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THE MUSTANG GAZETTE

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Tradition of Excellence

Sidney Meeks
MG Staff

After rising before 6 a.m. every morning, eating approximately 6,120 school lunches, holding countless meetings, and scheduling innumerable school activities, Malta School District's principal, Scott King, has announced that he will retire at the end of this school year. Mr. King will be saying farewell to the Malta School District where he has spent the past 34 years, and has held multiple titles and positions. King announced earlier this year that his plans to retire.

Mr. King received his teaching degree from North Dakota in 1981. He then furthered his education and attained his graduate degree in educational leadership from the University of Montana in Missoula. His career began in 1981 in Harlem, Montana, where he was hired to teach industrial arts.

In 1985, he moved to Malta to become the middle school principal, industrial arts teacher, head wrestling coach, and assistant football coach. Then in 1989, and continuing over the next four years, Mr. King served as the assistant track coach as well as the Mustang's head football coach in which he won three state championships in both. In 2012, he gave up all other teaching responsibilities to become the high school principal and athletic director.

Not only was Mr. King a great administrator and coach, but also a great coworker and friend. Mr. Kuehn, who has worked with King for the past fifteen years shared, "Professionally he taught me that you can accomplish more with a soft tone and a directive than you can with a loud voice. There's something about his demeanor that disarms people. That is the thing I will miss the most, his calming influence that he has on our school." Mr. Bleth, just like Mr. Kuehn, has had a very close relationship with King, not only through school and sports activities, but in life. "I especially enjoyed coaching. All the time spent with him outside of actual practice, before the games, after big wins, and just the time spent in that environment was great. It was fun and we always had a good time. It was the thought that we were working together for a common purpose. I will always look back on all of our memories very fondly. Of course after thirteen years together



Above: Mr. King and Mr. Lindgren.



Above: Mr. King and Mrs. Brewer shake hands during an MHS pep rally. Photo credits: MHS Annual.

we were bound to have a lot of good laughs and shared experiences."

One of King's closest colleagues, Mr. Schye, shared that he coached football with King for 29 years, as well as track. He too was more than just a co-worker of King's. Schye fondly remembers all of the good times they shared with the student athletes. "Even out of school today we still talk track and field and football. No matter if we are building a deck, or going hunting, our talks always seem to make their way back to sports." Mr. Schye also admires, "his dedication, organization, and the way he treats people." Clearly, Mr. King, has made his mark here at Malta High School.

Mr. King will be leaving big shoes to fill with his vast amount of knowledge, years of experience, and the pride he has for MHS. "It was never beneath him to sweep the rug or pick up any garbage off the floor. He was a leader by action!"

Mr. Engebretson praised. Mr. King has always gone out of his way to help anyone he could. Mr. Bleth fondly expressed, "I have learned as much from him in terms of teaching, coaching and just life, than anyone. I don't know if he meant to or if it just kind of happened, but he was always

teaching coaches how to be better coaches, teachers better teachers, and people better people. He always found ways to teach things or point out things in a constructive or positive way." King also never failed to keep things

fair and not let one activity out power the rest.

"He had a great view of the whole school. Speech and drama, a c a d e m i c s ,

music, clubs

and sports were all important, and he viewed all students the same way, important!" added Mr. Engebretson. Mr. E was definitely right! Mr. King has had total belief and pride in everything that MHS represents. "I believe that we are one of the best high schools in Montana and the students have the opportunity to experience different areas academically and through our activities programs as well. Our music program is the best with great directors, and our athletics and activities speak for themselves." Mr. King voiced proudly.

"His footprints are everywhere around the school, cleanliness, orderliness, and exceptional behavior from the student body. A solid foundation has been set for the students and faculty." Mr. Kuehn stated. Schye agreed with Kuehn and added "Mr. King is the person who comes into a situation and when he leaves, the situation, the people are better from him being there." "I know a lot of people who have been influenced by him. A lot of kids who will have never had him as a coach, teacher, or principal will still feel the influence of his work without

even knowing it was him, like the little traditions that we will carry on such as the pep rallies in the foyer, and they will feel the impact he had on us," Mr. Bleth said emotionally.

When I asked Mr. King if there was anything he wanted to leave with the students of MHS, he thoughtfully responded, "I have always told students to take advantage of their time here. They are creating memories that will last a lifetime. Little did I know that I would be taking my own advice. I have created memories that will last ME a lifetime!"

After retiring, Mr. King plans to travel to Maine to pick up his dad's woodworking tools so he can get back into woodworking himself. He and his wife Kathy also plan to spend a lot of time with their children and grandchildren and do some traveling with them.

We here at MHS would like to thank you, Mr. King, and wish you the best on your well-deserved retirement. We will continue to carry on the "Tradition of Excellence" you have instilled.



Above: Throwbacks of Mr. King and friends from years 85-93. Left: Mr. King and Mr. Freed in the Old Gym.



Academic Olympics '19

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On the morning of March 28th, at 6:00 a.m., ten of Malta High School's elite academics traveled to Glasgow to compete in the 2019 High School Academic Olympics. Each school attending had two teams that had five participants each. Malta's Team 1 consisted of seniors Taylor Eggebrecht and Grayson Waters, junior Kelbee Denham, sophomore Sidney Meeks, and freshman Zac Judd. Team two included seniors Reese Sjostrom and Reba Doucette, sophomore Hayden VanWichen, and freshman Eion Estill.

When we rolled into Glasgow around 7:00 a.m., we stopped at McDonald's to grab a bite to eat to fuel our brains for a long day of test taking. Once we arrived at the Scottie High School, we received our paperwork and settled into our seats for our first test which was Math. We were allowed fifty minutes for each test, and there were a total of four; Math, Social Studies, Science, and English. When we finished all four tests we took a thirty minute lunch break. The Glasgow School provided us with Eugene's Pizza and pop. After lunch, our team, along with six other teams, headed to the auditorium to compete in the oral rounds which were



Left to Right: Eion Estill, Reba Doucette, Kelbee Denham, Sidney Meeks, Taylor Eggebrecht, Jillian O'Brien, Keenan VanWichen, Grayson Waters, Reese Sjostrom, Zac Judd. Photo Credits: Mrs. Pankratz.



Tentatively Planned Activities

Stayed tuned for more info on KMMR & PCN.

Junior Golf Camp-partners with Marion Golf Course
Summer Tumbling-partners with Natalie & Kayla Judd

Kids & Family Kayaking-partners with Steph Nagel & BrightEyes Watercraft Rentals

Tennis Lessons- By Asst. Rec. Director, Sally Wright
Skateboarding Lessons- partners with Travis Rhoads

Dance - partners with Sheena Dorak
Billiards School - partners with John Wright

Doggie Dip - End of pool season when City Pool closes

Soccer Camp - 3 day camp by Asst. Rec. Director, Sally & Kendrick Wright

Six Voices, One Sound

MG Staff
Izzy Markuson

On Monday, March 25th, Malta Middle/High school students enjoyed a performance by the acapella group, Six-Appeal. Students watched the group open with the song "Some Kind of Wonderful" by Grand Funk Railroad and they continued on with other songs such as "Happy" by Pharrell Williams, "Listen to the Music" by the Doobie Brothers, and during the 7 p.m. show, they had more of a variety such as "The Circle of Life" from the Lion King, "I Wanna be Like You" from the Jungle Book, "Low Rider" by War and finally a breathtaking cover of "And So it Goes" by Billie Joel. When singing "And so it goes," they only used pure voices without microphones.

This group involves six male singers with incredible talent. Each performer has their own skills and task during these performances. Michael Brookens, who is the Mid-Tenor provides power and a variety of sounds to the group. Jordan Roll sings High-Tenor. His range allows him to perform a wide range. Reuben Hushagen is the Bass. He has the true vocal range of a Viking. Andrew "Berko" Berkowitz is the group's Vocal Percussion. He makes the dynamic drum sounds and special effects. He is literally their walking drum set. Finally the two brothers Evan Jones, who is the newest member is the Low-Tenor, and Trenard Jones with his silky tone is the perfect and ideal Baritone. "The Bulk of the group has been singing together since 2011. Although Evan, our newest member joined last spring, Jordan and I have been singing since 2006 when we found the group. Jordan and Reuben grew up singing. Everyone else joined in 2010 or 2011," stated Michael. Jordan also added, "Our Freshman year is when Michael and I met. Just kind of for a talent show with four other guys. I've known Reuben since 7th grade and found Berko through friends of friends and then we put an ad on Craigslist and Trenard answered. Just this last May, Trenard's younger brother Evan joined the group." This group has been all around the globe, including China, the US, and Moscow, Russia. While in Russia, they attended a worldwide acapella competition, with many different teams competing from all around the world. Six-Appeal walked away with the title and will be returning this year to keep it as



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Advice Column

MG Staff
Anonymous
Is mayonnaise an instrument? Follow up, is horseradish an instrument?

"Being grown up is boring. Besides I don't get Jazz"-Patrick Star

Why isn't up down, and down up?

Why do you think this is an okay question?

That's like asking why east isn't west and west isn't north.

Can you feel it coming in the air tonight?

I can feel it coming in the air tonight, Oh Lord. If you don't know this song please educate yourself on some great 80's music.

Why can't you teach an old dog new tricks?

That's a great question to ask Skylar Gilkerson.

Why do people yawn?

It's obviously so they can show other people how far they can open their jaw. Why else would a person yawn?

Why are there seasons?

Wouldn't it be weird to call the seasons of the year episodes, like saying, "Hey Bob, isn't this a nice winter episode." Doesn't that sound just wrong?

Why did the pound key (#) become a hashtag?

#havenoidea #whywouldyouaskthis?

Why do people buy white shoes?

Because they are crazy and like having dirty looking feet.

Why does everything good come to an end?

Because according to the Outsiders



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well." Group member Jordan had explained that "Russia was cool and all, but there was so much foot traffic, and there were about six stages and you performed at different times. We never really knew how many people were listening or actually watching."

When you listen to acapella, you wonder how much time and practice is put in. This group does not practice together! "That varies person to person as a band. We don't practice daily. We may spend a little time together during sound check, but that's about it," stated Reuben. Although they may not practice together, they do work independently to learn and try out new things. A common thought among many people is how do artist pick their songs. Michael stated that, "It kind of falls into what we feel our sound is. Ya know? Like what song is really going to highlight our group." Trenard added that, "Well just like anyone decides how to cover a song. Oh this sounds good and relevant, and people can relate to it. We just end up picking whoever we think sounds good on the lead and then we hash it out on how it'll be done."

The band tries to work new sounds and rhythms out, but Michael and Jordan both stated that, "More songs haven't made the stage than have. Well actually there is a big trash heap of songs." Another challenge the group works with is staying together. It is the hardest part of acapella, but Reuben stated that "There are six individual things going on making them all happen together at the same time. In-ear monitors help. We've upgraded to those. Musicians usually have speakers, but when you sing in a hallway the sound you hear back is completely different. Those help to know precisely.

As performers, the men do seek many challenges and new adventures, but one thing every person has issues with is being nervous. One of Six-Appeals most nerve-wracking moment was

during the National anthem at the Sugar Bowl "Immediately the first thought that comes to my mind because we didn't do as good as we could have. It was the Sugar Bowl, which is in the Super Dome, a huge room, and back then we didn't have our in-ear monitors and we were trying to sing with two tiny little speakers on the football field, and we were on ESPN. It was so noisy in there that it was hard to tell where we were," said Michael. The ear monitors have helped the men stay on track and properly. "If someone messes up, we all tend to hear it now instead of being confused on what mistakes were made," concluded Michael. Although this group has performed many times before, the crowds may vary in size. Berko had stated that, "Audience wise I would say the National Anthem in the Sugar



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Vance Anderson

What are your plans after high school?

-If college is my decision, then I will be going to apply at Northern to get my diesel mechanic degree. Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mr. Benton.

What will you miss most about high school?

-Seeing the people that I only see here.

GOOD LUCK TO THE
CLASS OF 2019!
WE WISH YOU THE VERY BEST!



MILES BUNK

What are your plans after high school?

-Become an electrician.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mr. Bleth.

What will you miss most about high school?

-I will miss my friends.



KADEN BERGOS

What are your plans after high school?

-Work in Billings.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mrs. G.

What will you miss most about high school?

-My friends.



COLE BOARDMAN

What are your plans after high school?

-I plan on attending Sheridan College and majoring in AG business.

Who is your favorite teacher?

-Mrs. Webb.

What will you miss most about high school?

-I will miss that bond with all my teachers and the enjoyment of them having me around.



**PAYTON CLAUSEN**

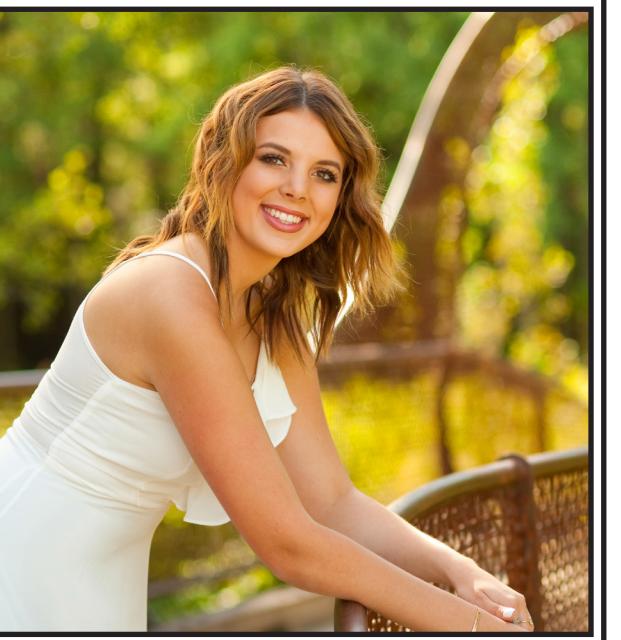
What are your plans after high school?
-Attend Rocky Mountain College to pursue a degree in aviation.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mrs. Bruce or Mr. E.
What will you miss most about high school?
-The atmosphere of the building.

**REBA DOUCETTE**

What are your plans after high school?
-I plan to pursue a degree in petroleum engineering at Montana Tech.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-OG mathematical DJ Oxarart.
What will you miss most about high school?
-I am going to miss baking cookies for my basketball girls.

TAYLOR EGGBRECHT

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend Carroll College to pursue a double major in psychology and political science.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Oxarart.
What will you miss most about high school?
-All of my conversations during online class.

**KEVIN HENRY**

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend the university of Montana to major in forestry and minor in wildland fire science and conservation.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Ebert, Mr. Somerfeld, and Mr. Benton.
What will you miss most about high school?
-Woods class and my friends.

**CHLOE HUNTER**

What are your plans after high school?
-To attend Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, then earn a PhD in clinical psychology with a concentration in forensic psychology.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Estill
What will you miss most about high school?
- Izzy and Kaycee

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**ANDRES LOPEZ**

What are your plans after high school?
-Play football at Dickinson State University
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Benton
What will you miss most about high school?
-The Sports

**JANESSA MALMEND**

What are your plans after high school?
-I plan to attend MSU- Northern to become a registered nurse and hopefully play volleyball for them.
Who is your favorite teacher?
- My favorite teachers are Somerfeld, Ebert, and Oxarart.
What will you miss most about high school?
-I will miss the teachers and seeing my friends everyday.

Taylor Gilkerson

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend MSU-B City College to pursue a degree in radiologic technology.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mrs. Galt and Mr. Bleth.
What will you miss most about high school?
-I will miss our cross country shenanigans and Thea's dirt cups.

**BETHANY HOLM**

What are your plans after high school?
-I plan to further my medical career.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Messerly
What will you miss most about high school?
-I will miss AG class the most.

Congratulations

**KEYVN ISAKSON**

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend Montana State University-Northern for welding.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Otteson
What will you miss most about high school?
-Noon Outs.

*What we learn
with pleasure we
never
forget
-Alfred Mercier*



What Time Is It, Mr. Fox?

Saying Goodbye to Mr. Henry

Emma Harms
MG Staff

What time is it Mr. Fox? It is time to sadly say goodbye to the one and only Mr. Henry. Malta High School is sadly saying goodbye to Delmer Henry at the end of the 2019 school year. He has been teaching at Malta high and elementary school for 33 years. He went to Eastern Montana College in Billings, Montana. Mr. Henry has taught Health, History, and what he is most known for Physical Education for the past 33 years. Henry wasn't just a teacher in the classroom, but everywhere he went Mr. Henry has taught both teachers and students some very important life lessons. "I have learned (from Mr. Henry) that there are times to step back and re-evaluate a situation, to try to see a different perspective," said Patrick Sargent.

**Love
what you
do.**

Mr. Sargent or better known by his students and peers as Sarge, has taught with Mr. Henry for more than 20 years and has stated that "Mr. Henry has a willingness to help out an individual whenever necessary." Sargent isn't the only teacher that he has inspired though, Sue Gilkerson has stated that she admires his ability to help anyone at anytime. "One thing I really admire about Mr. Henry is that he speaks to every student, even if they are not in his class." Gilkerson has also shared that he has taught her that students aren't one size fits all. "What works for one student may not work for another. He (Henry) knows to recognize when a student is

Cupcakes & Museums at Close-UP

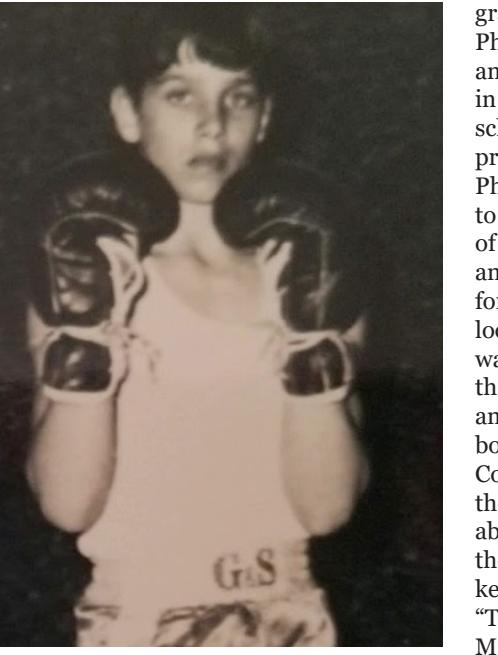
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On Saturday, March 30th, eight Malta Juniors and Seniors departed for their Close-Up trip to Washington D.C. They arrived ready to explore and learn about the "History of America and all of the politics that go along with it," stated Blake Chambers. During the six day/five night program, Kelbee, Blake, Ezra, Tanner, Reese, Jillian, Carly, and Kaycee met with elected officials on Capitol Hill, participated in structured learning activities at Washington's monuments and memorials, and engaged in workshops about how our government works. Basically, the nation's capital was used as a living classroom where these students explored America's past and present.

Even though this trip sounds like all fun and games, Blake informed me it was more than just a vacation, and they actually had to do some school like work, and think a lot. A typical day started as early as 7:00 am and sometimes did not end until 10:00 pm. Needless to say they were exhausted at the end of every day. All of the students expressed that they were glad they participated and that it was a great experience. They suggested that all students should consider going.

the amount of walking they would actually have to do. However, even with all the miles they put on, they still enjoyed the trip and came back with many memories. Jillian loved the National Cathedral and thought it was beautiful. Kelbee enjoyed watching Jillian fall down the stairs, and Blake found all of the museums to be interesting because they all had something cool in them. They also had time to try many different foods. Jillian loved the DC cupcakes. Kelbee thought the fettuccine alfredo at Angelo's was to die for, and Blake surprisingly commented that his favorite food was the lasagna he tried at a restaurant in Georgetown.

Not only did they gain knowledge about what takes place at our nation's capital, they also learned life lessons, and travelling skills. Jillian disclosed, "When trying to get on the Metro during rush hour, you just got to push your way through." Kelbee warned future Close-Up students to, "Make sure you look up the walking distances yourself, because Mr. Somerfeld doesn't know how." They all thought they were prepared, but none of them realized



Above Left: At an early age, Mr. Henry excelled at boxing. Above: Mr. Henry and son Kevin pose for a quick photo outside of MHS.

giving their best effort and grades accordingly. He doesn't expect everyone to have the same abilities, he knows some kids will struggle," said Gilkerson.

For the past few years Mr. Henry has gone the extra mile for the Malta Middle School's sixth graders. Mr. Henry has been teamed up with the Phillips County Museum for the past three years and has had the Malta sixth graders participate in the Wax Museum. "The sixth grade middle school history class and Mr. Henry have been presenting at the Museum for three years. The Phillips County Museum's mission statement is to promote the history of the county. I had heard of an ancestral wax museum being presented in another town and asked a participating teacher for information. The information was great and it looked like a fun project to pursue. So Mr. Henry was contacted about the project. He replied that he had been thinking along the same lines and I guess you could say the Wax Museum was born," said Lori Taylor, the Curator at the Phillips County Museum. Taylor stated the best part of the wax museum is the knowledge a student gains about history, and their ancestors. Developing the ability to talk in front of a crowd, in a low key environment, is beneficial to the students. "The Phillips County Museum is hopeful that Malta Public Schools will want to continue this program for the community" said Taylor. Even

though he's retiring, Mr. Henry hopes that the Wax Museum will continue to go on. "I hope that the individual, whoever that person is steps in, sees the value in it. I guess I am a big promoter of family history, knowing where you come from, who you were, where your relatives were.

I am also a big advocate for students getting out in front of other people being able to present themselves in a productive manner. Learning how to put yourself out there and be something that people don't normally see out of you. I don't like wallflowers," said Henry.

Going the 'extra mile' has earned Mr. Henry recognition throughout the entire state of Montana, and in 2017, he was named The State of Montana Teacher of the Year, the VFW teacher of the year award. "Mr. Henry was given a teaching award, and I just thought, It's about time!" Said Mrs. Ashley Pankratz.

Mr. Henry has stated that what he will miss the



Above L. to R.: Jillian O'Brien, Ezra Judd, Blake Chambers, Kelbee Denham, Carly Garfield, Reese Sjostrom, Tanner Smith, Kaycee Bond, and Mr. Somerfeld.

Henry Retirement Cont.



Above: Mr. Henry accepts his 2017 MT Teacher of the Year award. Right: Mr. Henry poses for his faculty photo.



concluded Smith. "Making somebody smile, or seeing the light turn on. Oh I get it now! There's something really gratifying about making somebody's day. It does make you feel good," stated Henry. Mr. Henry says the greatest accomplishment as a teacher is when old students come back to you years later and tell you that you did a good job. "That is an accomplishment in its own right."

Mr. Henry doesn't have an exact plan on what to do next, but one thing for sure it that he's going to move to Havre Montana to live with his wife. "I'm supposed to have a plan, but I don't. I'm going to be open to seeing what next profession shows itself. It's going to be kind of random. I'm just going to know when I know. I'm too

dang young to not be doing something." Mr. Henry hopes that his students remember the gift of giving. It's ok to give. Give more than you get."

"Love what you do" is the final lesson Mr. Henry is teaching us, find something that you love and make it what you do in your life. It is safe to say that the one thing we as students will miss the most about Mr. Henry is the timeless game, the original, the one and only: What time is it Mr. Fox? It's time to wish Mr. Henry the best, and thank him for everything he's done for us.

SENIOR WILLS & QUOTES

Vance Anderson: I will my great jokes to everyone.
"Time passes, People move like a river's flow, it never ends. A childish mind will turn to noble ambition."

Kaden Bergos: I will a good pair of my socks to Tanner Smith.
"Get carried..." -Rhett Simanton

Cole Boardman: I will my height and growth skills to Frankie Werk.
"A man without a mustache is a man without a soul." -Confucius

Miles Bunk: I will my locker to Darrow and my pencil to Shawn.
"High school was easy. It was like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire and the ground was on fire and everything was on fire."

Payton Clausen: I will my dedication skills to everyone.
"The farther backward you can look, the farther forward you can see." -Winston Churchill

Reba Doucette: I will my slight sliver of happiness to anybody who is crippling depressed during their senior year.
"Grace, I don't feel good. Uhhh, I can't breathe." -Reba Doucette

Taylor Eggebrecht: I will my locker and senior year fun to Tori Siewing.
"Taylor Gilkerson: I will Emma Harms my InDesign skills, and I will my brother Shawn to Nikki Nicholson.

"You can't wait for inspiration. You have to go after it with a club." -Jack London

Kevin Henry: I will everything I have to Cormac Benn.
"I'm not mad just sad." -Ashton Oxarart

Bethany Holm: I will nothing.

"Be who you are, Say what you feel, because those who mind don't mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." -Dr. Seuss

Chloe Hunter: I will my wisdom to Tamela.
"Your current situation isn't your final destination." -Zig Ziglar

Keyvn Isakson: I will my fabulous hair to Mr. Oxarart.

"I told you could do it." - Kyler Andrew Isakson

Shelby Jones: I will Tamara my smarts in Livestock judging.
"A day without laughter, is a day wasted." -Pooh Bear and Piglet

Andres Lopez: I will my mustache to Sidney Meeks.
"You're not going to enjoy every minute of the journey, but the success you'll find at the end will make it all worth it."

Janessa Malmend: I will my perfect attendance to Sidney Meeks. I will my amazing stable ankles to Kaylanna Bain. I will my #3 Volleyball jersey to one of the younger girls who will represent it with heart and pride. I will my kindness to whoever needs it.

Kloie Marks: I will my golfing skills to Jillian O'Brien.
"Act well your part, there all the honor lies." -Alexander Pope

Lily Maxie: I will my amazing volleyball, basketball, and track skills to Sidney.
"If you don't dream big, there is no use of dreaming. If you don't have faith there's nothing worth believing." -Justin Bieber

Raina Mortenson: I will my #2 volleyball jersey to Kelbee Denham.
"I gotta run like I'm running away from commitment." -Thee Kelbee Denham

Erika Nagy: I will my humor to Jacob French.
"We should be reading the classics like Dr. Seuss and Eminem." -Mr. Bleth

Michael Pugh: I will my track skills to Blake Chambers.
"It's always the darkest night before the dawn." -Travis Somerfeld

Courtney Rhoads: I will my homework skills to everyone.
"Charlee Rhodes: I don't have any.

"Don't ever stop. Always keep going, no matter what happens and is taken from you. Even when life is so unfair, don't give up."

Kolter Schipman: I will my spine to T- Smith.

"Life is like a garden, you just gotta 'Dig it'." -Joe Simanton

Kyleigh Schipman: I will my jumping skills and ankle braces to Erica Smith.
"You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending." -C.S. Lewis

Rhett Simanton: I will my woodworking skills to Callan.
"The future belongs to those who prepare for it today." -Malcolm X

Reese Sjostrom: I will my exceptional cross country skills to Danie Rhodes and my correct grammar skills to Cordel Salsbury.
"If you swing on the first pitch I'm gonna bench you." -Mr. Bleth

Chayana Stolem: I will my leadership skills to Jade.
"Life is too short to wait, so don't wait. Go for what you want."

Grayson Waters: I will my amazing golf skills to Ezra.
"Break it down like a mathematical Dj." -Mr. Oxarart

Jenna Waters: I will my cheer skills to Adain Kaasa, My art skills to Emma Harms, my roasting skills to Celine Crasco, & my sleepin' in skills to Tori Siewing.

"If God intended for us to drink water, he wouldn't have allowed us to make things like Mountain Dew." -Mr. Bleth

Wylee Young: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." -Maya Angelou



Above L. to R.: Jillian O'Brien, Ezra Judd, Blake Chambers, Kelbee Denham, Carly Garfield, Reese Sjostrom, Tanner Smith, Kaycee Bond, and Mr. Somerfeld.

**KLOIE MARKS**

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend University of Montana in Missoula and obtain my bachelor's in exercise science.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Bleth.
What will you miss most about high school?
-I will miss playing sports and being with the friends I have grown up with.

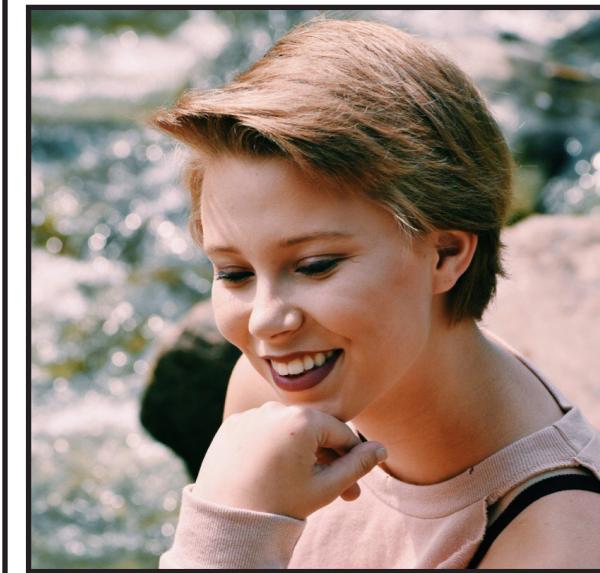
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**RAINA MORTENSON**

What are your plans after high school?
-Go to University of Providence, pursuing a degree in exercise science in strength and conditioning and special education.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mrs. Galt and Mr. E
What will you miss most about high school?
- Seeing Kelbee Denham everyday:(

**LILY MAXIE**

What are your plans after high school?
-To attend Dickinson State University to pursue a degree in education.
Who is your favorite teacher?
- Mr. Somerfeld
What will you miss most about high school?
-Mr. Somerfeld's 6th period class.

**ERIKA NAGY**

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend AMDA New York to pursue acting.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mrs. Pankratz and Mr. Bleth.
What will you miss most about high school?
-The snack cart

**MICHAEL PUGH**

What are your plans after high school?
-Go into the Air Force.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Bleth
What will you miss most about high school?
-All my friends.



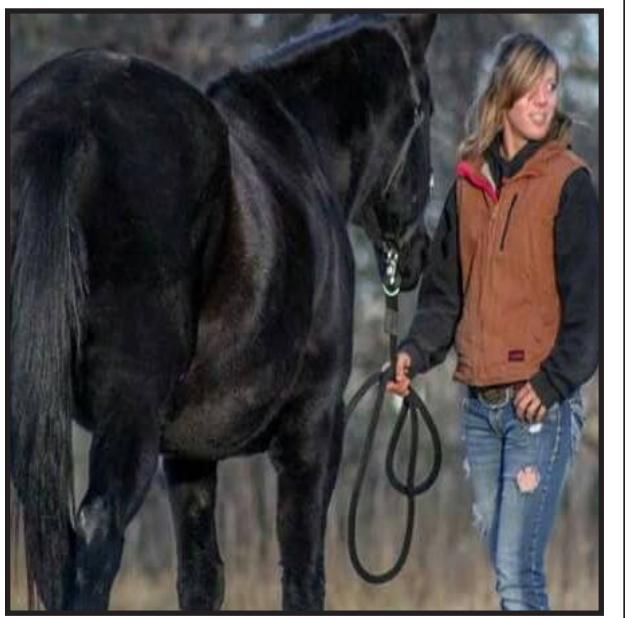
"Today I close the door to the past, open the door to the future, take a deep breath, step on through and start a new chapter in my life."
-Unknown

**COURTNEY RHOADS**

What are your plans after high school?
-Go into psychology maybe become a psychologist.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mrs. Estill
What will you miss most about high school?
-Memories

**CHARLEE RHODES**

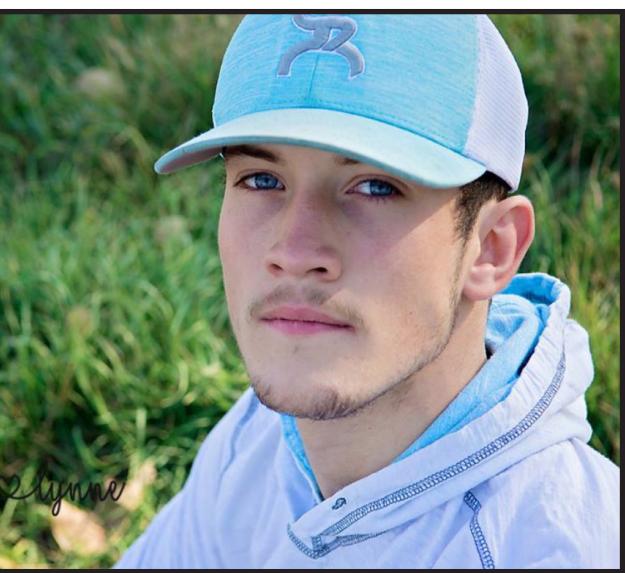
What are your plans after high school?
-Go to Nebraska
What will you miss most about high school?
-Nothing

**KYLEIGH SCHIPMAN**

What are your plans after high school?
-I plan to attend MSU Billings and receive a bachelor's degree in special education.
What will you miss most about high school?
-I will miss playing sports the most.

**KOLTER SCHIPMAN**

What are your plans after high school?
-Work
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Sarge
What will you miss most about high school?
-Hanging with the boys

**RHETT SIMANTON**

What are your plans after high school?
-Attend Arizona State Tech.
Who is your favorite teacher?
-Mr. Bleth
What will you miss most about high school?
-School lunches.



Three Teams on the Floor

Exploring the Ref Shortage

Izzy Markuson

MG Staff Imagine sitting in a gym watching he school team play the divisional game.

You hear the crowds cheer and boo, but you also hear the sneakers running down the gym and the sound of the whistle. The whistle and the person who is controlling it, you know as the referee. Every single game or event you attend there is always a referee determining the rights and wrongs. These ladies and gentlemen keep our games moving along, but what happens when they are slammed for their decisions? Are the crowds being loud for the wrong reasons?

According to an article by the "Montanasports.com," there has been a shortage of referees directly linked to fan verbal abuse. According to the article, a referee that has been doing the job for eleven years quit because of the buildup of negative and verbal abuse. The article also shares a number of nationwide stats that are eyebrow-raising, to say the least. According to the National Association of Sports Officials, more than 75 percent of all high school officials say adult behavior is the primary reason they quit, and 80 percent of all young officials quit after just two years." Many parents are mad when calls are made on their own team and or child. After the build-up of anger, parents sometimes begin to slam the person making those calls. The article reminds the readers that "if you're one of those parents or kids that finds yourself yelling at the refs or frustrated with the game, just remember there are openings to become officials as well." In another article done by The Townsend

It's time for the fans to become role models for the participants.

demeaning comments, and cheers...but at the end who's a role model for whom? Before you, as a fan, verbally abuse a player, a coach, or an official at an athletic event – STOP AND THINK! Maybe it's time for the fans to become role models for the participants."

This makes the reader wonder how underestimated this situation really is, and does it occur in our own town? To offer an inside view, three of Malta's well known officials shared some valuable information. These officials include Mr. Pat Sargent, who has been an official since 1995 and is still going, Mrs. Darlene Kolczak, who was a Referee in 2001 or 2002 until 2017, and finally, Mr. Grant Messerly, who started in about 2008 and is also still officiating. These three officials have seen their fair share of games and it's conflicts as well.

"The Northern C Divisional Girls' Tournament in Great Falls," was memorable according to Sargent. Messerly had stated that, "Eastern C Divisions in 2014, and it was my first year as a master official. It was Mon-Dak VS. Fairview and the largest lead in that game was 3 points. I felt I was a little bit out of it for my first-year masters, and I came in through the back door to get that tournament. It is probably by far the greatest game I've got to do.



Above: Pat Sargent watches closely on the mat during a Wrestling match. Photo Credits: Mr. Oxarart

There's been a lot of them."

When fans see these officials on the floor maybe they should begin to wonder how they actually got there. All three were encouraged by others, such as Kelly Murray, Ward Van Wichen, Bernie Wasser, Mr. Otteson, and even Pat Sargent! Although they were encouraged by these people, they kept going and still enjoy certain aspects of the games. They all have many reasons to enjoy the games.

"You get paid to be physically active. If someone's going to pay you to go out and exercise, why not take advantage of it. I enjoy seeing the kids compete and be successful," stated Sargent. Messerly said that, "The camaraderie amongst all of the officials [was another reason]. You go to tournaments and all the referees you know [are there]. And it's guys you've never met before, but by the end of the tournament you're pretty good friends. We go through the same hardships. We get hollered at by coaches and fans, and so we are a special group. I've always said it takes a special person. It's the

camaraderie" Finally Kolczak added that, "The people you meet and some of the kids are really good." With all of the good in everything, there are still some downsides. The following officials have taken on basketball, volleyball, and soon to be refereeing at football.

The crowd activity is amazing here in Malta, and we aren't afraid to show pride, but we are starting to take things a bit to serious.

The downsides to being a referee range from many different things. Kolczak added that, "You either have really good coaches, or really they are on you all the time. There was one time it got to the point where I wouldn't referee for them [a certain team] because he would stand and yell at you the whole time if you were the down ref...just constantly picking on you."

Messerly added that, "People don't realize when you holler mean things we have feelings too. I have never ever officiated with someone who tried to cheat. So when they say we are cheating for one team or the other team, it's kind of hard to take. We just keep going. They say the better official become and the farther down the

We wish you the best!

Emma Harms
MG Staff

Malta High School is saying goodbye to the class of Class of 2019! Although all of you will be missed, the Mustang Gazette Staff is saying goodbye to our beloved senior, Taylor Gilkerson.



Over the past four years, Taylor has been involved in many activities including Track for one year, Choir for one year, Basketball for two years, and Cross Country for four years. Taylor's plans after high school are to attend the COT in Billings, MT to study radiological technology.

Taylor, you and your sweet InDesign skills will be missed dearly! Your sweet personality and genuine soul are assets that you'll get to share with the rest of the world as you depart from MHS. We wish you the best in everything you pursue in your future!

Three Teams Cont.

road you go, the less you can tune out the crowd. It's true you can tune them out, but there are still people that you can hear." Sargent had concluded by stating that, "Things you have to deal with on a nightly basis, whether it be getting to a contest, scheduling, being there on time, those kinds of things just the little things [add up].

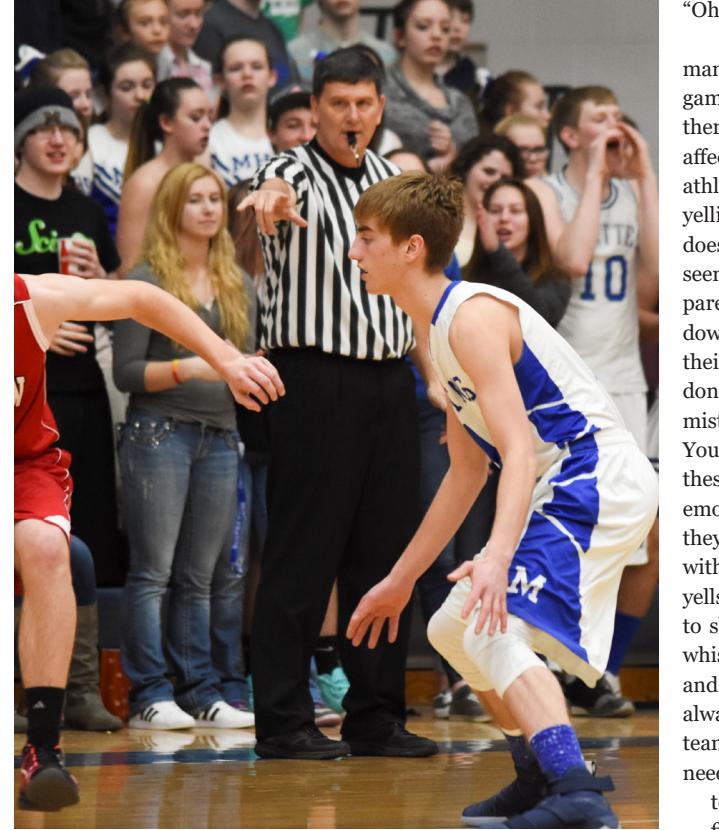
Also probably the biggest thing is dealing with the individuals who don't know the rules and want to impose themselves into the contest when they should just watch it and enjoy it. Let us do our job. They should be there to enjoy the contest."

Another ongoing issue in Montana is the parent and crowd interactions after calls are made. "In volleyball when I made a call, not many would respond because they don't really understand or know the rules," stated Kolczak. "They let you know. I was refereeing with a guy one time, and he said, "Oh my God" every time I blew the whistle, and half the crowd yelled at me." The other half thinks you are a hero. Fifty percent are fifty percent are not. It's one of those things where you gotta blow the whistle for the good of the game. I've found out through the years that when you put air into your whistle you just go "OK and turn your head" because you know what's coming." Messerly added,

"What bothers me the most is when I make a call and people yell at me. I don't feel I deserve it. I am human too."

Referees are here to make our contest run smoothly and make it fair, but with crowds fighting back against calls we are slowly losing people. Sargent had added, "I've had to have some people removed from the contest because of their disrespect for not only myself, but the kids on the floor, and the contest in general. For the most part, it's people you can have a conversation with and just say, 'Hey, that's enough' and move on." He continued, "I've made calls, and I've had to call the coaches and apologize because I've made a mistake. I applied the rules incorrectly, or I made the incorrect call at a time and applied it incorrectly. I've had to do that a number of times. Part of officiating is that people think we are perfect when we are clearly not. We make mistakes as anybody else does. I think a part of officiating is knowing when you've done that

For anyone who is interested in becoming a referee, Mr. Sargent stated that "It's a great opportunity to travel and meet new people, and to give back to the community, give back to your school, give back to the people that are involved. The kids need officials in order to have a fair contest. It's unfortunate that a number of people won't do that, but then again you have things in the background that shut you down."



Above: Mr. Messerly makes a call during a Basketball game. Photo Credits: Mr. Oxarart.

and owning up to it. Hey, I messed up I should have fixed it, and move on."

Reflecting on mistakes, Messerly stated, "As an 11-year official, I can say probably over half of my games on some of my calls, I can go back and watch, and think [I] shouldn't have called it if I wasn't in the right position. I've made mistakes. We always hear about the calls we blew as officials. The sad thing is we never hear while running down the court "Oh, that was a great call."

Referee's go through many hardships to keep their games on the right track, but there are others on the floor affected by crowd negativity, athletes. Crowd negativity and yelling affects the players. "It does. I think sometimes I've seen players, especially if their parents are yelling at them, shut down or they are tentative in their movements because they don't want to make another mistake instead of just playing. You are on the court with these kids, and you can see the emotion in their faces and how they change. I've seen working with young officials, if someone yells at him, he's more prone to shut down and not blow the whistle as much as he should and you know that's why we always say there are three teams on the floor, and you need to go over and tell your teammate, 'You're doing fine,'" concluded Messerly.

When someone begins to yell negative comments or harsh words to anyone on the court, a player soon realizes it is their parents and they tend to become embarrassed and cannot focus on what is going on around them.

Referees are here to respect the officials and the players. Things may not play out the way the fans wish, but respect the hard work and dedication they are giving to us. Without referees, there would be no sports events to attend. Before yelling at someone on the court again, stop and think, 'Am I cheering for the wrong reason?'

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Taylor Gilkerson
MG Staff

As we approach the end



of our final year here at Malta High School, we are reflecting on the memories we've made with all the people we've grown up around. This time is bittersweet. Some of us have traveled on our last team bus trip, stepped out on the floor or field for the last time, participated in our last homecoming, cheered at our last tournament, and soon it will be time for our last day in class. Knowing this may be the last time you see some of the people who have been there with you through your childhood is quite frightening.

We've watched the people before we leave, and now it is our turn to leave behind the underclassmen we've grown close to and became friends with over the years. The upperclassmen used to say it goes by in a hurry. Most of us never believed them, but now is our time. And honestly it really has gone by in a blur. It's crazy to think today we sit in a class and know the name of almost everyone in the class. This could very well be the last time we know lots of people in a classroom. It's so cool to be a part of a school and community that has supported and watched out for us since kindergarten. Someday we'll look back on these days and wish we were still in the place we wanted to get out of so bad, high school.

Some of us have known what we wanted to be since we were kids in elementary school. Some have everything figured out, where they are going to go, how long they will be there, what they wish to accomplish there, and others have no clue what they are going to do next week. But that's okay. Everyone has their own path they are meant to walk down. Some of us have waited for this moment since we were in middle school, others may be saddened by the days to come. It's quite crazy to think that we are leaving this place in which we have made so many memories. As we leave we need to remember to follow our own paths not the paths others have picked for us. Good luck on your journey!



Senior View

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Person of Interest

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person are, "Being polite, supportive, and considerate to and of the people around you."

"Macy is a nice person. She is very caring. When someone is down, she is there to lift them up and help them in anyway she can. And she's just a fun person to be around," said Kaleigh Schipman, a senior at Malta High School. Macy is definitely one of those people you could call on to help you out. She is very positive, and nice to be around. I don't think I have ever seen Macy be a negative person. "Macy helped make these gift bags for kids in need of food and other essentials for youth group at church," said Schipman. That is just one example of the many ways Macy is being a good person within our community. Congratulations, Macy! Keep up the good work.

State, Comin' in Hot

Hailey Goertz
MG Staff

An interview with Mr. Somerfeld

How did your previous meets go?

"Our last golf meet was the Malta Invitational it went very well. Grayson Waters and Hayden VanWichen tied for first shooting a 99. Grayson won the chip off to break the tie. This was actually the second straight meet Hayden tied for first. Reba Doucette took fourth shooting a 104. It is just nice to be able to play our home course," stated Mr. Somerfeld

How have your players improved over the season?

"This year we had a bunch of golfers who have never played before, so there was a lot of room for improvement. It is fun to watch how much kids improve over the course of a season. It is just not improving at the game of golf, but also learning the rules and etiquette of the game. Our younger kids really excelled at learning the rules and etiquette of the game of golf. It is also hard to improve at golf since it is such a short season due to the weather and other factors. Coach Webb and I just tell our player if you want to become good at golf, you need to be playing during the summer. That is the only way to really become a great golfer."

What are your team strengths/weaknesses?

"Our biggest weakness is just our low number of experienced varsity golfers. During both the Glasgow Invitational and the Malta Invitational, our boys probably would have won, but we did not have enough golfers to make a full varsity team. Our top three or four golfers are just as good as anyone's in Northeast Montana, but we just don't have enough people to fill those all 5 varsity spots. Also, with spring being so busy and our kids being so active in so many different activities (which is an awesome thing) it is a Christmas miracle to have all of our golfers at a meet. Our strength I would say is we have a group of experienced golfers for both genders. With this group of experienced golfers, I hope that

both teams can make a run at a state

spot. Another strength is our youth. I hope with the number of young golfers we have this year, our hope as a coaching staff is to build them up so in the next couple of years we can have some solid teams."

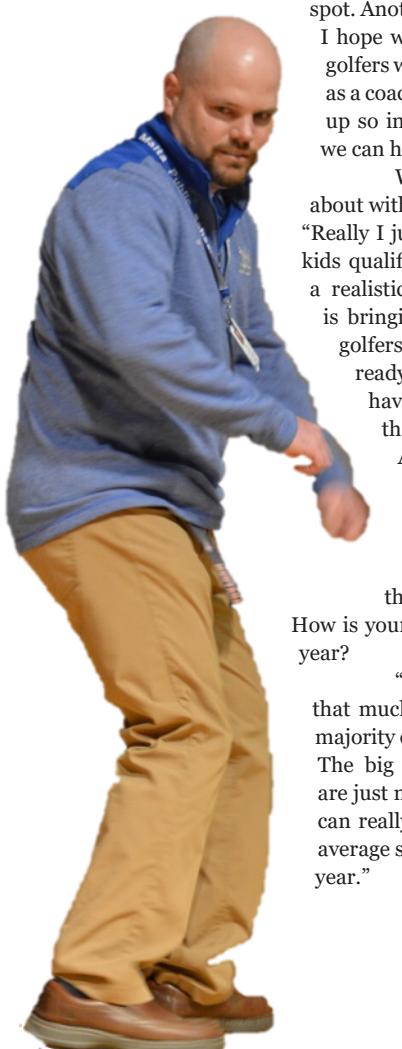
What are you excited about with state approaching?

"Really I just hope we can get some kids qualified for state. I think it is a realistic possibility, but the 1-b is bringing over a good group of golfers so our kids need to be ready to play. I think since we have some state experience that will help our kids out.

Also, the divisional golf being at Wolf Point is going to be a plus. Our kids have played that course multiple times this year."

How is your team different from last year?

"Really our team is not that much different this year. The majority of our team was out again. The big difference is our golfers are just more experienced and you can really see that with how their average scorers are down from last year."



Music Through the Decades

Hailey Goertz
MG Staff

Music is all around us everyday, whether it's the radio on the way to work, students listening to music while doing their homework or cruising in the car. Music changes rapidly with new technology coming out everyday. The artists and producers try to keep up with this technology and the creative juices start to flow. With each passing decade oftentimes we forget the generations that have come before us and it is very important to remember the roots of music and the progression of music throughout the years.

In the 1940's, according to <https://theculturetrip.com/people/focused-on-Jazz-and-Swing-music-like-Louis-Armstrong-Rosemary-Clooney-and-Frank-Sinatra/>. There are many different types of Jazz like bebop, cool jazz, smooth jazz and stride. Jazz originated from New Orleans in the early 20th century, but Jazz got its feel from early music Africans would listen to.

Working into the 1950's with rock n' roll becoming popular, people fell into the artists like Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis. Rock n' roll came from Sister Rosetta Tharpe, she was born March 20th, 1915 in Cotton Plant, AR. She played the guitar better than anyone and fell in love with that groovy sound rock n' roll has. Just like jazz there are many different types of rock n' roll like hard rock, punk rock, and pop rock.

Rock n' roll also followed into the 1960's, but Motown also came

with it where The Beatles, Bob Dylan and The Rolling Stones were introduced. Motown is also the first black-owned record label that took off. Motown music is soul music with a pop influence, Berry Gordy first introduced Motown music to the world by writing songs for Marvin Gaye, Brenda Holloway and Diana Ross. Motown was founded in Detroit, MI.

In the 1970's disco was introduced, with the Jackson 5, Marvin Gaye and Rod Stewart. Disco came from swing dancing that came from Latino moves of Mambo and Salsa that made its way up to the crazy dance moves, outgoing outfits and groovy songs.

Moving on to the 80's, that decade changed music in many ways with music videos coming out, CD's and big TV names coming out. In the 80's Glam rock, Pop and country was introduced to the world. Michael Jackson was the most popular artist of that decade having more than three songs on 'Billboard Hot 100' for more than 2 weeks. Other popular artists of this time were Dolly Parton, Olivia Newton John, and Whitney Houston. In the 80's MTV (Music Television) started providing twenty-four hours of music videos. In the beginning of the 80's staying in your neutral colors, black, brown and tans were in, but by the time Madonna and Cyndi Lauper were some of the most popular artists of the time, they brought the 80's funky hair, spandex and crazy bright colors in.

In the 1990's the music almost completely changed grunge music, rap and alternative all came into style. The most popular artists of this decade were Nirvana, Snoop Dogg, and Red Hot Chili Peppers. Music took a literal turn and new artists started being more open in their music making it relatable.

Far From The Shallow

Emma Harms
MG Staff

Staring Lady Gaga and Bradley Cooper, *A Star Is Born* made box office at \$433.9 million. Directed by Bradley Cooper, the film is a remake of the 1954 film starring Judy Garland and James Mason, and the 1976 film starring Barbara Streisand and Kris Kristofferson. The film was released on October 5, 2018 and had made \$42.6 million opening week.

Focused on a young artist named Ally (Gaga) who is struggling with her career, and is just about to give up on her dream to make it big, until musician Jackson Maine (Cooper) discovers and falls in love with her. When Ally's career takes off, the relationship between the two starts to crumble as Jackson continues to fight a long going battle with his inner demons.

The film was produced by Bradley Cooper, other producers include Jon Peters, Todd Phillips, Lynette Howell, and Bill Gerber. The top billed cast consists of Bradley Cooper, Lady Gaga, Sam Elliott, Andrew Dice Clay, Ravi Garvan, and Anthony Ramos.

A Star Is Born was beautifully put together with an original sound track consisting of hit songs like "Shallow", "Always Remember Us This Way," and "I'll Never Love Again." The film pulled at our hearts strings through music and especially the performance given to us from Cooper and Gaga.



Running through the season

Hailey Goertz
An interview with
Mr. Sargent

How did your last meet go?

"Our last meet in Lewistown, April

27th, was cold, windy and rainy. We had individuals that set personal records," stated Sargent.

How have your athletes improved over the season?

"Many of them have shown consistent improvement throughout the season."

What are your teams strengths/weaknesses?

"Strengths- our work ethic, many of the athletes work hard daily to improve.

Weaknesses- our number of participants in the greater distance races."

What are you excited about with state approaching?

"Seeing the athletes compete against the best in the state and seeing them set Personal Records."

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