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SUNDAY GRADUATION!

Commencement exercises honoring the Class of 2018 are schedule for 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 18th in the Belt School Gymnasium. The public is invited to join in as nineteen seniors complete their education at Belt High School. Receptions are scheduled at a variety of venues around town at the completion of the annual rite of passage.



Academic Awards

Annually, teacher and staff at Belt Schools recognize students for their outstanding academic achievements throughout the duration of the school year. This year, grades 3-12 receive acknowledgment for their work on Monday, May 14th in the gym.

Each year the fifth-grade class competes in a statewide essay contest in memory of Charles M. Russell and his legacy on Montana. This year's fifth-grade class winner was Andrew Dulluy.

The National Scholastic Challenge is a general trivia quiz for middle school students. Asa Jassen, who competed in the 8th-grade quiz, was the state-wide winner along with John Tingey, who competed in the 6th-grade test. The pair received trophies for their accomplishments.

Coach Graham and Coach Cooper presented their Iron Husky awards, which go to one male and one female for their success in the weight room. Seniors Ryan Schraner and Antonio Heaton were the Iron Husky award winners of the 2017-18 school year.

Mrs. Meissner and Mrs. Stinson have their students participate in national and statewide essay contests throughout the school year in an effort to get their students excited about writing. Ahmia Lords, an 8th grader, won 3rd place in the state-wide "Do the Write Thing" essay contest. Lords's essay sent her to the state capital where she presented her essay to officials and members of the ceremony that took place at Carroll College. Brady Drummond another eight grader, received third place in the "Montana Mining Essay Contest" where she wrote about how copper is important to Montana. Drummond will leave to Fairmont on Wednesday the 23rd to present her essay and receive a plaque and \$100 prize for her submission. Ms. Drummond will also be published in the Montana Mining Magazine.

Debates are a critical and anticipated component of the high school government each year. The seniors faced off in a tournament to discover the debate champion for the school year.

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USAF Honor Guard

Friday, May 4th the Belt student body gathered in the gymnasium around 8:15 a.m. to experience a drill routine performed by the United States Air Force Honor Guard. Beginning with a group men marching while holding the three flags (including the American flag and the state flag of Montana), MaKayla O'Neil, a junior, stood proudly while singing the National Anthem. After showing gratitude towards the nation, the rest of the drill team entered the gym and started their routine.

While marching around each other, the men wore standard Airforce uniforms and carried bayonets. *(Cont. Pg. 3)*



Academic Awards *(Continued)*

The first and second place winners from each class faced off to decide the third, second, and first place winners of the entire class. Adrian Malek and Dani Urick dueled for third over the statement “prostitution should be legal in the U.S.”. Urick, who opposed the statement, came out victorious out of the pair and was this year’s overall 3rd place winner. Troy Hennes and Trey Heitzman, the two class winners, fought for grand champion over the statement “the city of Belt should rebuild the swinging bridge”. Heitzman opposed the statement and received a close second place to Hennes, this year’s grand champion, in favor of rebuilding the swinging bridge. Hennes was recognized at the assembly for his status as the senior class debate champ.

Anita Virts, a member of the VFW women’s auxiliary, awards the top placing essays of the 8th grade Patriot’s Pen Contest and the Senior Voice of Democracy Speeches each year at the assembly. First place in the Patriot’s Pen was Drummond, followed in second

was Molly Tingey, and third was Lindsey Paulson. The Voice of Democracy Speech winner of 2018 was Malek, who was trailed by Ashley Triviso in second place, and Keagan Stroop in third.

The John Philip Sousa Award, which was awarded by Mr. Sutton, was given to an outstanding senior for their musical talents and endeavors. This year’s award went to Hannah Schwietzer, a trumpeter for the Belt Valley High Band.

Adrian Malek, Shannon Hoskins, Jordan Swanson, and Hannah Schwietzer are all receiving honors diplomas as they graduate this upcoming Sunday. The group was recognized for the excellence in the classroom at the assembly and will be wearing the tassels that indicate their honors status.

This year two elementary students achieved a perfect attendance record, the duo received kindle tablets for their dedication. The winners were second grader Brinley Belakjon and fourth grader Cade McCoy.

Each year in memory of Jim Pimperton, who died in an automo-

bile accident in 1982, an outstanding Freshman is awarded the Pimperton Cash Award. This year Riley Larsen was given the award for her citizenship and passion for athletics. Three Belt Students won \$150 for their improvements in citizenship, scholarship, and effort by the Heisey Foundation. This year, senior Antonio Heaton and juniors Grace Davison and Robert Gliko won the prize money for their improvements.

The final award of the assembly, given by Mr. Paulson, was the Bright Flight Award winners. These students received the top scores out of their class on the ACT test, in third was Adrian Malek and in a tie for first place was Nolan Myrstol and Shannon Hoskins. The assembly, which lasted the first two periods of the morning, recognized all the big and small academic moments of the school year, showcasing the success in and outside of the school that takes place annually. Next Monday, Belt’s athletes will be celebrated in the Spring Athletic Awards Banquet.

By: Shelby Paulson

Do the “Write” Thing

Do the “Write” Thing is a writing opportunity across America that provides students with the opportunity to do something to end youth violence. Montana’s program allows middle school students to examine youth violence and/or the impact it has had on their lives and to communicate in written form what they think should be done to reduce youth violence. The encouragement the students are receiving helps form personal commitments to do something about youth violence and break the cycle within their homes, schools, neighborhoods, and communities. Do the “Write” Thing is the national cam-

paign to end youth violence.

Ahmia Lords, an eighth grader in Belt School, placed third in the state writing competition. With her third place finish, Ahmia was awarded a trip to the State Capitol and the Carroll College Campus. The group of students and their chaperones met at the State Capitol on May 5th and 10:30 a.m. The group then migrated to the RAD room on Carroll’s campus for lunch and to kick off the festivities. Opening ceremonies began at 12:45 p.m. The attendees were greeted by Shawn Clark, the Do the “Write” Thing state chairman. The director of the program, Michael Young

then delivered his keynote address. The students who received awards then read their papers and Clark closed the gathering at 2:30 p.m.

Do the “Write” Thing gives students the opportunity to make a change in the youth violence they see within their lives. The Montana program gives middle school students a way to make that change and publicize their ideas of reformation. Ahmia’s recognition at the state level for her view of violence and how it has affected her life is a great reflection of Belt School and the student body’s initiative for prevention of youth violence.

By: Adelle Meissner

Honor Guard *(Continued)*

As soon as they started to toss and throw the weapons around with amazing precision, the crowd went wild. After the amazing performance that last about 30 minutes was over, the men broke their serious state and allowed the audience to come down and ask questions. Groups of students formed around the men and listened to their stories and answered the questions of curious students. Many questions were about practicing, accidents involving injuries with the weapons, and how they kept a straight face. The men told the students that they had to practice 16 hours a day for 8 weeks straight and that if they laughed during a practice they had to run 6 laps. They also talked about the many accidents that occurred involving the bayonets that left the students on their toes. The team was headed to Bigfork that weekend before returning to the Great Falls area the following week.

The performance was amazing. The students, staff, and community members were enthralled. The team members stated that schools are usually

their favorite place to perform because of how enthusiastic the crowds are. They have performed all over the country and for some very important people, including former president Barack Obama. It was an honor for the students of Belt to have the Drill Team come and perform for them.

By: Tori Sherwood



Spring Concerts

The Belt School music department concert season wrapped up with two performances in May that capped a successful campaign for first year teacher Jon Sutton. Both programs drew large crowds who all filled the gymnasium as well as some scattered parties in the mezzanine. The first concert, the grades 5-12's concert, was on May 1st, and it got started off with the fifth graders. Their performance improved immensely since the beginning of the year. Then to start off in the middle school program, Rosalynn Kenner-Carrington, an eighth grader, sang beautifully in her solo in the "The Lion King" in the 7-8 choir. Ahmia Lords who also is an eighth grader, played her clarinet for her solo in the "All the Pretty Little Horses."

There was also a guest soloist who performs with the Chinook Winds and the Great Falls Symphony. Madeleine Folkerts, played the principal horn and helped the high school band in playing "Morceau de Concert" and the "Highlights from

Jurassic Park."

Mr. Sutton's hair may have looked out of place, but for a good reason. He made a deal with the high school band that if they received a superior rating at music districts, then he would die his hair the color of their choosing. They chose pink and they ended up receiving the extraordinary rating. Although this concert lasted a bit longer than the typical hour for other concerts, it was a hit to everyone who attended.

At the start of a calm night of the next week on the 15th the grades pre-k through the fourth grade performed their annual spring concert. Thanks to the pianist, Stacy Pomajevich, who has been helping the music teachers at Belt for years, all students got to sing and perform in front of family and friends. While most sang, the fourth graders performed one song on their recorders, playing "Follow the Drinking Gourd." Although the fourth graders are not yet in middle school, they will soon be able to choose

their the instrument they want to pursue in the fifth grade. With the help of Ms. Walters of the pre-k, Mr. Sutton directed the students in singing an average of two songs per grade level.

In other news from the Music Department, a complete drum set was recently gifted to the music program. The generous donation was made by Beth Hruska in a memory for her late brother John Harris. This gift will help keep the arts alive in Belt and is much appreciated.

The high school band is not yet done for the year, as they provide music for the 2018 graduation exercises on Sunday afternoon. Also another thank you to the teachers, parents, and staff of Belt in making all the programs happen. While Mr. Sutton is one of the newest additions to the Belt School, and he certainly has done a great job this year in conducting bands and choirs. The community is sure he will do the same just next year.

By: Sydne Flinn

Golf

The Lady Huskies' regular season golf campaign came to a close as they got on the bus Saturday afternoon to Chinook. The results from Saturday were great as the Huskies finished second in Chinook with a varsity team score of 326. While the Lady Huskies did not bring home the first place trophy from the meet they did have six PR's or personal records. Hannah Schweitzer, the lone senior on the team, got the best score for the Belt Huskies with 93 strokes, tying for

first place. This mandated a "chip-off", where tied competitors get one shot to chip it closest to the hole to break the tie. Next Karlee Permann shot a 112 and Sydne Flinn had a 121, missing the state qualifying score by one point. Natalie Larsen scored a 122, Kyelie Marquis 124, Sierra Reese 136, Raenita 136 and lastly Riley Larsen with a 157.

With the regular golf season over all that was left was the state meet in Fairmont last Monday through Wednesday. Schweitzer

finished tied for 4th place, as she represented Belt along with Permann and Larsen. Complete results will be available in the final issue of the Valley Voice, which will be published the first week in June.

Head coach Michelle Stinson was extremely pleased with the progress of the entire squad. The girls won two regular season meets and enjoyed a very positive experience once the weather decided to cooperate this spring.

By: Natalie Larsen

Principal's Report

Summer is sliding around the corner almost ready to greet the students of Belt Schools will a much awaited break. Mr. Paulson, the school principal, has sent out his last report of the school year recapping, for the final time, what has occurred in the past couple months of year inside and outside the classrooms.

The Belt High School Band and Choir traveled to District Music Festival on April 19th were they receive a rating from adjudicators from around the area. The band was awarded with the highest rating possible, a superior, and the choir was given an excellent rating. Soloists, who performed the following day at the Festival, who received a superior rating were able to attend State Music Festival in Helena, these musicians were: Andrew Stice, Hunter Adams, and William Franzen. Stice and Franzen received superior ratings at State also for their solo pieces.

Steve Olson, a Belt graduate, directed the CMR Chamber Orchestra, which performed for the school on April 26th. They played a wide variety of pieces and even invited the students to sit on the floor around them to get a better 'feel' of the music.

Sergeant Nikolas Asmussen from the Montana Air National Guard visited with the 10th-grade class on April 12th. Sergeant Asmussen spoke to the soon to be junior class about scholarship opportunities available through the armed services.

Mr. Koontz's 7th grade history class was able to take their annual field trip to one of Belt's scenic spots. On April 26th the class visited the Belt jail, turned museum, as part of their unit on Belt history.

The middle school girls, on April 21st, were sent off to Bozeman to participate in Montana State University's annual 'Expanding Horizons' conference. The 20 girls, ranging from grades 6-8, traveled to the event but experienced a delay after their bus hit a rock and blew a tire. Although missing the first two hours of the conference, they were still able to participate in various STEM-related workshops.

The Dual Enrollment Program has enabled students from Belt to receive college credits from Great Falls College MSU, at a reduced price. This year speakers Shannon Mar and Dugan Coburn visited with the new juniors and

returning seniors about changed in the program and what to expect in the upcoming educational year. Each year more students take advantage of this program

The spring concert occurred on May 1st, were musicians from grades 5-12 showcased their musical talents and pieces that had been working on for the course of the year. The high school band was also able to collaborate with the principal horn player from the Great Falls Symphony and performed a piece with her.

On May 2nd Belt Students along with visitors from Highwood experienced a rather touching presentation from Pat Goldhahn. After losing his daughter, Lauryn, two years ago in an automobile accident, Goldhahn has reached out to students with his powerful messages about the importance of buckling up, not driving distracted, and the value of life. Students from grades 6-12 received Goldhahn message and were given blue ribbons from the "Buckle Up Blue 4 Lauryn" campaign, that has drivers tie blue ribbons around their steering wheels as a reminder to buckle up.

Mrs. Tillman's students recently participated in two field trips. *(Cont. Pg. 5)*

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One field trip was to MSU Northern while the other was to Montana Tech. The group learned about the campuses and what post-secondary education opportunities are available to students with disabilities.

The seniors, on May 2nd visited with Montana District Court Judge John Parker and Cascade County Commissioner Jim Larsen, where they learned about government positions on a more local scale. The Q & A session was in conjunction with National Law Day (5-1).

Seven DECA members flew to Atlanta Georgia, to attend the International Career Development conference. The students were chaperoned by Mrs. Tillman to the annual event. Natalie and Riley Larsen, Keely Drummond, and Maggie Andrews were recognized at the event for receiving a 70% or higher on their projects. Mrs. Tillman was also honored at the event with the National Society of High School Scholars DECA Advisor Leadership Award.

Senorita Hiatt's Spanish class hosted the 'Festival de Naciones' on May 1st preceding the concert. The students created project boards which displayed their Spanish speaking country to guests at the event. Students also prepared dishes traditional to their country and encouraged guests to try them as they presented their country.

Connor O'Leary, a local Storm Chaser, visited the Husky Club on May 7th. O'Leary talked to the students about severe weather, thunderstorms, thunder, lightning, flooding, and what precautions students should take in order to stay safe during these events. The students, afterward, were able to see O'Leary's drone, which he flew over the football field.

The third and the final round of MAPS testing was administered to the students of grades K-10 in the past months, completing the annual series of testing.

Peyton Ferris, a Class C school graduate from Twin Bridges and a former MSU basketball star,

visited the 3rd grade where she spoke about growing up in a small community and working hard to make it into the professional level of athletics.

The 5th grade took a field trip to Dupuyer to visit the Boone and Crockett Ranch. The students viewed the Rocky Mountain Front, took a nature walk where they identified birds, and discovered and measured a Grizzly Bear track. The students also talked about water quality and the difference between preservation and conservation.

Belt Valley Shakespeare Players performed Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* to the masses the past few weeks. The eleven actors, ranging from grades 8-11, actors were able to perform in the newly refurbished Belt Performing Arts Center. School from the surrounding areas journeyed to see the Belt Theater Troupe perform their play which Mr. Paulson says was performed with "skill, confidence, and enthusiasm".

By: Shelby Paulson

Mrs. Kolste Retirement



As the school year is coming to a close, Mrs. Shelia Kolste has announced her retirement at the end of year. Kolste has been working in the Belt Public School for 26 years as a paraprofessional. Kolste grew up in Vaughn and graduated from Simms High School. She then attended Ricks College, now BYU-I, in Rexburg, Idaho. Kolste came to the Belt

Valley in the fall of 1992 for church reasons and for mutual consensus of her family. She started working as a teacher's aide for half a day until 2001 when she started working full time. Now Kolste had been an

aide in every grade from early Kindergarten and spends lunch time with the middle school and high school students.

Kolste said that she has big plans for retirement. "YES! None of my children live in the state of Montana so I will be spending lots of time with them. I'd like to be involved with family history, watch a little TV, and clean my house!"

Kolste noted that her favorite aspect of working in Belt was the friendships that she had made with the staff and students. She also added "Belt was a good move for our family. Our children were accepted by the students and did well. Working here gave me the opportunity to become acquainted with the members of this community. We have a beautiful and top-notch school with teachers and staff who genuinely care about the students. I have enjoyed being here these past 26 years. I will miss seeing everyone but plan on dropping by for visits."

By: Keely Drummond

Honors Presentations

Every year the seniors that are enrolled in the honors program present their portfolios to the school board. This year the presentations took place on May 8th and the students did exceptionally well on the last honors projects of their high school career. Each student presented for five to ten minutes about the honors classes they were enrolled in as well as highlighting one project or paper they did while being in these classes. The students also discussed whether or not they found the honors program beneficial to their high school career and how the program will enhance their future. The four seniors that presented to the board and other community members were Shannon Hoskins,

Adrian Malek, Hannah Schweitzer, and Jordan Swanson.

Honors classes are a requirement in Belt students aspiring to be valedictorian or salutatorian of a graduating class. Honors classes strive to challenge high school students at the college level. As of now, honors credits can be earned by selecting an honors component to classes like world history and junior English. Honors credits can also be earned through dual credit courses and advanced placement classes, which both give high school and college credit. The Belt Honors Diploma requires a student to complete six honors credits in their sophomore through senior academic years.

Belt's honors program truly recognizes students that have gone above and beyond within their high school careers. These high school students also provide an excellent example for the younger students that are beginning to consider taking honors classes during their sophomore year.

The students that presented this year now have the privilege with graduating with honors on Sunday, May 20th. As these students finish up their days in high school the *Valley Voice* would like to wish them luck in the future and congratulate them on all of the hard work that got them through the last four years.

By: Natalie Larsen

DECA

The Belt DECA Chapter received exciting results from the International Career Development Conference which was held last month. Maggie Andrews, Keely Drummond, Natalie Larsen, and Riley Larsen received the organization's highest honors at ICDC (International Career Development

Conference). They earned a combined score of 70% or greater in the competitive events component of their events.

The new chapter for the 2018-2019 school year is already off and running with fundraising for the coming year. Their first fundraiser will be at the annual Spring

Fling Hoop Thing 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The students participating in DECA next year will be selling freshly grilled hamburgers and ice cold Pepsi products. Also, be on the lookout for the DECA Carnival returning to the community this fall.

By: Keely Drummond

Resource Trip to Butte

The Belt High School resource students traveled to Montana Tech in Butte on Tuesday, May 8th and MSU Northern in Havre on May 9th. Five students traveled to Butte and six to Havre. The purpose of these visits was to give students a chance to see what support that they will receive when they get into higher level education. With colleges being very supportive of these students, those same colleges will work with students to improve their learning process and help them succeed in school.

The five students that took the trip to Butte visited Montana

Tech and were given a tour of the campus by a student ambassador. They also met with the counselor and accommodations coordinator. The accommodation coordinator's job is to help students understand the material presented, and highlight the difference between a high school curriculum and what is expected in a college environment.

On the other hand, the six students that visited MSU Northern were shown around by the head of admission, and then met with the Student Support Services Staff. Most colleges have a wide variety of options for student assistance,

and they are very accommodating to students who need help.

These trips gave high schoolers a chance to tour two colleges, visit with staff and students that work and attend the college, and see what type of educational opportunities await them after high school. The students were very grateful for the trips and enjoyed it greatly. They were very happy to see the new diesel building at MSU Northern, being one of the first groups to be allowed into the building, as it isn't even open to the students until the end of this month.

By: Aundrea Glick

Arbor Day Clean-Up

On May 5th, members of the community gathered in the Little Park on Castner Street to kick off the first annual Belt Cleanup Day. The goal of the community gathering was to free the sidewalks and streets from litter and other garbage. Mayor Olson’s main goal in creating a community cleanup day was to give residents a chance to join together in work for a collective good. The mayor believed that the actions of volunteers on cleanup day reflect a pride in Belt’s unique, scenic, and historic background.

During the days leading up to the cleanup, many families around town picked up trash and cleaned the area around their homes in an effort to help the community without actually participating in the official cleanup day. Several people who weren’t directly involved with the cleanup were out cleaning the community on Saturday. Mayor Olson was very happy to see such a positive reaction to his plans for Belt’s cleanly future.

While Mayor Olson realizes that there were scheduling conflicts with the cleanup such as track meets or theatre performances, he

was proud to see that residents had taken it upon themselves to clean up their area before jetting off to here or there for their previous obligations. Due to these conflicts and obligations, some people were unable to devote their entire morning to the cleanup but they came and went helping when they could.

The cleanup crew was composed of at least 26 people who spent their whole morning helping Mayor Olson and the rest of the city with the cleanup. The numbers probably reached up to forty as people flitted in and out before leaving for their prior obligations. In total, the cleanup filled seven large dumpsters in the park full of garbage and debris that was filling the streets and creek bed of the town. The crew also filled several truckloads with brush and other debris that can be burned in the city’s burn pile. Overall, the town is looking much better after the joined community effort to clean up the town.

The cleanup was a great success for the community and Mayor Olson hopes that it becomes a staple in the community’s festivities as Arbor Day and Earth Day

come around each year. Mayor Olson plans to continue the cleanup effort in following years and wants to encourage the day to be anticipated. The town is looking really good and the cleanup was a huge success, one that Mayor Olson hopes to grow every year.

By: Adelle Meissner

2018 Class Dinner

At the Belt Community Church, the senior class of 2018 and their families recently attended a class dinner on Wednesday the 9th at 6:30. For many years, the seniors of Belt High School have practiced this tradition and the church has held this event, providing food for the seniors. With Adam Langston playing the tuba, William Franzen playing the flute, and Mr. Sutton playing the trombone, the trio played “Amazing Grace” and “The Water is Wide”.

Also, several church members brought food for the potluck dinner and socialized with the seniors. The seniors will be greatly missed, and this week will be very exciting for the graduates.

By: Aundrea Glick

It’s that time of year when road construction is at its height. Make sure to obey the signs in construction zones not just because all fines are doubled within their bounds but also because the conditions in road construction area put people in danger. Let’s not forget that it also is a better idea to go slower through construction due to the roads often being grooved or freshly chipped. Also, keep a safe distance behind vehicles, particularly semis, which can’t see vehicles close behind them.

In essence, make sure you are driving cautiously this summer. Although the snow may be gone, conditions at the beginning of a rain storm can be just as dangerously slick due to the fact that the oils on the highways lift off the asphalt . Please don’t forget to buckle up and...

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



High School Track

After much of the early season got snowdrained out there has been a flurry of track activity. In the past fortnight the Huskies competed in three competitions: the Top Ten Meet, the 8C and 10C Pre-District Meet, and the 8C District Meet.

On May 1st, the elite athletes boarded the bus and headed to Choteau for the Top Ten track meet. The Top Ten meet features only the highest ranking athletes in each event, totaling up to ten in the shorter events. The Belt boys' team was comprised of seven of the eighteen members; the team scored a total of 69 points which was good for a second place finish. The girl's team was made up of six of the eleven girls who accumulated 69 point and finished third overall.

Keagan Stroop and Robbie Flinn got the Huskies off to a running start with a fourth a sixth place finish in the 400 meter dash with Stroop running a time of 54.94 and Flinn a 57.52. Stroop also found success in the mile totaling the four laps in 4:52.52 claiming first place and in the two mile with a time of 11:17.06 good for first as well. Fellow Husky runner, Robbie Gliko succeeded Stroop in the two mile coming in second with a time of 11:19.66. Sophomore duo Hunter Vogl and Adam Langston also tallied points for the Huskies claiming first and third in the 110 meter hurdles. Vogl cleared the obstacles in 16.82 with Langston following at 16.85. Vogl then went on to capture fourth in the 300 meter hurdles stopping the clock at 43.93. To complete the running portion of the Huskies' success the long relay tag-teamed for a 3:45.78 mile and a second place finish. Over in the throwing rings, Gavin Roberts snatched fourth in the shot put with a heave of 40-11.5. Hennes joined Roberts on the fourth step of the

podium with a throw of 114-07 in the discus.

The girls' team dashed to a third place starting with a sixth place finish by Shelby Paulson in the 800 meter run. Paulson totaled the two laps in 2:48.43. Kolby Pimperton then continued the ladies success as she ran to a fourth place finish in the 1600 meter run and a second place ribbon in the 3200 meter run. Pimperton ran for times of 6:21.56 and 13:44.79. Brooke Schraner also contributed to the Huskies' success as she claimed second in the 100 meter hurdles and first in the 300 meter hurdles. Schraner cleared the obstacles in 17.54 seconds and 51.35 seconds. Morgan Cooper tallied some major points for the girls as she placed second in high jump, fifth in long jump, and first in triple jump. Cooper cleared 4-08 in the high jump, leaped for 13-01.35 in the long jump, and gained 31-06 feet with her hop, skip, and jump in triple. Jordan Swanson and Dani Urick were the only girl throwers in attendance for the Huskies but they got in their fair share of successes. In the shot put Swanson grabbed second with a throw of 33-01.5 while Urick snatched fourth with a put of 32-02. Swanson also flung the discus for 101-6 feet which earned her a third place finish.

The Husky teams were given one last chance to prepare themselves for the district meet at the 8C and 10C Preview Meet in Choteau. As the boys dashed to a second place finish with 99 points, the girls snatched first accumulating 105 points throughout the day.

Flinn and Vogl were the first athletes to add points for the Huskies. The duo placed consecutively in the 400 meter dash claiming third and fourth. Flinn ran a 54.94 while Vogl totaled the lap in

55.03 seconds. Vogl then went on to claim consecutive titles with Langston as well. The two snatched second and third in the 110 meter hurdles. Vogl stopped the clock at 17.21 with Langston on his heels at 17.4. Vogl also claimed fourth place in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 44.34 seconds. A short relay comprised of Vogl, Langston, TJ Hennes, and Brandon Wall placed third with a time of 48.33 and a long relay made up of Vogl, Kaimen Evans, Flinn, and Stroop tag-teamed for a time of 3:46.94 good for second place. Stroop also cinched second in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:08.45 and Aidan McDaniel placed sixth totaling the two laps in 2:19. Stroop went on to win the mile in a quick 4:44.36 and Gliko placed third in the two mile with a time of 11:19.03. Roberts also added points for the Huskies with a third place finish in the shot put with a throw of 40-03.25. Troy Hennes threw the discus 129-04 good for first while Antonio Heaton threw for 107-06 and claimed third. Heaton also cleared 5-10 in the high jump and snatched a second place finish. Brendan Wing leaped for 37-07 and earned a place on the podium for third in the triple jump.

On the girls' side of the scoreboard, Adelle Meissner added the first points with a time of 13.75 seconds and a third place finish in the 100 meter dash. Meissner also placed second in the 200 meter dash with a time of 29.47 and jumped 14-06.5 in the long jump to claim a second place finish. Paulson then added more points for the Huskies with a second place finish in the 800 meter run with a time of 2:43.39. As the distances grew, Pimperton claimed third in the mile stopping the clock at 6:14.79 and won the 3200 meter run with a personal best of 13:13.27. (Cont. Pg. 9)

High School Track *(Continued)*

Schraner pitched in for the girls' victory in the 100 meter hurdles and the 300 meter hurdles. Schraner cleared the shorter obstacle course in 17.81 seconds claimed third and the longer on in 50.18 seconds which was good for second. The 4x100 meter relay team of Maggie Andrew, Grace Norstedt, Paulson, and Schraner grabbed a third place finish with a time of 57.04 and the 4x400 meter team of Meissner, Paulson, Pimperton, and Schraner completed their mile in 4:31.16 snatching first place. Urick and Swanson added to the Huskies points in the throwing events. Both of the athletes placed in the shot put, Urick claiming third with a heave of 32-01 and Swanson placing sixth with a throw of 30-01. Swanson then grabbed fifth in the discus with a fling of 80-3 and Urick won the javelin with a throw of 119-04 which also auto-qualified her for the state meet. Cooper contributed to the girls' success clearing 4-06 in the high jump good for fifth and leaping 30-07 in the triple jump to place second.

Last Friday, the rain poured down intermittently at the 8C district track meet in Lewistown leaving the athletes bundled up and running for cover between events; however not even the weather could keep the Husky teams from dominating the meet. Teams were awarded points for how their athletes finished in their events, first place got ten points, second got eight, third got six, fourth got four, fifth got two, and sixth got one. The boys' team amassed 298 points throughout the gloomy day while the girls accumulated 238 of their own. Both teams took home gold.

In order to qualify for the Northern C Divisional Track Meet athletes must place within the top five of their events, twenty-three of

Belt's thirty track athletes met that qualification and will move on to compete in the divisional meet. The Husky domination began with Wall's 12.76 second 100 meter dash and a fifth place finish. The success was then continued by Evans, Flinn, and Vogl who placed second, third, and fifth in the 400 meter dash with times of 56.23, 57.08, and 57.9. Vogl also placed first in the 110 meter hurdles clearing the obstacles in 16.95 seconds and Langston came in second with a time of 17.31. Vogl then added points for the Huskies stopping the clock at 44.18 in the 300 meter hurdles and claiming second place. The boys' 4x100 meter relay made up of Vogl, Langston, TJ Hennes, and Wall snatched second with a time of 49.44 and the 4x400 meter relay stood on the highest step of the podium, completing the mile in 3:55.66. Stroop then added some points with a second place finish in the 800 meter dash, completing the two laps in 2:14.37. Stroop, Matthew Dollenger, and Gliko all gained points in the mile finishing first, fifth, and sixth and stopping the clock at 5:02.02, 5:26.88, and 5:34.43. The trio then went on to finish first (Stroop) with a time of 10:57.48, second (Gliko) with a time of 11:01.86, and third (Dollenger) with a time of 11:29.42 in the 3200 meter run. Roberts and Nolan Myrstol gained more points with a second place finish having a throw of 40-10 and a sixth place finish with a throw of 35-06 in shot put. Myrstol went on the place fourth in the discus with a fling of 103-04 while teammates Troy Hennes and Flinn placed second and first with throws of 108-1 and 112-03. Heaton contributed 8 points to the Husky team clearing 5-06 in the high jump and claiming second place. Wing placed sixth in long

jump and fourth in triple jump with jumps of 16-00.75 and 36-11.25.

The girls' domination began with Meissner's success in the 100 meter dash placing fourth with a time of 14.03; Meissner also grabbed fourth place in the long jump with a leap of 13-08.25. Schraner then continued the Huskies' success with a time of 1:11.53 in the 400 meter dash good for sixth as well as placing second in the 300 hurdles with a time of 52 seconds and first in the 110 meter hurdles stopping the clock at 17.83 seconds. Paulson then contributed a first place finish in the 800 meter run, totaling the two laps in 2:42.88. Pimperton earned a second place finish in the mile with a time of 6:18.22 and a time of 13:17.45 in the two mile. A short relay team comprised of Andrews, Norstedt, Paulson, and Schraner snatched a second place finish with a time of 58.75 and the long relay team made up of Meissner, Paulson, Pimperton, and Schraner took home the gold tag-teaming the mile in a time of 4:53.94. In the shot put ring, Swanson and Urick claimed third and fourth place with heaves of 31-05 and 30-10.5. Swanson then placed third in the discus with a throw of 89-01 and Urick won the javelin, sending the implement sailing 105-02. Cooper added to the Huskies' successes clearing 4-10 in the high jump good for first place and leaping to a first place finish in the triple jump with a 30-04.

The Husky teams will continue to show off their athletic superiority at the Ralph Halverson Northern C Divisional Track Meet today. Results of the divisional and state meet will be posted in the next issue and the staff wishes the athletes good luck as they continue through their season.

By: Adelle Meissner

Smarter-Balanced Testing

As the end of the school year wraps up, the last quarter testing began not only for high school, but the elementary and middle school as well. Grades three through eight took smarter-balanced tests which are English and math tests mandated by the state of Montana. Generally, the tests are based off of the Common Core curriculum the middle school and the elementary are taught. The testing also helps get students used to the long tests they will take in high school

like the ACT and their finals.

Beginning on the 30th of April, the smarter-balanced testing continued for a few weeks. Many students dread end of the year tests, but these are nothing like the annual MAPs testing held. MAPs testing is only limited to the choice of the school administering them while smarter-balanced testing is required by the state. The smarter-balanced tests will therefore be scored then from the school will be presented to state, then be compared to other

schools nationwide who take the same tests. The tests aren't just for comparing: they also make sure students are learning what they are supposed to and teachers are teaching what they are meant to. Although these tests last for almost three weeks and most students despise taking them, the students' scores will improve the presentation and representation of the Belt Public School along with increasing the level of excellence students meet.

By: Sydne Flinn

Spanish Field Trip

On Thursday May 10th, Senorita Hiatt and Senora Adams brought all the Spanish students on a fieldtrip which lasted from around 8:15 in the morning until noon.

During this time frame, students participated in a scavenger hunt throughout the new WalMart where they were given the name of an item in Spanish, and then had to go take a picture with that item and say the price in Spanish.

After this activity, Srta. Hiatt brought the students to Fiesta en Jalisco, an authentic Mexican restaurant located near the mall. Since

students were to speak exclusively Spanish on this excursion, they ordered their meals in the foreign language after perfecting pronunciation and grammar in class.

On the bus ride back to Belt, Senorita Hiatt handed out Spanish magazines to students so they could perform an activity similar to the one which they did at Walmart. She would tell them an item and the first person to find it in their magazine won. Surprisingly, this game got a little bit more competitive than the one at Walmart but no serious fights broke out among the stu-

dents. Partakers on this trip had many laughs throughout, whether it be taking silly pictures with items at Walmart or messing up while speaking in Spanish.

All in all, the students were able to experience Spanish culture first hand at the restaurant hearing people speaking Spanish around them, listening to Spanish music and seeing various Mexican decorations and construction. Students brought home new insight into Spanish culture and look forward to writing a paper on their experience.

By: Maggie Andrews

AP Exams

As the end of the year wraps up, classes are coming to an end. With the end of a semester comes what students seem to dread most: final exams. AP students, however, seem to be under more pressure with the fact that if they don't get a certain score they won't get the college credit that they worked so hard for. The point of AP classes is to allow students to experience college level classes while being in high school. Depending on what class a student is taking affects when their exams take place. For example, AP Chemistry was on Monday the 7th,

English was on Wednesday the 9th, and US History on Friday the 11th. No matter what day the exams were taken, all the AP students took the tests in the church across the school.

AP classes are classes that high school students take that are on a college level and can earn them college credit if they pass the final exam. The test is about three hours long and is cumulative for the school year. The exam is scored between a 1 and 5, with 5 being the best and 1 being the worst. If a student scores a 3 or above, they will

most likely earn college credit for the class. Individual results will be available in July.

AP exams can be intimidating, but they give students the experience that they need for college. In addition, these classes earn honors credit.

Belt High is in its second offering Advanced Placement courses, which are orchestrated by the College Board. The students and staff are growing with the program and expect positive results from the new courses.

By: Tori Sherwood

Shakespeare in the Elementary

On Monday, May 7th, the elementary students gathered in the gymnasium to experience a special performance by the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks theater group. They performed a production of "All the West's a Stage: The Tempest", which is a version of Shakespeare's original "The Tempest" made into a shorter and more understandable performance for the students. The performance started at 8:15 a.m. and lasted about 50 minutes, then students had workshops on creative design and theater language.

The workshops were taught by actors from the play and lasted for 50 minutes. During this learning activity, students used their imaginations and creativity to design masks and characters while putting on their very own ingenious productions. Mrs. Visocan, an elementary teacher also stated, "The actors in the play also used story elements (characters, setting, plot, conflict, and theme) that the students are familiar with to help them understand the story line".

Shakespeare in the School's elementary program is a good opportunity for students to become more familiar with the English language and to better understand it. It also helps prepare students for the future and what it holds. Whether it be in acting or in English, students will have a better understanding due to this event.

By: Tori Sherwood

Jack's Beans

Over the past few months a new building made its appearance on Castner Street. The coffee shop, Jack's Beans, opened on Thursday May 10th and had a great first day. Jack's Beans has a variety of food and drink items including: sweet cream cheese pretzels, pretzel melts, muffin tops, fresh baked cookies, and cheesecakes. On the drink side of the menu, they can make any espresso drink, drip coffee, chai tea, hot tea, or Frappuccino. The most popular item is the special drink of bubble tea. This style of tea is a fun way to express your personality. It is a tea base, flavor, and boba which are fruit flavored jellies.

The business hours of the coffee shop are 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday unless there are events in town. They currently have a Facebook and Instagram account for customers to stay up to date on what they are doing. Jack's coffee shop would eventually like to expand their menu to having more food items and flavors of bubble tea. They are also thinking of having live music once or twice a month.

By: Keely Drummond

Matinee Performance

Wednesday, May 10th, the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players performed two matinees at the newly remodeled Belt Performing Arts Theater. The director, Mr. Ross, invited many different schools from around the area to come and watch. The first performance, at 9:30 a.m. was filled with mainly high school students, teachers, and some other guests that were friends or family of the performers. Before the first performance began, elementary students from Belt Public School went in to watch the group warm up and then they asked questions. The second performance, at 1:10 p.m. was filled with many elementary students from Belt, some high school students from other schools, and friends and family as well.

As people entered the theater for the first time in years, they were astonished to see the results of the remodeled building. Everyone admired the building and all of its glory. Although the actors did open up the building, the construction is not completely finished upstairs, but will be completed by the end of the summer.

At the end of the last performance the actors were surprised with flowers from one of the cast member's family and with special mugs that were filled with candy. The actors who had previously gone to Scotland were given customized mugs; and the actors that did not travel with them got different mugs. After the successful performances, everyone enjoyed a cast party at the theatre.

All four performances were rewarding for the actors. Not only were the performances great, but the actors also had fun while doing it, which is the most important part.

By: Tori Sherwood

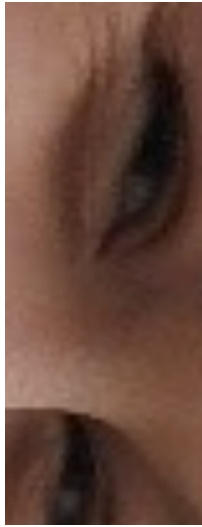
Cascade County AG Days

Last Friday, the fourth graders made a trip into the Montana ExpoPark for the Cascade County AG Days. The event is sponsored by the Cascade Conservation District along with multiple other companies and community members. Along with fourth graders from other schools in Cascade County, the students from Belt were able to go to eight different stations to learn about different aspects of agriculture in Montana. Each station had a learning section and then a hands-on activity that went with it. These activities included making bees wax candles, making pasta, and making ice cream. The fourth graders had a blast with making ice cream and getting to make new friends.

By: Keely Drummond

Puzzle

Who has this set of dark brown eyes?



Last Edition: Shannon Hoskin's smile.

Calendar of Events

May 18th – Husky Labor Auction @ 5:30 p.m.
May 18th – 20th – Gym Closed for Graduation
May 20th – Graduation @ 2:00 p.m.
May 21st – 3rd Grade Field Trip
May 21st – 23rd – Pre-K – 4th Grade Basketball Camp
May 22nd – 1st Grade Field Trip
May 22nd – 2nd Grade Field Trip
May 22nd – Spring Sports Banquet @ 5:30 p.m.
May 23rd – 24th – High School Finals
May 23rd – Colony Picnic – 11:30 a.m.
May 23rd – 2nd Grade Publishing Party @ 3:00 p.m.
May 23rd – Retirement Celebration @ 3:30 p.m.
May 24th – Colony Graduation @ 9:30 a.m.
May 24th – 8th Grade Graduation @ 7:00 p.m.
May 25th – May 26th – State Track @ Great Falls
May 25th – End Quarter 4 and Last Day of School
May 25th – Kindergarten – 5th Field Day
May 25th – EARLY RELEASE 12:31 p.m.
May 29th – 31st High School Boys Basketball Camp
May 30th – June 1st – MS/HS Girls Basketball Open Gym @ 5:30 p.m.
June 1st – 4-H Blood Drive @ 2:00 p.m.

New Student



Although the year is gradually coming to an end, new students still pop up here and there.

Chloe Lehnerz, a new 6th grader, joined the Belt Huskies in early May.

Lehnerz recently moved to Belt from Conrad, and is enjoying it. So far Lehnerz's favorite subject is History and she enjoys switching classes throughout the day. The most exciting thing for her has been her first track meet, and she is looking forward to more in the future. The Belt community welcomes her and her family, and hopes that they will enjoy the small town and what it has to offer.

By: Tori Sherwood

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