

# PASSAMARI

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**MAY THE FORES BE WITH YOU.** Seniors Kole Hill, Joe Gilman, and Noah Caldwell enjoy a competitive round of TopGolf on their senior trip. While TopGolf was the main attraction, the seniors also enjoyed shopping, arcade games, and general tom foolery.

## A Trip to Remember

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Faith Larsen- Senior

On April 7th, the seniors left the Sheridan school at 7:00 AM and headed off for Salt Lake City, Utah. The seniors had a fun-packed, three-day trip filled with shopping, movie nights, and fancy restaurants, and were accompanied by their awesome chaperones, Mr. Johnson and Ms. Schmit. Throughout the trip, the seniors stopped at an Army Surplus store, Scheels, Sportsmans Warehouse, Target, and even Walmart. On the first day, the seniors checked into their Airbnb, went to the mall, and enjoyed dinner at Texas Roadhouse. The Airbnb had an air hockey table, two different living rooms, and many rooms with bunk beds, queen, and king beds. "The house was super big and super fun. We got to play cards, watch movies, and just hang out. It was super fun and I'm glad we got to stay there," said Caitlyn Galiger. "The senior trip was a blast. It was probably the best trip I've been on and it was organized by a student," stated Mr. Johnson. "We got to do a lot of fun things that everybody really participated in. I had a blast personally. I also rocked at TopGolf." On the second day, the seniors were back at the City Center mall until they headed to TopGolf from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. For many seniors, it was the first time for them but everyone was laughing and having a good time. "I've never been

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# Banning Cellphones in School is a Thing of the Past

Kaiden Batzler - Senior

Imagine your child running for their life from a school shooter, and they have no way to communicate with you or 911 because the school had banned cell phones. With the rise of cellphone use in recent years, this is a topic that all schools should be talking about. The battle between students and parents on whether or not phones should be allowed in school has been going on for several years and every school seems to have its own policy. Many argue that cell phones are a distraction in school and can be used to cheat on tests and assignments. Despite these possible negative effects, cell phones have a more positive effect on students and school than they do negative. They can be distracting when people are on them in the middle of class, but a phone in a student's pocket or backpack isn't distracting anybody. Although there are some downsides to having phones present, schools should allow students to use them because they increase safety, decrease costs for schools, and prepare students for real life. The most important reason for a student to have their cell phone in school is for increased safety. Having a phone on you at all times is a great safety indicator for both students and parents with ease of access for everyone. A survey from the article *Should Cellphones be Allowed in School: Let's Talk About the Pros and Cons* says that "many parents just feel safer knowing their child can reach them if they're sick, if they have to stay after school or if there's an emergency" (Mauer). Allowing cell phones gives parents peace of mind when their children are away from them, especially considering the rise in school shootings; there have been over 180 school shootings in the past ten years, and over 360 people have died ("10 Years"). Schools go into lockdown whenever there is the threat of a school shooter. If the only available phone for a student to use is in the office or in a classroom, what is a student going to do if the phone is out of reach? There are no phones in the hallways, bathrooms, gymnasiums, or playgrounds, so the students are unable to contact their parents or authorities in this type of situation. With a growing number of school shootings and threats, having a phone on you is just that extra layer of protection that every student wants/needs. Kids often make questionable decisions as well, and parents are able to track their child's location if they have a cellphone on them. Parents and students would both feel safer if cell phones were allowed in school. Another great advantage of cell phones is the amount of money schools could likely save. Many schools, however, don't yet see the potential. Many school districts issue laptops to students at the beginning of the year, even though every kid already has a device just as powerful as a laptop in their

pockets. While some may argue that it is difficult to type papers on your phone, cell phones have plenty of other features that make it valuable in school. For example, there are hundreds of educational apps to help students keep on top of their schedules and coursework: Duolingo, Moodle, etc. (Nulsen). If students are able to use their phones more as learning tools, then the schools can spend less money on expensive laptops and utilize the technology that is already in the hands of so many students. Conversely, teachers may say that students are just going to play games instead of using education apps, but with proper training, students may be more inclined to use their phones for educational purposes. Additionally, the consequences of playing games instead of studying will be reflected in the students' grades, and students need the opportunity to make grownup decisions if they're going to be expected to be successful after high school. On top of all those benefits, "teachers can also use phones during school to send out a message to all the students if they need to remind them on a subject they forgot to mention during class" (Pierce Public Schools). The cost reduction alone is very beneficial for schools, so they should take it into consideration. One final point to consider is that phones aren't going anywhere, and students will use them every day in the future. In fact, many jobs will require the use of a cell phone, so learning to use them properly in school is good practice. According to an article from the School of Education "75 percent of teens have access to a smartphone" and that number will only increase as time goes on (School of Education). Workers use their phones just as much, if not more, than high schoolers to make calls, check emails, etc. Therefore, schools could incorporate cell phones into the curriculums to teach students proper use and how to have self control when using a personal device. Another article showing the pros of cell phone use in school says, "Cell phone bans demonstrate a dereliction of the school's duty to equip students to participate thoughtfully and responsibly in modern society" (Mauer). Tech is only going to keep evolving, and proper use of it is very important. Cell phones are obviously going to be a major distraction for some students. They can play games, text friends, go on social media, and much more. Additionally, they can also be used as a tool for cheating on tests and homework. While some students will abuse this power, cell phone use is very beneficial for both students and schools. They serve as a great way to communicate with parents and authorities in emergency situations. Cell phones can also save schools a lot of money, and students can use the many educational apps to assist them. Finally, teaching students how to properly use cell phones prepares students for the future, as many businesses require cell phone use from their employees. Overall, there are more pros than cons for cell phone use in schools, and if you or someone you know is against cell phones in school, then maybe you should reconsider. Many schools vote on whether or not phones should be allowed in schools during board meetings, and giving your vote could make the difference.

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golfing so it was an experience but I had a lot of fun and did pretty good," said Jenna Nate. Kole Hill also stated that "TopGolf was the best part of the trip. It is funny to see other people fail at golfing, and I did really well." On the third day, seniors spent the last day at Boondocks which has an arcade, mini-golf, bumper boats, go-karts, bowling, and laser tag. "Boondocks was really fun. We got to do a little bit of everything and racing as a class was super fun," said Brooke Grow. The Boondocks was filled with activities to keep the seniors busy and have lots of fun. The seniors had also planned to have one fancy dinner while in Salt Lake. So on the last night in Salt Lake, as a class, they ate dinner at Sapa, a sushi/steakhouse. Many of the students got sushi and ate a good dinner. The seniors tried many new types of sushi, edamame, and even ramen noodles. On Sunday, the students left for home getting on the bus and heading out by 8:30 AM. With minimal stops, the seniors were back in town by 4 PM at the latest. A huge 'Thank You' goes out to Jenna Nate as she planned the trip and contacted everyone about accommodations in Salt Lake She did an amazing job coordinating the trip, staying on budget, coming up with ideas, and even making an itinerary to accommodate many people's needs.



**CHALLENGE ACCEPTED.** Seniors visited the Boondocks Fun Center for go karts, arcade games, and bowling.

# Choir Earns Superior Rating at Districts

*Passamari Staff*

Congratulations to the ladies of the Sheridan High School choir, who received a superior rating at the District Musical Festival this past weekend.

**Soloist: Superior Rating**

- Caitlyn Galiger: "Someone Like You" from *Jekyll and Hyde*
- Katherine Tucker: "Mad Hatter" from *Alice in Wonderland*
- Rachel Zielinski: "Castle on a Cloud" from *Les Miserables*
- Lilly Smock: "Quiet" from *Matilda*

**Small Women's Ensemble: Superior Rating**

- "A Million Dreams" from *The Greatest Showman*
- "Fly Me to the Moon" by Frank Sinatra

**Choir: Superior Rating**

- "Into the West" from *Lord of the Rings*
- "On Yonder Hill: An American Folk Song"

The girls will be heading to Helena, MT for the State Music Festival on May 5. Additionally, the girls will host a "Kickoff Concert" to celebrate their upcoming tour. Come see why these girls received such high praise from their judges! The concert will take place in the high school gym on May 9 at 6:00.



**STATE BOUND.** Katherine Tucker, Caitlyn Galiger, Rachel Zielinski, Lilly Smock, and Jazz Fast Horse make up the Sheridan High School choir. Congratulations and good luck at State! Photo courtesy of Lynette Tucker

## FFA Comes to a Close

Kaiden Batzler - Senior

The Ruby Valley FFA Chapter sent three teams to the State Convention this year, as well as several State Degree Recipients. Mechanics, livestock, and farm business management all placed in the top half during their district competitions, qualifying each team for state. Several seniors also applied for the State Degree, which is the highest degree a member can obtain while in high school. State Degree applicant, Caitlyn Galiger, says, "there was a surprising amount of information required for the application; especially the SAE hours." At the State Convention, State Degree recipients were fed a delicious meal and recognized up on stage. The following seniors received their degrees; Brooke Grow, Noah Caldwell, Jorien VerHow, Kaiden Batzler, and Faith Larsen. After competing, the chapter sat anxiously, waiting for the placements of the CDE events. Kole Hill placed 4th, and Kaiden Batzler placed 7th individually, while the mechanics team placed 7th as a team. Kole says, "I was very pleased with my placing, but unfortunately we didn't place higher as a team." Officer and scholarship applications were also due this month. The Alumni members will review the scholarship applications and Rodney Braaten, along with other members, will review the officer applications. The new officers, as well as the scholarships recipients, will be announced at the Banquet in the elementary gym. FFA Advisor, Rodney Braaten says, "There's only seven officer applications, so almost everyone who applied will be selected".

## Senior Takes 3rd Statewide

Destiny Howser - Business Teacher

Jenna Nate participated in this year's The Prospects Entrepreneurship competition. Jenna submitted a 1,000 word business summary and 2 minute video pitch. Her new business idea is called, "Local Scholarships" which is an app to help Montana students locate and apply for scholarship opportunities. Jenna placed 3rd in the new business idea category. She also received a mentorship opportunity with iOS mobile application development support and licensing.



## Elections Approach

Jenna Nate - Senior

On May 3rd, three trustee positions will be up for election on the Sheridan School Board. One seat was vacated when a previous board member, Therese Sutton, left, and Luke Cordingly was appointed to fill the seat for the time, but now he has to run and be elected to keep the seat. Bill Wood's seat is also up for election, but Bill is choosing not to run, so his seat is vacant, as well as the third seat. The voting will take place through mail-in ballots, and there will be five community members on the ballot: Boone Hodgin, Luke Cordingly, Jason Hardy, and Brittney Bieroth. Kendra Horn is the current School Board Chair and her term has come to an end, but she is planning on running for re-election. Kendra has been a member of the school board for two terms, totaling six years. She has a lot of connections to the school through her graduation from Sheridan, as well as her family members and kids attending school here. As a board member, Kendra has quite a bit of experience under her belt: "When I {first} ran six years ago, I ran unopposed so there wasn't even an election... Once you're elected I would say it takes a good two years to understand how school finance works, budgeting, and of course, there is always policy and procedures and laws, so it's a lot." After all of the learning is done within those two years, members begin to actually make important decisions that impact students, parents, and teachers within the school. This has included the football co-op, the cell phone policy, and other finance-related matters within the school. In a statement provided to *The Madisonian*, Jason Hardy says he wants to "continue providing students with the best possible education available." He also says "I plan to tend to my position like I am running a successful business. I would like to give back to my community by making sure SHS has the best possible educational and athletic program available." In all, the school board is there to help the taxpayers and students. They "work for you." This is why it is so important for community members to be involved and talk to the school board members about topics they think need to be addressed. This all starts with voting. Ballots must be received by Tuesday, May 3 by the County Election Administrator.





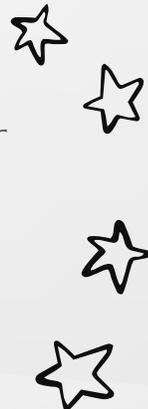
# Preparing for Portfolios

Jorien VerHow - Senior

Get ready everyone, portfolios are almost here! Portfolio presentations will be held on May 17 for the seniors and May 19 for the rest of the school. If you are not sure what you need to complete for your binder or your presentation, use some of the tips below. If you are looking for other information, go to the school website ([sheridan.k12.mt.us](http://sheridan.k12.mt.us)), under academics, in the portfolio section, there are multiple tabs for more information: rubric, checklist, example reflections, etc. Remember that portfolio presentations are 10% of your grade in every class, so be prepared. If you have any other questions, ask a teacher or another student for help.

## Tips:

- Use the binder checklist to make sure everything is in your binder
- DRESS NICELY (Dress, Slacks, Nice Shirt)
- Start working on your portfolio early
- Practice your presentation WITH your partner ahead of time
  - Figure out how you will tell each other the time
- Know how long you have to present
- Have your presentation easily accessible for presentation day
  - Send it to the teacher where you are presenting
  - Download it on a flashdrive
- Have a visual or two to show during your presentation



PK-11 Portfolios- May 19  
12 Portfolios- May 17 & 18



Just remember to  
be prepared and  
Good Luck!!!

## Track Kicks Off

Joe Gilman - Senior

As March came and went, track season began for the kids at Sheridan Schools. While many people who joined track may have done it to stay in shape, others have joined to get the thrill of competing. Zak McCormack, who competes in sprints and long jump, said, "I do track for the competition; I love to compete against others so much. It pushes me to be better." The team spent around two weeks preparing for the first meet of their season. Luckily, their first meet went very well. While it was quite windy, all of the athletes stayed warm and did well in their events. Simah Anson, a senior who competes in throwing and running events, said, "The first track meet went well for me. I was able to get a better mile time than last year, and I enjoyed getting to finally do track again." Despite the successes of their first meet, the second meet provided a challenge for the team. Many of the seniors were gone on their senior trip, and the weather was rather unappealing. Tristan Stout, a freshman who specializes in throwing events, said, "It was very cold out there. It made it very hard to compete, but we managed to make it through the day." So far, the season has gone well with a few of the Sheridan athletes placing in events.

## Anson Keeps Wrestling

Passamari Staff

This past weekend, senior Simah Anson competed in the Montana State Freestyle wrestling tournament in Butte, MT. Out of the six participants, she placed 2nd. "I had to beat some tall Canadians for that," Anson commented. Anson plans on wrestling in the Western Regionals tournament, which will be held in Utah this May. Additionally, Anson qualified for a national meet in Fargo, ND this summer.



**MAKE YOUR MOVE!** Senior Simah Anson pins her opponent during the Montana Freestyle tournament in Butte, MT. Photo courtesy of Mimi Anson.

## Belgrade Meet Results

### Jake Dvorak

Discus (3rd Place), Shot Put (5th place)

### Joe Gilman

1600m (1st), 800m (4th)

### Caden Theis

Discus (6th), Shot Put (8th)

### Simah Anson

800m (4th), 1600 (5th), Discus (8th)

### Caitlyn Galiger

Shot Put (1st), Discus (4th), Javelin (3rd)

### Brooke Grow

100m (10th), 200m (9th), Discus (3rd), Javelin (5th)

### Faith Larsen

Shot Put (4th), Discus (1st), Javelin (1st)

### Kassidy McCoy

Pole Vault (3rd), Long Jump (2nd), Triple Jump (2nd)

### Louella Voegeli

1600m (7th)



**SAY CHEESE.** Seniors Caitlyn Galiger, Brooke Grow, and Faith Larsen take a break during their track meet in Belgrade. Photo courtesy of Caitlyn Galiger.



## Cody Underwood

Q. "What is your favorite memory from high school?"

A. "I'd have to say that I enjoyed being able to publish one of my short stories in the Passamari, as well as having the chance to make friends and get outside of my comfort zone once in a while."

Q. "What are your plans after high school?"

A. "I'm planning on moving somewhere that I can afford, working to support myself, writing in my spare time, and publishing my first book, *Among the Last*, as soon as possible."



## Brooke Grow

Q. What are your plans after high school?

A. "I plan to attend Idaho State University to pursue a degree in Exercise Science which will lead to Athletic Training."

Q. Is there anything you wish you would have done differently?

A. "I wish I would have focused on myself earlier on in high school."



# Mindfulness for May

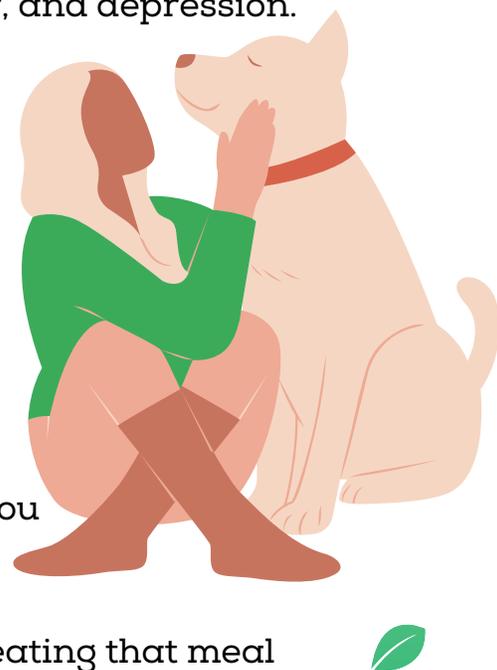
Rachel Zielinski - Senior

Being mindful means to be completely self aware and present. Mindfulness is already a natural thing we all possess, but if you were to practice it everyday, it is more readily available (especially for the times you might need it most). When you bring yourself to be aware of your environment, emotions, actions, and thoughts, you are actively training your brain to be mindful. The practice of mindfulness is important because it can help an individual regulate their emotions and decrease feelings of stress, anxiety, and depression.



## How you can practice mindfulness:

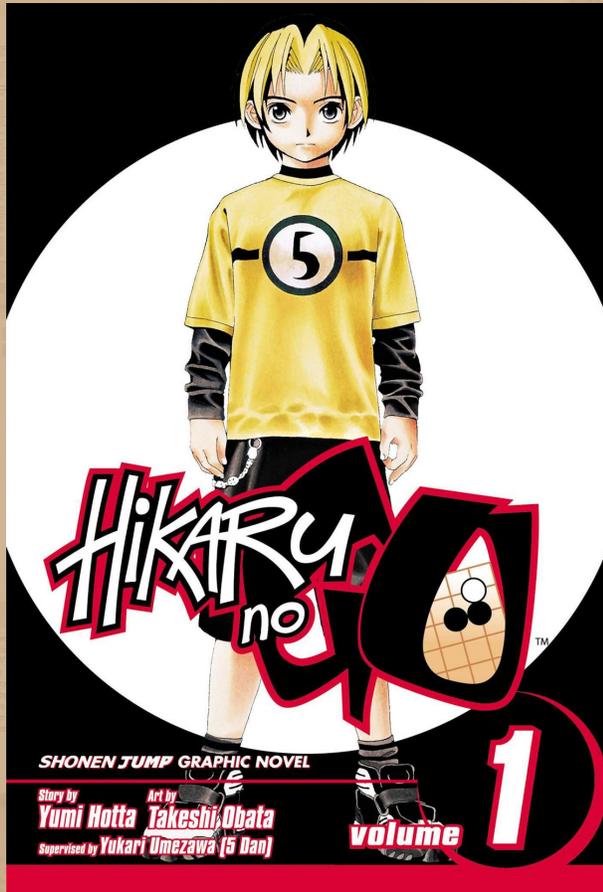
- Meditation
- Living in the moment
- Breathing exercises
- Practice gratitude
- Take a break from your phone
- Do one thing at a time, don't overload yourself
- Connect with your senses
- Go for a nature walk, appreciate the world around you
- Yoga
- Listening to music
- Eating a meal and putting all of your attention into eating that meal



Any activity can be done mindfully. Simple chores such as: dishes, cleaning, folding laundry. Each time you take a few moments to just be in your own head with your own thoughts, you are practicing ways to be mindful.

# Book Review

Katherine Tucker- Senior



"Hikaru no Go"

Yumi Hotta

Manga, Comic, Fantasy, Sports

Goodreads- 4.11 Stars

Me- 4.5 Stars

to have anything he is truly willing to fight for, and then he encounters all these people who are incredibly passionate about a board game. He doesn't get it. I think I will enjoy watching his character arc through this series. I plan on reading the rest of the series. I gladly recommend this book, it's very entertaining. It has well-developed characters who have clear motivations, great art, and it's a reasonably quick read. I would especially recommend this book to younger readers or people who simply want to engage with a story but don't feel like sitting down and reading a novel. And if, by chance, you like the game of Go, you also might like this story.

This month, I didn't have a lot of time or energy for reading, so the main thought in my brain was to find something to read that was short, easy, and fun. So, I went to our local library and decided to explore the manga/graphic novel section. I don't have much experience reading manga/graphic novels, so I thought it would be a fun little adventure for me and a nice change of pace for the book review. I picked out and read the first book of the "Hikaru no Go" series. It is a manga series, based on the game of Go. It follows a 6th grader, Hikaru, who finds a Go board in his grandfather's attic. The board is haunted by the spirit of a royal Go instructor, Fujiwara no Sai, from the Heian Period in Japan (794-1185). Sai remains as a ghost because he died before doing the thing he wanted to do the most: play the "Divine Move." Only certain people have been able to hear him through history, and he has guided these people to being the greatest Go players of all time. Hikaru can hear him, but there is a problem: Hikaru has no intention of becoming a Go player, in fact, he couldn't be less interested. I enjoyed this book; it was a light, quick read, but very interesting. Exploring a different genre was fun, and I really enjoyed the art. The story was engaging and I liked the characters enough to want to know what happens to them. There were several moments during the book that I found myself actually laughing aloud, not just a little snicker, I was full-on laughing. Granted, it's not hard to make me laugh, but the humor in the book is on point. I liked the themes of competition, understanding responsibility, and drive/ambition. I liked how Hikaru starts out as a character who is totally in it for himself. He doesn't seem

# An Abductee's Guide For Survival in Space: Part III

Cody Underwood - Senior

As I make my inevitable, but unpleasant, return to consciousness, I am aware that I'm being dragged by my arms. I'm slightly groggy and my head hurts a little, but it's nowhere near as bad as it was before. I look up at the two creatures dragging me. Both of them are the same species, a mammalian species that seems to resemble bipedal deer in the fact that they possess antlers, though the antlers are short and twisted into asymmetrical patterns, and the fur on the creatures themselves is a light shade of gray instead of the typical tan, brindle color of a deer. There is one holding on to each arm as they drag me, leading me to think about the fact that they likely have hands instead of hooves. I look at my left arm and notice that yes, the creatures do have hands with opposable fingers. Three main fingers and a thumb on each hand.

We eventually reach a door with a series of buttons next to it, and the creature holding onto my right arm uses its long, slender fingers to operate what appears to be a keypad. The door slides open and the creatures drag me into what seems to be the bridge of the ship. There are several rows of workstations, each manned by an alien, with several different species working together, and in the middle of the bridge, directly up front, there is another alien that absolutely has to be the captain of the ship, judging solely by the way he carries himself. His uniform is a dark shade of maroon that seems almost purple, with gleaming silver...what's the word? Forearm guards? Forearm armor? Vambraces! That's the word. Gleaming silver vambraces on each of his lower arms, which are crossed casually in front of him.

The Captain himself appears to be mostly humanoid, but his skin is a blue-green color, his ears curve upward and taper to a point, and completely symmetrical purple tattoos cover most of his neck and head, excluding his face. The face is almost regal in appearance, with humanlike features that seem to hold a look of complete confidence in his own superiority. He waves one slender hand and the strange deeroids that are holding me drag me over to him, stopping just in front.

"Doctor Drankali sends her regards and reports that the specimen is healthy," the one on my right says. I look at the creature as it speaks, and it's slightly disorienting because the words I am hearing do not match the motion of its mouth, almost like watching a foreign movie dubbed in English. "She would like to remind you that her cut is now fifteen percent instead of her original twelve percent."

"I am aware of her recent change in demands," the captain snaps at the deeroid. He gestures at them both in a dismissive way and they release my arms. The captain sticks his right hand out in front of him, and it takes me a moment to realize that he

wants me to shake his hand. I slowly extend my own hand and grab his. His teal skin is cool to the touch, and his grip is surprisingly strong. He shakes my hand and lets go before speaking. "It is a pleasure to introduce myself, Human. I am Kaaliss Therizoth, Supreme Commander of the starship Knifepoint." Supreme Commander? Wow, this guy is even more full of himself than I thought. There's something different about the way that he speaks when compared to the deeroids.

"Hello Commander Therizoth," I reply, trying really hard to sound as formal as he did, "The pleasure is all mine. I am Paxton Cook, Supreme Commander of...Well, nothing." He laughs, which surprises me, for I didn't think that an alien species would have the same expression of humor as me.

"You are funny, Paxton Cook. It is almost a shame to have to sell you to the Illani Zoo on Delta Eridani. I would much prefer to keep you around, but sadly, I must fulfill my contract."

"Wait. Sell me?" I exclaim, "Ra' Atamm said I would be joining the crew."

"Do you honestly think that you, a human, untrained, unaccustomed to space travel, and uneducated in galactic culture, would be joining a starship crew? You are even stupider than I had initially thought." he gestures at the deeroids, which are standing just behind me, and they each grab an arm once again. "Take him to the cargo bay and strap him down. We don't want to damage the goods, now do we?" The deeroids start to drag me backwards, and I fight with everything I've got, but it isn't enough, so I do the only other thing that I can think of. I bite the one on my right, and wrestle myself out of its grip. Now that I have free range of motion, I punch the left one in the gut, and it lets go as well. I twist away from them and run. Looking around desperately for something to use as a weapon. I can hear Therizoth yelling.

"Why did you let him go, you idiots? He's just a human!"

"Sir, the human has mouth bones," I hear one of the deeroids reply. I am only barely listening to their conversation, still looking for a weapon. Stupid starship. Everything is smooth and sleek, nothing to defend myself with.

"What do you mean it has mouth bones? What are you talking about?" I am vaguely aware of someone else approaching me, and I turn around just in time to see another chimptaur approaching me. Not Ra'Atamm though. This one is bigger, with jet black fur, red markings, and a short mohawk atop his head. He roughly grabs one of my arms, and quickly pins me against the wall and grabs the other. He drags me back toward the captain, who sneers at me self-righteously. "Just where did you think you would go, Human?" Kaaliss says, "You are on a spaceship, with nowhere to run, nowhere to hide, and nothing you can use to escape. Your species must be an exceptionally stupid one." He waves a hand dismissively and addresses the chimptaur holding me captive. "Take him to cell 22-B. He is going to get very well acquainted with one of our other guests."

"Yes sir, but what if the other specimen injures him? The Illani

specifically said that they would not pay for damaged cargo.”  
 “Are you questioning my order?” the captain says threateningly,  
 his hand hovering near some kind of gun that I had not noticed  
 earlier.

“No sir.” the chimptaur responds quickly.

“Good. Now do as you have been told.”

“Yes sir.” With that, the chimptaur throws me over his shoulder  
 as if I weigh nothing at all. He begins walking toward the door  
 that I entered the bridge through, keys it open, and continues  
 through it without a second of hesitation. To my surprise, he  
 speaks. “The beast of cell 22-b was collected from your planet,  
 just as you were. It is a vicious predator, with a constant hunger  
 that the crew has only barely managed to keep sated. It is  
 unlikely at this point that you will make it to Delta Eridani  
 unharmed, and for that, I apologize. I sincerely regret dooming  
 you to such a fate, but the Supreme Commander wills it, so it  
 must be done.” I am not sure what to say in response, so I keep  
 silent.

The chimptaur continues the walk to cell 22-b in silence, and we  
 arrive outside the cell in just a couple minutes. The chimptaur  
 unlocks the door of the cell with a keypad off to the side and the  
 door slides open. He throws me inside the cell, flicks on the  
 light, and presses another button to close the door. I frantically  
 try to look around and find out what horrible creature I’ve been  
 locked up with, and it only takes me a few seconds before I see  
 it. It can’t be. That striped fur, those clawed paws and pointy  
 ears. It’s impossible. It’s Mittens, my cat.

## Montana Beauty

Jenna Nate - Senior

Not a sound to be heard except the birds  
 and the red leaves crunching beneath our feet  
 The beauty before us takes all our words  
 This quiet place is a perfect retreat  
 The flowers around us are in full bloom  
 and the grass sways gracefully in the breeze  
 All of the plants offer a sweet perfume  
 leaves rustle a melody in the trees  
 The white clouds drift along peacefully  
 The big blue skies are so endless above  
 The butterflies fly around gracefully  
 All of this beautiful land that we love  
 All of this beauty for us to enjoy  
 It is not something for us to destroy



## Poetry Corner

### Billionaires

Kole Hill - Senior

*Elon Musk*

Elon Musk is no ordinary man  
 He can make money faster than anyone can  
 He is the owner of Tesla and makes electric cars  
 But he is a man of many talents, and might just go to mars  
 He owns many rockets because he has deep pockets and can do  
 whatever he wants  
 Musk is a Billionaire which nowadays is not that rare but he is  
 the coolest one yet  
 And if I had to bet I bet he owns a corvette because he is one  
 very wealthy man  
 Even wealthy men use ordinary pens to write their checks  
 But Elon Musk is no ordinary man

*Donald Trump*

Donald Trump is a very rich man  
 He is a good man with many good fans  
 He was the 45th president  
 Which means he is a resident of the United States  
 He is a great businessman  
 Who made a fortune selling the land  
 He likes to tweet on twitter  
 Which can make some people bitter  
 But for most he is a great man  
 He is a very tan man  
 But he knows how things should be ran  
 And because of that he is a very rich man

## Dirt Biking

Noah Caldwell- Senior

Dirt biking is my absolute favorite spring/summer past time. Dirt biking isn't one of the ready-to-go and do things you can do as it takes a little bit of planning and some equipment. Dirtbikes can be all sorts of brands; Honda, Suzuki, KTM, Yamaha and Husqvarna just to name some of the more popular brands. With the brand also comes with a set of letters to name the type of bike it is; CRF, KX, YZ, WR, SX-F are some of the more popular models of dirtbikes. Dirtbikes can also be differentiated by the kind of engine, either 2 stroke or 4 stroke. And lastly, the size of the displacement, which is measured in cubic centimeters ranging from 50 all the way to 450. So all together you could have a Honda 250 CRF-X which is the bike that I drive. When riding dirtbikes you need to wear a DOT approved helmet, boots and some goggles. If you are a more extreme rider then you may need a chestpeice and riding pants but not everyone need those. After all of that, you need to determine a place to ride; whether it be in the mountains or on a dirt road, you need to let someone know where you will be in case you crash and hurt yourself. Some of the more advanced riding can be found in Idaho and is called singletrack. Singletrack has only enough room for one wheel which is why it gets its name single track. Riding dirtbikes is fun to do with a group of friends, even with different skill levels so get some buddies together and go ride! As always stay safe and send some pictures to me Noah Caldwell and you could be featured in the paper.



## Good Kid, M.A.A.d City

Zak McCormack - Senior

Kendrick Lamar Duckworth was raised in Compton, California. Lamar started his career under the stage name K.Dot, releasing a mixtape that garnered local attention around Compton and led to his signing with indie record label Top Dawg Entertainment, also known as TDE. He began to gain recognition in 2010 after his first retail mixtape release, *Overly Dedicated*. The following year, he independently released his first studio album, *Section.80*, which included his first single song release "HiiiPoWeR". By that time, he had amassed a large online following and collaborated with several prominent hip hop artists. However, his next album would make him ascend into mainstream fame. Lamar's major-label debut album, *Good Kid M.A.A.d City* is a coming of age story of "K.Dot," a youthful teen in Compton battling maturation and gang violence - as he

transitions into "Kendrick Lamar," the form of the emcee who has come to embody the uplifting voice we know today. *Good Kid, M.A.A.d City* is certified triple platinum by the RIAA, and in 2020, the album was ranked 115th on Rolling Stone's updated list of the 500 Greatest Albums of All Time. Some of my favorite parts of this album are Lamar's creative lyrics about his young life, the different flows he speaks in and voices he uses on each track, not to mention the whole album is a story rapped over many different and powerful beats from start to end. In my opinion, this is one of the best albums from one of the best hip-hop artists ever. A few of my favorite songs off this album are "M.A.A.d City", a pure classic hip hop song with wavy bass notes and aggressive lyrics. It depicts his first experience with gun violence and the toll it takes on a young black man. "Money Trees" is a retrospective track, where Lamar recalls all that has happened thus far in his story. "Poetic Justice" is a track with Canadian singer/rapper Drake, and is what I consider the best song on the album. The beat they use is sampled from Janet Jackson's "Any Time, Any Place." Overall, I would rate this song a solid 9.4/10 and is a great listen for anyone with a knack for a mix of old school and early 2010's rap, mixed together.

## The Getaway

Zak McCormack - Senior

The Red Hot Chili Peppers (abr. RHCP) is a band from a time before, with their first major mainstream album being released in 1991. They've produced 12 LPs to date, and their 11th was titled *The Getaway*, and I've got to say, it's one of my favorites because of the nostalgia tied to it. My dad bought a copy very soon after its release date in 2016, and we've listened to it fully many, many times. They're known for their party-dog style, but they attempt to shake this persona for their second-most recent album. *The Getaway* is a shot at the present-day pop-rock scene, unlike RHCP's past. The modern feel of this album radiates off it, noted by Rolling Stone: "With production by Danger Mouse, and Radiohead sixth man Nigel Godrich on the mix, the sound is top-shelf modern-rock splendor: shimmering guitar fractals, flashing string arrangements, artisanal rhythmic flourishes." Bassist Flea still plays his part still with his bass guitar tying everything together and paired with Anthony Kiedis' vocals giving it the signature Chili Peppers sound. "Go Robot", produced by Daft Punk, is a very reminiscent track where Kiedis sensually describes his love for a robot because of people's insensitive tendencies. "Dreams of a Samurai" is a very different, almost surreal sounding track, where Kiedis envisions himself aging alone, and the lyrics "metamorphosis samurai" describe how his past is different from his present and future in music. Overall, the album is a solid 8.9/10, but if we're going off of personal nostalgia and bias, it would be a 9.6/10. Its sound is appealing to millennials and Gen Z, exactly how RHCP meant it to be.

## Beans are Rad

Caitlyn Galiger- Senior

What is a bean? Beans are edible seeds that are in the family of Fabaceae. Beans are high in protein and provide a good amount of iron, thiamin, and riboflavin. Beans are used all around the world, beans grow on erect bushes or climbing plants and come in a variety of sizes, shapes, colors, and fibrousness. Different kinds of beans are soybeans, lima beans, butter beans, garbanzo beans, common beans, and broad beans. There are many different kinds of beans used for different things. Soybeans have vegetable protein and grow up to 2 meters tall. They are also self-fertilizing flowers. The beans can be yellow, green, brown, black, and/or bicolored. Soybeans are the main ingredient in tofu. Lima beans are also known as the sieva beans. There are many different forms of lima beans. There are differences in the size, shape, color of bushes, thickness, and climbing forms. Lima beans are wide, flat, and have a slight curve. Garbanzo beans are also known as chickpeas. The bush has little white and red flowers and each pod produces one or two yellow-brown seeds. Garbanzo beans are used in hummus and falafels. They are very important in India, Africa, and Central and South America. Beans are used in many dishes, and there are many other things that make them special. Beans are pretty darn rad.



## Heaven on Ice

Kaymbreigh Schwartz- Senior

Alder Creek Coffee shop, located in small-town Sheridan, Montana, has some of the best coffee around! Russ and Carolyn Hamilton have owned the coffee shop for a few years and it has been very successful. I personally go there every morning and generally get one of the same two things; a Red Bull spritzer or an iced heaven. A Red Bull Spritzer is a Red Bull mixed with flavoring, put on ice. An Iced heaven will really make you feel like you are in heaven, as the white mocha melts in your mouth. My favorite part about the Iced Heaven is the sweetness and the best coffee taste mixed, there isn't a big strong coffee taste but just enough to get you up and moving in the morning! "Every time I have been there it has always been great! It is a cute little place and one of my favorite coffee shops." Jen Schoch said, a local from Sheridan. Graham Murphy a local from Twin Bridges, said, "I love how their coffee tastes." A lot of our locals go there every morning to get some scrumptious coffee. Nothing but good words about this small coffee shop.



## The History of Easter

Brooke Grow- Senior

Easter is a Christian holiday that serves the intent of celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is said to have occurred three days after Jesus's crucifixion by the Romans and death in 30 A.D. The resurrection is described in the New Testament of the Bible as the foundation of Christian religions. According to the New Testament, "Jesus was arrested by the Roman authorities, essentially because he claimed to be the 'Son of God.'" Historians question this story and believe that the Romans may have viewed Jesus as a threat to the empire. The crucifixion of Jesus marks the holiday Good Friday (the Friday before Easter). The holiday has a series of events that lead to it, including a 40-day period of fasting, prayer, sacrifice, Holy Week, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Most of the traditions associated with Easter date back to pre-Christian, pagan times. St. Bede the Venerable states, "... the English word 'Easter' comes from Eostre, or Eostræ, the Anglo-Saxon goddess of spring and fertility." Other historians believe that "Easter" derives from *in albis*, a Latin phrase that's plural for 'dawn.' The Easter Bunny tradition's origin is unknown, but some historians believe it arrived in America with German immigrants in the 1700s. According to History.com, "Rabbits are, in many cultures, known as enthusiastic procreators, so the arrival of baby bunnies in springtime meadows became associated with birth and renewal."



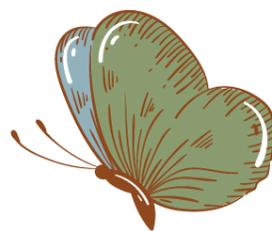


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**In the elementary school lunchroom**

### JUMPSTART KINDERGARTEN

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