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## Celebrating Seniors

The Class of 2022 is one quarter closer to graduation and their fall sports seasons are drawing to a close.

The students that engage in fall sports are Raily Gliko and Lindsey Paulson in Volleyball. Ahmia Lords, Lindsey Paulson, Sarah Dollenger, Asa Jassen, and Cole Hepfner in Cross Country. Last but not least, Gabe Triplett, Cole Hepfner, James Leitheiser, and Maverick Black participate in football.

The outside hitter and left back player for volleyball is Raily Gliko. Gliko's favorite thing about volleyball is, "getting to hit the ball as hard as I can and getting to play all together." Gliko's Honorary B went to her sister Abby. This is because Abby has been playing with Raily since they were little, and Abby is her best friend and biggest supporter.

Lindsey Paulson is a Volleyball and Cross-Country star. She loves both sports and has strived to become better with each year that she participates. In volleyball, Paulson plays

starting middle hitter. Paulson offered her volleyball Honorary B to her grandma who always was there in the crowd cheering her on. Cross Country has been a part of Lindsey's life for a long time. She has always been in the front of the crowd when she runs. In state competition, Paulson received 15<sup>th</sup> place her freshman year, 8th place sophomore year, and in her junior and senior year she got the gold with her first-place finishes. Lindsey's cross-country Honorary B was given to her mom, who helped Lindsey learn her love for running, and because she ran with her over the years.

The cross-country team includes five seniors, one of whom is Sarah Dollenger. Dollenger has been participating in cross country for two years. Her favorite thing about her sport is her teammates, and she wishes that she had participated in her sport her freshman and sophomore years. Her Honorary B went to Mrs. Graham, for always encouraging (Cont. pg. 5)

## Red Ribbon Week

In 2019, approximately 4,777 teenagers died from overdosing on drugs and alcohol. Almost every family in the world is affected by some variation of addiction. The Red Ribbon Week is a national program that takes place the week of October 23rd through the 31<sup>st</sup> to create awareness and prevention about how dangerous drugs are.

Red Ribbon Week was established when a cop by the name of Enrique Kiki Camarena was murdered by drug traffickers in 1985 while being stationed in Mexico. People then started wearing ribbons honoring the fel-

low American that passed away. Now in the month of October, many people and communities come together to find ways to celebrate being drug free.

The theme for this year's Red Ribbon Week is "Drug Free Looks Like Me." The human brain is fully developed when people are 25 and most people implement some sort of alcohol or drugs into their life before their brain is fully matured.

The first step is education, built upon the belief that alerting young people to the dangers of substance abuse is the critical in helping make good choices. (Cont. pg. 2)

## Red Ribbon Week (Cont.)

There are three different types of drugs which are depressants, hallucinogens, and stimulants. A depressant slows the function of the brain, causing people to become slower to react to different situations. A hallucinogen causes people to see mirages and alters their perception of reality. A stimulant speeds up the brain and makes people feel more alert. All three types of drugs carry the risk of dependency, both psychological and physical.

Red ribbons were given to the Belt students Monday as a reminder of the importance of self-control. Sophomore Madison

Pogany commented, "We learned that the impact of drugs is even more severe on teenagers than on adults."

Throughout the week, Mr. Paulson and Mrs. Kolar gave information about drugs and how they affect the human body. They also informed the students of the facts of drugs and how it would affect not only the person, but everyone around them.

The *Valley Voice* would like to add that they hope students and people will stay drug free and think twice before you make the wrong decision.

**By: Walker Maki**

## Parent Notice

Collaboration between parents and teacher spells success for kids. November 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> are scheduled for Parent-Teacher conferences at Belt School from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Conferences are in person, via phone, or by video. If attending in-person, please follow all of the visitor safety protocols and arrive on time.

Conferences in the MS/HS are set for 10 minute intervals. Contact the teacher or register on-line.

To schedule a conference go to the Belt School Web Site. Check under the "News" heading on the left.

## Football

On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> the Belt Huskies played the Shelby Coyotes for the second time in two weeks, once again defeating them, leading into a bye week for Belt allowing them to prepare for Culbertson.



The game, played at Remington Field, was a Northern C subdivision seeded game with a spot in the state playoffs on the line. With the win and a virtual coin flip between the Huskies and Chinook, Belt will enter the postseason as the #3 seed from the division.

In the first half of the Huskies against the Coyotes Belt scored a total of 44 points and denied Shelby's offense any points the whole half.

Bridger Vogl started things off with an interception return for a score in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. The second was made by a throw from Vogl to Nebel of 26 yards, and after one

period it was Belt 14-Shelby 0.

In the second period, Belt exploded, with TD runs by Ethan Triplet, Vogl, and Garrett Metrione. All three tries for two were good and the clock was running before intermission.

The Huskies coasted in the second half on the way to 44-6 win. It was 44-0 entering the 4th quarter. Shelby's only score came on a unique play when the Coyotes threw and interception and then forced a fumble in the same play. Shelby's giant, 6-8 Rhett Reynolds picked up the ball and raced 38 yards for a score.

Belt three QB's, Vogl, Metrione, and Reese Paulson, completed 75% of their passes for 108 yards and a touchdown while

the team averaged almost 7 yards per rush. Vogl and Ethan Triplet both had a pair of TD's and Belt's defense was dominant throughout.

The non-conference win put Belt's record at 6-1 overall with a 3-1 league mark. Playoffs for all five Montana high school football classification begin this weekend. In the first playoff round, Northern C teams will battle with the top four from the Eastern Division. Belt's opening playoff game is set for tomorrow at 1:00 p.m. in Culbertson. The game will be broadcasted on the NFHS network for people to watch at home.

The playoffs will wrap up with state champions to be crowned the weekend of November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**By: Gabriel Triplet**

<b>Shelby</b>	-	-	-	6	<b>8</b>
<b>Belt</b>	14	24	6	-	<b>44</b>

## Paulson Repeats

On Saturday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, the Belt/Centerville cross country athletes raced at the state meet. All four high school classes in Montana competed on the U of M Golf Course in the shadow of Mount Sentinel. The returning state champion, Lindsey Paulson, took the win once more, with a time of 19:00.88. Despite Paulson's best efforts, the girls team placed 8<sup>th</sup> overall, but everyone on the girls team made their personal records except Paulson. Asa Jassen collected second place in the boys' meet with a time of 17:36.08. Overall the boys team took second place.

Paulson, who plans to pursue a running career in college, won her race by almost a minute so her time was not as fast as a previous race.

Aubrey Johnson took 46<sup>th</sup> place, stopping the clock at 25:12.22, one notch ahead of Kendal Garber from Centerville. Sarah Dollenger finished the race in 25:52.10, Haley Hoerner finished in a time of 28:08.94. Ahmia Lords completed the 3-mile course in 33:02.15.

Asa Jassen ran a 17:36.08, achieving 2nd place right behind Oren Arthun of Manhattan Chris-

tian who ran it in 16:52.55. Clayton Jassen achieved 8<sup>th</sup> place, stopping the timer at 18:26.29 and Bridger Vogl was 14<sup>th</sup> at 46.27, Cole Hepfner finished in 19:20.39, and Nate Gill with a time of 26:23.70.

There was also a meet in Hobson on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Paulson finished first in the girls' meet with a time of 19:48. Asa Jassen won the boys' meet with a time of 18:04 with Clayton Jassen, Vogl, and Hepfner close behind him.

Manhattan Christian won both the girl and boys state titles. It was the sixth in a row for the boys.

**By: Brooke Holum**

## Street Law Classes

In Belt's Government class, there is a course offered called "Street Law". The class is given to seniors and is held every Friday. The class goes over crimes and laws and bridges the gap between kids and law enforcement. The class has a positive effect on the kids and teachers, and is very much supported by everyone in the community.

The person who runs the class, Cascade County Deputy Shawn Baker, tells the students about his experiences he has had within the military and in law enforcement. He also tells the students what to look for and what they should stay away from.

Baker started in the U.S. Army, in which he served for 11 years as a paratrooper for four of them, and the other seven were spent as an Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Tech. He is currently a Cascade County Senior Deputy and has been since 2012. During his time, he has been or has partaken in: Coroner, SWAT, Evid-Tech, Child Forensic Interviewer, Fire Investigator, PREA Investigator, Detective, and County School Resource Officer.

The Cascade County Sheriff's Office began the program in October of 2020 and implemented the School Resource Officer (SRO)/Street Law program into the schools of Cascade County on January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The seven schools that take part are: Ulm, Ft. Shaw, Vaughn, Belt, Centerville, Cascade, and Simms. "My experiences are so amazing that I cannot even put them into words." That is what Deputy Baker had to say about his time in the classes. He is very appreciative and grateful to have the opportunity because he doesn't have other opportunities to meet the youth of the communities. He likes that the officers and students interacting helps break that barrier between law enforcement and the community. He treats every school and community as if it were his own.

The goals of the class are to cover legal issues, Sheriff's Office procedures, crime prevention, classroom presentations, emergency responses, and current trends, like community issues/concerns.

The officers also teach the teachers in the schools. They instruct them about intervention, lis-

tening, school related issues, identifying and clarifying problematic situations, and many other important topics.

The topics covered are the U.S. Constitution, community policing, criminal law, drug and alcohol use, and many other crimes that are common in Montana. Deputy Baker says that "the School Resource Officer (SRO) is a vital position in today's educational establishments."

Detective Baker has made a real connection with Belt students in the last year. The Class of 2020 invited him to deliver their graduation commencement address and this year's crop of seniors enjoys his presentations as well. As Ahmia Lords noted, "I enjoy the classes because he provides a unique perspective that we can understand. He is great at relating the concepts to us in a way that makes sense for all of us. Plus, it's a little different and a break from the ordinary."

The people who run the classes reassure kids that they are trying to prevent and mitigate criminal issues in the schools and communities.

**By: Rylan Davison**



## Fall Concert

Just a few days ago, Tuesday, the school hosted a fall concert for the middle school and high school students. The music teacher, Peter Wilson, directed the band and choir. Mr. Wilson is very pleased with the work that each student put in to make this concert amazing.

The 6<sup>th</sup> grade only has the option to play their instrument in their class band. They played a total of three songs, "American Celebration," "Barn Dance Saturday Night," and "Montana." They did a phenomenal job especially because they are still relatively new to the instruments.

The other two middle school classes have the option to play or

participate in choir, each class had a separate part for choir and then a full group. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade choir sang "Poor Wayfaring Stranger" and "Where'er You Walk" before singing with the other class. Together they sang "Al Shlosha D'Varim" before the 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished off the young husky choir division, with "If I Had a Hammer." The other half of their classes played two songs on their musical devices, "A Mozart Mix" and "Pictures at an Exhibition."

The high school Choir sang "Laudamus Te," "Omnia Sol," and last but certainly not least "I Sing Because I'm Happy." Addee Hoffmann, part of this group, states "It

was really fun to be able to sing with all those amazing people."

The band played "The Headless Horseman" and "Apprentice." Danika Lords, a saxophone player, expresses "I enjoy playing in band with my peers and Mr. Wilson. We chose to play a Halloween song and Fantasia 200. They were really fun songs to play because of the intensity, tones, and other people knew the songs."

Mr. Wilson explains how smoothly the concert went, "I think the concert went really well and we had lots of fun. I think the audience really enjoyed it and it was a good way to start the year."

**By: Kyndal Schraner**

## MS Sports

Each middle school team has concluded their fall sports seasons. The girls Volleyball team had the opportunity to finish off their season with a tournament.

The little Husky team played the Coyotes of Shelby on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The team, as a whole, played phenomenally, crushing the Coyotes. Slater Lords, Blake Waldner, Cash Smith, Cade McCoy, Landin Schraner, Kyle Atwood, Dalton Lombardo, Parker Osterman, Tucker LaPlaunt, and Sam Kirby will continue on in their football careers next, but with the high school team instead.

The ladies went to Great Falls Central Catholic High School



for their end of season tournament. The ladies played a total of four games, claiming the winning side of the bracket and not losing a single game. Next year, these ladies: Raelie Stanford, Lily Puppe, Jaida Pruitt-Warren, Kylie Mass, Paisley Enos, and Axis Throckmorton, will join a few of their classmates, Emerson Hoerner, Aaliyah Gaylord, Kenzie Pogany, and Olivia Moran, in high school volleyball.

The cross-country team competed in Great Falls, at the Jaycee Park, on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The team actually ran a quarter of a mile farther than they were supposed to, but only found out after the meet. So naturally, each runner recorded

significantly longer times than what they normally run.

On October 16<sup>th</sup> the little Husky runners voyaged to Hobson for their final meet. The ladies did an excellent job, securing the top four spots. Aizlyn Flaten obtained first place, with 11:17, with Vannie Urick following behind at 12:14. Third and fourth place went to Reagan Jassen and Cadence Graham, only 5 seconds apart with Jassen snatching third. Aaliyah Gaylord and Aizlyn Flaten will be the only two cross country runners moving on to their high school career next year.

**By: Kyndal Schraner**



## Montana Missing Indigenous Persons

Thursday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, Alliance for Youth hosted a presentation at the Alliance for Youth gathering Hall with the North Central Montana Human Trafficking/Montana Missing Indigenous Persons regarding social media and internet safety. Agent Alesha Woodland of the Montana Department of Justice with the Internet Crimes Against Children was the main speaker.

The presentation discussed the dangers of child exploitation through social media and the internet on apps such as Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, and Tiktok. Parents learned about safeguards that can be implemented to help their children from being targeted and victimized by sexual predators.

The programs who helped make this possible were Alliance for Youth, North Central MT Human Trafficking/MMIP, and Internet Crimes Against Children taskforces. Alliance for Youth is a non-profit organization whose sole focus is to create changes that will benefit today's youth. Alliance for Youth has made several positive impacts within the Belt community, including sponsoring several leadership programs and movie nights.

The MMIP task force was the main sponsor for this event. The MMIP objectives are to "Reduce Indigenous missing persons in Montana, Improve collaboration, Identify families' needs, Create a reporting system, Track data on Montana missing indigenous per-

sons, Create a network of communication among tribal communities."

The ICAC mission is "properly investigate and prosecute those who sexually exploit children through the use of the internet and/or computers; Provide training and equipment to those involved in investigating and prosecuting MTICACTF cases; and provide community education regarding the prevention of internet crimes against children."

The goal of this seminar was "To promote awareness, provide education, develop solutions and help support community efforts to eliminate human trafficking and end the MMIP Crisis in Montana."

**By: Madisen Feldman**

her to push herself and to do better and to never give up.



Cross Country is not an easy sport to succeed in, but Asa Jassen has done very well in his last seven years competing. Jassen qualified for the state cross country meet all four years. After finishing 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> at state as a sophomore and junior, his senior year he grabbed 2<sup>nd</sup> place. His Honorary B was given to his dad because Jassen's dad pushed him and helped him to start running.

For two years Ahmia Lords has been competing in Cross Country. When asked 'Why do you do your sport?'



## Senior Celebration (Cont.)

Lords expressed, "To get into shape for basketball...so I don't die on the first day of basketball practice." Lords wished that the season for cross country was a bit longer, so that she can spend more time with teammates. Ahmia gave Coach Graham her Honorary B because she got Lords into running and continuously encouraged her to push herself.

Gabe Triplett has been taking part in the Belt Football program for four years. He plays the position of guard and D-end. Gabe's Honorary B was given to Coach Lake because he was always there supporting Gabe.

The football team is proud to have James Leitheiser as their head manager. Leitheiser has been a football manager for four years. His favorite thing about football is to help the team, and boss the crew around. Leitheiser handed his Honorary B to his grandma Cathy.



Leitheiser is glad to have the experience of helping out the football team.

For two years, Maverick Black has been a football manager. He loves being outside and hanging out with his friends, while helping the football team. James Leitheiser roped Black into helping and then joining the football team. His Honorary B was handed off to his mother and stepfather.

The Class of 2022 excels in different fall sports such as football, volleyball, and cross country. Cross country is over, but the postseason is just beginning for volleyball and football.

**By: Eliza Tingey**



## Driver's Safety Week

Trooper Scott Waddell is a part of the Montana Highway Safety Patrol, and recently he came to Belt to talk to the new drivers about driving safely. He told the freshman group many tips and procedures that they should follow. This is to ensure the safety of themselves and others, while driving on the road.

Waddell stressed the importance of seat belt wearing, using videos. The videos showed crash test dummies, comparing one that was buckled in and one that was not. The relative damage done was striking.

In 2015, Montana reported that there were 224 deaths by car accidents, and 178 of those people were not buckled up.



A part of the lesson that was shared with the kids was what to do and how to act if they get pulled over. Waddell told the students to put their hands on their wheel and wait calmly for the of-

ficer to come over. Answer the questions as best as they can, honestly. Then the highway patrol officer will ask for the driver's license, insurance, and proof of registration. Another tip that Waddell told the kids is if a driver's license is in a weird spot, like the back seat of the car, or underneath a seat, to tell the officer where they are planning on reaching. This is so that the officer doesn't think that the person is reaching for a weapon.

Another tip that Trooper Waddell added into the lesson was to put cell phones away when driving. Electronic devices are a major cause accidents. Waddell states, "Don't steal time from yourself or others." He is saying to not steal time from anyone by putting them in the hospital or even killing them.

To show high school students how bad car wrecks can be, there was a crashed car that was put in the parking lot by the high school parking lot. This car symbolizes the wreckage that can be done to a car when not buckling a seat belt or being on a cell phone.

Stay safe, buckle up every time.

**By: Eliza Tingey**

## High School Rodeo

October 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> were the dates for the last high school rodeo for this fall season. Brady Drummond, Ryley Mapston, and Hailey Gilko all attended the final event of 2021 in Havre. But, even though this season is over, these athletes will still be practicing as much as possible, and the second part of the season awaits in the spring of '22.

Drummond, entered in barrels, poles, and goat tie. On the first day, on Saturday, she finished in 6<sup>th</sup> place in poles and grabbed 8<sup>th</sup> in goat tie. This was her PR, or personal record with a time of 9.9. One of her goals was to break 10 seconds for her goat tie, and she finally succeeded. Drummond plans to continue practicing and will attend barrel racing jackpots.

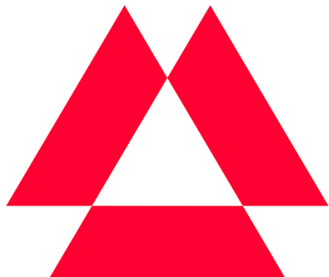
Ryley Mapston competed in tie down and team roping, but failed to place. Mapston's season goal was

to rank in the top five in the standings and ended up sitting in second place. His favorite memory was being able to compete about every weekend with some good people and having tons of fun.

Hailey Gliko, entered in barrels and poles, but claims she didn't do too well. The season was still a very positive experience though. She is sad that it is over like most people who competed but is very excited for the next season. Like all the other people, she will be practicing in her free time. Her favorite experience was talking with her friends and having a fun time.

Belt's rodeo competitors will continue to hone their skills over the winter and be ready when the spring season rolls around in 2022.

**By: Gracie Watson**



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## Angel Care

Angel Care is an aging services company that does important work in Belt and many other Montana communities.

This amazing company began in 2016, owned and operated by Angela Habeger (McGillivray) in Havre. Habeger explains how hard she worked for this investment, “We invested every dollar made into Angel Care to grow the business to reach the fur markets we have now in 2021.” Her efforts are bearing fruit.

Any senior citizen or disabled member in the community is eligible to receive the Home Health Service from this organization. It is recognized by the following insurance providers: VA Insurance, Bankers Life, MetLife, and a few other Long-Term Care Insurances. Another great offer by Angel Care

is a Tier Pricing program for those who are private pay clients.

All donations are greatly appreciated, and dollar to dollar matched to provide for the low income or non-insured families.

Darrel and Alice O’Connell were in great need of some help in the summer, so their home nurse, supplied by the VA insurance, recommended them to Angel Care. They looked around Belt for a short period of time to find someone from the town, who was willing to work through this company, until eventually finding a young woman who took on the job.

Both of them feel as though they had a very fortunate experience with the company. They were very appreciative of the help that was provided to them from the community; a big bonus for the

couple was that the help provided was local. Alice O’Connell loves a clean home and was unable to keep up with it day to day. With a little help she is able to enjoy being in a clean, safe environment.

Kyndal Schraner helped them around the house, up until recently; she states “not only have I helped them clean their home, I learned a ton of things while working with them.” She will miss seeing them every day, but she plans to continue to go and visit with them whenever possible.

Anyone over the age of 14 can apply to work for Angel Care. Hours for each employee change because of the needs of the different clients. To look into applying, as either employee or as client, go to <https://angelcaremontana.com/>

**By: Kyndal Schraner**

## Pink Out Night

Pink Out Night was on October 19<sup>th</sup> during the volleyball game which was also senior night. People wore pink shirts, the volleyball and cheerleaders made pink ribbons to put in their hair. There were posters hung up in the main hallway that had names of people

who battled breast cancer.

Before the game started Mr. Hoyer shared information about breast cancer to everyone who was there. After that, three breast cancer survivors came out onto the gym floor, then the cheerleaders gave them a card.

Pink out night is part of the National Breast cancer awareness month. People nationwide wear pink to spread awareness and to show how much they care. Even NFL teams wear pink to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness.

**By: Brooke Holum**

This past week Belt Public Schools have been observing national Red Ribbon Week, five days designed to help kids recognize and avoid the dangerous influence of drugs in our society. Don’t forget that alcohol is a drug as well, responsible for ruining and even ending thousands of lives every year in the United States and around the world.

Young adults face lots of decisions every day that will potentially impact the rest of their lives. Before you decide to put anything in your body, know what you’re getting yourself into. The risks of alcohol use are magnified when motor vehicles are added to the equation. Think about that before you get behind the wheel or before you climb into the passenger seat. The rest of your life is waiting...



# Don't Drink and Drive!

## New Students

The two bright new students in the 2nd grade class are Olivia Redd and Avery Meier. They are enjoying Belt School and are excited to keep pushing forward in their school year ahead.

Olivia Redd went to Belt in Kindergarten, and then was homeschooled for her 1<sup>st</sup> grade class. She has returned to Belt and the biggest difference is, "Much more numbers and a big book to fill in num-



bers," replied Olivia. She enjoys playing football and soccer and plans to play sports. She enjoys being in the school again and having friends that she can visit with. In her free time, she plays with her mom, dad, or dog. She commented that her puppy ripped open her football while they were playing together.

Avery Meier, previously enrolled in an elementary school in Great Falls, is satisfied with her new school. The largest change is that there are much nicer people in Belt and she has considerably more friends. Also, she gets along with

her friends from Belt a lot more than her past friends. She loves to ice skate and play in her free time and is most appreciative with the new school.



The transition from their old schooling to Belt is proceeding great according to the new students. The next students that will be featured in the *Valley Voice* are Hadley Adams and Konnor Johnson.

**By: Walker Maki**

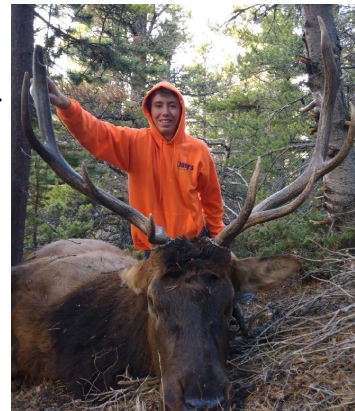
## Hunting Trophies

The Valley Voice wants to share in the success of local hunters, publishing trophy triumphs this hunting seasons bagged by students and staff alike.



The parade starts off with Mr. Paulson, who shot a bull elk with his bow from 30 yards away. He shot it at the bottom of Tenderfoot Creek in the Little Belts of Montana. He also said it was the last day of archery season when he finally got his trophy.

Belt High senior Aiden Bergstrom



bagged a bull elk taken on the first day of rifle season. He shot it at 450 yards with a 270 caliber. His trophy came out of the mountains a little closer to home, the Highwoods, and he said that his favorite part of the hunt was the distance he shot the elk at.

Congratulations to both Mr. Paulson and Bergstrom. Submit your big game successes to the Valley Voice for publication in upcoming issues.

**By: Gabriel Triplett**

## Close-Up

Belt Close-Up is preparing for their trip to the east coast scheduled for the spring of 2023. To help fund the trip, they have organized a couple events in the community. Check out the offerings listed below and help out a great cause.

The annual fruit sales campaign is now under way. All products are run through Montana based vendors and most items are less than \$1.50 per pound. Oranges, grapefruit, and mandarins are all available. Orders are due by October 29<sup>th</sup> and items will be delivered fresh in

December. To order, contact Mrs. Visocan, or Mrs. Hoffmann at the school, (277-3351) or email [avisocan@beltschool.net](mailto:avisocan@beltschool.net) [khoffmann@beltschool.net](mailto:khoffmann@beltschool.net). Make checks payable to Belt Close Up 2023.

The Close up students will also take part in the Belt Christmas Stroll, slated for December 4<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. downtown. The Close-Up kids will offer gift wrapping service in the Corder Realty building for a small donation.

These fundraisers make it

possible for these students to experience a great excursion to Washington D.C., and New York City.

There also will be Husky Gear available for purchase at the Stroll. Come down to the stroll and help the Belt Close up program and visit with friends and neighbors while enjoying the festivities.

Thanks for helping out with the program. For many kids, the trip to the coast is a life changing experience and every contribution is truly appreciated.

**By: Addee Hoffmann**



## 8th Grade Field Trip

On October 8<sup>th</sup> the mighty class of 2026 ventured to Butte. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class visited the Museum of Mining and the Mineral Museum on the Montana Tech campus. 32 eighth grade students went with Mrs. Stinson and Mr. Gaylord chaperoning. Mrs. Stinson organized the trip and the school funded it. Students had to bring their own lunches.

The students learned about the importance of mining to Montana History; they also were shown how it was done and how mining is done today. The 8th graders participated in a scavenger hunt to locate minerals at the mineral museum. Students were shown mining equipment and were able to go into the

Orphan Girl Mine.

When asked about her favorite part of the field trip, Aaliyah Gaylord, quoted "My favorite part was when we went into the mine and learned about the mules." Student, Parker Osterman, stated "My favorite part was when we got to see the old mine elevator." Landin Schraner's favorite part was "When he showed us the underground mine." He also enjoyed viewing the mineral museum and learning more about the rocks through the scavenger hunt.

While other middle school classes have gone on this trip, staff



members have started to make this an annual eighth grade trip. Overall the 8<sup>th</sup> graders thoroughly enjoyed this trip and will remember this experience for years to come.

**By: Madisen Feldman**

## Volleyball

On October 18<sup>th</sup> the volleyball girls played against GFCC, and on October 19<sup>th</sup> the girls played a game that would determine their standings as they plunged into the District volleyball tournament.

The Mustangs hosted the game and every one in the stands could feel the tension that was going on. Every girl on the bench and on the court was yelling at the top of their lungs. The energy level was pretty good for the most part but in the end the girls slowly faded away. The GFCC Mustangs won the game in five sets.

The first set was 25-23 GFCC. The second set was 10-25 Belt. The third was 27-25 GFCC. The fourth set ended with a 25-14 Belt, and the last set ended with GFCC taking the victory with a score of 15-10. Addi Urick grabbed 38 digs, an exceptional number. Raily Gliko, a senior, led the team with 3 aces, 10 kills, 3 blocks, and 17 digs. Aaliyah Gaylord rallied up 7 digs, and 15 assists. Kylee Permann tallied up 4 aces, 16 kills, and 15 digs. Ella Pethel helped out with



2 aces, 1 kill, 7 digs, 17 assists.

The game against the Lady Badgers was a sweet victory for the girls after their defeat against GFCC. The girls won in three sets and had amazing energy.

Urick had 28 digs for the game. Gliko gained 4 aces, 12 kills, 15 digs, and 1 assist for the game. Lindsey Paulson scored 1 ace, 3 kills, 4 blocks, and 4 digs. Permann gained another 2 aces, 2 kills, 2 blocks, and 6 digs. Danika Lords snatched 4 kills, 2 blocks, 3 digs, and 1 assist. Pethel had 1 ace, 3 kills, 1 dig, and 13 assists. Hattie Bumgarner tallied up 7 kills, 3 blocks, and 3 digs.

Despite the loss, the Belt girls entered the District 6-C tournament as the #1 seed. Yesterday morning that competition got under way in Simms. The Lady Huskies opened up against Augusta and swept the Lady Elks away in three quick sets. Last night they continued their postseason march with a win over Valier in 3 sets. They play tonight against Simms in the first undefeated game at 6:00 p.m..

The tournament concludes tomorrow. The top four teams will advance to the Northern C Divisional Tournament next week in Belt.

**By: Addee Hoffmann**

## Veteran's Day Program

Since November 11<sup>th</sup> 1918, this day has been called Armistice Day. This special day has been celebrated worldwide for more than 100 years. On this day both sides laid down their weapons and the carnage of WWI came to an end. The Treaty of Versailles was signed on June 28th, 1919 officially ending the Great War, but by the then tens of millions lay dead.

Armistice Day was celebrated in the United States for 36 years. Then in 1954 multiple laws were

passed to change Armistice Day to Veterans Day only in the United States, to honor all American Veterans who have served this nation so nobly..

Belt School will be hosting the Veterans Day Program on November 11<sup>th</sup>. Because of COVID-19 there was no program to honor the veterans last year. But, also because of the virus this year, the middle school and the high school students will not be able to attend. All Veterans in the area are encouraged to

attend.

The students from the elementary will perform a short skit, along with the singing of traditional patriotic tunes. Seniors John Highfill and Ahmia Lords will recite their Voice of Democracy speeches and the winners of the Patriot's Pen middle school essay contests will read their prose.

This event is open to the public and will be located in the main gym at 2:30 p.m.

**By: Gracie Watson**

## Fashion Corner

Footwear is the final touch for any outfit. Plus, without something on a person's feet it gets pretty cold in Montana in the months ahead.

Birkenstocks, a very popular brand of shoes that sell many different styles remain a mainstay in the fashion world. Many people have reshaped the original look of them

to fit their personality, and the brand ended up selling them.

Crocs, another famous shoe icon in the fashion industry, are not to be forgotten either. These water-proof shoes are a great thing to wear on a comfy day. People have added accessories to the original, and made them into heels and platform shoes. They come in different

shapes, colors, and textures.

The thing to wear on a cold day are Ugg Boots. They are fuzzy and warm. There are so many different colors and styles available, and they are beloved by everyone.

Those are the shoe choices of celebrities, and they will always be great to wear any day of the week, and for anything.

**By: Addee Hoffmann**

## MEA Days

While some teachers were in meetings last Thursday and Friday, the students received the days off. Coincidentally, Thursday and Friday were the youth hunt and the opening day for all age groups was Saturday.

The teachers had the choice to go to conferences and develop their professional skills, or get their conference hours later in the year. There are several subjects that the teachers can teach or be apprentices in the conferences. The conferences were held in Great Falls at CMR High School and a few teachers traveled outside of the local county. Because of Covid-19, the MEA conferences were held in person and virtual. There will be future meetings for teachers that missed the opportunity to participate in them. Mr. Ross taught in the con-

ferences during the two days and has been interviewed concerning his experiences.

Mr. Ross presented two different classes consisting of 'Looking for Hubris and Humility with an Ecocritical Lens,' and 'Belt Valley Shakespeare: From Rural Montana to Edinburgh's Central Hall.'

The presentation concerning ecocriticism is important for people to recognize the relationship between people and the fictional world. People implement this into their daily lives without knowing that the literature is constructing their relationships.

Mr. Ross comments, "The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players presentation highlights the importance and challenges of producing youth theater in rural Montana.

The program is nationally recognized and is always looking for a wider audience and participation from other schools."

He has presented almost every year because he feels that it is important to educate other teachers the novel methods that they use in Belt High School. He would like to add, "It's also an opportunity to showcase just one of the many innovative teachers and classrooms we are lucky to have in Belt." Consequently, Covid-19 has caused attendance to not be as adequate as in the past years.

MEA days are a chance for kids and staff to take a breather and a chance for staff to develop their professional skills as the Quarter comes to an end.

**By: Walker Maki**

## Senior Spotlight

This week's Senior Spotlight is on Lindsey Paulson, who has participated in many sports and received myriad awards for her accomplishments. Lindsey has been enrolled in Belt Public Schools since 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and has built many friendships along the way.

She would describe her Belt experience as great and her best



memory is triumphing at the State Cross Country Championships two years in a row. Her plans for after high school are to attend

college to run cross country and track; however, she is undecided as to which post-secondary institution she will attend.

Throughout her high school career, she has participated in extra-curricular activities including: volleyball, basketball, cross country, track, DECA, Youth Leadership, National Honor Society, Principals Cup, Student Council, and Science Olympiad. Lindsey is in the Belt High School Honors Program, and earned a passing score on the difficult Advanced Placement U.S. History Exam.

During her high school career, she has amassed a number of accomplishments: many all state and all conference selections, basketball and volleyball state championships, two state cross country individual titles, and seven state track

medals with more accolades pouring in as she competes in her senior year. She has made numerous contributions to the Belt High School Athletic Program from her freshman year until today.

Her advice for younger students is, "Get involved and grades matter from the time you are a freshman." She doesn't know what she will miss the most until she has departed from high school. However, she has no doubt that she will miss her friends when she leaves.

The Belt Community wishes the best of luck to Lindsey as she continues her very successful academic and athletic career and thanks for her positive contributions to the community. The next *Valley Voices* senior to be featured will be Asa Jassen.

**By: Walker Maki**

## Techno-Expo

On October 7<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Simons took the upperclassmen of Belt High School up to MSU Northern, in Havre, for a Techno Expo field trip. The field trip lasted all day, and they traveled all over campus to explore what Northern had to offer.

The academic goals for the field trip were to showcase what MSU Northern provides. Also, it opened the eyes of the high school students to what they could do in college concerning their interests.

Owen Halley and Zach Feldman were interviewed concerning their experience and what they thought of the Techno Expo field trip. The best part of the field trip according to both of the students was that they were able to drive equipment including a miniature excavator, a backhoe, and a skid steer. They moved tires with the excavator, knocked golf balls off with the backhoe, and stacked pallets and moved dirt with the skid

steer. It opened career opportunities for Owen including a diesel mechanic. The career opportunities that were revealed to Zach were as diesel mechanic, automotive, and equipment operating. They both would like to see field trips that are similar to Techno Expo in the future.

Zach Feldman competed in a mechanical rodeo competition with more than 60 other students and won the competition. They had 4 minutes to stack tires with a mini excavator and he completed the challenge in 1 minute 35 seconds leaving all other competitors in the dust.

When they were proceeding to make their journey back to Belt, their bus wouldn't start. The bus broke down and the starter failed. They used a Havre bus to get back home and it caused the students to be a couple hours behind schedule. This made the football practice de-



layed two hours so that the upperclassmen could participate.

Afterwards, Mrs. Simons asked the students about their experiences and if they were looking at MSU Northern for a possibility in their college academics. She would like to congratulate Zach with 1st place in the mechanical rodeo. The students enjoyed the field trip and are looking forward to similar field trips in the future.

**By: Walker Maki**



## Calendar of Events

Date	Time	Activity
10/29	2:15 p.m.	Halloween Parade District VB @ Simms
10/30	1:00	FB First round Playoff Culbertson
11/1	TBD	Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/2	4:00-7:00 3:30	Parent-Teacher Conferences Fiddle Club
11/3	6:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Basketball
11/4	TBD	Divisional VB @ Belt
11/5	TBD	Divisional VB @ Belt
11/6	TBD	Divisional VB @ Belt
11/9	3:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	Fiddle Club Board of Trustees
11/10	6:00 p.m.	3 <sup>rd</sup> /4 <sup>th</sup> Basketball
11/11	TBD	State VB @ Bozeman
11/12	TBD	State VB @ Bozeman

Date	Birthdays Husky	Grade
10/31	Dirx Grimsrud	1
10/29	Preston Larson	1
11/3	Heather Hovey	1
10/30	Merrick Heikkila	1
11/5	Mark Hoffmann	3
10/29	Liam Knudsen	3
11/11	Dakota Keller	4
11/11	Ellison Graham	5
11/3	Adianna LaPlaunt	5
11/10	Hope Maki	7
11/10	Olivia King	8
11/6	Hans Bumgarner	9
11/9	Owen Halley	11
11/3	Alyssa Nebel	11
11/1	Sarah Dollenger	12
11/2	Maverick Black	12

## Bowling Scores

Bowling season is full swing at Back Roads Pizza and Lanes. Stop by for a slice and game of bowling. They're open from 11:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sundays. Check out their new coffee kiosk! Here are results from Week 4 and 5 from the lanes.

## Week 4

Men's Scratch

Mike Christensen-236

Keith Kozer-222

Men's Handicap Game

Keith Kozer- 254

Drew Koffler- 250

Men's Scratch

Mike Christensen-689

Chad Stroop-588

Men's Handicap

Mike Christensen-704

Drew Koffler-700

Women's Scratch

Linda Lewis-179

Polly Pimperton- 177

Women's Handicap

Linda Lewis-241

Polly Pimperton-226

Women's Scratch

Linda Lewis-660

Polly Pimperton-448

Women's Handicap

Linda Lewis-646

Sally Miller-604

## Week 5

Men's Scratch

Mike Christensen-248

Drew Koffler-213

Men's Handicap

Tony Cooper-251

Drew Koffler-249

Men's Scratch

Mike Christensen-691

Drew Koffler-565

Men's Scratch

Mike Christensen-691

Tony Cooper-679

Women's Scratch

Lisa Urick-175

Tally Grimsrud-170

Women's Handicap

Trish Kenney-237

Tally Grimsrud-228

Women's Scratch

Lisa Urick-470

Denise Puppe-464

Women's Handicap

Trish Kenney-666

Denise Puppe-656