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Dear Reader/Listener,

Welcome to Malta High School's very own *Mustang Gazette* website; I am truly thrilled that you've taken time to check us out on the web! This is a great opportunity for you to see the amazing journalistic work of our *Mustang Gazette* staff/students. I encourage you to visit frequently. Please share our work.

I am extremely proud to present the work of our award-winning staff as they pioneer their way through the fields of print journalism and audio journalism. I also have to tell you that this is not a required course. These amazing high school student-journalists have chosen to explore an introductory course on journalism by voluntarily joining *The Mustang Gazette* staff. They break out of their comfort zones every day to produce our articles and podcasts by researching varying topics, conducting interviews with their peers and adults, and learning programs like Audacity and InDesign. I know I am partial but through our limited workshop opportunities and my own networking, I can tell you that high school journalism classes and student-created papers/podcasts are a rarity in Montana. Larger districts with more funding, students, staff, and media resources are more likely to have a student paper rather than a smaller class B school like MHS. To say I'm proud of my student-journalists is an understatement. They are one-of-a-kind and deserve our recognition for their bravery, willingness to learn from trial and error, and lastly for their desire to tell a story relevant to our community.

During your visit to our website, please remember that the journalistic efforts contained on this page are a product of student work. We do our best to bring you the most current and accurate news and updates on upcoming events; however, keep in mind all work is the product of the MHS' journalism course taught by me. Through our work, we continue to grow, learn, and improve. I would love to hear your feedback, and my contact info is attached within this page. Thanks again for keeping in mind that all material included here is student-journalist work, and we are forever evolving in our story-telling abilities.

Before you go, check out our Facebook page! Like and follow our Mustang Gazette by searching @MustangGazetteMHS on Facebook. Thank you again for viewing our Malta High School *Mustang Gazette* webpage. I appreciate the time you have set aside to peruse our student artifact collection. Again, feel free to reach me with any questions, concerns, story ideas, or current events you would like to see covered. I look forward to your return to our website.

Thanks,

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