



# The Beeter Bulletin



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## Fifth Graders Gain Boat Racing Fame

By Bailey Billmayer, RJ Engstrom, & Ivey Lenz

As a goodbye to summer and a conclusion of the swim unit in Physical Education, the fourth, fifth, and sixth graders at Meadowlark Elementary School paddled their way across the Chinook City Pool on Thursday, August 31. When the splashing subsided, the fifth graders had emerged as clear winners of a cardboard boat competition.

The boat races were the culminating event in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) activity. Each class received an unlimited amount of cardboard, one roll of duct tape, a pair of scissors, and ping pong paddles to construct a boat that would carry one of the students across a 25-meter pool. Using their engineering skills and ingenuity, students crafted vessels.

When asked about the benefits for the project, Mrs. Alicia Noel, one of the sixth grade teachers, commented: "The boat races gave students the chance to use their imagination and creativity to make something come to life."

Noel went on to explain that the students had all worked together after being assigned jobs. Some students were reporters, so they reported what their group did that day;



**Meadowlark Fifth Graders** raise their boats high as they celebrate having won the boat races on August 31. They have set a bar for next year's performance.

another job was the design coordinator, who was in charge of designing a boat. A couple of students were in charge of building or being the technicians of the boats; and one student was chosen in each group to be the captain, the person who would row the boat.

Noel was also asked how she thought STEM was valuable for her students and replied: "Using STEM is a way to get

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students thinking beyond what is in the book and thinking about how they can apply what they do into the world.”

In addition, Noel stated that her students were very good at including the whole group and listening to each other’s ideas. The most satisfying part of the project for Noel as a teacher was seeing how the students all came together and worked towards a common goal.

Mr. Justin Gordon’s class used their length measurement and group work skills in an effort to get their boats across the water.



The two boats built by the fourth graders were captained by Kane Crowley and Hailee Niederegger.

When asked what her favorite part of the project was, Hailee replied, “I was excited to see if our boats would float.”

Meanwhile, Kane said, “I liked building it out of cardboard.”

Mr. Gordon supervised his students’ boat construction by assuring every voice in the class was heard and making sure they stayed within the material guidelines.

When asked why it was important for students to participate in these types of projects, Fifth Grade Teacher, Mrs. Lesa MacLeod stated: “STEM projects, such as this, give students a chance to collaborate with others while using critical thinking skills. They also can learn from their mistakes at the same time they build upon their successes.”



On Monday, August 28, Sky Llanté spends P.E. in the pool.

## Fifth Graders Study Mass Production

During the first week of September in their reading unit, the fifth graders read the nonfiction book *Mass Production and the Model T* by Meish Goldish. To help the students visualize the process of assembly line work, they built Candy Cars.

Goldish’s book focuses on how Henry Ford changed the automobile industry by standardizing parts, creating an assembly line for his workers, and using a conveyor belt. After a week-long study of the text, MacLeod implemented a hands-on project that she discovered several years ago while doing her student teaching in the fourth grade with Mrs. Rose Stuker.

“This was a project she did in her classroom. Our new reading series includes two stories about Henry Ford, the one listed above and one entitled *The Inventor’s Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford* by Suzanne Slade, which we had read the week before. Mrs. Stuker’s project about Henry Ford’s assembly line stuck with me all of these years, and I felt this was a perfect time to tie it into our learning,” MacLeod said.

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For the activity, MacLeod divided her students into two groups. One of the groups had each student working individually to build the car. Astute historians will recall that all cars were the same because Ford standardized parts to make for rapid production and to produce a cost-effective vehicle.

The second group formed an assembly line to build the same car using the concepts common to that construction style. In MacLeod's estimation, the project was a success because the students not only had fun but are more likely to remember the benefits of using an assembly line in mass production of materials because of the kinesthetic component of the activity.

Although there were no prizes awarded, the students did get to keep and eat their candy cars.



After finishing a unit on mass production, fifth graders assembled Candy Cars. FRONT/FLOOR: Teagan Britt and Cassidy Liddle. BACK ROW: Maysen Olson, Avie Alisch, Mariah Huravitch, Norah Zellmer, Alexis Elias, Conner Bowles, and Laurin Davies



## Cross Country Has a Successful Start

By Bailey Billmayer

Chinook High School athletes are participating in their second year of cross country. With a whopping number of 18 runners, Coach Kendall Harwood has his hands full. When asked how he felt about the growth of his team from last year, Coach Harwood stated: "I think it's great. The recruitment is what it takes to build a successful program."

Coach Harwood reported about his excitement for this year's season: "I am mostly excited for new courses and trails, like Lewistown."

Some of Coach Harwood's expectations for his runners involve "seeing both the boys and girls scoring at state (five runners in

each division), with the girls in the top six and boys in the top ten."

Chinook Cross Country competed in their first meet on Friday, September 1, in Centerville, Montana, and their second meet in Havre on September 9. The outcome of the two cross country meets proves the team's success. Neva Lowe (sophomore), Emma Klingaman (sophomore), Bailey Billmayer (sophomore), Kirbey Hofeldt (sophomore), and Jeni Mord (junior) were all state qualifiers as of the first couple meets of the season for the girls' team.

On the boys' team, Gus Buck (freshman), Eyan Hofeldt (freshman), Ezekiel Sanders (sophomore), Carson Nissen (junior), Kalled

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Jaha (junior), and Corey Bilger (senior) all ran the 3.1-mile course in under 25 minutes to qualify for state.

“I was very surprised with the number of qualifying athletes that Chinook ended up with. Usually the first couple meets are meets to work the kinks out and set a benchmark for improvement. The team really went out and showed they were a serious team looking to compete,” stated Coach Harwood. “The team is at a great starting point and we can only get better from here.”



On September 9, the meet held at Prairie Farms Golf Course in Havre saw Neva Lowe placing sixth overall and first for the Chinook girls.



Corey Bilger, Kirbey Hofeldt, and Kenneth Gruszie are ready for the races to begin on September 9 at Prairie Farms Golf Course.

## Chinook High Kicks Off Season in Culbertson

By RJ Engstrom

The Sugarbeeter Varsity Football Team had a close 18-8 loss at Culbertson against the Cowboys on Friday, August 25. Under the lights, the Cowboys pulled out a narrow victory against the Beeters.

Quarterback Ryan Bell (27) aired out the ball to tight end Jackson Nordboe (88) for the only touchdown in the final quarter of the game. Offensively, the Beeters mostly kept the ball on the ground with running back Landen Beck (28) accumulating 78 yards and 25 carries with a longest run of 19 yards.



Oliver Standiford (34) Kaden Green (77) Landen Beck (28) and Jackson Nordboe (88) take the stage as captains for the season opener.

The passing game was on point with QB Bell (27) obtaining 11 attempts, three completions, and two interceptions; finishing with 55 yards and passing for one touchdown.

Additionally, QB Oliver Standiford (34) had four attempts, two completions, and one interception; totaling 24 yards. The Beeters had a great night defensively with Senior Jackson Nordboe (88) gaining 2.5 sacks and a tackle for loss. Freshman Julian Powell (72) landed 2.5 sacks and two tackles for loss.

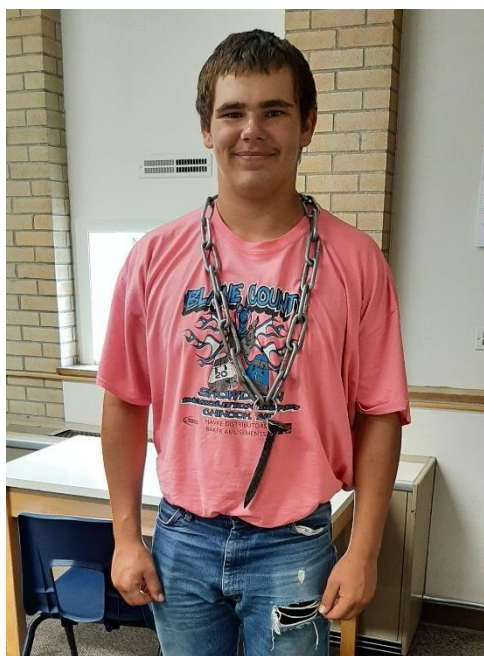
Despite losing the first game of the season, the Sugarbeeters and their fans look forward to a successful season.



## Powell Wins Hardest Hit Award

Following the football game on August 25, which the Chinook Beeters lost, 8-18, Julian Powell wore a chain with a railroad spike pendant to school. The interesting accessory wasn't a fashion statement but evidence of his having won the Hardest Hit Award for his defensive role in the game against the Culbertson Cowboys.

Powell, a freshman at Chinook High School, plays Nose Guard for the Sugarbeeters. When asked about his reaction to receiving the award, Powell said: "I was shocked, really, because I'm just a freshman."



Head Coach of the football team, Mike Jones outlined the origin of the award.

"So, a few years ago, having props on the sidelines at college games started to gain popularity. As a program, we wanted to reward and use something as a motivational tool to recognize athletes on our team that do not normally get recognition. That boiled down to lineman. They rarely get credit for things because they don't get to see the football and score."

With that shortcoming in mind, Chinook's coaching staff began teaching some blocking techniques to their lineman. In the process, the phrase "pretend you are on tracks" was frequently used. Coaches told the linemen that if anything gets in their way, to run it over like a train; after all, nothing stops a train.

"This was our way of motivating our athletes to be physical and maybe get some glory in an otherwise non-glorious, but essential, position on the team. We have a coach on staff that works for the railroad, so it was kind of fitting that we used a railroad spike on a chain as the award for the best lineman," Jones stated.

After a couple of years, the award morphed into a way to recognize the person on the team that is not only the hardest hitter but the most physical player, regardless of position. "We let the captains of the team choose nominees for the chain winner each week, and then the previous holder gets to give the chain to the new recipient," Jones added.

In Culbertson, however, Coach Jones told his players after the game that he was awarding the chain differently. "Because Julian stepped up and was probably the most physical interior lineman we have seen since I have been coaching in Chinook, I felt he was deserving of the honor. I think it is kind of fun to give these kids a little taste of what the bigger schools and other programs are doing. Plus, such an award gives recognition to a certain group of players that usually do not get the notoriety and credit that those who score touchdowns or make interceptions from week to week do," Jones explained.



# Volleyball Comes on Strong

By Ivey Lenz

Although the Chinook High School volleyball team has started strong, this season will look different compared to the last few as some of Chinook's sports have moved up to Class B, including volleyball. This year the Beeters will see opponents they haven't faced in conference for almost two decades. Among these schools are Rocky Boy, Choteau, and Shelby.

Given that a total of 22 girls are playing this season with seven joining and fifteen returning, predictions are for a strong finish. To begin, the Beeters scored a flush over Rocky Boy. Varsity, JV, and C-squad all won their matches 3-0.

During the varsity game, Senior Hallie Neibauer dished out 19 kills and 15 aces. On top of that, Senior Mya Berreth achieved 18 assists.

The next day saw another success as the Beeters competed in the Malta tournament. JV won both their matches, 2-0 against North Country and Wolf Point. The C-squad also recorded 2-0 against Malta and Glasgow.

Similarly, Varsity won pool play, 2-0, then started off sharp in tournament play, beating Poplar but falling to second place after losing to Fairfield.

When asked about her goals for the team this season, Coach Paula Molyneaux stated: "My goal is for us to achieve our potential, and right now the team is setting their personal goals."

For how she feels about the season so far, she replied: "We're excited; I'm excited. So far everything has gone well." The Beeters traveled to Glasgow on August 31 where the varsity lost a tight game 2-3 against the Scotties. Whereas JV won a really close match. going 3-2, C-squad cleaned house with 3-0.

After the tussle with the Scotties, the Beeters went on to play their first home game of the season against the Conrad Cowboys on September 1. Although Varsity and JV lost, C-squad won.

Varsity won the Chinook tournament pool B beating. The tournament was a bit larger than most, pulling in a total of ten teams.

When Shelby travelled to Chinook on September 9, C-squad won 3-0 and JV won 3-0 while Varsity lost.

The Sugarbeeters most recent match in Choteau was a real challenge. While putting up a strong fight, C-squad lost their undefeated title against the Bulldogs, 0-3.

The Varsity also had a back and forth game, losing by only a couple points each set, 0-3. The shining achievement of the evening was the JV match that claimed a 3-2 win. So far, the season looks bright for the Beeters. Their next match is scheduled for Saturday September 16 when they play, Rocky Boy in a homecoming match.

## Irresponsibility May Trigger Closed Campus

By Bailey Billmeyer

When the administration received complaints about litter and reckless driving during school hours, Superintendent Fred Hofman admonished students, warning that consequences were imminent.

Because student safety and respecting the school grounds are main concerns, repercussions may be enforced. Speaking on this topic, Mr. Hofman stated: "I would rather give students the opportunity to grow and mature before going to the extreme."

The ongoing issue has been brought up by both law enforcement and staff members. If a closed campus were to go into effect for the student body, leaving the school grounds

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would be prohibited, parents and guardians would have to go into the office to sign students out, and honor passes would be revoked.

Since this threat has been made, Mr. Hofman reports: "I am pleased to say that trash has not been littering the streets as much as it was before, and people have been driving more responsibly."

## Freshmen Class Tidbits

By Bailey Billmayer

*Beeter Bulletin* reporters asked the freshmen: *What is a metaphor that you think describes your class?* Some of the standouts included these creative responses: "We are the monkeys in the jungle" (Montana Drugge); "I describe my class as goofy, active, weird, and athletic" (Jameson Nordboe); "[We're] hyperactive little gremlins" (Connie Morin). Perhaps seeking extra credit, some also used the vocabulary word *feral* to describe the wild side of the Class of 2027.

## Sophomore Class Tidbits

By Bailey Billmayer

*The Beeter Bulletin* wanted to report the most outrageous thing on the bucket list of sophomore class members. So, the class of 2026 expressed their dreams in some of these fun replies: "Parasailing over sharks" (Brooke Fetter); "Becoming the 'bestest' of friends with Nicki Manaj" (Carson Kelly); "Before I die, I would like to become a multi-millionaire to feed my vehicular needs" (Zeke Sanders); "The most outrageous thing on my bucket list is to go to outer space. I enjoy looking at the stars and imagine going to see them someday" (Noah Pomeroy).

## Junior Class Tidbits

By Ivey Lenz

When asked: "If your class were in the Hunger Games, who would win and why," the juniors shared some interesting responses. Overall, the class seemed to take the question fairly seriously, with an overwhelming agreement on who they think would win. For the female tribute, Sami Malsam received the most votes. The class reasoned, "She's smart, agile, strong, and can probably climb trees."

As for the male tribute, Landon Beck received more votes than anyone else in the class.



Landon compiled the majority of votes due to his athleticism and competitive personality.

A creative but diverse response came from Addison Olsen who voted for Carson Nissen by saying: "He's got that 'dawg' in him." Another vote from Jeni Mord stated: "Cubby and Madi for a power couple team up."



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# UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

## FOOTBALL—VARSITY/JV/JH SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	HOME/ AWAY	TIME
Thurs. Sept. 14	<b>JH v Harlem</b> V v Harlem	<b>HOME</b> HOME	<b>4:30 pm</b> 7:00 pm
<b>Mon. Sept. 18</b>	<b>JV v Ft. Benton</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>4:30 pm</b>
<b>Fri. Sept. 22</b>	<b>JH v Ft. Benton</b> V v Ft. Benton (homecoming)	<b>HOME</b> <b>HOME</b>	<b>4:30pm</b> <b>7:00 pm</b>
Mon. Sept. 25	JV @ Fort Benton	Away	4:30pm
Sat. Sept 30	V @ Lavina v Broadus	Away	TBA
Mon. Oct. 2	JV @ HLP	Away	4:30 pm
<b>Fri. Oct. 6</b>	<b>JH v Rocky Boy</b> V v Rocky Boy (senior night)	<b>HOME</b> <b>HOME</b>	<b>4:30pm</b> <b>7:00pm</b>
<b>Mon. Oct. 9</b>	<b>JV v Belt</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>4:30pm</b>

## GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TIME
Thurs. Sept 14	JH @ HLP	Away	4:30
<b>Fri. Sept. 15</b>	<b>JHVB v CJI</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00+10</b>
<b>Sat. Sept. 16</b>	<b>HS v Fairfield</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>C4:15/JV+15/V+20</b>
<b>Thurs Sept. 21</b>	<b>HS v Rocky Boy (homecoming)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>C4:15/JV+15/V+20</b>
Sat. Sept. 23	HS @ Conrad	Away	C4:15/JV+15/V+20
<b>Sat. Sept 23</b>	<b>JH v North Star (2)</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>10:00 one match</b>
<b>Tues. Sept 26</b>	<b>C/JV v Havre</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:30C +15JV</b>
<b>Thurs. Sept. 28</b>	<b>HS v Malta</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>C4:15/JV+15/V+20</b>
<b>Fri. Sept. 29</b>	<b>JH @ North Star</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>4:00 one match</b>
Fri. Sept. 29	HS @ Cut Bank	Away	C3:30/JV+15/V+20
<b>Sat. Sept. 30</b>	<b>JH v Big Sandy &amp; St. Jude</b> JV/V @ Fort Benton tourney	<b>HOME</b> Away	<b>JH 10:00 +15</b> 9:00am
<b>Mon. Oct. 2</b>	<b>JHVB v Box Elder</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00 +10</b>
<b>Tues. Oct 3</b>	<b>JH v Fort Benton</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>5:00 +10</b>
Fri. Oct. 6	HS @ Fairfield	Away	C4:15/JV+15/V+20
<b>Sat. Oct. 7</b>	<b>HS v Cut Bank</b>	<b>HOME</b>	<b>C4:15/JV+15/V+20</b>
<b>Sat. Oct. 7</b>	<b>JH District Tourney @ Fort Benton</b>	<b>Away</b>	<b>TBA</b>



# HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	PLACE
Fri. Sept. 15	Lewistown Invitational	Lewistown
Wed. Sept. 20	Hays	Hays
Fri. Sept. 29	Great Falls (Anaconda)	Great Falls
Sat. Sept. 30	Glasgow invite	Ft. Peck
Sat. Oct. 7	Malta Invite	Malta
Fri. Oct. 13	Harlem Invitational	Harlem
Sat. Oct. 21	State Meet	Kalispell



## School Lunch Menu

### **Monday, September 18:**

Cheese Potato Soup and Tuna Sandwich

### **Tuesday, September 19**

Corndogs and Nachos with Cheese

### **Wednesday, September 20**

Travelling Tacos

### **Thursday, September 21**

BBQ Pulled Pork on a Bun with Baked Beans

### **Monday, September 25**

Orange Chicken and Brown Rice

### **Tuesday, September 26**

French Toast, Hash browns, and Sausage

### **Wednesday, September 27**

Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, and Chips

### **Thursday, September 28**

Cheeseburger Soup and Dinner Rolls