

The Anaconda High School Follower

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Local Info



Polar Plunge Principal by K'Den Smith

Mr. Swanson, the AJSHS principal, is doing the polar plunge! He was asked to do it by a group of students for a fundraiser. He is doing the polar plunge to support the Anaconda Special Olympics program. His thoughts towards the program is that it's great, and he is glad people are participating in the fundraiser. We heard Officer Hives is also doing the polar plunge, but it is not confirmed.

When asked about the plunge, Mr. Swanson said he is nervous and wants to get it over with, but it is worth it. We asked him about how he thinks the water will be. "Very darn cold!" said Mr. Swanson. The polar plunge is on January 21st at 2:00PM in Butte, Montana at the Original Mine. A big thank you to Mr. Swanson

and others who are taking the plunge. Thank you all for supporting this fundraiser!



The Forge Hotel by Elain Chaney

The Forge Hotel is a new hotel in Anaconda, Montana. The Forge Hotel looks amazing outside and fancy inside. The people who ever visit Anaconda, Montana should stay at the Forge Hotel. They have nice and neat rooms. The people who work there are kind. The people who were staying at the hotel properly gave the Forge good reviews, saying their rooms are very nice and the staff was by far the friendliest staff they'd ever had. I recommend staying at The Forge Hotel!



Wintertime Wonderland



Skijoring by Madison DeMarois

What is Skijoring? Skijoring is when you are being pulled over snow on skis by someone on horseback, which can reach up to 35mph. In the act of Skijoring, you go over jumps and often grab rings, and you race other participants to get the fastest time. The rope is attached to the horn on the saddle, which is located in front of the rider on horseback. The rider on horseback has both hands to give the skier or snowboarder the smoothest ride. The one thing everyone needs to know is that you can't just grab your horse and start pulling people at full speed; you need to get the horse used to having more pressure on its back and also the rope behind them. To get the horse used to skijoring you can start by pulling objects at all speeds. Then, you would gradually integrate someone on skis.

Skiing originated by the Norwegian people by harnessing reindeer and putting on nordic skis to travel through the snow. Skijoring behind reindeer made its official appearance at the Nordic Games of 1901, 1905, and 1909. By 1912 Skijoring behind horses became popular

The Yellowstone Super Volcano by

Thomas Fortier

The Yellowstone volcano is approximately 30 by 45 miles covering a large portion of Yellowstone National Park. This volcano is one of the largest known volcanoes in the world. Yellowstone is 2 million years old. The last time it erupted was about 640,000 years ago. Yellowstone has erupted three times in the last 2 million years making the explosions approximately 666,000 years apart. This volcano is still active. The park's many hydrothermal features attest to the heat still beneath this area. This area is one of the most seismically active areas in the United States. Montana and Wyoming (where this volcano is located) has up to 3,000 earthquakes a year making the state top 10 for most earthquakes in the nation, but most are not felt. The amount of earthquakes are also another factor of why this volcano is still active. If this volcano was to erupt, it would likely destroy the United States Of America or could possibly set off a chain reaction causing other volcanoes to erupt. Have a nice day.

in Switzerland and France. When the men came home from World War II, they brought the idea of skijoring home to the United States. Mountain towns such as Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Steamboat Springs, Colorado joined in on the fun as well! You can watch this event go on at Leadville, Montana on March 3rd.



Winters in Montana by Addison Hathaway

We have all seen the snow outside, the crazy amount of snow you wake up to see. Snow that can go up to your knees. You can shovel the day before and wake up to half the snow from before. Because of these crazy temperatures kids are getting sick, missing school, and people are getting their cars stuck and not being able to get out. Right when you think the snow might melt, and we can go back to nice roads, snow starts to fall from the sky.

Everyone dreams of getting their license until winter in Montana strikes. Then the roads become ice, the winds blow snow on your windshield, and you can't see where you're going with the winds going out of control. It makes it really hard to get anywhere you need to be!

Winters in Montana are crazy and can surprise you every year. Winters come around sometimes with minimal snow and some winters bring snow until what seems like it should be summer. You never really can tell with winter, but I'm sure next year will have even more snow than now. Stay safe out there!



New Year's Resolutions by Bryce Nelson

Every year, millions of people make New Year's resolutions, hoping to spark positive change in their lives. There's no rules that say what you can try to achieve or be better at in the new year, but a lot of people desire to have the same change in their lives. This is a list of the top 5 most common new year's resolutions

5. Save More Money / Spend Less Money

A Lot of people can admit to having a spending problem, whether it is a shopping addiction or just impulsive buying. There are many reasons why you might want to cut your spending; it's not a huge surprise that this made the list.

4. Live Life to the Fullest

Everybody has different perspectives when it comes to truly living life to the fullest. For example, 69% of people mention family when talking about living life to the fullest, and 34% mention career. You can more successfully live life to the fullest by taking more risks and deciding what's important to you.

3. Learn a New Skill or Hobby

So, you realize that your life has become boring. There is no better way to entertain yourself than finding a new skill or hobby. Common hobbies include sports and reading, but personally I would suggest skipping out on the reading if you're looking to be more entertained.

2. Get Organized

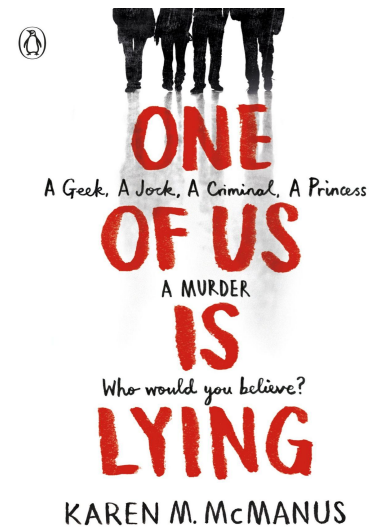
Unorganization can be due to laziness and lack of motivation. Studies have shown that 20-40% of the general population, and one-in-four Americans have a problem with organization

1. Exercise More

It comes as no surprise that exercising more takes the number one spot. Many people are dissatisfied by the way they look. About 83% of women are not satisfied with their bodies and 74% of men state the same. This explains why when you walk into a gym come new year, it is packed with people that are using the machines incorrectly.

According to a 2016 study, of the 41% of Americans who make New Year's resolutions, only 9% feel they are successful in keeping them. New Year's resolutions can be a good idea if you want change in your life. Hope you reach your goals or somethin'.

Entertainment Corner



A Book Review by Haylee Gilbreath

The book is "One of Us is Lying" by Karen M. McManus. This book is about 5 teens who go into detention: Simon, Bronwyn, Nate, Addy, and Cooper. However, only 4 come out alive! Simon had a website 'All About That' which could ruin all of their lives. He had something on all of them that they didn't want anyone to know about and the police think that's why they teamed up to "murder" him. None of them really killed him; they weren't capable of it. Unfortunately, Simon killed himself, and since he'd be dead he needed someone to post on 'All About That' to frame one of the 4. He picked Addy's boyfriend, Jake, and he made it look like they all did it. Simon planned a suicide

letter to come out exactly 1 year after everything happened, which, of course, was after everyone's life was ruined. Addy and Cooper had enough! If you would like to know how the plot ends, I highly recommend giving it a read!



Halo Reach Enemies by Tristan Frossard

You face a few different types of enemies throughout Halo Reach. You have your Unggoy (aka the Grunts), the Kig 'Yar (aka the Jackals), the Lekgolo or the Mega Lekgolo (aka the Hunters), the Yanme'e (aka the Buggers), the Jiralhanae (aka the Brutes), the Sangheili (aka the Elites), and the Skirmishers who are a subspecies of Jackal. Let's start with the Grunts, in my opinion they are the most dangerous because they will go suicide as your right on top of them. They are equipped with either a plasma pistol, needler, or fuel rod cannon, with plasma grenades. If their commanding officer is killed they will panic or they will go suicide and run at you with 2 plasma grenades. Then you have the Jackals who are equipped with a point defence gauntlet on their left wrist, which is more or less a wearable energy shield. As well as either a needler plasma pistol, or needle rifle, or focus rifle if they're a sniper. Taking them down is

simple: their hand sticks out from behind their shield, shoot that and they'll stagger and uncover themselves and then a quick headshot will kill them. Then you have the buggers only having plasma pistols and the ability to fly, you can kill them with a quick headshot.

Now let's get to the power units and commanding officers. The Hunters are equipped with a fuel rod cannon as their right arms and a shield the size of a small truck on their left. They're only vulnerable to blasts and a small gap in their armor on their back. The best way to take them out is to use a shotgun, grenades, rocket launchers, and fuel rod cannons. Blast their backs with the shotgun, rockets launchers, or fuel rod cannon and throw grenades at their feet until they're dead. Remember they are always deployed in pairs and their bond brother is more aggressive when you kill one of them. Next you have the Brutes, all you need to do is blast them with anything you have. They are equipped with brute spikers, or a plasma repeater, and if it's a chieftain a gravity hammer or fuel rod cannon and plasma grenades. Last and most annoying of all: the elites. The weapons vary with the different ranks but they are equipped with a plasma repeater, plasma rifle, needler, concussion rifle, fuel rod cannon, energy sword, needle rifles, or plasma pistol with plasma grenades. They have energy shields so it's best to have a plasma pistol to pop their shields either with a quick burst or an overcharge shot. Then a quick finisher headshot. This is by no means a deep dive into the enemies, just a quick summary of their names, equipment, and how to kill them most efficiently. If you want a more in depth summary of one of the enemies throw me some feedback at tristanf25anacondaschools.org. "Set a fire in your heart, Spartan! Bare your fangs! Fight hard! Die well." -*Escharum*

