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## District Music

On April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> the high school choir and band traveled into Great Falls to perform the prepared songs in front of expert judges. The students in both band and choir participated with their entire group, and then had the choice to perform again in a group or solo. Groups, trios, duets, solos, and others are scored on a 1-5 scale, 1 being the highest and the only number that qualifies for the State Music Festival. This year, Belt School hit a record of superior ratings of 1, a total of 15 superior marks.

April 7<sup>th</sup> was when both the band and choir showcased their talents and prepared songs in front of three judges. These ensembles both performed in the University of Providence with the band playing at 12:30 p.m. and the choir at 2:30 p.m. In addition to the choir and band, Molly Tingey and David Bond both delivered a piano solo at the CMR Auditorium. Tingey scored a 1 due to her solo and has the opportunity to move on to state. Bond however just missed

his mark and received a 2 for his performance.

On Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> again, the band and choir made their way to CMR High School to execute their practiced music. The "Tres Hamburguesas" a Trumpet Trio that included Lane Waldner, Declan Bergstrom, and Ben Gillespie started off the music filled day with their song. They received a 1 for their performance. After them, David Wall took the floor with his solo and claimed a 2. Chloe Lehnerz, Kandice Stice, Brook Backus, and Ryann Osterman (the Fireflies) accepted a 1 for their showcase to the judge. The next group was "Red Rose" which included Hattie Bumgarner, Gracie Watson, Chloe Lenerz, Kandice Stice, Ryann Osterman, Alyssa Nebel, Brooke Backus, and Addee Hoffmann together they scored a 1 rating. The Belt Chamber Choir included all the choir participants and received another superior 1, which offers them the opportunity to advance on to the State Music Festival. (Cont. pg. 4)

## Track and Field

Over the last two weeks, the Huskies broke into a new track and field season with a meet in Fort Benton and the Townsend Invitational in East Helena.

The weather at the meet was not ideal with bursts of rain interrupting the events. However, the cloudy weather didn't disrupt how the Huskies performed. There wasn't a team score at the Fort Benton Snow Buster, but many individual scores and personal records were recorded. However, there were no official results posted for the Fort Benton Snow Buster Invitational.

Memphis Black had an outstanding first meet qualifying for state in the discus and the shot put. He threw a phenomenal 47'6" for shot put and 137'0.5" for discus and won in both events. That puts him second in the class C in shot put and third for discus. Also, Raily Gliko qualified for state in shot put with a throw of 35'9" and won the Fort Benton meet. Ahmia Lords came in second place for the shot-put event with 29'9".

In the 100m sprint, Ethan Triplett ran a spectacular race with a time of 11.5 seconds and placed second. Garrett Metrione tied (Cont. pg. 5)

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## STEAM Day

On Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Debbie Vogt, the middle school science teacher, took 19 girls in grades 6-8 to Montana State University in Bozeman for a journey that was both fun and educational. This trip, formerly called Expand Your Horizons, has now become Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) Day. The college hosts a one day conference to introduce young women to the STEAM careers available for women as well as men.

The workshops that are available to the girls ranged from water testing to printing artwork to creating light-up jewelry. Girls completed a sheet prior to the trip, of which workshops interested

them. The girls were put into groups with color names with students from other schools based on their interests. Not every student was able to be in the group they wanted, as the girls were able to participate in four workshops in the time period allowed.

When asked about their highlights of the day many young women said they enjoyed the opportunity to make new friends. Axis Throckmorton noted "Making new friends and doing the coding-a-dance-party workshop" were the highlights of her day. Liliana Corbett stated that her favorite part of the day was "extracting DNA from a cow's neck." Brooklyn Philips also enjoyed learning about cows.

The purpose of the trip was to show middle school girls the career opportunities that are available to them in the STEAM fields, and this trip did just that. Throckmorton expressed "It opened my eyes that there is more opportunities in the world." Brynlie Boreson commented that "I found out a lot more ideas for careers, and science has a lot to do with so many career paths in life."

Boreson quoted "I really suggest to try this for one year, I had so much fun and I learned so much." Many of her peers had similar responses stating they would participate in this trip again if they had the opportunity.

**By: Madisen Feldman**

## Senior Spotlight

David Wall has been a part of the Belt community his entire life and he shared his experiences with the *Valley Voice*. Wall would describe his life in Belt as exciting, fun, and welcoming.

The activities that he has participated in throughout his schooling career include cooking, playing with his sister, and Special Olym-



pics. The best memory that he acquired while in Belt was when his brother fell through a hole in the trampoline at his house. The advice that he would give to younger students is, "Call family."

After high school, Wall plans to take up residence at a group home. He is very excited to start his next journey in his life. When he departs

from his hometown, he will miss his family, neighbors, mom, and friends the most.

The Belt community wishes the best for Wall as he progresses on through his life. Mr. Wall was the last senior featured in *Senior Spotlight* as the mighty Class of 2022 is approaching their final weeks of high school.

The *Valley Voice* would like to congratulate the students for their hard work and dedication throughout their 12-year academic career so far in all and their future pursuits.

**By: Walker Maki**

## Family Math Night

On Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup> the Belt School held a Family Math Night for grades Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. This was not a fundraiser for Belt School, but simply a fun event for the kids to be able to work on their math skills.

This was a huge success for the school, there were 64 elementary students that attended the Family Math Night. Eight students in

youth leadership attended and earned volunteer time. The elementary teachers helped set up the event, and this has been a Belt tradition for at least four years, and Title I has helped put this event on. Mollie Maki was kind enough to contribute to the math night by helping to make the worksheets with the other teachers, and made arrangements to make sure there

was food and drinks. The pizza was made from Backroads, also known as The Bowling Alley, and drinks were provided by Mollie Maki.

This was a very fun and eventful way to get parents more involved with their kids at school. This popular tradition was a success again, promising it to remain a part of Belt education in the future.

**By: Gracie Watson**

## Lady Husky Golf

In the past two weeks, the JV golf team ventured to Fort Benton for an unofficial meet. No team or individual scores were kept. The ladies who attended were Alyssa Nebel, Brooke Backus, Brooke Holm, Eliza Tingey, and Madisen Feldman. For all of the athletes this was their first time in a competitive golf environment. The ladies managed to complete 15 holes before ending their day in typically windy conditions.

The following day, Belt hosted their meet with Centerville at Anaconda hills. Once again, the ladies played through windy conditions. The varsity players, Addison Urick, Danika Lords, Kylee Permann, and Ryann Osterman, were able to pull off first place for the team. Urick and Lords both PR'ed with scores of 106. Permann shot a 110 and Osterman followed closely behind with a 128. The whole team attended this meet. Nebel, Backus,

and Tingey set personal records as well, with marks of 126, 137, and 118 respectively.

The ladies have a busy schedule as they will have a varsity meet scheduled for Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> at Meadowlark Country Club in Great Falls, and Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> at Conrad. Then the following week they will venture to Fairfield on the 28<sup>th</sup> and Fort Benton the 29<sup>th</sup>.

**By: Madisen Feldman**

## Featured Staff

Mrs. Jill Gliko has accepted the honor of being this week's featured staff. She is a dedicated teacher, and counselor, and she helps kids so much.

Mrs. Gliko is certified to teach K-12 Physical Education, 6-12 History and K-12 School Counseling. As of the moment, she is the school counselor. She meets with high school, and middle school students as needed. Her other responsibilities consist of meeting with students for individual counseling, coordinating all district-wide and standardized testing, helping students with career and college planning, overseeing and registering students for dual enrollment classes, overseeing the honors program, scheduling students for their classes, organizing graduation ceremonies, and ensuring seniors are aware

of and applying for scholarships.

In school she attended Geyser, and earned her Bachelor's Degree in K-12 P. E. with a minor in History from MSU-Bozeman. She taught PE and history in Belt for nine years, then taught P.E. and History at Hobson for seven more. She gained a Master's degree in counseling and worked as the school counselor at Hobson for five years. In 2015 she moved back to Belt as the full-time counselor. She returned to Belt because her husband was taking over the family ranch

Her long-term career goals are to continue learning in her field, and be the best counselor she can be. "The best part is seeing students succeed! I love kids and enjoy coming to work every day and helping them be the best they

can be.

As a counselor, I like that I

can help students navigate some of life's storms a little easier. I've been here a long time and have many



wonderful memories. My favorites are ones that involve kids just being themselves. I love to see happy faces and kids having fun. Watching a student grow into a young adult and blossom makes me happy" Mrs. Gliko said.

**By: Addee Hoffmann**

## Phone Phashion

Phone cases are a serious industry in the fashion world, and are important for one's look. Phone fashion is just as important as clothes fashion.

Just plain clear cases are very trendy right now, especially the ones with the wireless charging grip. Also clear cases with flower designs will catch all eyes. While some of these are very fashionable some can be more expressive just for your liking, like the clear cases

with the melting smiles.

Abstract plant phone cases with a pastel, or aesthetic color for the background are so in style right now. They catch the eye of everyone, and look very cute and in style. A pinkish brown, or a dark blue are the most common colors you see with this case.

Popsockets are another thing for phones that are a must have. They come in all different styles and make it super easy to hold the

phone, or set it up to watch TV. Popsockets are fading out of style but still very stylish, and common.

Last but not least is the phone case online store called Casetify. It is an amazing place to find cute and aesthetic phone cases, and also great to customize a personal case.

Phone cases are just as important as a t-shirt so that they can protect the phone.

**By: Addee Hoffmann**

## Music (Cont.)

"The Four Locos", a Low Brass Quartet, had Eli Bodner, Andrew Dullum, and Mac Hedstrom on Trombones, and Johnny Tingey on tuba and again Belt received another 1 rating. Gracie Watson then performed her solo and earned her ticket to go to state with her 1. Molly Tingey, Ella Pethel, Keely Dirkson, and Zoie Anderson performed their Flute Quartet with the stage name of the "Quatro Chicas Blancas" and claimed yet another 1. Belt's next 1 rating was collected by Addi Urick, Kylee Permann, and Eliza Tingey or also known as, the

Belt Clarinet Trio. The next performance was played by Paul Blank who presented his snare solo and claimed a 2.

Rylan Davison, Luke Highfill, Hayden Urick, and David Bond was a men's ensemble called "Bound Away" and got a superior rating of 1. Luke Highfill performed his solo and also gained his chance to go to state with his 1. Then "Which I played a Trumpet", a tenor saxophone duet with Nate Gill and Brady Moran received a 1 rating. Next Reese Paulson and Danika Lords played their alto sax-

ophone duet and also collected their 1. Johnny Tingey ended the band's groups with his 1 score. Finally, Hattie Bumgarner ended Belt School District Music Festival's experience on a good note, and received yet another 1 award.

The District Music Festival is an amazing opportunity for students to show off their musical skills. Belt school has been participating in this for many years and always shipped some kids off to the state level and this year had set a new record for Belt.

**By: Eliza Tingey**

## Belt Ambulance Crew

There are six million calls for emergency medical assistance each year in the United States, and those calls save lives. Imagine calling 911 and no one in on the other end to answer the call. The Belt volunteer ambulance crew is one link in that national chain providing essential services for community members when they need it most.

The Belt Ambulance crew is in great need of more volunteers. They only have a total of 15 people working and when responding to calls, only 5 people can help because they have to split with the Belt Rural Fire. The region that the ambulances and emergency responders serves spans all the way from King's Hill Pass to halfway

between Belt and Great Falls. It also ranges from past B-Hill to the east and almost to the Hutterite colony heading west..

Belt High graduate Ashley Triviso has been a volunteer for three years and was interviewed concerning the issue with the number of employees for the Belt Ambulance. In the previous year, approximately 160 calls were made that the volunteers were required to report to. They respond to a call roughly every other day.

There will be a training program for people looking to help the Belt community and that will take place at the Belt Ambulance Hall, during June or July. It would be great if people could sign up around

mid-April and once everyone is signed up, there will be a meeting discussing more information about the event. If the person looking to start the training is a senior and going into the medical field, it is highly suggested that they participate in the activity.

In addition to helping with this much needed community service, there is tremendous satisfaction in being there for ones fellow citizens.

Anyone interested in signing up for the program can call Gene Cantley at (406) 788-0752. He will be training students who are interested and is the leader of the EMT group.

**By: Walker Maki**

## Paraprofessional Training

The Paraprofessionals here in Belt have been going through training to improve on the work they do with special needs children within the school. There has been one training so far, and there will be another one coming up in a couple of weeks.

Two teaching professionals from the Great Falls district guided the Belt teachers' aides through some of the nuances of working

with students with autism. Jen Lambert and Erin ???have experience and specialized training in the field, which they shared with Belt staff to help enhance learning.

This can help staff around the school identify people who may need extra help, and how to create the best possible learning environment. People with autism have a harder time learning in school, therefore they need extra attention.

Transitions from one activity to another can be particularly difficult. The goal is the best possible education for each and every student.

Mr. Paulson would like to thank Heather Hoyer for connecting him to these two amazing people that can help out our students greatly. A big thank you goes out to the resources that staff that are helping these students.

**By: Brooke Holm**



## Track (Cont.)

with a Power athlete in the 200m race for second. For the 400m dash, Reese Paulson placed first in the activity with a sub minute 400m.

For the long-distance events for the boys, Asa Jassen placed first in the 800m and the 1600m with his younger brother Clayton Jassen placing third in both of the events. Lindsey Paulson also accomplished first in the 800m and the 1600m. In the 110m hurdles and the 300m hurdles JD Shepard finished second and just barely was behind first.

During the 4x100m relay, the Belt's boys team placed 1st and the team consisted of Bridger Vogl, Garrett Metrione, Ethan Triplett, and JD Shepard. The women's team achieved second place with a team of Kandice Stice, Hattie Bumgarner, Addee Hoffmann, and Ella Pethel. The 4x400m relay was not recorded because of the size of the track in Fort Benton.

Black won the shot put and

discus with Isaac Maki coming in third for discus. For the women's side of discus, Belt swept the competition with Ahmia Lords placing first, Raily Gliko in second, and Danika Lords in third. In high jump, Isaac Maki tied with a student for first, and Rylan Davison tied with five students for second. Hattie Bumgarner tied for second place in the high jump event. Bridger Vogl tied with an athlete for long jump and achieved first place with a jump of 19'9".

During the Townsend Invitational, the weather was terrible with high gusts of wind and cold temperatures. The meet kicked off at 10:00 a.m. with field events and running events commenced at 10:30 a.m. There were A, B, and C schools that participated in the meet which resulted in a higher level of competition for the Huskies.

In the 800m and 1600m race, Clayton Jassen achieved sec-

ond place and had a personal best in both events. Lindsey Paulson placed third in the 1600m race with a time of 5:25.5 minutes. Also, she achieved second in the 3200m and attained a personal record. In the 300m hurdles, JD Shepard had an incredible race with a time of 43.2 seconds and accomplished second. Belt placed third during the 4x100m relay and second in the 4x400m. Ella Pethel accomplished third in triple jump with a bound of 30'3".

Black placed second in shot put and discus with Raily Gliko winning shot, Ahmia Lords achieving first for discus, and Gliko receiving third place for discus.

The *Valley Voice* would like to congratulate these athletes for their personal achievements and placements. The next meets will be a freshman and sophomore activity on April 22<sup>nd</sup> in Power and a meet in Choteau the following day.

**By: Walker Maki**



## GFHS Music Performance

Great Falls High School Music came to visit the Belt middle school to both perform and to teach the young musicians some tips for their Pep band and concert pieces. This was a chance for the young students of Belt to see how other schools learn and play different instruments and different types of music.

The Great Falls Symphonic Band was on their annual tour but they made a special stop in Belt and some other rural schools. The band performed in the gym, and there was a total of 45 students participating in the Symphonic band.

The Great Falls High Music Program performed three pieces one of which was A Celtic Suite. Mr. Wilson, the Belt Music Director, claimed, "I ex-

pected them to be well organized, to sound good and play difficult music-they delivered. They played with terrific intonation, and performed some exciting, symphonic music."

After the Great Fall's performance, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders both played their concert pieces for them, then mixed in with the experienced players and played Pep Band music together. This was a wonderful experience for the middle schoolers. The middle schoolers said that the Symphonic band members were kind, supportive, and really fun to play with! Overall, the Great Falls High Symphonic Band trip was a huge success for the young musicians of Belt.

**By: Eliza Tingey**

## Easter Celebration

As Easter nears, so do the Easter egg hunts, and sure enough there is egg hunt at Castner Park, and starts at 9:00 a.m. April 17<sup>th</sup>. But Easter isn't just a holiday that is celebrated just to find eggs and get gifts from the Easter bunny, there is a real reason behind it.

Easter is a Christian holiday commemorating the resurrection of Jesus from the dead, occurring on the third day of his burial. Easter is one of the principal holidays, or feasts, of Christianity. For many Christian people, this is a joyful day that ends the Lenten season of fasting and penitence. "Easter is im-

mediately preceded by Holy Week, which includes Maundy Thursday, the commemoration of Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples; Good Friday, the day of his Crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, the transition between Crucifixion and Resurrection. Liturgically, Easter comes after the Great Vigil, which was originally observed sometime between sunset on Easter Saturday and sunrise on Easter Sunday."

Have a Happy Easter, be careful on the roads, and most importantly have fun.

**By: Gracie Watson**

## Spring Sport Schedules

Spring Sports scheduling is a bit like playing the lottery, as Mother Nature steps in frequently to upset the best laid plans. There have already been cancellations and postponements and the season has really just begun. Weather permitting, both the high school track and field teams and girls golf team have some busy weeks ahead. The times listed below are start times at each venue assuming there are no rain, snow, or frost delays. Consult the Belt School web site for bus departure times: <https://www.beltschool.com/>

### High School Track & Field

4-21	Power Froshmore	1:00 p.m.
4-23	Choteau Acantha	9:00 a.m.
4-28	Choteau Twilight	3:00 p.m.
4-30	Belt/Fairfield Invite	9:00 a.m.
5-3	Cascade Top 8 (GF)	10:00 a.m.
5-5	Great Fall Frosh	4:00 p.m.
5-6	Brent Hitchcock (GF)	9:00 a.m.
5-13	8-C District (Lewistown)	10:00 a.m.
5-19/20	Northern C Divisional (GF)	10:00 a.m.
5-27/28	State (GF)	TBA

### Girls Golf

4-18	Meadowlark C.C.	9:00 a.m.
4-22	Marias Valley G.C.	10:00 a.m.
4-23	Pondera C.C. (Conrad)	9:00 a.m.
4-25	Pine Meadow (Lewistown)	9:30 a.m.
4-29	Signal Point (Fort Benton)	9:00 a.m.
4-30	Choteau C.C.	9:00 a.m.
5-6	Signal Point (Fort Benton)	9:00 a.m.
5-7	Chinook G.C.	10:00 a.m.
5-9	Marias Valley (Divisional)	TBA
5-16-18	Sydney C.C. (State)	TBA



## Fraud Protection

While modern technology offers fantastic potential it also carries threats. It's a sad reality that there are vultures out there trying to take advantage of others through the use of a variety of sophisticated scams. A number of these online scam have been occurring in the Great Falls area of late and it's best to safe rather than sorry.

Here's some advice authored by the American Bankers Association with regard to personal protection from such online predators:

1. Keep your computers and mobile devices up to date. Having the latest security software, web browser, and operating system are the best defenses against viruses, malware, and other online threats. Turn on automatic updates so you receive the newest fixes as they become available.
2. Set strong passwords. A strong password is at least eight characters in length and includes a mix of upper and lowercase letters, numbers, and special characters.
3. Watch out for phishing scams. Phishing scams use fraudulent emails and websites to trick users into disclosing private account or login information. Do not click on links or open any attachments or pop-up screens from sources you are not familiar with. Forward phishing emails to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) at [spam@uce.gov](mailto:spam@uce.gov) – and to the company, bank, or organization impersonated in the email.
4. Keep personal information personal. Hackers can use social media profiles to figure out your passwords and answer those security questions in the password reset tools. Lock down your privacy settings and avoid posting things like birthdays, addresses, mother's maiden name, etc. Be wary of requests to connect from people you do not know.
5. Secure your internet connection. Always protect your home wireless network with a password. When connecting to public Wi-Fi networks, be cautious about what

information you are sending over it.

6. Shop safely. Before shopping online, make sure the website uses secure technology. When you are at the checkout screen, verify that the web address begins with https. Also, check to see if a tiny locked padlock symbol appears on the page.

7. Read the site's privacy policies. Privacy policies tell you how the site protects the personal information it collects. If you don't see or understand a site's privacy policy, consider doing business elsewhere.

In addition, Detective Shawn Baker, Belt School's Student Resource Officer, shared the following site to help people in the community avoid such scams. This link connects to the Fraud Protection page of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau:

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/consumer-tools/educator-tools/resources-for-older-adults/financial-education-placemats/>

Here is a collection of quotes from anonymous people who have been convicted of driving under the influence of alcohol.

"I can definitely say that it is a mistake that I will never make again."

"We were drinking, but since I was there for a while, I figured I was spreading them out enough to where I wouldn't get drunk."

"When I was 22, I made a mistake that has filled me with regret. I'm not a bad person, but I made a really bad decision."

"You always think that DUIs are something that young people get. I always looked down on kids who go out and get completely drunk, then decide to get behind the wheel of a car. Then I got arrested for drunk driving when I was 53."

"I don't remember everything that happened leading up to the accident. I just remember there being a tree in front of the car suddenly, and the impact of hitting it."

"It's a constant reminder of the danger I put us both in by driving drunk."



**Don't Drink  
and Drive!**

## Kindness Challenge

Last week Belt Schools conducted the “Kindness Challenge.” This idea was thought of by Mrs. Vogt and Mr. Hoyer. The purpose of this is to spread kindness around the school, this applies to students and staff members.

This is based on the seven principles of “what it takes to be a Husky.” The letter K which stands for “Kind to all.” This encourages

students to have more positive interactions with their classmates, along with teachers. Teachers have been in the hallways more to catch people and their kind actions to one another.

Teachers and other staff members were asked to give out two dum-dums to students that they saw showing kindness to others. When a student gets their two dum-

dums, they are encouraged to pass on the kindness by giving one to someone else.

Overall, there was a positive outlook by both the students and staff when the week was done. Multiple students around the school have been rewarded, so there were a lot of positive signs that this challenge has been successful.

**By: Brooke Holum**

## Elementary Shakespeare

Belt was proud to welcome the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks performers to their school on March 31<sup>st</sup> to perform for the elementary students. The show that they performed was called *Bottom's Dream*. *Bottom's Dream* is an adaptation to the original *A Midsummers Night Dream*, and was about a spin off of the characters from the original who wind up in Shakespeare's magical forest, find some friends, right some wrongs, and experience an amazing time. This story was specifically designed for the elementary students to understand the plot of a story.

Director Matt Foss first toured with the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks from 2003-2006, he then started writing adaptations to many of Shakespeare's plays. He is a very good Director and playwright, and Belt was proud to let his play come to the Belt schools. The education director,

Katherine Norman, has been on two tours with the Montana Shakespeare in the Parks, and she is currently an actor educator, actress, and a scholar.

The play started at 8:05 a.m. and at the end there was a session for q/a's. The kids after the play were able to do workshops. K-2 were able to go to one workshop, and 3-5 were able to go to two. There were three workshop options consisting of a language one that used Shakespeare's text, and the students then explored how context and subtext can change the meaning of words. They also figured out how to explore tone of voice, body language, and social cues to determine meaning and make new stories. The second workshop option was a physical workshop. The students created original characters of their own using physical theater techniques and games. They also created a space where all these

characters could coexist as expressions of “their full selves”. The third and final option for a workshop was a craft workshop where the kids were given items that are often discarded, and they made unusual objects out of them. The students were able to explore what the voice in their head sounds like and give it shape and meaning with the hands-on workshop.

The third and fourth graders had the language workshop. The kindergarteners, first, fourth, and fifth graders all had the pleasure of enjoying the physical workshop. The third, fifth, and second graders also got to participate in the craft workshop. Remember that k-2 only got to participate in one workshop, while the 3-5 got to participate in two of the events

The kids said that they greatly enjoyed the play, the actors, and the workshops.

**By: Addee Hoffmann**

## MS Track

Belt Middle School has near record numbers of track and field participants competing this spring, with nearly 70 kids battling for ribbons and trophies against area competition.

The last couple weeks have seen many get their first taste of practice, and all are itching to find out how they measure up against

the best from area schools.

Their first meet was scheduled for yesterday (here in Belt), but that would have been tough considering the weather conditions.

Hopefully the sun shines and so do the future Husky stars in their quest for running, jumping, and throwing success.

4-22	Power	1:00 p.m.
4-23	Harlowton	9:30 a.m.
4-26	Belt	4:00 p.m.
4-28	Fort Benton	1:00 p.m.
4-29	DGS	TBA
5-6	Havre	TBA
5-7	Cascade	10:00a.m.



## Senior Skip

A tradition that goes back decades continued on April 4<sup>th</sup> when the seniors didn't show up to school. They participated in many different spontaneous activities which all of the students immensely enjoyed. There were a couple groups that the seniors split up into and 11 of the 17 students journeyed to the hot springs in Helena. Asa Jassen, Raily Gliko, and Sarah Dollenger commented on their experiences during the skip day.

Jassen's favorite moment during the event was hanging out at the hot springs with a lot of his friends. They had a lot of fun associating with his classmates and partaking in all of the different activities. "We started with a few hours

at Helena's Broadwater Hot Springs, followed by lunch at the Brewhouse in Helena, before coming back to Great Falls for laser tag, and an obstacle course at the Kaboom Fun Center. Then we rounded it off with frozen yogurt at Yogurt City," Jassen commented. A funny moment shared by Gliko and Jassen was when the entire class was in the pool except Colten Lombardo who was relaxing in the hot tub with some random old people. Another hilarious experience was when Ahmia's laser tag vest made her like the Terminator and she had almost 100 hits without a death to conclude the first match.

Gliko described her experience as, "It was super fun to travel

and relax in the hot springs. We then went to Kaboom and that was amazing! Overall it was very fun and I had a great time. It was way better than school."

The drive to Helena and back was the favorite part of the journey for Dollenger because of all the conversations and laughs they had. "It was lots of fun. We started the day being timid with just soaking in the hot springs. However, our day ended with being winded and sweaty after a round of laser tag."

With the seniors' high school career coming to an end, the school allowed for the students to participate in a fun day without the school.

**By: Walker Maki**

## Motocross

Here at Belt High School there are people who are involved in volleyball, track, basketball, golf, cheerleading, cross country, dance, and even motocross racing. Andrew Dullum and Trevor Shimerdla are our representatives from Belt for motocross racing.

They describe this sport as racing motos around a track going over varying terrain, and is four laps and enduro racing in 45 minutes and a 32 track is 25 minutes.. There are a variety of different dirt bikes that they can race with, but Andrew chose the YZ125 Yamaha. Trevor races with all different brands and sizes, but mostly 85cc's.

Dullum and Shimerdla have been racing since the ages of four and 12. They practice 1-4 times a week up until the

racers, and practice in many different places. They practice together most of the time at Trevor's house, Andrew's house, any dirt road, Electric City Dirt Riders, and Great Falls Race Way.

These competitors compete at Central Montana Tracks in Great Falls, Helena, and Anaconda. There are races two days in a row about every three weeks in the summer, or they can sometimes be once every week. But all their practicing pays off. Starting from age six, Andrew Dullum has earned a total of eight 1<sup>st</sup> place finishes, two 2<sup>nd</sup> place finishes, one 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishes, and three 4<sup>th</sup> places. Trevor has received a variety of awards, but has one 1<sup>st</sup> place finish. He also says that he hasn't just earned awards, but also the support of the sponsors that helped him through the thick and thin.

Andrew claims, "I chose to compete in motocross to see tricks I can use in trail riding. And I love the feeling of adrenaline. But I dislike how expensive the gas prices are." Trevor declares, "I chose to

compete in motocross because I don't have to worry about coaches and teammates, or anything else. Also I forget all the bad

things in life while I'm riding my happy place like Happy Gilmore says. And my favorite part about participating in this is getting to meet a bunch of people and being able to hang out with them. But I despise driving to the events, racers' stomach, and the gas prices."

These two students put time and effort into school, and still find time to do what they love even if it is extra curricular activities. If you are interested in getting involved in motocross racing it would be best to talk to Andrew Dullum and Trevor Shimerdla.

**By: Gracie Watson**



Birthdays		
Date	Husky	Grade
4/26	Lincoln Leritz	1
4/24	Jackson Newcomer	1
4/20	James D Larson	3
4/17	Kenady Keaster	4
4/24	Paisley Enos	8
4/29	Dalton Lombardo	8
4/27	Gracie Watson	9

## Scholarship

<b>Scholarship</b>	Curt Backa Scholarship
<b>Due Date</b>	4/10
<b>Amount</b>	\$300 (2 of them)
<b>Criteria</b>	GPA 2.5 or better, high school senior, enjoy bowling, respect the sport and show sportsmanship
<b>Information</b>	application from Counselor
<b>Requirements</b>	complete application, character reference, letter from a bowling proprietor, bowling alley employee or bowling coach, and brief essay about yourself



Calendar of Events		
Date	Time	Event
4/15		No School - Spring Break
4/16		Close Up Color Run
4/18	9:00 a.m.	No School - Spring Break HS Golf Meet @ Great Falls
4/19	3:00 p.m. 3:30 p.m.	No School - Spring Break Spring Sports Pics Fiddle Club
4/21	1:00 p.m.	MS Trach Meet @ Power
4/22		DECA Atlanta 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter Mid-Term HS Froshmore Track Meet @ Power HS Golf @ Shelby
4/23	9:00 a.m.	DECA Atlanta HS Track Meet @ Choteau HS Golf @ Conrad
4/24		DECA Atlanta
4/25	7:00 a.m.	DECA Atlanta HS Golf @ Lewistown
4/26	3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	DECA Atlanta BOGO Book Fair Fiddle Club MS Track Meet @ Belt
4/27		DECA Atlanta BOGO Book Fair
4/28	1:00 p.m. 3:00 p.m.	BOGO Book Fair MS Track Meet @ Fort Benton HS Track Meet @ Choteau
4/29		BOGO Book Fair HS Golf @ Fort Benton