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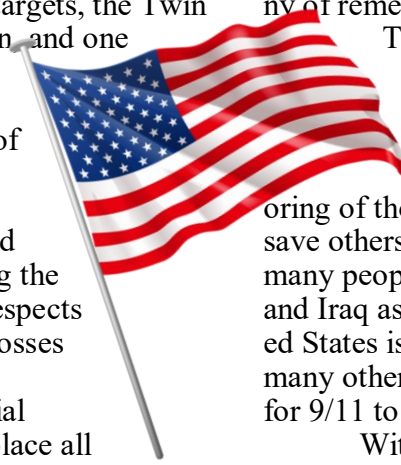
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9/11 Memorial

Across the Treasure State, Tuesday was a day of remembrance and solace for the thousands of men and women who perished on the 11th of September, 2001. As many know, nineteen terrorists associated with the group al-Qaeda hijacked four planes with three reaching their targets, the Twin Towers and Pentagon, and one crashing in a field in rural Pennsylvania. Despite the passing of seventeen years, the shadow of 9/11 still haunts the nation, and Montanans are taking the opportunity to pay respects to the heroism and losses of that day.



With memorial celebrations taking place all over the state, Great Falls hosted hundreds of motorcycles for the annual memorial ride. Starting at the parking lot of The Party Place & Kids Fun Zone on 10th Avenue, the fifteen

minute ride, organized by Howard and Kristin Heikkila, ended at the Veterans Memorial near Centene Stadium where a small ceremony was held.

At Great Falls Fire Rescue Station One, another annual ceremony of remembrance was held.

The firemen were joined by police officers, Montana Air National Guardsmen, and some volunteers in the honoring of those who lost their lives to save others. Although there are many people serving in Afghanistan and Iraq as a result of 9/11, the United States is entering a time when many others were simply too young for 9/11 to be remembered.

With the class of 2018 graduated, this year's senior class would have only been a few months old when the tragedy struck. From now on, 9/11 is not a memory in student's minds... *Cont. Pg. 3*

Issue

Highlights:

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Husky Football

After the Huskies completed their first game of the season, they welcomed freshman Braeden Moon to the team. In the past fortnight, the boys split two games, defeating the Box Elder Bears and losing to the Great Falls Central Catholic (GFCC) Mustangs, both games taking place in enemy territory.

The Husky team put on a great show for faithful fans who made the two and a half hour trek to Box Elder on September 1st, dominating the Bears 60-14 and gaining their first conference win. Robbie Gliko and Brandon Wall

led the way on defense, accumulating 16 and 14 tackles respectively during Belt's triumph. On the offensive side, sophomores TJ Hennes and Kaimen Evans found glory in the end zone twice each. Both first year starters ran for a touchdown and caught a scoring throw from Hunter Vogl. Vogl also added two touchdowns of his own with kick returns of over 70 yards. Getting in on the offense action, Wall found pay dirt scoring three touchdowns. The Huskies had a great start and they took the lead 20-8 after one period. *Cont. Pg. 2*

Football (Continued)

Then, Belt continued to control the game and held the Bears scoreless in the second quarter while doubling their own score. The board read Belt 40 Box Elder 8 as the teams broke for half time. After an intermission to catch their breath and a chance to hear what their coaches had to say, the Bears and Huskies took the field for the second half. With one quarter left to play Belt was still leading 54-14 with the clock running. As the final klaxon sounded and the teams cleared the field, Belt ran away with a victory 60-14.

Belt	20	20	14	6	60
Box Elder	8	0	6	0	14

Fresh off the win against Box Elder, the maroon and gold squad enthusiastically loaded the bus headed to face off with the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs. The Mustangs returned a whole herd of last year's starters, affording them a more experienced starting lineup. The average weight

of the Mustang players was significantly greater than that of the Huskies and the weight differential combined with the experience of Central's starters led them to overpower the Huskies by a final score of 56-12. Despite the final margin, Belt's boys hung close for a quarter and a half; however, a couple errors in the kicking game and a few dropped passes prevented the Huskies from pulling off the upset. Andrew Stice scored the first Husky touchdown late in the first quarter with an interception and a 10 yard run into the end zone while Hennes

Belt	6	-	-	6	12
GFCC	13	15	14	14	56

added Belt's second TD to the board catching a 6 yard pass from Vogl in the second half to conclude Husky scoring.

The loss dropped Belt's conference record to 1-1 and overall record to 1-2. Tonight, the lights will shine on Remington Field for a game that could potentially decide the Huskies' seed in the playoffs. The Chester-Joplin-Inverness Hawks will match-up against the Huskies with kickoff set at 7:00 p.m. The winner of the game will have the inside track to claim the third seed in subdivision A of the Northern C Division which could earn a playoff spot.

By: Adelle Meissner



Cross Country

Starting off their season at the Cut Bank Golf and Country Club two Fridays ago, the middle school Belt/Centerville team got to run first in the windy atmosphere. Two girls from Centerville ran times close to each other placing 14th and 15th. When the junior high girls were done, it was the young guns turn to run with Clayton Jassen and Mac Hedstrom running for BCXC and C. Jassen placing 3rd.

Including veteran runner Robbie Gliko and freshmen Cole Hefner, the high school meet began with the boys off at a steady pace. Despite the howling wind, Hefner came in first for the black and maroon with a time of 19:16 placing 49th overall. Hefner's magnificent run was also a personal record.

Coming in minutes later, Gliko clocked in at 20:54 placing 105th overall. After the race, it was time for the boys to go recover at home to prepare for the hills of Kalispell.

At 7:00 a.m. last Friday, the team hit the road for a long and smoky bus ride over Marias Pass for the Kalispell meet. The day commenced with the girls at 2:00 p.m., and the boys' competition be-

ginning at 2:30. Lindsey Paulson was the fastest Belt runner with a time of 24:30 and coming in hot second place for the Husky-Miner girls Kolby Pimperton crossed at 25:23. Less than a minute later, Shelby Paulson recorded a time of 26:19. Shifting over to the boys' side, Gliko was the first Husky, with an outstanding time of 19:12. The teams' two freshman completed their first high school meet; Hefner stopped the clock at 20:18 and Asa Jassen crossed the line at 21:01.

Today the kids tackle the toughest course of Montana when they travel to Black Eagle to run at the Anaconda Hills Golf Course. Race time is 3:00 p.m.

By: Kolby Pimperton



9/11 Memorial *(Continued)*

but another lesson in history. It's becoming increasingly important that 9/11 is taught to students including the events that lead up to a strike against America. Although the four Belt seniors planning to join the service know what 9/11 is today, perhaps tomorrow the plough

boy will enter Afghanistan or Iraq without a clue as to why anyone is fighting. In the future, 9/11 may fall into the same fate as Veterans Day, which originated as a celebration of the end of World War I and became a general holiday that celebrates those in the armed forces. Despite

its absence from the front pages of the *New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal*, September 11th must be remembered not only for the courageous souls that perished that day but also for the service of those that remained.

By: MaKayla O'Neil

Volleyball

With the season quickly advancing the unbeaten Lady Huskies are making Old Belt Faithful proud in the 7C division for volleyball. On August 30th, the girls hosted the first home game for the season against the Cascade Lady Badgers. Feeling the nerves of their first game, the girls won the first set 25-17. The second and third sets went a lot better for the Lady Huskies, winning 25-11 and 25-12. Leading the team in aces was Kolby Pimperton with 6, who also led the team in assists, setting 28 balls. Morgan Cooper hit 15 balls that ended in kill. Shelby Paulson had 2 blocks and Kyelie Marquis led the team with digs, getting 13 balls up. The JV also won all three sets 25-20, 25-20, and 15-9.

After the Huskies first win at home, they headed to Cascade for the first annual Cascade Showcase. On Friday August 31st, the Varsity and JV were placed in two different pools with four other teams in each pool. The varsity started off their pool play by thumping the Centerville Miners 21-7 and then 21-9. Still excited from their win against Centerville, the girl faced off against Great Falls Home School. Getting the game over quickly, the Lady Huskies beat the Elks 21-8 and 21-6. Next up for girls were their rivals in conference

play, GFCC Lady Mustangs. Wanting to make a good first impression, the Lady Huskies came out ready to play beating the Mustangs 21-15. After a rude awakening, Central was out for blood and the Huskies were not ready. The Lady Mustangs beat the girls 25-16. Putting the loss in the back of their minds the girls got ready for their final pool play game against Augusta. The Lady Huskies took a while to get back into the swing of things, only winning the first set 21-17. Not wanting to play like that again the girls came out ready to play and won 21-5. At the end of pool play, the Lady Huskies were going into Tournament Play tomorrow in first place out of their pool. The Lady Huskies prevailed claiming first place.

The Lady Huskies met the Highwood-Geraldine Rivals on September 6th on Belt's home turf. Starting off the night right, the JV beat the Rivals 25-18, 25-14, and 17-15. The Varsity came out wanting to leave a lasting impression. They easily won the first set easily 25-9. Going into the second set,

Coach Christine Gondeiro decided to change up the rotations. The girls easily handled the switch, winning 25-12. Eager to put the game away, the girls switched back to the first rotation and won 25-14. Pimperton led the team with 30 assists, while Cooper had 5 aces and 16 digs. Cooper and Marquis were joined by Abby Gliko with 10 kills each.

Saturday, September 8th, the Huskies loaded the bus to venture over to Centerville. The JV started off the night by winning all three sets 25-10, 25-16, and 15-6. The Lady Huskies came out ready to go winning the first set 25-8. Coach Gondeiro decided to try a new rotation for the second and third sets. The girls struggled, but still managed to pull out the win 25-17 and 25-11. Cooper and Gliko both had 3 aces while Pimperton added 29 assists. Gliko had 12 kills while Cooper dug up 10 balls.

Last night the Lady Huskies hosted their rivals in the district, the GFCC Lady Mustangs, and emerged with a sweep of the blue and gold (25-18 25-16 25-22). The

Lady Huskies conference record is now 4-0 with the win, with the overall record now standing at 16-0. The girl's next game will be September 20th against the Fairfield Lady Eagles in Fairfield.

By: Abby Gliko



Cheerleading



As with last year's cheer squad, the roster for this year is strong. Although the Husky cheerleaders are under new management, Mrs. Visocan will try her best to maintain and succeed the standards of the Huskies' roar. Pictured in the top row are Riley Larsen and Sierra Reese. In the middle row are: Grace Davison, Charla Hook, and Mika Haagenson. Finally, the bottom row, which is sitting on the verdant grass, consists of: Madisyn Lords, Mackenzie Martin, Petra Kelly, and Sarah Dollenger.

Come see the cheer squad lead the crowd to motivate the Husky football players in their game against the Chester-Joplin-Inverness Hawks. It's a big game and the boys will need all the support the community can muster. **By: MaKayla O'Neil**

Middle School Sports

The last two weeks in the fall sporting season for the middle schoolers has certainly been busy. Their seasons really got started with practices, games and meets in full swing. The first game for middle school football was on the second day of school, August 24th. They played the GFCC Middle School team and the huskies came away with the win. The score was 48-12. Following the first game an away game ensued against Box Elder where the young Huskies triumphed with a score of 52-6. The Huskies once again faced GFCC on Saturday the 8th. Like before the young boys won with a final score of 58-14. The little Huskies will have a game today at Remington Field against CJI with the kick-off slated for 4:30.

The volleyball teams, A and B, have done very well so far in the regular season. Their first game was against Cascade on the 30th of August. First the B team played in an exciting match that went to a full three sets. The game was close but in the end cheers of excitement rang from the



played the Rivals, the Geraldine and Highwood co-op, and both Belt teams won. Saturday the 8th, at Centerville the A team felt their first loss of the season. Luckily the B team won against Centerville, keeping their undefeated record thus far in the season. The girls battled GFCC at home last night, and the results of that contest will be reported in the next issue of the *Voice*.

The middle school cross country runners have only had one meet so far this season. The results were quite good as the young distance runners traveled to their first meet on August 31st in Cut Bank. The fantastic young team of runners did great in Fort Benton, with Clayton Jassen running 9:24 in order to earn a third place spot. Along with Jassen, Rich Andrews placed in fifteenth with a time of 10:28. Mac Hedstrom came in at 13:46. Coach Garber and these younger athletes train nearly every morning at 6:00 and the troop can be seen striding about the valley every day that they don't have a competition..

The first three weeks of middle school fall sports has been very successful. Their hard work is paying off as they enjoy the cooling weather and prepare for the day they are full sized Huskies. **By: Natalie Larsen**



Husky bench as they won their first game of the season. Subsequently the young lady ladies of the middle school A team played. The lineup for the little Huskies beat the Cascade Badgers easily. The next game for the middle school volleyball crew was against Fort Benton where the both A and B teams won their games the first day of September. The following week on Thursday the 6th, the Husky girls

Montana Class C Constitution

Recently, the Montana Class C Association wrote a constitution that is now being embraced by all of the class C coaches and Activities Directors. The main reason for the addition to the class C caucus was to make official rules created in the past. In previous years many of the items that had been voted on by the Class C group have not been formalized and sometimes not followed. The constitution is was also adopted in order to help new coaches and A. D. that are joining the Class C ranks. The document outlines the procedures for all-conference and all-state selections.

There have not been drastic changes from preceding years but the document basically codifies rules that have not been adhered to in the past. With this new guide the Class C group should find it much easier to make selections and conduct a successful 2018-2019 sports season.

By: Natalie Larsen

JV Football Games

As of Wednesday, a few football games for the Junior Varsity have been added to the schedule. On Tuesday, the 18th of September, the bus will be leaving at 2:00 p.m. for Chester and a match-up between the Huskies and the Hawks. Then, the team leaves on the next Monday, the 24th of September, at 2:45 p.m. for Fort Benton to face off against the Longhorns.

The team is composed of two juniors, Adam Langston and Andrew Stice, and sophomores Jayce Balbach, Kaimen Evans, TJ Hennes, and Aidan McDaniel. Outnumbering the rest of the team there are seven freshman: Aidan Bergstrom, Cole Hepfner, Asa Jassen, Kaiden Marquis, Braeden Moon, Gabriel Triplett, and Hayden Urick.

Low numbers have to allowed Belt to field a junior varsity team for a few years, so these games will be valuable in sustaining the football program

By: MaKayla O'Neil

Equine Corner

Since a lot of the families are ranchers, the horse bug has been flying around Belt students. One of the students infected with the love of horses is Elyse Adams.

Although she is not a ranch kid, Adams has been around horses for years. She got her first horse when she was ten, but had been in the saddle for years before that. Currently, Adams owns one horse named Jackie, who is “the queen of sass”, but she rides three other horses named Roy, Micah, and Starburst. Beginning when her mom used to manage a ranch in Utah, Adams got involved with horses when her mom’s love of horses got passed down. When asked about it Adams said “It seems like every little girl goes through a stage of being obsessed with horses and I just never grew out of it, I just became more obsessed.” She enjoys just being with her horses and riding for fun.

In the future, Adams will live on a ranch and own a herd a horses. If that’s not possible she wants just a little land on which to run one or two horses.

By: Abby Gliko



Bustling Belt

Whether travelers’ paths are aimed at a local hotspot or they’re simply meandering through the valley on course to a distant destination, Belt greets them with views of what the rural community has to offer. The majority of local businesses line Castner Street on either side, most boasting an exterior that depicts more of a 1900’s aesthetic than that of the 2000’s.

Throughout Belt’s history, business ventures have popped up at times, only to see the closure of the shop next door or across the street; however, as 2018 progresses and the community’s boundaries only continue to expand; passers by, residents, and visitors alike have been treated to a business district that is more vibrant than ever.

For the first time in recent memory, every building along Main Street is open for business and in use. From the old jail turned museum to the senior center on the corner, buildings are decorated with “we’re open” signs welcoming customers into the small town’s cozy atmosphere.

In order to document this historic liveliness, the *Valley Voice* will be producing a series of articles about each of the businesses in “uptown” Belt. The articles will follow the path taken through town as visitors are greeted by local businesses until they veer off Castner Street or rise out of the valley to their final destination.

By: Adelle Meissner



New Students

In this issue, *The Valley Voice* will be introducing three more new students who have joined Belt School. It's not easy coming to a new school but these students have done a great job getting to know students and faculty on campus. These new students are freshman Braeden Moon, third grader Hosanna Wilson, and second grader Rylee Garoutte.



Belt High's first new student is freshman Braeden Moon. Braeden has two siblings here at Belt school, Jessica Moon, who was in the first issue, and Ryan Moon, who will be introduced in the next issue. Braeden is playing football here at Belt and is planning on playing basketball later on. Braeden doesn't have a favorite teacher so far but is enjoying all his classes.



When asked if he liked Belt School he said he likes it way more than homeschooling. He is excited for the rest of the year to come and to try new things.

Braeden's sister Jessica was featured in last issue, but unfortunately her face didn't make it to the press (pictured on the left).

The second new student is third grader Hosanna Wilson. Hosanna is in Mrs. Jones class and she loves it. Her favorite subject is math and her favorite activity is art. She said that this year has been really fun so far and she is very excited for the rest of the school months to come. Her biggest fear about coming to Belt was not meeting a lot of friends but she says she has made a lot of them so far and can't wait to meet more.



The third new student is second grader Rylee Garoutte. Rylee is in Ms. McNally's class. Rylee lives in Vaughn and her parents drive her to Belt every day. She enjoys

science and she loves music and art. She is super excited for the new school year and she is making lots of new friends. When asked what her biggest fear was about coming to Belt she replied, "Definitely getting lost." When told she was getting interviewed for the paper, she was super ecstatic and was eager to go tell her friends.

The new students are settling and fitting in here at Belt School. The next issue of *The Valley Voice* will introduce 8th grader Ryan Moon, 3rd grader Ellison Garza, and kindergartner Riley Bock.

By: Livvy Shelton

Paul Zarzyski: Rodeo Poet

Years in the work have been required to bring the old Knights of Pythias Hall back to life on the main drag in Belt, and the time has come to enjoy top level performances in the Belt Performing Art Center. Paul Zarzyski is going to put of a show that you won't want to miss.

When: September 22nd at 7 p.m.

Where: Belt Performing Arts Center

Castner Street

Tickets \$23

Advance ticket sales only

Available at the Harvest Moon Saloon

More Information: 406-455-9525 406-788-1858



DECA Projects

This year’s DECA kicked off with its first meeting on August 30th, with students from grades freshmen to seniors in attendance. The meeting was to inform this year’s freshmen and new comers about DECA. Jessica Tillman, DECA’s advisor, totaled the membership of DECA to be thirty-two students. This was divided between six seniors, five juniors, eight sophomores, and thirteen freshmen, leaving the meeting room packed.



This year’s chapter officers are: Keely Drummond (president), Tori Shelton, (vice president), Natalie Larsen, (secretary), Sierra Reese, (treasurer) and Sabrina Wing and Anthony Wall (committee leaders). Junior, Maggie Andrews, was

also chosen this year to be a Montana state DECA officer.

This summer the chapter officers, Drummond, Shelton, and Wing, went down to Fairmont Hot Springs, near Anaconda, Montana, for the first ever Emerging Leaders’ Summit (ELS). ELS is a conference for teaching leadership to each chapter’s officers. When asked how she felt about ELS, Drummond replied “It was a good experience to plan out this year’s DECA with my other officers, and to see what other chapters are planning.”

At ELS the chapter officers met with different DECA chapter leaders around the state to discuss how to be better influencers and to make their DECA chapter stronger and more unified. One of the objectives of the conference was to come up with goals for this year’s DECA. Belt’ goal this year is, “[to] Engage Belt DECA members through preparation, opportunism, fundraising, and community outreach.”

Drummond also stated, “I feel like our goals will be better this year because we actually wrote them down, while in the past it was

a free for all.” This year many of the different ideas that were discussed at the conference will be put into action and many different individuals will further advance their



skills in DECA because of them.

Students’ future projects will have to be turned in by December. There will be groups that range from single individuals to groups of three. Projects vary from long written papers with partners, team decision making and individual principles. State DECA will take place again this year at Fairmont Hot Springs, February 10th through the 12th. Nationals will be held in Orlando, Florida, April 27th through the 30th.

By: Tori Shelton

Along with the beloved football season comes the ruthless reality of drunk driving and the consequences it can have on anyone’s life. Hopefully, people can realize the damage drunk driving can do before they make the fatal mistake. Every day 29 people die in accidents related to an alcohol-impaired drivers across the country. That number is only going up and it is important for people to grasp the devastation of an accident involving alcohol or even the act of drinking and driving.

What many people fail to realize is that DUI is more than just drinking and driving, it is driving under the influence of any drug. This increases the risk of accidents on Montana roads. This fall it is important to understand the risk taken when choose to drive under the influence and never put anyone else’s life at risk for personal benefit. Remember to...

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your Cascade DUI Task Force



What's Cookin' ?

This year, there are many interesting things happening in the Belt School Kitchen. The lovely lunch ladies who work in the kitchen created a new Facebook page, made ice water available to all students, a salad bar, and have continued to implement a program called "Chef of the Day" to hold engagement with students' kitchen program. All of these changes are aimed at enhancing the quality of the cafeteria for all of the children who dine there during meal times.

Facebook is a social network website used for connecting people, spreading and sharing information all around the world, selling items, and communicating with others. The staff in the lunchroom have decided to take advantage of this app and spread awareness revolving

around what is happening in the kitchen. It is titled "Belt Kitchen Korner." On this page, individuals can find the daily menu for breakfast and lunch, recipes, along with photos of what the students are eating that day. The lunch staff chose to make this page to let the parents know what is going into foods their children are eating and how healthy each meal is, plus adding recipes and other ways that parents can create healthy dining choices for children at home.

One of the three lunch ladies said that her main priority is to "keep the kids healthy." Meals are freshly cooked on a daily basis. Students are permitted seconds in the main dish during lunch, but not at breakfast. However, they are allowed to return for more cereal,

fruit, or toast if they are still hungry during breakfast hours. Two brilliant decisions that they made to increase how healthily the young scholars are eating was adding a dispenser for water that sits in the middle of the lunchroom and a salad bar for fifth grade through twelfth grade daily. Although the salad bar was implemented a few years ago, it is still a great idea and continues to create a healthy alternative to the entree. They even added a step stool for the shorter kids. The adult staff can also choose the "Soup of the Day."

These extraordinary women help keep Belt School healthy. They will continue to make advancements to better nutrition in the lunchroom for many years to come.

By: Sierra Reese

New Math Textbooks

Along with the new school year came brand new math textbooks which led to a lot of changes when it comes to how the students learn the material. While the high school science students adjusted to the new discovery program last school year the math students are now utilizing the math portion of the online textbook program. Due to the new technology and layout of the new "textbooks" this year will definitely be a learning year for Mrs. Graham, the high school math teacher, and the students in her classes. Along with this being the first year for the Belt students using the website it is actually the first year that the math portion of the Discovery curriculum is being utilized by anyone.



Although this school year will be a learning year for the students who are using the program it will be great to have both science and math within the same curriculum. Hopefully, the students adjust to the new system and have a great time, not only learning math, but learning how to use the Discovery website and all of its advantages.

By: Natalie Larsen

Work Search

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M	R	H	T	S	C	E	N	E	X
B	H	U	R	D	G	C	R	B	O

Words:

Belt
Husky
Brewery

Castner
Creek
Store
Cenex

Park
Pub
Coal

Tune into next
issue for the
answer key!

Shuffle 'em and Deal

On Saturday, October 6th, the sixth annual Matt Darko Poker Tournament will be held at the newly opened Diamond Sports on Castner Street in Belt. Sign up will begin at noon that day, but early entrants will receive an additional \$500 chips with which to play.

The entry fee is \$100 and unlimited \$20 re-buys will be available until the lunch break. Entry includes a fat stack of chips, lunch and door prizes. The winner will receive a custom belt buckle from Montana Silversmiths and half the total prize pot. The other half of the money gathered will help fund the Matt Darko Memorial Scholarship. Test your skill against a field of about 25 or thirty "card sharks and see if you have what it takes to claim the prize.

Over the last half dozen years, the Darko Memorial Scholarship has awarded over \$18,000 to Belt High School graduates to help them pursue their education.

For more information or to sign up early and garner the early sign-up bonus of \$500 in chips call Delbert Darko at (406) 455-9525.

It's a great time for a great cause.

Football Playoff Changes

There is a change to Class C football playoffs this season. Because of numbers disparities between the northern and southern 8 man divisions, the Northern C will receive five playoff berths this year and the South only get three. Here's a brief explanation.

The top teams from each Northern C subdivision will play each other for the conference championship trophy and the #1 seed (the loser is the 2 seed). The 3 seed from Subdivision A travels to the 2 seed from Subdivision B and the 3 seed from Subdivision B plays on the road at the 2 seed for Subdivision A. The winners of the 2 vs. 3 games then represent the Northern C in the playoffs as the 3 and 4 seed. It's been like that for a few years.

The difference this year is that the losers of the 2 vs. 3 game will play each other the following week for a spot in the playoffs, taking the spot of the 4 seed from the South. It is an adjustment to the ever changing demographics of Class C football in Montana.

This year the North faces off against the West in the first round with the 1 and 2 from each league hosting the 3 and 4 from the other. Hope it make sense...it might change again next year.

Where are They Now?

Belt seniors graduate and leave, off to make their mark on the world. However, "Where are they now?", one might ask. The *Valley Voice* is going to answer that question for some recent alumni, starting with 2013 graduate Georgia Shultz.

Shultz was very involved in high school, participating in various extracurricular activities. She was in high school volleyball four years, basketball three years, and golf all four years. She participated in: Youth leadership, MBI, Spanish Club, Journalism, Nation Honor Society (NHS) and was the vice president of student government. Shultz remains involved with her hometown; she is on the Belt Pool Board, and is a volunteer instructor for Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA) through Alliance for Youth in Great Falls.

After graduating Shultz

went to the U of M for three and a half years to earn her bachelor's degree. Now she has an B.A. in Communications and is currently working towards her Master's (M.E.) in Clinical Mental Health Counseling through Lamar University. When asked if this is where she thought she would be in five years, Shultz replied, "Not at all! I originally went to school for journalism." but after an internship with KRTV, she decided it wasn't for her.

Throughout her years at college she was the director of the Boys and Girls Club of Missoula County. After college she took a position at Benefis as a Staffing Technician for the acute care units for eight months. From there she started working for E&S Recovery, a small mental health

and addictions counseling private practice in Great Falls, as part time Case Manager. After about two months at E&S, she quit working at the hospital to work full time as a Case Manager. She worked for E&S Recovery for about a year before going to Sletten Construction as the Office Administrator for their welding inspection department.

Currently Shultz is an office administrator for SCC Inspection. In five years she wants to be a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC) and a Licensed Addictions Counselor (LAC). "I hope to return to E&S Recovery because they are a great company and are awesome to work for!" Tune in the next issue for more.



By: Tori Shelton

Student Life

The school year kicked off a month ago and things are off to a roaring start. The first week of school consisted of getting back into the groove of things. The high schoolers were glad to have a little space back in the hallways and the elementary students were excited to start their journey off with a new extension to the school. In addition the academic rigors of the classroom and extracurricular activities are also in full swing.



Before the students showed up on Thursday, August 23, the staff underwent professional development. On Monday, September 20th the teaching staff went to Great Falls for a seminar that was sponsored by the Gold Triangle Curriculum Cooperative. The conference focused on creating a positive learning environment in the classroom. The next two days, before students arrived, half of the staff went through four hours of CPR certification training while other

staff members were getting their classrooms ready for the first day of school.



On the athletic front, the high school volleyball team is undefeated and the gridiron squad is off to a 1-2 start, with hopes of securing a win tonight at Remington Field. The cross country team has two meets under its belt, and all the high school teams will be back in action this weekend. The junior varsity competitors are also getting their first taste of high school sports. As the second week of school rolled around the middle schoolers commenced with their first games of the season. The middle schoolers also found themselves with new teachers this year and are ecstatic about the coming school campaign.



Everyone is now settled in and many of the students are ready to face the battles that the new school year will bring.

By: Kolby Pimperton

New Staff

Once again, the new school year has brought a fresh batch of teachers. This week's issue focuses on Hannah Croff.

Ms. Croff is the new early kindergarten teacher here at Belt Public Schools. Interestingly enough, she actually graduated from this great community in 2013 and has returned to teach alongside some of the same people who taught her. "Once a Husky always a Husky," as she puts it.

In order to become a teacher, Ms. Croff graduated from the University of Montana Western this past school year.



As a part of her training, she also was a student-teacher with last year's early kindergarten class, which was held in the current supply room on the elementary side of the library.

As for now, Hannah Croff said that she is most looking forward to being able to see how much her students have progressed throughout the year. Ms. Croff is also ecstatic to be learning from her colleagues, some of whom have watched her proudly progress from student to teacher.

By: Sierra Reese

Jack's Beans

Replacing the old café here in Belt, the new coffee shop, Jack's Beans and the Whisper Creek Real Estate Offices have been up and running bringing in great business. Students, along with adults, enjoy coming into the coffee shop in the morning or at lunch to grab a beverage and get something to eat.



The owner Kelsi Steiner, says that they are always looking for new things to spice up their menu. On September 7, 2018, the coffee shop had new samples for people to try such as a pumpkin spice drink, a beef and barbeque sandwich, and a potato soup. The samples went over very well and Kelsi says she is most likely adding them to the menu.

The *Valley Voice* interviewed some students to find out what their favorite things were to get at the coffee shop. The first student was Sophomore Kenzie Martin. Her favorite drink to get is an iced

caramel frappuccino and her favorite food there is the snicker doodle cookies. The second student interviewed was sophomore Sabrina Wing. Her favorite drink is the iced vanilla latte and she highly recommends the jalapeno pretzels. The last student that was interviewed was senior Sam Vaughn. Sam's favorite thing to get at Jack's Beans is the bubble tea. She loves the black tea, red guava flavoring, and the lychee bobos.

Other students such as sophomore Grace Davison, said that bubble tea is their favorite as well. Bubble tea is definitely a fan favorite. With bubble tea you get to choose the type of tea, the flavoring put into the tea, and the flavor of bobos put into the drink itself. It is a perfect thing to drink no matter the weather.

So far the coffee shop has been a huge success and most everyone here in Belt loves their food and drinks. Whether it's someone who needs a little jolt of caffeine before traversing the highway to Great Falls for work or a refreshing pop of bubble tea to get them through the last half of the school day, Jack's Beans is here to serve the community. Hopefully, Jack's Beans continues adding to their menu and creates new fan favorite for everyone to enjoy.

By: Livvy Shelton



Calendar of Events

- 9-14 4:20 p.m. XC meet @ Great Falls (AHGC)
- 9-14 4:30 p.m. MS Football @ Belt (CJI)
- 9-14 7:00 p.m. HS Football @ Belt (CJI)
- 9-17 4:20 p.m. XC meet @ Shelby
- 9-17 4:30 p.m. MS FB (6th/7th) vs Fort Benton
- 9-17 7:00 p.m. Belt Wellness Center Bd Meeting @
- 9-19 7:35 a.m. Elementary Teacher "RTI" Meeting
- 9-19 12:31 p.m. Early Out (PRI meetings)
- 9-20 4:15 a.m. VB @ Fairfield
- 9-21 4:00 p.m. VB @ Simms
- 9-24 1st Quarter Mid-Term
- 9-28 2:00 p.m. FB vs Hays-Lodgepole
- 9-28 5:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
- 9-28 5:15 a.m. Community Pep Rally
- 9-28 7:00 p.m. HS FB vs Hays-Lodgepole

Puzzle

Who wore this pretty pattern prom dress last year?



Tune in next week to find out.
The answer to the last puzzle was
Karlee Permann.

The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance

John Wayne, James Stewart, and Lee Marvin immortalized the story, and soon you can see the stage adaptation of the famed novella by Dorothy Compton. The Belt Performing Arts Center is pleased to feature "The Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" in a two week run later this fall...



October 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th at 7:30 p.m.

Belt Performing Arts Center: 58 Castner Street

Tickets: \$23/night

Produced by Samuel French

Available at: Paris Gibson square, Hoglunds's Western Wear, Kaufman's Menswear, and the Harvest Moon Saloon

Dinner available for \$15 on Saturday performances