

The Hole Issue

A voice for the Jackson Hole Community School

Dress code needs overhaul

By Emma Knoke

Jackson Hole Community School currently has a very strict dress code, specifically pertaining to the girls. Last year, our dress code was more lenient. Students were allowed to wear shorts that had a three-inch inseam, and skirts that went to three inches above our knees. There was the “two finger rule” on tank tops, and of course, no leggings. The punishment for violating these rules would be a conduct mark, so it wasn’t too bad.

This year, however, the school has made an even stricter dress code. Shorts have to go down to three inches above our knees. With that rule, it is impossible to wear even athletic shorts. They have also upped the punishment for breaking the dress code to three conduct marks, and you must call your parents on the second offense.

On a recent school day, one of my friends came to school wearing a skirt. This was definitely three inches above her knees, but it came up a bit whenever she bent over, making it slightly above three inches. Just because of that, she received three conduct marks and had to change into giant sweatpants for the rest of the day.

Now, if someone came into school with their bra straps hanging out, or with a super short mini skirt, then conduct marks would be understandable. However, under the current dress code,

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Snow King’s future uncertain

By Eric Brecheen

Snow King’s location and accessibility have long made it an enjoyable ski spot for locals, but a new owner must be found by May in order for the ski resort and ice rink to continue operation.

The ski resort will need to change ownership, from the resort for financial reasons according to local journalist Thomas Dewell of the *Jackson Hole News & Guide*. The ski resort was not profiting, but was being funded by the hotel and it has become too much of a burden for the resort to run the ski hill.

Apparently this has been going on for years, but has just recently become public knowledge. There have been rumors that the ski club was hoping to purchase the mountain. For the hotel to continue to prosper in this difficult economy, this change in ownership was necessary according to Dewell. The Hotel’s website boasts ownership of the ski hill, but with the rise of Teton Village, the guests are skiing less and less at Snow King.

The “town hill” is currently used by the downhill racing teams, and those looking for a fun day of skiing without the massive costs associated with a lift ticket to Jackson Hole Mountain Resort.

The downhill ski teams rely on Snow King for their primary training facility.

“It’s important because it’s where we train, without it we would be screwed, because the village would not let us train there,” said local racer Morgan McGlashon. “It is our private training center.”

The change in ownership may seriously impact the future of the ski club in Jackson Hole. The possibility of the ski club owning the hill would allow them to further the idea of a private training center, and make this a possibility.

Snow King is also home to the local ice rink, the location of Jackson Hole Moose games, as well as youth hockey practices and tourna-



ments.

New private ownership of the mountain could drastically change the way in which it operates. If Snow King were to shut down the results could be catastrophic for the local population. The small town resort has proven to be a very valuable resource for local citizens. Another option would be for a local nonprofit to purchase the King. New ownership would

allow for the resort to prosper at a new level, and under proper financial decisions so could the ski hill.

For now, nonprofits continue their contemplation whether or not to partake in this business proposition.

The ski area opened up in 1939 as Wyoming’s First ski resort with a rope tow powered by a ford tractor engine. Seven years later, Snow King began the construction of their first chairlift. Jackson Hole Mountain Resort opened in 1965, and the first tram was installed in 1966. This makes Snow King the older ski resort in Jackson, a classic local gem. Snow King allows for night skiing, where JHMR doesn’t. The mountain has three main lifts for winter skiing, and the alpine slide. The ice rink is used all winter for youth, men’s and women’s hockey, as well as figure skating. The rink is also used for various events in the summer.

The King will continue to function under the hotel ownership, holding a place inside the hearts of all locals as the town hill with the rope tow, and the summer hikes.

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— Morgan McGlashon

Meanwhile, at Tyler Hardy's house...



Editorial
By Michael Redzich

Student Government: IDNR (In Desperate Need of Improvement)

The Jackson Hole Community School student government is a vestigial organ. The term vestigial refers to a part of the body that was once useful but now performs no essential purpose, like an appendix. Its existence, (without inflammation) or removal makes very little difference to the basic function of the organism. For years, the existence or disintegration of the student government has had and would have very little effect on the school. The time has come for that to change.

The acronym IDNR, which stands for something that practically every student has recognized but no one, as of late, has been willing to admit: In Desperate Need of Reform adequately describes our government's current state. Few, if any, new pieces of legislation

are put forward and passed. The blame for this is on many levels, but it rests primarily with the members of student government themselves. All too often, there is a lacking or apathetic response to other students' concerns. Not enough time is dedicated, not enough phone calls made, not enough studies and polls conducted. It is indeed a bleak picture, but one we all have the power to alter.

Therefore, with the assertion made that not nearly enough is being done, or attempted, or even looked into, what can be done to make anything better? The answer is a simple phrase, a simple solution: Proactive work ethic. The time has come for harder, more concentrated, earnest and deliberate attention on what matters. If a proposal does not work, let our representatives

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La Esquina Latina

Bienvenidos/Bienvenidas lectores a la esquina Latina, dónde publicaremos junto con el diario de JHCS, artículos especialmente dedicados a latinos hablantes y también a quién desee leer en español. Hemos creado La esquina latina todos aquellos que quieran informarse y que les resulte mas fácil noticias en español, dónde les haremos saber toda clase de corrientes noticias en Jackson, WY.

Una necesidad para los estudiantes en Teton distrito escolar es un aumento de financiación

Un 17% de la de la población de estudiantes en Teton es ESL, es un numero bastante alto comparado con la mayoría de distritos en Wyoming, cuyas poblaciones de estudiantes varían entre el 1-2%. ESL (English as a Second Language) son la población de estudiantes en el que el inglés és segundo idioma, cuyas escuelas no alcanzan el mínimo progreso anual (AYP), donde necesitan más profesores, más gente para organizar la escuela, y por supuesto, el requerimiento de financiación... No se trata en financiar un estudiante encima de otro, necesitan ayuda con el inglés, otro idioma que desconocen, es un costo justificable, no sólo mejorará el futuro de estos estudiantes, les será más fácil trabajar, seguir sus vidas, llevar una rutina... Nos tenemos que dar cuenta, que este asunto es muy importante, y tenemos que reaccionar al respeto. Es por estas y más razones, que necesitan financiación para mejorar estas escuelas. ESL, un futuro indeciso.

Editorial cont'd ...

sit down with the faculty and figure out a compromise. There is a great ability to work and a massive potential for success within JHCS' legislative body. It can't do it alone, however. Students have to go to their representative, inform them of what they want done and pester them until they take action. Compromise is imperative between the faculty and the students. And once everybody pitches in, the school will make positive

changes, there will be a higher level of satisfaction for everybody involved and no one will feel ignored.

Otherwise, what's the point of even having a student government at all?

If you have any ideas you would like submitted to the student government approach your representative and submit it to the newspaper for discussion at holeissue@planetjh.com

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Wazz Up in our community

Taking a shot at gun rights? Not in Wyoming

By Michael Redzich

Bang! The race is on to reform state gun rights. In stark contrast to recent national dialogue, the Wyoming State Senate has begun debate on a law to extend further gun rights to its citizens. Senate File 47, if passed, will repeal the state's current law concerning the carrying of concealed weapons. Repealing the law would give citizens the right to carry a firearm anywhere on their person, visible or not, without a permit.

A recent shooting in Cottonwood Park might serve as more fuel in this debate.

On February 1, police cars circled Colter Elementary school as a full-scale man hunt ensued while students were on lock down, scared and intimidated. Could keeping concealed weapons restricted prevent such events from occurring in greater frequency? Or would allowing more people to carry weapons promote self-defense when crimes are committed?

The debate also arrives on the heels of a mass shooting on Jan. 8 outside of a supermarket in Tucson, Ariz. involving Rep. Gabrielle Giffords (D - Arizona), who was shot in the head. At least 18 people were wounded or killed in this incident.

While opponents of this law, (and laws like it in other states) say that the tragic events in Arizona point to a need for more gun restrictions, proponents of the law say that legislation should not be influenced by the event.

Many Wyoming lawmakers argue that SF 47 is simply part of an effort to ensure that Wyoming citizens' Second Amendment rights are met. Meanwhile, several prominent state law enforcement officials are concerned that pulling back more regulation will just make their jobs harder.

Debate is sure to be heated over the topic, but opponents will face an uphill battle if they are to strike down the repeal in Wyoming's largely Republican (and strongly pro-firearms) Senate. One thing is certain: if anyone wants to take a shot at Wyoming's gun rights, they had better be ready to take some return fire.

Last Week ...

Style and Sense

By Emma Knoke

Chic gray and black clothing adorned the walls of Lines Gallery for a recent trunk show by James and Company. The show featured clothing from multiple designers, such as Urban Behavior, French Connection, BB Dakota and Steve Madden.

Shoes were high-heeled and very cutting edge without being over the top. There were some beautiful trench coats from BB Dakota marked to a reasonable price, given the quality and the designer. There were also amazing shirts and dresses. A lot of the clothing would probably be a little bit too sophisticated for the typical high school student's



Emma Knoke

wardrobe, consisting mainly of more mature cuts and styles. However, there were plenty of jackets and dresses that were more suited towards a younger age group. The trunk show also featured many beautiful jewelry pieces and handbags from various designers that

would be a fun statement for all age groups. James And Co. did a very good job selecting the clothing that was shown and made great use of the space. The two women, Katelyn and Angie James, who run James and Co. were very helpful and friendly.

Events

Feb. 11 "Good Honest Food" The Elks Lodge. Jackson Community Theater and the JH Elks Lodge Presents an encore Dinner Theatre Production of the award winning one-act "Good Honest Food". Join us for good laughs, good music and good honest food! 6:30 p.m. 690-857

Feb. 11 Best of the Banff Mountain Film Festival. J.H. High School Auditorium This year marks 18 years Skinny Skis has hosted the festival in Jackson Hole. 7 p.m. www.banffmountainfestivals.ca

Feb. 11 Burton Super Demo Tour Jackson Hole, Main Base Area 9 - 4 p.m. Burton.com/demotour

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Junior Players Off Square Theater. Ages 12-18 Budding theatre artists will engage in creative interpretation, improvisation, vocal technique, and movement for stage and scene work. Caryn@offsquare.org

Foreign Policy Discussion: Responding to the Financial Crisis. Teton County Library 6 p.m. odoherty@tclib.org

February 16- 18 Mini-Mester

Feb. 19 Phil Round in the lobby of Amangani Resort. Solo acoustic guitar and vocals. 6 - 9 p.m.

Feb. 21-22 Presidents Day Holiday

Feb. 25 End of 3rd quarter

Birthdays

February 6 Ellie Finnegan

February 15 Melissa Palmer

Horoscopes By Emma Knoke



Aquarius

January 20 - February 18 Keep your eyes open for new opportunities this week, like joining a club or a sports team. You never know, you might end up finding a new hobby.

Pisces

February 19 - March 20 School has been

difficult for you recently. This week your teacher will give you an opportunity to get help. Make sure you take it! Your grades will most likely go up.

Aries

March 21 - April 19 Your life has been full of drama lately. This week, make an attempt not to gossip, or believe everything people tell you. Your life will get much easier.

Taurus

April 20 - May 20 You've been feeling a bit down lately, but don't worry. Take a chance this week. You never know what could happen.

Gemini

May 21 - June 20 You have been so caught up with a new friend or boyfriend that your old friends are feeling neglected! Make sure to spend some time with them this weekend so they know you haven't forgotten about them.

Cancer

June 21 - July 22 Lately you have been working super hard in school, and well, just about everything else. Give yourself a break this weekend and just relax.

Leo

July 23 - August 22 Your friends have surrounded you for so long, they are starting to get annoying. Take some time for yourself this weekend, and you can go back with a much better attitude.

Virgo

August 23 - September 22 Lately, you have been fighting a lot with one of your friends. Take some time to talk it out, and really patch things up this week. It will benefit you in the long run.

Libra

September 23 - October 22 You have been so caught up in sports lately that you haven't had any time for

your friends. Make sure you take a break and hang out with them this week.

Scorpio

October 23 - November 21 It seems like forever since you've spent time with your family. Take some time off from hanging out with your friends. Your family is important too!

Sagittarius

November 22 - December 21 Life has been a bit stressful lately, and you are starting to get freaked out over tiny little things. Remember to slow down, and breathe. Things will get better soon.

Capricorn

December 22 - January 19 You are typically super shy, but this month, take some time to branch out, and meet some new people. Who knows, you might even end up meeting some great friends that you can be yourself with.

Dress code ...

under the current dress code, punishments are too severe and rules are too strict.

The policy on leggings is also ridiculous. Leggings show absolutely nothing, and are not revealing in any way. Our school bans girls from wearing those and from wearing "jeggings." With that ban, and the restrictions on skirts and shorts, the majority of girls are limited to wearing jeans all year long. Denim pants, although fine to wear sometimes, aren't always the most comfortable option.

Well how do we solve this conflict? At this point, many students feel helpless in the debate. Our school has a student government that the student body elects, and we have one representative from each grade. They have the ability to propose changes to the faculty. However, no matter how dissatisfied the student body is, or how many times the student government proposes a change in dress code, the faculty rejects it and refuses to discuss it further. Even if the student body is trying to make their voice heard, it feels as if no one is listening.

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Culinary Cues

Recipe from the Culinary Arts Club

Our Recipe for No Bake Cookies:

Ingredients:

- 2 cups white sugar
- 1/4 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 pinch salt
- 1/2 cup chunky peanut butter
- 3 cups quick cooking oats

Directions:

1. In a saucepan over medium heat, combine the cocoa, sugar, milk and butter. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Boil for 1 minute.
2. Remove from heat and stir in the salt, vanilla, oats and peanut butter.
3. Drop the rounded spoonfuls of the cookie mix onto waxed paper. Allow cookies to cool for at least 1 hour and Enjoy!