



THE MUSTANG MONTHLY

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Homecoming Results

Bonfire Items

1. Seniors
2. Juniors/Freshmen (tie)
3. Sophomores



Posters

1. Seniors
2. Juniors
3. Sophomores
4. Freshman



Floats

1. Sophomores
2. Seniors
3. Juniors
4. Freshman

Homecoming week started off great. On Monday, classes dressed in the colors voted by our student reps. The freshmen wore yellow, sophomores wore purple, juniors wore red, and seniors wore blue. On Tuesday, the students and staff dressed as their favorite holiday. On Wednesday we all got comfy with our pj's. On Thursday we dressed as our favorite Barbies, and on Friday we showed our Mustang pride by dressing in green.

Paint the streets

1. Sophomores
2. Seniors
3. Juniors
4. Freshmen



On Tuesday, we had our first class competition, the egg toss. Then on Wednesday we painted the streets. On Thursday, class posters were hung up in the high school lobby and winners were chosen. This was also the day of our pep rally. On Friday we worked on our floats. The theme was Dr Seuss. Freshmen chose Green Eggs and Ham, sophomores chose Oh, the Places You'll Go, the juniors chose The Grinch, and seniors chose The Lorax. All the floats looked great!!!

The Seniors won over all!!!!



SENIORS AT THE COLLEGE FAIR

On September 18, the senior class took a trip to the Montana State University campus for the college fair. It was an opportunity for the seniors to talk to representatives from different schools across the nation and ask questions about post-secondary schooling. Many seniors already have an idea in mind of what college they'd like to go to or what plans they have after graduation, but it was a chance to talk with college graduates about their choice schools and get a better idea of what the future holds. There was even a recruit for the U.S. Army who tried to convince Levi Whitehurst to sign up.

"I don't know, man," he told the representative (even though she was a woman). "I'm not the type of person you want in the military."



Pictured: Bailey Fouraker, Levi Whitehurst, Elizabeth Olson



"What are your plans after high school?"

Grace Stecker: I plan on attending Carroll College for a major in history secondary education and a minor in Catholic studies.

Wylie Connor: Forest service. And climb some rocks.

Zane Morrison: I'm thinking about working a whole summer and then hopefully going to college, but I might take a gap year or do a semester abroad.

Seeley Driskill: Sit on a rock and meditate for two days straight to find out who I truly am.

Camden Virden: Don't go into crippling debt.

Written by Bailey Fouraker

Senior Spotlight!

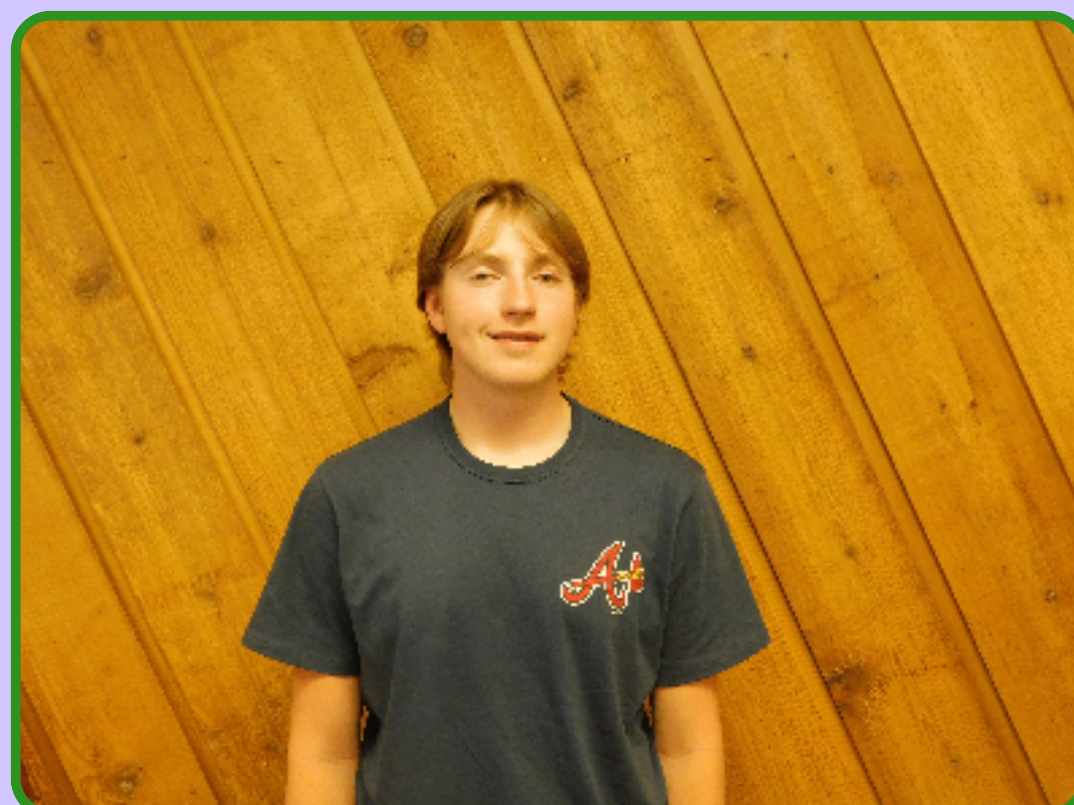
Zane Morrison is feeling both “enraged” and “excited” to get out of high school. Morrison’s favorite memories of his school years are the summers and having good teachers. He is looking forward to graduation and having a good job that he enjoys. He is most proud of himself for not dropping out of high school and achieving good grades. Morrison’s future plans are to go to college or to have a gap year. Morrison wants to go to college to study Environmental Engineering.



Olivia Benson is excited about being a senior in high school and is looking forward to heading to college next year. Benson’s favorite elementary school memory was hiding in a tube slide with her friend and they couldn’t be found. Her favorite middle school memory is going to horse camp with Creed Allen and watching him fall off a horse. Lastly, her favorite high school memory is participating in Speech and Debate and playing in the pool at the hotel. Benson is looking forward to leaving school and working at the Jack Creek Preserve. She is most proud of herself for being the current SkillsUSA president, and participating in Speech, BPA, and FCCLA. Her future plans are going to the University of Montana to study Wildlife Biology, with a minor in Forestry.



Camden Virden is feeling scared about being a senior in high school and entering the real world. Virden’s favorite memories took place during the sports he participated in, including three years of football. He is looking forward to graduation and is most proud of himself for having good grades in high school. His future plans after high school are to go to college at MSU for 2 years and then join the Air Force.



CROSS COUNTRY

This season has been great for the cross country team. They have attended meets in Jefferson, Fairmont, Bozeman, North Fremont, Butte, and Three Forks. Their last regular season meet will be held in Townsend on October 14, and those who qualify will be attending State in Kalispell on October 21.

PRs so far this season:

Finn Graden: 21:30.0

Peter Kelly: 21:48.0

Sam Benson: 23:10.9

Tyler Barsness: 22:01.0

Amber Rolfe: 23:22.8

Ella Rolfe: 23:24.3

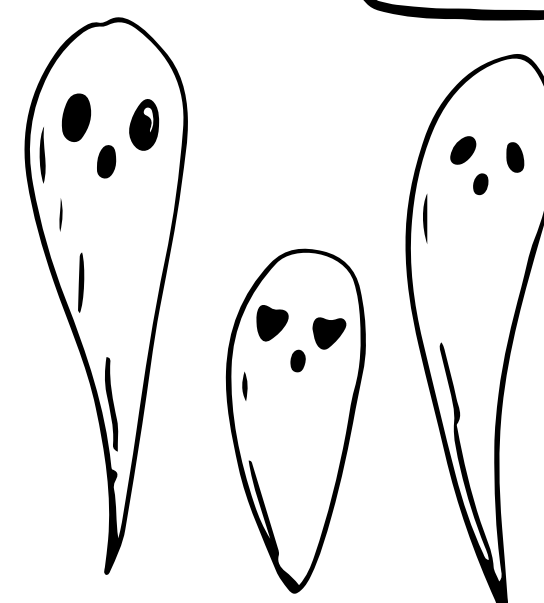
Grace Stecker: 25:16.6

Hannah Stecker: 23:39.0

Kloey Noak: 35:34.1



THOSE MUSTANG RUNNERS ARE REALLY FAST!



I interviewed Grace Stecker, team captain, about her experience. When first introduced to cross country, Stecker enjoyed the environment. Though she didn't like the first practice, she enjoyed the people and quickly realized how far it could take her. Stecker states that to prepare physically and mentally for a race, she warms up with 50-meter sprints to warm up her hips and knees. Mentally, she says a prayer to Saint Michael to find strength throughout the race. To touch on the challenges Stecker faces and how she overcomes them, she talked about the mental slumps she faces both during and after her races, as well as body fatigue and doubts about preparation. When giving advice to those who are considering starting cross country, Stecker states: "Don't judge a book by its cover". Cross country may look difficult, but the people and teammates are always there to encourage you. The coaches are wonderful and are always willing to work with you. Stecker is considering pursuing cross country after graduation, but after graduation, the college she wants to attend only offers a 5 mile race instead of 3. She'd like to join some running groups and continue to improve her running. I asked Stecker about a memorable moment/achievement from her cross country career, and she talked about her very first race in the season of 2023 during a difficult course, where she beat her PR by two minutes, which was very encouraging. Head Coach Mullener is very proud of his team, given almost the entire team has already qualified for state! He creates a successful team with "lots of sarcasm."



Mustangs Football Stampedes Toward Perfection

By Elizabeth Olson

Mustang football is almost halfway through their season and they remain undefeated. Let's take a closer look at some of their games.

For the first game of the season, the Mustangs traveled to Seeley Swan and dominated with a final score of 48-14. Commenting on the game, Head Coach Mike Speck said, "It was a good first outing, and we had over 300 all-purpose yards."

The second game against Lone Peak at home ended with a score of 50-22. The team had over 400 all-purpose yards, and Coach Speck said "Some of the Lone Peak guys went down with some injuries which is always tough to see, but it was nice to be tested."

The Mustangs hosted Sheridan at home for their third game of the season and walked away with a 61-0 win against the Panthers. Speck said, "The young guys got to play a lot, and even with the young guys playing, we had over 300 all-purpose yards and had a good defensive day."

Against Simms, the Mustangs continued their streak with a score of 57-28. In the duration of the game, they had 500 offensive yards and over 30 assisted tackles, which means everyone was playing together and contributing. It was a 3-point game at halftime with only one Mustang touchdown, but they came to play in the second half, scoring five more touchdowns.

The most recent game of the season was against Flint Creek, ending with a score of 35-0, and another Mustangs win. This was the first time Flint Creek had been shut out since the beginning of their Co-op (Drummond and Phillipsburg), and the Mustangs only allowed 28 passing yards with -4 rushing yards. Altogether, the team had 53 total tackles and 11 TFL (tackles for losses).

Coach Speck also shared some individual highlights from these first games in the season:

Quarterback Clinton Buyan (senior) has recorded over 400 passing yards and has scored three touchdowns.

Runningback Chaz Veland (senior) has recorded a 65-yard receiving touchdown with an additional two rushing touchdowns.

Runningback Vance Wingard (senior) has a 60-yard receiving touchdown, 107 rushing yards, and one ground touchdown. During the Flint Creek game he had 7 solo tackles, and 4 TFL (tackles for a loss).

Linebacker Zachary Foss (senior) has recorded three solo tackles, six assists, and a tide-turning fumble recovery.

Defensive and offensive lineman Jeremy Mauch (senior) has recorded four tackles and three assists. He has been dominant offensively with multiple pancakes, allowing other defenders to make things happen. The team's chance at making the playoffs are looking great, and post season play kicks off on October 28.



Setting Up for Success

Results:

9/7 @ Whitehall
Mustangs won in 3 sets

9/8 @ Lone Peak
Mustangs won in 3 sets

9/12 vs. Manhattan
Mustangs lost in 5 sets

9/15 @ Boulder
Mustangs lost in 4 sets

9/16 vs. Whitehall
Mustangs won in 4 sets

9/19 vs. West Yellowstone

Mustangs won in 3 sets

9/21 vs. Three Forks

Mustangs won in 3 sets

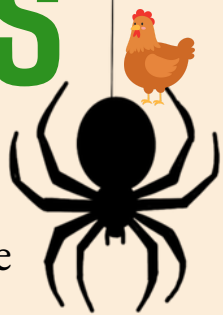
9/23 vs. Townsend

Mustangs lost in 4 sets

9/28 vs. Boulder

Mustangs lost in 4 sets

The Lady Mustangs are having a strong season. They have commanded the court for the majority of their games, having lost only three times so far. Two of those losses were against Boulder, and they also fell to Townsend, whom they will get a chance to defeat later this month. Districts will take place at the end of the month, beginning on October 26. Below are some interviews from all three of our squads with their thoughts on how the season is going so far.



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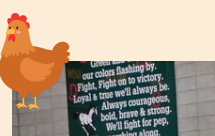
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Chicken Butt

Game:

How many chickens can you find?



By Addi Rowe

Player Interviews

C-Squad-Sarah Fouraker

Sarah Fouraker is a freshman on the C-Squad team. She is very happy about how the season has been going. She loves her coaches and teammates; she says they are very supportive and fun to be around. Fouraker is looking forward to the rest of the season so she can learn new things and get better. I asked her if she could describe her team in 3 words. She would say: positive, supportive, and inspiring. Fouraker believes Katie Barney is a great leader for their team. Barney is a sophomore and plays both C-squad and JV. Barney is a great asset to the volleyball team. She always has her teammates' backs and calls every play. I asked Fouraker how school has been going for her first year of high school; she says that it's been a different experience than her middle school years, but overall it's good.

JV-Taya Keller

Taya Keller is a freshman on JV. She has had a great season so far. She has enjoyed playing with new players and coaches this year. She's looking forward to the rest of the season so she can grow and win more games with her team. She describes her team as hardworking, determined and aggressive. According to Keller, Ally Hilton is the team leader. Hilton is a junior on JV and varsity; she is a hardworking setter on JV, and her team is very lucky to have her. Keller has been having a good school year so far after moving into high school. She loves her new teachers.

Varsity-Liz Olsen

Elizabeth Olsen is a senior on varsity. She feels in between about how her season has been going so far; she feels as though she could be more consistent and communicate a lot more on and off the court, but she also thinks she has done good things for herself and her team as a whole. She is looking forward to the rest of the season because before the team gets into tournaments, they are not playing anyone new, so they know what to expect. She describes her team as tenacious, persistent, and together. The team leaders are Addy Oliver, a senior setter, and Noni Dilschneider, a senior middle. School has been going well for her; she enjoys all of her classes and has been really busy but in a good way.

LOOK-ALIKES

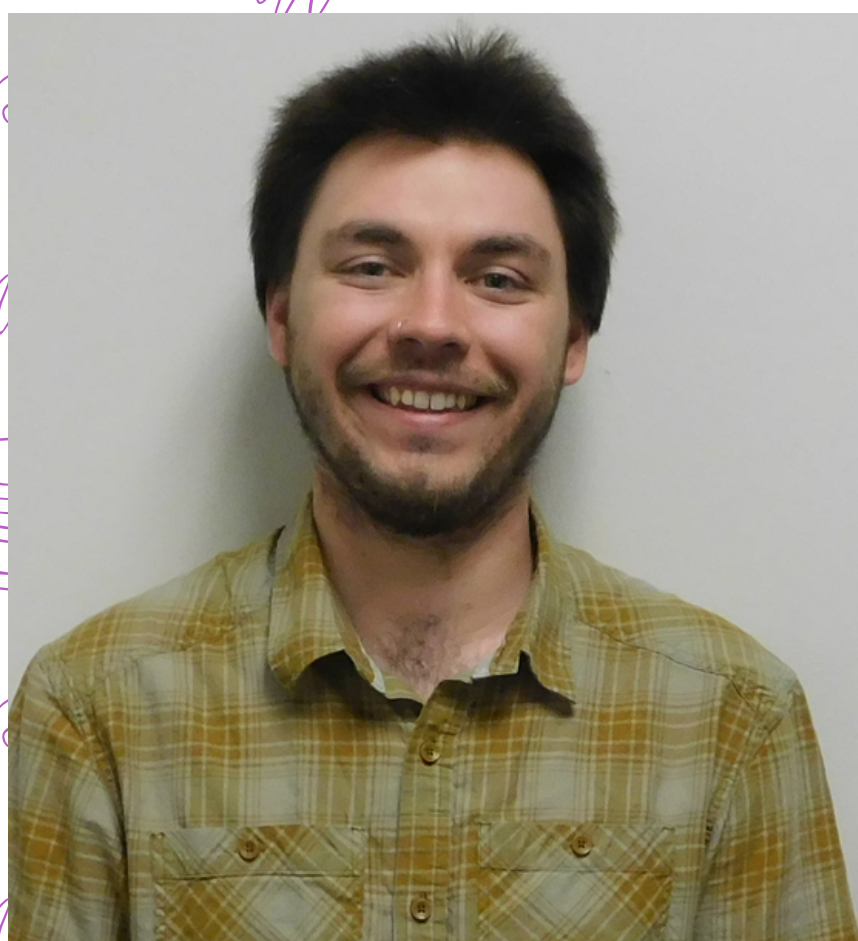
We've already got Halloween costumes for these students and staff picked out...



**Mr. Overstreet &
HARDY**



**Cole Kramer &
Luke Skywalker**



**Mr. Mullener &
a hedgehog**





**Ms. Diehl &
Barbara from
*Beetlejuice***



**Officer Moore &
Hank from
*Breaking Bad***



**Morgan Kloote &
Gru's scarf from
*Despicable Me***



**Liz Olson &
Taylor Swift**



Liz, Laugh, Love

By Elizabeth Olson

What is one positive thing that has happened in your life or in the world recently?

Ava: A woman-owned Chicago bakery employs people with autism, and the owner got a surprise donation of ten thousand dollars

Ms. Steffen: Brooks learned to ride a bike

Camden: I'm still alive

Zane: My grandmother just turned 82

Olivia B: I'm president of Skills USA

Bailey: I made fried chicken, and I love fried chicken, so it made me happy

Seeley: I gained three subscribers

Hannah T: I got a personal best for shooting at a national match

John: I'm getting a dog

Noni: The loneliest lion in the world gets to go back to Africa, so now it'll have friends

Sage: A 72-year-old man graduated from Georgia college with his 99 year old mom in the audience

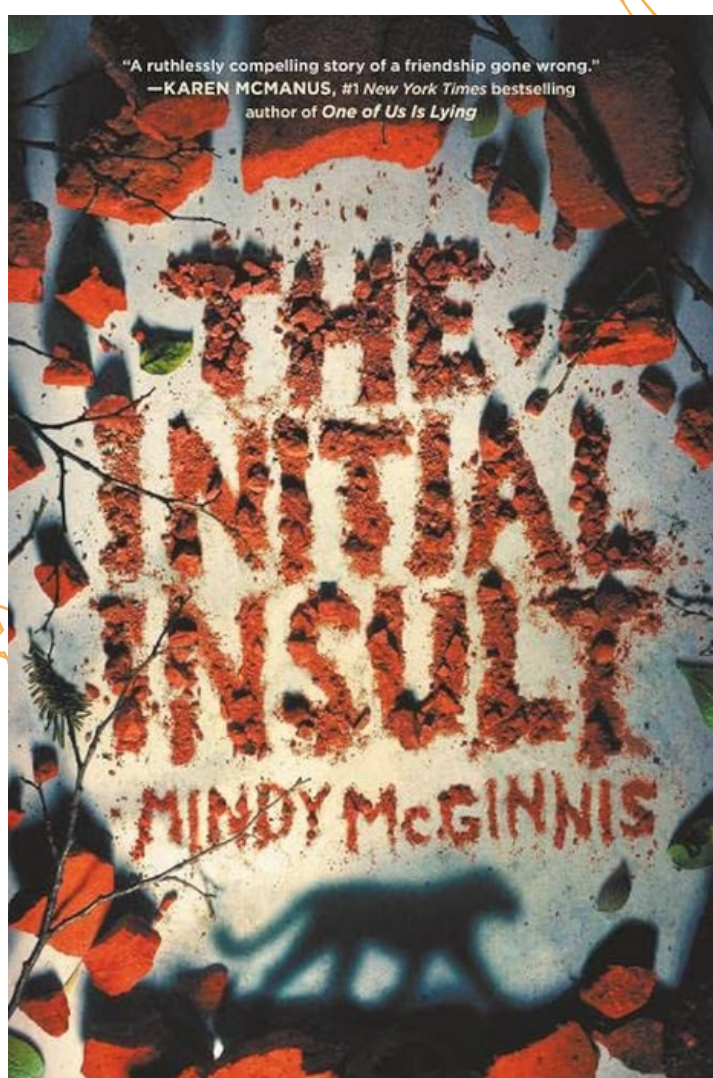
Addy O: We got new volleyball jerseys

Caden K: I was voted student body president, and it made me feel really good because it's all I've ever wanted and I didn't even sleep the night before because I was so excited for it, and I promise to do the best job and make everyone happy.



BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

It's almost Halloween! There's a reason so many people say that fall is their favorite season, and it's normally because of the atmosphere. Whether it's crisp autumnal leaves, the cooler weather, or all the different cinnamon, apple, and pumpkin-flavored treats, people love this time of the year because of the mood it creates. Books are a great way to transport yourself into another world, and they can be a portal to a universe where it's always autumn. Some people like chilling horror novels, and others prefer cozier feel-good stories, but no matter what your preference is, surely everybody can find a book to snuggle up with this fall season.



The Initial Insult by Mindy McGinnis is a YA horror novel, a modern re-telling of the classic Edgar Allan Poe short story "The Cask of Amontillado." Set in rural Ohio over the course of a single night at a high school party, Tress Montor is dead-set on a revenge plot against her former best friend and current enemy, Felicity Turnado. It's a dark, gothic *tour de force* of a novel that even has a sequel, *The Last Laugh*. There's also a bloodthirsty panther roaming around the town. Whether you're a die-hard Poe fan or simply looking for a thrilling, fast-paced horror novel for October, *The Initial Insult* is a haunting book that will stick with readers long after they've read it.

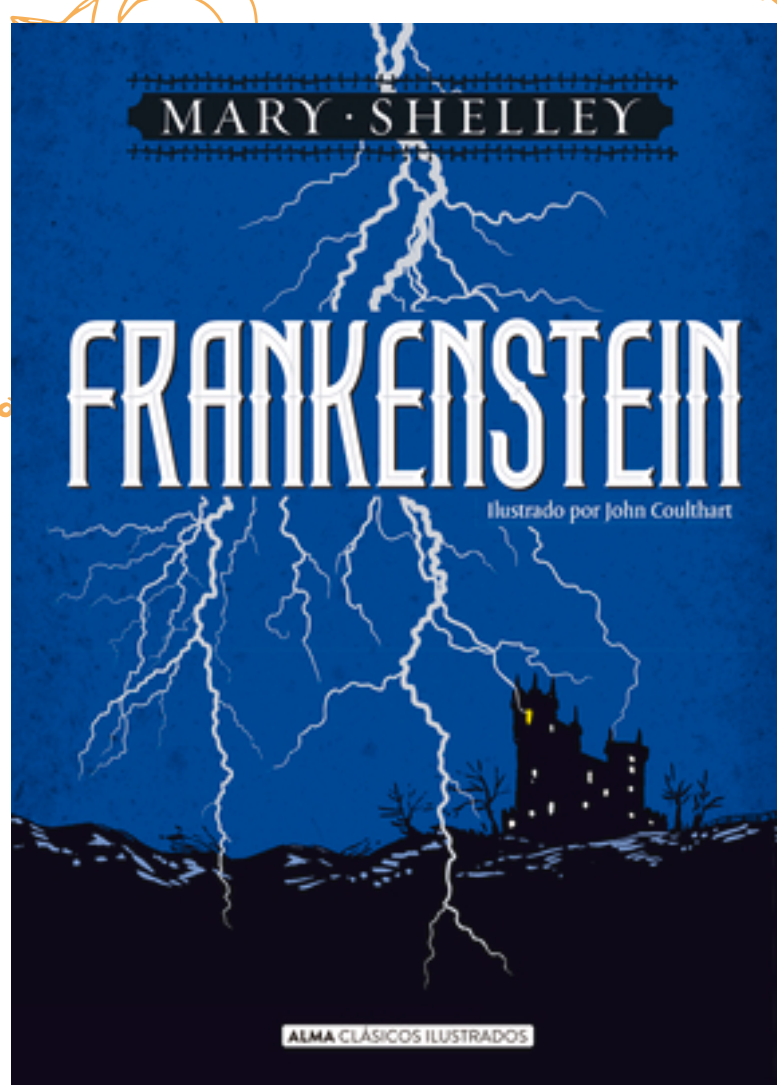
To Drink Coffee with a Ghost by Amanda Lovelace is a poetry collection about grief, anger, and picking up the pieces of yourself after a devastating loss. Lovelace writes about the death of her mother and their tumultuous, multi-faceted relationship in blunt and beautiful freeverse.

Excerpt:

*One minute, you were here; the next, you had already gone.
Now I'm terrified to leave a room without saying goodbye to
everyone inside of it first.*

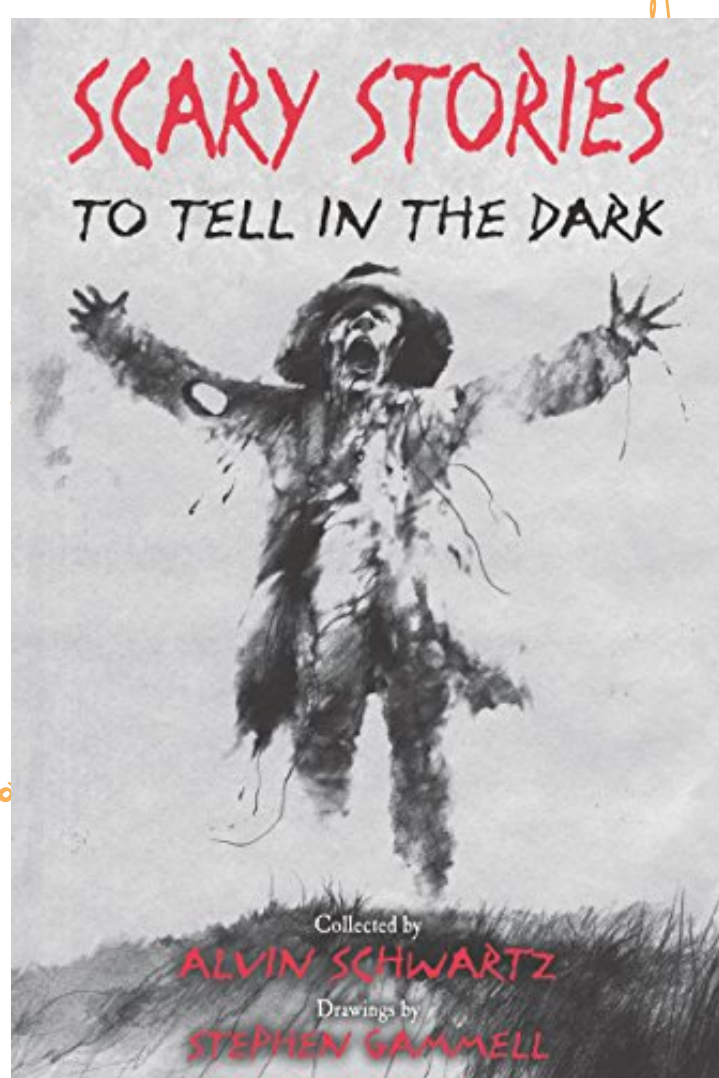
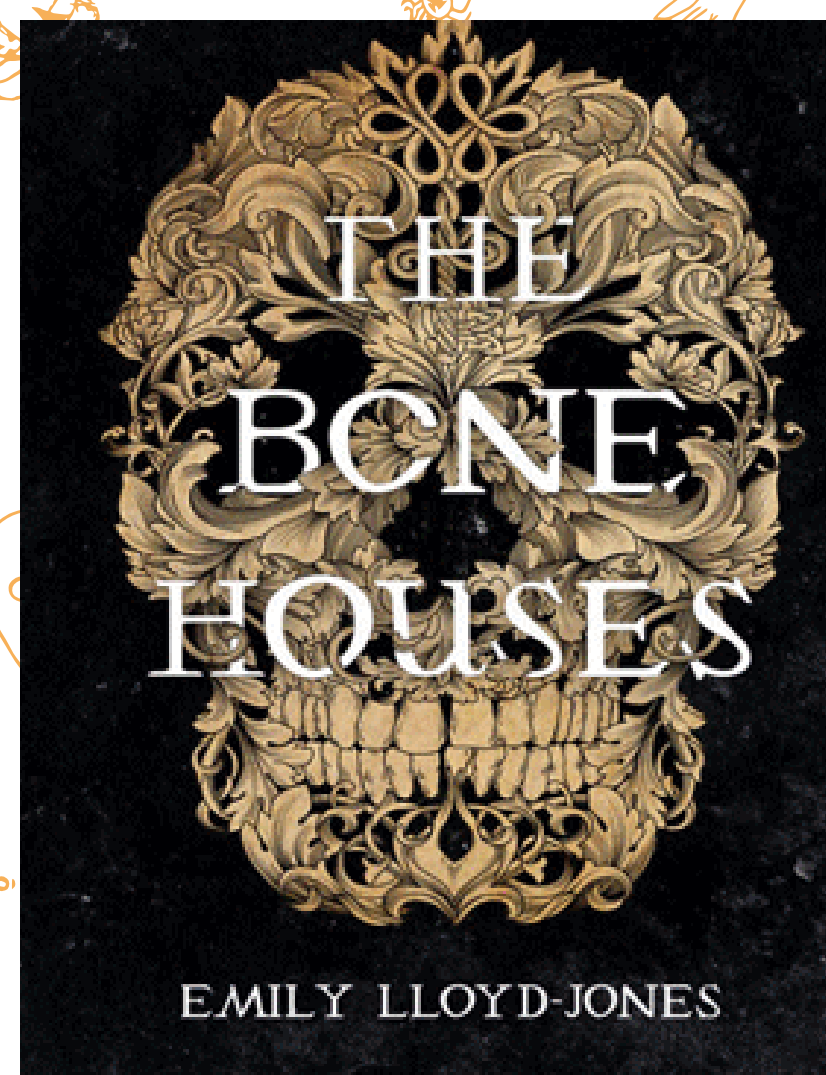
- *What If They Disappear Like You Did?*





Classics are often classics for a reason, and this is more than the case with Mary Shelley's 1818 horror novel *Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus*. It's the story of an egocentric and neurotic scientist, Victor Frankenstein, and his scientific pursuits to bring the dead back to life. This novel is an epistolary, or a book told through written letters. It's a cautionary tale about what happens when man tries to play God; he fails miserably. While a more challenging read, there's no questioning why Mary Shelley is considered the inventor of the science-fiction genre.

The Bone Houses by Emily Lloyd-Jones is a fantasy-horror novel about a world where the dead don't always stay dead. Corpses are reanimated into creatures known as bone houses, and this makes things complicated for our protagonist, Ryn, a gravedigger in the tiny mountainous village she lives in called Colbren. She and a young, mysterious mapmaker named Ellis embark on a journey to figure out the mystery of why the bodies keep rising, accompanied by a pet goat that simply will not stay dead. Perfect for horror and fantasy lovers alike, *The Bone Houses* is a thrilling and atmospheric read, a fantastic novel for autumn.



This book may be a familiar classic to many of us -- *Scary Stories To Tell in the Dark* by Alvin Schwartz has been loved by readers of all ages since its release in 1981. This collection includes urban legends, re-tellings of folk tales, and even a few horror stories with a funny twist at the end. Whether it's your first time picking up *Scary Stories To Tell in the Dark* or this book holds some elementary-school nostalgia, it might be fun to pick up a copy from the school library, hole up in a dark closet with a flashlight, and find yourself captivated by the eerie illustrations and chilling stories.

Written by Bailey Fouraker



NEW TO YOU(TUBE)



YouTube has turned into a cultural phenomenon and has revolutionized the way our generation takes in content. From “How to Pick Up a Blue Chair Off the Ground” to “Unboxing the new 3DS and thanking God for it”, YouTube contains content for everyone. As a seasoned YouTube connoisseur, I decided to shed some light on this diverse range of content.

Below I have a variety of channels recommended to the student body by myself as well as other members of the Journalism staff:

@Formatt24 is Matt Watson’s retired account from the year 2008. It’s known for its slapstick comedy and early YouTube style.

@MineCraftAwesomeParodys is an account run by a young boy named Hayden. It thrived around 2017 and revolves around comedic and poorly structured Minecraft Parodies.

@MallCop6 is a channel with only 3 videos, but boy are they funny! These videos are very similar to *America’s Funniest Home Videos*.

@RyanShirly is a channel based on travel film and cinematography, which offers beautiful 4k footage of places around the world, as well as information on each place. Finally,

@HarvestPublicM offers rich information on tons of different aspects of agriculture. Based in Kansas City, @HarvestPublicM reports on agriculture and food through the Midwest.





Events!



October 2023

Date:

10/2: JVFB vs. Simms

10/6: HSFB vs. Choteau, HSVB vs. Lone Peak

SENIOR NIGHT and Pink Out

10/7: CC @ W. Yellowstone

10/10: PICTURE DAY

10/12: HSVB @ Three Forks

10/13: HSFB @ Cascade, Midterm

10/14: CC @ Townsend, HSVB @ Manhattan

10/17: VB @ Townsend



10/19: HSFB @ MCHS

10/19 and 10/20: NO SCHOOL

10/21: HSCC State Meet @ Kalispell

10/23–27: Red Ribbon Week

10/26–28: District VB @ Manhattan

10/28: FB Playoffs Round 1 (location TBD)

10/31: Halloween Carnival

