State Play-in Games!
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The 2020-2021 season for the Green River High Schools boys and girls basketball teams has been exciting and rewarding as well as challenging. The season is coming to an end, but it couldn't end without the state tournament. For the first round play-in games, the Boys basketball team will be playing Milford at our home court on February 25 at 5 pm. The Tigers are ranked number seventeen and the Pirates are number sixteen for RPIs. The game will determine if the team is done for the season or moves up in the bracket to play Bryce Valley on Saturday.

The girls basketball team will also have their play-in game at home and will be facing the Escalante Moquis Saturday February 27 at 1pm. The Lady Pirates are ranked number six, and the Moquis are number 11. Come out and cheer the teams on, and Good Luck Pirates!
On Friday, February 19, Green River High School carried out their Senior Night tradition, of honoring the graduating students of that particular year. The night was full of emotions as the girls played the JV boys, the boys honored Tab who recently passed, and the seniors bid a farewell to the last of their highschool activities.

The game of the Lady Pirates vs. the JV Pirates was an interesting one. Days leading up to the event, members of the teams were talking the talk and biting their bite. The Lady Pirates however, just didn’t measure up to the heat of the talk, despite their best efforts. The JV boys won the game, even though the crowd was loud for the girls. It was at half time of this game that the senior cheerleaders danced a special dance for the audience that sat upon our new bleachers.

Between the game of the Lady Pirates vs. the JV boys and the Pirates vs. the Tintic team, the seniors took the floor with their parents. One family at a time, each of the seniors were announced and given a gift from the juniors of the school. As a senior, it was a great experience to be a part of.

Once the seniors left the floor, the boys teams began their warm up for the game. Unlike the usual boys uniform, every single one of the pirates wore an officials’ shirt with the name Tab on the back in green letters. This was to honor Tab who passed away recently. He was and always will be a big piece of the school. Once a Pirate, always a Pirate.

The Pirates played their last home game, however the Tintic team was just better. Their team members were great shooters, and made quite a bit of 3 pointers. It has been a hard year with Covid for all of the schools competing, but we are proud of our pirate teams for how hard and far they have come. Even though we didn't have victories this last game, simply getting through the year was a victory in itself.
On Thursday February 11, 2021, Cristian Mendoza and I flew to Arkansas to go visit Virg Mendoza for a few days. We were supposed to leave on Sunday, February 14, 2021. But, the weather had other plans. Overnight Arkansas got over seven inches of snow. It has been over twenty years since they got snow down in the southern region. All of our flights kept getting canceled because of the brewing storm, so we stayed until we could get a flight home.

Over in Arkansas they only have two snow plows in the whole state. They rarely get snow— so they do not invest in things they do not need. Oh boy, were they in for a treat! The roads stayed unplowed and everything shut down. Even the highways were full of snow and ice. Nobody knows how to drive in the snow down there. They are not used to having the roads covered and everything slick. That resulted in cars flying off of the roads left and right, and many stayed stuck. Not even tow-companies would come for them.

It snowed for about four days straight, the snow just kept piling up. Virg’s pipes even froze and we had to improvise with washing dishes and other water usages. Then, on Thursday February 18th, the weather was clear. The skies were blue and the water spun off the tires as the snow melted. We got a flight home and it went well. I would not trade this experience for anything. It was one of the best times of my life.
Just recently, we had to move to remote learning. For those who might not understand what that means, it means that we had to do online learning from home. For us, it was definitely difficult because we have been in school this whole year, so to suddenly switch from learning in-school to learning from-home, it was different. Some struggled, some did great, and others just didn’t care. Personally I was one of those students who struggled. I struggled to find ambition, to understand, and to actually do work.

Every teacher had their own way of doing their classes. Many of the teachers taught their classes through Webex, but how they did it is what made it different. For a couple of my classes, all you had to do was check in for attendance and then you may leave. After you left, you would begin your work and if you had questions about the work, all you had to do was go to the home Webex room that was open all day. For another class, you would get on the Webex to listen to your lesson from your teacher and you had the option to stay on and work through the assignment with your teacher.

With all the different ways of doing your work, on top of having so much work from all your different classes—I think that is what everyone mostly struggled with. Also, when people get frustrated after a while, they tend to give up. I feel like that is what happened over the course of those two weeks. Hopefully, if this ever happens again, we will have an idea of what to do and what to not do as the last time.
The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service will be in Green River from April 3rd, 2021 to June 6th, 2021. They are having an exhibit on water/ways at the John Wesley Powell River History Museum. The exhibit contains many free standing displays of photographs, objects, and an interactive touchscreen computer. It will also include many more fun activities, which is why you should go. It talks about the importance of water and how essential it is to human life, how it can affect us in many ways that we might not even realize. Since we have the river it would be a cool experience to learn more about the ways that water affects every living thing on earth. This exhibit will be a fun activity for everyone to be a part of. Also to have the exhibit here the museum had to schedule and book the Smithsonian. So, as locals, we should show some support and go to the exhibit.