

Frenchtown Forum

Volume I Issue 4

February/March 2015

Special points of interest:

- MCT hits FHS
- New writer for the Forum
- Great photos
- Winter Sport Wrap-ups
- Exchange students
- ART ART ART

Inside this issue:

Speech and Drama	2
Giovanni	2
Jorge	2
BBall Boys	3
BBall Girls	3
Forum Staff	3
Art	4



Rebecca Hasenyager and Keara Robert light up the stage in the parts for the MCT Production of Rapunzel. Hasenyager played the part of XX and Robert played XX.



MCT Spends a Week With Local Actors

By Olivia Potter

On February 2nd 106 student gathered in the high school commons to audition for this year's MCT show, *Rapunzel*. These students ranged in ages from kindergarten to senior in high school, for some it was their first audition and for others it was a brand-new experience. During the nearly three hour long audition they were expected to sing, dance, and act out lines from the show. After the audition process the tour directors, Chelsea Campbell and Stephanie Walsh selected 60 students to perform in the show. Mrs. Blass said "The touring actors were amazed at the talent at our school and sad that it was one of the hardest places they have been to choose parts." The students who auditioned for the show, but were not selected were given a free ticket to go see the show.

One of the most impressive things about the MCT play is that the students were given five days to put together a show that goes on for over an hour. Auditions were held on Monday and once they were told their parts, they began practice right away. Practice went from 3:45 to 6:00 for the younger students but the older students stayed at the school until 8:00 at night. After four days of after-school practices two shows were performed on Saturday for the community. *Rapunzel* was one of the best attended shows MCT has ever done at Frenchtown. After the shows were over on Saturday the tour directors broke up the set, got the costumes back from the students, and headed off to Springfield, Illinois to do another production of *Rapunzel*. Hopefully, their visit encouraged many of the student who participated to take part in other performances in the future. High school students that were in *Rapunzel* include: Kylah Lusk, Olivia Potter, Chloe Emmons, Keara Robert, Austin McMillan, Carter Thompson, Cynara Puccinelli, Rebecca Hasenyager.

Academic Team Summary by Olivia Potter

The 2014-2015 Frenchtown academic team season has been a success since the season started with the first meet Brain Freeze in Frenchtown. So far the academic team has participated in five meets. We have gone to meets in Billings, Spokane, Bozeman, and Missoula we have hosted two meets at Frenchtown. Our most recent meet was the Southwestern Montana Academic Olympics in Bozeman on February 11th. Three teams were able to attend and C-team placed fourth overall.

Awards were also given to Jesus Laforgue, Bryce Lawrence, and Riley Whitmore for scoring well on a test that was administered prior to the meet.

One of the more unique competitions we had the opportunity to participate in was the 2015 Academic WorldQuest tournament earlier in February. The goal of Academic WorldQuest is to make students more aware of what is going on in the world, so rather than focusing on a variety of subjects such as math, literature, and history,

Academic WorldQuest focuses solely on current events.

Frenchtown was able to send two teams to this year's WorldQuest and both teams did well. Frenchtown will be hosting the BrainThaw tournament February 19th, and multiple teams from all over Montana will be attending the meet. Hopefully we will be able to use this meet to qualify for state.

"Many of the team members of the Academic team enjoy it because it is a way to learn and hang out with

friends" said Molli Clizbe, one of the Academic team juniors. Kaia Roberge said she enjoyed Academic team because "It is a way to broaden my narrow Montana horizons and have something that looks good on college applications. Academic team has a ton of opportunities to learn about a multitude of different subjects and still compete and have fun." In conclusion, this academic team season has been a very educational and exciting experience.



By: Mara Davis

Giovanni is one of Frenchtown High School's Italian exchange students who finds the classes

here entertaining and funny. Giovanni also enjoys the sports and thinks the people here are

Giovanni Soffiatti

great. He is part of the senior class, but in Italy they have five years of high school, so he will return to do his last year there.

Sadly, Giovanni will be leaving on June 12th. He misses his family a little and his friends and his life over there. His favorite of all his classes is Foods 4 which he finds enjoyable and helpful at the same time. Giovanni plans to come back here and go to the Uni-

versity of Utah to become a **photographer**. Giovanni's favorite American influences are peanut butter, the TV show *Practical Jokers*, the movie *Friday Night Lights*, and his favorite song **Buffalo Springfield: "For What it's Worth"**. What does Giovanni miss most about home? He misses his friends and going skiing every weekend.



Mexico's Exchange Student Jorge Campomanes

By Maelynn Merrill

Jorge is Frenchtown's foreign exchange student from Mexico. The Stav family has taken Jorge into their home for the school year. As a junior this year, he will return home to finish out high school in June, **where he'd like to eventually study to become a doctor**. His educational enjoyment comes from history class and study hall.

Mr. Campomanes likes America and has reportedly been known for his love of **McDonald's**. **Understandably**, he misses his friends and family back home, along with tacos. His favorite song is currently **"Bad Day" by Daniel Powter**. So far, everything seems to be **working out for Jorge**, and he's enjoying being here.

Frenchtown Forum First Semester Staff

First semester is now in the books, but the Forum would like to recognize the staff that contributed to our best papers ever.

Junior, Molli Clizbe gave the readers great stories in her areas of interest, as well as her poetry created in her Creative Writing Class with Ms. Garrison. She is a strong writer with great passion. She was a joy to work with, a great student, and an excellent team player.

Freshman, Brayden

Dyer is the staff photographer and has done a great job getting photos for the stories that appear in the Forum. Brayden has real potential as a photographer and hopefully will remain staff photographer for some time. He is great to work with, has a great eye for good pictures, and works well with others.



Below from left: Molli Clizbe, Ms. Garrison (Advisor), Brayden Dyer.

Frenchtown Bronc' Season Comes to an End

By Kyle Smith

In Whitefish Frenchtown Boys Basketball (9-12) really stepped it up for the divisional tournament. Coming off a poor end of the season run the Broncs stepped up their game. First beating Libby 57-27 on Thursday, February 26 and losing to Columbia Falls on Friday by only 11 points when most of those points

came from free throws at the end of the game. Saturday evening in the consolation game brought the end to **Whitefish's season 55-41**, but the Broncs fell short in the challenge game to Polson 52-42 on Monday night.

Although the season is over for Frenchtown the year showed promise for the Broncs for next year. Returning four starters, the Broncs next year will be hungry to take

down power house Columbia Falls and try to stop them from reaching eight straight divisional titles. The Broncs and Coaches **can't wait to get back on the court** again next year. Bronc Seniors included Bridger Truett, Chris Delaney, Robert Jones, and Levi Lind.

Coach Botsford stated, **"It was an absolute pleasure to coach these players.**

They received numerous compliments from business owners, fans, coaches, and players for how they conducted themselves on and off the court. I am blessed **to coach these young men."**

"It was fun to hang out with them (the team) it was like a family."

Kyle Smith

Lady Broncs Fourth at State

The Lady Broncs finished with a season record of 15-9, (6-2 conference); second in conference, fourth in **state. This year's seniors** included Haley Cyr, Krista Hebbes, Lacey Hochhalter, Emma Pyron

Coach Tolman in his fourth year on this term and XX overall coaching basketball had these comments on the **girls' year. "While we had an up and down year with our wins and losses, good and bad**

games, we had a very successful season culminating especially at the state tournament. Our two best games were wins over Hardin (68-64) and Billings Central (60-53) where we advanced to Saturday night for the first time since the 1999 – 2000 campaign. This marks our fourth year in a row to the state tournament, a feat never before accomplished by the Lady Broncs. We placed five girls on the all-conference team with Lacey Hochhalter earning

all-state honors at the state tournament. Our frosh and JV also enjoyed productive seasons with the frosh compiling a 13-1 record and the JV a 13-3 total. We look forward to next year, to developing our skills, improving our program, and playing more championship basketball on Saturday nights at the divisional and state tournaments."



FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

If you have a story idea, would like to ask a question, or would like to give some feedback

Phone: 406-626-2670
E-mail: garrisja@ftsd.org

We are on the Web!
ftsd.org

Art in the Classes of Frenchtown High School

Right: Jade Jones drew this classic scene from *Romeo and Juliet* in her English I class with Ms. Garrison. This is the **“Queen Mad”** speech given by Mercutio in Act I Scene iv. Below Right: This interesting country scene comes from Ms. W’s class and was created by Dylan Belcourt. Below Left: Ms. Gentry and Ms. Habeck are showing their **“Super Librarians”** on a fun day not long ago. They really are super, and if you need any materials **don’t hesitate to stop by** and see them. New books are being ordered soon, so give them an idea of what you would like to see on their shelves. Super things might appear.



Right: Maura Wear, Frenchtown Senior, shows her skills in an Art class by completing a photo herself in pencil. Remember to think about Art Classes as you sign up for next fall. They have a wide variety of classes