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Hoops Season Under Way

The Husky boys' team started off their season last weekend with two non-conference games held in the home of the Shelby Coyotes. The boys' face their first opponent, the Cut Bank wolves, with fervor, racking a quick couple points off the buzzer, collecting a total of 15 in the first quarter alone. Antonio Heaton, the team's leading scorer for the afternoon, nailed nine of his eleven points in the first eight

minutes alone, gaining a quick lead of eleven points over the wolves. The final score for the quarter was 15-4 with a slow start for Cut Bank.

The Huskies endured a small lull in the second quarter, snatching up five points as the Cut Bank defense adjusted to Coach Paulson's half-court pick and roll offense. Keeping a hold of their eleven point lead from the first quarter, the Husky team

managed to hold off the assailing Cut Bank boys, allowing them a maximum of 5 points in the second quarter. The low scoring stanza lead the Belt basketball boys into half with a score of 20-9.

After the halftime intermission, the maroon and gold clad players stepped back onto the hardwood for the second round of play. The two teams battled in another quarter of
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Lady Huskies Win On

The Lady Husky basketball team has been hitting the gym for three weeks with hopes of repeated last year's state championship. The quest for the trophy began last weekend at the Coyote Classic in Shelby. The Huskies stomped the Malta M-Ettes on Friday and continued to chase the dream with a win against Shelby on Saturday.

This year's varsity roster consists of seniors: Adrian Malek, Briana Wall, Dani Urick, and Ryan Schraner, junior, Morgan Cooper, and sophomores: Abby Gliko, Adelle Meissner, Kolby Pimperton, and Shelby Paulson.

Belt hasn't beaten Malta in the first game of the year in 3 years, but this year that changed. The girls came out strong in the first quarters and scored 16

points compared to Malta's 11. Dani Urick and Adrian Malek both tallied 6 points to start the season. In the second quarter, the team continued their success with 15 points and were led by Ryan Schraner who made 3 baskets good for 6 points. The M-Ettes got in 8 points before the half.

After a halftime pep talk, the teams took the floor to finish the game. The third period showed the superior ability of the Huskies who scored 14 points, led by Malek with 4. Malta scored a mere 2 points as Belt's defense shut down the M-Ettes. Urick led the way to a 19 point fourth quarter by adding 9 points herself, and Malta got in 4 of their own buckets. The Huskies triumphed over Malta by a staggering 35 points, outscoring the M-Ettes 64-29.

Urick led all scorers with 24 points and Malek added 12 of her own as the Huskies kicked off the 2017 season. The girls took the win over Malta as a good omen and continued to dominate the court Saturday night against the Shelby Coyotes.

The Coyotes were more of a challenge for the Huskies, however, the girls still managed a 15 point victory, 45-30. The Huskies came out ready to play and accumulated 15 points in the first quarter led by Urick with 6. Shelby wanted a chance at the reigning state champs and added 12 points to their side of the scoreboard. In the second quarter, Schraner added 4 points while the team totaled 11 and the Coyotes notched 7 points before the buzzer rang.

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Girls Basketball (Cont.)

After a 10 minute intermission, both teams were ready for play. Belt scored just 6 points in the third quarter, an unexpected lull in the scoring of the game. Belt was led by Morgan Cooper and Schraner who both added 3 points on the Huskies side. Shelby outscored the Huskies in the third period with 8 points. In the fourth period, the Huskies scored 13 points, eight of

which were scored by Cooper. The Coyotes were unable to match Belt's scoring ability and only notched 3 of their own points. The Lady Huskies were led by Cooper with 11 points and Urick who offered 10. The team is looking forward to the rest of the season and all the challenges and success it has to offer. The kick-off tournament filled Old Belt faithful with the

promise of a great season.

The girls will be back in action tonight against the Winnett/Grass Range Rams. The game is slated to begin at 6:00 p.m. You can also catch the Huskies on Saturday in Centerville against the lady miners. The Valley Voice wishes the girls the best of luck in their promising season.

By: Adelle Meissner

Facility Walk Through

On December 5th Belt Valley School held a facility walk through. At the conclusion of the K-4 Winter Concert students, teachers, and citizens gathered in the library waiting for an instructor to give them a tour of the construction progress. Class of 2010 Belt High graduate, Logan Gondeiro led the group of people through the new elementary hallway, explaining which room was which. The whole interior of the building is different. There were bigger classrooms and even a new locker room. There is a lot of work left to do but the new addition to the school should be finished around the end of July.

By: Tori Sherwood



Volleyball Awards

As the Husky volleyball team donned the maroon and gold for the last time at the state tournament in November, their hard work on and off the floor was recognized by the Montana High School Association in the form of all-conference and all-state recognition.

All-Conference volleyball players are members of the team that play a big role; they make plays happen when it seems that the point will be lost. All-conference players for Belt were: seniors, Dani Urick and Adrian Malek, along with junior, Morgan Cooper. Sophomore Kolby Pimperton received an hon-

orable mention

The criteria for an All-State player is an All-Conference player who performs at a higher level. Urick, Malek, Cooper, and Pimperton all received all-state recognition. All the Husky athletes who received conference recognition also received state level praise which is something the Belt program can be proud of.

Academic All-State is awarded to players who maintain a 3.5 or higher grade point average throughout the season putting them also on Belt's honor roll. Many of the Husky volleyball players made

Academic All-State including seniors: Malek, Urick, and Shannon Hoskins, junior, Morgan Cooper, sophomores: Abby Gliko, Adelle Meissner, Shelby Paulson, and Pimperton, and freshman, Riley Larsen.

The Belt Volleyball program is one that the school can be proud of; the team repeatedly produces players who are recognized not only for their athletic accomplishments, but also their academic achievements. The Valley Voice would like to congratulate the volleyball team on a great season, once again.

By: Adelle Meissner

Boys Basketball

almost equal play, but the Husky boys managed to score one more point than their opponents, with a total of 9; 3 of which were donated generously by Keagan Stroop, who would lead in scoring for that period of play. The final score of 29-17 would leave Belt with a solid spread of 12 points.

Cut Bank, realizing the ground they needed to cover to pull out a victory, kicked off their fourth quarter similarly to how Belt began the game, with the intent to score. The Wolves dominated, scoring 16 points in the last eight minutes. The wolves were led by Hayden Harrell who dropped 5 points in the fourth along with Dawson Matt who dropped 4. The Husky boys managed to hold off the advancing Cut Bank team, bringing the game to a close final score of 37-33 in favor of the Huskies.

The Belt basketball team's second game of play was held once again on the hardwood of Shelby High Coyotes against Florence-Carlton. The battle raged on between the Huskies and the Falcons, each trying to gain the upper hand in the first minutes of playing time. The Falcons managed to scrape up

the top score of the first quarter, snatching 13 points and allowing the Belt team only a gain of 9.

Florence-Carlton Co-op basketball team picked up speed from their first quarter victory adding to their 4 point gap and creating a deficit of 15 for the Husky boys to make up. The eight minutes of play was a low scoring round for the Belt team, with only 3 points added to the scoreboard. As the buzzer for half sounded the final score was set at 12-27.

The Belt team returned to the floor after a quick-pep talk from Coach Paulson. The boys started off with a fervidness that was absent in the previous stanzas, scoring 9 points and holding off the descending Flacons allowing them only 5 points for the quarter. Brayden Haugrose, who would be the leading score of the night with a grand total of 9 points, made 5 of his 9 baskets in the third quarter, helping to shorten the wide gap between the two teams. The quarter closed with a final score up to 21-32, with eight minutes to go the Belt boys had great odds to over-come to be able to walk away victorious for the second time that weekend.

The fourth quarter kicked off and the Belt Boys continued to make ground, bringing the score closer and closer. Troy Hennes, laid in four of his eight points in the fourth and would be the prominent scorer for the final eight minutes. Shut-out threes from multiple players, Stroop, Wing, and Hunter Vogl would bring the Husky team back into the game. The fourth quarter effort displayed on the hardwood was tremendous, the boys scored 15 clutch points but were unable to snag a victory over their well-matched opponents, the Florence-Carlton Falcons.

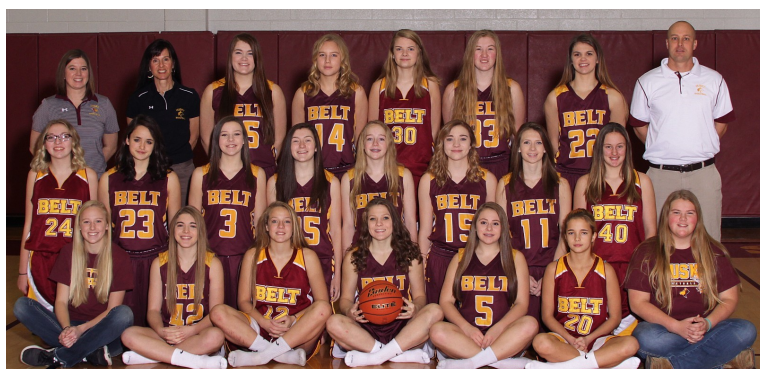
The weekend came to an end and set the Belt Basketball team's record at 1-1 for the fledgling season. The team's first conference games will be held tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Belt Gymnasium against the Winnett-Grass Range Rams and tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m. (respectively) in the gulch, where the Huskies will face off against the Centerville Miners to renew their long held rivalry. The Valley Voice wishes the boys luck.

By: Shelby Paulson



Husky Boys Basketball

Back Row: Keagan Stroop, T.J. Hennes, Kaimen Evans, Trey Heitzman, Brendan Wing, Troy Hennes, Antonio Heaton, Robbie Gliko, Hunter Vogl, Brayden Haugrose
Front Row: Coach Kyle Paulson, Asa Jassen, Jon Highfill, Kaiden Marquis, Cole Hepfner, Aiden Bergstrom, Coach Tony Cooper



Husky Girls Basketball

Back Row: Coach Renzi Horton, Coach Suzy Maki, Adrian Malek, Shelby Paulson, Sabrina Wing, Abby Gliko, Dani Urick, Coach Jeff Graham

Middle Row: Livvy Shelton, Grace Norstedt, Morgan Cooper, Kolby Pimperton, Kyelie Marquis, Tori Shelton, Brianna Wall, Candyce Davison

Front Row: Lindsey Paulson, Adelle Meissner, Brooke Schraner, Ryan Schraner, Karlee Permann, Faith Marchington, Raily Gliko

DECA Project

This school year, there are an abundance of DECA projects that are being completed. Sophomores Maggie Andrews and Keely Drummond decided to develop a Public Relations Campaign that is aimed at spreading teen mental health awareness throughout Cascade Country and the surrounding communities.

The girls partnered with Alliance For Youth of Great Falls to help them have a strong backbone for the project. With stickers and temporary tattoos in the office, they are helping promote an app called #LetsTalk which was designed by Nicole Zimmerman, the program manager from Alliance For Youth.

Andrews and Drummond recorded public service announcements (PSAs) at all the local radio stations in Great Falls. They also had their stories aired on the local KRTV news station and KFBB news stations all over Montana. The Great Falls Tribune also featured their story on in the newspaper two weeks ago.

Currently, Andrews and Drummond are developing their own social media campaign that spreads the awareness more locally. They will be developing a PSA video that showcases teen mental health and suicide. The girls are creating a lesson plan that can be used by schools all over Montana

throughout the Montana Behavior Initiative (MBI). They also plan on having a ‘Tear Down the Wall’ campaign where high school and middle school students can complete a good deed and “tear down” a brick from the wall to turn it in for a prize. The girls plan on printing t-shirts in the near future to give them away to students.

Andrews and Drummond will present their project at the Montana State DECA Conference hosted in Fairmont Hot Springs this coming February. In coming issues, the Voice will showcase other DECA projects being undertaken by students at Belt High School.

By: Keely Drummond

Pearl Harbor

On the 7th of December in 1941 Pearl Harbor was bombed by Japan, and now seventy six years later the students of Belt keep the people who died in their minds. Pearl Harbor was a naval base located in Hawaii, and it endured a tragedy that would push the United States into the Second World War. With an immense total of 2403 dead, this included 68 civilians, and 1,000 injured, Americans holds somber thoughts of Pearl Harbor.

The attack on Pearl Harbor

was startling, and it shocked the nation into action. In the attack Japan managed to damage 20 vessels, which included eight large battleship, and nearly 300 airplanes. The day following this horrific attack the U.S. Congress declared war on the nation of Japan. Only Montana’s Jeannette Rankin voted against the declaration. Although the raid of Japanese planes was a complete surprise the United States, and Japan had been approaching war for a decent amount of time.

This was due to conflict over China, and the declared war on China, by the Japanese, in 1937.

Pearl Harbor was an important event in history that everyone should remember, because it led America into World War II, and many lives were lost on that sorrowful day. As the seventy sixth anniversary is upon the country, and the tiny town of Belt, hopefully, everyone can keep the events of this day on their mind.

By: Natalie Larsen

Husky Apparel for Sale

Men & Women’s Quarter Zips

- Available in: maroon w/ heather grey, black w/ heather grey, and gold w/ heather grey

Women’s Full Zip

- Available in maroon w/ heather maroon

Men’s Full Zip

- Available in black w/ heather grey

Logos

- Choose from a variety of 6

Contact Info: Jill Gliko— jgliko@beltschool.com

*apparel will cost around \$60 each



K-4 Concert

On the fifth of December, students from early-kindergarten through fourth grade participated the Christmas program. Every year this event takes place about one week earlier than the 5th through 12th grade Christmas concert. The children were divided by grade and each grade performed one number.

They all performed beloved classics including: "Jingle Bells" "All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth" "Let it snow", and

more. For the last song of the night, all of the grades came together to sing "We wish you a Merry Christmas."

Mr. Sutton, who was one of the directors for the elementary program shared his about the evening's fun, "Overall I thought it went very smoothly, they all sang well, and delivered their lyrics nicely. The stage looked aesthetically pleasing with all of the delightful decorations." Mr. Sutton was very true to

his word, as everything resulted in a nice performance and the children looked and sounded very pleasing. The children got a very special visit from the old, jolly, Saint Nick, Santa Claus, who passed out candy canes after the performance. Over 600 people were in the stands on that for the show. Although the performance of the children only lasted about thirty minutes, it was a nice addition to the holiday season.

By: Sydne Flinn

Developing Ditto's

The hardest part of owning a beloved pet is letting them go when the cruelties of life have had their way. Once their treasured company has gone, all that is left is a broken or aged body coupled with a broken heart...or at least that is how it used to go down. Now, pets can be replicated crossing the threshold into a brand new age of science. An age of what were previously sci-fi wonders and the dreams or hopes of lonely budding brains everywhere are beginning to become a contemporary reality through cloning, essentially using ctrl+c on living organisms.

Cloning is a touchy subject to many and for centuries the idea has been toyed and experimented with through media, ranging from novels (*Never Let Me Go* by Kazuo Ishiguro) to paintings (*Cloning* by Vladimir Petrov) to movies (*Multiplicity*).

In 1996, cloning presented itself seriously for the first time in the modern world with the Scots creating Dolly, a sheep who was the official first clone. When this news hit the world, this issue of ethics slammed the scientific community like a train. Suddenly, cloning was an undeniable possibility and as

time moved on it could be an everyday reality.

Now, two decades later cloning has entered its next phase in its life with a very clean and clever idea, pets! Other animals are potential choices for cloning, but the marketing teams really focused on pets! Marketers recognize that there are great many people in the world who are severely attached to their small furry friends. In fact, many humans think of their pets as family. The company, Viagen Pets, could clone any living human's animal no matter the animal's size, from a race horse to the ultimate "purse dog".

The one thing that is not talked about very much or really at all on the Viagen website is the downside to cloning animals. Now, no writer is going to say it is a very good idea to look for the bad or evil in any and all situations but there might be one or two writers out there who would say that. Following their crazy philosophies the information about the numerous destroyed embryos, miscarriages, and fetal abnormalities suddenly seem a lot more pertinent.

It certainly is stirring up controversy. Many are opposed to

any sort of cloning for religious reasons, while others might fear the results of a duplicating process gone horribly awry. Of course, some military genius might try to weaponized the process.

Although the whole thing sounds like something from the mind of Stephen King, the reality is that is now a possibility. These new advancements have far reaching implications for society. There are legal, moral, and practical matters involved with these new technologies that were theoretical only a few years ago, yet now must be addressed.

It also presents new issues for animals. In the future perhaps, Fido will be commanded to roll over and over and over forever, but it might also be a serious problem for him to "play dead."

Overall, the advancements in science are wonderful and a sign of positive growth, projecting technological advances to continue into the future. If anyone is interested in duplicates of their furry friends they can contact them at (888) 876-6104 or their mailing address is 715 Discovery Blvd. Suite 410 A, Cedar Park, Texas, 78613.

By: Keaghan Opheim

Gingerbread Houses

On December 5 the 4th graders as well as their parents and volunteers excitedly gathered in the cafeteria at 8:15. The students listened to the directions of Mrs. Visocan, who led the whole activity. The students were given instructions on how to build the basic structure of the house. Mrs. Visocan stated “A week before house building, we researched the history of Gingerbread House making, as well as the National Gingerbread House at the White House. From there, we looked at how gingerbread is made and the basic construction of a small house structure. The day of construction, I used an example to

show how to build the basic structure.”

After the directions students and their helpers were able to decorate their gingerbread houses as they wished (with lots of candy and icing). Mrs. Visocan purchased about \$200 worth of supplies for the students. The students also got to bring one item to share with their peers and one personal item. Mrs. Teresa Elam also

made a generous donation of powdered sugar and the kitchen staff made the batches of icing for the students. After they were all completed the students placed their homes in the cafeteria trophy case and posed for a class photo. Their houses will be there for the rest of December and the students will be able to take their Gingerbread Houses home the week before Christmas break. After the students



were finished everyone helped clean up as well as the kitchen staff. The whole process took about two hours.

Decorating gingerbread houses is definitely one of the most exciting/fun activities to do during the Christmas season, and it definitely helps bring the Christmas spirit into the school and lift everyone’s mood. This activity is a great way to help the students become more enthusiastic and make incredible memories with their classmates, parents, and staff.

By: Tori Sherwood



Pee wee Hoops

The high school basketball season has recently started, but the youngsters from fifth and sixth grade were playing ball during the fall season. As the high schoolers have stormed the gym and shifted the practice schedule of the young athletes, the little tykes season ended last weekend.

The fifth grade boys played five games throughout their tournament. To kick-off their last tournament of the season, the Huskies faced the number one seed, the Centerville Miners. Unfortunately for the Belt fans, the young pups were unable to match the Miners’ advanced skill set. The boys rallied

and we on to defeat Great Falls Central Catholic. The Huskies continued to roll right on past the Fairfield Eagles. The youngsters also captured a victory against Foothills and Simms. The championship for the fifth grade was caught by the undefeated Centerville Miners.

As many of the teams woke up early and got the gym in preparation for an early morning game, the sixth grade Belt Huskies slept in and ate a good breakfast. The Huskies were more well rested and had fuller bellies than anybody else in the gym because they captured the number one seed. Their stellar placing awarded them a first game bye.

Belt kicked-off their tournament against the Simms Tigers; the Huskies won 36-14. The young boys went on to the championship where they played the Fairfield Eagles. Belt won the tournament by outscoring the Eagles 47-22.

While the fifth grade boys retired their basketballs to the rack, the title-hungry sixth graders are anxiously waiting for the middle school’s season to kick off in February. The Valley Voice wishes the middle school the best of luck in their basketball season and encourage them to simply enjoy the sport while trying their hardest.

By: Adelle Meissner

Fall Athletic Awards Banquet

On November 28, Belt Autumn athletes gathered in the cafeteria at 6:00 p.m. for the Universal Athletic Awards Banquet with a potluck dinner.

There were 12 awards bestowed upon 7 exceptional Football athletes. Trey Heitzman was awarded three of the 12, "Most Tackles", "MVP-Defense", and "Most Inspirational". Keagan Stroop was also awarded 3 Football awards, "Top Ballhawk", "Leading Rusher", and "MVP-Offense". Robbie Flinn received 2 awards, "Leading Receiver", and "Mr. Hustle. Troy Hennes placed as "Top Defensive Lineman" and Nolan Myrstol was awarded "Top Offensive Lineman". Matt Dollenger was "Most Im-

proved", and Kaimen Evans was "Rookie of the Year".

Volleyball girls received 10 awards with Kolby Pimperton getting 2 awards, "Aces" and "Assists". Dani Urick was awarded 5 awards, "Serve Receive Passes", "Digs", "Blocks", "MVP", and "Most Inspirational". Morgan Cooper was tied with Dani Urick for "Serve Receive Passes". Adrien Malek was also awarded "MVP" with Dani Urick, and won "Kills". Shelby Paulson earned "Most Improved", and "Rookie of the Year". Kyelie Marquis was also "Rookie of the Year" with Shelby Paulson.

The Cross Country runners all received awards. Keagan Stroop was the "Male MVP", and Kolby

Pimperton was "Female MVP". William Franzen was "Most Improved". Robbie Gliko was the "Most Dedicated Male", and Shelby Paulson was the "Most Dedicated Female".

The awards given to these athletes are based on statistics and character being a great accomplishment, worthy of pride. All the athletes on this list have dedicated countless hours to their sport and deserve recognition. The Belt Valley School hopes that these athletes and any others considering becoming athletes will put forth as much effort as possible to becoming better athletes on the field and court as well as students in the classroom.

By: Aundrea Glick

Middle School Secret Santa

During the month of December students from grades 6-8 participate in a game many know as Secret Santa. Mrs. Stinson is in charge of the 6th graders, Mrs. Vogt is in charge of the 7th graders, and Mrs. Meissner is in charge of the 8th graders. Each students draws a ran-

dom name from their class and they are required to bring them a present every day of the week from the 18th to the 21st. Some are simply bringing general presents that are exchanged randomly each day.

On the very last day the students find out who their Secret San-

ta is (if they don't already know). The students then watch movies and enjoy whatever their Secret Santa got them. Secret Santa is definitely a great way to end school before Christmas break, it also helps get the students in the Christmas spirit

By. Tori Sherwood

With 28% of crash fatalities involving alcohol, this Holiday Season it is imperative to think before jumping into a car, and driving. Every action has a consequence, and when deciding to drink and drive, those consequences are always atrocious. During the Holiday season it is important to think about the innocent families on the road that can be effected by the consequences of drinking and driving.

Due to the increased number of people on the road during the Christmas season, it is extremely important to think before making any life-changing decisions, which drinking and driving is. Let's wish that everyone can stay safe this Holiday season. Merry Christmas, and...

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Equine Corner

There are many students in Belt that have found a love for horses. Each individual uses their horses for different events such as ranch work, rodeoing, showing, and to just have fun. The Valley Voice would like to recognize these students for devoting hours at the barn and see what they have been up to outside of school.

Anna Pethel, a freshman at



Belt Valley High School, is the typical horse-crazy girl. She loves her to horses, Ace and Blue, to pieces. Pethel got Blue, an appaloosa, in the spring of 2015. This was Pethel's first horse since moving to Montana. Ace is Pethel's big dun barrel horse that she bought a year ago. Pethel enjoys hauling her

houses to barrel races and competing. One of Pethel's most proud moments was when she won the 2017 Year-End Youth 3D JJK Barrel Racing title last fall. This was her first buckle and it meant much to her since her horse, Ace, holds a special place in her heart. When Pethel is not with her horses, she like to spend time with friends and play volleyball. Pethel said that "Fallon Taylor is one of my biggest inspirations for horses, as well as just an overall person because she is crazy awesome." Fallon Taylor is the 2014 World Champion Barrel Racer and puts on clinics all over the United States. Pethel hopes that in the future she can purchase a young horse and train it to become a barrel horse.

Asa Jassen, an 8th grader, shows his love for horses through ranch work and showing. Jassen started riding at a very young age since he has grown up on a ranch that uses horses for cattle work. He has four horses that he calls his own: Te, Rev, Slick, and Greta. Jassen mainly uses Te and Rev for ranch work where he needs a trustworthy, experienced horse. Jassen

is also deeply involved in the 4-H horse program, where he is taking Slick and Greta as colt-to-maturity projects. Slick, a red roan three year old, and Greta, a blue roan weanling are the first two horses that Jassen has broke and will be training them on his own. He bought both of these horses as yearlings from Cole Redhorse Ranch located in Shelby, Montana. Throughout the 4-H program, Jassen has had numerous achievements. This last September, he won the Level 3 Ranch Horse title at the Montana 4-H Ranch Horse Competition. He also has placed very high in classes at the Montana 4-H State Horse Show with both his older and young horses. Jassen looks up the Doug Householder, a very talented horseman. Jassen as attended clinics from Householder and said that he has learned an enormous amount of horsemanship. His plans for the future include continuing ranch work, training horses, and hopefully, entering team roping jackpots.

Stay tuned for the next issue of the Valley Voice as two more horse-loving students along with their horses are featured.

By: Keely Drummond

The Great Falls Symphony

On the 10th of February at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Sutton will be participating in the Great Falls Symphony, playing the base trombone. The newest addition to the Belt teaching staff will be playing with about eighty other artists. Mr. Sutton first joined the Great Falls Symphony when he moved into Belt in July. He knew that there was a symphony in Great Falls, but he only planned to be a substitute for a player that wasn't able to attend a concert put-

ting his "foot in the door." When a spot for a base trombone opened up, Sutton gladly took it. Mr. Sutton thought that the switch between being a teacher and participating in the symphony was a relief and was gratifying, although it requires an extra time commitment.

The next concert will provide a romantic theme in celebration of Valentine's Day. The orchestra normally plays classical symphony songs with a hint of old-

er sets. The orchestra is composed of a full sting section, a family of woodwinds, and more.

They recently had a Christmas concert on the 3rd of December where they performed a mash-up of old Christmas carols. For anyone interested in attending Mr. Sutton's performance in February, he will be playing at the Mansfield Box Office at the Civic Center, 2 Park Drive South, Great Falls, Montana.

By: Sydne Flinn

JV Basketball

Belt's basketball programs have been very successful in years past and the young athlete's career begins on the junior varsity basketball team. At the Coyote Classic Kick-Off Tournament last weekend in Shelby, the young girls and boys JV played two games each. The girls played the hometown Shelby Coyotes and the Cut Bank Wolves, and the boys JV played the Malta Mustangs and the Florence Falcons.

The Lady Husky junior varsity consists of sophomores: Abby Gliko, Adelle Meissner, Brooke Schraner, Candyce Davison, Grace Norstedt, Karlee Permann, Kolby Pimperton, Kyelie Marquis, and Shelby Paulson and freshmen: Faith Marchington, Livvy Shelton, and Sabrina Wing. The boys' junior varsity consists of junior, Robbie Gliko, sophomore, Hunter Vogl, freshman, Kaimen Evans, and due to a roster shortage eighth graders: Aidan Bergstrom, Asa Jassen, Cole Hepfner, Jon Highfill, and Kaiden Marquis.

The young girls, eager for their first game, have blasted their way to the beginning of an undefeated season. With wins over Shelby and Cut Bank last weekend, the girls are hoping for a seventh straight undefeated season. The un-

derclassmen outscored the Coyotes 64-24. In the first quarter, Shelby was outscored by Belt 19-10. The Huskies continued to outscore the coyotes in the second quarter 21-4.

After halftime, Belt continued their success and scored 16 points compared to Shelby's 8. The Coyotes were almost completely shut down in the fourth period and scored only two while Belt added 9 more points. The Lady Huskies were led by Shelby Paulson who offered 20 points and Brooke Schraner who contributed 15.

On Saturday, the girls dominated the Wolves 54-20. Cut Bank was held scoreless in the first quarter, but Belt added 16 points to the board. During the second period, the Wolves added their first 4 points to the book and Belt added 12 of their own.

After a quick break, the teams took the floor to finish the game. Belt kicked off the second half with 16 while Cut Bank only got in 8 of their own. In the fourth period, the Wolves outscored the Huskies 12-9, but Belt was able to pull out the win. Kyelie Marquis led all scorers with 21 points and Paulson added 10 of her own. The squad is excited for the rest of the season, hopeful for the promise it brings.

The boys' basketball team fell to the Malta Mustangs in their season opener 23-53. The stats for the game are unknown. The Huskies went on the face the Florence Falcons on Saturday. In the first quarter the boys hung with the Falcons 10-10. The young Huskies even stuck with Florence in the second period. The Huskies scored 4 while the Falcons added 6.

After halftime, Florence started to pull away from the Huskies. The Falcons tallied 12 third quarter points while Belt only added 4. During the fourth quarter, the Falcons allowed Belt 11 points as well as adding 12 to their side of the board. Despite the best effort of the young men, Belt was not able to pull out the win and fell to the Falcons 40-29. Robbie Gliko led the Huskies with 12 points followed by Hunter Vogl who added 7. The boys are looking to avenge their preseason losses and look forward to a great season this year.

The budding athletes will be displaying their talent tonight against the Winnett/Grass Range Rams at 4:00 in Belt and tomorrow night in Centerville. The Valley Voice wishes the two teams the best of luck with their season.

By: Adelle Meissner

Christmas Caroling

Last Wednesday night Youth Leadership teamed up with St. Mark's Catholic Youth Group and the Community Christian Church Bible group for community service. Participants loaded up onto trailers filled with hay bales, hot cocoa, and Christmas spirit heading off to serenade Belt with Christmas carols. Holiday joy was passed across town. With each knock students made, people heard sounds that could only be described as the

soul of season. Stopping at community members houses who looked forward to their annual visitations, the group made their rounds about Belt along with the routine visit to the Senior Center where Mr. Hoyer gave his rendition of Silent Night, which he claims to be 'tear-inspiring'. After the chilly air managed to seep past the layers of blankets, scarves, and hats on every caroler, the singers turned tail and headed back to the St. Marks where

food, drink, and warmth was served to the red-nosed group of students. The night ended with the spread of holiday feeling all across Belt bringing an already close community closer together with a simple tradition that has been passed down and etched into the fabric of Belt, a tradition that brings joy to others in the form of children swaddled in oversized blankets and frozen hands wrapped in knitted mittens.

By: Shelby Paulson

New Students

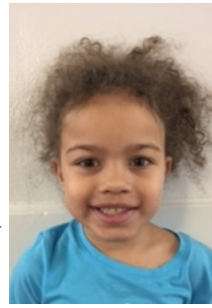
This issue of the Valley Voice features the last duo of new students in Belt. Tavian Croteau and Brooklyn Phillips are the youngest additions to the Belt community.

Tavian Croteau, a fourth grader, moved from Helena to Belt this summer. His favorite hobby outside school is playing video games; he do not have a favorite because that are all “too much fun”. Croteau said that his favorite activity in school has been when they made bottle rockets and shot them off with his teacher, Mrs. Vi-



socan. Not surprisingly, gym class is Croteau’s most cherished class. Croteau said that when he grows up, he aspires to be video game designer.

Brooklyn Phillips, a second grader, moved to Belt at the end of last school year. Phillips is also the granddaughter of middle school science teacher, Mrs. Vogt and niece of junior, Julia. Phillips loves to spend her free time reading books and completing sticker books and swimming in the summer. Phillips said that one time this summer at the Belt Pool, she



was hanging on to the railing in the 3 foot area in the big pool, accidentally slipped, and to her surprise she could touch. This triggered an exciting summer at the pool and Phillips cannot wait for next June. One of her favorite things her she

has done as a 2nd grader is watching movies in class. She said When Phillips was asked what she wants to be when grows up, a doctor was an easy answer for her.

The Valley Voice would like to welcome all the new students to Belt one last time and hope they all thrive.

By: Keely Drummond

Belt Food Bank

The local Food Bank is one of the most important parts of Belt, especially during the Holiday season. While the residents of Belt get to see high achieving students every day, sometimes people forget that some community members are struggling. Two Belt students have been spreading a little extra cheer this Holiday season because by helping out at the local food bank.

These students, Hannah Schweitzer and Tori Shelton, have

been going in to help every third Friday. When asking Tori what her favorite part has been she answered “Definitely getting to help people, it’s really cool, and I never realized just how much the Belt Food Bank helps the Belt community.”

There are many events happening during the school year that benefit the food bank, one of those being National Honor Society’s “Can the Cats, Can the Griz” contest that takes place annually during

the month of November.

Belt is lucky enough to have students who truly care about the residents, and well-being of the town. Hopefully, these acts can proceed throughout the entire year, and continue to help those who are struggling. Belt is a great place, and it is all thanks to lovely organizations like the Belt Food Bank. The Belt Food Bank is housed in the United Methodist Church.

By: Natalie Larsen

Family Math Night

The Belt Public School is very involved with students learning, encouraging parents to aid them in their quest of daily achievements. Belt teachers love to hear that parents are taking an active participation in what their children are learning. Students are also very happy to hear that their parents are interested in what they are learning.

The Boys and Girls Club, Husky Club, the Title One program, and the elementary staff put togeth-

er a parent involvement math night on November 14th. Elementary students and their families were invited from 5:15 p.m. to 7 p.m. The families were invited to a free spaghetti dinner and math games. 187 people attended to participate in various math games with their children, and talk to elementary teachers about how their students have been doing in class.

The elementary staff, Boys and Girls, and Husky Club staff

were all very pleased with the outcome. The Husky Club, Boys and Girls, and Title One are also planning a family reading night. The reading night will probably take place in February and would be similar in nature. Parents are encouraged to become involved with their students learning. The families that attended the math night are thanked warmly and invited back to talk to teachers at any time.

By: Aundrea Glick

Senior Spotlight

With Christmas break just days away, the Class of 2018 is looking forward to a break from essays, scholarships, application deadlines, and the anxious feeling of receiving news from the college they've been praying to get into. Hannah Schweitzer and Keagan Stroop look forward to the days when their break isn't temporary; they're embarking upon a path to higher education with hopes of providing themselves with the life they always imagined.

Hannah Schweitzer wandered into Belt six years ago from the larger town of Great Falls. As Hannah began her academic career in Belt, she participated in golf, cheer, bas-

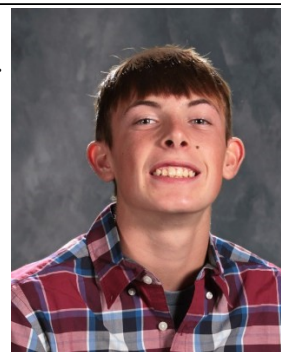


ketball, Science Olympiad, National Honors Society, Youth Leadership, band, and Deca. Along with balancing all of her extracurricular activities, Hannah also managed to be elected Student Body President. Mrs. Stinson became Hannah's favorite teacher not because of her classes, but because she was the

golf coach. Out of the many great memories she has to choose from, Hannah's favorite is probably her fifth period College of Technology class this year. Hannah is going to miss quite a few people: tons of juniors, sophomores, and freshmen, "and like four people from my class." Hannah also included that she knows Mr. Koontz will miss her because she's his favorite. Upon graduation, she plans to attend Montana State University Bozeman and start a Forensic Science degree. If she wishes to pursue forensics, she'll have to transfer out of MSU at some point. Hannah's hobbies are drawing, sleeping, listening to music, and napping. During her time in school, she enjoyed putting off papers, forgetting assignments, and procrastinating. Her favorite hobby is completing her homework from the weekend on Monday morning. Hannah also enjoys curling up in a ball and crying and golf.

Keagan Stroop is no stranger to the basketball playing, football loving, sport-centered charisma that surrounds Belt. Living in the small community for 18 years, it was clear to Keagan that he would grow up playing sports while donning the maroon and gold. He partook in football and cross-country during the fall season, leading his

team to state in both sports. He also plays a big role on the basketball and track team. While Keagan's main focus is on athletics,



he found that in the classroom his favorite teacher would be Mrs. Graham and his best friend would become Dani Urick, a fellow senior who is the "Keagan Stroop" for the girls' athletic programs. Keagan's favorite memory from his high school experience is getting the opportunity to play in the state football playoff games, and when he graduates it's sports that he will miss the most, along with his best friend, Dani. When he's not dominating the field, course, floor, or track, Keagan likes to go hunting and fishing. After graduation in May Keagan plans on attending Montana State Northern in the trades program.

The Valley Voice would like to wish these two seniors the best of luck as they pursue their dreams and start their life. The next issue will feature Jordan Swanson and Ashely Triviso.

By: Adelle Meissner

Featured Staff

Middle School Math and English teacher,

Mrs. Meissner. Meissner, a Belt native, has always loved her experience working in her



hometown close to life-long friends and family. When she's not busy at work, Meissner enjoys resorting outside working with her horses, cuddling her cats and spending time with her two daughters Brady (8th grade) and Keely (10th grade).

Throughout her high school and college career, Meissner devoted the majority of her spare time to doing what she loves, rodeo. She attended Montana State Uni-

versity in Bozeman while excelling in their rodeo program. Meissner was so successful, that she then transferred to MSU Northern on a rodeo scholarship and graduated in Havre. Upon graduation, Meissner made the trek back to Belt to initiate her teaching career; and the rest is history. The next edition of the Voice will share the story of another of Belt's dedicated staff.

By: Keely Drummond

Puzzle	Calendar of Events
<p>What Belt Montana building has this sign hung up outside?</p> 	<p>Dec 15th Girls Basketball vs. Winnett/Grass Range (JVar – 3:00 p.m. Var – 6:00 p.m.) Dec 15th Boys Basketball vs. Winnett/Grass Range (JVar – 4:30 p.m. Var – 7:30 p.m.) Dec 16th Girls Basketball @ Centerville (JVar – 2:00 p.m. Var – 5:00 p.m.) Dec 16th Boys Basketball @ Centerville (JVar – 3:30 p.m. Var – 6:30 p.m.) Dec 19th Girls Basketball vs Roy/Winifred (JVar – 3:00 p.m. Var – 6:00 p.m.) Dec 19th Boys Basketball vs Roy/Winifred (JVar – 4:30 p.m. Var – 7:30 p.m.)</p>
<p>Last Week's answer was Jeff Graham's set of crazy eyes.</p>	<p>Dec 20th 3-5 Ski Trip @ Showdown Dec 21st Colony Christmas Program</p>
<p>Montana Art Bus!!! Monday, December 18th All Day In Belt School Library</p> <p>Interactive Presentations & Art Lessons For Elem. Students!</p>  <p>Features Montana Artists Pieces Non-Profit Service Sponsored Montana Arts Council</p>	<p>Dec 21th Boys Basketball @ Fairfield (JVar – 4:15 p.m. Var – 5:45 p.m.) Dec 21th Girls Basketball @ Fairfield (JVar – 4:15 p.m. Var – 7:15 p.m.) Dec 22nd – Jan 2nd NO SCHOOL – WINTER BREAK Jan 4th Boys Basketball @ Conrad (JVar – 3:00 p.m. Var – 6:00 p.m.) Jan 4th Girls Basketball @ Conrad (JVar – 4:30 p.m. Var – 7:30 p.m.) Jan 6th DECA Pre-State Jan 6th Girls Basketball vs. Tri-Cities (JVar – 2:00 p.m. Var – 5:00 p.m.) Jan 6th Boys Basketball vs. Tri-Cities (JVar – 3:00 p.m. Var – 6:30 p.m.) Jan 8th 5th Grade Field Trip to Charlie Russell Museum Jan 9th Board of Trustees meeting @ 7:30 p.m. Jan 10th Middle School Ski Trip @ Showdown Jan 11th Girls Basketball @ Geyser (DGS) (JVar – 2:00 p.m. Var – 5:00 p.m.)</p>

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