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Sheridan's high school choir consists of Katherine Tucker, Lilly Smock, Madeline Lindroth, Faith Randolph, Rachel Zielinski, and Caitlyn Galiger.

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## A Night to Remember

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Madeline Lindroth- Senior

On the evening of November 2, 2021, at 6:30 pm, the music and drama department held its annual variety show at Sheridan High School. The event showcased Sheridan High's women's chorus, performance arts class, as well as some very special elementary music students who showcased their talents to the community. Soloist Cady Leavens shared her amazing voice with the audience with her rendition of "Beautiful Crazy" by Luke Combs. "I sang that song because I thought it kind of described me, and Luke Combs is one of my dad and [my] favorite singers, so that is why I chose that song," Cady Leavens said. The show began with the women's chorus singing "On Yonder Hill," which was directed by music teacher Mr. Johnson. "The variety show was not about what we heard, it was about what we made other people hear," says Mr. Johnson. Senior Rachel Zielinski added, "The show was a great way to bring people together and let loose for a night. It was great to see so many people coming to show their support." On top of all of the wonderful performances that made up the show, there was a silent auction of baked goods held in order to help show the community and schools' support, of not only the art programs but of the family of Evan Smail as well.

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# Accepting Differences

Jenna Nate- Senior

Recently, the *Washington Post* published an article titled "Montanans used to live and let live. Today bitter confrontations dim Big Sky Country." This article caused much disagreement and contention among some residents of Montana. The author, Lisa Rein, speaks of Kalispell and the issues surrounding the town, despite not living in Montana and experiencing what truly happens in the Flathead Valley. She starts the article by bringing up the cases of suicides in the Flathead Valley within the past year, but quickly shifts focus to politics and disruption within the town of Kalispell, almost as if she is blaming the suicide cases on politics and the pandemic. Some residents of Montana fled to social media to call Rein out on this, shaming the *Washington Post* and saying she shouldn't undermine mental health to bring up politics. Regardless of what the goal of the article was, it does shed light on one topic: contention because of differing opinions. The majority of the article focuses on how politics and covid have affected the Flathead Valley and caused a "divorce." With people having different opinions on everything, some are arguing and fighting. Tammi Fisher, former fiscal conservative of Kalispell, talked about how this has affected people. The *Washington Post* quotes her saying "If there's somebody I hate in a room, I've never felt compelled to tell them how much I hate them.' Now she does." When did it become a social norm to fight with someone just because you differ in opinions with them? People need to start becoming more tolerant of differing ideas. One great thing about being American is being able to have your own ideas and opinions, but this becomes difficult when you're attacked because you have a specific opinion. Whether it is about politics, covid, or anything else, it is important to be tolerant and remember that, yes, there are going to be people out there that disagree with you. And that is okay! It is acceptable to say "I don't agree with you on that particular issue, but we can still get along." This mindset doesn't just apply to politics. It also applies to mask and vaccination opinions, religion, and even parenting philosophies. Everyone is going to do what they think is best for themselves and their families, and this will look different for every individual. As long as it doesn't harm anyone else, each person is entitled to do their own things and have their own opinions. People need to be more tolerant of other people doing their own thing in life and having their own opinions. Regardless of the root cause of the suicides in the Flathead Valley, or even in Montana itself, Rein shows a major problem of contention in Montana that needs to be evaluated. Fixing this problem starts with each individual person, including students, being more unprejudiced of others.

# Answers to Last Issue's Riddles

Cody Underwood-Senior

**Riddle No. 1 and Answer:** What are the next 3 letters in this sequence? OTTFSS **Answer:** E, N, and T. The letters correspond to the first letter of each number one through ten.

**Riddle No. 2 and Answer:** How is seven different from the other numbers between one and ten? **Answer:** Seven has two syllables while the other numbers have only one.

**Riddle No. 3 and Answer:** I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I? **Answer:** A map.

**Riddle No. 4 and Answer:** What word in the English language does the following: the first two letters signify a male, the first three letters signify a female, the first four letters signify a great, while the entire word signifies a great woman. What is the word? **Answer:** Heroine

**Riddle No. 5 and Answer:** A girl has as many brothers as sisters, but each brother has only half as many brothers as sisters. How many brothers and sisters are there in the family? **Answer:** 4 Brothers and 3 Sisters.

**Riddle No. 6 and Answer:** How can the number four be half of number five? **Answer:** When it is roman numerals. IV, which is the roman numeral four, is two of the letters of the word FIVE.

**Riddle No. 7 and Answer:** I have keys, but no locks and space, and no rooms. You can enter, but you can't go outside. What am I? **Answer:** A keyboard.

**Riddle No. 8 and Answer:** A is the brother of B. B is the brother of C. C is the father of D. So how is D related to A? **Answer:** A is the Niece/Nephew of A.

**Riddle No. 9 and Answer:** This belongs to you, but everyone else uses it. What is it? **Answer:** Your name.

**Riddle No. 10 and Answer:** What can you hold in your right hand, but never in your left hand? **Answer:** Your left hand



# Middle School Boys Basketball Kicks Off Their Season

Kaiden Batzler- Senior

The middle school boys basketball team faced the Harrison Wildcats in their season opener on November 5th. The team had minimal practice leading up to the game, with only three full practices under their belt. The 7th-grade team were the first ones to face off against the Wildcats and battled to the end. They sadly lost with a score of 24-32. The 8th-grade team was up next and that game finished with the Panthers losing 15-38. "We played well for only having three practices and the other team having thirteen," said 8th grader, Brayt Wood. The Panthers middle school team is coached by Anthony Johnson and Jaeleen Munns, and the team consists of nineteen players, including six 8th graders. "I like the group of kids we have this year and we are gonna work to meet our goals," said Johnson. The team continued to practice the following week to get ready for Ennis on the 9th. The home game didn't go too well and both the 7th and 8th-grade teams lost. The next game was against Boulder and the 7th and 8th-grade teams lost those games as well. On the other hand, the 6th-grade team thumped Boulder with a final score of 6-0. The Panthers are excited for the rest of the season and are looking forward to the rest of their games. The next games are at Twin Bridges in a Jamboree followed by another game against the Falcons in Twin. "The only important statistic is the final score," says Johnson. Best of luck to the Panthers and the rest of their season!



Junior Myckena Clark and Senior Jori VerHow work together.



Senior Faith Larsen works on a welding project for the FFA Auction.



6th grader Brody Decker looks for the shot.



7th grader Briggs Munns looks to pass to an open teammate.

# November Welding Projects

Slmah Anson- Senior

Mr. Braaten's fourth-period class is working on three different assignments, with the class split into three groups spending one week on each. One group is working on projects to be sold at the Alumni auction on the 21st of November. The second group is practicing a new type of welding called Metal Inert Gas Welding, or MIG welding. Finally, the last group is finishing a project from about three weeks ago which is the roof of a small welded cabin using Shield Metal Arc welding. The groups have 3 to 5 kids in each of them and each group will rotate after one week so that two groups have a chance to make a project before the auction on the 21st. This class is open to both juniors and seniors and is the largest it's ever been. Previously, the Metals and Mechanics class has gone over shield metal arc welding and oxy-acetylene welding. Using shield metal arc welding, the students completed a three-week project where they made a cabin with a bottom and four sides with beads welded all the way up to resemble logs. With oxy-acetylene welding, the students had a three-week project completing an air-tight box with a threaded hole in the top.

## National Honor Society Prepares for December

Jorien VerHow- Senior

On Wednesday, November 10th, at 7:45 a.m, the National Honor Society members met to discuss this month's upcoming activities. They started with discussion about last month's activities, including Red Ribbon Week and how that went. The next order of business was to discuss the Veterans recognition on Thursday, November 11th. "There will be an introduction, a welcome, a short reading put out by the Whitehouse, the flag-raising, and the choir will sing The National Anthem," said Laurie Bartoletti, the National Honor Society director. The group then discussed Toys for Tots and how we would organize that this year. They decided to make it into a competition and see which class, grades 7-12, could get the most unwrapped gifts. "Usually whenever we make things into a competition, it gets more people involved instead of just a few people who would normally do these sort of activities," said Brooke Grow, a member of the National Honor Society. Each class would get a box in one teacher's room and put as many toys as possible in their box to win either a pizza or breakfast party. The last thing mentioned at the meeting was babysitting during the Sheridan Teacher and Staff Christmas Party. "We usually babysit for that and it is kind of all hands on deck," said Bartoletti. In closure, the National Honor Society is ready for the upcoming events for the month.

## Sheridan Honors Veterans

Joe Gilman- Senior

On November 11th the Sheridan Schools had a flag-raising ceremony to honor the community's veterans and service members. This event was hosted by the National Honor Society. At 8:30, the event started by welcoming all who had attended. The welcome was then followed by a speech delivered by Kat Tucker to the crowd. The speech involved the history of Veterans Day and why it is so important. After Kat concluded the speech, Juniors Natalie Shrank and Cassidy McCoy began the flag ceremony by first lowering the flag to half-mast. There was then a moment of silence. Finally, Schrank and McCoy raised the flag once again to full mast. After the ceremony, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and the Sheridan High Choir sang the Star-Spangled Banner. Ms. Schmit, who attended the event said, "I am always moved by our choir's rendition of the National Anthem; I think it's pretty special." Both of these events were followed by the closing remarks delivered by Jenna Nate. While other years this flag ceremony would have involved the veterans enjoying coffee and cinnamon rolls in the school; because of Covid, however, administration

thought it would be safer to cancel the coffee. Instead, the Old Shovel and Spoon building was opened from 11 am till 2 pm for a free lunch for the veterans to enjoy. Hopefully, in the following years, we may get the chance for coffee and cinnamon rolls in the school.

## Ruby Valley FFA Takes On JDAE

Brooke Grow- Senior

On the dark cold morning of November 11, the Ruby Valley FFA Chapter ventured to the John Deer Ag Expo (JDAE) held in the vast city of Bozeman, Montana. JDAE is one of the more popular events of FFA. Several chapters from all over the state travel to Bozeman to compete in various agricultural events: Mechanics, Livestock Judging, Farm and Business Management, Agronomy, Range, Parliamentary Procedure, etc. "JDAE provides a learning experience for life skills that can be used in the future, and an opportunity to make friends and interact with people from the other chapters," explains Junior member Ethan Smail. The main event that the Ruby Valley FFA chapter holds is the Mechanics competition. "We have been running this competition since JDAE first became a thing. This year we tried something new with the welding segment of the competition, and it was slower than anticipated," said Advisor Rodney Braaten. The mechanics team placed 8th overall with Kaiden Batzler placing 9th individual. In Milk Judging, the Ruby Valley team placed 7th with Clairra Haag leading the individual group with 7th place. Clairra Haag also placed 6th in Food Science assisting her team in an overall 9th place. "We did medium well as a chapter at JDAE, and we made history as the first Ruby Valley Chapter Milk Judging team and Equipment operating team," explained Rodney Braaten. In the future, the chapter hopes to act as strong leaders for the younger 4-H members and aid them in their successes.



Freshman Trey Schrank competes in Junior Mechanics during JDAE.

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This is the first of many shows that will be held this year by the students of the Arts Program here in Sheridan, and it was a great way to kick off the year of performing. The next concert will be held on the evening of December 6th starting at 6:00 pm with an amazing Tri-Tip dinner, followed by a show at 7:15 pm. Tickets will be sold for \$15.00 prior to the show, and \$20.00 if purchased at the door. Make sure to come and show your support of our Arts Program!



Seniors Jenna Nate (left) and Brooke Grow (right) take 1st and 3rd respectively.

## Seniors Compete in Constitution Contest

Kaymbreigh Schwartz- Senior

On Wednesday, November 10th, Sheridan High School rallied together to celebrate the entire senior class. They were all recognized for participating in the first annual Montana State Constitution Essay Contest. Each student wrote a paper on what The Constitution means to them. This competition was put out by the Secretary of States' Office and the Montana YouthVote Program. Both middle school and high school students all across the state participated in this competition, and two of our seniors placed 1st and 3rd in the state-wide contest. Brooke Grow took 3rd place and went on to say "it was not the best paper I have written, so I was very surprised." Jenna Nate took 1st place in the whole state, and she went on to say "It was a great opportunity and I am very grateful for it. I am super thankful for Mrs. Wuelfing for helping me with my paper." Everyone who submitted their papers was recognized. Mrs. Wuelfing, the history teacher, had an important role in the success of the competition. "If I were to guess I would say that there were at least a few hundred kids who participated in this competition throughout the whole state." Mrs. Wuelfing said. During the assembly, Jenna Nate and Brooke Grow read their papers to the school. Jenna received a journal as her prize and Brooke received a water bottle. Both were specially recognized by the Secretary of State, Christi Jacobsen.

## Shakespeare Play Entertains Many

Cody Underwood- Senior

On Wednesday, November 3rd, a production of William Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* was shown in the high school gym. The play was produced by Montana Shakespeare In the Parks and directed by Melanie Keller. *Much Ado About Nothing* is a Shakespearean Rom-Com, or romantic comedy. It features a cast of characters in a time of prosperity following a war, a time when the minds of people are focusing on things such as love and happiness, rather than war and crisis. The play begins just after the aforementioned war has just come to an end and the soldiers are returning to a grateful home. The soldiers share a meal with Leonato, the governor of their community. It is at this gathering that Claudio, one of the soldiers, falls in love with Leonato's daughter, Hero. Over the course of the next few days, a scandal unfolds in which Hero's name is slandered. Her husband-to-be publicly shames her at their wedding, she faints and is presumed dead by her fiance. Much drama ensues. The play was found to be incredibly entertaining to most of the students in attendance, judging solely by the laughter and applause throughout. An attendee reports, "I was honestly just glad to get out of my morning classes, but I actually really liked [the play]. It was really funny." After the show concluded, the actors and actresses involved held a talkback session in which they allowed the crowd to ask them questions about the show, the program, and themselves. Ethan Miles Perry, the actor that played Leonato, shared his favorite part of the program when he said, "The best part of doing this is being able to see all of the different communities and the different landscapes throughout this state." After the show and talkback session concluded, the Freshmen and Sophomores were excused to go back to their classes, while the Juniors and Seniors stayed behind to participate in workshops with the actors. After two hours of acting workshops, the midday bell rang and everyone was released to go to lunch. It was surely an entertaining and enjoyable time for all.



Following the play, both juniors and seniors participated in workshops provided by Shakespeare in the Schools.

## A Path of Change

Alfred Sutton- Junior

Most of the common students at Sheridan focus on school, our social lives, and work, but one student exceeds those core focuses. Joe Gilman began his journey of self-improvement in early November of 2020. Joe, at the time, weighed around 240 pounds and was very discontent with his athletic condition and overall aesthetic. Gilman began to eat much less; he accounts that he basically lived off of apples and granola bars for the majority of his progression. He began to regularly go on mile runs, steadily increasing the distance over weeks, and hit the Sheridan High School weight room almost every day of the week. In early February, Gilman recognized that he lacked enough solid muscle mass to compete athletically in football, after losing almost 60 pounds. He began to follow heavy caloric standards, and dug very deep into weightlifting throughout the summer and into the early football season. Joe began to regain his weight back in lean muscle mass, and now weighs around 180 pounds. I asked Joe about his viewpoint regarding the Sheridan football season this year, and he confidently replied with, "It's different this year, we have our team heavily committed to the sport and we are all willing to put in the work to better ourselves, much more than what we have in the past years. As long as we keep our drive up, we'll go very far this season." The Sheridan football team had an astounding season, not only making it to the playoffs for the first time in recent memory but also ending with a 5-3 record. Moving forward and concentrating more on our senior's future, Gilman intends on going to college to pursue a degree in computer sciences or business. From Gilman's past experiences and collected wisdom, he leaves the younger students with the following advice: "These years are your golden years... take risks and live your life while you can and still are able to."



## Shifting to a Different Setting

Jazz FastHorse- Junior

Katherine Tucker is a Senior at Sheridan High School with an outgoing personality and a strong mindset. Katherine came from a small town in California, shifting from hot weather down to a cooler environment. She was a homeschooled kid until the beginning of her senior year. Katherine's words of public school are, "it was a bit of a shock. Different atmosphere, but fun." She says she likes it here at Sheridan a lot. Her plan after she graduates is to attend college at Western and study for elementary education. This will make her the fourth generation of teachers in her family, that's if she keeps her eye on the path. Katherine also thinks about minoring in music production, with her love for music. Her greatest accomplishment so far at Sheridan is joining the Sheridan Panthers volleyball team and making friends along the way. She likes the game of volleyball itself and enjoys playing with her teammates. Katherine has no intentions of doing any other sports. She likes Government class and her favorite teacher is Mr. Anderson. Katherine Tucker enjoys her time here at Sheridan High School, playing on the volleyball team with teammates, and having fun both with the sport and school.



## Putting in the Work

Faith Larsen- Senior

The Sheridan Lady Panthers team started practice on November 18th in the Elementary Gym where they began preparing for their first tip-off tournament in Harlowton on December 9th. The tournament will span three days, but until then, the Lady Panthers will be busy with practices both after school and the weekends. The practice schedule will include some three-hour practices and two-a-day practices that will take place after Thanksgiving Break. In the meantime, the Lady Panthers have been getting in shape with pre-season open gyms which have been held in the high school gym after school on Mondays through Wednesdays from 4 pm to 6 pm. There have been eight to twelve girls consistently showing up and putting in the work. With two new coaches in place this year, some think it will be quite the change and will take some adjustment. Head Coach Michael Grover and Assistant Coach Amanda LaYacona seem to look forward to the season. When asked what Coach Grover expected from this season, he responded with "I expect girls to work hard, be accountable, and have a fun and memorable season." As a first-year coach, he was asked how he plans to make an impression this season. He answered with "I plan to teach my athletes how to play the game of basketball and [that] their actions alone will make an impression on anyone who watches." Coach Grover has high hopes for the team and is glad to see all the girls that show up to get better: "Some goals I have in the team are to be confident in everything we do, be accountable at all times, and make a great team atmosphere to play and work hard in." As playing for their fourth year in high school, senior Jorien VerHow looks forward to "hopefully winning. We have a good team this year and potential to do well." She also commented on the pre-season open gyms saying "We have had a lot of girls show up and it has been pretty good. A huge, consistent, turnout compared to previous years." The Sheridan Lady Panthers plan to work hard throughout the season and keep a good mentality. Emily LaYacona, a sophomore, was asked her thoughts on the open gyms and how they have helped her. "The open gyms, to me, have helped me with some of my skills. I have got to work on them early and have already improved a lot." Emily is also looking forward to having her mom around as a coach: "It is exciting but scary at the same time. She doesn't accept any messing around and she is my mom, but I think that it will be fun sometimes." Senior Caitlyn Galiger also commented on the upcoming season: "With all the preseason workouts and open gyms, I think the Lady Panthers will be ready and well prepared for the upcoming season. I am excited to see how it goes."

*Support your Panther basketball teams at their Tipoff Tournament Thursday, December 9 in Harlowton!*

## Jumping Between Seasons: Mr. Pierson Goes Double Time with Two Sports

Zak McCormack- Senior

Mostly known for coaching fall sports, Clay Pierson has coached both football and basketball for the Sheridan Panthers. His high school days might have laid with our red adversaries eight miles down the road, but he is full of purple pride and excitement for the start of another season of Panther hoops. I had the pleasure of having a conversation with him about the rapidly approaching season, and his answers made it apparent his opportunistic outlook. When asked about the difference in coaching between the two different sports, he quickly replied "Football is [more fun] because you can game plan a lot more and put kids in better positions to succeed. Basketball is hard because if you can't pass or dribble, no matter your game plan, you can't do it." Although getting buckets on the hardwood is much different from making touchdowns on the field, Pierson is ready for the obstacles and adversaries that may arise during the season. When asked how he feels the basketball season will go, Pierson asserted "We'll be all right. I feel this will be the best team we've had in a long long time here." With the freshman class containing a lot of young talent and older classes not producing so many basketball players, the roster will look a little different than it did for football. Pierson confirmed that the starting lineup and substitutions will be like football though, with the young talents getting their playing time, saying "We will be a very young team. Much like football, a couple of juniors and seniors, and the rest are sophomore and freshman." Practice started Thursday the 18th, see you all on the court!



# Holiday Destressing

By Rachel Zielinski

\*Set boundaries for your schedule. Before committing to travelling or hosting, decide what your limits are.

\*Avoid family conflict. Sometimes there's just those family members you don't agree with, but try to keep it out of your holiday season. Send a group text setting your boundaries about what you don't want to talk about. If they cross that boundary you have set, you have the choice to leave.

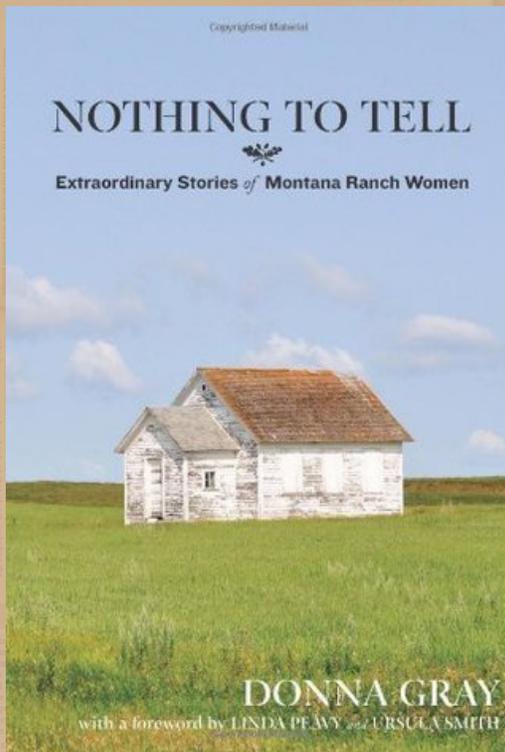
\*Say no. It's okay to say no. Don't take on more stress than you have to. It's okay if you can't make it to both dinners on each side of your family. It's okay if you don't have the time or resources to host that New Year's Eve party. You only have two arms and two legs, you can't take on everything.

\*Make a Christmas budget (and stick to it). Budgeting is a good way to not overspend on that credit card, but still accomplish a successful gift exchange.

\*Try to make the best of it. No family is perfect, but personally, I think that's the best part about the holidays.

# Book Review

Katherine Tucker- Senior



*Nothing to Tell: Extraordinary Stories of  
Montana Ranch Women*

Donna Gray

History, Nonfiction, Biography

Goodreads- 4

Me- 4

Sometimes the story seems irrelevant, for example, there have been several times that someone has detoured off into explaining how a certain old farming implement works, however even that is interesting. This book offers a look into what these womens' lives were like, a window into a group of people whose stories are not often focused on. I love that this book highlights stories that are seemingly unimportant, stories that in today's society apparently hold little value, because truly, these stories are important. These women were remarkable, the things they endured and the stories they have to tell are fascinating. Another thing that I enjoyed about this book was the map at the very beginning of the book. There are places that I am familiar with and have memories connected to on the map, and being able to look back and see how one woman grew up, raised children, or did something else in an area that I know well in the present day is intriguing to me. Last month I was uncertain if I was going to read any more non-fiction for the purposes of doing a book review, in fact, I was leaning towards reading only fiction. However, this book redeemed nonfiction for me, as it was incredibly interesting to me, and I loved the format chosen by the author to transcribe these interviews not as questions and answers, but instead like the narrator of a story, who was just talking about her life. If I was forced to find one thing that I didn't like about this book, I suppose it would be that it ends. I genuinely cannot think of something to change, but who knows, I might be biased- you might just have to read it for yourself to find out!

You are sitting across a kitchen table from a woman who has lived many more years than yourself, and you are listening to her tell you her stories. Not stories that newspapers care about, not stories that you would turn on the television to watch, not even stories that you would hear on the radio, and definitely not stories that you would read in a tabloid or a magazine. No, these stories contain something different than your typical "interesting" story. They contain the truth of a human life. No matter where you are from, no matter who you are, you have something to say. Everyone has a story to tell. *Nothing to Tell: Extraordinary Stories of Montana Ranch Women* tells the stories of ordinary women who lived on ranches in Montana during the 19th and 20th centuries, who had "nothing to tell". These women were not celebrities, they weren't scholars, and they didn't change the world with their actions or words. However, they had incredible stories of their lives. This book is composed of a series of transcribed interviews conducted by Donna Gray beginning in 1982, with each chapter being the interview of a different woman. I received this book as a birthday present from my Grandma (Hi Grams, love you), and have enjoyed it immensely, it has been wonderful to read. The stories are told in the voice of the individual women, so reading it is similar to sitting and listening to someone tell a story.



# Poetry Corner



## Coffee

Kassidy McCoy- Junior

You drink it most every morning  
 Then you're happy no more scouring  
 There are many different kinds  
 Without it you feel disinclined  
 You can drink it sweetened or bland  
 Lots of kinds come into demand  
 When you go a day without it  
 You'll be mad you might admit  
 You drink pumpkin if you're basic  
 If you do you're formulaic



## Favorite Things

Jazz FastHorse- Junior

There are many things that I like.  
 Some things that I'll fight for my life.  
 Playing volleyball and basketball.  
 Trying my best and giving it my all.  
 Putting most of my time drawing.  
 Why? Because I think it is calming.  
 I like to listen to music.  
 Singing along with the lyrics.  
 Hanging out with my family and  
 friends.  
 Having fun and laughing till the end.

## Volleyball

Clair Haag- Junior

Many odd things out there are great  
 And put me in a happy state  
 But nothing will surpass the thing  
 That makes me want to shout and sing  
 The greatest pass in volleyball  
 Will make me want to hear for all  
 Beautiful kills that hit the ground  
 They make me want to bounce around  
 Fabulous serves will hit the floor  
 That ace will make me shout for more  
 That perfect set will set the stage  
 And will wipe away all the rage



## My Favorite Things

Kena Wood- Junior

Yellow makes me very happy  
 The yellow bee was a fatty  
 The yellow truck was buzzing noise  
 It sounded like a grown man's voice  
 Sunflowers shine in the sunlight,  
 Clinging to all things that are bright.  
 The banana was very bold  
 The banana looked kind of old  
 Your mom looked so very yellow  
 It looks like your mom found a fellow



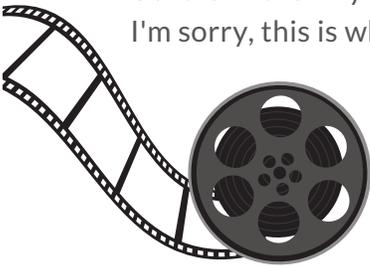


# Poetry Corner

## My Favorite Things

Jason Munz- Junior

I sure enjoy a good movie,  
 Especially when it's groovy  
 From heroes to cool cars and spies,  
 Loyalty to betrayal and lies.  
 The same genre for favorite books,  
 Fantasy, I might need two looks.  
 Some other items about me  
 like mountains, but also the sea.  
 Others like family and friends.  
 I'm sorry, this is where it ends



## Favorite Things Poem

Glynn Wood- Junior

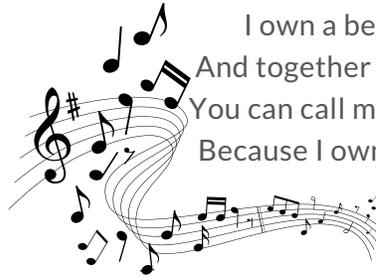
I have lots of favorite things  
 Many of which make my heart sing  
 There's something about rainy days  
 And I can't take away my gaze  
 Oh and running around in feilds  
 On my horse that can be a fiend  
 And when listening to music  
 Oh how it's so therapeutic  
 There are other things I could say  
 But it's my time to go away



## Favorite Things

Abigail Curtis- Junior

Always I have enjoyed to dance  
 Although I'm not big on romance  
 Music, a favorite pastime  
 Maybe I could earn me a dime  
 It has long been my belief  
 No food could taste better than beef  
 For me, I ever love to ski  
 So long as I avoid the tree  
 My Jersey is my dear playmate  
 We landed together through fate  
 I own a beautiful llama  
 And together we cause drama  
 You can call me little bow peep  
 Because I own so many sheep



## Arrowhead

Henry Sutton- Junior

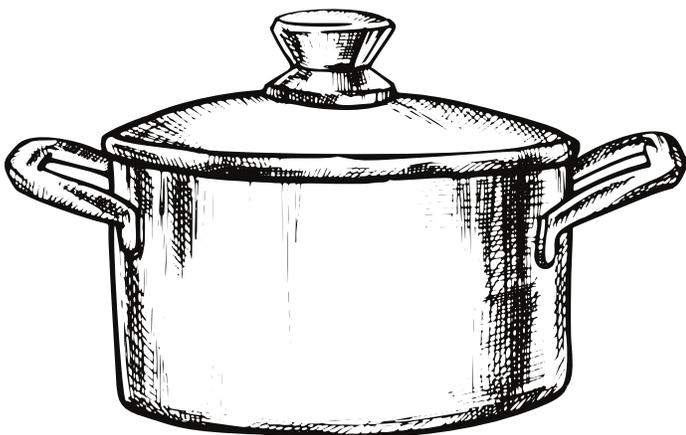
Oh the arrowhead shine brightly  
 And this wisdom be now lightly  
 Achieved from the earthy ground  
 A primal treasure hath been found  
 On mountains high with snow and stone  
 Where the eagles have freely flown  
 And now I possess this treasure  
 Of sentiment unmeasured  
 And now I bound with wife plain  
 Freedom bound in form of a chain



## Killing to Cook

Noah Caldwell- Senior

If you have ever experienced the satisfaction of properly tracking down an animal and killing it, you have probably dressed it in the field or have watched someone dress it. Dressing is only the first part of the process of the consumption of the meat. Now, whether you are hunting black bears, antelope, mountain lions, whitetails, mule deer, or even elk the dressing might be a little different but for the most part, dressing is performed in the same fashion. After you have dressed the animal in the field you also need to quarter the animal and leave the spinal cord and the skull in the field due to a new law that FWP has implemented to further prevent the spreading of the Chronic Wasting Disease. Once quartered, you haul the meat home and let it hang for at least a week to age the meat and make it more tender. After that week is over, you take the quarters and cut all the meat off and then separate bad meat from good meat, and depending on what you want, you can either cut the meat into steaks or you can make jerky out of it or even sausage. All of which need to be cooked before you can eat them. One of my favorite things to cook and eat is mountain lion. Mountain lion is a lot like really lean pork, except that it is just a little bit chewier. For this recipe, you will need all-purpose flour (I like White Lily, but it's only available in the South), salt, pepper, and vegetable oil. Put a quarter-inch of oil in a cast-iron pan and turn on the stovetop. Then, take your mountain lion steaks and cover them in flour, put them into the pan once the oil is hot, and cook until golden brown. Don't forget to salt and pepper both sides of each steak, and make sure you cook them all the way through. Serve with a side of mashed taters and brown gravy - Perfect. Feel free to share some of your favorite recipes with me, Noah Caldwell, and make sure to stay safe and get some big kills.



## History of Thanksgiving

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Thanksgiving has been a tradition from back in 1621, but its backstory started about a year before that. In the middle of September in 1620, a ship called the Mayflower set sail from Plymouth, England to reach the other side of the Atlantic. The Mayflower was carrying 102 passengers and traveled 66 days to the tip of Cape Cod. Their intended destination was at the mouth of the Hudson River which was much further south. The Pilgrims started to establish a village in Plymouth Bay, Massachusetts. They suffered through winter, but unfortunately, only about half of the pilgrims made it through winter. Once spring had come, Native Americans taught the Pilgrims how to hunt, fish, and live in Massachusetts. Soon the Pilgrims made an alliance with a local Indian tribe called the Wampanoag tribe. The Pilgrims were also taught by Native Americans how to grow crops like corn. Once the Pilgrims knew how to farm, they could survive without starving to death. The Pilgrims had their first successful corn harvest about one year after they first landed. This was cause for celebration, so governor William Bradford decided to celebrate by having a feast with everyone on the new land in November of 1621. The feast included foods like corn, seal, swan, and even lobster. They continued on this tradition for the rest of their lives and passed it on. Today, Thanksgiving is celebrated nationally every year in November. People often celebrate by getting friends and family together and eating many different foods.

## TikTok Trends

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TikTok is a social media platform where you can make videos of yourself lip-syncing, dancing, or advertising. Formerly known as Musically, TikTok has blown up in recent years and now has over one billion users. There are a few current trends, including "Cleaning TikTok" which consists of ASMR videos of people cleaning houses, rooms, cars, outside, or even refilling their cleaning supplies. "TikTok Holidays" is a trend that helps people who need ideas on what to get their loved ones or DIY projects to make their holidays easier and trendy. Finally, "Manifestation and Crystals" is a trend used to promote your physical, spiritual, and emotional healing. It is believed that each crystal has a different use and outcome based on the way you use them. For example, carnelian is used to balance your body's energy levels. Manifestation is "the public display of emotion or feeling, or something theoretical made real." Even today, TikTok continues to grow, and while some have threatened to take it down, the world will not let that happen.



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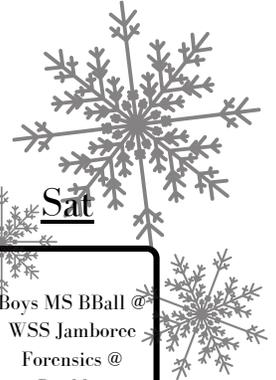
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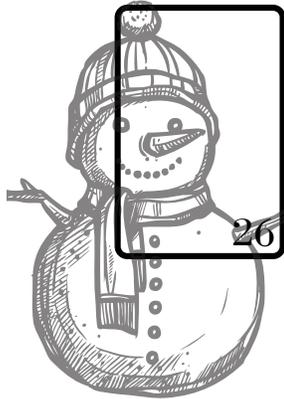




# December



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Elementary (K-4) Basketball Camp 3:00	Christmas Dinner Fundraiser Concert 6:00	Boys MS BBall vs. Twin	Picture Retake Day	BBall Tip Off Harlowton JV/V Staff Xmas Dinner	BBall Tip Off Harlowton JV/V	Boys MS BBall @ Harrison BBall Tip Off Harlowton JV/V
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Elementary (K-4) Basketball Camp 3:00		BBall @ Harrison B/G Board Meeting 7:00	JSK-3rd Christmas Concert 6:00	4th-6th Christmas Concert 6:00	Bball vs. Ennis B/G	Boys MS Sheridan Booster Tourney Forensics @ Townsend
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Elementary (K-4) Basketball Camp 3:00	BBall vs. Twin B/G				Christmas Break Starts	
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