out two reasons why he is in the No Shave November business. "Two reasons," said Tate, "my beard looks sick, and I don't ever shave for playoffs."

One can say the timing is im-

peccable.

Mr. Tate was not the only one going into No Shave November. Armando Rodriguez, a Sophomore, said that he was participating because he didn't have to shave and that it was for charity.

Many wonder if it's okay if girls join in. A few girls had their own opinions and spoke on their behalf. "For guys it's okay, [not to shave]," commented Taya Pearson, "For girls its gross."

Ezmi Donis agreed with Pearson, and said that if she had the chance to participate in No Shave November, she wouldn't take it.

No matter the gender, don't be afraid to hop right in and join the cause. Whether it's just donating ones change or not shaving for a whole month, together we unite, to fight for the cause.

BALANCING FAMILY AND SCHOOL



Vivian Fraser
Reporter

Senior year is full of fun memories with friends that will last forever and the last year to spend quality time with family for a while. Where do you draw the line between spending too much time with friends and school and not enough with family?

Family is always going to be there and you can always rely on them. The majority of students take that for granted

about 95 percent of the time. Even though friends are also people that we rely on, trust, and spend the most time with; friends won't always be there for us.

At the end of this school year, many Seniors will be moving away to college and focusing on the future. Kelli Christenson, a Dixie High Senior, says: "after Senior year I am moving away and doing my own thing so its important I spend time with my family while I can."

Savannah Topham says, "My family will be the people that will miss me the most and they will be my biggest supporters

and most important people in my life."

Instead of dreading family time, try and make the most of it and enjoy every moment. You don't have to have a torturous attitude just because you are with your family.

"My family is super active and recreational. We hike, bike, and go to the lake for fun." Topham says.

Do something that everyone in the family enjoys. "Me and my family like to go camping, hunting, and fishing. If you all enjoy it, it is way fun." Christenson says.

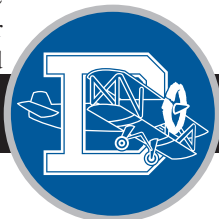
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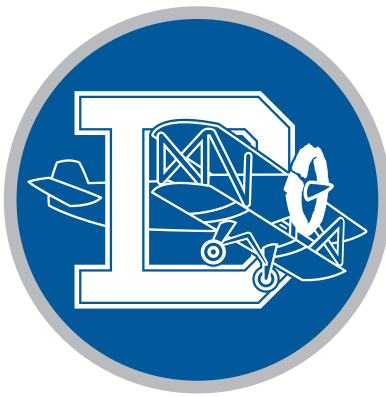
joy it. Your family members are the people that should come first always, not put second.

Our parents are completely aware of our high school years, and they know that we will be busy with sports, friends, and homework. Don't use this as an excuse to not spend time with them though, show your gratitude to your family as much as possible.

It isn't a big deal to put your friends off for one night so you can hang out with your family. Christenson says: "I think family should be your first priority and it shouldn't be a big deal

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smell of the their sweet potatoes is pretty nice and welcoming.”

“It was so funny!” Ms. Bradshaw said, “All of us girls watched chick flicks and the guys were so mad!”

However, teachers are not the only ones with holiday catastrophes. Edrian King, a senior, has had her fair share of feast day tragedies.

“Once for Christmas,” Edrian elaborated, “we decided to put actual candles on the Christmas tree. It didn’t go so well. We caught the carpet and the couch on fire.”

She continued with another scenario, “We also once placed cookies in the oven too long and caught the stove on fire.”

Though it is easy to have our holiday completely run through the mud with all the unpredictable things that can happen, it is always best just to laugh it off.

It may not always be about the destination, but the memories that are created during the travel by the anticipation of the destination that students often remember most. It makes the

travel less boring and multiplies the emotion tenfold. Those memories are what they bask in while waiting for the doors of family members to open and let them in.

Disasters

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needed to “stop telling him what to do.” This minor conflict then turned into a quarrel that has led to a strong loathing of each other.

“It’s not really a disaster story,” Ms. Bradshaw admitted, “but it’s really making me not want to have Thanksgiving, because they hate each other now.”

“The Thanksgiving before that,” Ms. Bradshaw began her second holiday tale, “was at my house again. I had a lot of people over this time and I didn’t have cable.”

Ms. Bradshaw’s male relatives became two-year-olds again to cry and whine the entire evening because they couldn’t watch the Turkey Bowl.

State

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After Pine View muffed a punt, Dixie took over on the Panthers 8yd. line. Takau took it to the house himself giving Dixie a 35-28 lead. A lead they would not lose.

The Flyer defense came up with a huge stop on 4th and goal to keep the Panthers out of the endzone. The next Panther drive ended in a another Dixie interception, this time the ball was caught by Jeff Martinez.

The defense wasn’t done for

the night either with a little over four minutes in the game Wilgar intercepted his second pass of the night. McLane Keenan kicked a field goal to take extend Dixie’s lead to the final score of 38-28.

When the clock hit zeroes the celebrating began. Players did snow angels and the students cheered.

Dixie has made it to the big dance, they will play Hurricane for the state title. “There is no greater feeling than playing for a state title,” said Faumuina.

Holiday

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awesome snowmen building skills.

Halloween. The one day in the year where people can be anything they want.

Megan Wood, a Junior, loves to dress up. “In previous years I have dressed up as a gypsy, a corpse bride and a vampire for Halloween.”

Wood’s favorite part too, may be getting tons of candy.

Thanksgiving is known for a designated day of thanks for everything that we have. Although, once blessings have

been counted, the food and that delicious turkey feast rings in the true holiday season feelings.

The most gratitude of the year is the family, Estefania Perez expresses her love of family. She loves spending that special day with them while eating all their favorite foods.

Whether traveling for the holiday’s or just staying at home, have fun and celebrate the best-loved out of the 365 days this year, except for the occasional leap year. There is no one better to memorialize this glorious season than family and close friends.



Football

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family does play a Turkey Bowl game every Thanksgiving.

Football is arguably a favorite American pastime, and it is known how Americans love food. Thanksgiving is one of

the biggest football holidays, second only to the Super Bowl in February. Brennan Grinnell and his family played their own Thanksgiving Turkey Bowl Super Bowl a few years ago. After eating and watching some football they began their own game. “We were using Snow Canyon’s football field

and we ended up playing another family that was there,” said Grinnell, “my family won, of course.”

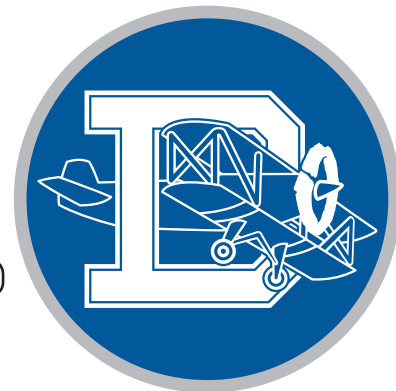
The most American part of Thanksgiving football is the Cowboys, “America’s Team,” playing their annual Thanksgiving game. “The best part of Thanksgiving is when

the Cowboys win,” said Zak Harrah. Harrah has a hoping for the Cowboys to win, but he is surrounded with his family and food suffering along with him.

Thanksgiving is the epitome of food, family, and football thrown into one amazing holiday full of traditions.



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Friday

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her places to go are, “Walmart, the mall, Target, and Best Buy.”

Bernabe mentioned that during his break he doesn’t go shopping because he has other plans, “I play [in] a soccer tournament during Thanksgiving break, so that’s my favorite part of it.” His most enjoyable Black Friday was one he spent with his friend waiting for a

soccer game called “FIFA”.

While some sleep in, others battle crazy deal-hunting crowds. Alicia Garcia shared a memorable Black Friday, where a guy hit her in the face.

Like Barrus, some students don’t think that spending a day in stores that claim to have amazing specials is enjoyable. Gomez said where shoppers may go insane over deals, students would rather do their shopping on an average day and spend their break with loved ones.



Dominance

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When at practice Alisi Fakahua keeps that in mind. “I personally work my butt off. Not just to beat teams in the region but so that I can get somewhere,” said Fakahua, “I think because everyone is so competitive down here our team works that much harder because if we can beat the teams down here we can beat the teams up north easily.”

Girls soccer is another dominant sport for region 9. Tanner Gledhill thinks Region 9 has a better competition. “When we play someone the next week or coming up then we will say something like Desert Hills does set up plays so we always go through and prac-

tice defending those because that’s what they are best at. So it just depends on the team we are playing.”

Region nine is also competitive in drill for the Jetettes. Even though they have five competitions the ones that really count are region and state. Not all of the teams in the region get to go to state and that makes it that much more competitive for region nine.

“All Region 9 wants to take state so bad and we all work hard for it,” said KennaDee Nelson. Brittany Koopmans shared the thought, “If we don’t push all the time, we could be that one team that doesn’t get to compete at state.”

With the competitiveness and rivalry in Region 9, pushing to be the best down here translates to making a good run at state.

FFA

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down the FSU ticket director and was able to get us tickets to the game just hours before kick off. Our seats were on the flight deck, aka beyond the nosebleed section. It only took 12 flights of stairs to get to our seats, but we had a great birds eye view of the field. It was cool because we could see everything going on clearly without watching the jumbotron.

Friday was cold and rainy, with the prediction of Louisville’s first snow overnight. It was also the day to find out

how we placed. My team took Silver. Later that night we had a dance on a boat called the Belle of Louisville. The Ohio River was white-capping because of the wind so the boat stayed docked but we still had a great time.

The mountains were a welcome sight when I got home but I already miss the fall colors.

Thanksgiving

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During the day Karla Mendez enjoys arts and crafts with her younger siblings. The favorite is the hand turkey; they cut out colorful paper feathers and together they make a festive turkey. Luckily, those turkeys don’t need to fear the dinner platter, but sit upon a throne called the refrigerator.

Meanwhile, Helen Ramirez listens to music with her family, they just “chill” together.

The warm smell of food fills the room; it’s time for turkey and other scrumptious plates.

On the table top, there is a variety of foods. Some traditional foods served are turkey,

mashed potatoes and cranberry sauce. But for many Hispanics, it’s not Thanksgiving if there’s no tamales.

“They’re so good! Tamales are like dough and inside there’s either pork or beef,” says Mendez. Other hispanic plates are menudo and posole which are very known.

For dessert, Helen Ramirez’s mom makes arroz con leche, which is rice pudding in English.

Brenda Roa and Lesly Mejia want to create regular traditions in their own family for the future.

On this day of much gratitude and tradition, it is important to remember the little things and be grateful every day.

Balance

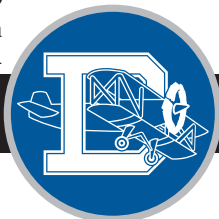
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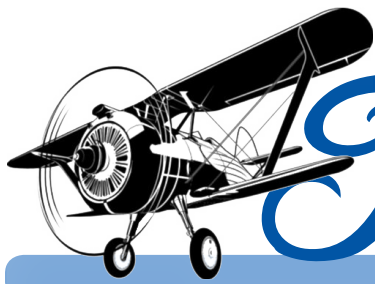
to miss hanging out with your friends for one night to spend time with your family.”

“I can put other things (social media, friends, time killers) behind my family on my list of priorities and treat my

family like they are worth my time.” says Savannah Topham when asked what she could do to make time for her family.

In the end that annoying family is all that you’ve got. Try the best to be grateful for them and spend any free time catching up and enjoying their company.





The Landing



STERLING SCHOLARS



Jennifer Guerra
Reporter

The Sterling Scholar is awarded to seniors in “the pursuit of excellence in scholarship, leadership and citizenship in the State of Utah,” according to the official Sterling Scholar website.

Dixie High’s 2014-2015 winners get to have their picture in the hall of fame so that every student can see their accomplishment for generations to come.

The recipients are obviously happy that they won. “I feel really excited and overwhelmed because there’s a lot of work ahead of me,” remarks Sara Glauser, who won in the Speech and Drama category.

What Glauser said is true; after the high school winners are announced, they have to go through semi-final and final levels. And from there, an overall Sterling Scholar winner is chosen.

Students that decide to try out for the award typically like, or are accomplished in, the category they choose.

The preparation for this award depends on the category the student selects. But generally, students have to go through an interview and fill out an appli-



The Sterling Scholar award is an honor to receive.

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cation about themselves and their accomplishments.

“[The application] makes you feel egotistical because you’re telling a lot about yourself and what you’ve done,” says Lennon Jones, the winner of the Computer Technology category.

The Sterling Scholar winners start working toward this award as early as 9th grade. “Everything you do... goes towards it,” comments Jones. There are many things a student can do; from service projects to AP classes and just being involved in school, that counts for Sterling

Scholar.

The interview can seem nerve-racking, but the interviewers are understanding of the students’ situation.

Sterling Scholar candidates are judged for things like community service, leadership, and the amount of experience in the chosen category. They are also judged for their academic achievement and involvement in school.

Some good advice for aspiring Sterling Scholar winners is to be yourself, work hard, and be dedicated. Follow your dream and have fun with it. Lennon Jones also advises to “be involved, study hard in school, and get a good ACT score. It’s hard work but it pays off so much.”

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