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Simah Anson was able to participate in the second girls' state wrestling competition. She is pictured above with her family. *Photo courtesy of Mimi Anson.*

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## Anson Takes 3rd at State

Faith Larsen- Senior

Simah Anson, a senior at Sheridan High School, qualified for state wrestling this year, which was held at the First Interstate Arena in Billings, Montana. The competition started on Thursday, February 10, and concluded with final matches on Saturday, February 12. This year, Sheridan athletes were able to compete through a co-op with the Dillon Beavers. Prior to the tournament, Simah expressed her excitement for the event. "This is only the second year the girls' state has been separate from boys. Last year the state meet took place in a high school gym, but this year it will be a big meet," said Simah. Over the course of the season, Simah had wrestled. "I won a few, lost a few but I know who I am wrestling and know what to do against them. I'm confident about my first match and then after that, it depends on who else wins from there. I do hope to do well and I think I can place at least in the top six places in my division." Simah had one personal goal for state and it was for her to make it to the second day. "I'm excited but nervous for state. It is a big change from last year and there will be a lot of people there. It's gonna be crazy." Simah ended up taking 3rd place overall in her weight division. Way to go Simah!

# Insight on Prospective Sheridan/Twin Co-Op

Jenna Nate - Senior

Recently, the Sheridan and Twin school boards both passed the proposal of creating a co-op football team between the two schools. The proposal has been sent to the state for evaluation, but the possibility of a co-op has created a divide among players and parents. While there are many concerns about the co-op, there is also plenty of support for it.

In a letter to the editor for The Madisonian Newspaper, Bill Gibson wrote "This is a long-overdue step to give the young men of the fall the opportunity to start a great football program." Gibson then continues with his ideas on uniforms, coaches, and practices, but resolutely shows his support of the co-op. Many teams tend to show a strong record when a co-op is created; for example, after the Flint Creek co-op was created, the team went undefeated for three out of four years and won three state championships during that time (406 MT Sports). In addition, the Clark Fork football team has found success in its co-op. While the team can't quite boast the records and state championships Flint Creek can, they are proud of their newfound talent and numbers on the team. Could this success be the case for the prospective future Sheridan/Twin football team? Only time will tell, but it is likely considering the success of other co-op football teams.

In addition to finding talent and earning state championships, there were other successes found in the aforementioned co-ops. Both teams were formed from two rival towns, similar to the prospective Panther/Falcon co-op, and found that both communities could come together and form a strong union full of spirit. This could be huge for Sheridan and Twin's small-town community atmospheres. Having the support of both Twin and Sheridan's students, parents, and community members could mean a lot of school spirit and potentially end the long-lasting rivalry between the two schools. The bleachers could be packed with supporters for the co-op team, and when spirits are high success follows.

Opposition to the co-op have posed that the rivalry between the two schools could hinder the success of the co-op. In all transparency though, the rivalry doesn't seem to be among the students, more among the parents and older community members. Bill Wood, Sheridan alum and school board member, agrees with this saying "As far as the rivalry thing goes, I think Sheridan has a bigger rival with Ennis than they do Twin. I think the bigger rival is between the parents, not the kids. I remember when I was going to school here and we'd go hang out with those guys all the time. It's the Ruby Valley; we're only nine miles apart. Yes, it's Twin/Sheridan but at the end of the day it's about the students and about the kids playing. Everybody wants them to be successful."

In contrast, combining the two teams may mean less playing time for younger players. Although the larger numbers will allow the team to have a JV as well as a Varsity, that still means younger players won't get as much experience and playing time for Varsity games. The schools are essentially trading having barely enough for two teams for having a surplus of kids for two teams, meaning there will always be a few kids who won't get as much experience and playing time. This can hurt future varsity players because they won't have as much training they can take into varsity games. It may also cause kids to quit due to a lack playing time. It has been shown in the past that some players quit when they don't think they are getting the amount of playing time they deserve, so decreasing playing time all-around can cause this problem during the season. However, football is a team sport where each player contributes their own set of skills towards the team as a whole. Bill Wood agreed with this saying "It's a team sport. if you want to be the center of attention and play every minute of every game go play something that you're an individual... It's about the team, it's not about individuals." Keeping this in mind, it can also be beneficial for younger players to play on JV rather than Varsity. When they are going up against players with the same experience as them, rather than much more experienced and skilled varsity players, they are able to make mistakes and learn for them. It's easier to learn starting at a level you are ready for, rather than a level much higher than what you are ready for.

Another important factor driving the co-op is safety. At the February board meeting, superintendent Mike Wetherbee told the rest of the school board about the importance of safety in football, and how the co-op would help. Sophomore Michael Galiger agrees: "We would have a bigger team which would make us not have people playing both sides of the ball and wearing them out to the point that they get injured." Having a multitude of players will allow coaches to sub out players and give them breaks, decreasing the risk of injury in games.

Especially when it comes to competing against larger schools that have enough players to have four seniors playing varsity. It's not safe for younger and less experienced players to be going up against their much older opponents.

Despite these pros and cons, the fate of the Panther/Falcon co-op rests in the metaphorical hands of MHSAA. Following the potential approval of the co-op will come to the arduous process of figuring out uniforms, team name, practices, coaches, and much more. Stay tuned to find out what MHSAA says all of these details.

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## Prom Approaches

Joe Gilman- Senior

On March 17th, 2022, the junior class will be one of three schools hosting the annual Prom event at the fairgrounds in Twin Bridges. Many people are looking forward to Prom, and while they may be looking forward to it, attendees might also want to know the details about Prom. While recent years have provided uncertainty as far as these types of events go, the Prom planning committee has been hard at work sorting through the details for this year's formal. While we may not know all of the details, we should still be glad that there is a Prom happening this year. Last year, Prom was held at the round barn just outside of Twin Bridges. Sadly, this venue was not available this year. Keeping this in mind, attendees should try to plan ahead, as they will have to travel over to Twin Bridges. Kassidy McCoy noted that in addition to Sheridan and Twin, Lima will also be attending the prom. "This means that there could be quite a crowd if many people attend prom this year." Luckily for us, we have also been given a final fact about prom. The date for prom has been confirmed. Jason Munns stated that "I know that Prom is on March 19th." With this information, many people can begin to plan their prom. Make sure to plan ahead and invite people from other schools soon, as there will be paperwork to fill out for those people.



Sheridan School District hosted their school-wide spelling bee on Wednesday, February 9: James Reedy (1st), Connor Miller (2nd), Ian Davis (3rd), Audrey Smail (4th), and Benson Todd (alternate). The top four will attend the county spelling bee on Wednesday, February 23.

## Little Einsteins Impress the Judges

Brooke Grow - Senior

On the sunny morning of February 16, students grades pre-k through 6 prepared for the annual science fair. Several hours of hard work had been put into the projects, and only the top three projects from grades 5-12 advance to the Regional Science Fair, which is usually held at the Montana Technological University campus in Butte, Montana. This year, however, Sheridan Schools decided not to register for the regional competition because it is going to be held virtually. Science Fair Coordinator Sara Decker stated, "I think students learn a lot from the science fair that aren't necessarily science skills. They learn the scientific process, but they also learn how to speak in front of judges as well as organization and time management." This event has taken place at Sheridan for several and has always been an important event that students look forward to. Decker added, "I love seeing how excited the kids are on the science fair day. You can see the enthusiasm in their faces when preparing to present their projects to the judges." This year there were approximately 20 projects from grades 1-5 and Mrs. Decker would like to thank the judges from the community that came to judge the projects. She would also like to thank the teachers for encouraging their students to participate: "Without the judges and teachers' help, it wouldn't be possible."



On February 16, 2022, students pre-k to sixth grade competed in the Sheridan Science Fair.

Grade	Winners
1st	Stella Bieler
2nd	Brentley Brannen
3rd	Riley Allhands, Kendall Young, and Cody Ellis
4th	Madalyn Ellis, Colton Westfall, and Chloe Belk
5th	Kimberlie Crismore

# Mechanics Consumes the FFA

Kaiden Batzler- Senior

FFA has taken several trips around the state this past month. Six kids and Mr. Braaten hopped on a bus and headed off to Fergus to compete in a mechanics competition. The group took a stop in Livingston and ate at a very sketchy restaurant. "We played with hotwheels until our food was served," said senior Kole Hill. The competition took place the next day and lasted all morning. All of the boys who competed took home a prize despite not placing super well. The bus exploded on the way home, but luckily we broke down right next to a Hooterite colony, and they fixed the bus right away. The following week, four kids and Braaten crammed into the Expedition and traveled to Melstone for another mechanics competition. Not stopping at a sketchy restaurant must have been the key to success, and the team took third overall. Individually, Noah Caldwell placed fourth, Kaiden Batzler placed ninth, and Kole Hill placed eighteenth. "The competition was pretty easy overall, and I'm happy with my placing," said senior Noah Caldwell. It was a very boring trip home without any explosions. The Ruby Valley FFA Chapter is also hosting district CDE's this year. There are different competitions that members can compete in, including mechanics, farm business management, and agronomy. Braaten and the students will have to clean the shop and set up stations prior to the competition. "It's nice that we don't have to travel anywhere, but setting this up is a lot of work," said FFA advisor Rodney Braaten. The top half of the teams will qualify for the state competitions. Best of luck to everyone who is competing at districts.



Sophomore Gunnar Decker competed in a wiring competition during Districts for FFA.



Freshman Austin VerHow competed in a variety of events within the junior mechanics category at District FFA, held at Sheridan High School on February 21. VerHow says his favorite event is soldering.

# High School Track Sees Some Changes

Caitlyn Galiger and Jenna Nate - Seniors

Sheridan High School has found a new coach for its track program. At the most recent board meeting, Becky Larsen was hired as the new track coach: "It's a lot of responsibility, but I'm very excited and I hope we get some new kids out who maybe haven't done it before. Track is one of our most successful athletic programs in Sheridan and every year we have kids make it to state, so I'm really excited to see who's [going to] make it." In previous years, Mr. Regnerus took the lead as head coach. Throughout his time as a coach, he had quite a bit of success, specifically in his throwers: "Janie and Tiona both made all-state in throws, and they both set school records and then in the last couple of years we had a bunch of throwers make it to state. Faith, Caitlyn, and Kicker all went to state in the throws." Due to the time commitment, however, Regnerus has decided to hand the program to someone else: "I love coaching, I love being with the kids, but being away from home on the weekends when I'm already away from home during the week is just hard." Regnerus isn't completely done coaching, however. He plans to help Larsen as much as she needs to ensure a smooth transition. Track practice will start on March 14th. With that, Mr. Regnerus will be starting after-school workouts to get a small head start on the season.

## Ready to Move On

Ryllie Meyer - Junior

Rachel Zielinski is a senior at Sheridan High School. Recently, I interviewed her to see how she was feeling about being so close to the end of her high school career and the start of the rest of her life. Rachel is more excited about high school coming to an end; she feels she is ready to take on the rest of her life and is confident she has the information she needs to do that. After Rachel graduates, she plans to study computer science at The University of Tennessee in Knoxville, TN. In ten years Rachel hopes to be "living the life I have always wanted." Rachel wants to be settled down with kids and dogs for sure and hopes to have a job where she is successful. Rachel is most proud of the growth she made during the last four years. She also is very proud of the editorial she wrote her junior year, as it was accepted into the Madisonian. When she looks about her whole high school experience, she wishes she had stopped and just lived in the moment more. Rachel says "High school goes by so fast. I remember being told as a freshman that it will be over before you know it. Of course, at that time I didn't believe that. However, it's true." Rachel said other than being around her friends all the time she doesn't think she will miss high school. Rachel truly seems at peace with high school ending and is ready to take on the world.



## Making Memories

Jenna Nate - Senior

"It gets easier and don't wish for it to go by too fast." This is Senior Faith Larsen's advice to underclassmen. Most students wish for school to end as quickly as possible, but Faith learned to value all of the memories and moments she experienced in high school; in fact, she couldn't pick a favorite memory from high school because there were so many good ones. She says it "wasn't that bad. It went by super quick, especially with Covid and everything." Faith made the most of her high school experience: participating in sports like volleyball, basketball, and track, spending time with friends and family, and helping out others whenever she could. Faith says she most values her friends and family because "they all have something about them that [she] admires and would like to be like." After high school, Faith plans on taking the experience and lessons she learned from all the agriculture classes she's taken and applying them to obtaining a welding degree at Highlands College in Butte. After this, she plans on traveling with her future husband and dogs. Until then, Faith will continue enjoying her last few months of high school and making great memories.



# Lady Panthers Wrap Up Season

Jorien VerHow - Senior

On Wednesday, February 16, 2022, the Sheridan Lady Panthers basketball team headed to Butte, MT to start their weekend at the 12C District Tournament. The girls had to start with a play-in game against White Sulphur Springs because they were in the bottom six teams. The girls came out strong in the first quarter with a 10-0 lead. They were able to stay ahead the whole game because “we had a really good defensive game against them,” said Emily LaYacona, a sophomore on the team. The girls ended up winning against White Sulphur Springs 40-30 after losing to them both times during the regular season. After the win on Wednesday, the Lady Panthers went back to Butte on Thursday morning for their first-round game in the tournament. The ladies played Manhattan Christian. “Manhattan Christian is a very good team, the main goal for me was to just go out and everyone play their hardest,” said co-captain, Faith Larsen. The ladies finished with a 71-19 loss on Thursday. Because the tournament is double elimination, the Panthers were still able to go back on Friday and play again. The game on Friday was set for the girls to play Gardiner. The Lady Panthers started the game really strong and had the lead going into the second half. After Gardiner scored a few extra points on the Panthers, they kept fighting to keep up. The Panthers ended up losing by five points: 48 -53. “I was very proud of the effort brought by our team. The last time we played them we lost by 40 and at districts, we only lost by five. We kept up with them the entire game and never lost our energy. We played as a team and it was a great game to end the season on. Even though we lost, it was a win in my book,” said co-captain, Brooke Grow.



Seniors Caitlyn Galiger (left) and Faith Larsen (right) take the ball to the bucket during their final game at Districts against the Gardiner Bruins. Larsen received 2nd Team All-Conference recognition.



Senior Brooke Grow and junior Katie Gronning stay focused on the action while sophomore Kialar Maddison and junior Cassidy McCoy share a moment during the game against Gardiner.

Game	Score
@Harrison	65-41 (W)
@Ennis	22-54 (L)
Twin Bridges	19-66 (L)
Shields Valley	20-68 (L)
@ Gardiner	28-69 (L)
Ennis	27-58 (L)
@Lima	49-31 (W)
West Yellowstone	56-72 (L)
Lone Peak	18-47 (L)
@Twin	29-63 (L)
Drummond	32-56 (L)
@WSS	59-40 (L)
Harrison	48-21 (W)
@MC	42-74 (L)
WSS (Senior Night)	44-46 (L)
@Lone Peak	L
WSS (Districts)	40-30 (W)
MC (Districts)	19-71 (L)
Gardiner (Districts)	48-53 (L)



# Sheridan Beats Gardiner to Make it to 12C Tournament

Jenna Nate - Senior

On February 16, the Sheridan Panthers boys basketball team traveled to Butte, Montana, for their play-in game against the Gardiner Bruins. The Panthers came out victorious and pulled out the win against the Bruins, beating them 53-49. "We actually wanted to win, like when we played Ennis and Twin and we won; we wanted to win and we were trying. We weren't just there to play, we were there to win," said junior Caden Theis. The boys took this spirit to win into their second game against Manhattan Christian but fell short losing 18-71. Because district tournaments are double elimination, the team had another opportunity as they headed into Friday's game against Twin, a team they had beaten during the regular season. The boys tried their best but weren't able to pull out the win, losing 43-52. "We played a really tough team, so that was pretty rough and we had a close game against Twin, but couldn't pull through," said senior Kaiden Batzler. Batzler was injured early at the beginning of the Manhattan Christian game but came back to help his team against Twin for his final game as a Sheridan Panther. "The season was pretty fun, overall. We didn't do as well as we hoped at Districts, but it's kinda the way the cookie crumbles. I'm sad the season is over and that it's my last year," Batzler went on to say. Freshman Trey Schrank reiterated how well the season went saying his favorite memory was "beating both Twin and Ennis because we don't usually do that. This year we had a better group than in the past years. We are better as a team and we all get along." Congratulations Panthers on the successful season and District games!



Kaiden Batzler played his last game as Sheridan Panther on February 18. He received 2nd Team All-Conference recognition for his efforts throughout the season.

Game	Score
@ Harrison	16-62 (L)
@ Ennis	45-57 (L)
Twin	40-45 (L)
Shields Valley	33-66 (L)
@ Gardiner	57-50 (W)
@ West Yellowstone	35-68 (L)
Ennis	54-40 (W)
West Yellowstone	27-60 (L)
Lone Peak	38-47 (L)
@Twin	53-45 (W)
Drummond	24-45 (L)
@WSS	33-48 (L)
Harrison	32-59 (L)
@MC	35-79 (L)
WSS (Senior Night)	31-44 (L)
@Lone Peak	69-55 (W)
Gardiner (Districts)	53-49 (W)
MC (Districts)	18-71 (L)
Twin (Districts)	43-52 (L)



(Left) Freshman Trey Schrank tries to will a shot in during the final minutes of Sheridan's game against Twin. (Right) Sophomore Cade Cathey brings the ball up the the floor for the Panthers. Cathey received 2nd Team All-Conference recognition.

# International Boost Self-Esteem Month

Rachel Zielinski



February's Mental Health Awareness Month is dedicated to self-esteem. It is common for many to have low self-esteem & to have trouble boosting their self-esteem. The first step to seeing yourself in a different light is to turn around your negative thoughts into positive ones; changing your actions also has a huge impact on your self-esteem. Don't deflect compliments; accepting compliments can be difficult, especially if you don't see yourself in the uplifting way someone else points out. Set goals for yourself & keep a self-esteem journal to track your process. Accept the things you see as "flaws". Know that everyone makes mistakes (you're never alone in that one). Understanding that we are all human, and we all have our own failures. Make it possible to see that at the end of the day, you probably aren't the only person who has low self-esteem.

## Personal Note

I recently started a Gratitude Journal to remind myself of what is good about myself & who I have by my side. As a senior, college and my future are topics I think about often. With my journal, my goal is to remind myself that I will be successful no matter the path I decide to take and I have support systems that will be proud of me no matter what. With colleges sending out decisions, my journaling has become very important. You'd be surprised, but colleges sending out decisions can have a huge impact on the way you see yourself. I'm new to journaling, but I have provided ideas of things I placed in my own journal.

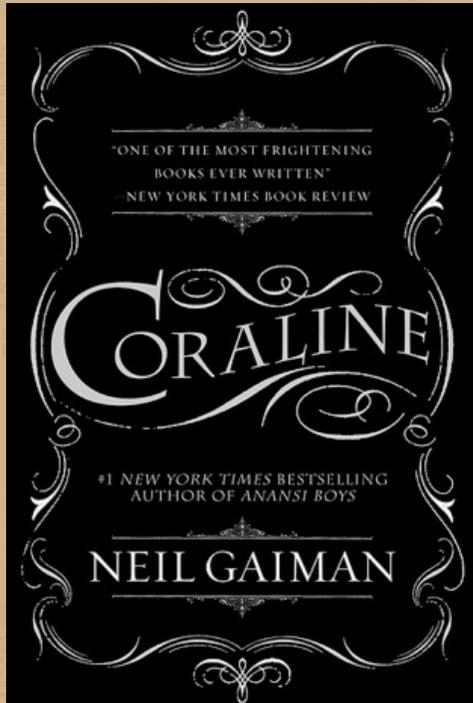
What you can put in your journal:

- "I am..." statements
  - Ex: I am kind. I am strong. I am loved. I am worthy.
- Support Superheroes
  - Write down the people in your life that are always supportive of you and the people who are your biggest fans.
- Song of the Day
  - Think about a song that is important to you at that point in time and place it in a segment of your writing. You can also use this technique with a book, movie, or quote.
- Reminders & Affirmations
  - Write yourself something you can look back on if you need a little pick-me-up on the days you feel your worst.



## Book Review

Katherine Tucker- Senior



*Coraline*

Neil Gaiman

Fantasy, Horror, YA

Goodreads- 4.5 Stars

Me- 3.5 Stars

*Coraline* by Neil Gaiman is a children's novel classified as dark fantasy horror. At 210 pages, it is not an overnight read, but also isn't overly long. The main character of the story is Coraline Jones, a young girl who lives with her semi-absent parents. A running theme in the book is that the people in Coraline's life look at her but do not fully see her. Her parents work at home but send her to the neighbors instead of acknowledging that she needs attention. An only child home for the holidays, Coraline is very bored. Her solution to this? Go exploring. But where will her exploring lead her? Coraline's family has just moved into the house when the story takes place, so she still has a lot to explore. In Coraline's house, there is a locked door that leads nowhere- with a brick wall on the other side of it. One day, however, Coraline opens that door and finds that it leads to an alternate, happy version of her own home. There, she has an "other mother" who looks just like her real mother but is a version of her who actually pays attention to Coraline. On the surface, everything is perfect, but there is something sinister about this "perfect" world Coraline has found. Her other mother is not all that she seems, and Coraline is trapped in this new, twisted world. Honestly, I struggled with this book. I love dark fantasy horror, but call me a lightweight because some of the characters are just too dark for me. I enjoy villains that are terrifying, but (and I've experienced this with other Neil Gaiman books) Gaiman's villains are full-on psychotic, and he doesn't hesitate to describe the atrocities they commit in full detail. Granted, he doesn't describe many true atrocities in this book because it is a children's book, but so much

of the story feels too dark for me. My mom read the story at the same time as I did and didn't seem to have a problem with that part of it, so maybe it's just me. The writing is good, and Gaiman's writing style is suitable for the genre. The narration of the book is descriptive enough to imagine things clearly, but also slightly indifferent and blunt. It seems as though the narrator is simply stating facts through a black and white lense, it is simple - as a child would see it. Because it is a dark fantasy horror story, there are moments where Coraline faces incredibly terrifying situations - situations that would be difficult for an adult, let alone a child. As well as the simplicity of the narration, Gaiman's choice of words when describing Coraline's emotions has an interesting range. In the beginning of the book, scary things will make Coraline "uncomfortable". There is emotion in the narration, but still, something that is almost indifference drips from it. At the climax of the book, where the most frightening creatures appear, Coraline is actually described as afraid. The emotions of everyone in the story are not in black and white anymore, but suddenly have life - they have color in them. Elie Wiesel said that the opposite of love is not hatred, but instead indifference. The most intense emotions in this book are yearning, indifference, and fear. Fear of the creature, fear of losing what you once had, even if it is already lost, fear of never gaining the one thing you want. All of the characters are motivated by fear at some point. But the moral of the story is that Coraline pushes through her fear and learns that sometimes, we have to do things that we are afraid to do. Personally, I would not recommend this story to children. Anyone, including adults, who have active imaginations and/or are prone to nightmares may want to skip reading this one. If you are a parent who is thinking about letting your child read this story, I would suggest that you read it first. This story did not scare me, but I enjoy this genre, and am able to separate reality and fiction. Anyone who enjoys actual horror, would probably find this book incredibly not frightening, so I wouldn't recommend it to them either. To summarize, I don't know who I would recommend this book to, but I know that there are people out there who would enjoy it. If you read this book review and thought, "Hey, that sounds interesting!" I gladly recommend this book to you.

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

Cody Underwood - Senior

A loud crash awakens me in the middle of the night. I write it off as just the cat dropping something, and then I realize something. The cat got out three days ago and hasn't come back yet. I jump out of bed and grab the baseball bat that I keep by the bedroom door. I put my ear up to the door and listen. Yep, definitely someone out there. Someone big, judging by the sound of the footsteps. I listen as the footsteps get closer to my bedroom door, and I can hear the person breathing, for they are just on the other side of my door. I take a step back to give myself room to swing, hear the doorknob rattle slightly, and see the door crack open just slightly. I can hear the breathing more clearly now, a low rasp, as if the person smokes several packs of cigarettes per day. They pause for a second, seemingly waiting for me to make the first move.

The door suddenly bursts open and I go to swing the bat at the man that enters, except it isn't a man. I recoil instinctively as I see the creature enter my room. It vaguely resembles a centaur, but with a large wolf-like lower body, and a stoutly built, heavily muscled upper body. The arms were as thick as my legs and markings covered most of the chest. The face was chimp-like, in a way, with a wide mouth, flat nose, and intelligent eyes. I realize that I am staring instead of defending myself, so I take a step forward and swing the heavy wooden bat with all the force of a pro baseball player. The creature catches the bat easily like it was as light as a feather swung by a small child.

"Sprichst du Deutsch?" the creature suddenly says. It just asked me if I speak German. Why would it ask if I can speak German?

"¿Habras español?" it asks. Is it asking me what language I speak? I decide to try to talk back to it.

"I speak English. Do you speak English?" I say, barely managing to keep the quiver out of my voice as I address this hulking beast in front of me.

"Fortunately for you," the creature answers, "I do speak English, although rudimentary at best. Consider it very advantageous for you that you do not speak Farsi or Arabic, for my linguistic command of those languages is sorely lacking." The creature spoke English with a mild British accent, though still fairly raspy. "I have come to offer you a choice. You can leave your self-destructive death planet and come with me, join my crew, and explore the greater galaxy, or you can stay here and live your unentertaining terran life. The choice is ultimately up to you, but I must warn you. If you stay here, you will have to become an amnesiac mute, so that you cannot tell anyone what has happened here tonight." I take a moment to process this before I answer.

"So, what you're saying is, my only real choice is to go with you?"

"I said no such thing. I hear tales of very successful amnesiac mutes that go on to live very successful and fulfilling lives."

"I don't want to be an amnesiac mute, so my only real choice is to go with you!"

"If that is the way that you perceive it, then yes."

"Fine. If I were to go with you, would I ever see Earth again?"

"You may catch a glimpse of it from a distance, yes."

"That's not what I meant."

"I apologize. Your human languages are always a difficult thing to command."

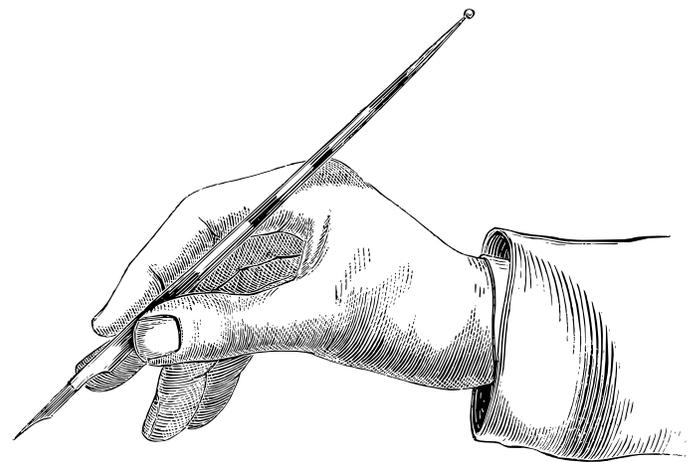
"That's fine. I meant to ask if I would ever be able to come back."

"No."

"Then I'm not going." I realize that there is no logic to my decision, but then again, I'm conversing with a six-foot-tall wolf-chimp-centaur that claims to only speak rudimentary English but actually talks like a flipping Oxford scholar. I'm way past logic at this point. At this point, I expect the creature to draw some kind of memory-erasing ray from some hidden holster, but he doesn't. Instead, he smiles, or at least, he draws his lips backward in a gesture that vaguely resembles a smile, and I realize that he doesn't have teeth. While I'm processing this new information, he speaks.

"In that case, I would like to sincerely apologize for my actions."

Before I can process this, I barely manage to glimpse the creature's big meaty hand flying toward my face. I feel an explosion of pain just above my left ear, and then all is still, silent, and dark.



## Fishing on the Rocks

Noah Caldwell- Senior

Throughout the year, I have spoken on all sorts of topics, but this month is by far my favorite, a simple yet skillful recreation: ice fishing. Ice fishing began long ago when people needed nutrients in the winter. During this time, it was either eat or starve, so around the upper United States and Canada, these prehistoric people would cut holes into the ice and spearfish before the fishing pole was invented. Since then, we all have had the pleasure of getting together with some friends or parents cutting our own hole in the ice and making memories. But if you aren't familiar with how to ice fish, I will provide you with a guide and some tips and tricks you might have not known about. To begin with, some of the basics that you need include a fishing license, warm clothes, a chainsaw or ice auger, fishing poles, bait, tackle of your choice, and some company. Once you have found a place to ice fish, be it the Ruby Reservoir or Clark Canyon, you will need to drill or cut a hole in the ice with whatever tools you have. Once your hole is cut you need to bait your hook with worms, maggots, or something of your own choosing. After baiting the hook, you now need to submerge your hook and bait. Now if you are an advanced angler, you could use a fish finder, which uses sonar to see what depth the fish are swimming, but if you are just a beginner you might not have a fish finder just laying around. Now that everything is set up and ready, it's time to hurry up and wait. Once you have caught something, feel free to send a picture to me, Noah Caldwell, and you might be featured in the next edition of "Call of the Wild." Stay wild and be safe.



## Presidents' Day

Kole Hill - Senior

What is Presidents' Day, and why do we celebrate it? Well, Presidents' Day is technically our first president's Birthday, as it aligns with George Washington's birthday. Each year, we celebrate President's Day on the third Monday in February; the holiday is all about honoring and celebrating George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. These two presidents have done so much for

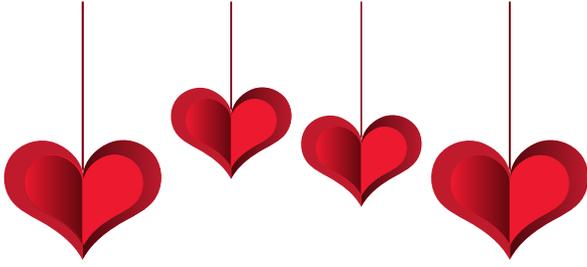
our country. Not only was George Washington the president when the Founding Fathers wrote the Constitution, but he also was the commanding officer for the continental army during the American Revolution. Abraham Lincoln is also honored because he contributed to ending slavery. A lot of people, including government officials, take a day off to recognize everything that they did for this country. Originally, President's Day was on Washington's birthday, but then in 1968, our government passed a bill that moved a lot of federal holidays to be on a Monday, called the Uniform Monday Holiday Bill.



## Halftime Show

Zak McCormack - Senior

In the United States, the Super Bowl has turned into a national holiday, and with the unexpected contenders and halftime show performers, this year was one for the books. The home of the Super Bowl this year was Los Angeles, California, and the sights to see and stars made it even better. For the first time ever, the halftime show was centered around hip-hop and rap, drawing both celebration and criticism. The show featured Dr. Dre, Snoop Dogg, Eminem, Mary J. Blige, Kendrick Lamar, with a surprise performance by 50 Cent and a cameo by Anderson Paak. The whole set was created and produced by a company owned by another big hip-hop artist, Jay-Z. Dr. Dre and Kendrick share their roots in Compton, California, and Snoop Dogg is from Long Beach. The stage floor was decorated with a sky view of Inglewood, California, and featured three white houses - all with Chevrolet Impala convertibles in front, with ascending production years '62, '63, and '64. As the stage lit up, the excitement built as Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre performed a pair of their collaborative songs, "The Next Episode" and "California Love." After "California Love," the camera panned downwards and focused on an upside-down 50 Cent, starting to perform his hit "In Da Club." Blige then performed some of her most popular songs, including "Family Affair" and "No More Drama." Then, the music shifted to a different tone and welcomed Kendrick Lamar performing his hit, "Alright," and Eminem performed second to last with his hit "Lose Yourself." In the end, all of the performers met on the roof of the center house to perform "Still D.R.E.," a song by Dr. Dre and Snoop Dogg.



## History of Valentine's Day

Kaymbreigh Schwartz - Senior

Today, Valentine's Day is a day for loved ones to celebrate one another, but there are a couple of different origin stories when it comes to Valentine's Day, the first of which originates in Ancient Rome. Historians believe that Valentine's Day is associated with Lupercalia, which was a Roman holiday celebrating fertility. During this event, men and women were paired through a lottery system, and these pairings often ended with marriage. The story we usually associate with Valentine's Day, however, is the story of Saint Valentine. Valentine was a man believed to defy an emperor's orders during the 3rd century and secretly married couples to spare husbands from war.

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## The Worst Aviation Tragedy in Boston's History Claims the Life of Sheridan's Superintendent

Simah Anson - Senior

On July 31, 1973, a Delta Airlines flight 723 crashed into a seawall just short of the runway killing all but two of its passengers including Sheridan's superintendent at the time Willis K. Paull and his wife Elizabeth. Willis had received his degree in education from Montana State University and later his master's from the University of Montana. Before his time in Sheridan, he was a teacher in Hardin for six years, a superintendent in Clyde Park for five years, and a superintendent in Lima for five years. Investigators stated that they still don't know the initial cause of the crash but what they do know is that the plane came down too soon while making its landing approach. The investigation of the crash paid close attention to the safety regulations at the Logan Airport. During the investigation, led by Raymond F. Rourke, the chairman of the House Transportation Committee, "they found a nine-

minute delay between the time of the crash and the time the Logan officials knew of the crash" (Beitler). The plane had left Burlington, Vt. at 9:12 a.m., which was 12 minutes behind schedule, and made an unscheduled stop in Manchester to get some passengers who were stranded there when their flight from New York was canceled due to fog. They ended up being delayed for 45 minutes which caused one passenger, Charles R. Mealy, to change his mind and get off. The director of aviation for the Massachusetts Port Authority, Richard Mooney, explained that there were two planes scheduled to land on the same runway at two-minute intervals behind the Delta flight, but they both signaled the tower that they weren't going to land because of the dense fog; however, neither of them saw the crash. Lastly, the Airport officials explained that radar picks up incoming planes and guides them until they reach 2 or 3 miles away where they are handed over to the control tower, the Logan control tower was in contact with flight 723 until just minutes before the crash. The crash was a very sad event that could have possibly been avoided with a little more time and/or altitude. Results from the crash were the recommendations on runway lighting systems, changes to flight instruments, and an advisory for pilots about some possible inconsistencies between electronic landing conditions and actual conditions near a landing zone. Concerns about air traffic grew after this accident and some of the public's uneasiness was portrayed in films like *Airport*, *Alive*, and *Skyjack*.



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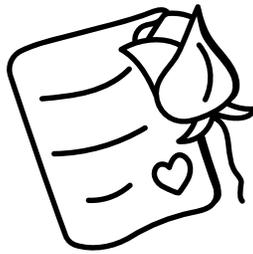
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♥ Valentines by  
Mrs. Gasper's  
Geometry Class



The moment I laid eyes on your beautiful image,  
I swear I could feel my pupils dilate.  
I could stare at your reflection all day long.  
I just knew there was something between us.  
Nothing could ever bisecy us.  
you are such acute-ie.  
you are the center of all my attention  
I have finally come to the conclusion that  
I love you  
And there will never be a point in time  
where I stop loving you.  
Like linear pairs, we complete each other

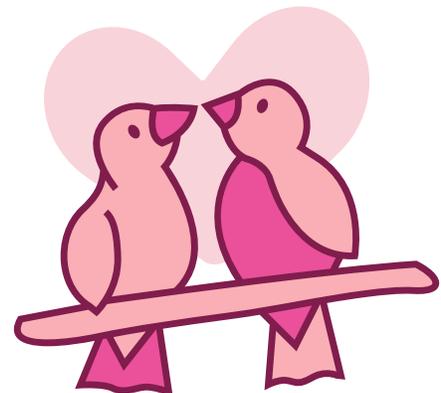


At one Point in our lives we were opposite rays,  
The probability of us meeting was very slim  
It was by lucky chance that we crossed at a midpoint.  
From that point on we always lied on the same plane  
You were able to change my minor arc of a love life  
into the flourishing major arc that it has grown into  
Our love flew off like a kite on a windy day  
I can't put in a sale how much I care for you,  
But my love is like a vector, having a quantity of both  
magnitude and direction.  
I hope this poem has given you enough proof to answer  
my net question:  
Will you be my Valentine?

I would be the angle of depression without you.  
You are the center of my circle. Like parallel  
lines, we are always side by side, never cross  
with each other. my love for you is like a line  
making us the perfect linear pair. The  
probability of us meeting was one in a million.  
You are so acute, truly the angle of my dreams.  
No need for transformation, you're perfect in  
every way. You make my heart feel like a  
scatter plot and my head hurt like a two-  
column proof.



I know we aren't yet a defined term  
But I know that no point could come between us  
You are my center  
Even though we aren't perfectly symmetrical  
I'm glad we met at this cross section  
Because you are my corresponding part  
You make my constructions possible  
Without you I wouldn't have a ruler or compass  
Not only are we collinear we are coplanar as well  
And now one can use deductive reasoning  
to takeaway how I feel about you





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6	7	Board Meeting 7:00	Sheridan Spelling Bee Oula & Yoga Adult Ed 6:30	10	11	12
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