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## Wells Resigns

On Wednesday morning, September 27<sup>th</sup>, Mayor BJ Wells resigned his position, effective immediately. A mayoral election was already on the horizon, with ballots scheduled to be mailed on October 18<sup>th</sup>. Candidates for seat in local government include Donald Crowell, former mayor John Masonovich, Jim Olson, and Wells. While Wells' name will be on the ballot, he has withdrawn from the race.

The election ballot will also determine the race for the job of Alderman from Ward 3

On September 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in City Hall on Castner Street, a town council Meeting for the town of

Belt was called to order. In attendance were Mayor Bo Wells, Judge Jim Olson, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Shilling, Alderman Delbert Dar-ko, Paul Heikkila, Glen Enderson, and Russ Roberts, public works personnel Robin Franzen, Cascade County Sheriff's Office Captain Scott VanDyken, and numerous members of the public.

Along with the mayoral election will be an election to fill the Ward 3 Alderman position. The candidates who have filed for the Alderman race are Russell

Roberts and Clifford Williams. Election results will be tabulated on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the winners of elections will take office on January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2018.

There was discussion of creating a town court to enforce local ordinances. While Belt has met the requirements to have a judge, it is not economically advisable for the community. Expenses would include: a City Attorney, a Clerk of Courts, a paid City Judge, and public defenders. The expense of setting up a city court is not within the town's budget. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office

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## Huskies Unbeaten



Over the past fortnight the Belt Huskies notched wins over CJI and Choteau, maintaining their perfect record. The team hit the road for the second time this year on Friday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, traveling nearly 100

miles in the pouring rain to Chester for their 46-0 domination over the CJI Hawks. The following week, the Huskies defended their very own Remington Field against Choteau, and ultimately left victorious with a final score of 74-36.

The weather might have been ugly in Liberty County, but this speed bump didn't prevent the Huskies from playing to the full extent of their ability at Chester. The game was off to a fast pace with the

Huskies scoring 20 points in the first quarter. Robbie Flinn broke the ice, catching a thirty yard pass from Keagan Stroop with Troy Hennes taking the run for two. Trey Heitzman was quick to follow with a one yard run, however, the two point conversion pass failed. Stroop capped the scoring for the first stanza with an 11 yard run with this run, putting the first quarter score at 20-0. The Huskies scored just once in the second quarter on a Hennes 23 yard pass from Stroop with

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## Football (Cont.)



Stroop running in for two more. The margin was 28-0 as the teams retreated to their respective locker rooms. The Huskies came out in the second half scoring 8 points in the third quarter,

scoring on a Stroop 8 yard run and a 2 point Vogl run. Sophomores

Belt	20	8	8	19	<b>46</b>
CJI	-	-	-	-	-

took control of the game during the fourth quarter with Adam Langston tackling an opponent in the end-zone resulting in two points for the Huskies, and Brandon Wall running 39

yards to the end zone. The final score stood at 46-0.

Although Choteau had the numbers with 26 players on their roster, while Belt claimed just 15, the Huskies had the skill as they pulled away in the first quarter 24-6.

Stroop again led the charge for the Huskies, rushing in for three touchdowns along with three touchdown passes to Hennes, Heitzman, and Flinn. However, the former class B team gave the Huskies a run for their money in the second quarter, raising the score to 30-28 at the intermission.

Husky fans were uneasy about the two-point lead at



halftime, but Belt dominated the entire second half with Stroop accumulating two pick-sixes and heading an offense that exploded on Remington Field. When the dust settled, the Huskies had themselves a 74-36 victory.

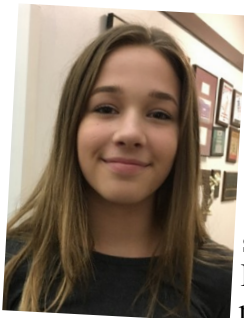
Choteau	-	28	8	-	<b>36</b>
Belt	24	6	20	24	<b>74</b>

As the regular season closes in on an end, the games are getting bigger and more competitive, one game to keep an eye on is Centerville at Fort Benton battle tonight. The Huskies are now 5-0 overall with a 3-0 mark in the subdivision. Belt plays again tomorrow in Blaine County against Hays-at 1:00 p.m.

**By: Maggie Andrews**

## New Students

Charla Hook is an eighth grader who moved from Weston, Florida with her twin brother Anthony. This good-natured student enjoys swimming, playing soccer, and she recently joined drama. Although she isn't on any middle school sports teams now, she has plans of joining



the middle school basketball squad later in the year. She does happen to have a favorite teacher, Mrs. Vogt. Hook replied that she appreciates Mrs. Vogt's kindness. She also takes

art into consideration for her favorite class.

Anthony Hook, an eighth grade student, enjoys four wheeling outdoors, hunting and video games.



His favorite class is math, and if he would have to choose his favorite teacher so far, it would be Mrs. Meissner. Hook is currently on the middle school football team, and he is unsure if he will join any other sports teams later in the year.

Kennedie Martin is a sixth

grader who transferred schools from Winnett, Montana. She is on the middle school volleyball team, and has high hopes of joining the basketball team in the



winter. She also has plans of trying out for track and field. She enjoys playing sports, drawing and she stated that swimming was fun. Her favorite teacher is Mr. Koontz and she prefers P.E. over any class.

**By: Sydne Flinn**

## Weather Forecast from Wunderground.com

Table is in ° Fahrenheit	Today	9/30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	10/6	10/7
High	74	62	52	43	41	44	51	52	48
Low	52	40	32	27	27	30	35	36	32
% Chance of Precipitation	0	15	35	48	56	24	35	15	45

## Road Construction

On US Highway 87, construction has been holding up traffic during this month. The trip is currently taking about three times the normal amount of time to traverse and requires some extra planning. This has been rather annoying for several people including the school bus route that goes to Raynesford. Since it's essential for safety that the highway is worked on, the public should take solace in the fact that progress is being made.

Coming from Belt toward Geyser, the first set of construction has been starting just after Dave Anderson's house, approximately 1 mile from the weigh station at Armington Junction. That construction area extends about three miles, ending just before Blythe. To be precise, construction lies between mile markers 1.3 and 3.7 according to the Montana Department of Transportation (MDT). Travelers must note the reduced speeds of 35 mph, signal lights, and flaggers. The construction's goal is to flatten the shoulders of the road

weather permitting to reduce the steepness of the embankments on both sides of the thoroughfare.

For now the numerous bridges spanning Otter Creek are going untouched in this project. As of this week, the construction crew has been ripping the old guardrail out while continuing to pile dirt procured from Walt Johnson's property along the side of the road. When completed, this project will benefit Montana drivers by reducing the danger of a rollover in the case of a vehicle making an unscheduled departure from the road.

The second set of construction doesn't begin (again from Belt to Geyser) until the Judith Basin County Line. Although officially from mile markers 7.1 to 21, the past few weeks have seen most of the action around Raynesford. This set of construction has many phases with the first phase involving the notorious Otter Creek bridges. Beginning with cement patches, the first phase ended with all the

bridges' decks being overlaid. The second phase appears to be, according to the MDT, guardrail work starting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. The MDT's site cautions drivers to: "Please be prepared for delays and pilot cars. Wide loads need to call (406) 360-3741 in advance. Paving operations will be suspended until the end of October." The aforementioned 'paving operations' will connect with the bridge decking, making the now violent bump onto the bridges an easy ride.

With Montana's weather both operations will be lucky to finish before the conditions become unbearable. As such, it's unlikely that construction in Judith Basin will advance to paving this year. Overall, travelers need to account for the extended travel time. For more information go to <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/travinfo/construction.shtml> and look for US-87.

**By: MaKayla O'Neil**

## Principal's Report

Belt's school year is off to an exemplary start, gliding through the extra bumps that construction has brought along, assimilating the elementary into the high school without much tribulation. Not only have the students adjusted to a new school environment and procedures, but they have managed to pull off an early homecoming with alacrity. Once again the seniors were able to take home the spirit stick with a clean sweep in all the spirit days and spirit events. The Voice would also like to congratulate Christina Fernandez and Keagan Stroop, this year's Homecoming Queen and King.

Shifting to academics, this year there are 19 students enrolled in COT/Dual Credit courses, taking a grand total of 21 college classes,

along with another two students participating in MTDA classes. College Fair, an amazing opportunity for juniors and seniors to catch a glimpse into college life took place last Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to meet with representatives from colleges in Montana and the surrounding states and get a feel for what each school has to offer.

Students have taken advantage of multitudinous to engage in extra-curricular activities. Husky Club, which opened on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, is a stellar option for elementary students to get involved in afterschool activities and get a taste of high school life. The club is open from 3:30 to 5:00 four days a week (Monday-Thursday)

and this year's program serves a total of 47 children ranging, from kindergarten to sixth grade.

A well-earned break for the laboring students of Belt occurred last Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. After a busy week that included picture day on Monday, the Wednesday school day was cut in half. While the students were off for the afternoon, teachers were involved in meetings geared toward professional development. The feeling of nirvana from a day off was not only felt by the high schoolers but down to the youngest bunch of kindergarteners. The school year is already over 1/8 complete and off to a roaring start.

**By: Shelby Paulson**



## Youth Leadership

With the beginning of a new school year comes the beginning of many activities, and one of those opportunities is Youth Leadership. The first meeting was on September 13<sup>th</sup> in Mr. Hoyer's classroom, which this year is the old computer lab. When asked for a reason for students to join Hoyer said, "Youth Leadership gives the students a chance to be leaders in their community." Hoyer and Mrs.

Renzi Horton are the advisors for this group of students.

The students also get the chance to go to Youth Days October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. This year's speaker is former NFL player Oscar McBride. McBride is reputed to be a dynamic orator with an important message for young people.

All students should keep in mind that one of the major benefits

of joining Youth Leadership is that colleges really love to see that students spent their time volunteering in high school. Also getting satisfaction in their own hearts, students help out in their community. In the past, the students participating in this club have engaged in a wide variety of volunteer projects.

**By: Natalie Larson**

## Husky Volleyball

The Lady Husky volleyball team has kicked off the season with a spotless record. The girls lead their conference with a record of 4-0 and a non-conference record of 5-0. The Husky team played the Centerville Miners on September 14<sup>th</sup> in the Husky gym. On the 16<sup>th</sup> the team played the Big Sandy Pioneers in Big Sandy, followed by a home game versus the Cascade Badgers on the 21<sup>st</sup>, and an away game in Geraldine on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The junior varsity was able to best the Centerville Miners in three quick sets. The Lady Husky varsity added another win to their undefeated record on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The team won handily in three sets. The Miners were outscored 25-4, 25-17, and 25-0. In the victory, Kolby Pimperton

locked 29 assists, Dani Urick dove for 12 digs, Shelby Paulson and Abby Gliko contributed 1 block, Adrian Malek added 17 kills, and Pimperton and Ashley Triviso provided 4 aces each.

On September

16<sup>th</sup>, the Husky volleyball team made the 80 mile trek to Big Sandy for a Saturday night game. The JV won efficiently, beating the Pioneers in three sets. The varsity also won with ease, handling the Pioneers in three sets with scores of 25-15, 25-12, and 25-11. Pimperton notched 36 assists, Urick dug 13



hard-hit balls, Jordan Swanson and Urick both offered 1 block, Urick added 13 killer hits, and Malek served 4 aces in the Husky victory.

September 21<sup>st</sup> marked another conquest for both

of the Husky teams. Both the JV and the varsity were able to beat the Cascade Badgers in three matches. The varsity set scores were 25-17, 25-5, and 25-10. Pimperton set for 27 assists 12 of which resulted in kills by Malek. Malek also contributed 17 digs and combined with Pimperton for 4 total aces. Morgan Cooper, Urick, Swanson, and Paulson each supplied 1 block in the Husky triumph.

On September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 p.m. the Husky volleyball teams loaded the bus and made the one

hour trip to Geraldine for two more Husky victories. The JV cinched a victory against the Highwood-Geraldine Rivals in four sets. The varsity won in three sets with scores of 25-10, 25-7, and 25-13. Pimperton and Malek both added 3 aces. Malek had 7 kills and 16 digs in the Husky win while Urick and Paulson both added 1 block. Pimperton assisted 20 kills in the Saturday night conquest.



A month into the season the Huskies are off to a great start in defending their state championship. With their undefeated conference record now standing at 6-0 and the non-conference record standing at 8-0, the Huskies are very excited for their second game against the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs tonight. The Mustangs are the only team this season to take the Huskies to a five match game. The JV game is slated to begin at 6:00p.m. and the varsity will follow at approximately 7:00 p.m.

**By: Adelle Meissner**



## Cross Country

The Anaconda Hills meet partook in the Black Eagle golf course, just outside of Great Falls, last Friday, September 15. It was a wet and rainy afternoon that had the BCXC runners bundled up in cold gear. The course is infamous for its difficulty, as they don't call it Anaconda HILLS for nothing. Coming in first for the girls was Shaylyn Dilley with a breath taking a time of 24:25.4. Following briskly behind her, in second, was Shelby Paulson clocked in at 25:01.0. In a strong and steady third place was Kolby Pimperton at 25:23.5 to end the BCXC girl's for the day. All in attendance for the boys was Jacob Kelly, William Franzen, and Trajan Caivarelli. The boys each completed the race at an outstanding pace, Kelly in first with 22:14.0, Franzen in second with a break neck time of 36:05.0, following briskly behind him was Caivarelli crossing the finish line at 36:33.8.

The following Saturday, after great races at Anaconda Hills, the runners, including the middle school, traveled to Havre to compete. It was a cool afternoon at Northern University, which this

time of year was blazing with fall coloring. The athletes making their first appearance at an event this year were, Keagan Stroop and Robbie Gliko, who were accompanied the stalwarts Franzen and Caivarelli. Striding in at 18:13.8, Stroop crossed the line 5<sup>th</sup> overall, a redoubtable accomplishment. Gliko hauled in a time of 19:21.5 completing the 5K distance with ease. The next husky-miner runner to get his mark was Franzen at 35:11.0 and not far behind him, Caivarelli sped into home stretch with a quick time of 35:32.0. The high school girls, Shelby Paulson and Kolby Pimperton, showed up in Havre with a will to win. Setting a blistering pace, the girls finished with identical times of 24:35.3, which earned them both a tie for first in the JV race. The middle schoolers were able to travel alongside their fellow high school runners to contend on the Northern course. Cole Hepfner, the only BCXC middle school boy at Havre, was titled with 3<sup>rd</sup> place over all with a time of 10:01. For the middle school girls, Lindsey Paulson, also, ran the campus course right beside fellow x-country cohort, Piper Deno. L.

Paulson got a hold of a shining sixth place title with a handy time of 11:24, with Deno succeeding her at a swift pace, stopping the clock at 12:00.

Last Monday the Husky runners sampled a new venue at Maria's Valley Golf Course south of Shelby, Montana. The competitors present for this fresh course were, William Franzen, Robbie Gliko, and Keagan Stroop. The meet kicked off last Monday, September 25, 2017 and the boys went out with a bang. Stroop finished in a strong first overall with a flying time of 17:50.0. Next to cross the line out of the entire troop of runners present at the meet was Gliko, he finished with a lighting fast time of 18:27.0. Lastly, to finish the grueling 5K was Franzen who was clocked at 33:58.0.

The running week sped by with a total of three strenuous meets that pushed the runners closer to state. The Belt-Centerville team will travel across the mountains this Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> to compete in Missoula, as they continue their preparation for the state meet a month away.

**By: Shelby Paulson**

## National Honor Society



This Wednesday the Belt Chapter of National Honor Society (NHS), convened for their first meeting of the year. The new president is Adrian Malek with Hannah Schweitzer as vice-president. Shannon Hoskins was also named secretary while Nolan Myrstol became the treasurer. Before the next meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> of October, members are required to submit their per-

sonal community service projects to a committee consisting of the adviser (Mrs. Ray), the Chapter president (Adrian Malek), and several faculty members for approval.

As per usual the NHS will be doing a blood drive on the 13<sup>th</sup> of November with 'Can the Cats, Can the Griz' starting the same day and continuing throughout that week. Sophomores, juniors, and seniors wishing to join the NHS will have to hold their horses, because recruiting doesn't begin until January when the

sophomores will have accumulated three semesters under their belt. Another requirement is an accumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. Don't forget to support members of the NHS since they are trying to do good in the community.

National Honor Society is a prestigious organization founded in 1921 by a national consortium of high school principals. As it nears its centennial, NHS boasts over 3,000 chapters and has helped advance the careers of over one million student leaders.

**By: MaKayla O'Neil**

## New Staff

## Calendar of Events

Teaching is a great challenge, especially when dealing with the youngest students striving to develop basic skill in reading, writing, and arithmetic. It takes a village as they say, and the village of Belt appreciates the help provided by its professional teaching staff and the aides that make education a positive experience for all students.

The Belt Public School would like to welcome two news aides to the building this year. They are Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Ratliff. These aides are very much needed with the construction taking place this year. Mrs. Ratliff, is helping out with 4<sup>th</sup> grade in multiple periods as well as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Mrs. Davison, is stationed in Early Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

Mrs. Davison, in Early Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, worked in Wisconsin at a small school as a K-12 aide and sub. She also worked at a military base teaching Pre-Kindergarten. She is partial to small schools and enjoys the community



environment. Mrs. Davison enjoys being a positive role model and being around kids. Mrs. Davison, a former teacher herself, likes learning different teaching methods and being able to provide input for the teachers,

Mrs. Ratliff, helping Mrs. Visocan in fourth grade, moved from Washington where she was an aid in Pre-Kindergarten. In Washington, the school she worked at was bigger than Belt, and she enjoys the smaller community much more. She loves helping prepare students, creating friendships, and seeing the different ways that students learn and process things.



These dedicated women are helping to further the education process and improve the learning of the students of Belt Public School. The knowledge and opinions these ladies bring to the Belt Public School are very much appreciated.

By: **Audrea Glick**

Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs GFCC JV – 6:00 p.m. Var - + 20 min

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Volleyball Showcase @ Choteau

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> HS Cross Country @ Missoula Var – 9:30 a.m.

Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> Football @ Hays – Lodgepole MS – 10:00 a.m. Var 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> MS Cross Country @ Great Falls 4:15 p.m.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> HS Cross Country @ Helena Var 1:00 p.m.

Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Centerville MS – 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. JV – 6:00 p.m. Var - + 20 min

Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> Football vs GFCC MS – 4:30 p.m. Var 7:00 p.m.

Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Cascade MS – 4:00 and 5:00 p.m. JV – 6:00 p.m. Var - + 20 min

Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> MS Volleyball Tournament

## Fires

After one of the hottest, driest summers on record, thousands of acres of land in Montana have suffered the consequences of the wildfires. Though most of the fires are over fifty percent contained, smoke is still an issue. Many events have been cancelled in Montana due to the smoke, including 1 event here in Belt. The air quality has been pretty rough, but lately the weather has been a big help. The temperature plummeted from high seventies to around low forties plus rain and wind. In many

ways this has helped the air quality, the fires, and the fire fighters.


Since the downpour that lasted for five days, the air quality has been significantly enhanced. Since then there haven't been many signs of smoke in the air. For the last few weeks the weather has definitely helped. The ongoing rain has been helping many fire fighters contain the fires and it also gives them a break. It might continue to rain/snow on and off throughout the next few weeks.

The fires have also resulted in a great deal of property damage and injuries and even loss of life for fire fighters. The efforts of the fire crews should be noted for what they have endured over the past few months while protecting both life and possessions.

The weather of late has provided a nice respite for citizens and emergency service providers alike.

By: **Tori Sherwood**



Poker Tournament!	Poetry Corner	
<p>5th Annual Matt Darko Scholarship October 14th Harvest Moon Saloon Belt, MT Sign Up-at Noon</p> <p>Tournament Begins-2pm</p> <p>\$100 Buy In \$20 Re-Buys Until Lunch</p>  <p>Lunch Provided</p> <p>Early Sign Up rewarded with \$500 Chip Bonus</p> <p>1/2 Proceeds go to Matt Darko Scholarship Fund...Over \$15,00 have been awarded to Belt students through this scholarship!</p> <p>The Winner will receive a Trophy Buckle by Montana Silversmiths!!! For more info, call (406) 455-9535</p>	<p>To You</p> <p>Let's pretend you're with me not Mount Olivet and the sea under that green tapestry. Let's remove the reminders of you making the present, past. Let's welcome the Fates, ancient Loomers, to our conversation as you fill in my abyss I did not care about.</p> <p>I write in your chair; the green reminding me where you forever are. Keeping my own time with your watch, I'll carry your duffel, tired, green canvas burdened by that forsaken history, until the Loomers bring me under the sea.</p> <p>By MaKayla O'Neil</p> 	<p>One Journey</p> <p>My mind is empty. I have no thoughts. I walk the proper walk, Yet I feel no sleep.</p> <p>Lost, I wander, aimless Following until I arrive. My story seemed to follow the beat.</p> <p>I felt a symphony commence.</p> <p>I felt my brain awake. I had never felt this. Suddenly the world was bright. I had an urge to create.</p> <p>I am alive.</p> <p>By Keaghan Opheim</p> 

Although, you may believe you can safely drive after drinking it is never the best option. With the fall season in full swing there are many activities going on that could lead you out of the house on a weekend.

From football games to dances, hunting trips to family gatherings, there are lots of chance to make a decision...make the right one. Even though you may believe you are capable of driving will intoxicated, you are not. Every two minutes someone is injured in a drunk driving accident. Don't be responsible for ending someone else's life. Make sure to be safe, and never drink and drive. Make a Plan.

## Don't Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your  
Cascade DUI Task Force



## Middle School Sports

As the exuberance of the beginning of school has worn off, middle school sports are in full swing. The Husky football team hit the road to Chester on September 15<sup>th</sup>, and played the Choteau Bulldogs at home on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Belt-Centerville cross country team shot toward the finish line at a run in Havre on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and a meet in Great Falls on the 25<sup>th</sup>. The young ladies of the volleyball team played the Centerville Miners on the Husky home court on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Big Sandy Pioneers on the 16<sup>th</sup> in Pioneer territory, the Cascade Badgers on the 21<sup>st</sup> at home, and the Highwood-Geraldine Rivals in the Geraldine gym on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The football team boarded the bus on September 15<sup>th</sup> for a Friday afternoon game against the CJI Hawks in Chester. The team, previously undefeated, was humbled by Chester, ending their perfect season. The Huskies lost to the Hawks 38-0. However, the Huskies were able to come back from their loss to Chester and beat the Choteau Bulldogs on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Huskies outscored the dogs 50-20. The current record for the football team is 4-1.

On September 22<sup>nd</sup> the cross country team headed to Havre for a meet. The gun fired at 10:00 a.m. Placing for the Belt-Centerville co-op were Cole Hepfner, Lindsey Paulson, and Piper Denno. Hepfner cinched a 3<sup>rd</sup> place win with a time of 10:01. Paulson came up in 6<sup>th</sup> place running the 1.8 mile course in 11:24. Shortly

after Paulson, Denno crossed the finish line as the clock read 12 minutes even. Monday, the 25<sup>th</sup>, the runners attended a meet in Lions Park. The final results of the meet aren't in yet, but the team ran exceptionally. Hepfner ran for the fastest team time of 12:53, followed by Asa Jassen who ran a 13:03, and Richie Andrews who completed the 2 miles in 14:42. Paulson led the girls, completing the trail in 15:05, Denno crossed the line next with a time of 15:57, and Annie Cook of Centerville finished in 16:54, the last of the Belt-Centerville runners.

A home game on September 14<sup>th</sup> put another tally in the win column of the middle school B team. The young Huskies were able to best the Miners in two matches, hitting the cap on the first match 27-26 and with a more manageable victory in the second match, 25-15. There was no B game against the Big Sandy Pioneers due to a player shortage on the Pioneer roster. The Huskies were bested by the Cascade Badgers on September 21<sup>st</sup>. The young ladies were defeated in two sets, 25-22 and 25-17. The Husky team was beaten by the Highwood-Geraldine Rivals in three sets. The Huskies won the first set 25-4, but were unable to build on the first

win, falling in the next two sets 25-20 and 15-7. The B team record stands at 2-5.

The A team added another win to their undefeated record on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Huskies were victorious over the Centerville Miners at home, a two set win with almost matching scores of 25-10 and 25-11. After making the



long trek to Big Sandy on September 16<sup>th</sup>, the team triumphed once again. They outscored the Pirates 25-15 and 25-14. The older Huskies continued to notch W's beating the Cascade Badgers in Husky territory. The girls bested the Badgers in two sets, 25-11 and 25-10. The Husky bus navigated the road to Geraldine on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. Yet again, the Huskies came home with the win. The team beat the Highwood-Geraldine Rivals with scores of 25-12 and 25-17. The A team record is 8-0.

The Husky football team will be taking on the Hays-Lodge Pole Thunderbirds tomorrow evening in Hays. The game will begin at 10:00 a.m. The cross country team will be dashing toward the finish line tomorrow in Missoula, taking their mark at 9:30 a.m. The volleyball teams play the Great Falls Central Mustangs tonight. Results of all the events will be posted in the next issue of the Valley Voice.

**By: Adelle Meissner**





# The Art Blotch

Realism is an artistic movement based in the 1850's, reacting to their current mainstream trend of romanticism. Its features are similar to the American gothic but not the same. While American gothic is based on depression and negative features, Romanticism is the direct opposite. Realism is a fantastical description of everyday, common life. It is usually portrayed with typical workers doing every day menial tasks of no great importance with a very straightforward expression of colors, hues, shades, shapes, and a whole manner of other helpful tools an artist may use in their trade.

Talking to Troy Adams, art teach in Belt Schools, gives a novice interested in art a fresh perspective on the nuances of the craft. First off, realism is important to all artists according to Adams. He says that it works as a sort of base and

foundation to build off of, teaching basic proportions which are essential to newly budding artists of every age. Adams himself is passionate about realistic art and while it may still be a popular request for customers, as well as simply enjoying the task of creating art following this classic trend.

Adams also articulated how an equal participant in the catalyst for artistic growth is not only realism but the principles of design. These principles that combine to create the overall aesthetic of a work of art include unity and variety, balance, emphasis and subordination, scale and proportion, and rhythm. "The principles of design are very rarely naturally bestowed, but are very important to an artist"



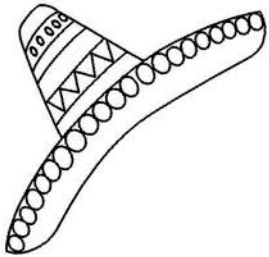
Robert Bateman with Bison Artwork

is what Adams said roughly. The principles work as a framework for artistic expression and sometimes could make the difference between an objective success or an objective mess.

A recognized master of both these concepts is Robert Bateman, pictured above. There are "tons" of books to pick up and learn from on the subject of realism in art, as well as other artistic trends, past and present.

**By: Keaghan Ophem**

# Hispanic Heritage Month



On September 15<sup>th</sup> the Belt student body began celebrating, in their own way, Hispanic Heritage Month. This month long holiday is a way for the students to learn about a new culture, or possibly celebrate their own. The elementary students are being challenged every morning by answering Hispanic-based questions. The middle and high school are being questioned about the Hispanic culture in the Spanish classroom.

This holiday is celebrated from September 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup> and commemorates the Latinos in North America. When asked why

we should celebrate Hispanic Heritage month Kerri Hiatt replies, "It's important to celebrate and acknowledge this month because Hispanics are the second largest ethnic group in the United States, and we should celebrate their diverse contributions that they have made the United States such a great country."

The Spanish students of Belt High School will be celebrating in the classroom, too. Discussing the way that Hispanic culture has affected their own lives, they will be trying different foods and drinks, and discussing how they have affected American culture. Also the someday polyglots are researching Hispanic achievers all throughout the month. The main goal is to make connections between their

culture, and the student's culture. Hispanic Heritage month is heavily celebrated in the United States and Canada along with Latin America. The importance of celebrating Hispanic Heritage is unmeasurable, and letting kids experience new ideas from a different culture is crucial to them understanding the world around them.

Luckily, the Belt staff is integrating new ideas into kids' minds every day. While learning about math and English, Belt students are learning about many varying cultures, and how other cultures affect their own. With the Belt staff to thank, the Belt students are learning more than average students in one school day.

**By: Natalie Larsen**

## Movie Review—"IT"

As Halloween approaches many film companies are coming out with horror movies to match the mood. A new movie was recently released on September 8, 2017 that was based on the 1986 novel by Stephen King. Ever since King wrote the novel "IT", Pennywise (the killer clown) has been a very famous character when it comes to the films. In 1990 the first film based on the novel was released. Recently the old film was recreated and has been very popular since its release. So far the movie has made a total of \$198 million worldwide and that's only in its first week. Since it has been advertised a while before it came out many people



have been raving about the movie. "IT" is about a killer clown that goes by the name of Pennywise. Pennywise has the ability to transform himself into whatever the child's biggest fear is. He then terrorizes the child and drags him/her off after that they're never seen again. A group of children who call themselves "The losers club" even-

tually found out that they are all being tortured by the same creature. They find out how to defeat the creature and in the end they are all set free.

Since it is the perfect season for scary movies "IT" would be one of the best films to go and see, it's also a classic. The movie is a mix between frightening and humorous, which is one of the best combinations. "IT" would be a great movie to go and see, especially with Halloween approaching. It definitely sets the creepy and spooky vibes of the upcoming holiday and overall it's a great film.

**By: Tori Sherwood**

## Senior Spotlight

This week's article will feature Belt seniors, Brayden Haugrose and Antonio Heaton. Both are native Montanans, moving from Great Falls to Belt in their juvenile years.



Brayden Haugrose moved to Belt thirteen years ago from the larger city of Great Falls. Growing up in Belt, Brayden participated in football and basketball.

As well as taking part in athletics and school in Belt, Brayden also takes dual-credit classes at the University of Great Falls College of Technology.

When asked about his favorite memory, Brayden replied, "summer basketball when Mr. Paulson caught the team sneaking out of the hotel and made us run two sweet sixteens before our game." Brayden said that he will miss his teammates and his classmates after he gradu-

ates. He will miss Mr. Zuhoski, his favorite teacher, as well. In his spare time, Brayden enjoys hunting, fishing, riding dirt bikes, and of course partying. After graduation, Brayden plans to go to college to pursue an education aimed at a career in underwater welding.

Antonio Heaton moved out of Great Falls eight years ago and drifted into the small community of Belt. From a young age Antonio participated in many sports including: football, basketball, track, and minimal wrestling. In response to who his favorite teacher is Antonio said, "I don't have one, but if I did it would be Coach Graham." With football season nearing the halfway point, Antonio know that when he leaves Belt, he will miss Coach Maki yelling at him during practice saying,



"Now Tony, you gotta JAM DOWN!" As well as missing Coach Maki's words of encouragement Antonio will also miss his classmates.

Antonio's favorite memory of his Belt High School experience couldn't be wrapped up in one favorite memory, but he was able to narrow it down to two, remembering the time that Nolan walked straight into the glass doors of the cafeteria and broke them, and when he and Dayton Marquis dressed up as clowns and scared everyone after a home volleyball game. Antonio enjoys playing games, fishing when he can, and going on hunting trips with his dad. As Antonio makes the move into independence and self-responsibility, he plans to pursue a career in the fitness industry.

Both Brayden and Antonio are excited for the rest of the year, but they're even more excited that on May 20<sup>th</sup> they will be free of high school. The next issue of the Valley Voice will feature seniors Trey Heitzman and Troy Hennes.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## “The Dark Lord” vs. Montana Schools

Last week there were multiple threats aimed at several Flathead Valley schools. The cyber-threats were released by a hacker named “The Dark Overlord,” who wanted to extort money from the public districts. The hacker was releasing tweets and bragging about the threats threatening to release student’s information. If the information of the pupils was released to the public, the school or schools would have numerous lawsuits starting them in the face. In essence, parents of the students could sue the school for releasing their children’s information.

The cyber threats were sent to the staff, the students, and families that attended a school in the Northern district of Montana. The first threat was sent on the 13<sup>th</sup> of September of this year. After that threat was sent, many other schools were issued the same text or email around the 14<sup>th</sup> of September. The schools since then had to close down because of the threats posed on them. For almost a week, students across Montana didn’t go to school, but most schools have started to resume studies.

The threats aimed at the Montana schools also posed a potential warning to other schools. The news

of the dozens of public schools threatened, poses a question to Belt’s community.

The school closures reminded local resident of the 2012 incident when a fugitive was hurling pipe bombs from his car during a chase. The Virginia pipe bomber was very close to home launching pipe bombs out of his vehicle along the highway. Such potential catastrophes like the pipe bomber and the hacker have caused schools to be more cautious with information and more stringent with their security.

**By: Sydne Flinn**

## City News *(Cont.)*

will be re-evaluating the Belt and Cascade County contract, and the price of the contract may increase significantly. Following the idea of the city court, the idea of a city police department was brought to the council. Alderman Roberts informed the council that presently it would cost almost \$100,000 to start a city police department; the city currently pays \$48,000 to the Cascade County Sheriff’s Department. Judge Jim Olson will research the requirements and costs of running a city court, Mayor Wells will speak to City Attorney, Mark Wilson, about prosecuting cases, and Clerk-Treasurer Schilling will talk to the Clerk of Courts in Cascade County to get an approximate annual cost for a city court.

In other news, there are a growing number of campers parked

on and being inhabiting a single lot within the city limits of Belt. A large number of barking, unlicensed dogs, a growing number of people, and excessive amounts of trash have caught the attention of Belt residents. Citizens have expressed their dissatisfaction with the lack of enforcement of city ordinances to the council. Several citizens also informed the council that there are no proper water/sewer hookups and that they have attempted to have the sheriff assess the situation multiple times. There is currently no Ordinance that prohibits an individual from having multiple campers or dwellings on their private property. Citizens can complain of excessive barking dogs, dogs at large, nuisance dogs, and dogs kept under unsanitary or inhumane conditions, all of which could be cited under a county nuisance dog ordinance.

Alderman Heikkila re-addressed the situation of the stretch of grass around the pool that was not being watered by the city. Franzen informed the council that although the land belongs to the Pool, the Pool organization has no problem with the town watering and keeping that area up, thus the city should be watering it. The Town will be exploring the cost of putting sprinkler heads in the area.

On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the council will meet again in City Hall on Castner Street. Regularly scheduled meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of every month, and are open to the public. Attendance by residents of the community is strongly encouraged.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## Long-Distance Trips

- This Spanish Trip—Costa Rica (second year Spanish students are required)
- Close-up—Washington DC June of 2019 (more information Mrs. Meissner or Mrs. Gliko)
- DECA—Mercedes-Benz Stadium at Atlanta, Georgia during the end of April
- There’s also a chance that Theater will be going to Scotland again 2019





## Games and Puzzles

Which area high school has this helmet on their logo?

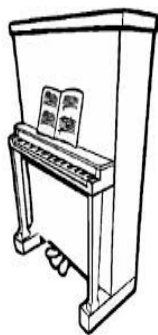


Last week's answer was William Franzen's crazy, curly, hair.

This week's answer will be provided in next week's article.

## Back to Jack Jam Session

One and all music fans are invited to the Annual Back to Jack Jam at the Harvest Moon Saloon! Come and play music, sing, dance, or witness the spectacular entertainment celebrating the beloved Piano Jack who departed on the 29<sup>th</sup> of July, 2009.



October 29, 2017 2:00 p.m.

Harvest Moon Saloon  
71 Castner Street  
Belt, MT

Silent auction donations can be made through Jenny Albert. Monetary donations can be made either through Jenny or directly to the Myllymaki Music Fund account at Belt Valley Bank. Funds raised during the jam session, along with any cash donations, go to the Belt School music department. Last year the Myllymaki Music Fund donated \$500 dollars to the belt Music Department.

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