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Feasting and Family

By RJ Engstrom

Annually held every fourth Thursday in November, Thanksgiving has been a holiday in the United States since 1863 when Abraham Lincoln officially proclaimed it as a National Day of Commemoration.

Declaring a national holiday did not come without controversy, however. Some Americans and Native people at the time believed that the holiday was meant to mask oppression and bloodshed.

According to History.com, Thanksgiving mythically started in America when a feast between the English colonists and the native Wampanoag peoples celebrated the autumn harvest. The menu consisted of freshly killed deer, assorted wildfowl, plenty of cod and bass, and a variety of native corn harvested by the Wampanoags. The feast did not include any desserts or sweets due to the previous usage of all the Mayflower's sugar supply over the fall of 1621.

Even in ancient times, the Egyptians, Greeks, and Romans feasted and gave tribute to their gods after the fall harvest. We carry on this tradition today with Thanksgiving, even though Lincoln intended it as an effort to help heal the country divided by a bloody and violent civil war.

Whether it is roasted, baked, smoked, or deep fried, 90 percent of Americans eat turkey during Thanksgiving celebrations. Other popular items on the dinner table are mashed potatoes, stuffing, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, cranberry sauce, and

pumpkin pie. It has also become common to volunteer on Thanksgiving Day. Communities often hold food drives or even free dinners for the less fortunate.

Plans and traditions hold a dear place in the hearts of many families in Chinook. From the abundance of responses received regarding traditions, *The Beeter Bulletin* staff chose some of the students' responses. Among the freshmen, Jameson Nordboe declared he will "go hunting in the morning and evening, then hang out with family." Lori Mord, on the other hand, plans to "celebrate her birthday and eat bad turkey."

"I plan on having a family gathering at my aunt's house and eating lots of food," says sophomore Ashlyn Hofeldt. Similarly, Owen Davies will be "partying with the family and having a big dinner."

From the juniors, Alexis Seymour stated; "All four siblings and their significant others will come home and eat a big dinner." Likewise, Oliver Standiford and his family will "eat and watch football."

Senior Jenna Liddle's family goes around the table stating "what we are thankful for, and when we are done eating, we watch *The Wizard of Oz*." Additional movie viewing will happen in Jackson Nordboe's home: "We will be watching *Talladega Nights*."

Every year, Chinook Public Schools employees receive gifts provided by the school district. On one of his visits to Hartland Colony, Mr. Hofman decided to purchase each employee a smoked turkey as a show of appreciation for all their hard work.



Dancin' Dougie Hall Slated to Present Inspirational Message

Today, November 21, Professional Indian Cowboy, Entrepreneur, Professional Bucking Horse Producer, and Motivational Speaker, Dougie Hall will be the featured guest at Chinook High School. Sponsored in cooperation with the Blaine County Health Department, the event will also be attended by students in grades 7-12 invited from Turner, Hays-Lodgepole, and Harlem. Hall's speech will focus on persevering through and coping with loss, as well as growing up with drug and alcohol addiction.

In many circles, Hall is known as Dancin' Dougie Hall because after every successful bronc ride, upon dismount, he does a celebratory dance—his signature “Indian Dance.”

“Some people probably think I'm doing it to show off, but I'm just having fun. That's why I started doing it in the first place,” Hall reported. “Bronc riding didn't click with me at first, so when I finally figured out how to ride broncs, I'd jump off and I'd be so happy. I just couldn't stop my feet and started Indian Dancin'.”

Hall graduated from the University of Montana–Western with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration and a second in Natural Horsemanship. He also holds an associate degree in Equine Management.

Since graduating from college, Hall has been a sought-after motivational speaker. “I am very grateful, blessed, and honored to be on this new road in life,” Hall stated.

On the speaking circuit, Hall attempts to spread a message of resilience and positive attitude to inspire others. He claims that “smile and laughter are good medicine, probably the best medicine there is.”

Founder of Good Medicine Bucking Horses, Hall was the recipient of the Legacy of the West Gala Difference Maker of the Year award in 2021. Today, he resides in Browning, Montana, where he owns a bucking stock herd and breeds bucking horses with some of the best bloodlines in the world.

Still riding broncs in the PRCA, Hall's experience with rodeo is long and storied. He qualified for the High School National Finals Rodeo, the College



National Finals Rodeo, PRCA Columbia River Circuit Finals, and was the Reserve Champion Saddle Bronc Rider in the Big Sky Region. In 2021, he won the Perseverance Character Hope buckle, which is presented annually in the memory of Rocky Joe Heckman.

According to the award criteria, the buckle is awarded annually “to an individual or family that has suffered adversity but has persevered, showing great character and instilling hope in others.”

Additionally, Hall has been the featured guest on various television shows and podcasts. Also a professional stuntman, he will appear in Kevin Costner's upcoming film, *Horizon: An American Saga*, which is set to premiere in theaters on June 28, 2024. Spanning the four years of the Civil War from 1861 to 1865, *Horizon* explores the

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lure of the Old West and how it was won—and lost—through the blood, sweat and tears of many.

When asked what inspired the Chinook school system to select Hall, Principal Matt Molyneaux replied, “He rodeos and is a Native American that we felt would be someone many youth in our community could possibly relate with/to.”

Students Celebrate Halloween

Chinook School District celebrated Halloween in style with events in the elementary, junior high, and high school. These ranged from sharing spooky stories to dressing up.

On October 31, Chinook School Librarian Kelsey Harry dressed in a witch’s costume and read spooky stories around a campfire that she had fashioned with kindling steeped around a flickering lightbulb in a backyard fire pit.

With the lights off, Harry read selections from Dan Poblocki’s book *Tales to Keep You Up at Night*. The students in Mrs. Jill Paulsen’s junior high English class listened intently as Harry used vocal inflection and props to make the story come to life.



In Mrs. Jill Paulsen’s junior high English class, Ashton Nemetz, Oliver Nissen, Zoe Scofield, Gunnar Lenz, and Rhett Hofeldt listen to Mrs. Kelsey Harry read around the campfire.

About the book, seventh grader Cynnloch Gibson stated: “The stories really made you question reality and were suspenseful.”

January Jensen added: “They almost didn’t make sense because they end abruptly, leaving you with questions, but the stories all seem to connect in the end.”

Another classmate, Abby Danley said, “Even though there were lots of unexpected twists and turns, the stories eerily tied together. I will definitely be checking that book out!”

Across town at Meadowlark Elementary School, the entire student body split into teams to construct wooden race cars. The project was the brain child of a group of third grade boys who wanted to make radio controlled (RC) cars.

“When we couldn’t get all the parts, we had to make some changes,” stated Sixth Grade Teacher and Student Council Advisor, Alicia Noel.

Students gathered in teams of five or six and received their supplies: a wooden car kit with precut balsam wood, paints or crayons, and stickers. Each team cooperated to construct and design a car.

The idea to turn the project into a fundraiser for Don Swenson and Chrissy Downs was a collaboration of many minds who agreed that the funds raised should be distributed between the two school employees who are battling cancer.

Planned for a future date, the races were the subject of discussion at a student council meeting.

According to Noel, the cars were also on display during parent/teacher conferences, November 7-8 so that parents could place bids on what they predict might be the winning car.

That afternoon, Halloween parties ensued, “complete with too much sugar and interesting costumes,” according to Mrs. Lesa MacLeod.

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Trent Malsam, Matthew Rutherford, and Ivey Lenz were among the few students in the high school building getting into the spirit of Halloween by wearing costumes. Trent borrowed from his dad's stash of vintage attire, while Matthew went for the fear factor, and Ivey took inspiration for her costume from both Google and the film *Hocus Pocus*.



Race Car Team #1: Eloise Dalton, Bentlie Dennis, Pepper Harwood, Spencer Gerky, and Kane Crowley are ready to design and decorate.

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Comprising Team #9, Dax Langford, Madalyn Billmayer, Abby Lowe, Janna Snedigar, Aurora Scovel, and Brynlee Nicholson collaborated to design their race car.

Student Council Group Attends MASC

By Bailey Billmayer

On Sunday, October 15, Walter Schoen (freshman), Bailey Billmayer (sophomore), Brockton Elliot (junior), Dentin DePriest (junior), and Quentin Edwards (senior) all left for the Montana Association of Student Councils (MASC) Conference in Helena. With three days filled with meetings, workshops, and speeches, the conference lasted until Tuesday morning and included various highlights.

After registration and welcoming activities, students heard opening Make-A-Wish speaker, Natalyie Barrett share an inspiring story about her family's journey with the Make-A-Wish foundation.

Taking over after the Make-A-Wish spotlight, Sunday evening's keynote speaker, Sarah Wells focused much of her speech on overcoming obstacles, achieving whatever you put your mind to, and staying resilient. Wells is an Olympic Semi-Finalist and Pan Am Games silver medalist.

"A highlight for me was the opening session speaker, Sarah Wells," expressed Mrs. Fay Friede, Advisor for the Chinook

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Student Council. “Sarah competed in the 400-meter hurdles in the Olympics and persevered through multiple setbacks with major injuries. I appreciated her message because it was not the typical, ‘if you work hard enough, you can do anything,’ but a



Walter Schoen, Brockton Elliot, Quentin Edwards, and Dentin DePriest sit in on the business session on October 16. During the session, resolutions were brought forward, and MASC members were given the opportunity to share their thoughts. Bailey Billmayer spoke in support of a resolution that would raise awareness about drunk driving and intoxication.

more realistic ‘your efforts can create opportunities’ as long as you focus on the process and believe in yourself.”

Succeeding welcoming keynote speeches and spotlights, students and advisors proceeded to district meetings. Districts talked about what lies ahead for the rest of the conference, and some examples of district jobs students and advisors could run for.

Students then made their way to Sunday workshops on topics like mental health, swing dancing, line dancing, and card signing; with a Domino’s pizza dinner included.

On Monday morning, student council members were greeted in the Capitol by Governor Greg Gianforte. Afterwards, attendees chose from speakers in three, thirty-minute sessions: Donnie Wetzel Jr.,

Kevin Lundstrom, Maddie Geritz, Bryan Haines, and Guillermo Perez-Ochoa.

Wetzel, a developer in leadership and an enhancer of youth voice, works for the Montana Office of Public Instruction as Tribal Relations and Resilience Director. His presentation highlighted self-belief and continuing to remain humble.

Lundstrom, a former MSU Bozeman football player, specializes in the sale of medical devices. The main focus in his speech was on loving yourself and growing self-confidence.

Perez-Ochoa is the Student Council President at Carroll College. Attending college for a degree in politics, he concentrated his speech on student leadership, important traits for success, and working towards goals.

After morning workshops in the Capitol, CHS members attended a business session: “I thought the business session allowed for valid input from students,” stated Friede.

In Monday’s afternoon session, students participated in a hike up Mount Helena and a scavenger hunt downtown. “The hike up Mount Helena was a great activity, and the weather was perfect,” stated Friede.



Dentin DePriest and Bailey Billmayer team up on the scavenger hunt in downtown Helena. Many of the clues led students to explore Montana history.

That evening, conference-goers met at Helena High for a pasta dinner, speech, and

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dance. Miss Montana, Faith Johnson focused her presentation on explaining the Miss Montana and Miss USA Pageant Programs, Land Conservation, and Wildlife Management.

On Tuesday morning, attendees got together one last time for the convention, starting off with a Make-A-Wish final tally. After gathering almost \$8,000 for the Foundation, the convention was counted a huge success.

The final speaker, Dr. Laymond Hicks, shared inspiration for getting through everyday struggles and pushing through whatever is thrown at you.

The dinner consisted of a pasta bar offering all sorts of noodles, sauces, salads, dressings, and desserts. After eating, council members ‘busted a move’ on the dance floor.

FFA Takes on TekNoExpo and NILE

By RJ Engstrom

Chinook FFA had a busy October with events in both Havre and Billings.

The TekNoXpo and ShowCASE took place on October 12 in Havre. Montana State University–Northern holds this event to showcase what the college has to offer to seniors. The event offered various hands-on experiences with graphic design, diesel equipment operation, interacting with livestock, and nursing labs.

Several CHS seniors enrolled in the FFA program attended the event. Those who participated in the agriculture and business track were Aislinn Handy, Sterling Bemis, Corey Bilger, and Emma Paulsen. Meanwhile, Wylee Simenson and Landen Keeling were in session for the diesel and automotive track. The plumbing, welding, and electrical track was attended by Riley Jorgensen.



Under the direction of an MSU-Northern student, Landen Keeling operates a skid steer to lift a pallet.

A few days later, the FFA travelled to compete at the Northern International Livestock Exposition (NILE). The Junior Livestock team placed in the top 50 per cent of the competition.



FFA Seniors Corey Bilger, Landen Keeling, Riley Jorgensen, Wylee Simenson, Aislinn Handy, Sterling Bemis, and Emma Paulsen attended the TekNoExpo in Havre in mid-October.

The NILE has been held annually in Billings since 1967. This year, on October 15-17, the Chinook FFA team participated in the livestock show, along with seven

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other states. The Chinook FFA chapter took three teams to compete: Senior Horse, Junior Horse, and Junior Livestock.

Aislinn Handy and Emma Paulsen made up the Sr. Horse team. Even without a full team of four, the duo competed well according to their advisor, Mitzi Ceele.

Similarly, with only two people, the Jr. Horse team was comprised of Lane Wicks and Ashlyn Hofeldt.

Finally, the Jr. Livestock judging team best represented Chinook. Ashlyn Hofeldt, Tucker Crawford, Zoe Scofield, Lane Wicks, and Wesson Scovel each contributed to their team's overall score. Their effort landed the team in the top half of overall teams with Ashlyn placing first on Chinook's team, followed by Tucker, Zoe, and Lane.



IN THE SPOT LIGHT

Gerke Joins CHS

By Ivey Lenz

Mrs. Molly Gerke joined Chinook Public Schools as a paraprofessional who's assisting in the special education department. When asked how she thinks the year is going so far, she replied, "Good, it keeps me busy, keeps me out of trouble." Gerke, who hails originally from Dillon, Montana, attended college at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks for two years where she studied public relations and communications. While in college, Gerke worked at a record store owned by her uncle and at Hot Topic, a clothing and accessories store.



With MSU-N students looking on, Aislinn Handy, along with other cohort members, practices giving an injection. Oranges are often used to practice giving intramuscular shots because there is a thick layer of skin to go through and then a dense center that is similar to the muscle on a live animal or patient.

After college, Gerke spent two years in Seattle where she organized and opened multiple Amazon Go store fronts. When asked how she thinks her courses in communications and public relations help her in her role at CHS, she believes the courses provide her with the knowledge to assist her students, especially in English courses, as she claims to enjoy editing and proofing student writing.

In addition to her duties at CHS, Gerke is a certified personal trainer and hopes to someday open a gym in Chinook and teach classes in kick boxing.

During high school, Gerke participated in a wide range of sports, including basketball, swim team, and tennis. She also participated



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in theater, a pastime which she continued into her college years. The plays she had the most fun performing were *Beatlemania*, a Broadway musical revue focused on the music of the Beatles as it related to the events and changing attitudes of the tumultuous 1960s, and *South Pacific* a musical about an American nurse stationed at a naval base on a South Pacific island.

When asked to name her favorite food, she responded, “I really love sushi. I enjoyed good sushi in Seattle.”

Another thing that she enjoys is volunteering at PAWS in Chinook. She helps by visiting with and walking the dogs in their care. Gerke also has a few pets of her own. A German Shepard husky mix named Mustang and a mutt named Jengo join two butterfly koi fish and a large tank of goldfish in Gerke’s care.

Recounting her favorite thing so far about CHS, Gerke responded: “I really like the schedule and that I live so close.”

Unfortunately, Gerke accepted another job and left her position with the school on November 2.

Reid Tackles New Teaching Assignment

By Bailey Billmeyer

Mr. Trevor Reid, a second-year teacher with Chinook School District, received a new assignment teaching junior high students Montana History. He serves as a para at the elementary school, as well. Last year, he taught fifth grade at Meadowlark.

When asked about his new teaching assignment, Mr. Reid replied: “[It] can be a little hectic, but I feel like it’s really rewarding.”

Reid explained his plans when first attending college: “I originally planned to attend the University of Montana–Western to get a degree in Elementary Education, and that’s exactly what I did.”

When questioned about his favorite aspect about teaching, he responded: “My



favorite aspect of teaching is [interacting with] those kids who start out shy at the beginning of the year but then warm up to you and the rest of the class and come out of their shell later in the year.”

Reid further commented on the principal prize he received from teaching: “The biggest reward for me is seeing the kid who was really struggling finally get a concept.”

When he’s not working with students, Reid likes to play video games and tinker with small mechanical or wood projects in his free time.

Introducing Sidney Bowles

By RJ Engstrom

Chinook Middle School (CMS) gives a warm welcome to Sidney Bowles, a new 8th grader from Zurich. After rounding out her first quarter of the school year in Chinook, Sidney says she is having lots of fun. She also added that the new experiences in CMS have been great so far.

Playing both volleyball and basketball, Sidney hopes to be a fantastic addition to the Sugarbeeter teams.

In her free time, Sidney loves to read and is currently indulging in *Chain of Gold* by Cassandra Clare.



Frosh Welcome Thane Drugge

By Ivey Lenz

Born in Havre, Montana, Thane Drugge is an eighth grader who was raised in Zurich, where he also attended elementary school.

A home body, Thane spends most of his free time hauling hay and moving cattle out on his family's farm. Aside from the



livestock, Thane has a pet named Tekka, who is of indeterminate age or breed; all he knows is “a good dog is a good dog.”

Thane also enjoys football and played for the Chinook Middle School team in

both grades six and eight. Thane played in multiple positions, including as wide receiver, which is an offensive player positioned a distance from the end and is used primarily as a pass receiver.

With the little free time he has, Thane can often be found hunting for deer with his 6.5mm Creedmoor rifle or fishing by the creek for some big trout.

Youth Tour Available

The Foundation for Rural Service & Triangle Communications is sponsoring a trip to Washington, D.C. this summer, June 3-7, for high school juniors.

Any 16-17-year-old high school junior who is a dependent of a subscriber who receives landline telephone or broadband services from Triangle Communications is eligible to apply online by December 1.

Koleman's Korner: Favorite Things

By Bailey Billmayer

Koleman has many favorites: people, drinks, food, colors, and activities, to name a few.

He loves having friends come to his classroom during lunch to sit, talk, and eat with him. He especially likes to snack on Ranch Bugles and almost any kind of Lays chips.



Koleman also enjoys Coke or an Italian Soda from his mom's coffee trailer, the Coffee Trough; he orders a drink with two different flavor shots every time.

Koleman's favorite colors go back and forth between red and black. He gets a thrill out of painting and flying paper airplanes. He bakes and cooks quite a bit in the classroom, while making some fun concoctions like chocolate cake.

XC Runners Take on State Meet in Kalispell

By Bailey Billmayer

On October 21, the 2023 cross country team took fourteen members to the state meet in Kalispell. That number represents an overall record. Top runners for the Beeters were sophomore Neva Lowe and junior Carson Nissen.

Other participants for the boys included RJ Engstrom (sophomore), Corey Bilger (senior), Eyan Hofeldt (freshman), Zeke Sanders (sophomore), Dentin DePriest (junior), Gus Buck (freshman), and Kalled Jaha (junior). **Continued on page 10**

For the ladies, Jeni Mord (junior), Kirbey Hofeldt (sophomore), Ivey Lenz (junior), and Bailey Billmayer (sophomore) all made an appearance.



Chinook's Cross-Country team takes advantage of a photo op before loading the bus for the trip to Kalispell: Dentin DePriest (junior), Corey Bilger (senior), Gus Buck (freshman), Eyan Hofeldt (freshman), RJ Engstrom (sophomore), Zeke Sanders (sophomore), Kalled Jaha (junior), Carson Nissen (junior), Coach Harwood, Ivey Lenz (junior), Emma Klingaman (sophomore), Neva Lowe (sophomore), Kirbey Hofeldt (sophomore), Bailey Billmayer (sophomore), and Jeni Mord (junior).

Coach Harwood stated how valuable the competition was for his team: "The State Cross Country Meet was a success for the Beeters. We have never run on a course like that before. The crowds were huge and the [team] had lots of support from home cheering them on."

An equestrian farm repurposed for the meet featured a two-lap track with an unusual configuration that enabled full view of the track from a hill. In addition, approximately 1600 people were in attendance.

Running a 20:3, Neva Lowe was awarded All-State for placing in the top fifteen. She was also the top runner for the Chinook girls. Commenting on her performance, Harwood said, "I thought her first year out was an amazing achievement. Neva showed

what hard work in the preseason can do for runners. She put everything out there at the state meet. She was really fun to watch."

Top male runner for Chinook, Nissen ran the course with a 21:26 time.

Harwood also talked about some of the other performances: "Emma had a solid race with a great finish. It was also inspiring to see Kirbey come back from her car accident a few weeks back and run a solid race. She additionally ran through a sickness during the race like a true champ. Finally, Jeni Mord had a PR at the state meet and really showed her strength."

In Harwood's estimation, the boys' execution was a true success. "On our boys' side, I was happy to see a group of runners peak at the right time," he stated. "Eyan's getting a two-minute PR at state was special. Gus, the same thing. Those two really are the future of the program."

It saddens Harwood that Corey Bilger, the lone senior on the team, participated in his last cross country meet of a solid career: "I am going to be sad to not have Corey returning to the team next year. He is one of the originals who really helped build the program. He has been as steady as a rock through these last two years. His improvement and hard work this season really came through. I'm proud to call myself his coach."

And with that final performance, the second cross country season that Chinook High School has ever seen comes to a close.

JH Hoopsters Keep Spectators Entertained

By Bailey Billmayer

With close scores to kick off the beginning of the season, the junior high girls' basketball team has kept spectators on the edge of their seats.

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On Saturday, October 14, the girls' team went up against the Box Elder Bears in the Floyd Bowen Gymnasium. The end score turned out to be 31 to 30, Chinook Sugarbeeters with the loss.

The team's scheduled game in Havre at St. Jude Thaddeus gymnasium against the Hays-Lodgepole Thunderbirds and the St. Jude Miners on October 21 was postponed, due to weather and road conditions.

The ladies competed in their first season jamboree on October 27 in Chinook. The opposing teams included the Chester-Joplin-Inverness Hawks and the Big Sandy Pioneers. The girls played the Pioneers first, with the end score being 38 to 34; Beeters with the win. On the other hand, the game against Chester-Joplin-Inverness caused quite an upset, finishing with a score of 24 to 48; our girls with the loss.

On Thursday, November 2, Chinook hosted another game for the Lady Beeters. The North Star Knights ended up beating the Beeters 44 to 26.

Following that home game, the girls participated in a jamboree at Turner, going up against the Turner Tornadoes and the Hays-Lodgepole Thunderbirds on November 3. They played the Tornadoes first in a two-period game, ending with a 10 to 14 loss. The Beeters then played the Thunderbirds, coming back with a 47-15 win.

When traveling to Big Sandy on November 4, the girls competed against the Big Sandy Pioneers and the Fort Benton Longhorns. The girls played Fort Benton first, beating them 34 to 22. Following that win, they came back to beat Big Sandy with a score of 42 to 32.

After a long couple of weeks of basketball, the girls returned home with a few additional wins under their belt. With an overall record of 3-5, the Lady Beeters continue to strive for more success.

Sewing for Success

By Ivey Lenz

Mr. Nicholas Turner, the Family and Consumer Science Teacher at Chinook High School, had the seventh grade class create an emoji themed pillow as part of their sewing unit. Mr. Turner's inspiration for this project came from fellow teacher Mrs. Jill Paulsen who had watched a video online displaying the creation and suggested it would be a great project for the class. The students were tasked with researching different emojis and then creating a design of their own.

Students Wacee Simonson and Cynnloch Gibson came up with their design like many other students—by googling different emojis, and then mashing some together to create something unique. Their pillow was an amalgamated face with buck teeth and sunglasses. Wacee said his favorite part of the project was “Stitching the pillow and stuffing it with filling.”

After the students drafted a design, they learned how to fabricate a pattern for their pillows. The class then learned the wisdom of the phrase, “measure twice and cut once.” In this process, the goal for the students was to learn how to hand sew and practice the basic techniques to bring fabric together into one cohesive piece. Two of the stitches learned were whip stitch and skip stitch.

When reporters of the *Bulletin* asked Mr. Turner why he believed teaching these skills is important, he responded: “I think sewing is important for practicing hand-eye coordination, and understanding how to sew is helpful. However, the experience of trying something new that seems hard, then seeing their accomplishments will give students the confidence to pursue new and scary things.”

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Mr. Turner relayed that hand sewing pillows is just the beginning of the sewing unit, which will continue through the quarter's end. Next, the students will learn how to thread, set, and operate a sewing machine. After acquiring these new skills, the class should have no problem creating a few seasonally appropriate projects. Winter mittens and drawstring bags are reported to be in the curriculum.

Molyneaux, Art, and Fundraising for the Common Good

By Bailey Billmeyer

Both the volleyball and football teams came together and fundraised for friends and family in our community that have been affected by cancer with T-shirts designed by Mr. Matt Molyneaux. "I decided to do the t-shirts last fall. I had noticed many schools on the Hi-Line raise money for cancer through T-shirts and knew we did not. I initially started selling the T-shirts at home basketball games last winter," Molyneaux commented.

When asked how the fundraiser came about, Molyneaux replied, "As many of us do, I have family members that have been or are currently going through cancer treatment and I felt it was a small thing I could do to support my family as well as friends and help our school in becoming Cancer aware and working to help others. I chose to make a Beeter of different colors as the various colors in the design symbolize multiple types of cancer; there are so many. We

concentrate in the month of October with pink and Breast Cancer Awareness month, but there are so many others in our community suffering from various other types of cancers. With Mr. Mike Jones, Mrs. Paula Molyneaux, and of course with our fall athletic teams, we were able to sell the remaining decal stencils I had made up and present the money to the two individuals currently in our school going through cancer treatment."

Molyneaux has quite the history with art and ceramics, considering his past in the art room and working as the art teacher here at Chinook Public Schools a couple of years ago.



When asked about his passion for art and where it all started, he stated, "I have always loved doing art. I used to sketch a lot as a kid. I really got into ceramics and pottery back in high school, and that specific media has been my primary artistic outlet for years."

"Art is a way I can express myself; it's so individual," Molyneaux said. "Throughout the years, I have continually explored new art mediums as a form of therapy, I guess—from woodcarving to pencil, charcoal, clay, and graphic design."

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When questioned about his influences in the art world, he responded: "I can't recall a real influence. I just found I had a knack for art. I can use my art to help others and for me; that is an influence."

Evidence of Molyneaux's influence can be found in many arenas, from his impact on the schools to his support of students.



Winter Formal Turned "Candyland"

By Bailey Billmayer

The sophomore Class of 2026 has been busy organizing this year's Snoball dance with the theme of "Candyland." Scheduled for December 2, the dance will be held in the Lloyd D. Sweet Auditorium from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Admission will cost \$10 for one person and \$15 for a couple. Pictures are scheduled with Heather Parker in Room 101.

The DJ for Snoball is still undecided but will be determined soon.

For decorations, the class plans on sectioning the auditorium into different areas for separate candies and places on the 'Candyland' game board. Sections are planned for a Lollipop Forrest, Gumdrop Mountain, Cotton Candy Corner, and Cupcake Commons. The entrance is predicted to have the theme of Peppermint Wonderland, complete with the game board-checkered floor.

There will be snacks, refreshments, and sweet treats for attendees. Candies provided include cotton candy, peppermints, and Dum-Dums. For refreshments, water and punch will be available. Catered snacks will include cupcakes and chips.

The sophomore class invites everyone to "Sweeten Our Dance with Your Presence."

JH Boys Maintain Hard Work through the Season

By Bailey Billmayer

The junior high boys' basketball team has definitely stayed busy throughout the season so far.

The boys' first game was against the Box Elder Bears on October 14, playing on Chinook's home court. However, the Bears went home with the win, ending in a score of 44 to 31.

Although games were scheduled against the St. Jude Thaddeus Miners and the Hays-Lodgepole Thunderbirds in the St. Jude Thaddeus gymnasium, that jamboree on October 21 in Havre was postponed due to weather conditions.

On October 27, the Floyd Bowen Gymnasium hosted games, with the opposing teams consisting of Big Sandy and Chester-Joplin-Inverness. The boys competed against the Pioneers first; Beeters pulled away with the win, 41 to 27.

A game against the CJI Hawks followed, with the Beeters again victorious: 48 to 39.

The Beeters participated in a home game on Thursday, November 2, against the North Star Knights. The boys pulled out yet another win, beating the Knights 28 to 20.

On Friday, November 3, the team traveled to Turner, playing in a jamboree against the Hays-Lodgepole Thunderbirds and the Turner Tornadoes. The Beeters first played the Turner boys in a two-period game, winning with an end score of 11 to 5. Due to technical difficulties, the score of the Thunderbirds vs. the Sugarbeeters matchup is unknown.

On Saturday, November 4, the Beeters loaded up and went to Big Sandy, contending against the Fort Benton Longhorns and the Big Sandy Pioneers.

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While the boys lost to the Longhorns 36 to 29, they beat the Pioneers, 30 to 33.

On Thursday, November 9, the team traveled to Box Elder, losing the game with a score of 55 to 42.

With a 6-3 season so far, the team strives for more success in the future and additional wins under their names.

Students Fight Back Against Drugs

By RJ Engstrom

Meadowlark Elementary School honored Red Ribbon Week with dress up days on October 30 through November 2.

On Monday, students wore red with the theme of “RED”y to Say No to Drugs! Tuesday, also Halloween costume day, the Meadowlark got spooky with the theme of “Scare Off Drugs!” And Wednesday, the kids had pajama day with the theme of “Put Drugs to Sleep.” To round out the week, the Meadowlark showed their team spirit by wearing Beeter colors with the theme of “Team Up Against Drugs!”

All junior high and elementary students received prizes gifted to them by the Prevention Specialist for Blaine County.

A coloring contest also took place at the Meadowlark. Art Teacher Miss Shay Waldbillig selected the top drawings from each class of students’ kindergarten through 6 graders. The winners were announced as such: Shirley Harry (K), McKenzie Fisher (1st), Aurora Scovel (2nd), Laval Inman (3rd), Ellary Zuelke (4th), Janna Snedigar (5th), Jaxton Crowley (6th) and Alisha Munari (6th).

The Beeter Bulletin staff wishes to congratulate all the winners of the Red Ribbon Week coloring contest.



Jaxton Crowley, enrolled in Mrs. Noel’s Sixth Grade class, drew one of the winning designs.

Beeters Round Out the Football Season

By RJ Engstrom

Wrapping up a hard-fought season, the Beeters end with a three and four record.

Vs Broadus @ Lavina 40-18

It was a 40-18 victory for the Beeters in Lavina against the Broadus Hawks. Defensively, the Beeters held up well, only allowing two scores from the Hawks. The Hawks are not in the same conference as the Beeters, meaning the victory had no effect on the Northern conference standings. Getting ahead early on gave the junior varsity a chance to step up and play on the big stage.

Vs Rocky Boy 62-0

Beeters took the show at Hoon Field 62-0, defeating the Rocky Boy Northern Stars. The latter half of the game was filled with a mixture of varsity and junior varsity players. As Coach Mike Jones said, “We will be

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playing both first team and JV players to see how you guys work together.” The victory for the Beeters gave route to the third win of the season.

@ Belt 0-56

Against the Belt Huskies on October 13, the Beeters took a 56-0 loss, killing all hopes of post-season play. Furthermore, Quarterback Ryan Bell sustained an injury to the head after throwing an interception and making the tackle.

Finishing the season with three wins and four losses, the Beeters hope to improve next year. Rounding out the season left the seniors with a loss to remember and underclassmen with a new rivalry brewing.

The team wished farewell to seniors Jackson Nordboe, Danny McKenzie, and Kaden Green, as well as to managers Isaiah Gillet and Quentin Edwards.

The Beeters end their season with heads held high and with promises to put in the hard work over the off-season to hopefully earn a top spot in the conference next year.



Seniors Quentin Edwards (65), Jackson Nordboe (88), Kaden Green (77), Isaiah Gillet (Manager), and Danny McKenzie (20) say goodbye to the football team after their final home game.



Chinook Volleyball Comes to a Close

By Ivey Lenz

Moving up to Class B was a change of pace for the Beeters, but they handled their new competition with perseverance. Energy ran high as they played their last six regular season matches before heading to districts in Fairfield.

The team started off their last month of volleyball on Friday, October 6, in Fairfield, which is where their season would later end. Varsity lost 0-3 against the Eagles, JV lost 0-3, while C-squad pulled in a close 3-0 win.

On Saturday, October 7, the Sugarbeeters played at home for senior night against Cut Bank. Even with emotions high, their nerves were steady, and the Beeters ended the evening, earning well-deserved wins for all teams. Varsity went 3-0, JV won 3-2, and C-squad won 3-0.

Friday the 13th ended up being spooky for the Beeters as they played their last home game of the season against the Choteau Bulldogs. This year the Beeters only had to say goodbye and good luck to four seniors: Mya Berreth, Jenna Liddle, Teagan Richman, and Hallie Neibauer. Although they numbered only four, these seniors were instrumental in the success of the team as their stats will show. This was their last volleyball game in the Floyd Bowen Gymnasium.

Varsity was feeling the pressure that night, which showed in the first set that went 5-25. The second set was just as difficult, going 9-25. The Beeters turned up the fire and fought hard to get on the score board, but unfortunately, it wasn't enough to take down the Bulldogs; the final set ended 26-28.

JV had been the only squad to defeat the Bulldogs in their previous encounter at Choteau. Even with a past win, JV ended up

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having a battle similar to Varsity's against the Bulldogs, which finished in 0-3 loss. C-squad lost their undefeated title against Choteau on September 9, but they rallied and fought hard each set for the victory, earning a score of 3-0.

For a Saturday, October 14, match-up, the Beeters went to Shelby, where Varsity felt the heat and lost 0-3 to the Coyotes. JV lost 0-2; C-squad won 2-0.

Next JV and C-squad traveled to Havre on Tuesday, October 17, while Varsity stayed home to get in some extra practice before districts. C-squad held their own against Havre and won 3-1. Unfortunately, the Ponies came back with strength and speed. JV lost 1-3 to the Blue Ponies.

The Beeters' last regular season match was played on Wednesday, October 18. The team ventured to Whitewater to play against North Country. Many spectators came to enjoy the game, creating a loud atmosphere. Varsity could feel the electricity on the court following the two previous matches. They had to face some hard hitters and fight through some long rallies, but in the end, they lost 1-3. JV and C-squad both played tight back and forth matches, and with help from the crowd, won their games. C-squad finished 3-0 and JV won 3-2.

The District 1B Tournament was held October 26 through 28 in Fairfield. Chinook's varsity team opened their tourney play by taking on the Shelby Coyotes. Each set was just as hard as the last, and the Beeters felt the pressure of the match weighing on them. The Coyotes put up a strong defense, which overtook the Beeters, 1-3. After losing their first match, Chinook came back the following day to face off with Choteau. Choteau had been a tough team to beat all season, but the first set went 25-21 for the Beeters. Choteau was not pleased and came back full force in the second set, which went 13-25. The Beeters tried to make a recovery, and every time the

Bulldogs won a point, the Beeters responded in kind. Still the Sugarbeeters lost the third set, 26-28. In the final set, the end score of 21-25 left every Beeter with a heavy heart. However, the girls laid everything they had on the court, according to their coach. Varsity finished their conference season, 19-11. JV ended their season 11-6. C-squad closed out with a 16-1 record.

At the Fall Athletics Award Ceremony, Coach Molyneaux expressed pride in her team: "We work hard and strive to win on a daily basis, but we should also be there to become our best selves as an athlete, a team player, and a person. Most importantly, one must love games that you are playing and value and enjoy the memories that are created by that experience. I strongly believe that this group, this 2023 team, was nothing less than extraordinary."

TIDBITS

Class of 2029

By Bailey Billmayer



When asked the question, *What is your idea of a perfect day*, seventh graders shared some creative responses.

Addilyn Zellmer described a perfect day as one that is "cloudy, windy, and raining and I am downstairs watching TV with no one else in the house except for my pets."

Dane Frey-Haluska's perfect day looks quite different. "When I get my high school pickup running, that will be a perfect day," he said.

For Lillie Skoyen, the idea of a perfect day is "a cool Saturday, chilling with the cows."

Finally, Cynnloch Gibson imagined a perfect day as "70 degrees with the sun shining and a gentle breeze. I would climb up the tree in my yard and have all of the materials to build everything that I want up there."

Class of 2028

By Bailey Billmeyer

The eighth graders put their imaginations to work on their question: *If you could teleport anywhere in the world, where would you teleport to?*

Their original responses included one by Ben Murnion: “If I could teleport anywhere, I would teleport inside the Fort Knox vault in Kentucky. This vault is used for storing gold and silver. Then I would grab a bag to put the gold and silver in. If I do not have one, I will grab as much as I can, then sell the gold and silver to some random person or just to a pawn shop. I would get so much money that I could [buy] just about anything I want.”

Alexis Gallus stated: “If I could teleport to anywhere in the world, I would want to go to New York for Christmas.”

Another traveler, Sam Sanders would teleport to Switzerland or Germany. “They have a nice environment about them that I find to be quite charming.”

A final time traveler, Sidney Bowles suggested: “If I could teleport anywhere in the world right now, I would teleport home to my colt.”

Freshmen Class Free-for-All

By RJ Engstrom

The Beeter Bulletin staff invited the freshman class to choose one girl and one boy who would win in a free-for-all dodgeball match.

Once all votes were gathered, for the boys, it was almost unanimous between two people, Jameson Nordboe and Ryan Bell. Ryan was Coach Mike Jones’ “go to guy” leading the football team as the Varsity Quarterback. Jameson, on the other hand, spent the football season in his older brother

Jackson’s shadow but stats will show he still had a noteworthy freshman season with many varsity appearances. The final vote count was fourteen votes for Jameson and nine for Ryan, winning Jameson the title of metaphorical “Freshman Boy’s Dodgeball Champion.”

For the girls of the class, it was not such a close vote. Although Mataya Inman, Amyerah Kelly, and Kamry Gustitis each secured votes, the top spot for the girls was captured by Sidney Liddle.

Athletes of Grade Ten

By RJ Engstrom

The sophomores received the question: “*Who is the most athletic boy and girl from your class? Why?*” We chose the two most intriguing answers for each boy and girl.

A frequent response for the boys was “Britt Powell because he is very competitive and tries his absolute best in each sport he participates in.”

Owen Davies also amassed many votes, with one person saying: “Owen is the most athletic boy in our class; he is a great football player, wrestler, and sprinter in track.”

In the female category, Neva Lowe accumulated the majority of the votes for being most athletic. One of the many quotes used to describe her was “She’s a basketball player, track runner, and cross-country runner; she does it all. Placing seventh at state in cross-country is a huge accomplishment.” In fact, placing seventh at state in cross-country was the most common reason to explain Lowe’s outstanding status.

Brooke Fetter also collected many votes. To explain Fetter’s merit, one commenter expressed: “She is always one step ahead of everyone else when it comes to sports.”

Exploring Sports

By Ivey Lenz

The junior class explored the idea of a sport they believe Chinook High School should have and why. A wide array of sports was suggested, though a few were more popular.

Some suggested lacrosse, swimming, e-sports, hockey, weightlifting, dance team, men's tennis, rodeo, men's volleyball, and competitive spike ball. However, baseball or softball seemed to be the sport most favored; several of the students' reasoning comes from the fact that summers can get so busy. Many of the students at CHS work in town or on their farms over the summer, such schedules conflict with sports practices.

Jeni Mord was one student who chose swim team with her reasoning being, "Lots of kids swim in the summer swimming program, but summers are a busy time. If swimming were a sport in the school, I think more kids would join. Swimming burns calories faster than any sport provided at CHS. It is a good sport for getting in shape."

Dentin DePriest stated, "I think the school should consider offering men's tennis as a new sport. I've talked briefly with several guys about this, and they think it's a great idea. For quite a few guys, tennis could be a good alternative to track or golf, and I think there would be nothing but positive responses from students."

Perhaps reading these suggestions may bring changes for future athletes.

Senior Fashion

By Ivey Lenz

Being fashionable or having good fashion is all subjective. Fashion also changes with the times and social views. The senior class was asked to look through the closets of the past and find the style that most resonated with them.

In response to this request, Isaiah Gillette gave a short and simple answer: "The 90s clothes are so cool."

The majority of the senior class voted for the 90s with similar reasoning; the 90s were stylish. These answers give insight into the science of fashion and how fashion trends repeat themselves. In the last five years, the comfortable and minimalistic styles of the 90s have become mainstream once more.

Teagan Richman gave two opinions about the subject. "The 90s because that's how I like to dress and the 50s because I find [that era] interesting."

The next time you are planning an outfit, it may be fun to think about what styles and time periods influence your clothing expression.



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