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The History of Thanksgiving

By Michael

Thanksgiving is a national holiday celebrated in the United States of America. It is a tradition of having people get together and be thankful for the things that they have.

Thanksgiving's origin starts with a man named Squanto. Squanto taught the Pilgrims, suffering from malnutrition and illness, how to cultivate corn, extract sap from maple trees, catch fish in the rivers, and poisonous plants. He also helped the settlers ally with the Wampanoag, a local tribe. In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first harvest was successful, Governor William Bradford of the colony organized a harvest feast. During the banquet, the Wampanoag tribe heard gunshots of celebration from the pilgrims, which they mistook for an attack on the pilgrims, so the group under an alliance came to help protect the pilgrims. This misunderstanding led the Wampanoag tribe to join in the celebration.

Thanksgiving history continued when George Washington issued the first national Thanksgiving proclamation, calling upon Americans to express gratitude. The country's war of independence was successfully concluded, and the U.S. Constitution was successfully ratified. John Adams and James Madison also followed this tradition during their presidencies. In 1817, New York became the first of several states to adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday. Sarah Josepha Hale, author of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb," launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. She published numerous editorials for many years and sent letters to governors, senators, presidents, and other politicians, earning her the nickname, "Mother of Thanksgiving."

It wasn't until 1863, during the Civil War, that President Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving Day to be held each November. He made this holiday official to promote coming together during the war. In 1939, Thanksgiving was set to fall on November 30, leaving only 24 shopping days until Christmas. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, fearing that the shortened Christmas season would significantly impact the economy, signed an order moving the holiday a week earlier to November 23. Critics called it "Franksgiving," and Congress officially moved the holiday back to its current place in 1941.

Melstone High's Sophomores Rocked Community Connections

This year, our sophomores showed remarkable dedication. They tirelessly promoted ads and birthday shout-outs beyond our school, actively engaging with local businesses to bolster our community activities. Through their unwavering commitment, they've not only uplifted our school but sparked a lasting connection within our local community.

Spreading Holiday Joy and Professionalism

The upcoming Region Six BPA Conference at MSU Billings on December 18-19 is generating quite the buzz among the 21 dedicated members of our BPA chapter. They're eagerly preparing to showcase their skills and compete at this exciting gathering of young professionals.

During the Christmas break, the aroma of freshly baked Little Caesar pizzas will be in the air as our BPA members kick off their annual fundraiser. Not only are they selling delicious treats, but they're also raising funds to support various BPA activities throughout the year.

Adding to the festive spirit, our BPA team will be spreading joy by offering delightful goodies at the intermission of the Christmas concert on December 14. Their goal isn't just to attend the concert; it's to bring smiles and warmth to everyone present.

With a strong team of 21 members this year, our BPA chapter is demonstrating its commitment to professional development, community engagement, and spreading holiday cheer. Stay tuned for the remarkable achievements and contributions our BPA members will make during this joyful season!

4-H Making Seniors Smile

The Keggie Koulee 4 H organization hand drew and colored placemats for the Senior Citizens. One side is a "fall- Thanksgiving" theme, while a simple flip will show a lovely "winter-Christmas" picture. Everyone did a great job and the seniors sent out a message how happy they were to enjoy the new addition to the Community Center.

We will be busy partying for Christmas and decorating the park for all to enjoy!

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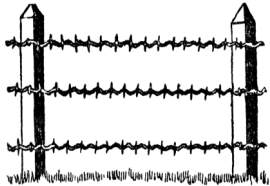
Football Playoffs

Saturday 10/28	Lincoln @ Custer	1 pm	W 63-25
Saturday 11/4	Westby/Grenora @ Hysham	1 pm	W 65-28
Saturday 11/11	Centerville @Custer	1 pm	L 65-37

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2023-2024 Melstone High School Basketball

Date	Opponent	Location	Times
1-Dec	Miles City Tournament vs Plentywood		G 3:30 / B 5:00
2-Dec	Miles City Tournament vs North Country		G 3:00 / B 4:30
7-Dec	Lewistown Tournament vs DGS		G 4:00 / B 5:30
8-Dec	Lewistown Tournament vs Winnett/Grass Range		B 7:00
	Lewistown Tournament vs Winifred		G 8:30
15-Dec	Bridger	Bridger	*
16-Dec	Broadus	Melstone	JV 1 / 2:30 V 4 / 5:30
22-Dec	Forsyth	Melstone	*
5-Jan	Bridger	Melstone	*
6-Jan	Broadus	Broadus	JV 1 / 2:30 V 4 / 5:30
12-Jan	Broadview/Lavina	Melstone	*
13-Jan	Custer/Hysham	Custer	*
18-Jan	Northern Cheyenne	Melstone	No JV - 5 / 6:30
20-Jan	Harlowton	Harlowton	*
26-Jan	Forsyth	Forsyth	*
2-Feb	Broadview/Lavina	Lavina	*
3-Feb	Custer/Hysham	Melstone	*
9-Feb	Northern Cheyenne	Busby	No JV - 5 / 6:30
10-Feb	Harlowton	Melstone	*
12-17-Feb	District Tournament	Lockwood	
19-Feb to			
2-Mar	Divisionals Tournament	Miles City	
6-9-Mar	State Tournament	Great Falls	



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JV Girls @ 3:00

JV Boys @ 4:30

V Girls @ 6:00

V Boys @ 7:30

JUNIOR HIGH BASKETBALL

BY: Ryker Roskelley

The Junior High basketball season has finally come to an end with a single elimination tournament in Miles City on November 17th. The Melstone girls lost out to Ekalaka while the boys didn't even get to go because the tournaments only accepted A teams while we were only B. Congratulations for the hard work and dedication throughout your season. Thank you to the coaches and the crowds for coming to the games and supporting the teams. Goodbye to the Junior High 8th graders Hattie, Emma, Macy, and Cheylynn. Were looking forward to cheering you on in the high school JV season.



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Senior Skip Day

By Michael

The senior class had a skip day. The class ate at Stella's, went bowling, watched "Killers of the Flower Moon", went to Carvers, and then to Baskin Robbins.

"Killers of the Flower Moon" is a movie set in 1920s Oklahoma that tells the events of a series of murders of Osage members and relations in the Osage Nation after oil was discovered on tribal land. Tribal members had retained mineral rights on their reservation, and white opportunists sought to gain their wealth. The movie follows Ernest Burkhart and William Hale's plan to get the headlights to the oil on the Osage Nation.

Jake's Garage

Tires, oil changes and more!

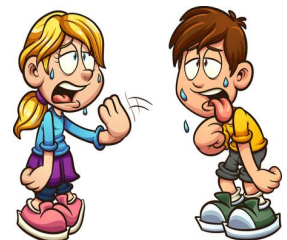
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For this month's senior/staff survey our senior Bryce DeJaegher and his favorite staff member, Ole Eike. Their answers are marked with a "B" for Bryce and "E" for Eike

The zombie apocalypse is coming, who are 3 people you want on your team.

B: Trump, my brother, Rob O Neil

E: John Wayne ,Clint Eastwood, Jayson Bourne



If you were a wrestler what would be your entrance theme song?

B: Country Boy Can Survive

E: Enter Sandman

You have your own late night talk show, who do you invite as your first guest?

B: Vladimir Putin

E: Joe Rogan



You have to sing karaoke, what song do you pick?

B: Red Solo Cup

E: Anything by Merle Haggard

What was your least favorite food as a child? Do you still hate it or do you love it now?

B: Spaghetti

E: Vegetables

If you had to eat one meal everyday for the rest of your life what would it be?

B: Chicken fried steak/ Home cut French-fries

E: Cheeseburger

If you were left on a deserted island and you could bring 3 items what would they be

B: Gun, Barrel of Ammo, Knife

E: Water, Matches, Knife,

If aliens landed on earth tomorrow and offered to take you home with them, would you go?

B: Yes

E: No

60s, 70s, 80s, 90s: Which decade do you love the most.

B: 80s

E: 80s



What's your favorite sandwich?

B: Chicken Bacon Ranch from the Merc

E: Italian BMT from Subway

When you die, what do you want to be remembered for?

B: Doing things people told me I could not do

E: Being honest

What is your favorite item you've bought this year?

B: Mack Truck

E: New rifle



What's your dream home?

B: A van down by the river

E: Really big

What would the title of your autobiography be?

B: Work over School

E: One Day at a Time

If you could add anyone to Mount Rushmore who would it be

B: Trump

E: Nobody



Melstone FFA Alumni

Coyote Derby



January 5th-7th



Registration 4-6 p.m. at Cafe
on Friday

Check in 5 p.m. at Community
Center on Sunday

Free Supper for Hunters

Community Members \$5

Side Jackpots: *Coon/Porcupine, Jack Rab-
bits, Most Dogs, Prairie Dogs*

- \$125 for 2 person team
- \$200 for 3 person team

DOOR PRIZES

Gun Raffle

DIAMOND BACK 6.5 CREEDMORE

Buy tickets at local businesses



Cookie Plates

December 20

Each family bring one
dozen cookies by

December 19

Peppermint Cheesecake



Ingredients: 9-oz. package chocolate wafer cookies, 4 tbsp. salted butter, 3 8-oz. packages cream cheese, 1 3/4 c. granulated sugar, 1/2 tsp. kosher salt, 3 large eggs, 3/4 c. heavy cream, 1 tsp. peppermint extract, 3/4 c. semisweet chocolate chips, Crushed candy canes or peppermints, for topping

Steps:

1. Position a rack in the center of the oven and preheat to 325°. Wrap the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan with foil. Pulse the cookies in a food processor until finely ground. Add the melted butter; pulse a few times to mix well. Transfer the mixture to the springform pan; use the bottom of a measuring cup to press the crumbs into the bottom and 1 inch up the sides of the pan.
2. Beat the cream cheese, sugar and salt in a large bowl with a mixer on medium speed, scraping down the sides, until smooth, about 2 minutes. Beat in the eggs, one at a time, until just smooth, about 1 minute. Add 1/4 cup heavy cream and the peppermint extract and mix until just smooth, about 30 more seconds. Pour the cream cheese mixture into the crust and spread evenly.
3. Place the springform pan in a roasting pan. Fill the roasting pan with enough hot water to come halfway up the sides of the springform pan. Bake until the cheesecake is set but still jiggly in the center, about 1 hour. Turn off the oven, open the door and let the cheesecake sit in the oven for 10 minutes. Carefully transfer to a rack and let cool until the pan is warm but not hot, about 30 minutes. Refrigerate until cold and set, at least 4 hours or overnight.
4. Make the topping: Heat the remaining 1/2 cup heavy cream in a small saucepan over medium-low heat. Put the chocolate chips in a heatproof bowl. Pour the hot cream over the chocolate and stir until completely melted; let cool 5 minutes. Pour the melted chocolate in the center of the cheesecake and spread to make a 7-inch round. Sprinkle with crushed candy. Refrigerate until the chocolate is set, about 15 minutes. Remove the springform ring, then slice.

Help spread
kindness!

If you're the witness to someone
being kind, please come fill out
a form from Mrs. McCleary.

COWBOY CHRISTMAS



Scholastic Bookfair

Melstone School Library

December 11-14
before and after school
until 5:00 pm

School Supplies ♦ Toddler ♦ Preschool
Elementary ♦ Middle School
Cookbooks ♦ Christian Titles
SPECIAL POSTER SURPRISE!

December 16
open during home
basketball game

Tree Lighting Ceremony

December 5

6:00pm

**At The School
Entrance**



Sage Newman Day



Dress in Newman gear or cowboy
attire to support Sage at the NFR

Thursday, December 7th

Save The Date



December 14

The Christmas Concert

Volleyball All-State & All-Conference

All-State – Maggie Eike

All-Conference - Maggie Eike, Belle Collins,
Emma Myhre, Ava McClintock



Christmas Sip + Paint

with special guest Jill Wallin

December 23rd @ 7pm at the
Melstone Mercantile

\$10.00 to cover supplies





Veterans Dinner 11/14/23



These Melstone Elementary students volunteered and performed songs at the veterans dinner. To the delight of the veterans and their families, they sang the National Anthem, God Bless the USA, and everyone joined in to say the Pledge of Alligence.

The BPA and FFA organizations helped serve the food and cleanup. Serena Cottrell, and Linda Zeimet helped put on the veterans dinner, while Tamaira Wacker directed the elementary kids and presented the Power-Point dedicated to the veterans. Bart and Heidi Ovnicek helped as well. Thank you to all people who helped make this amazing night possible. Also a big thank you to all the veterans that served or are serving for our Country!



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What's New In FFA

Melstone FFA had attended National FFA in October on the 29th and got back the 5th of November. The students that attended were Michael Bergin, Gavin Smith, Hayden Keller, and Bryce DeJaegher, as well as our advisor Mr. Ov-nicek, and the chaperone Jennifer Bergin. We traveled to Rapid City, South Dakota where we went to a steak house on the 29th and then we went to Mount Rushmore the next morning and we traveled to Grand Island, Nebraska and ate at Olive Garden on the 30.th Then we went on a tour at Burch Livestock on the 31,st as well as visiting the largest truck stop in Iowa ending that night we arrived in Indianapolis Indiana. Later, on the 1st of November, we went to the opening session and to a Laney Wilson concert. On the 2nd we went to the second session and went to a rodeo that night after the session. Finally, on the 3rd we ate at Dicks Last Resort and for dinner we had Buffalo Wild Wings and after we ate we went to the NBA game against the Pacers and the Cavaliers. We attended the Trade show and the Expo while we were there. We headed back on November 4th and stayed in Fargo, North Dakota and ate at Chilis and then we were back on the road and made it home on the 5th.

On the 16th through the 18th of November Bryce DeJaegher, Gage Smith, Kaylab Coolen attended JDay for the mechanics contest. Bryce placed 25th out of 292 kids, Gage placed 201 out of 292 kids and first-time attendee Kaylab placed 272 out of 292 kids. And then the team headed home on the 18th.

**Riddle of the month: I
can travel all around
the world just like
Santa Claus without
ever leaving my corner.**

What am I?

**November Answer:
The Letter "B"**



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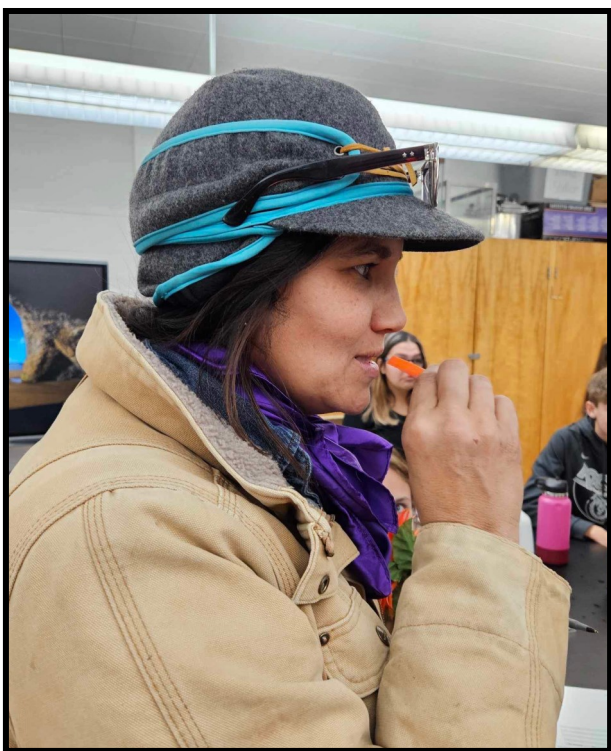
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Salt Water Brine

1. You cut our vegetables and put them in one-quart mason jars.
2. You put pickling spices and other spices in there with the vegetables.
3. You make a salt water brine of 1 quart of water and 1/8 cup of salt and pour it over the vegetables until the vegetables are covered. (For carrots you have to add sugar to the brine.)
4. You can use a fermentation lid, or a leaf of cabbage and a little bag of water as the weight
5. You let them sit in a dark room temperature area, and let sit for 4-5 days.
6. Enjoy your vegetables.



Cary Myhire taste testing a fermented carrot.

Blowing it up in the Science room

Highlights from Science: NOTHING has blown up. Biology class fermented vegetables for Thanksgiving dinner. The recipes included rosemary carrots, dilly beans, spicy cauliflower and pickled brussel sprouts. Biology also practiced analyzing water samples to deem potable. The Physical Science class has finished investigating Newton's Laws & made biodegradable packing peanuts; they can now send Grandma their art project through the mail without it breaking or filling the landfill! The Chemists have explored reactivity of the Alkali & Alkali Earth Metals with water and acid. Both Chemistry & Biology classes are testing food samples for glucose & will be presenting their results in the next paper on false advertising by a food product. Stay tuned.

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Honor Roll

1st Quarter



5th Grade

Karlee McCleary 3.81

6th Grade

Pistol Grebe 3.89

Preston Hall 3.89

Danika Turk 3.83

Ellie Myhre 3.67

Ashley Hoschouer 3.44

7th Grade

Brooke Seamster 3.61

Aunika McClintock 3.59

Siggen Newman 3.56

8th Grade

Emma Collins 3.95

Cheylynn Hall 3.90

Hattie Myhre 3.76

Macy Meredith 3.48

9th Grade

Maggie Eike 3.86

Abby Boyd 3.83

Keegan Rindal 3.47

10th Grade

Belle Collins 4.0

Savannah DeJaegher 4.0

James Bergin 3.86

Kyra Hall 3.81

Ava McClintock 3.81

Morgan Schiffer 3.81

Nolan Kamerman 3.57

Hayden Keller 3.52

Ryker Roskelley 3.52

Emma Myhre 3.45

Tucker Keller 3.43

11th Grade

Avery Eike 3.90

Niklas Muffler 3.84

Francesco Frigenti 3.81

Yazmine Smith 3.81

Trey Meredith 3.67

Jade LaRue 3.43

12th Grade

Michael Bergin 4.0

Delaney Kamerman 3.93

Bryce DeJaegher 3.80

Luke Spencer 3.80

Gavin Smith 3.67

Gage Smith 3.50

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Thanksgiving

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DINNER

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JOYFUL

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VISITING

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BY: Ryker Roskelley

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December 2023



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 BBall Miles City Tournament vs Plentywood 3:30 / 5:00	2 BBall Miles City Tourna- ment vs North Country 3:00 / 4:30
3	4	5 Tree Lighting 6:00 PM	6	7 BBall Lewis- town Tourna- ment vs DGS 4:00 / 5:30	8 BBall Lewistown Tournament vs Winnett/Grass Range Boys	9
10	11 Book Fair Starts	12	13	14 Christmas Concert 7:00 PM Soup Dinner 5:30	15 Boys/Girls Bridger 3:00	16 BBall vs Broadus @ Home - 1:00 / 2:30 / 4:00 / 5:30 Book Fair Ends
17	18 BPA Regionals	19 Cookie Plates 1 Dozen Cookies per Family	20	21	22 Winter Break BBall @ Home vs Forsyth - 3:00 / 4:30 / 6:00 / 7:00	23
24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day 	26	27	28	29	30
31						