



# The Beeter Bulletin



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## Homecoming Activities Keep Students and Staff on Their Feet

By Bailey Billmeyer

Homecoming this year featured the theme 'Music Genres.' Points were awarded for various elements of participation, including dressing up, lip sync battles, hallway decorating, and presentation of floats. When all of the activity had subsided, the juniors found themselves in first place, and the seniors were second. The freshman stood on the podium right below the seniors, while the sophomores placed fourth overall.

On the first day of the week, Mash-Up Monday, students chose a partner and



Matt Langford, a 1994 CHS graduate, pilots his 1965 Plymouth Satellite convertible in the Homecoming Parade with Queen Teagan Richman and King Jackson Nordboe aboard.

dressed as two different genres or mixed two genres on their own. For Top Hit Tuesday, students were asked to dress up as their favorite music artist, and Wednesday was 'Dress as your Genre.' Freshmen dressed as country, sophomores as rock, juniors as hip-hop and rap, and seniors as pop. The last day of the week was 'Midnight Blues,' where everyone wore cozy pajamas to school.

Another component to this year's homecoming was Beeter Buddies. On Tuesday, Chinook High School athletes and pep band members paired up with one or two kindergarten, first, second, or third graders. High schoolers were dismissed early and walked down to share lunch and recess with the elementary schoolers.

"My Beeter Buddy on Tuesday was Sky Llante," stated freshman Jameson Nordboe. "We talked about football, baseball, what Sky likes to do, and what we were going to do at lunch."

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Tuesday night's activity included a drive-in movie at the Blaine County Fairgrounds. The planned movie was *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, but complications arose, and the movie shown was *Sixteen Candles*, a 1984 film about a disastrous sixteenth birthday starring Molly Ringwald and Anthony Michael Hall.

On Wednesday, athletes and pep band members participated in Beeter Buddies for a second day but with fourth, fifth, and sixth graders. "My Beeter Buddy was Justin Huravitch. We had a fun time receiving touchdowns playing P.E. football," said sophomore RJ Engstrom.

Then, Wednesday evening, high school students and staff attended a barbeque and bonfire hosted by the Student Council at Hoon Field. The menu included burgers, hot dogs, chips, and a variety of sweet treats. After the meal, paired teams participated in a cornhole tournament held at the gathering, and the winning team consisted of Mr. Mike Jones and Principal Matt Molyneaux. The duo gloated about their win and offered lessons to any interested party.

Classes spent Thursday morning building floats. Once complete, the freshman float was pulled down the streets by Austin Swanson's blue Peterbilt. The float itself consisted of a homemade Sugarbeeter mascot character heating up a CHS branding

iron in a cattle pot. The trailer was framed with longhorn skulls decorated with ropes hanging from the horns and surrounded by barbed wire. Posters hanging from the sides of the float read: "Bring the Heat" and "Don't Let Them Shine." The judges awarded this float first place.



With their rock theme, the sophomores incorporated a Sugarbeeter drummer sitting at a homemade drum set, a Sugarbeeter rockstar at the end of the trailer deck, and a Queen album cover featuring the songs "We Will Rock You" and "We Are the Champions." The posters hanging from the trailer read "Kiss the Longhorns Goodbye" and "Rock Away the Stars." Their second-place float was also decorated with assorted flames and lightning bolts from the iconic rock band AC/DC.

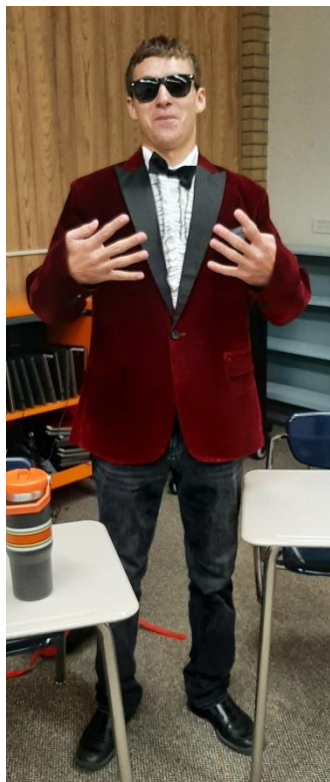
Tying for second place, the junior class framed their float with balloons and used a poster to proclaim: "Rap Up the Longhorns." Another on the opposite side read: "Block 'Em Like It's Hot," targeting support for the volleyball team. In the center of the trailer sat King Beeter wearing a durag; silhouettes of an excited crowd cheered at his feet.

Trailing the pack, the seniors designed their float around the pop song ROAR written by Katy Perry. It featured a lounging Sugarbeeter in a plant-filled jungle sitting beside a stuffed white tiger. The two trailer skirts read: "The Competition Will Hear Us ROAR" and "We Got the Eye of the Tiger."



To complete the festivities, the community gathered on Friday to watch the Homecoming Parade at 1:00 p.m. A highlight of the parade included the football float—a semi-trailer featuring smoke bombs emitting the school colors and Ayden Alisch playing his electric guitar to the Beeter Beat. The skirt read: “Truck the Longhorns.”

Points were awarded to classes for almost every aspect of the homecoming week. Winners of hallway decoration were the juniors, with the seniors coming in at a close second place. The freshman class rose to the top with dressing up for the week, while the juniors placed second. The seniors captured



the first-place seating for lip sync battles, and the sophomores stood in second place.

Homecoming events culminated with the volleyball team winning their matches against the Rocky Boy Stars on Thursday night, 3-0, and the football team, losing, 54-36, on Friday night at Hoon Field, even though they had hoped to “smoke the brisket” of the Fort Benton Longhorns.



Owen Davies, who plays Running Back & Defensive End for the Beeters, eats travelling tacos with his Beeter Buddies Keevin Shrauger and Ridge Velk. The trio talked wrestling and football over lunch and then went out to toss the football.



ABOVE: Using headlamps in order to see their sheet music, the CHS Pep Band performs under the lights at the Homecoming Football game against the Longhorns. BACK ROW: Abby Danley, Amyerah Kelly, & Dentin DePriest. ROW TWO: Ryder Hofeldt, Kolton DePriest, JJ Briere, Kiley Huravitch, Mara Edwards, & Akaysha Kelly. ROW THREE: Lexi Gallus & Ivey Lenz. FRONT ROW: Rhett Hofeldt, Gunnar Lenz, & Director Blake Downs. TOP LEFT: Sophomore RJ Engstrom rolls up to school in style on Mash-Up Monday, portraying the iconic Stevie Wonder. LEFT: Cornhole Champions, Coach Mike Jones and Principal Matt Molyneaux flash their number one status.

## Class of 2025 Wins Hall Decorating Contest

The Chinook school system celebrated homecoming from September 18-22 with a music genre theme selected by the Pep Club: “Back to the Beeter Beat!” Throughout the week, high school classes received points for participating with themed apparel and other school spirit activities, one of which was hall decorating. The Class of 2025 were the winners of that contest.

During seventh period on Monday, the decorating began, and in a short hour, the halls transformed. Using white gossamer for a dreamy atmosphere and polyester fiber fill to resemble clouds, the seniors created their pop music theme, “Living a Teenage Dream.” An iridescent fringe curtain, visions of candy, white lights, and dimmed lighting completed the illusion.

Having selected hip-hop as their music genre, the juniors’ hallway sported various signs to capture a “Gangsta Paradise.” One sign read: “They ain’t, cuz they not.” Gold fringe set in contrast to the elaborate black signs with their hip-hop slang made them a favorite of the judges.



Upstairs in the south wing of the high school, the sophomores recreated a rock venue with the appearance of a 50s diner complete with one black and white checkered wall. Vinyl albums and a guitar hung from the ceiling lights, which were muted with red paper to cast a reddish hue. Strings of miniature lights—along with a milk shake, a waiter, and even a juke box with songs for a quarter—further accented the invitation: “Let’s Rock and Roll.”

Because the Class of 2027 chose country music as their genre, their hallway took on that theme. Wagon wheels, lassos, cowboys, cacti, and a barn told a tale of rural routes. The freshmen even labelled the women’s bathroom an outhouse and branded it with a crescent moon. Their signage suggested: “Round ‘Em Up, Beeters!”



ABOVE: Given their height, sophomores Ayden Alisch & Robin Morin were called upon for their reach. Here, Robin takes direction from Mara Edwards to provide black wall paper. In the foreground, Griffen Crowley prepares red lenses for the ceiling lights.

LEFT: Cooper Standiford cuts out sheriff’s hats for student lockers to accompany the freshmen’s country theme.



# Lip Syncs and Games Highlight Pep Assembly

Emceed by Pep Club member Hannah Schoen, with support from Addison Olsen, and Mara Edwards, the pep assembly on September 14 highlighted class lip syncs, various games, and the royal coronation. The seniors emerged victorious in the lip sync battle, the juniors beat out the freshmen in an obstacle course contest, and Teagan Richman and Jackson Nordboe were crowned Homecoming Queen and King.

To foreshadow a Beeter win, the song the seniors performed at Thursday's pep assembly was 'N Sync's "Bye, Bye, Bye." Choreographed by CeCi Ymzon, dancers Wylee Simenson, Hallie Neibauer, Kaden Green, Jackson Nordboe, and Mya Berreth depicted the end of a relationship.

According to their class advisor, Ms. Laura Kellam, the group rehearsed several times prior to their performance at the pep assembly. That fact was noticed by the judges, who selected the Class of 2024's lip sync as the winning act.

The juniors showcased the song "Milkshake" by Kelis. In a lip sync performed by Carson Nissen, Lance Pitkanen, Oliver Standiford, Landen Beck, Jacob Metcalf, and Ben Hofedlt, the group emerged from the two locker rooms, but then their skit fell apart—some blame embarrassment, others nervous laughter.

Next up was the Class of 2026's performance of Ray Parker, Junior's song "Ghostbusters." Their act featured Mara Edwards, Bailey Billmayer, Wyatt Olmstead, and Ashlyn Hofeldt dressed in



**HOMECOMING COURT:** Hallie Neibauer, Queen Teagan Richman, Jenna Liddle, Mya Berreth, Kaden Green, Isaiah Gillett, Quentin Edwards, Corey Bilger, and King Jameson Nordboe. NOT PICTURED: Danny McKenzie

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green jumpsuits and performing the parts of ghost hunters while Robin Morin and Ayden Alisch played the ghosts.

Shaina Twain's song "Man! I Feel Like a Woman" was the piece providing the music to the freshmen's lip sync. The "wild and crazy" chorus line featured the dance moves of Carter Alisch, Evan Davies, Walter Schoen, and Jameson Nordboe. All four boys wore red crop tops and bows in their hair as

they performed behind lead singer Shaina, aka Julian Powell, wearing red lipstick, long blonde locks, and a little black dress.



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One of the games at the assembly—an obstacle course testing speed, agility, and strength—was a tight race between the freshmen and the juniors that saw Brockton Elliot and Ivey Lenz pulling ahead of freshmen Carter Alisch and Kealey Logan.

Each team member was required to roll under a table, climb over a box, jump four hurdles, turn twice around a cone, retrace his/her steps, and pull a partner on a bed sheet.

Someone in the gymnasium was heard congratulating Elliot's effort in pulling his teammate across the finish line by saying, "Seabiscuit (the famous racehorse) is in the house" as Elliot strained to grab the win.



Additional competitors in the game Obstacle Course were Owen Davies and Kylee Green for the sophomores and Riley Jorgensen and Jenna Liddle for the seniors.

Other games included Sticky Pick-up, in which two members from each class were bound together with duct tape and had to crawl on their hands and knees to pick up as many playing cards as they could with their tape's adhesive. To emerge as winners, freshmen Amalie Aberg and Cooper Standiford battled sophomores Wyatt Olmstead and Emma Klingaman, juniors Dentin DePriest and Madilyn Gruszie, and seniors CeCi Ymzon and Wylee Simenson.

The most spirited seventh and eighth graders were also recognized at the assembly. Those attending saw Chyler Standiford take top honors for the eighth grade and Wacee Simenson winning from the seventh.



Celebrating Black Is Back, Ashlyn Hofeldt and Lotus Taly share the football game with one another.

## Sugarbeeters Push On with a 1-2 Record

By RJ Engstrom

A hard fight from the Sugarbeeters in Shelby Coyote territory still found them losing, 30 to 20 on September 8. Coach Jones called it a great game for learning for the young team with freshmen and sophomores having to step up and help propel the Beeters forward. As Chinook's first conference game of the season, the team was building off of only four weeks of practice. The Beeters were working on getting players in motion and feeling the

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field for only the first game of the conference season. The game was well-attended by Chinook fans, including many supportive parents and the high school volleyball team showing their backing for the team.

Next up was a home contest versus the Harlem\Turner co-op team. The Chinook Sugarbeeters celebrated a well-earned 56 to 28 home win over the Wildcats on September 14. The Beeters now carry a promising 1-1 conference record after the victory.

This was a productive game offensively with Quarterback Ryan Bell (27) passing for a total of 53 yards and seven completions off of 18 attempts. He also sent two into the endzone for touchdowns. Additionally, Bell obtained 75 yards rushing on ten rushes, acquiring two touchdowns and one conversion. Oliver Standiford (34) gained a total of 73 yards on the ground on only five rushing attempts, earning a touchdown as well. Jacob Metcalf (14) carried once for 30 yards.



Receiving, Tight End Jackson Nordboe (88) grabbed two catches for a total of 11 yards and a conversion. Wide Receiver Kohen Sullivan (35) came down with two receptions, gaining 33 yards.

The Sugarbeeters had a lockdown defense. Linebacker Oliver Standiford (34) earned 14 assists, six solo tackles, one interception, one tackle for a loss, and one sack. Earning his way on the stat sheet,

Linebacker Carter Alisch (81) totaled four assists, five tackles, one tackle for a loss, one interception, and one fumble recovery. Finally, Linebacker Walter Schoen (44) obtained two assists, one tackle, and three tackles for a loss.

Getting their first win of the season is sure to push the Beeters to impress for the remainder of the year.

For their third conference game, the Beeters took on Fort Benton in a homecoming contest. Despite their fighting hard, they lost to the Longhorns 54-36.



FAR LEFT: Quarterback Ryan Bell (27) jukes his way through the Longhorn defense. LEFT: Landen Beck (28) returns a Longhorn kick off.

## Exchange Student Shares Experiences

On September 24, Ryley Hofeldt celebrated one month in Ahaus-Wüllen, Germany. She reported that she has met some really great people so far and that her host family, Timm and Daniela, has been “loving and helpful.”

“My time in Germany is going so fast. I’ve been in school for a few weeks now and made some friends. I’m really enjoying it here! I’m finally into a routine and ready to start some new things. I am hoping to learn to play piano and maybe take up running.

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With a two-week vacation coming up, I am looking forward to touring Germany while I can. I also have a prom in October that I will attend with my friends, and I am excited about that, as well,” Hofeldt reported.

Much has changed from her first few days in Germany, which Hofeldt described as initially rough since she knew so little of the German language. “I had realized I was going to be away from my family and home for a longer time than I was used to, but I cried about it. However, my sister told me I couldn’t come home cuz I had put way too much time and money into this venture. So even though I still miss my family a lot, I have a really great opportunity that I will



never have again,” Hofeldt stated. A high school senior, Hofeldt is on a cultural exchange program through Greenheart Exchange. Committed to

cultivating leaders from all around the world through exchange programs in the United States, Greenheart is stationed in Chicago, Illinois. She heard about the program from Chinook High School (CHS) Counsellor, Mrs. Fay Friede, who spoke about the positive experiences of former exchange student and CHS graduate, Anna Getten.

When asked what motivated her to take the courageous step to visit another country, Hofeldt replied: “Actually, since I was very young, I have wanted to travel to Germany. The history, language, and culture were

always interesting for me. I also have family heritage in Germany and wanted to be able to meet some of these people. Anna Getten was actually the person that pushed me to do it. Hearing about her experience, I wanted to do it, too.”

While in Germany, Hofeldt has found a friend in a fellow exchange student from Italy, Giorgia. “She’s really awesome. We are so different but have a lot of similarities,” Hofeldt explained.

According to Hofeldt, the town in which she resides is a small place for Germany. “It’s a very safe town, and I bike to school every day with Giorgia,” Hofeldt remarked.

School has added another layer of challenge for Hofeldt who described her initial days as more observation than interaction. “I just sat there watching the teachers because I didn’t know enough German. Luckily, Timm and Daniela have been very patient with me, and I have already learned so much. The friends I have made also quiz me all the time and ask me to say the most difficult words. The language will come in time, but for now I’ll excel in my English and P.E. classes.”

Because Hofeldt is still new in Germany, she remains a bit awestruck. “Everything is just—Wow! But I think the biggest intriguing aspect is their school system. They are a very technologically based and organized school. The school officials care very highly about the education of their students, so no sports are involved. Everyone here is basically polite and punctual,” she reported.

After being invited to consider the most challenging element of her experience to date, Hofeldt said, “I try to limit my contact with home so it doesn’t make me too homesick, but I have gotten better and just told myself to live in the moment and not think about yesterday or tomorrow. I am excited for this journey and can’t wait to bring you all along.” **Continued on page 9**



Her favorite item on the German menu? “Hmm. That’s a tough one, but I would have to say they always have roast beef with gravy as a typical meal, and it is very good. So are the chocolate covered strawberries and the chocolate covered marshmallows purchased from street vendors and served on a skewer.”



## IN THE SPOT LIGHT

### Meet Braxton

By Ivey Lenz

Braxton Hajenga is a freshman who recently transferred to CHS from Lewistown, Montana. He previously played basketball as a guard, and in middle school, he competed in the 100- and 200-meter dashes and in the long jump. He plans to continue participating in both sports through his high school career.



During his free time, Braxton enjoys riding his 2023 Kawasaki 250 dirt bike and playing video games with his friends, specifically Supercross6, a dirt biking game.

When asked how he's liking high school here so far, he replied: “Good, I’ve made friends with most of the freshman class.”

## Junior Class Welcomes Ivey Lenz

By RJ Engstrom

The junior class welcomes back Ivey Lenz this 2023-2024 school year. Ivey returned to Chinook from Iowa after moving



away at the end of second grade.

She is involved in sports and other activities, participating in volleyball, cross country, track and field, tennis, and cheerleading.

Born in Montana, Ivey

comments: “I like camping, sewing, skiing, snowboarding, and traveling with my mom and little brother.”

## Getting to Know Ms. W

By Bailey Billmeyer

Ms. Shay Waldbillig (Ms. W) is the new art teacher at Chinook Public Schools. When questioned about how it feels to be a first-year teacher, she said: “Somedays I am a little overwhelmed, but I feel super supported by my fellow colleagues who help me any way they can.”

When asked to name her hobbies and interests, she stated: “I like to hike, garden, ride my bike, fish, and hunt mountain lions and bears with my hound dogs.”

Ms. W studied at MSU-Northern in Havre, where she also competed on the volleyball team as a setter. “I went into college as an undecided major but knew I wanted to do something with science. After finishing my general credits my freshman

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year, I decided I wanted to become a teacher.”



During her time taking all of the required science classes, Ms. W filled her general education credits with art courses. “I found that the art classes were a break from all the stresses that being a college athlete and double major entailed. As a result, I took all the art classes that fit into my busy schedule, even though that was making my plate even more full,” she laughed. “The art professor at Northern is amazing as well and would let me know of any upcoming classes.”

By her senior year, Ms. W noticed that she had some extra room in her schedule and simultaneously realized that she only needed a couple more art classes in order to minor in art education. Squeezing those classes into her schedule enabled her to graduate not only with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology and another in Secondary Science Education but also with a minor in Art Education.

After being prompted about her favorite aspect of teaching art, Ms. W responded: “My favorite thing about teaching art is seeing students’ creative ideas come to life when they are given the opportunity.”

## Leaders and Learners

New this year at Meadowlark is a student council. Students who wanted to serve on the student council had to apply. After answering a questionnaire, the candidates interviewed with a couple of peers and teachers. Then, a panel selected two sixth graders and four fifth graders to serve as the first student council at the elementary school. They are Janna Snedigar, Avie Alisch, Laurin Davies, Pepper Harwood, Rian Molyneaux, and Sasha Anderson.

Under the advisement of sixth-grade teacher, Alicia Noel, that group will be responsible for organizing different activities throughout the year. Their inaugural event was participating in the Homecoming Parade by decorating Advisor Alicia Noel’s pickup.



Rian Molyneaux, Sasha Anderson, Madalyn Billmeyer, Avie Alisch, Kimber Klein, and Calvin Frye celebrate their work.

About the group, Noel said: “I wanted to give each student a chance to run a meeting. Right now, they all have equal roles, although a few students have taken on different duties, such as hallway monitors and helping with concessions. Some of the students are taking on the task of helping to keep students informed throughout the school, and they are also serving as role models.”

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The group's goal is to improve the environment at Meadowlark Elementary School by working together and donating money back to the community.

"A small committee is going to be working with Mrs. Deanon to create new BEETS videos for students so they know what BEETS looks like in the common areas of the school," Noel concluded.



Showing their support for the Beeters, Janna Snedigar, Alexis Elias (with her head in the red circle), Lauren Davies, Teagan Britt, Norah Zellmer, Pepper Hardwood, and Cassidy Liddle display a sign for the Homecoming Parade held on September 22.

## Primary Grade Tidbits

During the latter weeks of September, the first graders at Meadowlark Elementary School were putting finishing touches on "Noun Town," and the second graders designed "Verbville."

According to their teacher, Mrs. Tammy Edwards, the group was "super engaged" in the task, which is intended to help them understand the purpose of these two parts of speech as well as to inspire others to learn them.

Meanwhile, the third graders, under the direction of their teacher, Mrs. Amanda Davies, were making scarecrows and writing stories.



**Mayors of Noun Town**, First Graders Royce Stroebe, Clay Elliot, Josey Sather, Livia Turner, & Kallie Barber. NOT PICTURED: Zyon Silva



**Creators of Verbville**: James Harry, Leo Taly, Harper Zellmer, Daniel Conrad, Sylvi Harwood, Natalee Niederegger, and Brynn Brennan.

## Senior Class Tidbits

By RJ Engstrom

*Beeter Bulletin* reporters were curious as to what the senior class had to say on the topic of their favorite memory from high school so far. This question elicited some creative responses: "My favorite memory from high school so far is playing rummy in fifth period. Ryan, Ryley, Tasha, and I would all play it once a week the whole second semester my junior year" (Jenna Liddle); "Upsetting Heart Butte in the first round of the Divisional Basketball Tournament while playing a big role" (Jackson Nordboe); "When I was yelling at Hallie for taking my pencil but later found my pencil hidden under our table where I had put it earlier" (Mya Berreth).

## Keeping Youth Drug Free for 35 Years

By RJ Engstrom

For the week of October 23-31, CHS will be carrying out the drug free, Red Ribbon Week. In its 35<sup>th</sup> year, Red Ribbon Week mobilizes a community and educates the youth to participate in drug prevention activities.

The symbolism of the red ribbon goes far beyond just a fashion statement; the ribbon is a way to raise awareness of the destruction caused by drugs in the United States. The event began in memory of Enrique “Kiki” Camarena, a Drug Enforcement Administration Agent who tragically lost his life in the pursuit of keeping illegal drugs off the streets of Mexico. After his passing, friends, family, and neighbors began wearing red badges of satin to honor his work for the community.

Today, Red Ribbon Week boosts awareness of the danger of drugs to the youth in America.

Unveiled by the National Family Partnership, the 2023 Red Ribbon Week theme is “Be Kind to Your Mind. Live Drug Free.”



## Koleman's Korner

By Bailey Billmayer

Koleman Anderson, a sophomore with Down Syndrome, plays a significant role in the school community. He not only serves as a crossing guard at Meadowlark Elementary School but picks up trash at the high school after lunch.

Koleman's favorite colors are black and purple, and his favorite things to do include flying paper airplanes and painting his favorite colors onto large pieces of paper.

According to Josiah Sanders and Jami Berreth, two para-professionals who work with Koleman, he really enjoys anything that incorporates Mario, the mustached Italian plumber from the famous Nintendo video game.

To encourage positive behavior, Koleman has a star chart in his classroom.

If he has a good day, he gets to put a star on his chart. After ten stars, he earns a swimming trip in Havre, with some potential ice cream involved.

Winning one of these trips already this year, Koleman went swimming at Best Western Plus, selected black licorice ice cream from Gram's Ice Cream and Candy Shoppe, and did some shopping at The Dollar Tree for a math lesson.



## Travelers Encounter Hay Sculpture

Just in time for homecoming and the 2023 Sugarbeet Festival, a hay sculpture turned up on September 20 west of Alfalfa Road. Two stacked round bales feature the Sugarbeeter mascot's head; black, orange, and white paint; and the message, “Go Beeters” on the base. Some twigs jut from the upper most bale to resemble a beet top.

Credit for the artwork goes to two 2015 Chinook High School graduates: Mariah (Swank) Kellam and Justin Kellam.

The couple, who were married in 2019, currently farm East of Chinook.

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The sculpture sits in their stubble field on the south side of the road.



Travelers of Highway 2 might be surprised when they see the figure and respond, “What the hay?”

“We have been painting hay bales every fall for a few years now,” Mariah stated. “This

year, we wanted to create something that was fun, light-hearted, and unique. Homecoming was right around the corner, so the Beeter mascot was an easy choice!”



Bella Brown carries the FFA Flag in the Homecoming Parade.

## Student Council Stays Busy

By Bailey Billmayer

This year’s student council president is senior Quentin Edwards. During a recent interview, he stated: “A goal that I have for my presidency is to start some new

traditions for the school and maybe make the school year less mundane for students.”

Quentin is also aiming to generate funds for new lockers in the hallways: “My main goal is to raise enough money for the student council to be able to finance the painting of the lockers so they will no longer be blue. To achieve this, we will be doing a lot of fundraising, which we have already started.”

One of those fundraisers was the cornhole tournament during homecoming. Additional ideas for raising money for the locker painting include concessions at home volleyball and football games and renting out stadium chairs at home varsity games in the gymnasium.

As an ongoing project, Sugarbeeter sidewalk stencil paintings can also be ordered through a student council member. They can either be a Sugarbeeter; a bobcat, representing the Bozeman Bobcats; or a grizzly paw, representing the Missoula Grizzlies.

Another continuous fundraiser, according to Advisor Mrs. Fay Friede, is the snack station and coffee carts in the library and title rooms: “These are a great way to provide snacks and drinks to the students, as well as make a small profit.”

Later in the fall, the student council will sell Little Caesars Pizza kits.

When asked about his position, President Edwards said: “The most exciting thing about my position is probably being able to be a part of all of the important decisions that are made around the school. It gives a feeling of responsibility but is also very fun being informed and being a part of that process.”

Finally, one of the main aspects of student council includes the State Student Council Convention. Six members will depart for Helena, Montana, on Sunday, October 15 and return on Tuesday, October 17.

## Volleyball Sets Up for State

By Ivey Lenz

Another month flew by for Chinook volleyball as they fought for victory. Saturday, September 16 was a win for the Beeters against Fairfield, 3-2. The game finished with high stats: senior Hallie Neibauer smashed 27 kills and picked up 19 of 68 digs. Rilee Molyneaux collected eight kills and six aces, while Mya Berreth set up 25/56 assists. Addison Olsen added 17/56 assists, and Alexis Seymour served four aces and passed 14/68 digs.

Likewise, the homecoming matches went well against Rocky Boy on September 21, with each Chinook squad blowing their opponents out of the water 3-0. Although the Morning Stars came out fighting, it just was not enough against the Lady Beeters.

After losing to Conrad during the first home game of the season, the Beeters traveled to Conrad to try and corral some Cowgirls. The Varsity put up a valiant effort against the Cowgirls, barely losing the match by a couple points each set, leaving them 1-3. Though the Beeters lost, players had some impressive rallies. For example, senior Mya Berreth held 18/36 assists, senior Hallie Neibauer had 13 kills and 7/16 blocks, and junior Rilee Molyneaux picked up 15 digs.

On Tuesday, September 25, Chinook welcomed Havre for their annual non-conference game. C-Squad started their match ready for a challenge with their feet on the pedal, and after some long rallies they finished the match 3-0 with another win under their belt. JV came into their match a bit depleted after the C-squad game. Though they put up a fight, the Blue Ponies put up a stronger one, leaving the Beeters at 0-3.

The Beeters' next game was the start to a long weekend as they faced Malta at home. Previously this season, Chinook had only

played against Malta in tournaments. The Beeters were excited to play against the M-Ettes with home court advantage. Each set was close, but with the support of the crowd and a lot of focus, the Varsity pulled through, 3-0. JV also played a stellar 3-0 match against Malta, as did the C-squad.

Next, the Sugarbeeters went to Cut Bank to rough it up with the Wolves on Friday, September 28. Each team won 3-0.

Finally, at the tournament in Fort Benton on September 30, Varsity played White Sulfur, securing the win with 2-0; Roy-Winifred, also 2-0, and Cascade, winning in overall points 21-14 and 19-20. The last game against the Longhorns saw the Beeters losing 0-2. JV went undefeated.



Jenna Liddle, Alexis Seymour, Hallie Neibauer, Mya Berreth, Rilee Molyneaux, and Sami Malsam get together to celebrate an impressive block by senior Hallie Neibauer.

## Cross Country Pursues Strong Performance

By Bailey Billmeyer

This year's cross country team kicked into gear while traveling to compete. "This team has had a busy couple of weeks," commented Coach Kendall Harwood.

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“Since we last checked in with *The Beeter Bulletin*, cross country runners have put in many miles and great efforts on the courses around Montana.”

On Friday, September 15, the team made a trip to Lewistown and participated in a meet at the Pine Meadows Golf Course. Coach Harwood had pleasant things to say about the team’s performance: “On a beautiful day in Lewistown, the team attacked the killer, hill-heavy course to log some solid times.”

Next, cross country traveled to Hays on Wednesday, September 20. They competed in Mission Canyon. Running uphill for the entire five kilometers. Neva Lowe (sophomore) ended up taking first place overall for the high school girls. “The majority of the team came home with medals, which is a testament for how hard they have been training,” stated Harwood.

The team went on to face one of the most difficult courses in the nation when traveling to Great Falls, Montana, on Friday, September 29. “Anaconda Hills is a true test of conditioning for the team,” Coach Harwood remarked. “This is one of the most difficult courses in the country. Many up turns and hill climbs litter the course.”

In the Women’s AA Junior Varsity and Small Schools Division, one hundred and thirty-eight girls were entered. Taking second overall for the women, Neva Lowe ran with a time of 22.07. “Neva ran the best time a Sugarbeeter cross country runner has run on this course, beating Anna Terry’s race-winning time last year by one second. Neva came in second in that race, but it was a great effort nonetheless,” Harwood said.

In the Boy’s AA Junior Varsity and Small Schools Division, Corey Bilger (senior) crashed through the finish line first for the Chinook boys, with a time of 22.09. Carson Nissen (junior) was not far behind with a time of 22.54. In this division, one hundred and seventy runners were entered.



LEFT: Sophomore Emma Klingaman flies across the course at Marian Hills Golf Course in Malta. BELOW: Meanwhile, freshmen Gus Buck powers through the competition with a time of 22.59.



Bilger, the lone senior on the team this year, acquired many compliments from Coach Harwood on his performance at Anaconda Hills: “Corey was the Beeters’ number one runner in this race, beating his last year’s time by about two and a half minutes. Corey has been taking his training very seriously and has become a true leader on this team.”

State-qualifying runners will make their way to Kalispell for the state competition on Saturday, October 21.

## Celebrating the Freedom to Read

By Ivey Lenz

Banned Books Week, October 1-7, celebrated the freedoms and liberties we have to read and write. The theme for Banned Books Week 2023 was *Let Freedom Read*. Throughout history there have been many attempts to censor the information and entertainment materials available to the public, especially in libraries and schools.

Banned Books Week was started in 1982 by Librarian and First Amendment Activist Judith Krug. She started the event to bring awareness to the American people about the increase in book bans and challenges.

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Some ways CHS is shedding light on the week is through analysis and debate. Mrs. Miller's Honors English class is reading *The Absolutely True Diary of Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie and debating whether it should be on the banned books list.

"Books and materials are usually challenged with the best intentions--to protect others, frequently children, from difficult ideas and information. However, these challenges are acts of censorship and limit intellectual freedom. In the case of Alexie's novel, this is a book about life. So, it is not without its disconcerting moments. In spite of those moments, this is mostly a book about empowerment and hope. Alexie also reminds us of the value of nurturing and paying attention to dreams," Miller stated.

Another invitation during Banned Books Week that Mrs. Miller had for her students was to read various quotes from authors, U.S. Presidents, and journalists and then to respond with their own opinions on censorship.

One sophomore, Bailey Billmeyer wrote: "I feel like we are all entitled to our own opinions. If a book doesn't seem appropriate for your taste, don't pick it up. I feel like we should be the people to dictate whether a book is good enough for us to read; not a little group of people who want to make MY decisions. Words that people and authors put into a story are words that should be heard, whether they are censored or not. All ideas should be shared, whether put down on paper or made into film."

On a similar note, reporters asked Ms. Laura Kellam, who teaches English to CHS juniors and seniors, her stance on the topic. She responded: "Historically, book banning has been about suppressing ideas that the people in power are afraid of. If we have a belief, we should be able to defend that belief without silencing the opposition. A thriving society can have lively yet respectful debates. This is why I

purposefully choose books for my classroom library that come from a variety of perspectives."

According to the American Library Association, "When we ban books, we're closing off readers to people, places, and perspectives. But when we stand up for stories, we unleash the power that lies inside every book. We liberate the array of voices

that need to be heard and the scenes that need to be seen. Let freedom read!"



## Speech and Drama Hopes to Thrive

By Ivey Lenz

At CHS, Speech and Drama is the art of performing the written word to move an audience and bring a script to life. Coaching Speech and Drama is Chrissy Downs, an Administrative Professional for the school, and she hopes for another successful season.

Although member numbers are currently exceedingly low, Coach Downs is planning to remedy that in the next couple of weeks. The first Speech and Drama meet is on October 21 in Simms at Sun River Valley High School. Three of the most popular events include a solo piece that requires memorization of either a humorous or serious script; a duo, which involves two people performing a memorized script; or spontaneous speaking. In this latter category, judges provide a script, and competitors have ten minutes to analyze it and then decide how they will interpret and perform it.

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Any interested high school readers of this issue can speak with Coach Downs in the high school office. New members are welcome and encouraged to join. If students have any conflicting issues, the team is willing to work around schedules to help competitors practice.



## Chinook FFA Chapter Qualifies for State

By RJ Engstrom

The Chinook FFA competed at Fall Districts in Lewistown on October 3. Eighteen teams competed in Livestock Judging and Horse Evaluation. District competitions are state qualifying events.

Chinook's Livestock Judging team placed ninth overall. The team consisted of Wylee and Wacee Simenson, Brockton Elliot, Ashlyn Hofeldt, Wesson Scovel, Ben Hofeldt, Lane Wicks, and Tucker Crawford. Wylee Simenson placed first on the team followed by Wacee Simenson, Brockton Elliot, and Ashlyn Hofeldt. These four will advance to the State FFA contest with their alternate Wesson Scovel.

Chinook's Horse Evaluation team took fourth overall. Those who competed were Emma Paulsen, Aislinn Handy, Sterling Bemis, Ashlyn Hofeldt, Bella Brown, and Megan Flanagan. Individually, Emma Paulsen placed tenth overall and first on the

team. Second on the team was Aislinn Handy followed by Sterling Bemis in third and Ashlyn Hofeldt in fourth. Placing in the top half in districts earned the Horse Evaluation team a place at the state competition. Bella Brown will be serving as the team's alternate.



Lane Wicks joins other competitors in Livestock Judging as they select market livestock that will satisfy consumer demands. Wicks was on Chinook's team, which placed ninth overall.



Wacee Simenson, who took second highest score on Chinook's Livestock Judging team, surveys a pen of Angus calves to determine any desirable traits in marketing and breeding livestock.

The following poems were written by students in Mrs. Miler's English classes and submitted by guest writers

## **Where I'm From**

By Gus Buck

I am from pine trees and cottonwoods,  
thistles and corn fields.  
I am from farmland for acres and alfalfa  
fields galore,  
from camping in the Bear Paws in the  
summer and sitting by a warm fireplace in  
the freezing winter.  
I cherish these memories.

I am from decorated cookies in December  
and BBQ gatherings at Grandma's  
throughout the year.  
I am from cow's mooing all day long and  
crickets chirping all night  
and from the thumb that my grandpa lost  
roping before I was alive.

I am from great memories like going to  
Playa Del Carmen, Mexico,  
where the birds chirped everywhere,  
sounding exotic,  
and where I saw spider monkeys walk  
straight up like humans.

I am from staying up late on the weekends  
and getting the wooden spoon  
if I weren't in bed by 8:00.  
I am from long car rides during Christmas  
break,  
hunting for Easter eggs in my grandma's  
backyard,  
and getting cows in to bring home to our  
pastures for the winter.

My life was made up from these things.

## **Raised by Rodeo**

By Neva Lowe

I was raised by a  
"Get that trailer ready  
and go catch them horses,"  
Kind of Mom.

"I'm not paying for your  
entry fee to watch you crash  
a barrel, but good luck,"  
Kind of Dad.

"I forgot my boots;  
can I use yours?"  
"Oh, and your hat?"  
Kind of Sister.

"You up in slack or perf?"  
"Can't wait to kick your butt,"  
and prettier than the rodeo queen,  
Kind of Friends.

"Turn on the radio, and let's hit the road."  
Most likely to stop at a gas station  
every 100 miles to get some greasy,  
half day old, but cheap, hot case food,  
Kind of Family.

I grew up with high-powered,  
Beautiful, can-crashing, almost  
breaks your knee, sassy, "I'll only  
listen to you if I want,"  
Kind of Horses.

I was raised in the dirt and the mud.  
"We are running good or bad weather."  
Your horse is your best friend and  
the best teammate a person could  
ask for,  
Kind of Mentality.

I was raised by Rodeo.



## School Lunch Menu



**Monday,  
October 16**  
Cheesy Ham  
and Potato  
Casserole  
with  
Breadsticks

**Tuesday, October 17**

Beef Chalupa and Mexican Rice

**Wednesday, October 18**

Chili and Cornbread Muffins

**Thursday, October 19**

No School (Educators' Convention)

**Monday, October 23**

BBQ Pork Riblet on a Bun;  
Baked Beans

**Tuesday October 24**

Spaghetti and Garlic Toast

**Wednesday, October 25**

Beef Stew and Biscuits

**Thursday, October 26**

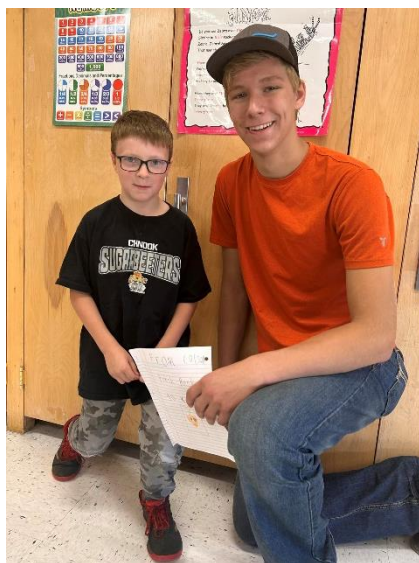
Super Nachos and Churros

**Monday, October 30**

Taco Soup and Pretzels

**Tuesday, October 31**

Mummies in a Blanket, Spider Webs  
and Graveyard Dirt



ABOVE: Freshmen Kenneth Gruszie and Evan Davies twist paper to form wagon wheels for their country themed hall decorations while Carter Alisch supervises. LEFT: Kolton DePriest, who plays alto saxophone in the Sugarbeeter Pep Band, received a picture booklet from his Beeter Buddy Colson Turner.



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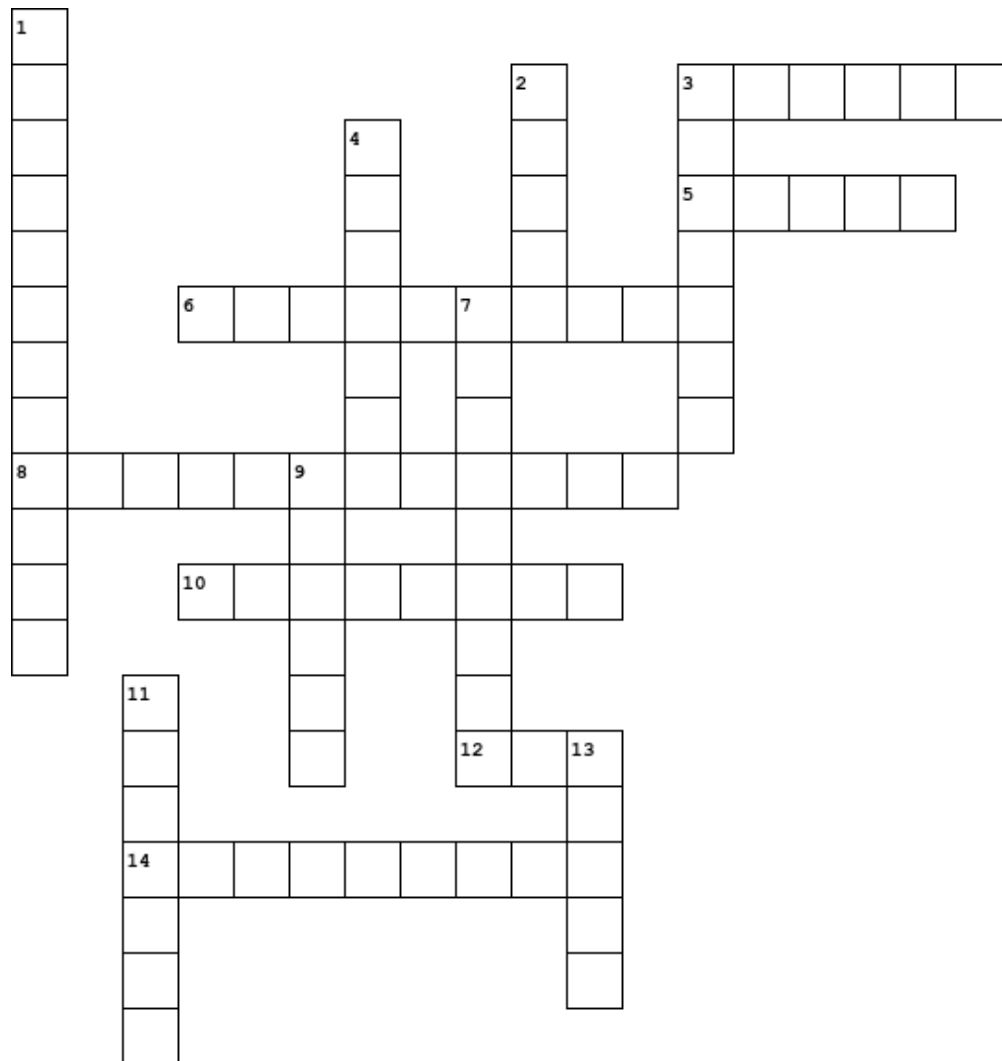
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# Halloween Crossword



## Across

- 3 a witch brews one of these  
 5 a body wrapped in gauze  
 6 a witch's "ride"  
 8 a favorite line spoken on Halloween  
 9 a witch's sidekick  
 12 a spider spins one  
 14 common candy handed out on Halloween

## Down

- 1 a misunderstood friendly monster  
 2 a pale, white spirit  
 3 an orange member of the squash family  
 4 the month in which Halloween falls  
 7 a homemade decoy to scare off birds  
 9 a common Halloween color  
 11 a famous vampire with the title of Count  
 13 a skeleton is made up of these