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Spring Records Fall

The weather finally cleared up a little, meaning that lots of track and field action was on tap the last two weeks. Two Belt kids in particular took full advantage of the conditions to break school records.

At the Brent Hitchcock Memorial Meet junior Memphis Black shattered Belt High's oldest standard when he heaved the shot 52' 1", eclipsing Rick Goodman's 51 year old mark. Then Black backed it up with a school record in the discus, heaving the projectile 154' 4". That bested Eric Maki's 1985 toss.

Senior Lindsey Paulson continued her stellar career, breaking a couple of her own school records at the Top 8 Meet. She eclipsed her Belt High marks in the 1600m with a time of 5:08.18 and stopped the clock at 11:06.49 in the 3200m. Those were also Top 8 records.

The official results were recorded for the Choteau Twilight Meet that occurred on April 28th with many athletes placing in the top three. Ethan

Triplett ran a phenomenal 11.36 seconds for the 100m and it put him in first place for the whole state of Montana in the Class C ranks.

Starting off the long-distance events, Asa Jassen placed second for the 800m race and Lindsey placed first for the women. Paulson also won the 1600m race by a large gap of over a minute. In the 3200m, Asa Jassen came in first with Cole Hepfner placing third, and Aubrey Johnson accomplishing third place for the woman's side. In the 110m hurdles, JD Shepard achieved first place. In the 4x100m relay for the men, Belt placed third.

For the field events, Raily Gliko accomplished first place for shot put. In discus, Memphis Black came in first with the other opponents several feet behind him. Ahmia Lords made first place discus with her Belt ally, Raily Gliko, coming in second place. In javelin, Aidan Bergstrom accomplished second place with first place in reach. JD Shepard and Isaac Maki tied for second place in high (Cont. pg. 3)

Lady Husky Golf

The Lady Huskies completed their regular season for golf last week and hit the postseason tournament trail. Coach Stinson and Coach Koontz have been elated with the progress of all nine girls as they have persevered throughout typically tough Montana weather and a difficult game.

Against the backdrop of the Rocky Mountain Front, Saturday April 30th, the Lady Husky golf team ventured to Choteau for a meet on a cool, windy day. Addison Urick and Danika Lords both shot a 102 while Kylee Permann shot a 105, and Ryann Ostermann followed up with 121.

Feldman set a new personal record with 134. Overall, Urick placed fourth and Lords received fifth. Permann grabbed seventh place and Ostermann ended with eleventh.

Last Monday was the warmest day of the year, as the ladies voyaged to Fort Benton's Signal Point Golf Course for another contest. Urick shot a 104, earning her the best score from the Belt team. Nebel followed up with a 112, while Lords chased her with a 116, and Permann ended with 118. Nebel set a personal record for herself with this meet as did Brooke Backus who shot a 133. (Cont. pg. 5)

Sheriff Primary Election

On June 7th there is going to be a primary election for Cascade County Sheriff. The candidates for the Cascade Sheriff position are Jesse Slaughter who has been sheriff since 2018, and Jay Groskreutz who will be new to this position, but has been in the law enforcement for 22 years, as has Jesse Slaughter.

Jesse Slaughter has had experience in many different divisions, for example, Patrol, the Swat Team, firearms instructor, detective, crimes against children, and internet crimes against children. Slaughter stated, "I am running again because I love the community and want to serve to make a difference, and I still have so much work to do as sheriff."

If reelected, Slaughter says people can expect "Hard work and

that I think that the citizens are my boss and that I work for them. Responsive and transparent to the citizens. Putting community first, customer service, and keeping promises. I will protect freedom and rights, individual freedom and individual being the key word." He also wants to emphasize that he wouldn't be here without the support that he had in the first term and he wants to continue to support the community.

Jay Groskreutz has also worked in a couple different divisions. He started as a sheriff in the detention center in 2000, and worked there for 3 years. Then in 2003 he was the deputy for Cascade County and has worked there ever since. Groskreutz has never ran for Sheriff, but his reason in doing so

now, is that, "This county needs an awesome leader who puts people before politics." If he is elected he added, "I will aggressively attack the drug problem that we face, and I will watch out for the vulnerable people in our population." Jay would like to tell the community that, "There are a lot of good people in this county, and I'm just a normal guy who wants to make a difference, and I think that leadership is a big part of that. I spent 22 years in Cascade County for the better of the people."

As June 7th nears, the suspense for the results of the election slowly but surely grows. It is important that when voting, one must think of what is best for the community.

By: Gracie Watson

Paraskevidekatriaphobia

Looking back centuries in Western culture, the number 13 has been considered unlucky, or an omen of bad things to come. The tradition dates all the way back to the Last Supper, with the conspiracy about the 13 people seated at the table. Norse Mythology also considered the number a harbinger of doom.

Those that actually have a massive fear of the number 13 suffer from what is called Triskaidekaphobia, and the fear of the day Friday the 13th is paraskevidekatriaphobia or friggatriskaidekaphobia.

An important milestone for Friday the 13th happened in 1907 with the publication of the *Friday, the Thirteenth* novel, written by Thomas William Lawson. The book told the story of a New York stockbroker who plays on superstitions about the date in efforts to create chaos on Wall Street, as well as making a killing on the market.

As important as that was, arguably the most important event to happen for the holiday was on May 9th, 1980, with the release of *Friday the 13th*. The movie was the debut of one of the most iconic hor-

ror characters of all-time, the hockey-masked Jason Vorhees. The series was so loved and iconic that it went on to make 12 movies, a television series, novels, comic books, and a video game.

In recent times, a short list of calamities on Friday the 13th include: the bombing of Buckingham Palace (1940), a cyclone that killed over 300,000 people in Bangladesh (1970), the death of famous rapper Tupac Shakur (1996), and the crash of the cruise ship *Costa Concordia*, with 30 fatalities (2012).

By: Rylan Davison

DUI Reminder

As summer nears, most people make the most out of the nice weather, no school, and just having fun. But what people young and old should also think of is, that just because it's summer and is considered your free time, that doesn't make driving under the influence any less legal. Drinking is not illegal when you're 21 or over, but drinking and

driving at any age is not only illegal, but it puts your life and anyone else's on the road on the line.

So, to stay on the safe side, don't drink and drive, and enjoy summer!

*Don't Drink
and Drive*



High School Track (Cont.)

jump clearing 5'6". Bridger Vogl tied for second place in long jump with a jump of 19'10.5".

The Fairfield Belt State Preview was a very large meet with approximately 39 schools attending and many results were recorded. In the 800m race, Lindsey Paulson placed second and placed first in the 3200m. In the 300m hurdles, JD Shepard achieved third place with a time of 42.68 seconds. For the 4x400m relay, the Belt boys team accomplished third place. Ahmia Lord achieved third place for discus and Memphis Black placed second in shot put.

The Cascade Top 8 Meet occurred last Tuesday and many Belt athletes placed in the top three in their events. Ethan Triplett achieved second place in the 100m sprint and first place in the 200m. Lindsey Paulson won the 1600m and 3200m race with Asa Jassen coming in second for the 1600m race for the boys and first for the 3200m. JD Shepard won the 110m hurdles and placed third for the 300m hurdles. Raily Gliko and Memphis Black won the shot-put event and Ahmia Lords and Memphis Black won the discus event.

There was a freshman meet in Great Falls with many schools attending and ranging from C to AA. Luke Highfill won both the shot put and discus and Gracie Watson achieved second place for 300m hurdles and the 800m race.

The previous Friday, the Brett Hitchcock Memorial Track Meet occurred. Ethan Triplett accomplished second place in the 100m dash and placed third in the 200m. Lindsey Paulson participated in the 400m sprint and 800m dash, winning both events. Asa Jassen attained first place in the 800m race, first place in the 3200m, and his brother, Clayton Jassen, accomplished first place for the 1600m and second place for the 3200m. In the 110m hurdles and the 300m hurdles, JD Shepard came in first for both the events. Raily Gliko and Memphis Black both attained first place for the shot put. Ahmia Lords and Memphis Black also achieved first place for discus



with Isaac Maki acquiring third place.

The district competition is Friday, May 13th and the top 5 from each event will compete to see who will make it to divisionals. The district competition is Friday, May 13th and the top 5 from each event will compete to see who will make it to divisionals.

The *Valley Voice* would like to congratulate the athletes on their performances and wish them the best of luck for the upcoming district track meet. The next issue for *High School Track* will give the results of the district and divisional track meet.

By: Walker Maki

Book Fair

The spring book fair offered students an opportunity to get a jumpstart on their summer reading. This was a buy one get one free sale and many students took advantage of the occasion. Although it is called the book fair, there are more items for sale such as: diaries, pens, pencils, ultraviolet pens, erasers, posters, bookmarks, markers, science kits, and Lego book kits.

In total, Mrs. Meissner sold \$2,600 with another \$1,900 earned through the buy one get one free promotion. Nearly \$4,500 of books went out to students to help with summer reading. Mrs. Meissner is

able to keep 10% of the sales, and is able to use that money to purchase new books for the school library. All left over items are shipped back to Scholastic and restocked for book fairs that are held in other schools around the country.

There was a tremendous turnout for the fair as the library was packed with every chance one got to browse the selection of books and other miscellaneous items for sale. The fair was open April 26th-May 3rd, on select nights it stayed open until 6:30 p.m.

A special contest was included in the book fair, for elemen-

tary school students who were "caught reading." In order to partake in the competition, students had to be reading at times or locations where one would not typically read. Then the scholar earned a golden ticket which was part of a drawing to earn a free book as well as pick a book for the library. There were seven lucky winners.

While there will not be another opportunity, until next year, for students to purchase sold out items at the school, they can always order the same titles through the website scholastic.com.

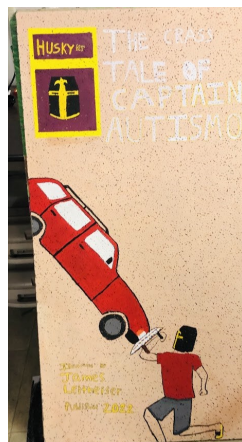
By: Madisen Feldman

Senior Art Tiles

Seniors at Belt High School participate in any special traditions such as painting the B, Homecoming Queen and Kings, and painting the art room tiles. Across the ceiling of the art room, tiles have been painted on from the past graduated seniors in Advanced Art. For the seniors in Basic Art, they have a chance to paint a half tile. The tradition started with Mr. Troy Adams, the old Belt High art teacher, and now has been passed down to Mrs. Mavrinac who has kept this tradition alive for the last two years.

This year seniors such as Molly Tingey, Aidan Bergstrom, James Leitheiser, Raily Gliko, Cole Hepfner, Sarah Dollenger, Maverick Black have been preparing their tiles since they submitted their rough draft after the 1st semester. The tiles have been designed and painted to represent who they are and what makes them unique.

Raily Gliko has constructed her senior tile with a longhorn steer in the front of it. Gliko comments, "I love cows and I have always focused my artwork around cattle. Growing up on my family ranch is shown through the longhorn as

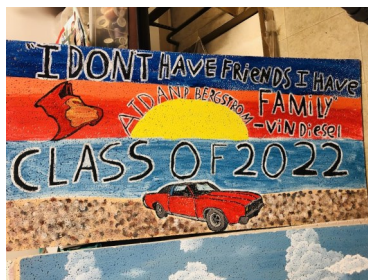


well." when asked about the personal connection towards her senior tile. Gliko's inspiration came from her past years of ranching. Raily is excited to leave her mark in the Belt High Art room.

Molly Tingey centered her tile to nature elements such as mountains, clouds, and a field. Tingey's favorite part of her art piece is her mountains which she thinks are very good. The inspiration of this painting is the Highwood Mountains as well as the Montana skylscapes.



Aidan Bergstrom is another artist that will leave his mark in the art room. He thinks that leaving a personal piece of his art at Belt will help him be remembered. Bergstrom's main focus of his tile is a 1972 Ford Galaxy 500. His favorite



part of it is the quote which states, "I don't have friends, I have family."- Vin Diesel.

All of these seniors and more are excited to leave their mark with Belt. Soon they'll be gone, but their contribution to Belt art will live



on for the next generation of Husky artists to find inspiration

By: Eliza Tingey



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Sports Banquet

The snows of winter have finally receded and given way to balmy weather. With the change of seasons, the high school kids in Belt have transitioned from basketball to the spring sports of track and field and golf.

The 2021-22 Winter and Spring Athletic Award ceremony will be held Monday May 23rd at 5:00 p.m. in the Belt School Cafeteria. There will be a potluck dinner with chicken provided by the Belt Boosters. All boys are asked to bring salads and girls are asked to bring desserts for the dinner.

Athletes who will be recognized for their hard work and success are: cheerleaders, basketball players, golfers, and track and field athletes. In addition to letters and certificates, awards like MVP, Rookie of the Year, and most improved will be bestowed.

Following the awards, there will be a Booster Club meeting that everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.

By: Madisen Feldman

Summer Reading

During the summer, some students tend to forget to read which can become a problem when school starts again. To help fix this, Mrs. Meissner is working on summer hours where the school library will open, and the reading awards programs for different age groups.

Along with the school library, the Belt Library is recruiting students to check out books in the summer. The community library will be open Monday through Thursday, and the hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

This will be beneficial to the students who are able to check out books because they can strengthen their ability to improve their reading skills and memory.

Students of all ages are invited to come to both libraries to check out books. Many students experience something called a "Summer Slump", and it is hoped that reading during the summer will help them avoid this problem and start next year running.

By: Brooke Holum

Bank Remodel

As most people have noticed, the Belt Valley Bank is remodeling. They have already taken their sign down to start the process. Due to the construction on the bank, there will be certain days where the bank's drive through will just be open, and others where just the lobby will be open, but this will not affect the hours that the bank is open at all.

The plan for the Belt Valley Bank sign is that this time it will only be about 6 feet in height, and will be to the left of the main doors. There will still be the metal artwork, reader board, time, and the temperature. The bank shares that the reason they have decided to remodel the bank, is because it is not up to date in any part of the building, and they want a more nice and presentable work area.

The construction has already begun on the drive through, but the remodeling for the actual building will begin around the start of this summer.

By: Gracie Watson

Lady Husky Golf (Cont.)

On Friday the 6th the Ladies finished off the regular golf season by returning to Fort Benton. The weather was extremely windy making for less than desired conditions. Urick shot a 115, Nebel finished with 117, and Permann ended the

day with a 129. Backus, Feldman, Osterman, and Tingey competed in the junior varsity division to conclude their season.

May 9th, the varsity team embarked on a trip to Marias Valley G.C. for the divisional tournament.

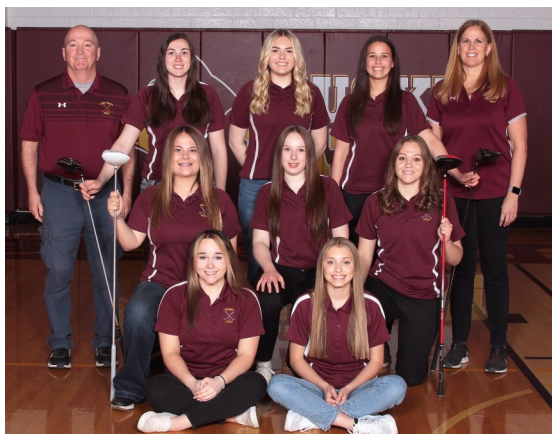
With the course partially under repair and a cool breeze blowing out of the south, the ladies enjoyed being part of the first ever divisional competition in Class C golf. Permann placed 8th in the field with her score of 105. Urick followed her with a score of 106 earning her 11th overall. Lords shot a 114 which put her in 17th overall, while Nebel managed a 116 placing her

22nd. The total score was 325 allowing them to take 4th place as a team, just four strokes out of 2nd place.

The state meet will be held in Sidney over the 16th-18th. On Monday they will enjoy a practice round with rounds that count Tuesday and Wednesday. While four girls will compete, only the top three scores will count toward the team total. For Permann and Lords, it's their second trip to state while it's the maiden voyage for Urick and Nebel.

Since the beginning of the program, the Lady Huskies have fielded a team at every state meet, the longest streak in the Montana Class C girls golf. Last year the girls finished in 6th place as a team.

By: Madisen Feldman



Belt Performing Arts Center

The Belt Performing Arts finished their season off with the well-known clarinet and accordion duo, Bridge & Wolak. The citizens of Belt were amazed with the songs that they played for them. Their performance was held on April 29th at the Belt Theater.

Bridge & Wolak both have excelled in their instruments. Between them they have seven musical degrees. Michael Bridge is a well-known accordion player, he has been awarded many achievements for his success in accordion. He has won an extraordinary number of accordion competitions in Canada as well as abroad. Bridge has been premiered in 53 new works in different categories such as jazz, folk, and classical music.

Kornel Wolak is an outstanding clarinet player that is highly recognized for his outstanding technical control and musical imagination. His works have been in both classical and cross over repertoire. One of Wolak's awards includes his first-place win in the Poznan Clarinet Wind Instruments Competition, the Polish All-Wind Instruments Competition, and the Indiana University Clarinet Department Competition.

Bridge & Wolak have been traveling all over the world performing their unusual but spectacular music. They have taken traditional pieces and have put 21 first century technology into use. They have both been very successful individually and as a group.

Before their performance in the Belt Theater, the duo traveled to Belt School to teach the students a

few tricks that they can use as they play their musical instruments. As well as the lesson the duo also played a few of their most popular pieces for the band and choir.

Several theater performers have been a part of the Outreach Program, including, Dee-Dee Darby-Duffin, the Empire Trio, and Bridge & Wolak. These people have introduced new music styles to the kids, as well as them performing in the tether. Dee-Dee Darby-Duffin showed the students many different music styles such as Jazz, R&B, Soul, and Funk. She encouraged the students she was teaching to embrace their musical talents. In April the middle school students had the opportunity to listen to the Empire Trio as they showed their amazing pieces. They broadcasted their talents as well and taught the kids tips about their musical skills.

The Belt Outreach program has influenced the students at Belt School for the good. More kids became regular attendees to the future performances and showed greater interest in music. The next season of the Belt Performing Arts Center will be attended by more eager students that want to experience the joys of music.

Thanks to all the Belt Performing Arts Center Board of Directors which include: Jim Olson, Carlen Keaster, Casey Dawson, Amy Olson, Dave Anderson, Samantha Smith for a great season.

By: Eliza Tingey

Hooked on Fishing

April 11th the 7th and 8th grade students dissected fish with Daryl Hodges as their mentor. They dissected the perch that they had previously caught on their ice fishing trip. Around 20 fish were dissected as peers worked in groups of three. The purpose of dissection was to help the students study



organ systems and anatomy.

Scholars were able to detect the similarities and differences between fish and humans.

Just a short 10 days later, the students had another visitor, Matt Wilhelm, who

taught them how to tie flies. The kids were able to independently tie their own wooly buggers and had the opportunity to take them home. Many students were curious about fly fishing, and a popular question



asked which type of fly works best for the local area. Wilhelm generously provided all materials needed.

April 27th, Kathy

Ketchum used a jeopardy game to review what the scholars had learned over the entirety of the year and program. Some of the jeopardy topics were animal names, Montana fish, etc. Everyone who participated received small candy bars as a reward. This was the last of the Hooked-on Fishing activities for the current 7th and 8th graders.

A big thank you goes out to Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks for arranging the activities and Mrs. Vogt, for helping students participate in this educational opportunity.

By: Madisen Feldman



Bishop Fleming

School kids are encouraged to strive to reach the pinnacle of their profession. For example, a long-time graduate from Belt High has reached a lofty accomplishment of being promoted as a bishop in charge of the Great Falls Diocese.

Bishop Jeffrey Fleming grew up in Belt and attended the school until his graduation in 1984. His father, Mike Fleming, worked at the school and was a guidance counselor and long time English teacher. Lucky for Fleming, he was able to have him as a teacher for freshman English and Senior Speech. His mom was a registered nurse and worked at Great Falls. Mrs. Vogt is his sister and is currently a middle school science teacher in Belt.

When he was in high school, he started thinking about the priesthood and he was involved in the St. Mark's Parish. After graduation, he attended Carroll College in Helena which had a vocations discernment program. Then he went to Mount Angel Seminary in Oregon

and he earned a Master's Degree in Theology.

Through his career in the priesthood he has served in many parishes and ministries in Western Montana. He has served at many Catholic churches around Montana and traveled around the United States to become more educated in the specific field. In his journey, he has worked for the administrative offices of the Diocese of Helena and beginning in mid-June he will move back to the Diocese office in Billings to begin ministry as the Coadjutor Bishop. A Coadjutor Bishop helps the bishop that is still in charge until he retires, and then he will become the next Bishop.

An interesting event that has occurred during his time as a priest is when he was able to celebrate mass with the Griz Football team before home games. When he was at a game, a referee came to him and asked if he could celebrate mass with him after the game because he was leaving early and he happily did.

Father Fleming became the Coadjutor bishop when Pope Francis's representative called him on April 9th. During the call, "He indicated that he was appointing me as Coadjutor Bishop to the diocese of Great Falls-Billings." Once Fleming accepted the request, he had to keep it confidential until the official announcement was made on April 19th.

His ordination will be held on June 22nd at the Holy Spirit Parish in Great Falls. He will help Bishop Warfel run the Diocese when he is ordained. In the first year, he will visit every parish and mission to get to know the people, priests, deacons, and religion.

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is: What are you doing for others?" That question was posed by Dr. Martin Luther King fifty years ago. Bishop Fleming has dedicated his life to service and shows all just how far one can go in the world through talent, hard work, and sacrifice

By: Walker Maki

Graham Hoop Shoot

Recently, Cadence and El-lison Graham ventured to the Chicago Sky Arena for the national Elks Hoop Shoot competition. The Hoop Shoot is a contest put on by the Elks club in conjunction with the basketball hall of fame that has been around for 50 years. It's a free-throw contest for kids from age eight to thirteen.

In order to compete in the national contest, the girls had to go through many rounds including school, town and District, which were both held in Great Falls, state took place in Livingston, and Regionals was hosted in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Last year, Ellie participated in this event and won the national

title for ages eight- and nine-year old's by having a perfect 25 out of 25 shots made. As a result, she was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

This year, both her, and her older sister Cadence, competed at the local, state, regional, and national levels. Ellie placed first in the semifinal round but finished fourth overall for 10-11-year-old girls with 19 out of 25 shots made.

Cadence sank 21 out of 25 shots placing her fourth for girls in ages 12-13, although she was first for her age group in the semifinals.

Cadence mentioned that she loved competing, although she wished there were less shooters because she had to sit for long periods of time. She was stoked for the op-

portunity to return, even though she quotes "It was nerve racking because it is a big arena, there are a bunch of people, and you have a lot of pressure on you to win it."

Ellie had a great experience, she enjoyed meeting all of the new people. She reminisced that one of the most memorable parts was shooting around in the WNBA Stadium. She looks forward for the opportunity to be able to participate next year. Much like her sister, nerves affected her performance.

Besides the competition, the girls got to witness a Blackhawks game which ended with an intense shootout. They also managed to eat at Harry Carey's restaurant.

By: Brooke Holum

Belt Trustee Chosen

The election took place May 3rd, and it was a razor close competition with James Bumgarner coming out on top. There were 275 ballots cast in favor of James Bumgarner and 237 in favor of Mike Christensen with a very close race.

"The five-member volunteer board is responsible for establishing school policy, setting the district budget, and working with the super-

intendent to oversee the general operations of the district. Each term of office is three years."

The current members on the School Board of Trustees are Chad Stroop (Board Chair), Kyle Gillespie, Dan Miller, Todd Vogl, and now James Bumgarner. The Board of Trustees meet on the second Tuesday of each month and the agendas can be found at the school

entrances, the Belt Post Office, and the Monarch Post Office.

Anyone is welcome to join the meetings and the Board of Trustees welcome public input when it is concerning school related issues. People who are looking for more information concerning the Board of Trustees can go to the Belt School Website: beltschool.com

By: Walker Maki

Belt Jail

The 2022 journalism class ventured to the Old Belt Jail for a field trip on the fifth of May. The reason they made this trip was because the freshman were not given the opportunity as seventh graders because of the pandemic shut down. They talked Mr. Koontz into sharing with them some Belt history.

The Belt Jail/Museum is located on the south end of Castner St. and has been witness to a lot since it was built in 1895 during Belt's hey day as a mining camp. Staffed by several volunteers, the old stone structure now houses a fantastic collection of books, photos and memorabilia from Belt's past.

When the class reached the jail they all decided they would

look in the yearbook room, which was very fun to see all the pictures of their relatives. Then there was a trick played on Gracie Watson. The class decided they would try to lock her in the cell, but she refused profusely, and would not enter that room the whole trip.

Then there was excitement when the girls decided to try on the women's fashion that was in the jail. They tried on all the hats, and shoes, "that were very uncomfortable" said Brooke Holum. The hats were their favorite part, and there were so many options to have a fashion show with.

The boys busied themselves with the instruments in the corner, the jail cell, and much more. They



had fun looking in the mine exhibit, seeing the pictures, and looking through the big magnifying glass.

The trip to the Old Belt Jail was a great experience, and great to have a break from the normal class-routine. The museum is generally open from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday during the summer months.

By: Addee Hoffmann

Senior Spotlight

Maverick Black is being featured in this week's issue of Senior Spotlight and has shared his memories and events that have occurred



throughout his high school career. Mr. Black's entire life has occurred in the

proximity of Belt and he is reaching his last schooling years in the community.

The best memory that he has acquired throughout his life in Belt would be when he had to complete the challenge of towing James's car up a steep hill. The extracurricular activities that he has participated in, include theater, a manager for football, and track and field. He does throwing events in track and field, and he would describe throwing events as enjoyable.

The advice he would give to younger people is, "Make sure you

have a friend you can call for a ride if you need." Upon graduation from high school young Mr. Black is entering the workforce and keeping his options for formal education open. He will miss Taco Bell breakfasts before track meets the most when he journeys beyond the boundaries of the Belt valley.

Valley Voice wishes the best for young Mr. Black as he progresses on through his life and his next stages in life. The next senior that will be featured in Senior Spotlight is Jon Highfill.

By: Walker Maki

Feature Staff

This week's featured staff comes all the way from the shop building, and her name is Mrs. Lauren Simons. This is her first year teaching at Belt High School, and she has already impacted both middle school and high school students in the valley in many positive and productive ways.

She is certified to teach agricultural classes for grades 5-12, and she also is teaching a little bit of shop currently. She has always worked with children and young adults, especially during her time in college at Bozeman.

While earning her bachelors degree from Montana State University in Animal Science, she was a pre-school teacher, and nanny. She also did summer camp counseling in Meridian, Idaho. While teaching preschool she realized that education was her calling and de-

cided to pursue another bachelor's degree from MSU and combine her two passions in agriculture and education for an agriculture education degree.

She believes that this year has been a very successful first year of teaching agriculture and shop. She only wished that she could have been more involved in agriculture and FFA when she was in high school in Oklahoma.

The factors that brought this wonderful woman to the small town of Belt is that her husband received

a promotion in his job, and that brought them both to Great Falls. "Belt seemed like the perfect fit from the minute I came in for an interview" said Mrs. Simons happily.

This year she has been teaching three shop classes that consist of welding, 8th grade introductory

shop, and high school construction. She is also teaching two middle school: introductory agriculture courses, and two high school agriculture classes, along with animal science/food science and agricultural entrepreneurship.

Her long term career goals are to continue building her skills and teach different courses in agriculture. She would also like to become CASE certified and bring back the FFA program into the Belt environment.

"One of my favorite memories was having a launch contest with the catapults that the high school construction built as their PVC project." Exclaimed Simons.

"This first year has been great and I am excited to keep teaching all of you about agriculture and seeing you work hard!"

As her first year in Belt winds down, Mrs. Simons and the students alike recognize that she is a perfect fit.

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Summer Fashion

Summer consists of a lot of activities that many people would like to look their best for, or just dress in a cute casual outfit. Some examples would be a wedding, a job interview, or a family reunion.

Summer is the season for weddings of course and that's a place where the clothes matter. Weddings are always very fun and festive events that are a great excuse to wear a fancy outfit that shows unique fashion. At weddings people need to dress according to the season, summer seasons look good with bright colors, nude colors, and blush colors.

The colors that show up most at summer weddings would consist mostly of the blush colors because they are not too white, and

don't show up the bride. At weddings the guests also normally wear short dresses, like knee length, and the guys wear vests and dress pants with a nice shirt.

Family reunions are very casual dress, but not as casual as going to the store. It is important to look nice but the dress does not need to be over the top. Nice jean shorts, and a cute shirt will work for seeing and hanging out with family.

For this event it would be good to go with any colors that are bright, like pinks, yellows, and oranges. People can also wear pastel colors too, and blush shades. These are the best things to wear at a family reunion.

For a job interview a smart but casual look will do the job. Im-

pressions are the key in interviews, and if someone walked in in pajamas that would not be a good impression. As the old saying goes, "You only get one chance to make a good first impression." Neutral colored dress pants, or black ones are very professional and look best in these situations. A fancy but professional dress blouse is going to be the main style of the outfit, but it still needs to be job interview worthy. Casual heels that are a blush or neutral color can pull the whole outfit together, but make sure they match well with the blouse.

These are the summer events that require a little more fashion choices than most, and they are very important too.

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Birthdays		
Date	Husky	Grade
5/16	Sybil Keaster	Pre-K
5/17	Jeremiah Hoyer	K
5/23	Presley Marn	2
5/14	Makena McCoy	6
5/14	Elizabeth Culberson	6
5/25	Michael Gaylord	6
5/15	Cohen King	7
5/22	Greyson Garza	7
5/27	Clayton Jassen	10
5/27	Molly Tingey	12
5/26	James Leitheiser	12



Calendar of Events		
Date	Time	Event
5/13	10:00 a.m.	No School - District Track @ Lewistown
5/14	1:00 p.m.	Belt Creek Clean Up (call the school)
5/16	8:30 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	State Golf @ Sidney Academic Awards Assembly Boys Elementary BB Camp
5/17	8:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	State Golf @ Sidney 1 st Grade Field Trip Boys Elementary BB Camp 6-12 Pops Concert
5/18	3:30 p.m.	State Golf @ Sidney Senior Finals Boys Elementary BB Camp
5/19	8:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m.	Divisional Track @ Great Falls Senior Finals Kindergarten Field Trip Boys Elementary BB Camp
5/20	8:30 a.m.	Divisional Track @ Great Falls Graduation Practice
5/22	2:00 p.m.	High School Graduation-Main Gym
5/23	5:30 p.m.	Even Finals Spring Sports Banquet
5/24	8:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Odd Finals 2 nd Grade Field Trip 8 th Grade Graduation
5/25		Last Day of School
5/26		Teacher Check Out
5/27	TBA	State Track @ Great Falls

Scholarships

Scholarship	Date	Amount	Criteria	
Benefis Foundation Scholarships	6/1	Varies	Multiple scholarships available with 1 application	Information
Universal Athletic Services	6/1	\$500	Special consideration will be given to those in the education and coaching fields	www.universalthletic.com