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Homecoming

Homecoming is a wide tradition across the country and Old Belt High is no different. Homecoming is a chance to show great pride in your school and class. The week of September 20-24 was the Belt Huskies homecoming week, and many different activities let the High School classes show their Husky Spirit. Some of the activities are the homecoming Olympics, Dress-up Days, the dance competitions, and so much more. The high school class competed against each other to win the spirit stick at the end of the week, on Friday, September 24, 2021.

This Homecoming week had many opportunities for the students to show their Husky Spirit. Starting the week off, the high school students showed pride by wearing pajamas. Tuesday, they wore outfits inspired by the movie, "The Goonies". Many students dress up like the characters in the movie or they suit up in pirate or 80s clothing. Wednesday was

"Dodgeball" day, all the students dressed up in sports gear, or the students wore jerseys supporting their favorite team. Throwback day was held on Thursday. The attire that the participants wore was anything that was throwback such as 1950s poodle skirts, 1960s tie-dye, 1990s grunge, or even vintage Husky Uniforms. Finally, Friday came around and the students showed their Husky pride by dressing in Husky colors such as Maroon and Gold. The movie that Friday was based on was Friday Night Lights, and the students came through and surprised the judges with their participation in the dress-up days. Dress-up days always are a fun and easy way to show pride in Belt School. The final scores were Seniors in first, Juniors in second, Sophomores in third, and the class of 2025 fell short of any victory with a 4th place.

Tuesday was Homecoming Olympics day, with the senior class capturing the big prize. *(Cont. pg. 10)*

Gridiron Gang Splits a Pair

Over the last two weeks the Belt Valley Football team played Fort Benton at their own homecoming, ending with the Huskies first heartbreaking loss of the season. After the Huskies found their focus they jumped out for their homecoming game against Cascade ending in the win for the Maroon and Gold. and tonight, the Husky Boys will head up to the Bear Paw Mountains to compete against

The fight against the Longhorns and the Huskies was a nail biter for the fans of both sides. The

Huskies 1st touchdown was an unusual one for sure the Longhorns punted the ball straight into the air and the ball landed 3 yards away from their own end zone with Keaghn McDaniel picking up the ball and running it in for the touchdown. Kicking off in the first half with Fort Benton scoring 14 points and belt scoring 12 points ending the half with the teams still seeing the win.

In the second half of the contest Fort Benton gained the lead with the Huskies keeping *(Cont. pg. 4)*

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Ellison Graham-HoF

What do Michael Jordan, Wilt Chamberlain, Bill Russell, and Ellison Graham? Their names are all inscribed in the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. So is Ellison Graham.

Ellison earned her way competing in a national free throw shooting competition and won the contest with 97/100 free throws converted through state, regional, and national competition. Springfield was where basketball was first invented by James Naismith in 1891. The Graham family journeyed to the east coast and even met other Hall of Fame members.

Elli's most memorable moment of being inducted into the Hall of Fame was when she was able to see the players. She put many hours into creating the skill to make so many free throws. She will compete next year too, and she would like to add, "Go Huskies!"

Big sis Cadence has helped Elli develop her basketball skills

and free throw shot. She was non-committal when asked if she is jealous or not about Elli being in the Hall of Fame.

All the Graham's were excited to meet NBA legend Charles Barkley, when they happened upon the retired superstar at the airport. Ever since Mrs. Graham was a kid, Charles Barkley has been her favorite NBA player; she even acquired a jersey of his, and she states that, "Jace wears that jersey all the time." However, the one day that they were going to the airport, Jace wasn't wearing the garment.

Mrs. Graham says that it is debatable whether she or Mr. Graham deserves credit for Elli's amazing free throw percentage, although she did point out that she had the fourth highest free throw percentage on her college team.

Elli won the local competition in Belt and then proceeded to win at the district level in Great Falls. She played in the state championship in Livingston and contin-

ued on her winning streak. Regionals were almost canceled due to Covid-19, however they were able to conduct the shootout at a private

school. She had to shoot virtually in Glasgow and made 25/25 and 24/25 to top the crowd.

Mr. Graham commented, "The most memorable moment for me was seeing how excited she was after the shot in Glasgow. Three years of practicing paid off. She made it to Nationals her first year as an 8 and 9 year old. Hopefully the team learns that practice and repetition at the free throw line pays off."

Elli plans to compete again next year and hopes to repeat her performance, but even if she falls short from that monumental goal, she provided her family with a trip of a lifetime.

By: Walker Maki



All-State Choir

The Montana All State Choir is a very amazing program that brings together talented musicians from around the Treasure State. Recently Belt High School junior Hattie Bumgarner celebrated her selection to join this prestigious group of talented musicians, which is a huge opportunity for her.

Bumgarner originally auditioned for the soprano part, and she was thrilled to learn that she had been selected for the soprano section as well as the alto section for the choir. America the Beautiful is the song that Bumgarner chose to try out with to get into the choir.

Bumgarner has

been practicing and now she has the honor of singing soprano in this choir in her first performance. Her performance will be in the Civic Center on October 22nd, 7:00 p.m. The All State Choir will be performing Blessed, Laetatus Sum, Lass Dich Nur Nichts Nicht Dauren, Please Stay, Draw us Near, and Hope Lingers On.



Hattie's practices have been held in many different places such as Great Falls High, Paris Gibson, the Civic Center, and First Church of the Nazarene. She is proud to announce that she is learning many new skills that will help her in her music talents.

Bumgarner tried out for all state choir because she loves to sing and to show people her talents and her vocal abilities. Bumgarner is so excited that she competed against many top singers and made it into the huge choir.

Bumgarner commented, "I am really looking forward to meeting all kinds of new people through this experience as I expand my vocal abilities. I am super excited for this amazing opportunity! And I am honored to have made it among all the other amazing singers in the state who also auditioned!"

Congratulations luck to Hattie Bumgarner for all her accomplishments and dedication to the Choir.

By: Eliza Tingey

National Honor Society

National Honor Society is a program that helps students with obtaining scholarships, improves leadership skills, and service.

NHS is offered to students that have a GPA of 3.5 and are in 10th, 11th and 12th grade. Students who are able to meet those requirements are asked to compose an essay stating their leadership skills, scholarship, service and character qualities. After students write their essay, send in their GPA, and list their service hours then they are granted into NHS or they can apply the following year. Students are able to join NHS at the end of the first semester.

This year there are 11 students who are participating. Seniors who are participating include:

Brady Drummond, Sarah Dollenger, Raily Gliko, Asa Jassen, Ahmia Lords, Lindsey Paulson, and Molly Tingey. The junior participants this year include Haley Hoerner, Aubrey Johnson, Isaac Maki, and Bridger Vogl.

National Honor Society student, Haley Hoerner, states "National Honors Society is a great organization. It gives students an opportunity to create service projects with one another to greater impact the community. We have a good group of kids in the National

honors society so far. I look forward to a great year. I also look forward to the introduction of the sophomores who will be participating this year."

Students are able to stay a part of National Honor Society if they can maintain a GPA of at least 3.5 throughout their high school years and complete a service project every year they participate. Last year alone NHS gave out \$2 million dollars in rewards to their participants for scholarships, 600 seniors nationwide are able to receive these scholarships.

By: Brooke Holum

Lady Husky Volleyball

The Lady Huskies hit off Homecoming with an amazing game on Monday, where they won against GFCC. Then on Thursday, the Huskies played their Homecoming game against the Tigers of Simms. It was a gruesome battle but in the end they came out victorious. On the weekend they made an played at the Choteau showcase.

Belt reigned victorious against GFCC on Monday the 20th of September. They beat the Mustangs in three sets, by scores of: 26-24, 25-19, 25-12. The Belt Huskies had a total of 16 aces, 5 of them scored by Raily Gliko. Addi Urick had 13 digs of the 25 recorded by the team. Ella Pethel had 9 assists, and Aaliyah Gaylord had 8. There were 17 kills with Kylee Permann

collecting 4 and freshman Addee Hoffmann contributing 2. had 4 kills too. Lindsey Paulson had all four of the blocks that night. The cheering section for the game really helped keep the girls spirits up and they cheered the girls on even through the bad plays.

The varsity volleyball players were hyped up for their homecoming game. They stormed out of the locker room ready to defeat Simms. Simms, one of the district's top teams, promised great competition. The game went on for 5 sets with Belt eventually gaining the victory. The first set was 15-25 Belt losing, but Belt evened the contest with a 26-24 overtime set victory. The back and forth continued, with Simms prevailing 18-25. The fourth was 25-22 Belt winning, and the fifth set was 15-9 with Huskies taking an amazing Homecoming Victory. Urick had 15 amazing digs for the defense. Gliko had 13 kills, 18 digs, and 11 aces. Pethel helped out the offense by assisting 23 times.

All the girls sitting on the bench and all the students in the stands were cheering their team on

wildly as they struggled to get out of the first set with a decent score. Then when they started the second set the spirit of everybody in the gym started to rise. The game was a great homecoming game, and Simms was great competition.

Over the weekend the Lady Huskies had a showcase in Choteau. The varsity lost to Choteau, Jefferson, and Anaconda, but won against Malta. The showcase was a rough display for the Huskies but they will come back with a new understanding of the game, and will be ready to fight.

With another two victories under their belt the high school Volleyball team stands 7-0 in overall and 4-0 in District 6 games. Their next appearance will be made at Power on the 30th of September at 4:00 p.m. Also they will be playing at their home court on Saturday October 2nd at 12:00 p.m.

Another month of regular season play provides the girls with a change to be in top form for the 6-C District Tournament schedule for October 28th and 29th in Simms.

By: Addee Hoffmann



Middle School Sports

The little Husky teams have pushed further into their seasons, claiming more victories once again. Each game holds immense value in their beady eyes, as the season will wrap up in the coming issue.

The MS volleyballers travelled to Sunburst on the 18th and swept the Refiners behind balanced play before edging Simms 2-1 the 23rd. Teamwork is the key behind the girls the girls fantastic season. The team is led: Cadence Graham, Maren Keaster, Sidney Paulson, Dawson, Iverson, Paisley Enos, Dezirae Goodman, and Jaida Pruett-Warner. The girls beat Dutton/Brady with ease, only needing two sets total. The ladies battle Lewistown on the road today and complete their regular season tomorrow at home against Valier. The district

tournament is next week at Great Falls Central High School..

The middle school Husky football crew played the Badgers of Cascade twice in the last fortnight, splitting the two contests. On Homecoming, Friday the boys fell in a tight game 28-14 despite two Blake Waldner TD's. Four days later the 6th and 7th graders earned revenge with a 26-24 squeaker.

The future Husky stars are paced by a solid including Cash Smith, Kyle Atwood, and Teaghan Triplett. Waldner provides the offensive punch and the defense is spearheaded by Tucker LaPlaunt and Smith. Today the boys travel to the Bear Paw Mountains to tackle the Rocky Boy Northern Stars and they conclude their season next Friday at home against Shelby.

The boy's cross-country team runs in Great Falls, at the Elk-Riverside Park. Just 5 days later, they competed in Centerville. Holter Bumgarner claimed first place, running 9:18.50; Belt had four of the top five places, with Michael Gaylord in third, Cliff Pethel in fourth, and Hayden Visocan in fifth.

On the girls' side of this meet, they once again had four of the top five including Cadence Graham in first at a total of 10:18.50. Dezirae Goodman followed closely behind, Sidney Paulson and Maren Keaster received 3rd and 4th.

These teams each have two events left and their seasons are over. The *Valley Voice* would like to wish each member Good Luck!

By: Kyndal Schraner

Husky Football (Cont.)

close behind but never could overcome the 7-point difference at the end of the game. The end score was 20-27 Fort Benton. The game was filled with fouls that cost both teams but mostly cost Belt more than the home team. This was the Huskies First loss of the season showing the Maroon and Gold what kinks they needed to work on in the future.

Belt	12	-	-	8	20
Fort Benton	6	8	-	13	27

Last Friday was the Huskies homecoming against Cascade, the game kicked off at 7 p.m. The Huskies were really fired up with the pep rally and the events that the students competed in over the week of homecoming. The Maroon and Gold Boys rolled in 28 points in the first quarter, with Metrione and Vogl making the cumulative points of the 1st quarter. In the second quarter the Huskies had Ethan Tri-

plett and Hayden Urick score 2 more times putting the badgers down 32 points with the half ending at 40-6 Belt.

The Huskies came out in the second half of the game still fired up to win their homecoming. With Coach Graham putting in more of the younger kids in with a mix of older players to help them. The Huskies scored another touchdown made by Triplett, then cascade matched us with a touchdown in the third quarter to end with a 46-12 Belt. In the fourth quarter the ma-

Cascade	6	-	6	-	12
Belt	28	12	6	14	60

roon and gold decided to punch in two more touchdowns by Jeremy Nebel, and Karson Arndt for 69 yards combined together to end the game with the win at 60-12.

That win as-

sured the boys the second seed in Subdivision A of the Northern C Division and guarantees a home game for seeded playoff the weekend of October 15th and 16th. Belt will play the winner of the CJI vs Shelby game tonight for a spot in the 16 team state-wide playoffs. Playoff brackets are posted at: <https://www.mhsa.org/>

Another big game in the area is Chinook at Simms. They are both unbeaten and the winner will claim Subdivision B of the Northern C.

The Huskies are 3-1 in conference play and 5-1 overall. The game tonight will be played at Rocky Boy, kicking off at 7:00 p.m.

By: Gabriel Triplett



Homecoming Olympics

For the last 10 years Belt High School students have competed against each other in class Olympics and this year was no different. The competition on Tuesday evening consisted of 6 games, and in the end the seniors won the overall competition.

Class Olympics kicked off with can jam, the objective of this game is to throw a frisbee into a 55-gallon garbage can; someone on the team can attempt to knock the frisbee into the can with their arms behind their back. The upcoming graduates claimed the victory, with 27 in the big can, the class of 2023 was a close second with 23 made shots; the sophomores managed third tallying 19 makes, and the freshman followed up with 14 buckets.

The second event held was the girls Tug-O-War, as expected the senior class dominated. The sophomores followed closely behind claiming second place. The freshman girls won a single match putting them in third place and allowing the juniors to take fourth.

In boys Tug-O-War the final match was a true test of power, as both classes pulled with all their might. The sophomores eventually triumphed earning first place while the junior class took second place. The senior boys grabbed third place while the freshman took last.

The relay race consisted of six events which were a gunny sack race, wheelbarrow, egg carry, piggy back ride, jump rope, and a three-legged race. The race went on in the grass near the high school parking lot. Competitors started near the building and they had to race around the big tree and come back before the next person could go. The juniors won by a landslide, but the sophomores and seniors were neck and neck until the final seconds when each team dove for second place. The replay booth was needed, drawing the conclusion of senior defeat.

Badminton was set up in the multi-purpose room with three courts running simultaneously. Each class was composed two teams consisting of two students. The two teams left were the seniors, Raily Gliko and Aidan Bergstrom, and the sophomores, Ella Pethel and Clayton Jassen. The upperclassmen bested the field which left the sophomores in second place; the juniors followed tightly behind claiming third and the freshman once again taking fourth place.

The concluding event was dodgeball which was put on in the main gym. Each class was able to select two teams of six players. The last classes left standing were the juniors and sophomores. The sophomore class ended up losing, and

the seniors followed behind in third place leaving the freshman in fourth place. After the juniors beat the sophomores, they had to play a team consisting of school personnel. The competing faculty members were Mrs. Horton, Ms. McNally, Ms. Ferris, Mr. Gaylord, Mr. Paulson, Mrs. Simons, and Mrs. Stinson. Teachers played against students in a best of three match losing two in a row. The staff members were no competition to the dominating juniors, who finished them off in short order.

Scores were added up and the students were able to know who won Wednesday morning. Scores were ranked with the lowest number winning. The freshman tallied 22 points putting them in last place. The juniors took third place with 14 points. Both the sophomores and seniors had 12 points which led to a tie breaker. The event that decided it all was the girls tug-o-war, which the seniors won. The ladies from the Class of 2022 finished their high school Olympics careers unbeaten.

Class Olympics is one of the events that factor into each classes' total points. Whichever class had the most points at the end of the week, received the coveted spirit stick. It was a fun night of competition and spirit building.

By: Madisen Feldman



Public Notice



The office of the Belt Floodplain Administrator is continuing to provide the additional services to the residents of Belt, living within the floodplains.

They include but are not limited to the following:

Providing information about the history of the Belt area.

Providing an analysis of the flood threat for a particular property or building location.

Providing a list of contractors and consultants familiar with floodplain retrofitting techniques.

Some elevation certificates on file, contact City Hall before getting an elevation certificate as there may be one on file for the piece of property.

For further information, contact Belt City Hall located at 70 Castner Street, P.O. Box 453, Belt, MT 59412. Phone: 277-3621

City Hall is open Tuesday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Email inquiries may be made to: bch@3rivers.net

Fashion Corner

“Fashion trends come and go but certain pieces are forever”-Vogue. The fall trends of 2021 are getting out of the virtual stage of sweat pants and oversized shirts. People are starting to dress up and go out again so they feel the urge to look nice. The Knit dress by Wales Bonner and Celine Shearling jacket will look good when you go out for a festivity, or just for a school outfit. Though they were just spring attire, think again. Floral prints are great to wear everyday. The plaid mini skirt is perfect for fall trends. Leather jackets are also great for fall fashion because they are warm and great for the cooling weather.

No one is too young for fashion and Belt middle schoolers had opinions. When asked, “Hey what's your favorite trend from this year clothing wise” Kenzie Pogany said “Well I like Mom jeans and crop tops.” also she said “ I like bell bottoms too.” When asked why they were her favorite style she said “ Umm they are comfortable and cute.” Paisley Enos also said, “Autumn Colors' ' are in style right now. She also said, “ I like shirts that have a little tie in the front or ties on the side and I like skirts, bell bottoms, ripped jeans and cute shirts.” Aaliyah Gaylord says that her day to day outfits are “prob leggings and a sweatshirts.”

These styles are very popular and comfortable. Try some of these trends and see if people like the outfits.

By: Addee Hoffman

Bus Safety Drill

Belt Public Schools host a Bus Safety drill every year, and this year it was no different. On August 31st, 2021, every grade of Belt School participated in this drill. The Bus Safety activity is a requirement that every school has to do. If any kid rides a bus on a daily basis, if they're going on a field trip, or to a sports event, then they have to learn the rules of the bus.

Some of the expectations for the bus is that all riders should be in their seats at all times. No limbs sticking outside of the bus, and no jumping from seat to seat. All these rules and regulations are to keep the kids safe, in case of an accident. The Belt School administration's main concern is to make sure that the students are safe on the bus. Avoiding accidents is the top priority when it comes to bus safety.

Seat belts on school buses have always been a question of should the school buses have seat belts or not. Seat belts are not a requirement on school buses, it is predicted that later into the future that seat belts will be a requirement on route buses. The questions that the school administration ask themselves are: Are

seat belts safer? Will little kids put seat belts on right? If there is an accident what if the children can't get the seat buckle off? These questions are keeping the School Board from putting seat belts on the route buses. The new buses that Belt School has bought have seat belts on them. Those buses are used for traveling to sporting events, pep bands, and sometimes field trips. So, the elementary school won't use those seat belts as often. In addition to why there are no seat belts on the regular route buses, it is because the seats are close together, so if there is an accident the kids would bump into the seat in front of them.

There are four regular routes that the bus drivers pick up and drop off every day. Besides those route drivers there are four game drivers that drive the husky buses. If there is anyone interested in becoming a bus driver please contact Belt School at 406-277-3351.

When it comes to bus safety, it is the Belt Administration's top priority. They hope that all the kids will follow the rules and stay safe on the bus.

By: Eliza Tingey

Big Husky-Little Husky

During the Homecoming week, the Belt Huskies did a Big Husky Little Husky activity on the football field. The pep rally was just before the classes departed into groups which consisted of 6th grade with Pre-Kindergarten, 7th with Kindergarten, 8th with 1st, 9th with 2nd, 10th with 3rd, 11th with 4th, and 12th with 5th.



The big Huskies braided maroon, gold, and white colored ribbons for the little Huskies to wear during the football game. It was a great project for the Huskies to get to know each other better when they are in different classes. After the kids received their new headbands, some of the groups dispersed into playing games.

The goal of the Big Husky Little Husky project was to get everyone involved and have a connection between all ages. The younger students and old students loved it and the younger kids asked all of their teachers when they could do it again. There is a plan that they will have Big Husky Little Husky

decorate cookies on Christmas, an activity during District Basketball, and Easter. The groups that are involved for the next time will be 3rd grade down, and all of high school.

Throughout Covid-19, they were not able to carry out Big Husky Little Husky and the younger students would hope to be able to be with a big Husky. For the following activities, they will try to get all of the classes to be involved.

Finally, the students hope that they can repeat this activity in the future. Everyone that participated would like to thank the teachers and staff for helping to make it possible. All enjoyed the experience and it allowed for the Huskies to attain bonding and connection.

By: Walker Maki

High School Rodeo

On September 18th and 19th, three Belt students traveled to Bozeman to compete in rodeo. The athletes that participated were Brady Drummond, a senior and Ryley Mapston, a junior. This rodeo was a 2 day event.

Brady Drummond competed in three different events throughout the time period of 2 days. She did fairly well in barrel racing and pole bending against a variety of girls. Then, finally with her last event she was involved in was goat tie which she also had some pretty good luck

Ryley Mapston competed in calf roping both days. His first run was not a great starting point for him, but he proceeded to show them how it is done.

Ryley's little sister Raene Mapston is not yet in high school but competes in the junior high rodeos. All high school rodeos were currently at the same place on the same days as the junior high rodeos. But, they do not compete against each other.

Reanee participated in 5 events, pole bending, break away,

goat tie, and ribbon roping. Out of the junior high girls she won all round because of the points she had accumulated, along with tack for her horse. She placed 2nd and 4th in pole bending and 1st in break away and ribbon roping, and goat tie.

These talented students take time out of their day to go compete and show other people what they are capable of and what they enjoy everyday. High school rodeo continues for the next few weeks until winter, and then picks up in the spring.

By: Gracie Watson

Every year about 5.5 million people die from a car accident. Over 10,000 of the 5.5 million pass away from drinking under the influence. Every single one of those people who lost their lives are a mother, father, brother, sister, son, or daughter.

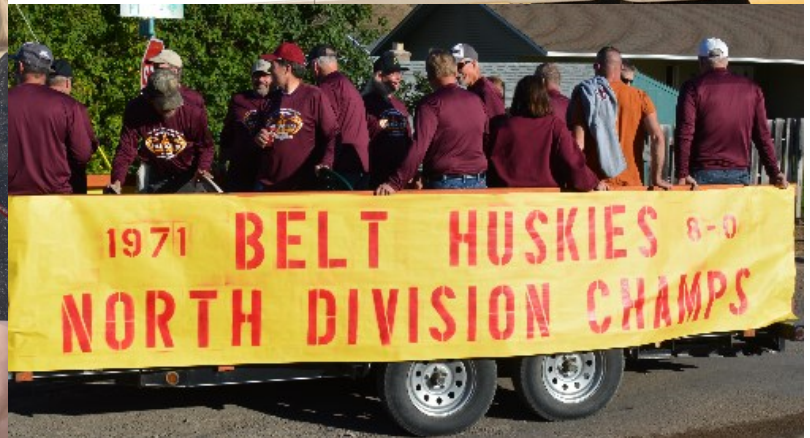
No matter if you are under the influence or if someone else on the road is, you can't take back what happens or bring back the people who have sadly passed away nor can you ever forgive yourself for something that tragic.

So, remember to drive safe and always think of the consequences!

Don't Drink and Drive!



Homecoming-Making Memories



Painting the Paws

Youth Leadership has been around Belt Public School for many decades, helping the Belt community. These young high school students learn how to service others in their immediate surroundings. The Youth Leadership program participants strive to improve their school environment and aesthetics around town.

As the traveling friends and foes drive down to the Belt High School, they are greeted by Husky paw prints, trampling down Church road. On Wednesday, September 15th, 2021, the Youth Leadership group painted Husky paw prints going down church road. This event always signals the start of Homecoming week, a long going tradition that the Huskies have participated in. The paws run down Church Street, leading to Remington Field, the Belt Husky football field. The footprints are painted white and gold, alternating the colors.

There were 17 Youth Leadership members that showed up to help redecorate the paws. Those 17 participants helped create a fresh new



look for Belt School by spiking the paws. Many kids appreciated the cleaned up look right before homecoming.

The Youth Leadership is a community service group that loves to make a difference in the small town of Belt. The next activity that

the students will clean up and make looking beautiful again is the Sluice boxes trails. This will happen on Sunday. The kids will clean up the state park as their tradition of service continues in and around Belt.

By: Eliza Tingey

Movie Night

Last Saturday night, the high school students wrapped up homecoming week with a movie night at Remington Field. They watched *The Blind Side*, a classic football movie from 2009. This was a fun opportunity for the high school kids to hang out together. "The movie night choice was really good and conveyed a good message. I liked how so many high school kids got together and participated in this movie night." - Eliza Tingey.

The people who made this possible are the adviser, Mrs. Tillman, Alliance For Youth, DECA, and student council. The student council president, Ahmia Lords, is

responsible for recruiting the sponsorship, which is Alliance For Youth. They sponsored the concessions, providing pop, water, popcorn, and snacks of all varieties for people who attended.

Alliance For Youth's mission is to create social change to advance healthy youth development within the communities through collaborative approaches to prevention, interventions and treatment. This is also why they created an event to have a safe and fun Homecoming event.

DECA helped out by paying for all of the necessary equipment as well as the copyright license that is required when showing a movie

to the public. The outcome of the purchase made by DECA results in many future movie nights planned that will be open to Early K through 12th grade students as well as their families. Due to the cost of the equipment needed there was no profit made from the Homecoming showing but it was sure fun.

This was organized as a fun and low-cost activity for the high school students to end out Homecoming week. DECA will earn money back by hosting future movie nights and selling concessions for those events. No dates are set yet, but be on the lookout for one in the near future.

By: Gracie Watson

Y Pan Blanco

On September 17th, 2021 the band known as Y Pan Blanco performed a jazz night at the History Museum in Great Falls. John Roberts brought this Afro-Cuban Jazz music band together, combining different instruments and talents from different people. The band is based out of Billings and the name translates to "and White Bread" in English.

This Jazz group brought different styles of music together creating a different style of music that most people have not heard of before. Their show on September 17th was a big hit, the show was sold out. All night long the band had many people on their feet dancing through the night.

With the many different styles and talents of people, some of today's best jazz musicians came together to create this band. John Roberts contributed to the band by being on vocal, trombone, and the piano. Merle Roberts was on bass and vocal; Cody Hollow on congas and vocal; Sam White on the saxophone; Raphael Lopez on guitar;

Matthew Devitt on drum set and Trevor Krieger on violin. All these people have different backgrounds and family history that they contributed into their music that they play at performances.

The performance in Great Falls that night was held at the History Museum and it was a big hit. There were food trucks that offered refreshments during the show. The food trucks that were there were "Spices n Spurs" and "Nourish". Both of these food trucks offered different types of food. The Nourish food truck offered tacos, Mexican style sides, and Italian sodas, while the "Spices n Spurs" presented chilis, and offered kinds of more spicy foods.

Before their performance in Great Falls, Y Pan Blanco entertained the Belt School High School Band students. They came during the 7th and 8th period and presented their taste in an Afro Cuban Jazz style of music. The students were enlightened on the different techniques that the

band showed them.

Overall the band had an excellent performance and chose a perfect night to do it on. There were many different styles and songs that were played. The audience had a great time as the band was up on their feet the whole time dancing to the fast paced music.

Music teacher Peter Wilson was pleased with the performance and relished the opportunity to introduce the students in Belt to a different sound performed at a highly professional level.

The Belt kids were grateful to have an amazing band showcase their talents at the school.

By: Eliza Tingey



Senior Spotlight

Molly Tingey has been with the mighty class of 2022 since 3rd grade, and is excited for her turn to stroll across the dais and receive her High School diploma this coming May. It's also Molly's opportunity to be featured in the *Valley Voice* newspaper in Senior Spotlight.

She would describe her Belt experience as fun and an overall enjoyable experience. Molly has participated in drama, music, and golf throughout her high school journey and is planning on implementing them into her last year in Belt. She traveled to Scotland with her drama peers and performed at a festival in London which was a memorable moment for her. She

achieved 3rd place in Poetry Out Loud for state and Molly played piano for the district music festival.

Her advice for younger kids would be, "Get involved in activities." Her intention after High school is to go to college at Brigham Young University (BYU), and her idea for college is to pursue a degree concerning physics.

Molly will miss being close to her family and friends while beginning her next trek in life. She loved the small close-knit community of Belt and when the entire community comes together on homecoming. She is the oldest of five siblings and 63 first cousins on her dad's side and 24 on her mom's

side. Her fondest memory was the homecoming weeks when classmates

were able to dress up, compete in Class Olympics, volleyball, and football games.

Belt School wishes the best for Molly Tingey as she proceeds forward in life. The next senior that will be featured in the Senior Spotlight will be Gabriel Triplett.

By: Walker Maki



Homecoming (Cont.)

The Class of 2022 (the seniors) went up to the "B" on Tuesday. They spruced up the worn-down paint and repositioned the old 21 into a fabulous 22. The seniors had a great time repainting the "B" as well as painting themselves.

Float building is another Homecoming tradition, and most of Friday was spent on that task. The sophomores took the big prize, followed by the seniors, juniors, and finally the freshmen.

Royalty was selected by the high schools vote, and the court included Raily Gliko and David Wall, Molly Tingey and James Leitheiser, Brady Drummond and Asa Jassen, and Sarah Dollenger and Cole Hepfner. At halftime of the varsity foot-

ball game, Prom queen and king, Lindsey Paulson and Gabe Triplett crowned Sarah Dollenger and Cole Hepfner this year's royal couple.

After a fun filled week, the high school classes were on the edge of their seats waiting to hear the winners of the coveted spirit stick. Points had been earned from the dress up days, homecoming Olympics, the class roar, dances, floats, and their participation throughout the week. The freshman class came in last with a sad 26 points, and they hope to do better next year. The juniors took third with a modest sum of 62 points, nipped by the sophomores who garnered 69. With 3 years of experience under their belts, the seniors knew the tips and tricks that were needed to win the beloved spirit stick, which they proudly held aloft after amassing 93 points..

Homecoming week comes with the traditional sporting events as well, and the Huskies came through with flying colors in all their competitions. It started on Thursday night when the Lady Huskies de-

feated the Lady Tigers of Simms in a spirited volleyball match-up.

The Friday night football showdown saw the home team trounce the Cascade Badgers in an important divisional football game.

This year's homecoming was a smashing success, as many students participated and learned something new about their school. Many high schoolers created lots of memories which will last for years to come. The students commented that they loved hanging out with classmates and making new friendships. Junior Garrett Metrione expressed that his most memorable time was, "when the juniors killed it in dodgeball in Olympics." Freshman Luke Highfill remarked that his most memorable time was, "just being with friends."

The high school classes had a blast at another amazing homecoming week. Thank you to all the students who participated in homecoming week. Congratulations to the Class of 2022 on their victory of the spirit stick.

By: Eliza Tingey



College Fair

Montana Post-Secondary Educational Opportunity Council (MPSEOC) has given Belt Valley High School students the chance to attend a college fair. On September 22nd at 1:00 p.m. they took a school bus to the McLaughlin Center on the U of Providence campus.

While college fairs have been around for 30+ years, the valley has taken students since 2015; due to COVID-19, last year was cancelled and this year there was a mask recommendation. It essentially allows juniors and seniors the

chance to visit with representatives from multiple different colleges across Montana and more, in an attempt to help them decide what colleges they are interested in.

Every branch of the military was represented and in attendance. Each college or branch who participated in this event set up tables in the gymnasium. The scholars walked around and visited with whoever they wished.

Junio Haley Hoerner commented "the college fair was a good experience/ opportunity for juniors

and seniors. It was cool to see a bunch of colleges. There were lots of Montana colleges and a few colleges from other states. We are very happy for this opportunity and really liked seeing recruits and reps from everywhere!"

While this opportunity is just another benefit for the Belt High students, it is greatly appreciated by them and the entire community. A big thank you goes out to MPSEOC and Mrs. Gliko for making this event possible.

By: Kyndal Schraner

Cross-Country

Cross Country season continues for the Belt-Centerville coop, pointing toward state in Missoula on October 23th. Today the cross-country students will depart Belt at 1:30 p.m. to go to the Great Falls-Anaconda cross country meet.

Upcoming meets include the Great Falls - Anaconda meet that is today at 3:00 p.m. The Helena - Bill

Robert's Golf Course meet on October 7th and the Townsend meet on October 16th.

At the last meet that was on September 25th at Centerville, three athletes from the Belt/Centerville team placed in the top 5. Asa Jassen took the win in the 5000-meter run with a time of 17:36.90 followed close behind by Cole Hepfner and

Trever Shimerdla. Once again, Belt has athletes who have placed in the top 5, Aubrey Johnson placed third with a time of 26:47.80 with Sarah Dollenger close behind her with a time of 27:25.80.

The *Valley Voice* would like to wish the cross-country team good luck in their future meets.

By: Brooke Holum

New Students

The walls of the Belt School continue to swell with bright new faces gracing the hallways. Nikias Esparza in 6th grade, McKenna Allery in 6th grade, and Dean Burke in 5th grade, were asked how things are going for them in the valley.

Nikias Esparza used to go to school in San Antonio, Texas. All he remembers from his old school is that there was a bully there and there aren't any here. The largest change about being in Belt

is playing in the band. He doesn't participate in any extracurricular activities, but he is contemplating playing football next year. He enjoys having a free computer and

plays video games and Legos in his free time.

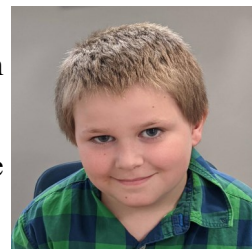


McKenna Allery was a former Belt Husky, and not much has changed since she came back. The biggest difference is that she is in a different class

and she gets to participate in Theatre. She appreciates being able to walk to and from school.

Dean Burke previously went to Longfellow Elementary before making his journey to Belt. The biggest difference is that he is missing his old friends but making new and better friends. He enjoys being able to be in a music class and be in other subjects that he couldn't par-

ticipate in at his old school. Dean states, "The food is way better here!" On the playground, his favorite thing to do is play four square with his friends and be on the swing set. Not too much has changed for Dean other than better friends.



Belt School is excited to welcome the new enrollments that have arrived. The *Valley Voice* hopes that the students have a positive transition into their new class and school year in the Belt school system. The next students that will be interviewed are Mason Albert, Harley Schraner, and Kora Johnson.

By: Walker Maki

Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Event
10/1	7:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Varsity Football @ Rocky Boy MS Football @ Rocky Boy
10/2	2:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	JV Volleyball @ Belt Varsity Volleyball @ Belt
10/3	8:00 a.m.	Sluice Box Clean-Up
10/5	3:30 p.m.	Fiddle Club
10/6	8:00 a.m.	VOD Speeches
10/7	All Day 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Techno-Expo JV Volleyball @ Belt Varsity Volleyball @ Belt
10/8	7:00 p.m. 4:30 p.m.	Varsity Volleyball @ Belt MS Football @ Belt
10/11	6:00 p.m.	Close-Up Parent Meeting
10/12	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Picture Retakes Fiddle Club JV Volleyball @ Belt Varsity Volleyball @ Belt
10/14	All Day	8th Grade Butte Field Trip
10/15	TBD	Football Seeded Playoff Game



Date	Husky	Grade
10/11	Autumn Maves	1
10/3	Teagan Keaster	2
10/3	Paisley Lindeman	3
10/3	Natalie Finco	4
10/2	Landon Hansen	5
10/6	Tatum Enos	5
10/15	Wyatt Remington	6
10/6	Matthew Pethel	7
10/10	Reese Paulson	10
10/4	Hailey Gliko	11

Geography Bee

What country is Wrangel Island a part of? For the past three decades, students across the nation were perplexed with questions like these. National Geographic has ended their legacy and created new study ideas.

“After many conversations and reflections with students, educators, and community members, we’ve made the decision to permanently discontinue the National Geographic GeoBee to make way for new, transformative, and innovative geography education opportunities in which students around the globe can more equitably participate.”

Although many people take this as a large disappointment, some Belt School members are looking forward to it at a local level. Mr. Koontz will run the bee and stays “I was bummed when they first announced the cancellation of the Bee but now I am excited because we can reinvent our local school wide competition. We are working to develop a creative and entertaining competition that we hope generates more excitement.”

Tobias Wilson will attempt to become the first scholar in the past 15 years to repeat as champ. Taylor Cummings won twice in a row, 2005-06 and Sam Sweeney holds the mark of three in a row from 2,000 to 2002. Oh yea, Wrangel is part of Russia.

By: Kyndal Schraner

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