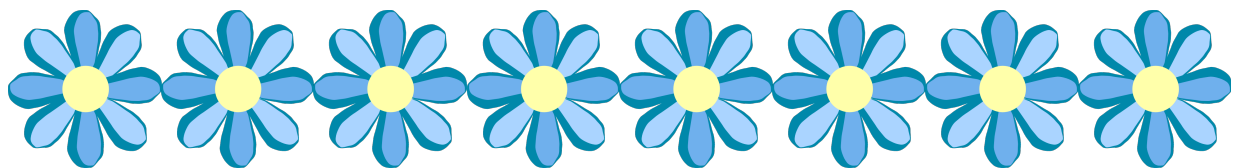


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# SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Aalyia Howard

Gillian Gilbert wants to go to college at the University of Montana and major in World Languages and Cultures. She has lived here nine years and has attended school here since she was in 3rd grade.

Gillian loves the Christmas Stroll because of all the lights, happy vibes, and hot cocoa. She could not choose just one favorite book; *The Witness* by Dee Henderson and *Murder on the Orient Express* by Agatha Christie are two of her favorites. Her favorite TV show is *I Dream of Jeannie*, and her favorite movie is *Back To The Future*.

Her advice for the freshmen is to get all your credits, especially your computer ones, so you don't have to later. She also advises that you just have fun, because you only have four years. She has multiple teachers that she considers her favorites, including Mrs. Rolfe, Mrs. Zucker, Ms. Steffen, and Mr. Boling. Overall, Gillian enjoys English class the most.



Jaylyn Jenkins is a 17-year-old who has lived here all her life. She wants to attend college, but she has not yet picked a major or a college to major at. Her favorite memory from living in Ennis was leaving for state softball during her junior year, walking through the town and by the school to see all the people who came out to support them.

Jaylyn's worst vacation story took place at Six Flags in Colorado. She went down a slide, and the lifeguard had to blow their whistle to inform her that her swimsuit had fallen off. How embarrassing! Her favorite book is *Burned* by Ellen Hopkins, and her favorite TV show is *Friday Night Lights*.

Jaylyn recommends taking your required classes early on so you can have fun during your senior year. Her favorite teacher is Ms. Diehl, and her favorite subject is math. Jaylyn believes that the pizza pretzel is the best school lunch.



## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT CONT.

By Aalyia Howard

Andrew Beardsley is planning to attend the University of South Carolina to major in Business. He has lived here all 18 years of his life, and his favorite memories are winning playoff football games on the home field.

His worst vacation story was getting stuck in the Chicago O'Hare airport with his brother for three whole hours. Andrew enjoys the book *1984* and the TV show *Suits*.

His advice to the freshmen is that seniority is a thing, and listen to the upperclassmen because you aren't special. Mr. Speck is his favorite teacher, and his favorite subject is math. Andrew believes that the sweet and sour chicken and rice is the best school lunch.



## State BPA

Fourteen students attended state BPA in Billings this year. The students presented their projects and competed against students from Class C to Class AA schools. They were each judged by 2-3 judges for their technical and presentation skills. The scores get averaged, and that's how they are placed.

Izzy Haas (freshman), participated for the first time this year. To Haas, BPA was a great and entertaining opportunity. She says that although the competition was hard and the preparation was a little stressful at times, BPA is worth it, and she would recommend it to anyone who would like to try something new.

Elizabeth Olson (junior), agrees that although traveling and all was fun, some of the preparations can be tricky depending on your event. It's a great look on your college applications though! Olson would also recommend BPA if you want to try something new, but mentioned that it may not be for everyone.



by Mackenzie Boyko

FCCLA traveled to MSU-Bozeman on March 16 during Spring Break. Over 30 EHS students participated in FCCLA this year, but only 4 attended state. Aiden Kramer (freshman) placed first in Teach and Train, and Josey Blazer (senior) placed sixth in Job Interview. Senior Genesis Boyles, state officer for our chapter, reflected on her experience with FCCLA these past 4 years.

"My best memory was getting closer with the state officers' team and making new friends. My favorite project was "Food Invasion" because it was when I felt like I could be most creative. I have learned all sorts of things from FCCLA like time management, organization, confidence, leadership skills, public speaking, etc. I've only had one partner, but one person who was always there for me was Josey Blazer. We had a very small group, and the two people who did compete did really well."

The high school girls softball team had their first practice on March 12. There are 18 girls playing this year, including 5 seniors. The girls have been practicing every day since then, with the pitchers and catchers often practicing in the morning as well. So far, many of their practices have been in the high school gym due to Montana weather. The softball team and track team have been alternating taking turns in the high school gym.

The softball girls will have their first game on April 5 against Three Forks. The game was relocated from Ennis to Three Forks due to the large amount of snow still on our home field.



## SOFTBALL



# P.R.O.M!

By Mackenzie Boyko

Prom took place March 4 in the high school gym. This year's junior class was in charge of prom set up along with their advisors Ms. Diehl, Ms. Beckman, and Mrs. Zucker. The theme for this year was "Ancient Greece". The juniors set it up the day before prom (Friday), and it came out looking great.

In past years, music for the dance was put onto playlists by the high school students, but this year the juniors decided to pay a DJ to come and play music, which was cool and definitely something new. Something else that was new this year was a dinner held at the Senior Center that was open for anyone who wanted to eat there with their date or by themselves. A group of parents organized this, which was really nice of them to do, and it was enjoyed by all who attended.

After the dance, the After Prom party took place from 12:30-3 a.m. It included a corn hole tournament, spike ball tournament, mini games where you could win tickets for a prize, a photo booth, food, and a prize giveaway at the end. Kaleb Rice and Vance Wingard (juniors) were the winners for both the corn hole and spike ball tournament.

A huge thank you to the Booster Club for making After Prom work, and another big thank you to all the businesses who donated the prizes the students received!



## Update on the Four-Day Week

by Aalyia Howard

In the previous issue, I interviewed Mr. Klasna about the possibility of moving to a four-day week next year. This was being discussed by the school board, and surveys were sent to staff, students, and community members. On March 8, the school board voted "no" on moving to a four-day week next year, with a final vote of 2 for, 3 against.

On Monday, March 20, the school board met again and held a meeting that was open to the public. It addressed the four-day week, as well as a hybrid week (a combination of a four-day and five-day week). There was high public attendance at the meeting, including several students and staff members. Many students spoke to the board sharing their feelings on the four-day and hybrid options. Many other members of the community voiced their opinions as well. No additional vote was held at the meeting, and it is unclear whether the four-day week will be proposed or voted on again in the future.

## Academic Olympics

by Hayden Rosdahl

On March 15, over Spring Break, Ennis attended the Academic Olympics competition at MSU-Bozeman.

Academic Olympics is a trivia contest that pits teams from all over the state against one another. Because many students are busy over Spring Break, the Mustangs did not take a very large team this year. According to competitor Izzy Haas, it seemed as though many schools had smaller teams than last year. Overall, Ennis didn't fare too well this time around, and they were placed into the loser bracket after losing their 3rd round. In the loser bracket, they ended up winning and losing one round each.

When asked about what category of trivia they did the best in, Izzy answered science, and Aiden answered math. Both said that Ennis overall did best with math-related trivia. Both enjoyed learning new trivia through Academic Olympics, and they both said that they would absolutely do it again next year.



## IT'S SHOWTIME

by Hayden Rosdahl

This year, Ennis High School is putting on the play *Dastardly Deeds at Yoursin Mine*. The play has 2 acts and a wide cast of characters. Due to how many characters there are in the play, many cast members are playing upwards of 2 characters. There are 22 students participating this year.

Auditions for the play were held March 6-8, and practices began on March 20. The first performance will be held on May 4 for the elementary students, and the next day (May 5) they will perform for the junior high. Later that night, they will have a performance at 7 p.m. and another one at the same time on Saturday.

## Track and Field

By Aalyia Howard

Track started over Spring Break, and it is being coached by Nichole Bailey, along with assistant coaches Luke Bergman and Blaine Perry. Mr. Bergman coaches throwing events, and Mr. Perry coaches distance running events.

The first meet was scheduled for March 30 in Columbus, but it was canceled due to weather. Their next meet, scheduled for April 4 in East Helena, was also canceled due to weather. The next meet is planned for April 7 in Livingston. There are around 20 students competing in track this season, and hopefully the track clears off for them soon!

## Where Did it Come From?

by Ethan Shostak

We are all familiar with the tradition of the Easter Bunny, but the origins of this holiday mascot are unfamiliar to many.

The Easter Bunny was the immortalized version of the "Eastertide Hare"; Eastertide being the beginning of spring leading into Easter, and the hare was linked to the divine being Ostara, the ancient Germanic goddess of spring. The tale was that Ostara transformed a bird into a hare, and the bird repaid Ostara by laying colored eggs for her spring festival. This answers the question many have regarding why a bunny would lay eggs. Eostare is a later interpretation of Ostara's name, which is where the holiday name "Easter" is derived from.

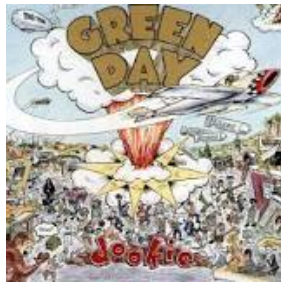
A bit later, in the mid-2nd century, early Christians began to celebrate Easter in relation to the resurrection of Jesus Christ, a celebration that was also referred to as Pascha (Greek for 'Easter').

Since then, Easter traditions have evolved and vary based on region and religion. For example, this year, Western Orthodox Christians (the US) will celebrate Easter on Sunday, April 9, while Eastern Orthodox Christians will celebrate on Sunday, April 16. They do not include an Easter Bunny in their traditional celebration.



# The Alternative Umbrella

Album Reviews by Hayden Rosdahl



Green Day: *Dookie*

Overall Rating 9/10

Favorite song: "Welcome to Paradise"

This is Green Day's 3rd album and was their big break out. It was a massive success, selling over 20 million copies worldwide. The guitars are fast, energetic and filled to the brim with teen angst. The lyrics throughout the album cover a variety of topics such as laziness, leaving home, mental health, and break ups. The bass really shines throughout the entire album, but especially in the intro of "Longview" and the bass solo in "Welcome to Paradise". This album also has the popular song "Basket Case" which topped many charts when it first came out and was an instant hit song. Overall, I'd say that if you haven't listened to this album yet and are a fan of rock or pop punk, then to listen to it because it's a must listen.



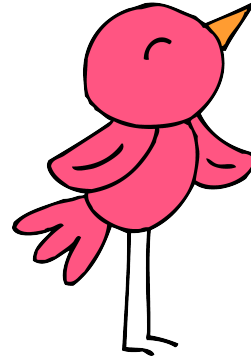
Gorillaz: *Gorillaz*

Overall rating: 9/10

Favorite song: "19-2000"

This is the Gorillaz' debut album, and for it being their first album, it was a major success. It has sold over 7 million copies worldwide and was even nominated for British Album of the Year, and for good reason. This album changed the hip-hop scene, combining hip hop with rock to create their own unique sound. The band also made their own identity by having an animated band full of interesting unique characters compared to a traditional band. The album as a whole is upbeat and quirky, as the band doesn't take itself too seriously. One song that stood out to me in particular is "19-2000," as its lyrics are fun and the song overall is upbeat and represents this album the best in my opinion. Overall, I'd say this is a must-listen for any hip hop fan.

# Upcoming Events



April 3-4 : Montana Science Fair

April 6: JH Track Meet @ Belgrade

April 6: Kindergarten Roundup

April 7: HS Track @ Livingston

April 7-10: Easter Break

April 11: HSSB @ Manhattan 2 p.m., JV Golf @ Townsend 10 a.m., School Board Meeting 5:30 p.m.

April 13: V Golf @ Livingston 9:30 a.m., School Board Forum 6:30 p.m.

April 14: District Music Festival @ Helena

April 14-15: HSSB @ Anaconda (Tourney-Varsity only)

April 15: HS Track @ Belgrade

April 17: JV Golf @ Cottonwood 9:30 a.m.

April 18: JH Track Meet @ Belgrade, V Golf @ Cottonwood 9:30 a.m.

April 21: HSSB @ Missoula (Tourney-Varsity only) TBD

April 22: HSSB @ Florence vs. T. Falls and Plains TBD - Varsity Only, HS Track @ Gallatin /MCHS Invite 9:00 a.m.

April 25: HSSB vs. Manhattan JV/V 3:00 p.m./5:00 p.m., JV Golf @ Three Forks

April 27: HSSB @ Deer Lodge - 3PM - Varsity Only

April 28: Golf @ Ennis 10 a.m.

HAPPY SPRING!