

ORANGE AND BLACK BRONC ATTACK

Artist Depicts Tenacity of Senior Class

Angelina Malcomson has been creating art since she was old enough to hold a pencil. Then, as a freshman at Billings Senior High School, she found out that every year a member of the senior class was chosen to design and paint a mural at the MasterLube on Grand Ave. And when her senior year began, she was ready to put her hat in the ring! She wanted to “show a fearless and stubborn bronc to represent the tenacity of the student body. From the eccentric and creative students striving to be unique to the athletes who show up to every sporting event and give it their all,” she explained.

Angelina, 18, says that her dad and mom, Jerry and Laura, and her brother Jerry, have had the biggest influence on her artwork by giving her different ideas and helping her improve her skills. She plans to continue her artwork by taking some college art courses while she works on her pre-veterinarian degree at Montana State University in Bozeman. She plans to attend veterinarian school in Washington.

Aside from artwork and studies, Angelina works at Petsmart and enjoys hunting, fishing and spending time outdoors with her friends, family and animals.



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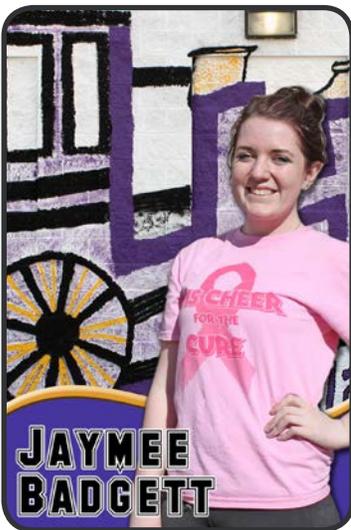
Student Finds Time for Mural During Busy Year

Jaymee Badgett’s idea for a mural for Laurel High School started on a whim. The art department was holding a contest to decide who would get to paint the design. On the day of the deadline, Jaymee, daughter of Jay & Misti Badgett, suddenly had an idea. “I sketched it out really quick and turned it in by the end of the class period,” she explained. And while her idea for the mural may have come from out of the blue, her love of art has been brewing for the last four years. Her first art class with Mrs. Hudson started the ball rolling. Now, Jaymee credits Mrs. Hudson, Ms. Garner, and her friend and coworker Jenelle Mehling with influencing her artwork.

She is excited to be able to publicly display her talent through the mural.

Jaymee, 17, is also involved in National Honor Society and she enjoys the group’s service project with Special Olympics.

She plans to continue her education by majoring in business at Montana State University in Bozeman and then obtaining her cosmetology license. She hopes to someday open her own salon.



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SKYVIEW MURAL INKED FOR THE YEAR

Artist Team Fans of Classic Tattoo Style

Nicolette Wallman and Karsyn Smith are into classic tattoo art. But you won't find these two inking Navy sailors. Together, they designed a mural for Skyview High School that used elements of old fashioned tattoos to represent different parts of their high school. "The roses represent the Lady Falcons," explained Nicolette, "while the Falcon represents the football; the strength of the supporting classmates are represented by the red ribbon."

Karsyn, 17, and Nicolette, 18, both choose to paint the mural so their work could be seen by the public. Nicolette, daughter of Robert and Emily Wallman, began creating art before she can remember. She and Karsyn, daughter of Lincoln Smith and Lois Dickson, will both ship off to the University of Wisconsin – Green Bay to continue their creative growth while working towards art degrees. Karsyn hopes to land a job in the field of concept art.

Aside from their creative endeavors, Karsyn enjoys acting, historical fashion and anything to do with the movies. Nicolette participates in Art Club and National Honors Society. You'll find her spending her free time swimming, traveling, taking photos, and enjoying a nice cup of coffee.



SHARP, CRISP & CLEAN LOOK FOR CENTRAL

BCCHS Mural Represents Faith and Character

Seniors at Billings Central Catholic High wanted something unique for this year's mural design. So Morgan McDonnell, 18, with help from some friends, set her sights on something more abstract. And with buckets of lime green and black paint, she made something that really "pops." "We wanted to create a ram that was way different from those in the past," she explained, "We also wanted the cross to really pop because it is a strong reminder that faith is a huge part of being a student at Billings Central." To Morgan, this year's mural represents her classmates' faith and uniqueness.

Morgan, daughter of Bryan and Marcene McDonnell, has loved art since she can remember. And the future brings an opportunity for her to continue her talent by studying architecture at Arizona State University. She hopes to incorporate her own style and designs into the work she produces.

When she isn't indulging in her artistic endeavors, Morgan also participates in cross country and track.



ROARING INTO THE FUTURE

Student Artist Proud to Be a Bear

Austin Berg loves West High. When a friend told him that there was a school contest to decide who would get to paint a mural representing the school, he jumped on it. "It was the day of the deadline and I just thought of a cool sketch and submitted it," he explained. And while he has been sketching and drawing his whole life, this particular sketch afforded him a \$100 prize and the opportunity to represent the school he loves.

Austin's passion for his school is rivaled only by his love of golf. As a member of the West High golf team, he is particularly excited to continue playing the sport at the collegiate level when he attends Montana State University Billings in the fall. The son of Steve and Benita Berg, Austin is looking forward to getting some time in the tee box this summer.

When he isn't golfing, Austin, 18, likes to hang out with his friends and play video games.

