

# THE ROCKETEER

*100 Years of Graduates*

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The senior class on their senior trip to Salt Lake City, UT.

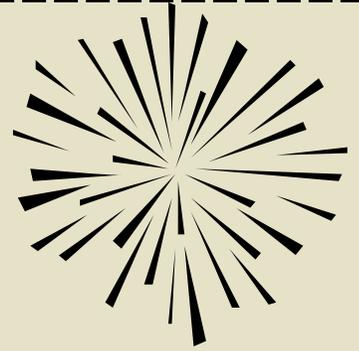
**NO MATTER HOW  
LONG WINTER IS,  
SPRING IS SURE TO  
FOLLOW**

The sun is now shining, the birds are chirping, and there's excitement in the air! Let's hope the snow melts a little bit faster for a more enjoyable springtime since March has been in like a lamb and out like a lion. Finally, eight months have passed and now two remain for the 2023 school year. With the end of the year nearing closer staff and organizations are preparing for the Centennial Celebration of 100 graduating classes. Pre-registration for the event has been open. Ultimately, let's spread the message of love and hope through the upcoming holiday of Easter! Hopefully everyone has a happy and sunny Easter break!

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# *Centennial Celebration*

*Thursday, June 29-Sunday July 2*



The Roberts Activities Committee and especially Elta Ayre, are responsible for putting on the Centennial Celebration that will be honoring 100 years of graduates.

Centennial Celebration plans for the four days include:

- Art show featuring local area artists
- School tours
- Parade
- Pancake Breakfast
- Community car show
- 3 on 3 basketball tournament (there may be prizes)
- Sound booth for recording oral histories
- Class and group photo opportunities on Friday & Saturday
- Ceremony honoring Roberts veterans
- Prime Rib or Salmon dinner banquet and dance with live music by Exit 53
- Pizza and movies for the kids
- Outdoor or Cowboy Church service
- BBQ with live music from Alte Kameraden
- Face painting with Pippie the Clown
- Corn Hole tournament with cash prizes
- Fundraising activities by students and student groups
- Junior Class will be hosting concessions for the corn hole tournament and the 3 on 3 tournament
- FFA will have a meal deal on Friday

To register visit the [robertscommunityfoundation.org](http://robertscommunityfoundation.org)

# Roberts Rockets Track and Field 2023

## COACHES:

Mellisa Bertolino-Head Coach  
Tess Kosel-Assistant Coach  
Kennedee Blankenship- Elementary & Junior High

## RED LODGE CLASSIC RESULTS

Mens 1600 meter run: Nate Webber 6th  
Womens 1600 meter run: TJ Chirrick 3rd  
Mens Pole Vault: Joe Allen 1st, Thommy Howard 4th  
Womens Javelin: Bentley Bertolino 1st  
Womens Shot Put: Bentley Bertolino 5th  
Womens 800 meter run: TJ Chirrick 2nd  
Womens 400 meter run: Lilly Hyvonen 6th

## APRIL SCHEDULE:

18th Beartooth Invitational  
22nd Gold Strike Invitational  
25th RLHS Invitational  
29th Harlo/Park City Invite

## MAY SCHEDULE:

3rd TriValley Meet  
4th Yellowstone Freshman  
Invitational  
6th Al Walker Memorial Stillwater  
Meet  
12th 6C District Meet  
18th Southern B&C Divisional Meet  
25th-27th State Class C Meet

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## Roberts Booster Club

Current members: Melissa Bertolino, Melissa Brown, Mariah Holdbrook, Sarah Wallila, Misty Pitts

There are four main committees that the Roberts Booster Club make up: membership, apparel, fundraising, and decorating. The Booster Club has done many things for the school such as purchased the Roberts School Song Banner for the gymnasium, purchased the Senior Photos which are displayed in the gymnasium, provide cakes for graduation, donate goods for the BPA Silent Auction and Bingo Night, and purchased the Roberts Rockets fence sign. The main goal of the Booster Club is to encourage and promote extracurricular activities at the school.

Members will also get 10% off their first apparel purchase.

To become a member contact one of the four current members.

### Yearly Membership:

Individual- \$25/year  
Couple- \$30/ year  
Family- \$50/ year  
Business- \$100/ year

### Lifetime Membership:

Individual- \$200  
Couple- \$300  
Family- \$500  
Business- \$1,000



# Senior Trip

By: Connie Cooper

The senior class of 2023 went to Salt Lake City, Utah, for their senior trip. While on the trip, they did many activities. Some of these activities included going to a mystery escape room, the Clark Planetarium, watching a laser rock show, going to Altitude Trampoline Park, going to Boondocks, and walking around The Gateway and the Outlets at Traverse Mountain. The escape room that they ended up doing was The Ghost of Isabella. They had to find Isabella's bones and get rid of the spirit in the house, and they succeeded. At the planetarium, they walked around and looked at all the Earth, Near Earth, and Beyond exhibits. Additionally, they watched a laser rock show at the planetarium. The seniors went to the Altitude trampoline park just to have fun and relax before hitting the road again the next morning. At Altitude, it offered dunking a basketball, obstacle courses, disco night, jumping off a platform, and just basic jumping on trampolines. At Boondocks, they played a couple of games of laser tag, drove go-karts, and played a 3D movie game. They did a little bit of shopping at The Outlets at Traverse Mountain Mall and even went thrift shopping at Desert Industries Thrift Store and Donation Center as well as Uptown Cheapskate. The trip took around 16 hours round trip, and they returned on Sunday, March 19.

The senior class sent in a small answer on what their favorite memory was from the senior trip. Their answers are anonymously placed in the following order:

"I don't have one specific favorite part or memory of the trip. I think that all the activities we did where the whole group was laughing and enjoying themselves were the best and most memorable. Also one of my favorite parts was the planetarium, I turned into a little kid and loved the whole thing the lights had me dazed and extremely calm the whole time, and that made the rest of the day much better"

"My favorite memory of the senior trip was the boys in the planetarium all climbing in the kiddie play gym and all coming down the slide together. "

"My favorite part about the senior trip was all the fun moments with JR. It was so fun to see a different side of him and we all had a blast."

"One of my favorite parts of the trip was being an absolute god at laser tag, hanging out with my boy Jr and watching him try and play my Xbox games. There were also a lot of other fun things like the tramp park, escape room, and planetarium."

"The senior trip in all was a blast, but I believe that the part I enjoyed the most out of all of it would be when we were all walking around the mall area. It was great to be able to bond with all the girls and the boys as well as the boys being so welcoming to take a bunch of pictures with us. I believe that everyone was able to really let loose without the teachers around and laugh with each other and have fun. "

"I really enjoyed the planetarium and shopping around the mall the most. The planetarium provided an enjoyable experience with the light show and the exhibits."

"One of my favorite parts about the senior trip was going to the escape room. It taught us that we all do better when working as a whole group instead of individually."

# Montana State FFA Convention

By: Zoe Larson

The Roberts FFA Chapter competed at the Montana State FFA Convention in Great Falls on March 22-25. These students competed at district competitions in order to qualify. While at the state convention these students not only competed in events but they went to workshops and learned about some businesses that support Montana FFA at the trade show. The following students are students that completed at state.

Layne Holdbrook: Floriculture  
Hailey Croft: Floriculture  
Jozelyn Payovich: Floriculture  
Elizabeth DeVries: Agronomy and Livestock Judging  
Molly Mitchell: Livestock Judging, Floriculture alternate  
Zach Fetz: Agronomy  
Taylor Koch: Horse Judging and Livestock Judging  
Colt Holdbrook: Horse Judging  
Karmen Garcia: Horse Judging  
Zoe Larson: Prepared Public Speaking, Horse Judging, and State Officer Candidate  
Lilly Hyvonen: Agronomy  
Thommy Howard: Agronomy  
Nate Webber: Livestock Judging  
Owen Wallila: Delegate  
Garrett VandeSant: Delegate

Zoe Larson competed in a series of interviews to try and qualify her for a state officer position. Throughout the week she spent countless hours in the hotbox with 27 other candidates. The hotbox is a room where all of the candidates get to hang out and get to know each other while they wait for interviews. This year the hotbox was located in the showers of the locker rooms. The candidates made themselves a good luck charm. Any time someone went in for interviews they would all yell swag as a way of saying good luck. Halfway through the week, the nominating committee decided to make cuts of who would move on to be one step closer to becoming a state officer and who would be done. They cut 12 people which left 15 with Zoe being one of them. She also got her state FFA degree at the state FFA convention. The state FFA degree is a degree given to members in their senior year who have achieved the Discovery, Green Hand, and Chapter degrees. These members also need to have a verified SAE and have completed over 25 hours of community service.



Left: 13 out of 15 candidates on the final morning of interviews holding up their "swag" symbol also known as their good luck charm.



# Kindle Drawing

By: Connie Cooper

Every year, the Star of the West Masonic Lodge in Red Lodge donates three or four Kindles for K-6 students. This program is to encourage students to read. This year's Theme was "READING BUILDS THE KNOWLEDGE TO MAKE THE PUZZLE PIECES FALL INTO PLACE." The main goal of this program is to get students to read. Mrs. Pitts, the librarian, said, "The third quarter is always a difficult time of the school year with "Cabin Fever" and the never-ending snowed-in feeling. All students have different interests, so choosing a theme can be challenging. The themes seem to help the students get more involved in the contest. In the past, she has collected AR (Accelerated Reader Points) and books that have been checked out and returned. Themes in previous years have been caterpillars and leaves, and this year she chose puzzle pieces. This year, she has been reading to the students for the first 15 minutes of their checkout day. She chose to have the students choose a book of their liking and a reading buddy for the first 15 minutes. Upon finishing the book, she expected them to tell me a little about what they read. They received a puzzle piece for Fruit Loops, Star Wars, Encanto, and Rice Crispies. This was challenging for some students, however, they soon figured out how to recall the events of the book." There is only one winner in grades K-2, and this year it was Hattie Ronning. The two other winners in grades 3-6 were Robert Devries and Tabitha Swansborough.

## BPA Easter Egg Hunt

By: Lilly Hyvonen

The BPA easter egg hunt was held on April 8th at the Roberts School. The big gymnasium held a hunt for the older kids, whereas the lower gym held a hunt for the younger kids. Leading up to the egg hunt, the BPA kids had stuffed easter eggs during their Study Hall period. At the event, on Saturday, the BPA members brought their two dozen baked goods for the bake sale.



# MONTHLY MEMORIES

