

# The Valley Voice



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## Husky Football Going Strong

The Belt Huskies have held their reputation strong over the past two weeks, securing wins over both Hays-Lodgepole and Great Falls Central Catholic, maintaining their perfect record of 7-0 in Northern C play, and 5-0 in subdivision A.

On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Belt's football team endured a three hour bus ride to Blaine County to play Hays-Lodgepole. The Huskies wasted no time, tallying up 32 points in just the first quarter. Robbie Flinn broke the ice on a 41 yard pass from Keagan Stroop. Trey Heit-

zman got in on the action, catching an 18 yard pass from Stroop with Hunter Vogl taking the run. Stroop struck again tossing for 55 yards to Troy Hennes in the end zone for the final score of the first quarter. Second quarter scores consisted of a Flinn 11 yard pass from Stroop, an Adam Langston 45 yard pass from Vogl, with Nolan Myrstol catching the two-point conversion pass from Heitzman. The horn signaled half time as the Huskies confidently exited the field with a score of 46-0.

Freshman Kaimen Evans scored first in the

third quarter off of a 15 yard pass from Vogl with Myrstol taking the run. The Vogl to Evans duo struck again on a 23 yard pass with Andrew Stice receiving the conversion pass from Flinn. Robbie Gliko capped the scoring with a 35 yard run establishing the final score at 68-0.

The long awaited Belt vs. Great Falls Central game was off to a quick start in Belt on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> with the Huskies scoring first off of a Stroop 13 yard run. Central fired back within a minute, scoring both a touchdown

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## Voice of Democracy

Voice of Democracy speeches are what many students dread for years to come, but when it's really time many students are more anxious than fearful. Voice of Democracy speeches are essays that the seniors write to express and

share their powerful opinions to the world. During the short period of time that the students have to write their speeches, many of them are distressed and very uneasy.

Each year the students are presented with a unique prompt for their 4- minutes speeches. This year's theme was "American History: Our Hope for the Future."

This year Adrian Malek was the lucky first place winner along with Ashley Triviso in second place and Keagan Stroop in third. Since Malek and Triviso were in first and second place they will be moving forward to the district wide competition and

then hopefully on to state.

These competitions are sponsored by the local VFW Auxiliary. The winning students are announced by a veteran and he/she will present the student with their prize. Veterans and other community members believe this is a great experience for students, which is why they encourage many students to look at the nation's history and the role veteran's play in the story of America.

**By: Tori Sherwood**

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## Football (Cont.)

...and a two point conversion, putting the Mustangs ahead 8-6 half-way through the first quarter. This didn't settle well with the Huskies as Stroop propelled a 22 yard pass to Hennes in the end zone just minutes later to regain the lead for Belt. Stroop struck again with a 33 yard run to find pay dirt and a 22 yard pass to Hennes as the Huskies reeled off three straight scores. The only successful conversion came on a Stroop to Heitzman toss, putting the first half score at 26-8.

The first few minutes of the third quarter racked the nerves for the Husky fans as Central stopped Belt, scored a touchdown and held Belt again. But the critical moment in the game came when Belt halted GFCC's next drive and on the punt attempt, the snap flew over the punter's head and into the end zone. The resulting safety led to a

Husky onslaught, flipping the momentum and launching Belt to a fast finish, scoring the game's final three TD's. Stroop scored off both a 36 yard run and a 1 yard run, raising the score at 42-14. Hennes ran three yards to the end zone to cap the scoring. The surprising final score was 48-14.

A huge aspect of the game came from Belt's defensive line which consisted of Hennes, Myrstol, Brandon Wall and Gavin Roberts who all held a strong line against the offense. Hennes accounted for 5 sacks. Underclassmen made the difference of the game with Evans and Vogl starring on pass coverage, and Wall and Roberts on the interior.

The outcome of this game set up a conference championship game tonight at Remington Field against the Centerville Miners. It

will be broadcast on KMON (560 AM) by Belt's own, Karl Koontz.



The Huskies then get a week off and will host a first round playoff game against a team from the east on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**By: Magg Andrew**

Belt	32	14	16	6	<b>68</b>
Hays-Lodge Pole	-	-	-	-	-

GFCC	8	-	6	-	<b>14</b>
Belt	12	14	14	8	<b>48</b>



## Don't Be Afraid of the 13th

Today is a day of superstitions. Many will be carefully avoiding strolls under ladders, opening umbrellas indoors, and crossing the paths of black cats. Any misfortunes on this day will only cement the bias against Friday, the 13th.

In the past, many events have contributed to the fear and apprehension of Friday, the 13th. Some of these events include: the seven coordinated terror attacks Isil committed in Paris that killed 130 people on Friday, November 13th, 2015; the Costa Concordia cruise ship that ran aground on Friday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 off the western coast of Italy killing 30 people; the

five German bombs that hit Buckingham Palace Friday, September 13th, 1940 with both King George VI and Queen Elizabeth coming close to being killed with a couple of servants actually passing on. Although these events didn't happen in the month of October, they still enforced the idea that every Friday that happened to be on the 13th day of any month spelled doom. This fear of the day Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> is called paraskevidekatriaphobia.

On Friday the 13th of October in 1972 a tragic misfortune akin to that of the Donner Party that got lost in the Sierra Nevadas led in both cases to cannibalism. With

strong roots in Halloween, cannibalism is showcased in the movies *The Hills Have Eyes*, *Silence of the Lambs*, and *Hannibal* with the last two focusing on the villain Hannibal Lecter who invoked sheer dread in his line, "A census taker once tried to test me. I ate his liver with some fava beans and a nice Chianti," but the event on Friday, October 13th, 1972 was far more disturbing.

Exactly 45 years ago, a Chilean Air force plane 'disappeared' in the Andes on board were several passengers including the rugby team of Uruguay.

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## Lady Huskies' Streak Snapped

After a two year unbeaten streak, the Lady Husky volleyball team tasted defeat on September 28<sup>th</sup> when the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs snapped the 50 game winning streak. The Mustangs have been battling Belt for the number one conference seed for three years. On the 29<sup>th</sup> the girls headed to Choteau for a tournament, followed by a game in Centerville on October 5<sup>th</sup>, a matchup versus the Cascade Badgers in Cascade, and a game against the Fort Benton Longhorns in Belt last night.

September 28<sup>th</sup> marked the first loss in the Husky volleyball team's record. The JV lost to the Mustangs in five sets. The Great Falls Central Mustangs had not beaten the Huskies in three years, so as Murphy's Law states it was inevitable that the Mustangs would eclipse the Huskies eventually. Even though the game was played in Belt, there was no lack of Central fans. As a matter of fact, there may have been more blue in the gym than maroon. The Huskies and the Mustangs went back and forth in the first three sets; Central took the first set 25-16, Belt won the second 27-25, but Central was able to pull away and triumph in the next two matches 25-13 and 25-20. Kolby Pimperton set for 19 assists, 10 of

which resulted in kills by Adrian Malek. Morgan Cooper and Dani Urick added two aces each and Urick contributed 20 digs. Abby Gliko offered 2 blocks in the Husky's defeat.

September 30<sup>th</sup>, the team loaded the bus and made the trip to Choteau for a mid-season tournament. In attendance were: the Arlee Scarlets, the Powell County Wardens (Deer Lodge), the Jefferson Panthers (Boulder), the Choteau Bulldogs, and the Huskies. Belt made it to the championship, accumulating 157 points throughout regular play. In the title game, the Huskies got off to a rocky start, falling in the first set, but battled back to win the second, forcing Jefferson to a third game. However, the team was unable to build on their set win and fell to Jefferson in the third match. The Huskies went home with the second place title.

The Belt Huskies took on the Centerville Miners in Centerville on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The girls won with ease, outscoring the Miners in three sets, 25-17, 25-6, and 25-4. Pimperton notched 33 assists, which resulted in 10 kills for Kyelie Marquis. Marquis also contributed 3 aces. Urick had 19 digs and Paulson blocked 3 balls during the Husky conquest.

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, the Huskies made the trip to Cascade. Both Husky teams conquered the Badgers in three sets. The varsity outscored Cascade with matching scores in the first two sets, 25-17 and 25-15 in the third. Pimperton had 31 assists, Malek killed the ball 14 times, Urick dug 26 down-balls, Cooper and Urick combined for 10 aces, and Urick, Gliko, and Paulson all offered one block.

Last night the Lady Longhorns of Fort Benton came to Belt. The junior varsity lost in five, but the varsity squad gained a measure of revenge with a sweep of the visitors, 25-13, 25-16, and 25-21.

The volleyball team has a superb conference and non-conference record. The 7C mark stands at 10-1 and maroon and gold are 12-1 in non-conference matchups. The loss to Great Falls Central relegated the girls to the second seed in the district tournament that will begin October 26<sup>th</sup> at Great Falls Central Catholic. The girls will play their last home game tomorrow night against the Big Sandy Pioneers. The JV match will begin at 6:00 p.m. and the varsity will follow 20 minutes after the conclusion of the early game to cap off Senior Night.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## Theatre

Last year theatre definitely ended with a bang. With many heart filled goodbyes after an amazing experience in Scotland, the theater group split and went their separate ways. Since last year the stage performers in Belt lost many of their members due to graduation. Two other thespians from out of town left, which is understandable considering they both live in Bozeman.

With possibly another Scotland trip in the future, theatre direc-

tor, Mr. Jeffrey Ross, is very anxious to start practicing, as are the students. Though practice was supposed to start during the first week of October, it was postponed due to the flu that had been spreading around the school. The first official practice was called on October 9, 2017. Though practice has already started it's never too late to join, and Mr. Ross has definitely made that clear.

With the theatre under con-

struction the students will be practicing at the Golden Valley Homes located by the Belt Public Library. The practices will be around two hours long and will consist of warm ups, auditions, and seeing just how flexible and comfortable the students are.

The Belt theatre crew is excited to put their spin on this year's play, *Antony and Cleopatra*, a tragedy by William Shakespeare.

**By: Tori Sherwood**

## Hunting Season

Now that it is hunting season in Montana, the Valley Voice would love to feature you and your trophy in the newspaper. Students and community members don't be afraid to contact the valley voice, with a picture of you and your kill, at [thevalleyvoice@beltschool.com](mailto:thevalleyvoice@beltschool.com) or Natalie Larsen for a questionnaire. Thank you, and hope to see you in the paper soon.

**By: Natalie Larsen**



## 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<sup>th</sup>, 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 Fund donated \$500 to the Belt Music Department.

### 'Tis Almost the Season

Preparations for Operation Santa are already in the works. Belt Elementary students are looking for lawn raking customers. Donations from raking are used to help fund the Santa program, which provides Christmas presents for the less fortunate in the Belt area. Please contact Mrs. Metrione or Mrs. Pethel at the Belt School to sign up. Thank you in advance for participating in this valuable program.

## Middle School Sports

As the fall sports seasons are beginning to wind down, the Huskies continue to find success in their athletic endeavors over the last fortnight. The middle school football team defeated both the Hays Lodgepole Thunderbirds and the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs. The Lady Husky volleyball team has continued to triumph against the Great Falls Central Mustangs, the Centerville Miners, and the Cascade Badgers.

On September 30<sup>th</sup>, the Husky football team boarded the bus and made the long trek to Hays. The team easily outscored the T-Birds 63-12. The Huskies hosted the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The game was their last regular season match-up and the boys came out on top. The Huskies defeated the Mustangs with a last second touchdown catch by Asa Jassen. The final score was 26-22. The coaches of the team are

looking for one more opponent that the young Huskies can play within the next week. The football team's record stands at 6-1.

The cross country team had two weeks off, but will be back in action for a run in Townsend tomorrow.

The B team finished out their volleyball season this week. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, the young Belt team lost to the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs in three matches. The girls lost the first set 16-25, snatched a win in the second 25-20, but ultimately were bested in the game with a third set score of 13-15. The Huskies dominated the Centerville Miners in three sets with scores of 24-26, 25-20, and 15-13. For their last game of the season, the team made the trip to Cascade. The Badgers defeated the Huskies in two sets by scores of 23-25 and 16-25. The season record for the B team was 4-7.

The A team finished out

their regular season with three more wins. The girls hosted the Great Falls Central Mustangs on September 29<sup>th</sup> and outscored them in two sets, 25-8 and 25-16. The girls travelled to Centerville and defeated the Miners. The Huskies won in two sets with scores of 25-11 and 25-9. The last game in the season was played in Cascade. The Belt girls were able to beat the Badgers in two sets, 25-19 and 25-21. The Huskies record sits at 11-0.

Football season is coming to a close for the middle school boys. Finding success this season, the lads who will return next year are excited for the possibility of obtaining a spotless record. The cross country team runs their last meet tomorrow in Townsend. The race will begin at 10:00 a.m. The A team is attending a season end tournament this week. Results of the year-ending events will be posted in the next issue of the Valley Voice.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## MBI

MBI is the Montana Behavior Initiative that promotes students to learn proper skills for emotional, behavioral, social, and academic success. The program's goal is to create students that are influential citizens of tomorrow. Belt School has adopted this policy for a little over a decade making a conscious effort each year to improve the environment in which these life-skills are cultivated.

Belt for the last two years has been awarded Gold status, an achievement representing the schools endeavors in promoting these requisite life building-blocks. These status levels are ranked in ascending order as follows: bronze, silver, gold, and platinum. Mr. Hoyer, a MBI representative from the school has hopes that this year the school will be able to claim the platinum title that was unobtainable by the Belt School until this year.

Husky Time lessons were created in an effort to meet the goals established by the MBI program. These lessons include consequential subjects such as bullying, mental health, drug and alcohol

abuse, and other student generated topics. Husky Time lessons are often produced by students, if they are able to come up with an effective topic and a substantial action and lesson plan. This method allows students to exercise their voices within the Belt community and have an impact on their school. It also give decision makers a crucial insight into the minds of the student body and the edge to hit on topics that are relevant, penetrative and that effect the students on a daily basis.

Another way the MBI staff members in Belt get to understand the student body better is through the My Voice surveys. These surveys show a measure of students' feelings towards subjects such as belonging, fun and excitement, sense of accomplishment, and leadership and responsibility. Thereafter, a focus group of boys and girls from each grade level is chosen at random to participate and speak out on how they specifically feel toward these subjects and how the Belt Valley Staff can improve upon them.

Student involvement is a major part of MBI's action plan to create change inside the school environment. MBI hosts Youth Days, a set of five, two day conferences held throughout the state in major cities. This years' theme that was preached to the students for two days was "Sense of Purpose"; this topic is hit on in three unique ways in breakout sessions in day one. On day two attendees were sent out into service sites across the city of Great Falls to participate in volunteerism. From there students take back an action plan to better their communities and make a difference in their homes.

These are only some of the many activities MBI pushes throughout schools in Montana to create positive change in students' learning atmosphere. The mission of MBI, a division of the Montana Office of Public Instruction, is to influence the generation that is going to pave the path of tomorrow to create a better future for all.

**By: Shelby Paulson**

## Cross Country

Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup> the Belt-Centerville Co-op team made their journey across Rodger's Pass to run their 5<sup>th</sup> meet of the season in Missoula. The team consisted of the singular Belt runner William Franzen and Centerville's Shaylyn Dilley, and Trajan Cai-varelli. William Franzen stepped foot over the finish line claiming a time of 33:09.5 and striding in right behind him was Cai-varelli with a solid time of 34:45.9. Shaylyn Dilley, the only girl to make an appearance at the meet, grabbed hold of a pretty time of 23:23.10, concluding the racing weekend.

The next competition took place in the states capital, Helena, on Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>. Keagan Stroop, the team's number one runner, who placed second overall in his race, stopped the clock that afternoon at 17:39. Coming in hot after Stroop was Robbie Gliko who snagged an accomplished time of 19:03. Jacob Kelly, who qualified for state after running for the second time this year, came across the line with a time of 26:37. Shaylyn Dilley, the only female in attendance for the BCXC team, had a stellar race day, setting a new personal record with a time of 22:22.

State for the Husky-Miner runners is right around the corner on October 21<sup>st</sup> after this Saturday's meet in Townsend Montana. The team is gearing up to run their last meet before their grand finale in Helena. The results of Townsend race will be posted in the next issue of the Voice.

**By: Shelby Paulson**



## Get your shirt before November 21<sup>st</sup>!

The Belt Federation of Teachers is selling t-shirts (\$20) and sweat-shirts (\$40) ranging from small to 5x including women's fitted t-shirts (\$20) and long-sleeves (\$23) in sizes from small to 2x. All clothing comes in either black or maroon.

Show your Husky pride!



Money raised will go to the Education Scholarships for Belt students pursuing education degrees.



## Costa Rica

¡Vamos a Costa Rica! This coming June, Señorita Hiatt will be taking another eager group of travelers south to Costa Rica. There will be an abundance of fun adventures including: kayaking at the base of the volcano, zip lining through tropical forests, hiking to a waterfall, soaking in natural hot springs, watching for sea turtles and much more!

The Spanish trip is a biannual event that has been happening for 14 years. In the previous years, Hiatt has gone to Peru, Spain/France, Puerto Rico, and Costa Rica. "It is a great learning experience for the students as well as the adults. The trip is 1) educational 2) adventurous and 3) intriguing. This



*Kayaking in front of a volcano in Costa Rica*

trip is also safe and the people are kind so it is a great first trip out of the country" commented Hiatt.

In order to help with the funding of this trip, the Spanish students are providing a Spanish dinner at the parent/teacher conferences on November 7<sup>th</sup>. There is still time to sign up for this incredible journey. Any student that is interested that taken

at least one year of high school Spanish and is in good academic standing or a potential adult chaperone that is looking for an adventure, please do

not hesitate to contact Señorita Hiatt at her email at:

[khiatt@beltschool.com](mailto:khiatt@beltschool.com)

Interested parties can also call the school at 277-3351

**By: Keely Drummond**



*Zip lining in Costa Rica*

## To Kill a Mockingbird Review

"To Kill a Mockingbird" a novel by Harper Lee describes the life of a young Jean Louise Finch (Scout), in one of America's most tragic time periods. Growing up in the 1930's Scout Finch, the main character, is mature, but childish in the ways she views the world around her. The story takes place during tough times in America's

south, and Scout is set with the task to deal with them. The book was written in 1960, but has recently made a comeback because of the release of the prequel "To Set a Watchman", which is also penned by Lee.

This book is a classic in the eyes of America, and has been read, and loved in English classes around

the country. The book implements beautiful symbolism that explains crisis from a young point of view. It helps kids understand the struggle and the ugliness of the prejudice in this time. This book is a staple in classrooms around the country and required reading as part of the Belt High English curriculum.

**By: Natalie Larsen**

# Vegas Shooting

Last Monday and Tuesday, the topic of most conversations between the students and faculty at BVHS was the Las Vegas Shooting. On Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, a mass shooting occurred at a Las Vegas Music Festival. The shooting now is ranked as the deadliest mass shooting in recent US History. At least 59 people died and 527 are injured. During the attack, Jason Aldean, a country music singer, was on stage at the Route 91 Harvest music festival, which over 20,000 people in attendance. The assailant shot from the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Mandalay Bay hotel, over 1000 feet from the concert venue. The suspect

found dead in his hotel suite by the time the SWAT team arrived.

Many debates have erupted over gun control policies since the shooting. Many Americans own guns or have easy access to weapons. Some people believe that the problems aren't the gun or weapon, but the individual. Others say that laws and regulations need to be set in place restricting who can purchase a firearm. The shooter in Las Vegas had a dozen bump stock guns that he used. These guns that are semiautomatics that shoot like an automatic weapon. Senator Dianne Feinstein of California revealed a bill that would put a ban on devices that create a "bump stock".

heard of the shooting from a tweet from singer Harry Styles. I think it was incredible how musicians, actors and actresses, and people all over the world took this event to heart and are praying for the victims and their families." Country artists that were playing at the music festival have performed tributes at succeeding concerts. Aldean tweeted after the shooting "My thoughts and prayers go out to everyone involved tonight. It hurts my heart that this would happen to anyone who was just coming out to enjoy what should have been a fun night."

**By: Keely Drummond**



*A man lays on top of a woman as others flee the Route 91*

was sophomore Maggie Andrews said "I first



*People scramble for shelter at the Route 91 Harvest country music festival, Oct. 1, 2017, in Las Vegas.*

Although, you may believe you are capable of drinking and driving you are most definitely not. The danger you put others and yourself is not worth the risk of death or severe injury that is coming your way when you decide to sit behind the wheel after having any amount of alcohol.

Every day 28 people die in the United States from car crashes involving alcohol. Don't become part of this statistic. Make sure to always have a plan when going out, and to never take the chance of becoming a number in an ad somewhere. Don't drink and drive.

## Don't Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your Cascade DUI Task Force



## Earthquakes in Mexico

On September 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:14 p.m. Mexico was plagued with a 7.1 magnitude earthquake causing mass destruction with at least 230 people confirmed dead. In the days before the massive catastrophe Mexico and the surrounding Pacific Ocean underwent a total of ten earthquakes that range in magnitude of 4.9-5.6. Mexico, even weeks after the quakes, is still reeling with shock over the damage that has been done.

The earthquake hit 76 miles away from Mexico City, killed 230 people, destroyed 40 buildings, and ruined many lives in a matter of minutes. The quake devastated the country as the largest earthquake to hit Mexico since 1985. Since 1985, Mexico has improved its safety laws and disaster preparation. Mexico City is built on a former lakebed, which is known to amplify the earthquakes effects, and is most likely responsible for the major destruction so far from the Epicenter of the earthquake.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 a.m.



*Soldiers remove debris from a partly collapsed municipal building felled*

Montana was struck with an earthquake that was measured as a 5.8. The earthquake on July 6<sup>th</sup> was the biggest earthquake that Montana has undergone since 1959 which was a 7.2 magnitude. The earthquake on July 6<sup>th</sup> caused little to no destruction, but gave some Montana residents a fright. If an earthquake with a magnitude as high as the one in Mexico were to hit Montana, would the destruction be as great as it was in Mexico?

Although most Montanans worry more about things like blizzards or wind storms, it's a

good idea to be prepared for a variety of emergency situations. In fact, it's the law that public schools rehearse for such an emergency. Once annually, the school conducts a drill for a assure that students and staff know what to do in case the ground starts shaking. One fact that would surprise many is that experts no longer recommend standing under a door threshold. Instead, in the event of an earthquake, people are advised to crawl under a sturdy table and hold on tight to a leg until the tremor passes.

**By: Aundrea Glick**

## Christmas Wreath Sales

Get in the Holiday Spirit and help out the Belt School Music Department at the same time! Christmas wreaths are on sale now, but time is running out.



The wreaths are made of pieces from pine trees and other trees that have pine cones.

### Circle wreath prices and sizes include:

- 22":\$15
- 26":\$18
- 30":\$25
- 36":\$35

Other shapes include, a **Candy Cane**, a **Cross** and there is also a **Door Arch wreath**. Those cost **\$30** each.

Contact a music student that are in the grades 6-12 for the sheet to fill out for the wreath.

These wreaths are being sold to help the music department buy new supplies like new instruments, cases, and the profits are The wreaths are being sold until the **19th of October**. Wreaths will be available for pick-up on November 20<sup>th</sup>.



## Don't Be Afraid of the 13th (Cont.)

Sixteen survivors turned up two months later. On flight 571, there were 45 passengers who were all either friends, family, or associates of the rugby team. During the first week, the 33 survivors of the original crash were able to stave off eating the other dead passengers, but eventually the food on the plane ran out. Due to the extreme cold in the Andes, the survivors had to deal with hypothermia and the threat of losing appendages to frostbite, but without the snow, the deceased passengers would have gone rotten by the time the survivors had gotten over their squeamishness of eating their friends and family. Before an avalanche hit what remained of the plane's body or fuselage that was acting as the survivors' shelter killing 8 people, 6 more had died either from hypothermia or wounds sustained from the crash. Eventually, the survivors who ventured down the mountains found three goat herders and got two helicopters to get the other survivors, but by then it was December 22nd, two months



Survivors waving for the rescue helicopters

passed the crash. The media frenzy resulting from the 'Miracle of the Andes' lead to the movie *Alive* being produced in 1993 available on Netflix.

Before the tragedy of flight 571, the fear of the number 13, triskaidekaphobia, was already ingrained into the minds of Americans. Oddly enough, this fear originated from Christians. According to lore, Judas was the last person to come to the Last Supper being the thirteenth person to enter the room, since there were twelve apostles and Jesus. It's also common knowledge that Judas gave Jesus up to the Jewish high priests leading to his crucifixion on Good Friday. Although the hype surrounding Friday the 13th feels real, don't be fooled; it's just a day. Nobody

watches their step on July 28th, August 6th, or September 1st and 9th although World War One, the bombing of Nagasaki, World War Two, and the attacks on the Twin Towers killed numerous people. It's also highly unlikely that a decade from now people will be fretting over superstition on October 1<sup>st</sup>, the day of the recent Las Vegas shooting, because an atrocity happened on that day.

Misfortune is everywhere, therefore it's best to not worry since every day holds equal opportunities for bad and good luck. October the 13<sup>th</sup> may be cemented as a dreadful day in the minds of the American populace, but today is only a day of superstitions holding no real power over the wellbeing of anybody.

**By: MaKayla O'Neil**

## Close-Up

The semi-annual Close-Up trip is scheduled to take place in June of 2019, so it's time for students who are interested in the trip to start planning and fundraising. Every two years, students at Belt School raise money to travel to both Washington D.C. and New York City, it is a very educational trip as the students get the opportunity to tour many influential government sites and meet other students from all over the country.

This year, Mrs. Meissner and Mrs. Gliko will be advising the trip by helping students fundraise and chaperoning next summer. There was a meeting on Thursday September 7th, in Mrs. Meissner's room and the turnout was superior with almost 20 sophomores and freshmen. They got right down to business discussing the trip and wasted no time in designating students to sell 50/50 tickets at home sports events. Any students who might have missed the meeting, but are still interested in experiencing Close-Up should visit Mrs. Meissner or Mrs. Gliko for details of the trip.

**By: Maggie Andrews**

## Poker Tournament!

5th Annual Matt Darko Scholarship  
 October 14th  
 Harvest Moon Saloon  
 Belt, Mt  
 Sign Up-at Noon

Tournament Begins-2pm  
 \$100 Buy In  
 \$20 Re-Buys Until Lunch  
 Free Lunch is Provided



Early Sign Up rewarded with \$500 Chip Bonus

1/2 Proceeds go to Matt Darko Scholarship Fund

The Winner will receive a Trophy Buckle

## Interim Mayor

Belt Mayor, BJ Wells, resigned his position on September 27<sup>th</sup>. A mayoral election is already scheduled to take place this year. Residents should receive ballots in the mail on October 18<sup>th</sup> and get their votes in by November 7<sup>th</sup>. Candidates for the election include:

Donald Crowell, former mayor John Masonovich, and Jim Olson. Wells' name will appear on the ballot but subsequent to his resignation, he has withdrawn from the race. Delbert Darko will be acting as interim mayor until the newly elected mayor takes office.

Also on the ballot will be an election for the Alderman from Ward 3. The candidates vying for that council seat are Russ Roberts and Clifford Williams. The winners of both elections will take office on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## Senior Spotlight

Trey Heitzman and Troy Hennes will be graduating from Old Belt High on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The two boys are not originally from Belt, but have benefited the school and the sports teams with their presence.

Trey moved to Belt from Great Falls to begin his second grade year. Through the years Trey took a liking to Mr. Koontz, who is his favorite



teacher. As a young boy, Trey was drawn to athletics. He enjoyed playing football and basketball as well as the inevitable bonds athletes form with their teammates. He refers to his fellow football players as his "brothers," and as he's walking across the stage to accept his diploma he will be thinking about all the memories they created together and how much he will miss them. However, to cheer himself up he can draw on the cherished memories that he and his "siblings" forged on the football field his senior year. Trey enjoys sports, but he elects to spend his spare time hanging out with his girlfriend, Morgan Cooper. After Trey graduates he plans to continue working for his family company, Leisure Lawn.

Troy made the move from Stevensville to the smaller community of Belt his freshman year. Troy found that he enjoyed spending time in the shop and



Mr. Zuhoski, would soon become his favorite. Troy participated in DECA, an organization that prepares emerging leaders for the business world. Belt is a very athletic-oriented community and Troy fit in perfectly, participating in football, basketball, and track. During his free time, Troy revels in hunting, hanging out with his friends, and hitting on girls. The Class of 2018 is very tight-knit. In fact, they have a class group chat where they are in continuous contact with each other. Troy's treasures the bonds that have formed with his classmates, but he will miss his teachers the most when he graduates. While his career path is still unclear, Troy plans to pursue post-secondary education.

Accepting a diploma is a bitter-sweet moment for both the graduates and their families, but Trey and Troy are both very excited to see what the world has to offer. Next week's article will feature Tucker Johnson and Shannon Hoskins.

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## Basket Raffle



**Year's Baskets:**  
 Bobcat  
 Griz  
 Chocolate  
 Family Night  
 Coffee  
 Pet Care

Anyone interested, sponsor a themed basket that will be displayed at the 5-12 Concert October 24<sup>th</sup>. **Baskets must be dropped off at the office by Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>!**

The Basket Raffle, run by the Belt Federation of Teachers, is contributing to the Education Scholarships for Belt students pursuing education degrees.

**Raffle Tickets Available:**  
 During the 5-12 concert  
 Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 ⇒ (November 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>)

The Belt Federation of Teachers appreciates the help.

# Construction

After a few days of rainy, cool weather, the sun returned to the Belt Valley and provided a great opportunity for the Dick Anderson Construction crew to make headway on the Belt School improvement project approved by voters last spring. While renovations are being undertaken in the old grade school wing, the big boy equipment has been reshaping the area that will house the classrooms and multipurpose facility. Much of the dirt work is completed and forms have been poured between the school building and the west side of the valley. Keely Drummond and Shelby Paulson braved the elements to capture photos of the facelift from a perch atop the existing building. The building crew is working diligently to meet the schedule, which envisions the new addition being ready for school year 2018-19.



Puzzle	Calendar of Events
<p>Last year this picture was taken of a male junior high-schooler running, who's cleat is it?</p>  <p>Last week's answer was the Centerville Miners high school logo's helmet.</p>	<p>Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> MS Volleyball Tournament – TBD</p> <p>Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> FB vs. Centerville Var 7:00 p.m. Northern 'C' Championship</p> <p>Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Cross Country @ Townsend 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> Volleyball vs. Big Sandy (Senior Night) JV – 6:00 p.m. Var - + 20 min</p> <p>Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Simms "C" Squad – 5:00 p.m. JV – +20 min Var - + 20 min</p> <p>Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> MS Field trip to Butte Orphan Girl Mine</p> <p>Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> Volleyball @ Fairfield "C" Squad – 4:15 p.m. JV – +20 min Var - + 20 min</p> <p>Oct. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL – MEA/MFT Conferences</p> <p>Oct. 21<sup>st</sup> State Cross Country @ Helena 1:00 p.m.</p> <p>Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup> Picture Retakes</p> <p>Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> Vision Screening in Cafeteria – 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> 5-12 Fall Music Concert 7:00 p.m.</p>

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