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SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

By Aalyia Howard

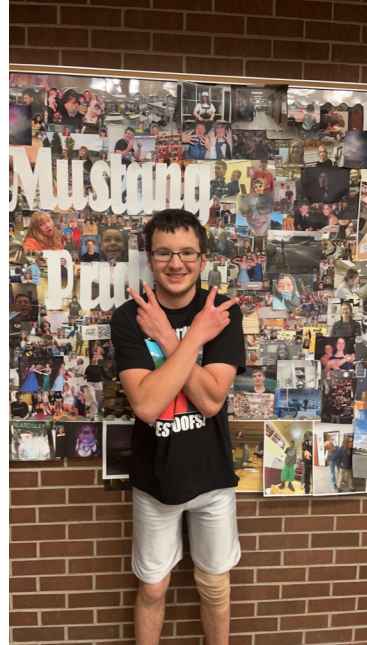
Sal Fanelli has lived here for all his life, and he plans to go to college to become a paleontologist. Sal has loved dinosaurs ever since he was little, and he wants to learn more about them. However, if this doesn't work out, he plans on making travel videos on his YouTube channel.

Sal fondly remembers going fishing and camping with fellow senior, Tommy Sturtz, every summer. Sal also loved going to the golf course with his dog and listening to his favorite music. His worst vacation story is when he took a trip to Alaska, and he got attacked by a fish!

Central Intelligence is one of Sal's favorite movies, and he also enjoys the show *Daredevil*. Sal's advice to the freshmen is to never let anyone tell you that you're stupid, and to make sure to follow your dreams. His favorite teacher is Mr. Speck because of all the help he has offered to him over the years. If Sal had to choose a favorite class, he would choose Media Productions because he is in it, and it is so much fun. Sal also really enjoys the school's pizza, because "it is like girls: hot and sweet".

The spring has been busy for Sal. He participated in the Talent Show, performing a rap for the entire student body, which received a long standing ovation. He also attended in Special Olympics with some of his EHS classmates.

Congratulations Sal, and best of luck to you!



Team With a Dream: Lady Mustangs Softball

by Hayden Rosdahl

The Lady Mustangs softball team has had a very successful season so far. On April 4, they played at home against Three Forks, where the varsity was defeated 9-10, and JV fought hard but lost 7-19. Then on April 11, they went to Manhattan, where varsity won 20-10, and JV lost 6-11.

That following Friday, on April 14, varsity went to Anaconda where they won against Troy, 5-3. Later on in that same tournament, the girls played a tough match against MAC (Mission/Arlee/Charlo), falling 0-17.

One week later, the girls traveled to Missoula, where they won against Eureka 15-0, and JV also won 15-13. The next day both varsity and JV won against Plains 14-4 and 14-5 respectively. Later that same day, varsity gave it their all but lost against Plains in another game, 5-10. For their final game of the tournament, varsity defeated Thompson Falls 20-14.

For the second time, on April 25, JV and varsity played at home against Manhattan and lost 2-20 and 10-13. Two days later they traveled to Deer Lodge, where varsity won 21-0, and JV was defeated 7-15. On May Day, varsity went to Florence where they fought hard for 2 games against a very tough team but lost 3-7 and 6-17.

That next day, JV and varsity went to Three Forks. This time, varsity was able to take down the Wolves with a final score of 11-7, and JV was defeated 8-10.

For the second time, varsity faced off against Deer Lodge, this time at home on May 9. Varsity won 13-3 and JV was defeated 17-18. That next Thursday on May 11, it was a double header varsity game in Anaconda. These games determined who the girls would have to play for their Divisional play-in game. The Lady Mustangs won both games 11-9 and 21-0. The girls are headed to Divisionals, also in Anaconda, this Thursday, May 18. Their first game will be against Thompson Falls, whom they defeated earlier in the season.

Best of luck in the postseason ladies!



Race to State

By Aalyia Howard

On April 7, the track team took a trip to their first track meet in Livingston. It was a pretty small meet, and the team did well. There were a few events that were not offered at the meet, including javelin and discus. For the next meet, on April 15, the team went to Belgrade. This was a huge meet with over 28 teams in attendance. The events all started at 10 a.m., and some of them didn't end until 7 p.m. This meet offered all of the events. On the 18th of April the team took a 3-hour trip to its third meet in Laurel. The meet started at around 1:30 p.m; however, it got canceled early due to a hailstorm. A couple of the members pre-qualified for state at this meet, including Noah Wilson, who pre-qualified in triple jump. On the 25th of April he went to Top Ten to compete. On April 29, the team took another trip to Laurel, where Cole Kramer pre-qualified for state.

Then, on May 2, the team took a trip to the Top Eight Meet in Anaconda. Isabelle Hawkinson took first place in high jump, and Addison Oliver took first in long jump. Cole Kramer took second in the 100 meter dash, and Marlyssa Ledgerwood took sixth place in the 100 meter hurdles. There were some fun co-ed relays at the meet, in which Ennis entered two teams, one for the throwers relay, and one for the medley. The throwers relay consisted of Vance Wingard, Bridger Clark, Madison Nelson,

and Aalyia Howard. The throwers relay got sixth. The medley team consisted of Brennan King, Delana Clark, Jake Quiros, and Olivia Sorenson. There were also the regular relays (4x1 and 4x4), in which Ennis had a team for both. Addison Oliver, Genesis Boyles, Marlyssa Ledgerwood, and Isabelle Hawkinson ran the 4x1 for the girls, and Brennan King, Cole Kramer, Andre West, and Jack Melugin ran for the boys. Addison Oliver, Genesis Boyles, Madison Nelson, and Isabelle Hawkinson ran the 4x4 for the girls, and Brennan King, Andre West, Wyatt Fugal, and Jake Quiros ran the 4x4 for the boys.

Overall, the team has been doing well. There was one more meet in Laurel Montana, on May 6, and then the team headed to districts on May 13.

Headed to divisionals May 19 are: Isabelle Hawkinson, Addison Oliver, Genesis Boyles, Grace Stecker, Madi Nelson, Olivia Sorenson, Delana Clark, Aalyia Howard, Brennan King, Cole Kramer, Noah Wilson, Andre West, Bridger Clark, and Jack Melugin.



UP TO PAR

Ethan Shostak

Golf season began with a JV meet in Townsend on April 11. We have both a JV and varsity team this year. The varsity team consists of senior Gillian Gilbert, juniors Kaleb Rice, Clinton Buyan, and Caden Keller, sophomore Allision Paulson and freshmen John Hostetler and Tyler Simmons. Playing for JV is senior Sal Fanelli, sophomores Paula Cuesta, Kaiden Suplee, Ethan Norby, Ryker Swanson, and Creed Allen, and freshmen Brummie Boggus and Brock Sneed. Some participate for both JV and varsity. At a JV meet, competitors play a nine hole course, and varsity plays eighteen holes.

At the Townsend Invitational, these were the scores for JV:

Sneed: 78
Swanson: 59
Simmons: 55
Paulson: 68
Gilbert: 83
Fanelli: 70
Buyan: 56

Varsity traveled to Livingston on April 18, and the boys earned a first place team finish. These were the team's scores:

Rice: 84
Simmons: 84
Hostetler: 92
Keller: 97
Gilbert: 144
Paulson: 119

JV played in Livingston two days later

and these were their scores:

Cuesta: 60
Boggus: 48
Allen: 50
Swanson: 53
Sneed: 54

Varsity had a home meet in Ennis on April 28:

Paulson: 135
Gilbert: 158
Hostetler: 97
Rice: 84
Simmons: 106
Buyan: 110
Keller: 93

Then, varsity traveled to Three Forks on May 4:

Rice: 94
Hostetler: 99
Simmons: 95
Buyan: 98
Keller: 104
Paulson: 119
Gilbert: 139

Divisonals took place on Monday, May 8 at Cottonwood Golf Course in Four Corners. The boys qualified for State as a team, and John Hostetler, Tyler Simmons, and Kaleb Rice also qualified as individuals. Their scores were:

Hostetler: 91 (5th place)

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Simmons: 96 (17th place)

Rice: 99 (23rd place)

The following athletes attended State on May 15-17 in Great Falls: John Hostetler, Tyler Simmons, Kaleb Rice, and Clinton Buyan. Caden Keller was also in attendance as alternate. State consists of a practice round and two days of 18-hole rounds. These are the Mustangs' scores (for 18 holes each):

Hostetler: 90, 92

Simmons: 98, 91

Rice: 96, 93

Buyan: 102, 103

Congratulations on a great season, Mustangs!



State Golf competitors Buyan, Simmons, Rice, Hostetler, and Keller

NATIONAL COMPETITORS

By Mackenzie Boyko

Nicholas Johnson

Nicholas Johnson (senior) competed at the USASA Freeskiing Nationals in Copper Mountain, Colorado in early April. He competed in Junior Men's (17-18) against a total of 9 other participants. At the beginning of the competition, Nicky fell on his first run. However, his next runs went well and he had the highest score going into finals. He was the last competitor to ski, and he had a great run, scoring 80 and earning a national title.

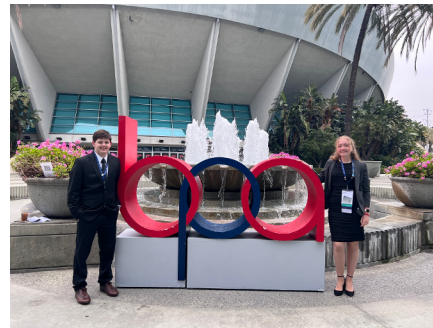


Johnson has been skiing since he was in 6th grade, and it has always been something he's enjoyed. He says it feels great to be rewarded for the hard work he puts in. His main mentor has been his big brother, but he also had a coach this year that helped him stay focused. He competed with a team through the Bridger Ski Foundation. When asked if he has future competition plans, he responded: "Not necessarily. I am just going to try and keep having fun with the sport." His goal was to win, and he did. Congratulations to Nicholas Johnson, National Champion!

Josey Blazer and Zach Foss

Senior Josey Blazer and junior Zach Foss recently attended BPA (Business Professionals of America) National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. To qualify for this National competition, participants must place in the top 3 in their respective state competition.

Chapter President Blazer participated in Extemporaneous Speech, and Foss participated in Human Resource Management. Both competitors did a great job, and Foss even earned a top 8 finish.



Congratulations to these impressive Mustangs!

Curtain Call

by Mackenzie Boyko

This year's play was called *Dasterdly Deeds at Yoursin Mine*. The play had 42 characters, and 22 kids went out for the play, so each actor performed multiple roles. Everyone worked hard with their many costume changes and lines they had to memorize. All the hard work really paid off in the end because it came together and made for a hilarious performance. The students put a lot of time and dedication into the play, and it really made them happy to see all the people come and support them.

On May 5, the high schoolers performed three times. The first performance was for the middle school, the second one was for k-5th grade, and the third one was at 7 p.m. for the community. On May 6, the students performed one last time for the community. This final performance is known to the actors as "improv night", which is where the actors can go off of their script and make their own humorous contributions.

I interviewed Mrs. Pederson about the play, and this was her response: "The play was my favorite one (so far) and probably our best group of actors. It turned out better than I had hoped it would be. I do enjoy it; it's eclectic, and I thoroughly

enjoy working with Ms. Jenkins and the students. The olios this year were the best ones we've had and definitely made me laugh the most. The actor that has made me laugh the most was Payton Mallet, because I never really knew her humor, and it was really good because she was so dry and direct, yet that was what made it funny." Great job to all of the performers this year!



WILDFIRE INFO

By Aalyia Howard

With summer fast approaching, so is the risk of wildfires. A wildfire is defined as a large, destructive fire that spreads quickly over woodland and brush. Since Montana is a place filled with both woodland and brush, it can be crucial to learn how to protect your surroundings.

First off, find a room in your house that can be closed off from outside airflow. You can even set up a portable air cleaner to keep inside your house for when smoky conditions get bad. Keep your gutters, eaves, porches, and decks clear of debris such as leaves and other flammable materials. This can help keep your house safe if a fire spreads in close proximity.

Wildfires can cause a lot of issues for wildlife, as well as the population around the area the wildfire is spreading. Wildfires can cause severe injuries to humans, and can wipe out complete wildlife populations.

Overall, wildfires and their effects can cause so much damage, so taking precautions is important.

Places to Hike

Montana is a wonderful place with a lot of beautiful things to see. Here are some of the top rated places to go hiking in Montana:

Avalanche Lake (Glacier National Park):

It is 5.9 miles and takes around 2 and half hours to complete. It is an out-and-back trail that goes by Lake McDonald.

Fairy Falls Trail (West Yellowstone): It is 4.8 miles long and takes around an hour and a half to complete. This trail is perfect for hiking, running, and camping. It passes by bodies of water, as well as beautiful forestry.

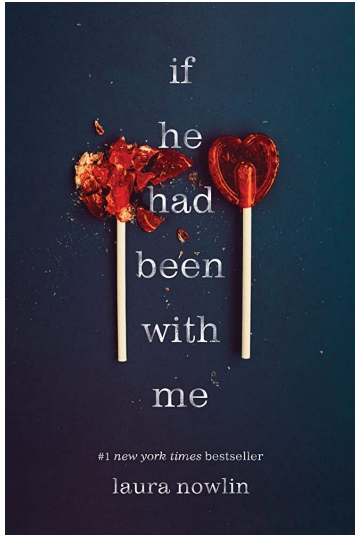
Trail of the Cedars (Glacier National Park): It is a much shorter hike, taking only about a half an hour to complete. It is .9 miles long and loops around through a beautiful forest of cedar trees.

Beehive Basin Trail (Big Sky): It is located in the Big Sky Resort and is a wonderful day-hike to take with your friends and family.

Overall, there are so many beautiful places to hike in Montana, along with some beautiful drives to get there. Hiking is a great way to get exercise while also spending time with friends and family. Getting out in nature is proven to improve happiness levels in people, and getting out and seeing the outdoors with friends can create some beautiful long-lasting memories for all.

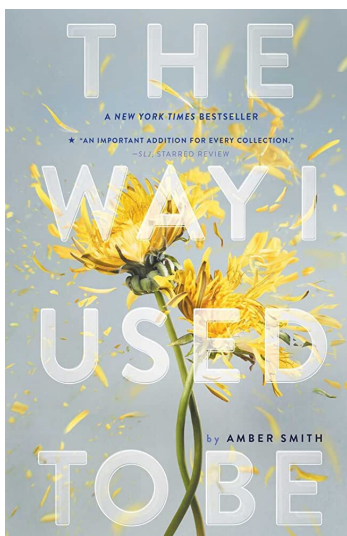
Book Reviews

By Mackenzie Boyko



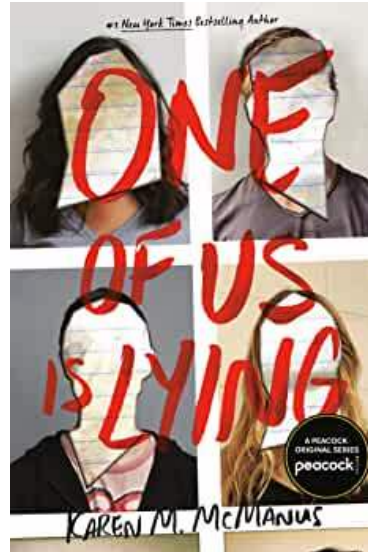
If He Had Been With Me: This book is a young adult novel that was published on April 2, 2018 by Laura Nowlin. *If He*

Had Been With Me is about two teenagers, Autumn and Finn, next door neighbors who have known one another since they were kids. As children, they were the best of friends, completely inseparable. They grow apart in middle school as Autumn's popularity rises, then the reverse occurs in high school.



The Way I Used To Be: This book is a young adult novel that was published March 22, 2016 by Amber Smith. *The Way I Used To Be* is a story about Edan, a

shy and quiet fourteen year old who is assaulted by her older brother's best friend. Edan is considered the good girl, so she struggled to tell anyone, and in later years it starts to affect her life.



One Of Us Is Lying: This book is another young adult novel that was published on May 30, 2017 by Karen M. McManus.

One of Us is

Lying is about four ordinary high schoolers who become murder suspects after the death of Simon Kehella. Each character has their own secrets that are revealed throughout the course of the novel.

Today's Bestselling Books

By Ethan Shostak

The four highest-selling new releases on the Barnes and Noble website include editions from renowned author Rick Riordan, Abraham Verghese, Christen Feehan, and Luke Russert. The number one bestselling new release is *The Covenant of Water* written by Abraham Verghese; set in Kerala on south India's Malabar Coast, following three generations of a family afflicted with a curse in which one person from each generation drowns. Can the affliction be solved and undone?

The second bestseller on this list was *The Sun and the Star* by Rick Riordan, taking place in the same universe as the *Percy Jackson* series. This book follows the adventures of Nico Di Angelo and Will Solace on a mission to save a character in the underworld left there in a prior book.

The third is called *Ghostly Game* written by Christen Feehan. As it is the nineteenth book in the series, I will instead talk about the first in the *Ghost Walker* series, starting with the book *Shadow Game*. Main characters Lily and her father Peter Whitney develop a risky experiment in which they are able to harness psychic abilities. But something is wrong. Men are dying, and captain Ryan Miller knows he's next. Only Lily can help him make it out

of this cruel experimental lab.

The fourth was *Look For Me There*, a biography by Luke Russert, in which he dives into the emotions he has to traverse due to his father's recent death. Through a journey of emotion and self reflection, he is on the path to finding himself and grieving his father.



Pools vs. Lakes

by Aalyia Howard

In the summer, a lot of people decide to go swimming to pass time. The question is, do people prefer to swim in a pool or a natural lake? There are actually benefits to each.

Going swimming in a natural lake can help kick start metabolism and decrease inflammation. However, natural lakes can be home to harmful bacterias. Contact with natural lakes can help boost the immune system, improve blood circulation, and act as a natural painkiller.

Swimming pools are useful in physical therapy. Water-based exercises are a low-impact way to improve health, and the warm water can help improve one's mood. Pools help take the impact stress off of your body, and going swimming regularly is a great way to exercise. Not to mention, places like hot springs are an amazing way to relax and spend time with friends.

Pools vs. natural lakes really comes down to personal preference, but both have their benefits.

The Aquatic Transition

by Ethan Shostak

As it is finally getting warmer outside, this brought up the thought in my mind that, if fish live in the water their whole lives, how do they survive through winter? Well, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, due to the way water moves at different temperatures, the ice traps heat under the water and the fish mainly stay in large pools in these areas. After getting schools of fish in the warmer spots, they enter a state of hibernation. Their hearts slow down, and their need for sustenance and oxygen is significantly lower. They also move much less to preserve energy.

Other species of fish migrate, and there are even some species that burrow themselves into the mud during the winter; such as the Mudfish or Koi.



The Alternative Umbrella

Album Reviews by Hayden Rosdahl

Johnny Hobo and the Freight Trains: Love Songs for the Apocalypse



Rating: 10/10

Favorite song:

"Harmony Parking Lot"

To end off the music reviews for this school year's *Mustang Monthly*, I've decided to review my favorite album of all time. To say I love this album would be an understatement. It covers a variety of themes such as homelessness, addiction, religion, depression, and politics.

The first song, "New Mexico Song", details life being homeless,

hopping trains, dealing with addiction, and the sadness of losing friends through this lifestyle. In my opinion, this song is a great way to start off the album, as it sets the mood for the rest of the album. "I want Cancer for Christmas," covers mental health, and in my opinion is one of the most heartfelt songs on the album.

The next song on the album is probably my favorite. "Harmony Parking Lot" goes into detail about living in poverty, and how it's bittersweet to see close friends escape the lifestyle. Lastly, the final two songs deal with addiction as well. Overall, I'd say this is a clinically underrated album and is a must-listen.

Road Trip Snacks

by Hayden Rosdahl

Summer is just around the corner, and many people are busy planning road trips. However, you can't have a good road trip without some great road trip snacks. Here are the best road trip snacks (in my opinion):

Slim Jim's

Chips

Trail mix

Popcorn

Granola bars

Fruit

String Cheese

Boiled Eggs

Editor's note: Ms. Steffen says boiled eggs are a terrible road trip snack. They are a great way to smell up the car and make your companion(s) never want to travel with you again. This publication DOES NOT endorse boiled eggs on a road trip.

Upcoming Events

May 5-6: School Play

May 6: HS Track @ Laurel

May 8: County Track Meet

May 8: Divisional Golf @ Cottonwood - TBA

May 9: HSSB vs Deer Lodge (Senior Night)

May 10: School Board Meeting

May 12-13 HSSB @ Cut Bank (E/W Challenge Tourney)

May 13: HS Track Districts @ Gallatin

May 15-17: State Golf - Great Falls

May 15: Talent Show/Cleanup Day

May 19-20: HS Track Divisionals @ Missoula

May 23: 5th-12th Spring Concert

May 25-27: HSSB State Tourney - Anaconda

May 26-27: HS State Track @ Laurel

May 28: HS Graduation

May 29-June 2: Finals Week

May 31: Elementary Track Meet, Schoolwide Color Run

June 2: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

