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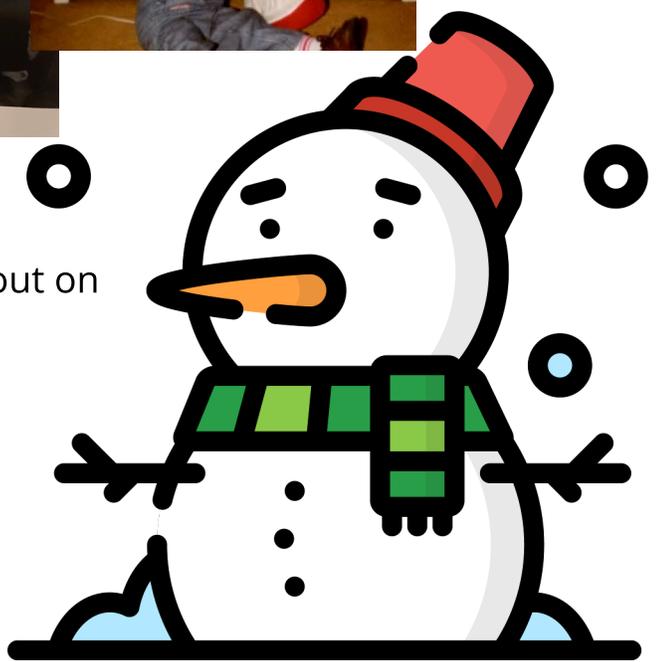


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Senior Spotlight

By Aalyia Howard

Payton Mallett has lived in Harrison for four years and has been attending Ennis High School for three years. She plans on attending Defiance College to study criminology.

Payton has played travel softball since she was ten and basketball since she was 12. She has played both sports for her entire time at Ennis. Payton enjoys reading and playing softball; she has four dogs and a pet cat.



Hayley Hess has lived in Ennis for four years. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Zucker, and her favorite class is choir. Hayley's favorite book is *Five Feet Apart*, and her favorite movie is *The Sandlot*.

One time when she went to North Carolina her family got stuck for two days and caught covid; they then got sent to Pennsylvania and were stuck for another two days.

Her best memory from living in Ennis is meeting Graylin Furlong. Hayley's advice for the freshmen is to not procrastinate.



LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

By Aalyia Howard

On November 12, the Speech and Debate team took a trip to Big Timber. They took first place in speech for the second consecutive meet.

Aiden Kramer got 8th place in Impromptu, and Josey Blazer got 2nd. In Informative, I got 5th place and Genesis Boyles got 6th. Levi Whitehurst got 2nd place in Humorous Solo, and in Original Oratory, Olivia Benson got 3rd place and Izzabella Haas got 1st. In Memorized Public Address, Noni Dilschneider got 1st place, Sage Canterbury got 4th, and Katie Barney got 7th.

On November 19, the team attended a meet in East Helena. Izzy Haas got 1st place in OO, Elizabeth Olson and Ruby Blazer got 4th place in Humorous Theater, and Levi Whitehurst got 1st place in Humorous Solo. Sage Canterbury took 8th place and Noni Dilscheider placed 7th in MPA. The team took 3rd place overall in drama. Overall the team did super good during the month of November.



The team then competed at Shepherd on December 3. It was a very large meet, with 32 schools in attendance. There were 369 competitors in total. Izzy Haas took another 1st place, and Olivia Benson took 3rd in Original Oratory. Levi Whitehurst got 2nd place in Humorous Solo, and Katie Barney got 5th place in Memorize Public Address. Josey Blazer took 4th place in Impromptu.

On December 10, the team took a trip to Livingston, and they took third place overall in both Speech and Drama. Josey Blazer took 6th place in Impromptu, and Ruby Blazer and Elizabeth Olsen took 7th place in Hum Theater. In MPA, Katie Barney placed 5th, Noni Dillschneider placed 4th, and Sage Canterbury placed 3rd. In Informative, I took 4th place, Genesis Boyles took 6th, and Hayden Rosdahl took 8th. Levi Whitehurst got first in Hum Solo and Izzy Haas placed 3rd in OO.

Community Night will take place at the high school on Thursday, December 15. This is an event that is open to the public to come watch all the competitors perform their pieces. The team would love to see all of you there!

FCCLA UPDATE

By Mackenzie Boyko

FCCLA had their first divisional meet on Tuesday, November 15. It was held at the Front Street Station in Butte. Senior Genesis Boyles, State Officer for our district, ran the meet. Other schools in attendance included Dillion, Manhattan, Gallatin, Bozeman, Townsend, Three Forks, and Belgrade.

After getting settled into the meeting, we attended workshops focused on mental health, leadership, and what to expect competing in FCCLA. There were five workshops in total at the meet.

Junior Noni Dilschneider was elected vice president of our district. Some upcoming events that will be happening in FCCLA are a Secret Santa gift exchange for the chapter, choosing competitor events, and the state competition at MSU in March.



Who's Who? answers:

1. Mrs. McCollum
2. Mrs. Zucker
3. Mr. Speck
4. Cole Kramer
5. Ms. Beckman
6. Mrs. Pederson
7. Officer Moore
8. Mackenzie and Chevy Boyko

Lady Stangs Basketball

By Aalyia Howard

This year, the girls basketball team took off on December 6th vs Lima at home. The girls won by 43 points with a final score of 61-18. Senior Payton Mallett was the team's top scorer with 16 points.

There are 5 seniors on the team this year, and they all have different goals and hopes for the upcoming season. Payton Mallett wants to try and improve on communication as a team. She didn't play a fall sport, so she is excited to put the "athlete" back in student-athlete. Marlyssa Ledgerwood wants to strive to get closer as a team and make it to state. She enjoys the coaches and is looking forward to an amazing season.

On December 9, the team traveled to Lewistown for a 2-day tournament. On Friday, the girls played Centerville whom they defeated, and on Saturday (December 10) they played Roy/Winifred, and they won this game as well. Both were very decisive victories in which the Lady Mustangs came out 20+ points above their competition.

There are two varsity games left for December against Twin Bridges (December 16) and Gardiner

(December 17; both games will take place at home.

Go Mustangs!



Boys Basketball

By Lily King

Boys Basketball began their season on November 17th. Their new head coach this year is Jeff Malby, with assistant coaches Jon Swanson and Kyle Boling. The team is being managed by juniors Olivia Sorensen and Kaylee Helling.

Coach Malby hopes to have a good start to the season and is aiming to help take the team to state this year. He has been coaching basketball for 35 years. According to Malby, the boys this year are super fast and have a great “team first” mentality. He wants the team to work on believing in each other a little bit more, and having more self-positive talk. He believes the team’s toughest competition will be Manhattan Christian because they are ranked high, and he thinks if the boys put in enough effort and try their hardest they can beat them.

On Tuesday, December 6, the JV and varsity boys competed against Lima at home. Both teams claimed victory against the Bears. The final score for the varsity game was 75-27. Junior Jeremya Mauch was the Mustang’s leading scorer with 19 points. Coach Boling said “the JV and varsity team had a great first showing.

They played hard, they played together, and the outcome came out in their favor.”

The next games for the team took place on December 9 and 10 at a tournament in Lewistown. The boys played Centerville on Friday and Roy/Winifred on Saturday. Friday was a rough night for the team, and they suffered their first loss. The team would also fall to Roy/Winifred on Saturday after a tough, close battle that was determined in the final moments of the game.

The boys will face off against Twin Bridges (Dec 16) and Gardiner (Dec 17) at home for their final games of 2022.



'Tis the Season to Give Back

By Ethan Shostack

We've talked a lot about the holidays, receiving presents, and doing fun things this time of the year. This is also an important time to remember the less fortunate and be grateful for what we have. Volunteering one's time is a wonderful way to make this season enjoyable for all. The following are some opportunities you can look into if you'd like to volunteer and spread some holiday cheer.

In Ennis, you can help out the Madison River Foundation, which is dedicated to the wildlife and the river itself. This would be a great place to spend you time helping if you care about the environment. The Lions Club, Chamber, and Madison Valley Manor are also often looking for help.

In Bozeman, there are a lot of places where you can volunteer, and I will list a few of them along with the thing each organization strives for. The first organization I will talk about is called Befrienders. it is a group that helps take care of the elderly; they not only help them with everyday tasks, but they also spend time doing fun activities with them and socializing.

There are also a couple foundations dedicated to helping veterans. One of these is the Warriors and Quiet Waters Foundation. this is a service that brings post-9/11 Veterans to a ranch in southwest Montana in which they are taught to enjoy nature and the calmer parts of a civilian lifestyle.

The Salvation Army in Bozeman has many opportunities available. You can ring the bell for donations at various businesses in Bozeman, and they also do a Christmas gift drive for nearby families

in need.

Finally, volunteers are always needed at the Gallatin Valley Food Bank. They are frequently looking for help stocking their shelves and sorting food items, among many other tasks.

Consider volunteering with one of these great organizations, or one of the many other available options out there. It will surely put you in the holiday spirit!

Christmas Stroll

By Hayden Rosdahl

The Ennis Christmas Stroll was very successful this year. Many businesses were open and doing special things for the Christmas stroll, such as the Pharmacy offering pictures with Santa. The library had crafts and snacks for little kids, and they also displayed the gingerbread house competition entries that members of the community participated in.

The Lions Club park had fire pits available for roasting marshmallows, and many more businesses stayed open past their usual hours and were offering holiday treats. In addition to all this, there was the hayride which was open to everybody. Our high school band performed outside of Madison Valley Bank in the early afternoon, and at 7 p.m. there was a light parade, where a variety of vehicles cruised down Main Street decorated with Christmas lights. Overall, this Christmas stroll was very successful for the town of Ennis, and many people showed up.

All I Want for Christmas is...

By Ethan Shostack

As the holidays are approaching, I decided to ask EHS students what is on their Christmas lists this year. I received a total of 17 responses. Some of their wish list items are attainable; however, some definitely *weren't*. Some were even a bit odd.

I received a variety of responses, and one person gave me their entire Amazon shopping list, but the thing I found the most intriguing about the responses was the amount of times people asked for a significant other. Out of the seventeen responses I got, four of them are seeking a boyfriend or girlfriend. The second most popular response was for a tattoo. One student is hoping for some gas money, and another person wanted a magical unicorn.



Astrological Calendar

By Hayden Rosdahl

In December, there will be some astrological activity we will be able to witness in our skies. We will have our shortest day of the year (December 21), kicking off the official start of winter, and the days (and our amount of daylight), will begin to lengthen afterward. Here are some astrological events coming up for the end of the year:

December 8: full moon, Mars close to Earth

December 13-14: meteor shower

December 21: first day of winter

December 21 to 22: meteor shower

December 23: new moon



Christmas Fudge

By Aalyia Howard



Ingredients

- 4-1/2 cups sugar
- 1 can (12 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 2 packages (11-1/2 ounces each) milk chocolate chips
- 4-1/2 cups miniature marshmallows
- 2 ounces unsweetened chocolate, chopped
- 3 cups chopped walnuts, toasted
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 4 ounces white baking chocolate, melted

Recipe

1. Line a 13x9-in. pan with foil; coat with cooking spray.
2. In a heavy Dutch oven, combine sugar, milk and butter. Bring to a rapid boil over medium heat, stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 5 minutes. Remove from heat.
3. Stir in chocolate chips, marshmallows and chopped chocolate until melted. Fold in walnuts and vanilla.
4. Immediately spread into the prepared pan. Drizzle with melted white baking chocolate; cool completely.
5. Using foil, lift fudge out of the pan. Remove foil; cut fudge into 96 squares. Store between layers of waxed paper in airtight containers.





Christmas Movies!

By Mackenzie Boyko

Everybody has their favorite Christmas movies they watch every year at Christmastime. Here are the top 10 Christmas films of all time, as ranked by Paste Magazine. They will fill you up with joy:

1. White Christmas (1954)
2. The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
3. Trading Places (1983)
4. Home Alone (1990)
5. Rudolf the Red-Nosed Reindeer (1964)
6. The Year Without Santa Clause (1974)
7. The Muppet Christmas Carol (1992)
8. Bad Santa (2003)
9. National Lampoon's Christmas Vacations (1989)
10. The Santa Clause (1994)



Holiday Jokes

By Maddy Gordon

1. What do you get when you cross a snowman and vampire?
2. What do you call a reindeer ghost?
3. Why do reindeers love Beyonce so much?
4. Which of Santa's friends is the most chill?
5. What is Santa's favorite candy?
6. What do you call a broke Santa Claus?
7. How do you know when Santa is around?
8. What do you call an elf that can sing and dance?
9. What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

See page 11 for answers!





Fun Winter Activities

By Maddy Gordon

Even though it's cold outside, you don't have to sit inside all day. Here are some fun, festive activities to do in the winter Montana.

Go on a ski trip:

Just don't forget to warm up at the lodge with a cup of hot cocoa whenever you need a break. Some places you can go are Big Sky or Discovery.

Ice skating:

I personally love ice skating. If you own a pair of skates, go for it and have the time of your life

Sledding:

I have to be honest, I haven't been sledding in years, but this is a very good and fun winter activity to do with family and friends.

Have a movie night:

On frosty winter nights, Netflix is a no brainer. Curl up on the couch with a cozy blanket and a bowl of popcorn and watch your favorite Christmas movie/show. I highly recommend *The Polar Express*, an all time favorite for sure!

Make a snowman:

Take advantage of the freshly fallen snow and make some priceless memories; then once you're done, you can admire your masterpiece from your window.

Have a snowball fight:

Get your winter gear and invite your friends and family outside for a good ol' fashioned snowball fight.

Make a gingerbread house:

I build a gingerbread house every year for Christmas. It's so fun. and you get to eat it afterwards. It can't get much better than that.

Make-and-bake some Christmas treats:

I love making sugar cookies during this time of year, especially with those little green Christmas tree sprinkles. highly recommend.

and finally....

Listen to Christmas music!

This is a must. If you aren't listening to Christmas music, you shouldn't be celebrating Christmas, and I consider you a miserable person. "I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus" is one of my favorite Christmas songs.



Christmas Break Plans

By Mackenzie Boyko

I asked EHS students about their upcoming Christmas break plans, and here are some of their responses:

What are your plans for Christmas Break?

Megan Knack - Basketball practice and sleep

Aalyia Howard - I am going to sit at Noah's house and watch stupid Christmas movies that will 100% make me cry for no reason whatsoever

Andrew Beardsley - Ski

Nick Lake - Bundle up with some hot cocoa whilst knowing that no one can dig up the 147 watermelons

Sal Fanelli - Stay home

Mikayla Ledgerwood - Go to Billings

Kaylee Helling - Go to a nice warm state known as Arizona

Jaylyn Jenkins - Watch Hallmark movies and drink coffee

Olivia Sorensen - I'm going to Argentina to go see my family and friends and have a BLAST!!

Gillian Gilbert - To visit family and relax

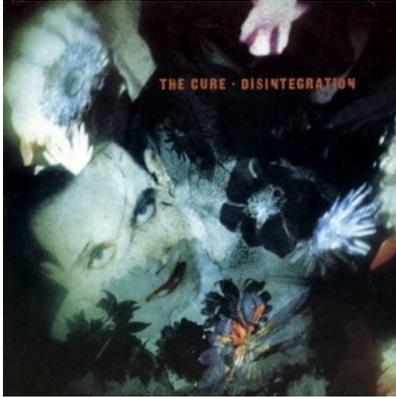


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The Alternative Umbrella

Album reviews by Hayden Rosdahl



The Cure- *Disintegration*

Overall rating: 9.5/10

Favorite song: "Lullaby"

This is the 8th album released by The Cure. Released in 1989, it is considered by many to be a post-punk classic. In my opinion, this is The Cure's best album.

Some other good songs on the album include "Pictures of You" and "Untitled." The guitars on this album add a lot to the vocals, which are amazing. Overall, I'd say this is a must listen for any Cure fan who hasn't heard it yet.



TV Girl- *Who Really Cares*

Overall rating: 10/10

Favorite song: "Loving Machine"

This album is most known for the song "Not Allowed" which has been trending on TikTok for a while; however, the album has plenty of other good songs

Another one of my favorite songs from this album is "Taking What's Not Yours." It has some nice synths, and the lyrics are charmingly blunt, as many songs on the album deal with heartbreak. Overall, I'd say this album is very good if you're into indie pop.

Holiday Joke Answers:

1. A frostbite
2. A cari-boo
3. She sleighs
4. Jack Frost
5. Jolly Ranchers
6. Saint nickel-less
7. You can sense his presents
8. Elfis
9. You're cool

Upcoming Events

Dec 1- JHBB vs Harrison 4:00 p.m.

Dec 3- Speech and Drama Debate @ Shepherd

Dec 5- JHBB @ Three Forks 4:00 p.m.

Dec 6- HSBB vs Lima 5:00 p.m.

Dec 9-10 HSBB @ Lewistown (Tourney)

Dec 10- JHBB @ Sheridan (Tourney)

Dec 10- Speech and Drama and Debate @ Livingston

Dec 13- HSBB @ Sheridan 4:00 p.m.; Shakespeare in the Schools

Dec 15- picture retakes and class pictures, Speech and Drama
Community Night

Dec 16- HSBB vs Twin Bridges 2:30 p.m.

Dec 16- JHBB vs Twin Bridges 3:30 p.m.

Dec 17- HSBB @ Gardiner 2:30 p.m.

Dec 19- K-4th Elementary Winter Concert - 6:00 p.m. (HS Gym)

Dec 19 5th- 12th Winter Concert - 7:45 p.m. (HS Gym)

Dec 21 - Jan 3 No School (Christmas Break)



Merry Christmas!

