

Spring 2024

Adopt a Species

Increasing understanding of Montana's wildlife and habitat

Habitat Heros

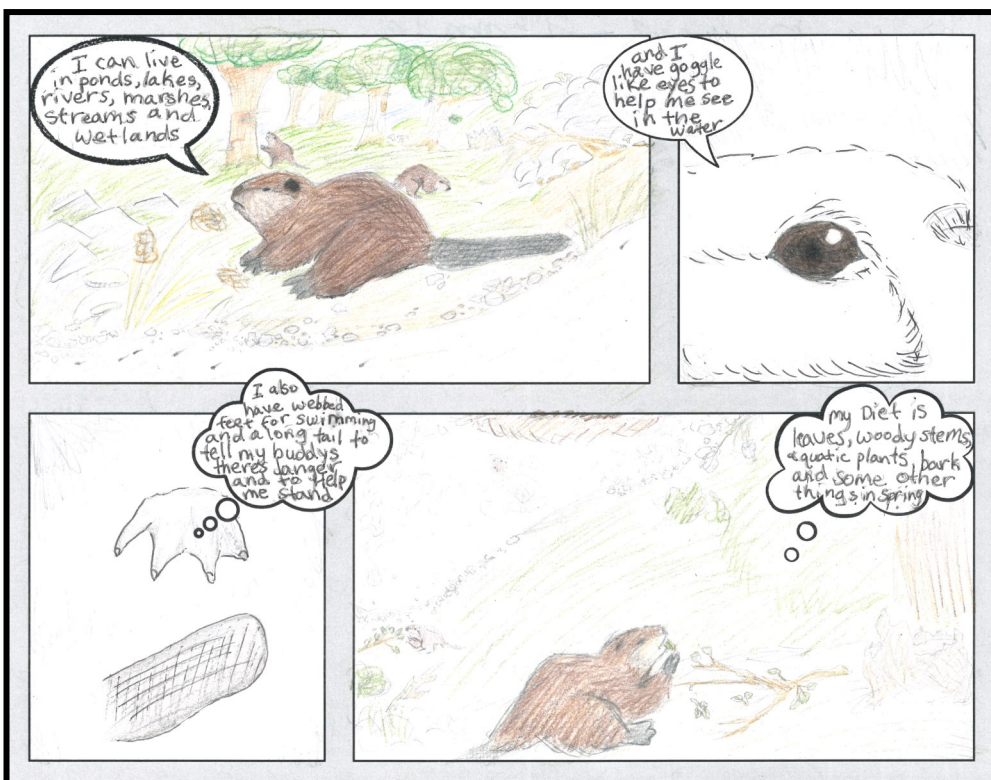
Welcome back to our annual Adopt-a-Species insert in the Helena IR! This is the culmination of a year-long program for local K-5 schools where students research a native Montana wildlife species, determined its habitat requirements, and consider ways to support healthy habitat for these amazing animals. The theme for this year's program was Habitat Heroes—students explored how Montana native species are uniquely adapted for living in diverse habitats. You could say, that they really are Habitat Superheroes!

Students were challenged to feature their adopted species in its habitat, and share some habitat 'super-hero' characteristics with art. Upper-level students were invited to create comic strip graphic art. Enjoy these wonderful samples of student work and take a different look at native Montana wildlife... all around us.

Adopt-a-Species Program is supported by a partnership between Foundation for Animals, Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest, Montana Discovery Foundation, and Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks.



Zia Drumm, 5th Grade, Hawthorne Elementary
Species: Red Fox



Owen Hendrickson, 4th Grade, Radley Elementary
Species: Beaver



Kylie Ruff, Kindergarten, Four Georgians Elementary
Species: Frog



Alice Duncan, Kindergarten, Kessler Elementary
Species: Bald Eagle



Sauren Blyseth, 2nd Grade, Hawthorne Elementary
Species: Red Fox



Kaylee Flynn, 4th Grade, Townsend Elementary
Species: Red Tail Hawk

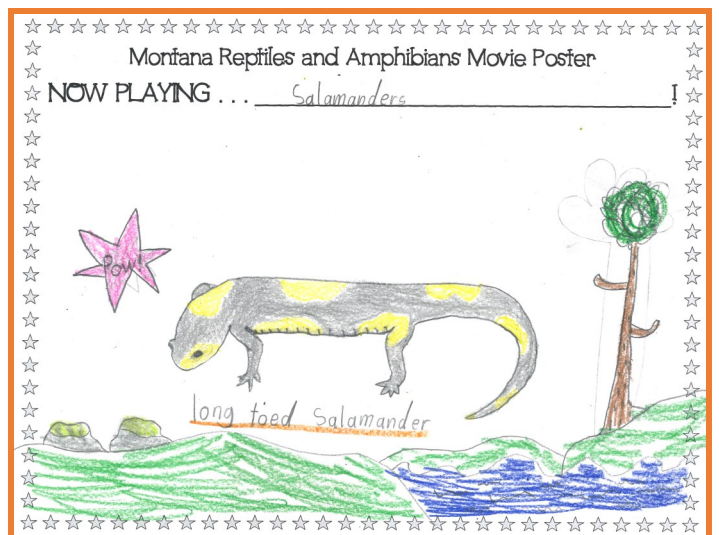




Amelia Baker, 1st Grade, Bryant Elementary—Wolverine



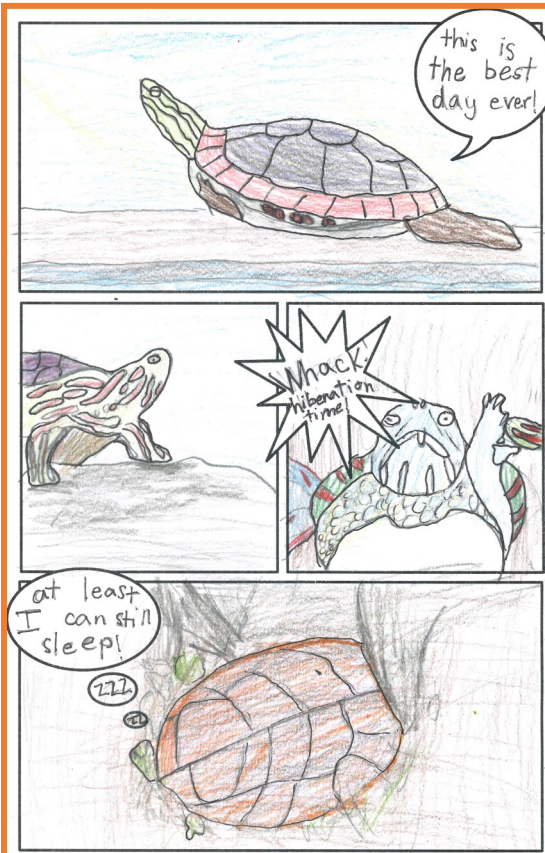
Emma Sizemore, 5th Grade, Bryant Elementary—Wolverine



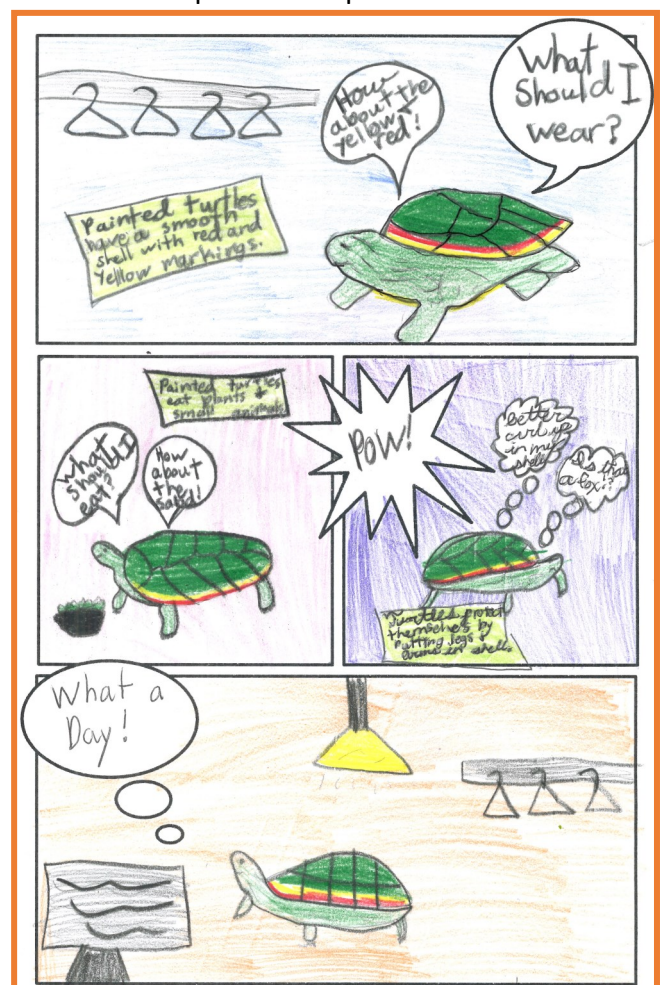
Sina Gernand, 2nd Grade, Four Georgians—
Reptiles & Amphibians



Kian Morales, 4th Grade, Radley Elementary—Beaver



Gracie Colby, 4th Grade, Four Georgians—
Reptiles & Amphibians



Kacey Salo, 4th Grade, Four Georgians—
Reptiles & Amphibians



Chadrick Heinze, 4th Grade, Radley Elementary—Beaver



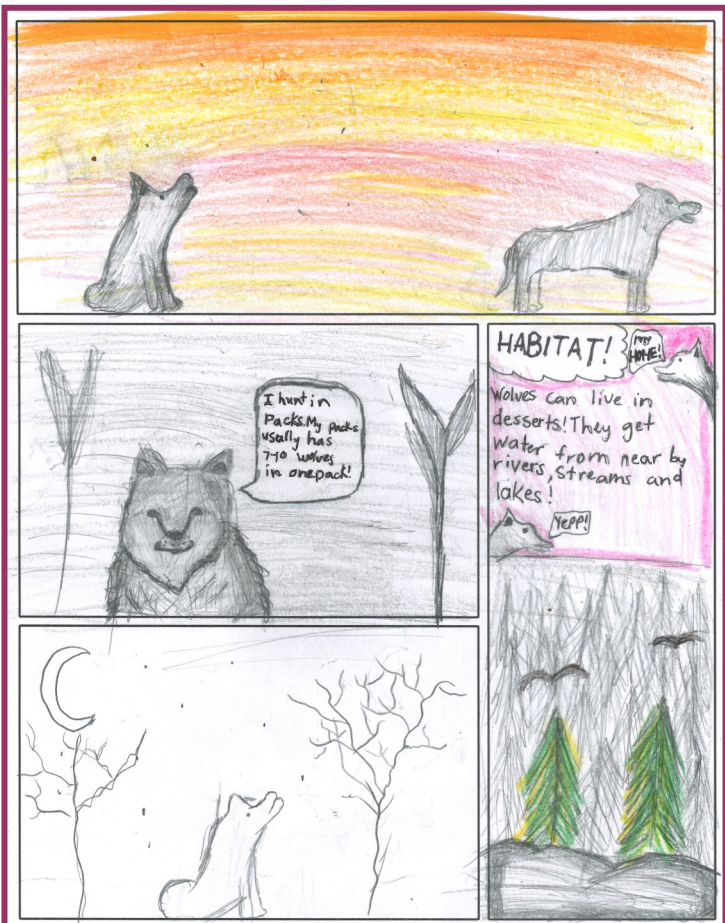
Hildegard Folnag, 4th Grade, Central Elementary—Big Horn Sheep



Addison Aune, 2nd Grade, Central Elementary—
Big Horn Sheep



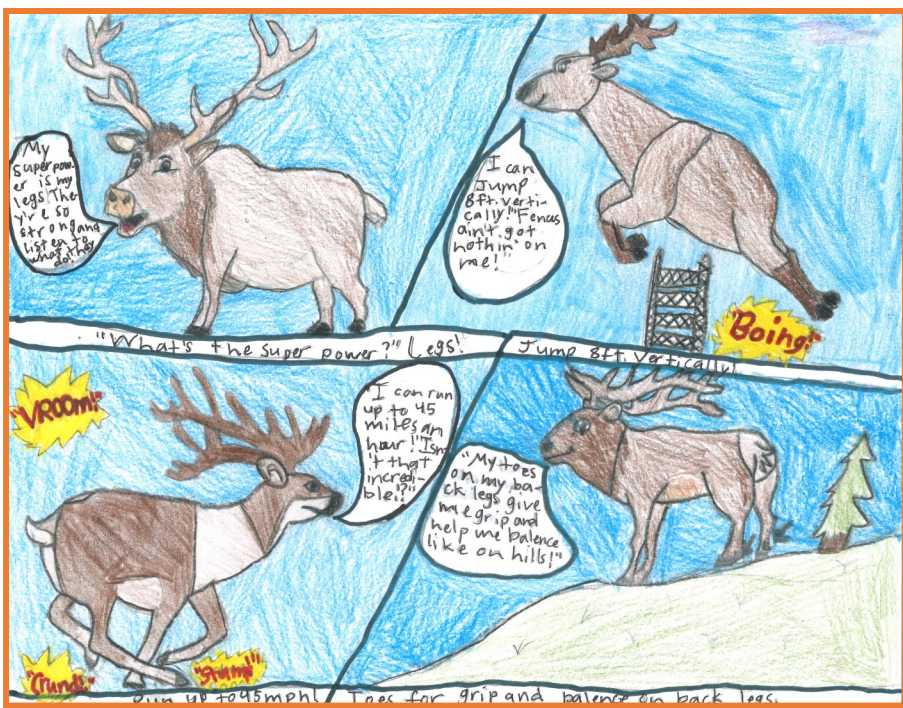
Elsie Burkholder, Upper Montessori, Central Elementary—Big Horn Sheep



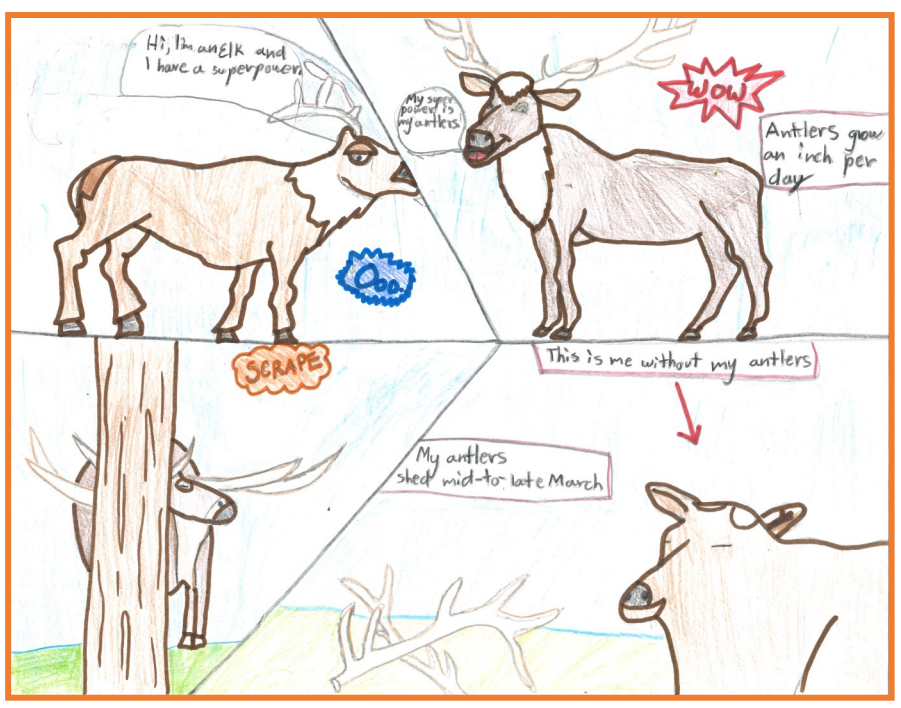
Brynn Barrett, 5th Grade, Jim Darcy Elementary—
Gray Wolf



Eleanor Kamp, 5th Grade, Jim Darcy Elementary—Gray Wolf



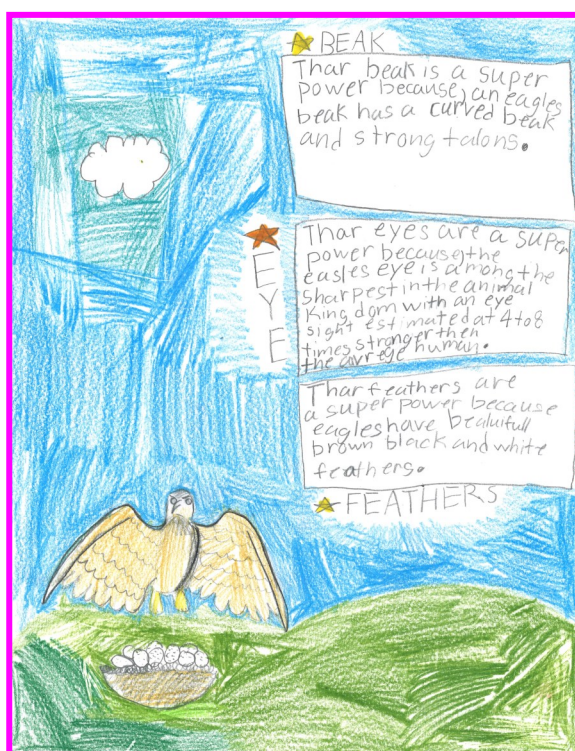
Baron Ward, 5th Grade, Montana City Elementary—Elk



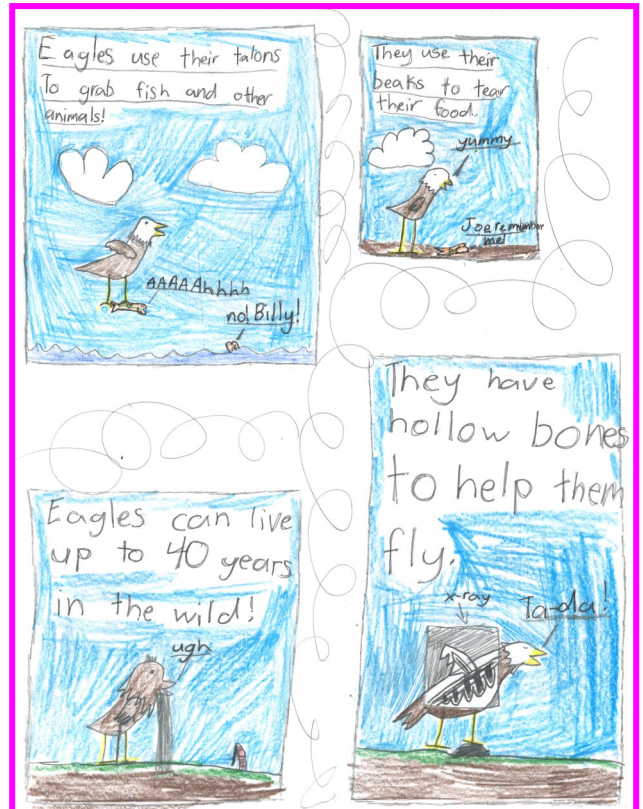
India Wurth, 5th Grade, Montana City Elementary—Elk



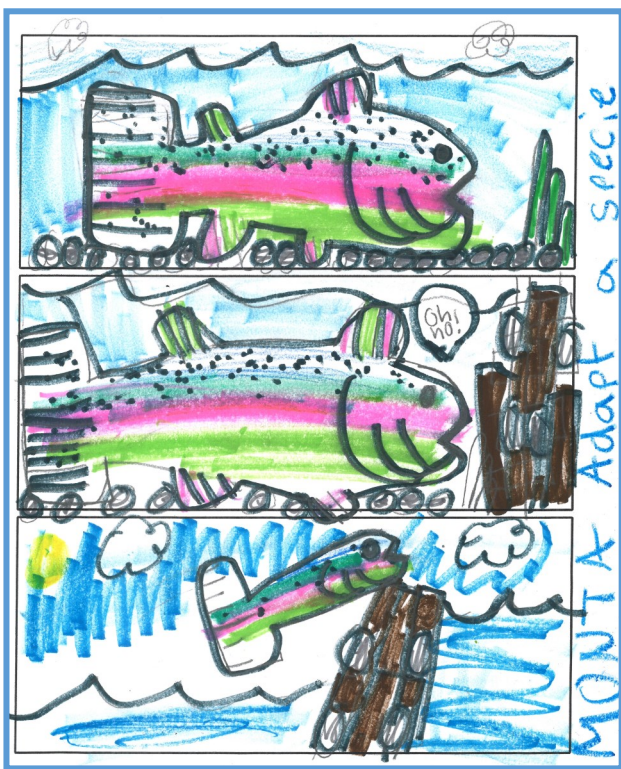
Holter Hanson, Kindergarten, Kessler Elementary—Bald Eagle



Madison Christian, 3rd Grade, Kessler Elementary—Bald Eagle



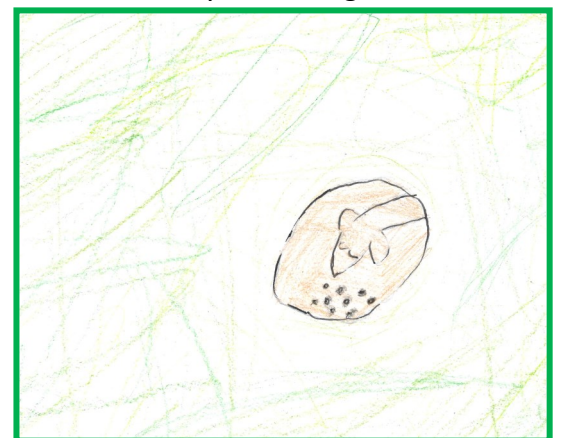
Bernadette Davies, 3rd Grade, Kessler Elementary—Bald Eagle



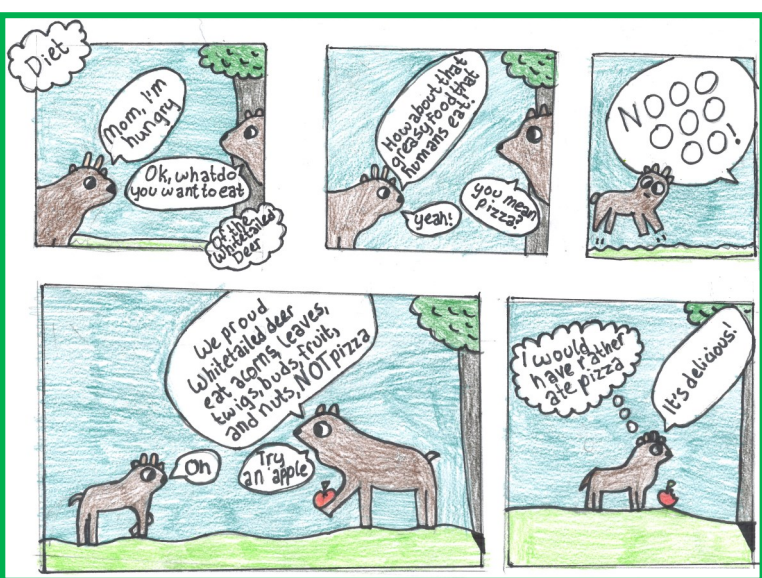
Liberty Basset, 2nd Grade, Prickly Pear Elementary—MT Fish



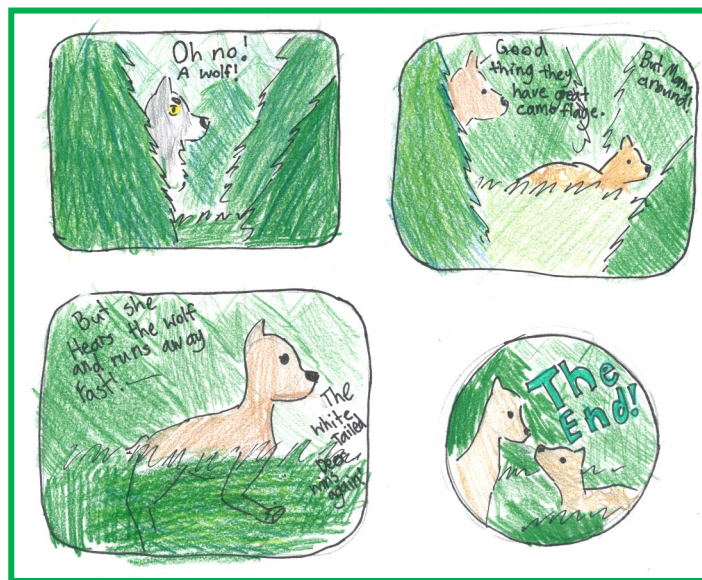
Rozlynn Thomas, 2nd Grade, Prickly Pear Elementary—MT Fish



Hazel Emery, 2nd Grade, Jefferson Elementary—White Tail Deer



Morgan Browne, 5th Grade, Jefferson Elementary—White Tail Deer



Lark Hallinan, 5th Grade, Jefferson Elementary—White Tail Deer



Jahnia Bodlovic, 5th Grade, Warren Elementary—MT Owl



Kylee Wedde, 5th Grade, Warren Elementary—MT Owl



Layla Larson, 3rd Grade, Rossiter Elementary—MT Bats



Delaney Sullivan, 2nd Grade, Warren Elementary—MT Owl



Tucker Deppe, 2nd Grade, Rossiter Elementary—MT Bats



Penny Welch, 4th Grade, Rossiter Elementary—MT Bats