Kenny Rickert
valedictorian

Kenny Rickert will major in engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign next fall. During his time at EPCHS, Kenny was involved with football, basketball, baseball, Mathletes, WYSE, Student Leadership, Athletic Leadership and National Honor Society.

His favorite memory was Mr. Pembroke dancing to “Uptown Funk” at the spring pep assembly. Kenny will miss being involved with sports. His favorite and most influential teacher was Mr. Enstrom because “he made history entertaining.”

The most valuable lesson that Kenny has learned is that “without the proper identification in this world, you are nothing.”

In ten years, Kenny plans to pursue a career in engineering or be “an assistant to the regional manager at a mid-sized paper company in Pennsylvania.”

Cianna Valdez
salutatorian

Cianna Valdez will major in nursing at Illinois Wesleyan University. During her time at EPCHS, Cianna served as a student leader, freshman mentor and Snowball small group leader. She was also involved with National Honor Society and played soccer.

Cianna’s favorite high school memory was her mom seeing her crowned Homecoming Princess during her sophomore year. She will miss the school’s cafeteria food.

Cianna named Mr. Brahm as her most influential teacher. “He’s very intelligent and willing to help his students when they’re struggling, and I felt like I was really learning and comprehending the lessons he taught,” explained Cianna, adding, “He’s also really easy to get along with; seriously, one of the best teachers I’ve ever had!”

The most valuable lesson that Cianna has learned in high school is that “life is much bigger than the trivialities of high school. There are greater things the world has to offer than flaky friendships, impending due dates and small town drama.”

In ten years, Cianna sees herself owning her own home, being happy and successful with her family and career and owning lots of animals.

Check out the rest of the Top Ten Percent inside!
Mr. Mustang ‘18 crowned

BY AMARI BROWN

This year’s Mustang competition took place on Apr. 18. Our ten senior contestants were Terrance Hawkins, Pat Doran, Robert Hicks, Daniel Reyes, Luis Carreon, Brantel Valentine, Querrion Smith, Cooper Nolan, Obadiah White and David Torres. The judges were Mr. Bill Sanderson, Mr. Dan Truffa, Ms. Julie Egan, Ms. Shaunita Bowen and Mr. Tom Minarik.

Mr. Mustang is a competition for senior boys. They have the opportunity to win two free prom tickets. They have to participate in a series of categories such as a dance routine, formal wear, talent and an introductory video. This event is a fundraiser for Operation Snowball. The auditorium was packed with friends, families and students. The audience took in the incredible ten contestants. Mr. Ray Schellenberger, who organized the event, said, “This was the best [Mr. Mustang competition] yet! This group of boys is terrific and is so willing to put themselves out there.”

Senior Obadiah White was crowned Mr. Mustang 2018. The leadership team would like to thank everyone who came out to help support this event.

Student Govt. collects food for pantry

BY KATE BERMAN

During the weeks of Apr. 16-27, all first block classes collected food for the food drive. 1,856 items were collected. The food will be donated to the Evergreen Park Food Pantry. “By default, the food has always gone to the local food pantry,” Mr. English, Student Government co-sponsor, said.

In years past, food was collected by grade level. To increase student involvement, this year the food was collected in first block classes. “It is easier to motivate students when the groups are smaller,” Mr. English explained. He also went on to say that it is harder to keep track of larger numbers. Overall turnout and more food was donated than in years past.

Students feel as though the food drive helps them make an impact in the local community. Senior Jocelyn Quintas explains, “The food drive is beneficial to both the school and the community. We buy more than we consume, so rather than throwing out the food, we can donate it. It is a win-win for everyone.”

Ms. Beth Spezia’s first block class collected 376 items and were the winners. They will receive doughnuts from Student Government.

Woods Club, class help Illinois Horse Rescue with donated feed boxes

BY MYA COOPER

Mr. Dave Ridenour held a charity event benefiting the Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County when he was contacted by Sharon Wiebe, the mother of a former student. The Materials Design and Fabrication class, as well as the Woods Club, began making boxes to hold donations for the event. There are seventy collection boxes in total.

These boxes were required to be able to hold money and be locked. Usually these boxes would take a long time to build; however, the class and club found a few shortcuts along the way. They discovered that by using the laser, a ton of time would be spared. They also found a unique way to shape the bottom of the box, so the boxes can be unlocked when finished serving their purpose.

Community member Sharon Wiebe was inspired by the EP community barn to join in and help this organization. If you’re interested in this organization or helping horses be adopted, you can visit the website www.illinoishorserescue.org.

Ridenour’s students not only helped the Illinois Horse Rescue of Will County, but they also did a couple of other projects. They helped out the American Legion organization by making them a podium they requested. The last project they did was for the graduating senior class. They made new templates and cut out some of the outlines for graduation signs.

Fourteen students from the Yearbook and Newspaper clubs competed in the IHLA Journalism sectional on Apr. 21 at Homewood-Flossmoor High School. In 3rd place were Ruby Mendoza in Yearbook Layout, Double Page Spread and Grace Sisto in Yearbook Caption Writing. In 4th place were Mallory Burke in both Newspaper Design and Sports Writing, Kierstin Brannigan in Photo Storytelling and Katt Ithal in Yearbook Copy Writing. Overall, Evergreen Park High School placed fifth out of 11 schools. Advancing to the State competition at Eastern Illinois University on Apr. 27 were Caroline Gernman and Shannon McConville (3rd in Yearbook Theme Development), Katt Ithal (3rd in Infographics), Kate Berman (2nd in News Writing) and Colleen Burns (1st in editorial writing).

Congratulations to Dr. Mike Thomas, STamPede Teacher of the Year!
I am not only proud of our student body for walking out and protesting gun violence after the horrific shooting [in Parkland, FL], but also proud of our staff. Many teachers expressed their feelings and encouraged students to do what they thought was right. Like many others, I was happy to see our principal and deans supporting our peaceful protest.

—EMILY GOODMAN, ’18

With everything happening in today’s world, we need to come together as a school and truly unite for causes we care about, be they as wide-sweeping as gun control or as personal as school spirit. Our differences should not be a fighting matter, as they have been. I hope that EPCHS can become a family, welcoming and loving each student and staff member. Once we are united, there is nothing that can stop us. We are strong and young and capable of making good changes, but until we can change to love our classmates and staff, we cannot expect to create lasting legacies.

—HANNAH RAHM, ’19

[We need] equality and fairness to all races. Consequences should be the same, and skin color shouldn’t differ the consequences.

—NOLAN BRUCE, ’21

There is one issue in this school and around the world on ignorance of other cultures and religions. The definition of ignorance is the lack of knowledge or information and in this school, I don’t believe we learn enough about religions or cultural history. As a solution, students should be offered more opportunities to learn, including more classes and clubs.

—NYAH TSAI, ’19

This school should speak on more racial issues happening in America during seminars.

—KRYSTEN MILLS, ’18

If [teachers] make it fun, students will want to learn more. Giving assignment after assignment just makes [students] bored and unproductive. Instead of telling students what they can and cannot do, encourage them to follow their passions. Encourage them to be creative. No one can expect to create lasting legacies.

—HANNAH RAHM, ’19

Your student voice to the Board of Education
from the March 27 Board of Education meeting:

Prom ticket sales: Some students would like to be better informed about when tickets will go on sale. There are also some concerns about paying off library fees before purchasing tickets.

Diversity forums: Feedback from students says many felt the after-school diversity forums were a great idea and a chance to work together. The assembly on cultural sensitivity and diversity went very well; students especially liked the video that was shown at the end.

Building safety and security/walk-out: In light of school shootings, a group of students discussed concerns about the safety and security of the school building. In particular, concerns were expressed about adjoining rooms such as the computer/publications lab. Suggestions included looking into a system of locks and/or bullet-proof windows. The walk-out was a serious event that went well.

from the April 24 Board of Education meeting:

SAT Testing: Some juniors stated they did not like testing in the gym; they found it difficult to concentrate. Suggestions include using the lecture room or classrooms for testing in the future. Some students would also like to avoid testing in the auditorium, as the desks are too small.

Timing of Spring Break: Difficult to time Spring Break—it may be too early or too late. Scheduling around the SAT is a factor.

Mr. Mustang competition: Despite some technical issues, the show was great and the audience had a good time. We suggest that the candidates should be encouraged to help sell tickets for the show. Another suggestion is to add a student to the judging panel.

“Mustangs Go Green” initiative: The goal is to encourage students to learn about environmental science and to help out in their community. Ideas include a water bottle contest, testing out different methods of sustainable growing (hydroponics and aquaponics systems), gardening and composting and collecting pop tabs year-round for Ronald McDonald House.

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Elizabeth Brendich will major in secondary education at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Elizabeth plans to pursue a career as a high school math teacher. During Elizabeth’s time at EPCHS, she was involved in many sports and activities, such as volleyball, softball, NHS, Athletic Leadership, WYSE Team, Snowball and Student Government. Her favorite memory during her time at EPCHS is the obviously loud and crazy bus rides to and from volleyball games. Elizabeth says, “I am proud to miss the amazing staff here the most when I leave.” Her favorite teacher was Ms. Allgazer. She explains, “She not only taught me SOAT and let me have coffee in her class every morning, but she introduced me to math in a way that made me love it so much that I know I want to be a teacher just like her.” The most valuable lesson she learned in high school is that everything happens for a reason. In ten years, Elizabeth sees herself being somewhat healthy, hopefully engaged and living in Miami.

Adriana Odom will major in biology at St. John’s University, pursuing a career as a pediatrician or dermatologist. Adriana participated in cheerleading and NHS. Her favorite memory in high school was coming into high school as a freshman thinking it was going to be scary, but realizing it was not all that it was made out to be. Adriana will miss seeing the most and laughing in high school. Her favorite teacher at EPCHS was Mr. Knapiq. Adriana says, “He was the most influential because he was always there to motivate me and assist me with anything I needed.” The most valuable lesson she learned in high school is that “sometimes the people that you call your friends may not actually be your friends.” The person you met last night could have better intentions than the person you’ve known for years. Some people are only meant to be in your life temporarily. In ten years, Adriana sees herself finishing her medical residency.

Brittani Edgeworth will be majoring in nursing at Saint Xavier University, pursuing a career as a nurse practitioner. During her time at EPCHS, Brittani was involved in varsity swimming, FBLA and Athletic Leadership Council. Her favorite memory of high school was coming into high school as a freshman and being successful and possibly going back to school and having a family and a home. Brittani saw herself being a part of an experience that I had in high school that wasn’t as easy for me. In ten years, Brittani hopes to travel around the world and being happy.

Arielle Riley will be majoring in psychology at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Arielle plans on pursuing a career as a pediatrician. During Arielle’s time at EPCHS, she was involved in soccer, International Club, newspaper and Student Leadership. Arielle’s favorite memory of high school was participating in the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge with her peers and Mr. Pembroke. She will mostly miss having teachers as part of an intimate community. Her favorite teacher at EPCHS was Mr. Knapiq. Arielle says, “He went out of his way to ensure that all students who planned to go to medical school had all of the tools necessary to do so.” The most valuable lesson she learned in high school is to take responsibility for problems instead of placing blame. In ten years, Arielle sees herself being in her residency, engaged and living in Miami.

Alexie Telstad will be majoring in biology at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Alexie hopes to pursue a career as a neonatologist. During Alexie’s time at EPCHS, she was involved in marching band, concert band, jazz band, choir, Madrigals, Unaccompanied Minors, Madrigals and NHS. Alexie will miss her friend and teachers; “It will be weird not seeing my little sister Alexia or Mr. Pasek, the greatest band teacher of all time. I’m excited to meet new people but I hope I stay in touch with all of my old friends and staff as well.” Her favorite teacher was Mr. Smith; “He taught me many lessons that changed my attitude towards school and work ethic for the better.” The most valuable lesson she learned is that “sometimes the people that you call your friends may not actually be your friends.” The person you met last night could have better intentions than the person you’ve known for years. Some people are only meant to be in your life temporarily. In ten years, Alexia sees herself finishing her medical residency.

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Mallory Burke will major in nursing and business at Ball State University. Mallory participated in Mathletes, Student Government (class president all four years), NHS (vice president), FBLA, Snowball, International Club, track, volleyball, music, newspaper, chess, daily announcements and Student Government. Mallory’s favorite memory was the basketball games and this year’s Snow Dance. She will most miss “the teachers, relationships I’ve made with friends, and the feeling of community I formed.” Mallory’s favorite teacher was Mr. Pasek; “He taught me many lessons that changed my attitude towards school and work ethic for the better.” The most valuable lesson she learned is that “sometimes the people that you call your friends may not actually be your friends.” The person you met last night could have better intentions than the person you’ve known for years. Some people are only meant to be in your life temporarily. In ten years, Mallory sees herself working as a Director of Nursing, living in an apartment in Boston with a Hisky and earning a luxurious salary with enough spare cash to travel.

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Cooper Nolan will be deciding his major at DePaul University. During his time at EPCHS, Cooper participated in football and Scholastic Bowl. His favorite memory in high school was when Mr. Pembroke danced during an assembly his freshman year. Cooper says, “Oh boy, can he groove!” Cooper will most likely choose economics as his major on the course load the most at EPCHS. His favorite teacher at EPCHS is Mr. Enstrom. Cooper states, “He taught me more than just history lessons. He taught me that life was to be an outstanding man.” The most valuable lesson that he learned from high school was that he learned how to think high of himself. In ten years, Cooper sees himself moving back in with his parents—again.

Haley Oresky will attend the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Haley is considering a career in microbiology. Haley enjoyed in swim, band, choir, theatre, International Club and Service Club. Her favorite memory was the band trips to New Orleans and Disney World. Haley says, “Both of these trips gave me experiences I will never be able to have without band.” She is going to miss writing songs and talking to her friends the most every day at school. Her favorite teacher at EPCHS was Mr. Pembroke. Haley adores, “He was always supporting and helpful with anything I asked him.” The most valuable lesson Haley learned in high school was that procrastination is okay as long as you work hard at the very end. In ten years, Haley sees herself driving down Southwest Highway in a Maserati.

David Gutierrez will major in neuroscience at Loyola University of Chicago. David was involved with soccer and International Club. David’s favorite high school memory was Mr. Pembroke dancing to “Uptown Funk” in a pink jacket and fedoras at the spring pep assembly. David’s favorite teacher was Mr. Mikulski because “he’s the one who saw potential in me to really push myself and get into honors/AP classes.” The most valuable lesson that David has learned in high school is “do not be pessimistic to try new things—you might end up enjoying yourself.” In ten years, David will continue working as a neurologist, living in a nice home (hopefully) with a spouse but definitely with a dog.

Jocelyn Quintas will major in glass engineering science at Alfred University. Jocelyn plans to pursue a career as a glass manufacturer/fabricator. Jocelyn was involved in Service Club, Culinary Arts Club, International Club, Art Club, Creative Writing Club, SADD, Snowball, Choir, NHS and Woods Club. “Me and my friends would hide in the band hallway. I am going to miss those times because they were fun!” says Jocelyn. She will miss the bond friendships she built. Her favorite teacher was Mr. Shields. Jocelyn says, “She never gave up on me. She taught me never to give into fear because fear will drive you around and let you go. My deepest fear was not being perfect, but I never let it define me.” A lesson that Jocelyn learned in high school was never to procrastinate. In ten years, Jocelyn sees herself driving down Southwest Highway in a Maserati.

Blake Rabodeenko will major in industrial design at the Rhode Island School of Design, with plans of becoming a product designer, developing new things all the time and going back to not knowing where he ends up. Blake has learned in high school that teaching was the right path for me.” In ten years, Blake sees himself designing and still being creative.

Elizabeth MacDonald will be majoring in physical therapy at Saint Louis University, pursuing a career as a physical therapist. During her time at EPCHS, Elizabeth participated in soccer. Her favorite memory in high school was being healing the tackle in soccer. Elizabeth will miss playing soccer with her teammates at EPCHS. Her favorite teacher in high school was Mr. Enstrom because of his valuable lessons. The most valuable lesson she learned here at EPCHS is if you work hard, you will be successful in anything you do. Elizabeth says, “In ten years, I see myself out of college and starting my career.”

Victoria Yozzo plans to study education and biology at Moraine Valley Community College to pursue a career as a high school teacher. She was involved in yearbook, NHS and Mathletes. Her favorite memory in high school was being hidden under the table during a biology exam. Her chemistry table mates were Mr. Patel and Ms. Granata. Victoria says, “I am so grateful for them helped me see that teaching was the right path for me.” Victoria states, “What you do when nobody is watching is way more important than what you do when they are.” In ten years, Victoria envisions herself being married and teaching in a high school.
Oh, the Places We’ll Go!

$12,233,813 scholarship dollars earned
143 individual scholarships offered
230 graduates
704 days of high school
84 graduates completed their K-12 education in E.P. public schools
Prairie State College
Chicago Heights, IL
Hope Shannon

Prairie View A & M University
Prairie View, TX
Amari Martin

Rhode Island School of Design
Providence, RI
Blake Rabodzenko

Richard Daly Community College
Chicago, IL
Jarlyn Picazo

Robert Morris University
Chicago, IL
Enrique Garcia

Rockford University
Rockford, IL
Obadiah White

Roosevelt University
Chicago, IL
Kelly Farmer

Saint Xavier University
Chicago, IL
Brittani Edgeworth

Southern Illinois University
Carbondale, IL
Jaelin Cole

Southern Illinois University
Edwardsville, IL
Mara Bracken

Southern Suburban College
South Holland, IL
Patrick Doran

Spelman College
Atlanta, GA
Justice Phillips

St. Ambrose University
Davenport, IA
Nyssa Wagner

St. John’s University
Queens, NY
Tauryn Brown

St. Louis University
St. Louis, MO
Elizabeth MacDonald

Tennessee State University
Nashville, TN
Daniel Woodall

Tricoci University
Chicago, IL
Nyah Kennedy

Tuskegee University
Tuskegee, AL
Dana Sanders

United States Military
Air Force
Alexus Clark

Army
Camille Shiel

Marines
Brandon Belle

National Guard
Conner Suszynski

University of Illinois
Chicago, IL
Eslanda Bertasiute

University of Illinois
Urbana-Champaign, IL
Benas Alcauskas

University of Iowa
Iowa City, IA
Kelly Ashe

University of Kansas
Lawrence, KS
Quran Hoffman

University of Wisconsin
Milwaukee, WI
Meg Miller

Western Illinois University
Macomb, IL
Jasmine Turner

Workforce
Internship for Denver Public Schools
Melissa Rodriguez-Soto

Electrical
Manny Cumba

Ironworkers Local 1
Ira Francisco

Locomotive Engineer
Hunter Kammer

Music Producing
Ilijah Marrero

Photography
Kierstin Brannigan

Pipefitter Local 397
Colin Dewin

Stationary Engineer Local 399
John O’Shea

Class of 2018

By the Numbers

69
IHSA Scholastic Achievement Awards

35
President’s Education Awards

26
Illinois State Scholar Commission Certificates of Achievement

23
SSC Activities Scholastic Achievement Awards

23
SSC Athletics Scholastic Achievement Awards

3,895
hours spent in high school classes

Oh, the Places We’ll Go!
From Diapers to Diplomas
Can you match the adorable babies below to the graduates of the Class of 2018? Answers on bottom of next page.

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I, Lilly Gozum, do hereby leave Grace Huneck my spikes that won us the 4x8 at sectionals and that have my lucky tag on them.
I, Lena Smith, do hereby leave Liam Kantzler the title of “mother duck” of the low brass section and leave Hope Michalek all my warmth so she’ll never be cold again.
I, Samantha Yanevich, do hereby leave my cheer spirit and excitement to my brother Aaron Spaulding to cheer on the Mustangs football and basketball teams.
I, Elizabeth Brendich, do hereby leave Emily Manso my love for the soup at lunch and the endless dumb questions being asked at the worst times.
I, Agustina Contreras, do hereby leave Colin Brennan my unwavering amounts of anxiety and love for those around me.
I, Arieyanna Bolling, do hereby leave Jakayla Bolling the strength and willpower that I had to make it through the rest of high school.
I, Maritza Garcia, do hereby leave Devin Moore my percussion family and my patience, Sean Duffy my optimism and positivity in hopes that he has a great junior year, and Faith Bain my Peppa Pig obsession in hopes that it keeps going in percussion.
I, Sandra Esparza, do hereby leave Jazmine Estrada my beautiful blue Durango and Emily Zurella my loud voice to talk smack at every single basketball and football game.
I, Sean Doherty, do hereby leave Nolan Bruce my jersey number #8 for soccer next season.
I, Dominique McBride, do hereby leave Nyah Tsai my sense of style to rock through the halls.
I, Declan Smyth, do hereby leave Michael Schulte my golf leadership, basketball number, and baseball flow!
I, Logan Kantzler, do hereby leave Brian Gutrich my cringey Scholastic Bowl names, Lucas Kantzler YOLITKOG and the band locker, and Liam Kantzler my title of Head Kantzler.
I, Kierstin Brannigan, do hereby leave Tessa Foley and Nicole Mutnansky my love and support as they continue on their high school journey.
I, Nyssa Wagner, do hereby leave Sinéad Doogan my advanced band locker, Brian Gutrich a slice of the small amount of optimism that I have left, Sean Duffy our recipe of banana pancakes for when we wish it was a rainy day, and Shohan Moran the defensive line on the soccer team.
I, Kaitlyn Ithal, do hereby leave Angel Foney my Fit for Life kick-boxing glove...Remember to only use it with some not-so-friendly ghost!
I, Obadiah White, do hereby leave Vincent Marzano my route running and catching abilities.
I, Thomas Engraffia, do hereby leave Christian Rosso my hairstyle and hair gel, and also a few tips for your golf swing.
I, Mallory Burke, do hereby leave Kayley and Heidi Burke my school spirit and undying energy to get through every sporting event.
I, Meg Miller, do hereby leave Shannon Miller my scratched-up Wacom tablet and Annabel Viravec my URL on Tumblr.
I, Heaven Moore, do hereby leave Courteney Hoover in charge of the Foster Park First Lady legacy.
I, Alexie Telstad, do hereby leave Makenzie Telstad my reputation with teachers, whether good or bad.
I, Nolan Caliman, do hereby leave Sam Rogers my Nolan shirt and my 115mph fastball.
I, Shannon McConville, do hereby leave Hannah Rahm my singing voice and my spot in yearbook.
I, Stella Tarlin, do hereby leave Hannah Rahm the title of band pummaster, Aidan Doogan all the procrastination that I never got around to doing, and Maya Lopez the title of trumpet mom and all the granola bars and valve oil that the job requires.
I, Lena Smith, do hereby leave Liam Kantzler the title of momma duck of the low brass section and Hope Michalek all my warmth so she won’t be cold for the next three years.
I, Dana Sanders, do hereby leave Jaysilky Miyangos my supersized bag of Reese’s, Liam Duffy my hugs and loud sneezes, and Daniella Salazar control of the French horn section.
I, Abby Butler, do hereby leave Mad Miller my love for volleyball and Emily Manso my goofy personality.
I, Manuel Cumba, do hereby leave Christian Epps the sauce to carry out his life in style.
Varsity Wall Inductees are student-athletes who have earned five or more varsity letters during their four years at Evergreen Park Community High School.
Girls track team makes EP history

SSC Sectional Champions

BY MALLORY BURKE

The girls track and field team became SSC Red Conference Champions Apr. 3 at Shepherd High School after having lost to Shepherd for eight consecutive years. The team beat their fellow competitors by a whopping 24 points, compared to their 13-point loss to “the orange” last season.

A key factor in the girls’ success was that each athlete scored points, which doesn’t happen easily on the average high school girls track and field team. Sophomore 40-point scorer Tiera Robinson-Jones explains that everybody’s contribution, from the distance athletes to the throwers, is what put the team on top. According to Coach Geyer, the 400 dash performances by Heidi Burke and Alexus Clark toward the end of the season put the team on top. According to Coach Geyer, the 400 dash performances by Heidi Burke and Alexus Clark toward the end of the season put the team on top.

Boys track 4x160 m indoor champs at conference

BY OBADIAH WHITE

The boys track team had an exciting and hardworking season this year. Although the team is smaller than others, they still compete to accomplish goals as well as maintain an effective work ethic.

As the season comes to an end, there have been several great accomplishments. The 4x160 meter indoor conference champions Darryn Caston, Terrance Hawkins, David Torres and Obadiah White plan to continue their success to qualify for state in the 4x100 meter and the 4x200 meter relays. Kobe Green continues to add medals to the collection with fast times in hurdles. Adding to the success is the muscle man of the team, Robert Hicks, throwing farther each time he touches a shot or discus. Don’t forget about the lungs of the team, Daniel Harless, setting personal records for his mile.

These track athletes would not be anything without the support of coaches Ray Mankowski, Mike Strubin and Gordy Lux for pushing the team every day to get better and never give up. Coach Mankowski said, “You can’t be a great team without a leader.” This is a vital part of participating in a team sport and furthering life skills.

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Girls soccer season sees big wins and goals in double-digits

BY DANIULA SALAZAR

The girls varsity soccer team is having a great season and has defeated many schools like Beecher High School, Richards High School, Bremen High School and Oak Lawn High School. The girls have successfully made sixteen goals and are expecting many more. Seniors Saoirse Wagner, Hope Shannon, Elizabeth MacDonald, Taylor Fera, Caroline Dwyer and Sandra Esparsa played their last home game on Apr. 27, against Bremen High School with a score of 2-0, with goals made by Emma O’Grady and Caroline Dwyer.

Coach Moreno has been coaching for EP's girls varsity team for two years and has shaped up the varsity girls so they can bring the team to victory. Coach Moreno will be coaching boys varsity next year as well as the girls. Nyah Tsai says, “I am really proud of how far the team has come. I am looking forward to the rest of the season and am hoping the seniors enjoy their last games here at Evergreen Park High School.” Although the seniors are graduating, we hope to see them come back and support team for the following season.

Baseball says bye to seniors

BY KALLIE SCHILLO

This season for the Evergreen Park baseball team was one to remember. With a stacked team of strong players and the determination of each of them, the team had high hopes for the season. The boys trained hard prior to the season started. Their remarkable perseverance paid off, resulting in a 6-0 record in the first few games of the season. Freshman Sam Rogers stepped up to the plate throughout his first season. Behind the plate catching or up to bat, Sam certainly didn’t let his team down. “At first I was nervous playing varsity baseball, as a freshman. Quickly into the season, my teammates and I created a bond that is unbreakable. My team is like family to me; we challenge each other to do better,” said senior triple jumper and co-distance runner Kayley Burke. Senior triple jumper and co-distance runner Kayley Burke has also been crucial additions. The team includes ten graduating seniors continuing their efforts as the season comes to a close.

Sport’s bond is strong

BY JAZMINE ESTRADA

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