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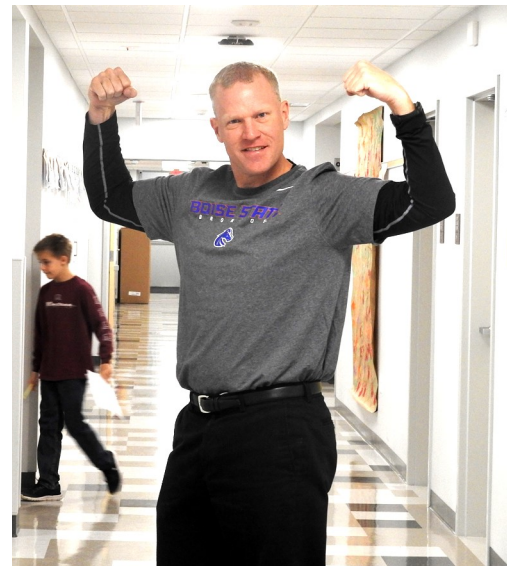
Homecoming

The beloved Homecoming week began Monday the 24th concluding tomorrow with the Homecoming Dance. This week's festivities contained: Spirit Days, Class Olympics, a Volleyball game, float building/parade, the Husky Roar, and the football game. Last year's seniors, the class of 2018, left the spirit stick to one lucky class as all of these events are scored in order for one class to grasp the victory at the Homecoming dance.

Monday's spirit day featured a lot of college team apparel as it was Favorite Team/Collegiate Day. Though nothing else took place Monday students were ecstatic to pull out their outfits for the following day. The school was full of pairs as Dynamic Duo day took place on Tuesday. Along with the spirit day event Class Olympics took place at 6:00 o'clock on Tuesday night with each class competing to add more points to their total scores.

Each class had their eye on the prize for the 2018 Class Olympics as

the students competed creating an intense environment. Class Olympics included several events including: Tug-O-War, Can-Can Relay Race, Ladder Golf, a Relay Race, Badminton and lastly, Dodgeball. The juniors won Class Olympics earning four points with seniors coming in second. *Cont. Pg. 3*



Volleyball

With the Lady Huskies season almost half way over, the girls are plowing through the competition. Fresh off their win against longtime rivals the GFCC Lady Mustangs, the girls seemed to have a new sense of energy in their game.

In the last edition, the Huskies swept GFCC Lady Mustangs in three sets. The girls won all three sets 25-18, 25-16, and 25-22. Throughout the demanding game, Kolby Pimperton led the Huskies with 24 assists, which translated into 11 kills by Kyelie Marquis. Marquis and Pimperton were

joined in aces by Abby Gliko, all of whom had 2 apiece, and Adelle Meissner managed to dig up 26 balls that night.

On September 20th, the maroon and gold loaded the bus to travel to Fairfield to face off against the Lady Eagles. The night started out with a C squad game, which is a chance to get the younger girls more playing time. Belt started off the night with a win, which carried over to the JV game. Finally the varsity game rolled around and the first set commenced. *Cont. Pg. 2*

Volleyball *(Continued)*

The Lady Huskies came out flat, while the Lady Eagles came out ready to go. Losing the first set 21-25, the girls realized that they were going to have step up their game if they wanted to compete with Fairfield. The Lady Huskies won the second set 25-20, and planned to carry the momentum into the third set. Coming into the third set, the girls were unmatched in excitement and were eventually overcome by the Lady Eagles 21-25. With the girls not ready to end the night, they won the fourth set 25-23, forcing a fifth set to 15. Wanting to keep their winning streak alive, the girls persevered and won the fifth set 15-8. Throughout five grueling sets, Morgan Cooper contributed 4 aces and 16 kills while Shelby Paulson added 5 blocks. Meissner dug up 26 balls, and Pimperton notched 33 assists.

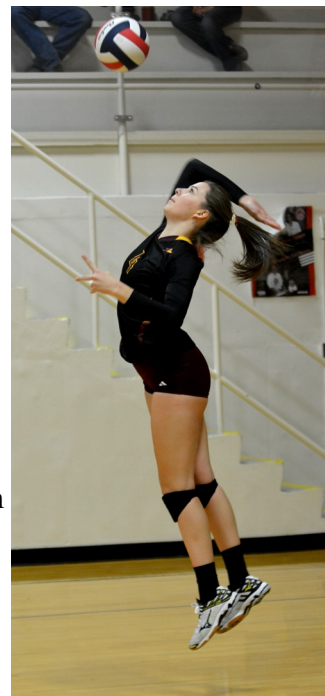
After the girls win the night before, they once again got on the bus and traveled to Simms to defend

their winning streak. Still trying to find their groove after the brutal game the night before, the huskies lost the first set 21-25. After a quick pep talk from Coach Gondeiro, the girls won the next three sets, 25-17, 25-22, and 25-19. Throughout the night, Meissner got up 33 hit balls, with Pimperton setting 35 balls that resulted in kills by the Lady Huskies. Leading the team in kills were Cooper and Marquis, each contributing 14 kills. Marquis also had 2 aces during match and Pimperton, Cooper, and Paulson all contributed 1 block.

Last night the all-important Huskies Homecoming volleyball game commenced. This year the Lady Huskies engaged in a tough match against the Fort Benton Lady Longhorns and the home team won in four sets.

After winning three more games the Huskies conference record is now 6-0, with the overall record standing at 19-0. The girls will head to Choteau for a showcase tomorrow. The next match on the Lady Huskies home turf will be against the Fairfield Lady Eagles on October 4th.

By: Abby Gliko



Sewer Project

In 2010, the Belt community launched the "Waste Water Sewage Expansion Project" with the goal of meeting federal and state environmental regulations. While the project was originally set to take place in 2010, most of the work commenced this year. As a result of numerous delays, the eight year project is on track to be completed in October of this year.

The city awarded the project to Phillips Construction LLC, a Cascade County company that specializes in performing excavation and utility installation work for large site retail and industrial developments, subdivisions, and road projects. Overall, the project is projected to cost approximately \$2.5 million; however, customer rates will not be increased as a result of the city's venture.

The enterprise was mandated by the Depart-

ment of Environmental Quality (DEQ). In order to be compliant with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the DEQ found it necessary that Belt update their waste water system. Treated sewage can no longer be discharged into Belt Creek; instead, the sewage will be pumped up "B" Hill and sprayed on a city owned alfalfa field. UV rays from the sun will destroy remaining E Coli from the treated sewage.

In addition to the "Waste Water Sewage Expansion Project" the city will now begin a major project to replace the three lift stations in town. Without replacing these aging lifts, it would not be possible for Belt's sewage system to operate. Once completed, the city of Belt will be compliant with state and federal regulation.

By: Adelle Meissner

Homecoming *(Continued)*



The third ranked class was the freshmen earning a total of two points. Lastly, the sophomores received one point. The Class Olympics was enthralling with most students either participating in an event or cheering their classmates on.

As well as Class Olympics, the seniors painted



the B overlooking Belt on Tuesday. Seniors left the school after sixth period being allotted approximately an hour and a half to paint the infamous B hill, which has been lit up nightly for the last year. The seniors had a great time working on this project as a class and have been looking forward to drenching each other in paint since their freshmen year.

The following day, Wednesday the 26th, was another day of amusement with the theme being Wacky Wednesday. This day featured tons of mismatched items and goofy outfits. Once again on Wednesday there were no events after school hours, but Thursday brought a blast from the past with tons of flashback outfits coming out on Throwback Thursday. Throwback Thursday displayed clothing from past decades such as, the 60's, 70's and 80's. Thursday night it was time for the volleyball players to shine in their homecoming match against Fort Benton. Many students attended or participated in the game

creating an enjoyable experience for the entire students section. Even the choir got out there and sang the Star Spangled Banner. The results of the game were fantastic with the Lady Huskies beating the Longhorns in four sets.

Today is the time to bust out a little extra school spirit due to it being Maroon and Gold Day. Today, the last day of the school week, was also dedicated to float building for the Homecoming Parade that is taking place at 5:00 p.m. tonight. High school students will be released from school after second period at which time they will disperse by class to their locations in order to create their floats. The majority of the day is being allotted to the construction of floats but at 2 o'clock the students will be sent back so they can watch the middle schooler's football game.

Once 5:00 p.m. rolls around, the students and their floats will line the streets with a chance to display their work. After the parade, the annual pep rally will commence with students and many parents attending in order to prepare for the football game and conduct the Husky Roar. The Husky Roar is a chant that each class yells and the winner of this event will go to the loudest class. This is the last event that will be counted for a score towards winning the spirit stick.

At half time of the football game, Homecoming royalty will be announced. The nominees for royalty must all be seniors and each class selects one boy and one girl to be within the homecoming court. This year the students had to be flexible due to the senior class having only four boys and a long-standing rule that the junior prom king and queen cannot be selected for homecoming royalty. Therefore there were only three boys that were nominated for royalty this year. The seniors chose Morgan Cooper and Robbie Gliko and the juniors picked Matt Dollenger and Julia Vogt. Sophomores decided to choose Tori Shelton and Keaghan Opheim while the freshmen could only nominate a girl who was Elyse Adams. Along with the winners of king and queen being announced the winner of the spirit stick will also be announced.

Finally, on Saturday night, homecoming will come to a close with the homecoming dance being held by the DECA students. The dance is a casual event so there is no need for students to get dresses, and hopefully, the dance will be a great time.

Homecoming week is one of the students' favorite weeks of the year and is a memory that lasts a lifetime. Each year the competition is fierce and the students appreciate all of the hard work put in by teachers, cheerleaders and school administrators.

By: Natalie Larsen

 Homecoming Pictures



 College Fair

On Wednesday, the 19th, Belt students, juniors and seniors, headed into Great Falls, Montana to attend the University of Providence's college fair. Colleges from all around the state, like Montana State University (MSU Bozeman), and University of Montana (UM Missoula) attended. Even colleges from surrounding states were present at the fair.

With the college fair giving a way for students to start looking

at their futures, junior Natalie Larsen stated, "It was a lot of fun and I learned a lot about college." Students that attended the fair also had a chance to ask the colleges about different majors that were offered and different career paths.

Junior Adelle Meissner also attended the fair as well and discovered that talking to a representative from Rocky Mountain College was extremely helpful. "They gave us pamphlets with different activities for

the pre-med program. It really helped me forge a path in my future." Meissner asserted.

Students that attended had to drive themselves, because buses were unable to take the students due to a half day for professional development meetings. The college fair has occurred at the University of Providence for the last couple years helping Belt graduates decide their future.

By: Tori Shelton

With homecoming week in full swing there is a lot for the residents of Belt to be celebrating about, but this does not give them the excuse to drink and drive. Each day someone drives drunk around 300,000 times but only about 3200 people get caught. Even though a lot of those people didn't get caught it doesn't mean their actions were any worse than ones who did. Driving drunk or under the influence of any drug can have serious consequences in one's life. It doesn't just affect the individual's life but the ones around them and the ones they are putting in danger. Drunk driving accidents can have serious injuries, and in severe cases death. Being capable of driving while drunk doesn't exist. It takes one mistake to end someone's life. This homecoming make sure to always be safe and...

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Football

Kicking off the second home game of the season, the Huskies battled the Chester-Joplin-Inverness (CJI) Hawks under the lights of Remington Field with a spot in the playoffs dependent on the outcome.



Receiving the opening kickoff, Hunter Vogl grabbed the ball at his own 15 yard line and raced up the left

sideline for a 65 yard Husky touchdown. The Hawks drove the ball for a few first downs before coughing it up with a fumble recovered by Jayce Balbach. On that play, Vogl, the starting quarterback for the Huskies, was taken out with a knee injury.

With Vogl out of play, Kaimen Evans filled the QB spot for Belt and ran down the right sideline for 58



yards and the second Husky touchdown on his first play in the new position. The two point conversion made the score 14-0 much to the delight of the Belt faithful among the crowd of 400. The Hawks responded with a touchdown of their own to narrow the gap but the Huskies scored on another big play when Evans ran the ball and Husky guns fell silent. The score after one period of play was 20-6 with the local fans holding out hope for an upset.

In the second half, the superior size and depth of the Hawks began to prevail. CJI scored two more touchdowns to take a 20-22 lead as halftime began and

the high hopes of the local faithful began to wane. As the teams took the field for the second half, CJI continued to roll adding 46 points to the visitor's side of the score board. The field was cleared and the bleachers emptied as the scoreboard read CJI 68 Belt 20.

The game resembled the Husky defeat the



week before when a fast early start against the Great Falls Central Mustangs eclipsed and a valiant Husky effort fell short. In addition to the big plays in the first quarter, another Husky highlight came when Andrew Stice racked up three interceptions and seventeen tackles, leading the team with **Belt 20 - - - 20** both counts. Belt's playoffs **CJI 6 16 22 24 68** hopes while dimmed remain intact pending the outcome of the Choteau game next week. The Huskies record now stands at 1-2 in Northern C play and 1-3 overall. Tonight the lights of Remington Field will shine on the Huskies' Homecoming game against the Hayes-Lodge Pole Thunderbirds which will be broadcast on 560 AM KMON and on Network 1 Sports (<https://network1sports.com/>)

By: Adelle Meissner

Homecoming Spaghetti Dinner

Don't cook dinner!

Come to the Belt Cafeteria instead!

Friday, September 28th 4:00– 7:00 p.m.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner in support of the Class of 2019!

Enjoy a plate of spaghetti, salad, drink, and dessert before the Homecoming parade and enjoy the Belt Football game following the dinner!

\$7 for one plate, \$25 for a family of 4 or more.



Middle School Sports

The last few weeks have been successful for the middle school students participating in sports this fall. The football boys have had two games within the last couple of weeks, playing CJI and Fort Benton. CJI traveled to Remington field on September 14th to match up with the young Huskies. By the end of the game the score was 48-0, with the Belt middle school team earning the win. Next, the boys played Fort Benton on Monday the 17th, which was once again a home game. Once the buzzer rang the final score revealed a Husky victory with the football team sustaining their perfect record. Tonight the Huskies will play their homecoming game against Hays-Lodgepole and hopefully, they will gain another win and maintain their excellent record.

Volleyball has also been

strong these past weeks with games against GFCC, Simms, and Fort Benton. GFCC was the first team the young lady Huskies faced in these past few weeks. The B team was up first as they dressed out right after the school with the game beginning around four. When the B game concluded the girls were very excited as they had captured the win. The A team sadly took their second loss of the season against GFCC losing in three sets. While the game was lost the young Lady Huskies played exceptionally well in this high-competition match. The Huskies of the A team lost to the Simms Tigers, on Friday the 21st, as well as their B team affiliates. The last game for the young teams in this two week period is against Fort Benton. This was the homecoming game for the Huskies and both A and B squads played against the

Longhorns. The results from this game will be featured in the next issue of the *Valley Voice*.

The cross country team has been very busy these last few weeks with two meets taking place. On Monday the 17th of September the runners traveled to Shelby in order to compete. The results were spectacular with Richie Andrews coming in fifth place with a time of 10:06 and Mac Hedstrom finishing forty second with a time of 15:09. Next the team adventured to Havre where the weather was definitely chilly with a little mud hindering the effort for the Huskies. Nonetheless the outcomes were fantastic with Clayton Jassen taking second overall with a time of 10:03, Andrews took eighth running a time of 10:45, and Hedstrom achieved fifty seventh with a time of 15:00.

By: Natalie Larsen

Cross Country

Over the last two weeks the cross country team has competed in three different meets: Great Falls, Shelby, and Havre. With the season already two thirds complete, Coach Garber keeps on preparing his team for the state meet in Missoula on October 20th.

The Belt and Centerville harriers hightailed it up and down the hills at the Anaconda Hills Golf Course two Fridays ago on September 14th. The Great Falls Invitational Meet featured a large field of competitors from all four Montana high school classifications on one of the 10 toughest courses in the country. The girls' small school race was the first to take off on that perfect sunny day. The ladies kicked off the running and it was a Centerville student, Shaylyn Dille, who crossed the finish line first for the Husky/Miner team. Lindsey Paulson finished in second place,

racing across the line with a time of 25:29. Coming in a close third place was junior runner Kolby Pimperton, stopping the clock at 25:38 and a solid fourth place finish was achieved by Shelby Paulson with a run of 25:52.

The following Monday, the team traveled to the Shelby baseball fields where they competed against class B and class C schools. L. Paulson ran a personal record of 23:02 and placed 5th overall. S. Paulson crossed the line with a time of 25:45 placing 21st overall. In attendance for the boys were Robbie Gliko and Cole Hepfner. Gliko crossed the line at 18:45 placing 3rd overall and Hepfner finished with a time of 19:27.

Hill County was the destination for the team as they took on the course of the MSU Northern campus on Saturday the 22nd. Walking the course before their race the run-

ners found out that the course was a little muddy and the temperature was crisp. The boys varsity ran first and Gliko earned a 13th place overall with a run of 18:55. The two freshmen, Hepfner and Asa Jassen, ran twin times of 19:36 placing 21st and 22nd out of 59 runners. On the girls' side of things, L. Paulson came across the finish line with a 23:04 and notched an 8th place finish overall. Pimperton was the second runner in for the Lady Husky/Miner team with a 24:35 finish and S. Paulson finished twenty seconds later with a 24:55 clocking.

This Saturday the runners will be taking off for the Missoula meet. The Missoula meet will be an important race due to the fact that state will be held at this particular course this year. Good luck to the cross country runners this weekend. **By: Kolby Pimperton**

Equine Corner

In rural Montana horses are a huge part of life. In almost every person, horses hold a special spot in their heart.

As a senior, MaKayla O'Neil has been around horses all of her life. Her mom threw her up on a horse when she was only three, so she didn't really get to choose for herself whether to be involved with horses or not. When O'Neil was younger she used to compete in the pony show at the Montana State Fair in Great Falls. Her favorite events to participate in were pole-bending and western seat equitation.

Currently, her family owns two ponies and one horse. The ponies are black and white paints named Kriket and Ace, while her palomino is called Sandy. Today, her horses are mostly used to move and round up cattle on her family ranch. Although O'Neil will always have a love for horses, she doesn't foresee herself being involved with horses after high school. "After I graduate, the only way I'll be involved with horses is when I visit the ranch."

By: Abby Gliko



Youth Leadership

On September 19th, 2018, Youth Leadership had a meeting discussing upcoming events. Youth Leadership is a great way for students to collect community service hours and obtain scholarships. During this meeting, Mr. Hoyer and Mrs. Gliko talked of the activities they want to pursue in order to give back to the community.

One of the big activities discussed during the meeting was the Service Learning Project. In this project, students will be pulling knapweed, a vigorous invasive species of thistle-like plants, at the Sluice Boxes and helping clean up the state park on September 30th at 1:00 p.m. The group is hoping that other students will volunteer their time to assist as well. Other community service acts consist of: volunteering at the food bank in Belt, serving at the senior center, helping out at the daycare as well as farmers union, and cleaning the bleachers after sporting events.

The co-presidents of the Belt School Chapter this year are the four seniors: Victoria Shelton, Morgan Cooper, Elyse Adams, and Grace Davison. They will help make decisions and lead when time comes around to Youth Days. Mr. Hoyer will take twelve students to Great Falls to represent the Belt School when Youth Days transpires on November 4th and 5th. During the event, students will be sent to various locations in Great Falls to help out in the community.

Last year, students were stationed at senior centers, the Salvation Army, and family shelters. Once at their assignments, students helped clean, sort clothes, play games with the elderly, and also assisted the regular volunteers. After the students got back to the hotel where the youth days was held, they picked representatives to write and explain what they did and learned during the event. Most likely, Youth Days will follow the same pattern as described last year.

Another benefit of Youth Leadership is the community service. When doing community service, students can win the Serve Montana Scholarship. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, extraordinary students need to obtain one hundred hours of community service between January of their junior year till January of their senior year. The first hundred students to complete their hours in Montana are awarded with this \$1000 scholarship and multiple students from Belt have received it. It is an easy way to earn money for college and is a great way to give back to the community.

Overall, Youth Leadership is on the fast-track to a successful year of community service.

By: Livvy Shelton

Jim Croff Benefit

Saturday, October 6th at the Geyser Community Hall
5:00 p.m. to 11:59 p.m.



Live and Silent Auctions **\$10 Taco Bar**
Live Band **Bar provided by Cabin Creek Bar**

To donate live and silent auction items please contact Kris Hill at 799-6174 or Raelene Konzak at 788-6305.

Weight, Let's Exercise

Along with many new classrooms and the practice gym, a fitness room was also added to the modernized elementary facility. The weight room resides in the western end of the new addition to the school adjacent to the gym. It is open to the public from 5:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on weekdays. Weekend hours, however, are a little more flexible, and access is available between 5:30 in the morning, closing at 10:00 at night.

The weight room contains a wide variety of fitness equipment, including two stationary bikes, two treadmills, one elliptical machine, one rowing machine, two bench presses, one lat-pull machine, one dip/pull-up/core bench, one leg extension/curl bench, one smith machine, two half rack power racks, one glute/hamstring developer, one flat bench, two incline/decline benches, two sets of plyo boxes (12", 20", 24" inches tall), three battle ropes, three sets of ten to thirty five pound kettlebells, one set of

ten to sixty five pound dumbbells, one set of dumbbells weighing ten to seventy pounds, two speed ladders, seven bosu balls, two sets of medicine balls weighing two to sixty pounds, and various different weight plates spanning from two and a half pounds up to forty-five pounds.

Although there are many rules that need to be followed revolving around the fitness room, they are in place to ensure a safe and respectful environment. Considering that this fitness room still resides on school property, basic Belt School policies still apply: no profanity, no alcohol, tobacco or nicotine products, no weapons, appropriate clothing is required, and all videos and music must be school appropriate as well. All equipment must be treated with respect and be wiped down after each use and if anything is damaged in the weight room, then the person who finds it needs to report it to the office as soon as possible. A few of the guidelines consist of being courte-

ous to other users by using aerobic equipment for only thirty minutes if others are waiting, no children under the age of eighteen are allowed without supervision, guests need to be cleared through the office, and the area must always be clean for the next user.

Access to this facility can be obtained through a few simple steps. First, read and agree to all school guidelines for facility use and sign the liability/agreement waiver. Next, apply to the office to receive an access card, while agreeing that the card can only be used by the person purchasing it. Finally, pay the annual fee of \$25.00; make checks to Belt School. Individuals must also undergo an orientation.

This fitness center is turning out to be a promising asset to the Belt Public School and community. The equipment residing in the fitness center provides opportunities for Belt residents and students to

Where are They Now?

This week's issue features 2017 Belt graduate Kara Neal. Neal played golf for three years and participated in Youth Leadership for two. During high school, she volunteered one hundred hours for a scholarship. She volunteered her hours at Belt's Senior Center, Youth days, and high school events, such as Breakfast with Santa, and she started the highway grade clean up her senior year.

Last year, Neal attended college at MSU-Northern in Havre, Montana. She originally went to Northern to earn a teaching degree, but after taking a couple classes she decided that wasn't the path she wanted to pursue. She is currently going to school at University of Hawaii at Hilo, Hawaii. She plans on attending there until she graduates. At the University of Hawaii, Neal wants to earn her bachelors in the marine science pro-

gram. After she graduates, she plans on going to graduate school to continue her education.

Neal struggled for a while trying to decide her major, but after looking back at what she has always loved to do during her summers, she thought back to the beach and trying to help marine life. "I have family in Louisiana who would always take me to the ocean and continued to teach me about marine life."

In the next five years, Neal plans on finding an internship. She knows that her major will be difficult to accomplish, but she is determined to do it!

Tune into next issue as we find out more about Belt High School graduates and where they are now.



By: Tori Shelton

Board of Trustees

On September 10th, the Belt School Board of Trustees convened in the school library for their monthly rendezvous. During the meeting, Belt principal Kyle Paulson presented the September Report to the board and the five attendees.

The first item of discussion was Pupil Instruction Related (PIR) Training in August. During this training session, the staff worked on developing their classroom instruction practices using a technique known as “Shouting Won’t Grow Dendrites,” which promises to help manage a brain-compatible classroom. In addition to adapting this technique, the staff also developed more knowledge regarding a positive classroom environment ranging from light to music and instruction approach presented by published author Marcia Tate at the Heritage Inn in Great Falls.

The PIR also reviewed juvenile diabetes issues as well as CPR/First Aid Training. The staff proceeded to go through the handbook, refreshing themselves on Response to Intervention and Montana Be-

havioral Initiative strategies. To conclude this session of PIR workshops, this year’s new staff underwent orientation. These teacher and staff only sessions took place Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday beginning on the 20th of August. Students showed on Thursday and the school year was off and running.

Paulson then moved on to report that the school currently has eighteen students enrolled in college classes split between Montana State University Northern and Montana State University Billings as well as six students taking classes in the Montana Digital Academy. Three of this year’s seniors are taking two college classes each semester instead of one.

As school began, the students completed bus safety training with the help of the bus drivers and have undergone one emergency exit procedure. The staff underwent a Crisis Management Team Meeting to go over crisis evacuation and reunification and scenarios training. More recently, on the 19th the staff endured professional training in re-

sponse to more serious school threats.

With the construction finishing up just in time for the 2018-19 school year, the new fitness room is open to community access. In order to obtain a key fob there is a \$25.00 annual fee. Paulson also reported that the school would like to extend a special thanks to Coach Tony Cooper for reassembling and organizing all the equipment the new room houses.

There are ongoing teacher evaluations throughout the elementary and high school and mid-term grades for the first quarter were released on September 24th. This week the Huskies celebrated Homecoming which wraps up with a football game tonight and a dance tomorrow..

Coming up in October, the students will begin MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) in elementary, middle school and high school next. The school year is off to a great start and both the staff and students are growing in 2018-19.

By: Adelle Meissner

Car Show

On Saturday, September 15th, the second annual VFW Car Show was held in downtown Belt. The event was open invitation beginning at 12:30 and ending at 6:00 p.m. with many Belt residents showing up in order to have a splendid afternoon. There was food and beverages available at the event as well as a 50/50 drawing that took place towards the end of the day.

With a five dollar entry fee for the vehicles, the VFW had quite a few people willing to show their cars. The show was a lot of fun for everyone attending as many await the third annual car show occurring in September of 2019.

By: Natalie Larsen

Darko Poker Tournament

The annual Darko Poker Tournament is coming up soon. Sign-ups will take place the day off the tournament but early entrants will receive an additional \$500 worth of chips.

Date: October 6th

When: Sign-up begins at 12 pm on day of tournament

Where: The Diamond Sports Bar on Castner Street



\$100 entry fee
\$20 rebuys until lunch

Call 455-9525 for more info.

Belt Boosters

Despite the Belt Boosters being an integral part of the school, many do not know that they provide athletes with equipment and food when they travel, as well as concessions at games to feed the crowds. So far, the Boosters have been ferociously preparing for fall athletics.

Beginning in June and ending in September, the Boosters purchased football helmets, a volleyball cart and balls, and a basketball rim for the old gym. Soon, there will be two new basketball rims in the old or main gym with one being purchased by the school and the other by the Boosters as previously mentioned. In other news, the Boosters have also invested money in the brand new weight room, located in the elementary wing, donating \$2,500 for new equipment for the weight room that overlooks the scenic playground.

In order to fund these donations, Belt Boosters make most of their money from selling concessions at all the home games and are always tracking down parents generous enough to help. The Boosters is not a closed group, anyone in the community is encouraged to help out and then is considered part of the Belt Boosters. Currently, the people at the helm of the

Boosters are: president Polly Pimperton, secretary Crystal Vogl, and Jill Gliko as treasurer.

For now, Belt Boosters appreciates the support from the great community of Belt and would like to wish the Huskies luck in their upcoming athletic and scholastic year particularly this Homecoming.

By: Abby Gliko

Family Movie Night

Help Support the Belt Shakespeare players by watching a movie in the Belt Performing Arts Center. All proceeds are donated to help them get to Scotland!

Date: October 5th at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Belt Performing Arts Center

What: Shirley Temple's "The Little Princess"



Senior Spotlight

Being the final year of high school, senior year is an exciting time. Seniors are starting to make big life decisions, such as: where they want to go to college and what field they desire to pursue. "Senior Spotlight" will be a regular article giving a little background on one senior each issue. This week's issue introduces Elyse Adams.

Adams moved to Belt the in summer of 2006, from Sidney, Montana and was quick to fit into the kindergarten class. Adams has lived in Belt ever since. Throughout her time here, she has participated in lots of extracurricular activities. For example, she participated in volleyball, track, and golf during her time here at Belt. Throughout high school she has taken part in: Youth Leadership, Science Olympiad, and has been class president throughout her high school career.

When asked what her favorite school subject was, Adams replied "Art! And of course Mr. Adams is my favorite teacher, because he's my dad." Not only does Adams enjoy art in the classroom, but she also pursues creative expression in her free time. As a re-



sult, Adams has won many art awards at the Montana State Fair and plans to win more this coming year.

After high school, Adams plans on serving an eighteen month mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints although Adams does not know where she will be sent. She also plans

on going to college but is unsure of her future college and major. "I hope to figure it out soon," Adams stated although she will probably decide during her mission.

While looking back at her time at Belt Public School, Adams admits that her favorite grades were either 5th grade, with Mrs. Vogt, or freshman year. She stated that her favorite memory of high school is Homecoming week. "I always love Homecoming week. I like being able to dress up and build our class floats." Adams has grown up in a small town and has enjoyed living in such a close-knit community. "The thing I think I'll miss the most about Belt, is the pride in the community."

Tune into the next issue of the *Valley Voice* and get to know senior, Reanita Berlinger.

By: Tori Shelton

Bustling Belt

The Belt Theatre Company, established as a non-profit organization in 1998, took on the mission to provide and dedicate a space for the entire community to perform and enjoy the arts. A major part of helping the organization achieve that goal was the renovation and remodeling of the historic Knights of Pythias building at 58 Castner Street. The building, which was rededicated as the Belt Performing Arts Center last spring, stands as a symbol of their accomplishment.

Since its construction in 1916, the building has been a staple in downtown Belt originally serving as the Knights of Pythias Hall. Encompassed within the walls of the hall were a billiard hall, a bar, an insurance office, a liquor store, and a theatre which ran until 1968.

In 1996, the renovations began in the hall with the destruction of unnecessary items, including a few walls. The goal was to preserve the original look of the building while upgrading the wiring,

plumbing, and other internal components. The organization gained more funding through projects and grants in 2000 which were then directed toward a new roof. Recently, in 2015, a remodeling frenzy began; the building was gutted down to the walls and constructed using all new



internal materials.

The building features four rooms including a ballroom, a conference room, an office, and a food prep area. The ballroom features a 100 year old maple floor with room to seat one hundred and a thrust stage for performers to practice.

The conference room can seat twenty-five people and overlooks Caster Street. The office sits just behind the conference room and will be staffed at least three days a week in order to take calls and take care of business within the theatre.

The back entrance of the building also has access to the alley which opens up into the food prep area. The pathway provides a perfect access point for caterers to bring in their food and supplies. The ballroom is home to a piano that came to Fort Benton from St. Louis, Missouri on a steamboat and the theatre boasts an original Steinway piano constructed in 1917 and restored in 2001.

Anyone interested in renting the Belt Performing Arts Center for various events can contact Gary Gray at 406-788-1858. The building provides a perfect space for weddings, meetings, and various other gatherings.

The next issue of the *Valley Voice* will feature another building from the bustling streets of Belt.

By: Adelle Meissner

Close Up

For years the Belt Close Up organization has given kids the opportunity to see the world through educational opportunities. In the last several years the Close Up group has scheduled its trip to the east coast biannually giving them 24 months to raise the money needed. In just six days the students going on the trip get an inside view of the nation's government and partake in unforgettable activities and interactive programs.

This year's trip is scheduled for May 26th through June 2nd this coming summer. Anyone who has

been there before knows there is a lot to see but not enough time to see it all. In the past the students have traveled to Washington D.C. and New York and experienced the government in action. To encounter U.S. politics first-hand the eager teenagers visited monuments, memorials, and institutions, which include: memorials to veterans and American leaders, the Capitol Building, White House, and countless museums.

Years ago the group went annually, but for the last several years the kids have gone in odd

number years. Throughout the 24 months off the new members of Close Up hold fundraisers to make it to their destination. During the athletic events the members conduct a 50/50 drawing; other fundraisers include fruit and chocolate sales, pop sockets, window clings, and Husky blankets. Donations are welcomed. If you would like to donate anything contact Jill Gliko at the Belt Public School. In the new crop the students are looking forward to their trip and their new experience.

By: Kolby Pimperton

Picture Puzzle

Who's fiery red football cleats are these?



Last issues answer: MaKayla O'Neil

Calendar of Events

- 9-28 11:00 a.m. Flu Clinic
- 9-28 2:00 p.m. FB vs Hays-Lodgepole
- 9-28 5:00 p.m. Homecoming Parade
- 9-28 5:15 p.m. Community Pep Rally
- 9-28 7:00 p.m. HS FB vs Hays-Lodgepole
- 9-29 TBA HS VB Showcase @ Choteau
- 9-29 9:00 a.m. Parochial GBB Jamboree @ Belt
- 9-29 9:30 a.m. XC @ Missoula
- 10-2 6:00 p.m. Parochial GBB games vs OLL
- 10-3 5:00 p.m. Girl Scout Meeting
- 10-4 8:00 a.m. Dental Lessons for 2nd & 4th Grade
- 10-4 1:00 p.m. XC @ Helena
- 10-4 4:15 p.m. VB vs Fairfield
- 10-4 6:00 p.m. Parochial GBB vs Centerville
- 10-5 4:30 p.m. FB @ Choteau
- 10-6 10:00 a.m. Parochial GBB vs Foothills
- 10-6 4:00 p.m. VB @ Highwood
- 10-8 Columbus Day (Still a School Day)
- 10-8 8:00 a.m. Dental Lessons for 2nd & 4th Grade
- 10-9 4:30 p.m. MS FB vs Simms
- 10-9 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees
- 10-11 1:00 p.m. Hearing Test
- 10-11 6:00 p.m. VB vs Simms
- 10-12 MS VB Tournament (Continues on Saturday)
- 10-12 4:30 p.m. VB @ Cascade

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Members of the Class of 2019 complete their work on the "B". Led by Mr. Paulson and Mrs. Tillman, most of the paint actually ended up on the rocks. In no particular order, pictured above are: Raenita Berlinger, Elyse Adams, Morgan Cooper, Matt Dollenger, Robert Gliko, Faith Hawthorne, MaKayla O'Neil, Grace Davison, Keaghan Opheim, Tori Shelton, Samantha Vaughan, Julia Vogt, and Brendan Wing.