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Volleyball

This past weekend the Lady Huskies claimed their 8th consecutive Northern C Divisional Volleyball title after going undefeated throughout the competition hosted in Belt. As a result, the girls entered this weekend's state tournament as the number one seed from their division.

In their opening match against the Dutton-Brady Diamondbacks, the Lady Huskies claimed their first victory. Sweeping the Lady Diamondbacks in the three, the scores were 25-13, 25-8, and 25-10. Kolby Pimperton led the team with 8 aces and 23 assists. Morgan Cooper dug up 20 balls, which then translated into 13 kills by Kyelie Marquis. Shelby Paulson controlled the net with 3 blocks. This win propelled the girls into their next match against North Star.

The girls completed a sweep against the North Star Lady Knights, with scores 32-30, 25-21, and 25-17. While Pimperton led with 29 assists, Adelle Meissner led the team with 31 digs. Marquis and Meissner both con-

tributed 2 aces, with Marquis also leading the team with 12 kills. Abby Gliko, Brooke Schraner, and Paulson dominated the net with 3 blocks each

Heading into the semi-final match with state in site, (Cont. Pg. 2)



Veterans Day

November 11th marks the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I. Once called Armistice Day in the U.S., it has been Veterans Day since 1954; it is a day when all American veterans are honored. Belt School will take time on Monday the 12th to commemorate the day with its annual Veterans Day program. This year's celebration will take place from 10:00 am to 11:00 am in the Belt Gymnasium. The entire community is invited to take part and give thanks to the contributions to the country by its military.

Typically, the event begins with "The Star Spangled Banner" sung by MaKayla O'Neill. Then the elementary students perform a number of American themed songs.

Along with the National Anthem the high school students contribute as well. Senior Matt Dollenger, winner of this years VOD speech competition, will share his view of "why my vote matters".

Along with the high school VOD speech, the champion essay from middle school (Cont. Pg. 3)

Volleyball *(Continued)*

the Lady Huskies faced off against the Chinook Lady Sugarbeaters. Proving to be a tougher match, the girls pulled out a four set win with scores of 22-11, 23-25, 25-17, and 25-20. Gliko led the team with 2 aces, while Paulson shut down the net with 3 blocks. Meissner had 25 digs, which then lead to 50 assists by Pimper-ton. Cooper also added 18 kills to the stats sheet. Winning this match secured the Lady Huskies trip to the state tournament.

To decide who would claim the number one spot, the home team had to battle against the Simms Lady Tigers. Showing heart and determination, the girls managed to win in a 4 set battle, after losing the first set. The scores of the sets were 18-25, 25-23, 25-23, and 25-11 respectively. Pimper-ton, Gliko, and Paulson fired 2 winners from the serving line. Pimper-

ton also led the team with 47 assists, which translated into 16 kills by Cooper. Cooper and Gliko both had 20 digs, while Paulson contributed 3 blocks.

Yesterday the girls opened state play in Bozeman against the Tri-City Lady Titans. It took four sets, but the maroon and gold squad emerged with a victory, propelling them into the semifinals against highly touted Ennis. In one of the best matches all year, Belt prevailed in five tough sets, with the last going to overtime (25-21, 19-25, 17-25, 25-13, 17-15). The girls were behind 13-8 in the final set before mounting a fantastic comeback.

Today state tournament play continues with the Lady Huskies facing Simms at 6:00 pm in a divisional championship rematch. The girls are guaranteed a state trophy regardless, but today and tomorrow will determine what spot they occupy on the podium. It seems the ladies are peaking at just the time. The state competition wraps up tomorrow and results will be posted in the next edition of the *Voice*.

By: Abby Gliko



Parent-Teacher Conferences

Earlier this week, the school was flooded with teachers, parents, and kids in order to converse about how their students have been performing in the classroom. The annual Parent-Teacher Conferences took place this past Monday and Tuesday, and always taking place during this event, the book fair was open as well. This event gives both students and parents a chance to understand what they need to work on in the classroom and, sometimes, at home in order to improve their overall performance at school.

As well as parents getting to talk to the teachers of their students it gives them the perfect chance to stop by the lost and found that always piles up

throughout the beginning of the year. The lost and found was scoured by both parents and students and yesterday morning the unclaimed items were bagged and carted into Great Falls where they were donated to charity..

This time of year is very beneficial for all of the people involved as it gives them the chance to make any changes that need to be made and clarify what needs to be done in order to give the students the best classroom experience. Hopefully, every student gets positive feedback and the chance to maximize their potential in the school environment.

By: Natalie Larsen

Veterans Day *(Continued)*

Will be recited by Reese Paulson. Those essays were based on a prompt honoring America’s flag. These papers are very thoughtful and emotional pieces that normally emphasize the contributions of the many men and women in uniform to the American way of life.

This promises to be a wonderful event and hopefully, many people will attend. The students and parents should enjoy listening to the speeches of those VFW sponsored essay contests, as well as the beautiful singing of the younger children.

By: Natalie Larsen

Voice of Democracy Speech Winner

The class of 2019 dressed their best for the Veterans of Foreign War (VFW) judges on the 11th of October as they gave their Voice of Democracy speeches on the topic why their vote matters. The students gave their heart felt speeches within a three to five minute time frame.

The VFW picked four winners this year. Tied for third place were MaKayla O’Neil and Julia Vogt. Both O’Neil and Vogt received checks of \$12.50 for their speeches that both mentioned family members in the service. Grace Davison came in second and this year’s big winner was Matthew Dollenger, with both speakers invoking the theme of family service. Although Davison earned herself \$25 for her heartfelt speech, Dollenger’s tear jerking speech awarded him \$50. “I was pretty excited, I worked hard on it.” stated Dollenger when asked how it felt to be the VOD winner.

Dollenger’s inspiration for his speech was his father, a retired veteran from the Air Force. After high school Dollenger plans to join the Air Force, which also drove him to write about his future career in the military. He began his speech with the memorized military oath of service, which states that he will “support and defend the Constitution of the United States...” and “Obey the orders of the President of the United States...” Dollenger stated in his speech that this is the oath he will give as he joins military service like his father and grandfather before him.

A week and a half was given to prepare during government class, and that was all Dollenger needed

to compose his winning speech. The seniors presented their orations to their classmates originally. Senior class president and fellow student Elyse Adams, thought highly of Dollenger’s effort, “I was impressed with how he wrote his speech genuinely, from the heart. He definitely deserved to win.”

Moving on to the district level, Dollenger also had to record and send in a copy of his speech. He moves on with high hopes and support from his community. From districts, he hopes to be able to compete at the state competition and maybe even nationals, which is held in Washington D.C.

By: Tori Shelton

6th Annual
Matt Darko Memorial
Coyote Derby

Join many Belt residents as the Annual Coyote Derby commences this coming December. All proceeds will be donated to the Matt Darko Scholarship Fund.

When: December 14th –16th
Registration: December 14th 5-6:30 p.m.
Where: Registration at East Side Bar

Two man team: \$150
Single: \$75



Book Fair

The book fair has been taking place at the Belt Public Schools for many years. This past week along with the festivities of Parent Teacher Conferences the annual Book Fair took place. This once a year event is one of the student’s favorite moments as they get to select and purchase any book of their choosing. November 1st through the 8th the book fair was being hosted within the school library, with the 5th and 6th being the only days it was held outside of school hours

due to parent teacher conferences.

Each of the elementary students can browse their selections during their library period. Most of the Book Fair’s success falls during those chaotic nights as parents roam the building talking to their student’s teachers. Newly installed librarian J.J. Meissner was happy with the results of her first effort orchestrating the Book Fair and she plans to continue the tradition.

By: Natalie Larsen

Valley Voice

District Volleyball

On October 25th and 26th, the Lady Huskies defended their District 7C Title, claiming the number one spot for the tenth consecutive year. In order to grab the top prize, the girls had to get through the Highwood- Geraldine Lady Rivals and defeat the Fort Benton Lady Longhorns in two consecutive matches.



The Huskies first game of the tournament was against the Highwood- Geraldine Lady Rivals. Getting used to the tournament feel, the girls swept the Rivals in 3 sets. The scores were 25-17, 25-15, and 25-14. Leading the team with aces was Kolby Pimperton, Morgan Cooper, and Adelle Meissner, who each fired 2 winners from the service line. Pimperton also led the team with 25 assists, which translated into 14 kills by Cooper. Meissner dominated the back row with 21 digs, while Cooper and Shelby Paulson controlled the net with 2 blocks each.



Up next for the Huskies was the Lady Longhorns. Whichever team won this match automatically moved on to the championship match, while the other

team had to work their way up through the loser bracket. Although proving to be tougher than the previous match, the girls still pulled out a 4 set win. Both teams came out full of fire and determination, which showed in the score of the first set, 32-30. The scores of the next three sets were 25-13, 15-25, and 25-22. Once again Pimperton lead the team with 46 assists, which resulted in 15 kills by Kyelie Marquis. Abby Gliko, Meissner, and Marquis all contributed one ace to the game, while Paulson shut down the net with 6 blocks. Winning this match propelled the Lady Huskies into the championship.



The Lady Longhorns working their way back up through the loser bracket, meaning the Lady Huskies would once again face off against their rivals from Chouteau County. The Belt girls dominated this time around, 25-17, 25-15, and 25-14, which secured them the number one spot in the Northern C Divisional Tournament for the tenth year in a row. Digging up 18 balls was Meissner, who also led the team with 4 aces. Pimperton set 30 balls, from which 11 kills by Marquis transpired. Marquis and Brooke Schraner contained the net with 4 blocks.



The girls are currently engaged in the Northern C Divisional Tournament, and those scores will be reported in a different article. Districts was just one of the post season stepping stones for the Lady Huskies in their journey for a State title.

By: Abby Gliko

Buses Can't Talk, but if They Could...

Two weeks into the state wide eight man football playoffs, high schools have logged 4,042 miles as the players, coaches, and buses trekked across Montana for competitions. As the teams took to the field for some trash talk, the buses remained in the parking lot for more civil conversations.

In the first round of the playoffs, the western and eastern divisions are never pitted against each other because of travel considerations; however, the first round accounted for 2,239 of the total miles traveled. After the first eight games of post-season play, the sixteen team bracket was whittled to eight with the Scobey Spartans, the Great Falls Central Catholic Mustangs, the Fairview Warriors, the Arlee Warriors, the Shelby Coyotes, the Circle Wildcats, the Drummond/Granite Titans, and the Culbertson Cowboys still standing. The southern division went 0-4 while the east went 4-0 and the northern and western divisions split 2 and 2 with the first and second seeds winning at home and the third and fourth seeds losing on the road.

As the different teams gathered, there was certainly trash talk among players and perhaps side bets among adult fans, which possibly provided an opportunity for the buses to share their tales of travel across the treasure state. With some interesting combinations in matchups with team colors and mascots, conversations could have taken an interesting turn.

Approaching Memorial Stadium in Great Falls for an all blue and gold battle, the Spartan bus added 359 miles to its odometer. Parked outside the stadium, the two buses took in the game. At the end of the first quarter, the Mustang bus was ready to toot its horn as the 'Stangs took a 20-8 lead. As the

teams cleared the field for halftime, Scobey's bus was a little nervous as the scoreboard read GFCC 33 Scobey 8. Central's bus was catching air and honking its horn as third quarter came to a close and the Mustangs led the Spartans 46-22. Preparing for a long drive home, the Spartan bus looked an even darker shade of blue as Scobey was defeated 58-22 and the Mustangs advanced to the semi-finals.

The Mustangs were in the semis and knew they would play the Warriors, they just didn't know which ones. The longest journey in the second round belonged to the Warrior bus from Arlee, the west's number two, which journeyed 579 miles across the breadth of Montana. Visiting fans and conveyance were impressed by the efforts of their underdog squad as Arlee accounted for the only touchdown of the first quarter; however, the Fairview bus never gave up hope and after a great effort by the home team they took the lead 12-6 at half. At the end of third quarter, the Arlee bus ran out of gas and Fairview took control of the game 32-12. When it came time to pack up and head back down the road, the home team escaped with a 32-20 victory and kept their title dreams alive.

The bus battle continued in Toole County with a maroon and gold match-up between the Shelby Coyotes and the Circle Wildcats. After a 362 mile drive the Wildcats' bus was a little out of breath but the players were rested and ready to go. In between huffs and puffs, Circle's bus was sure to rub in the Wildcat's 14 point lead as the second quarter commenced; however, Shelby's bus got in on the banter as the Coyotes came back to tie the score at 30-30. As the teams took a break from the game, the buses continued to talk

smack about who the better team really was. At the end of the third quarter, Shelby was ahead 44-36 but Circle's bus was not ready to give up and continued to support the Wildcats. It was rather apparent that the Coyotes were victorious as spectators were greeted by the Shelby bus's wheelies and songs of celebration. With a final score of 59-42, the Coyotes advanced to the semi-finals.

The Culbertson Cowboy bus smiled and waved at the Arlee bus as their paths crossed along I-94, the Cowboys en route for Philipsburg. It was a disappointing trip of 503 miles as the Titans dominated the first quarter 46-8. The Culbertson bus could have remained idling as the clock was running by halftime and Flint Creek expanded their lead to 54. When the final horn mercifully sounded, the Titan bus gloated over its 74-14 win.

With the quarter-finals in the books and many a bracket busted, the remaining four teams prepare for semi-final action tomorrow. The Flint Creek Titans will take their show on the road and journey up I-15 to Shelby totaling 222 miles while the Fairview Warriors will meet the Central Mustangs at Memorial Stadium in Great Falls. Both games are slated for 1:00 p.m. with the winners advancing to Butte for the title. This year the 8 man ranks will crown a champ on a neutral field.

By: Adelle Meissner

NHS Blood Drive

Save a Life
Give Blood



Monday, November 6th

To make an appointment, sign up with Mrs. Graham at mgraham@beltschool.com or online at RedCrossBlood.org

Shop Speaker

On Wednesday, October 3rd, Mr. Zuhoski's construction class of sophomores, juniors, and seniors listened to a presentation given by TALCOTT Construction manager Mr. Perry and office manager Ms. Ulsh. The speakers' goal was to get the students thinking about the job market in the construction industry and what opportunities the organization presents.

Mr. Zuhoski believed that the presentation was a good eye opening opportunity for the students to start thinking about the jobs involved in this industry. Junior Grace Norstedt learned that there is more than just the building that goes in to the construction field of work, "there are other sub jobs like: accounting, planning, and blueprints." She was also informed that a person does not always work with the same people and that employment in the construction industry does not require a college degree. Norstedt, who is interested in pursuing post-secondary education in the accounting field, also was intrigued to find out that the construction industry requires those skills as well.

The presentation that Mr. Zuhoski scheduled was an effort to inform the kids of the requirements of construction and the opportunities that can come from this industry. There are more speakers planned for the year but that schedule has yet to be finalized.

By: Kolby Pimperton

Chinook Winds Quintet

Come spend an evening with these lovely performers as they fill the Belt Performing Arts Center with beautiful music!

Friday, November 16th at 7:30 p.m.

Admission: \$25

Tickets are available at the following sponsor locations: Harvest Moon Saloon, Kaufman's Menswear and Cassiopeia Books or online beltperformingartscenter.brownpapertickets.com



Geography Bee

On November 14th the fourth through eighth graders that survived the geography pretest will battle head to head in hopes of becoming the next Geography Bee champion of Belt Public Schools. This will be the 22nd annual Bee in the Belt school and Mr. Koontz has been the moderator for 15 years. The Bee is sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the public is welcome to attend.

Last year Asa Jassen won the Bee as an eighth

grader so there will be no repeat winner. Taylor Cummings was the last repeat champion in the years of 2003 and 2004. This year the competition will consist of 34 kids and the winner will advance to the state Bee, taken online, and then onto nationals if they win the state.

Stay tuned to the next edition of the *Valley Voice* that will reveal the champion of this year's Bee.

By: Kolby Pimperton

Equine Corner

Junior Kolby Pimperton has been around horses her entire life, since her ancestors settled outside of Belt over 130 years ago. On the Pimperton Ranch, the horses are used mostly for work, such as riding fence or checking cows. According to Pimperton "the ranch has seven and a half horses because we have a pony." Although all of the geldings are used, Pimperton prefers to ride her horse Dollar. Future plans for Pimperton do not include horses, unless of course she is visiting the ranch and they need some extra help.

The next issue will highlight Adelle Meissner and her journey with the four legged majestic beasts.

By: Abby Gliko



Youth Leadership

Sunday, November 4th and Monday, November 5th, thirteen students were involved in the annual Youth Days in the Electric City. The students consisted of: Tori Shelton, Grace Davison, Elyse Adams, Hunter Vogel, Maggie Andrews, Anthony Wall, Livvy Shelton, Sabrina Wing, Ahmia Lords, Lindsey Paulson, Raily Gliko, Charla Hook, and Sarah Dollenger. On Sunday, they left the school at 12:20 and headed to the Holiday Inn in Great Falls. When the students arrived, they were greeted by the front door and told to go to the conference room. There were tables set up with names of every school that would be there and Belt found their tables and settled in.

Joe Moriarty welcomed all the students and thanked them for being there. He introduced speakers Bruce Kolten, Oscar McBride, and Mrs. Megan Hill. After all the speakers were introduced, and had a chance to talk, the high schoolers and middle schoolers were separated in discussion groups.

The high school students went with Bruce Kolten first and discussed cell phone usage and how certain issues can be prevented. Af-

ter that the students scooted over to another room with Mrs. Hill and some students who helped out with Special Olympics. They explained to the students what Special Olympics is and how people can get involved with it. The last group was with Oscar McBride, former NFL player. He asked the students about issues in their schools and discussed how they could solve them. Some of the issues consisted of all sorts of exclusion, bullying, drug abuse, and suicide.

When the discussion groups ended, the students rushed to get dinner. They devoured lasagna, garlic bread and tea. After dinner, students could go on stage and either talk about their stories or schools. Belt junior Maggie Andrews gave a phenomenal speech about her life when she moved from Indiana to Belt and wooed the audience. After the "speak outs", the students loaded the bus and headed back to their town or some schools that lived to far stayed at the hotel. The students were scheduled to return to the hotel Monday morning bright and early to continue the conference.

When the students arrived the next day, the hotel provided

them with breakfast. The breakfast consisted of eggs, bacon, hash browns, and biscuits with jam. After they were all done scarfing their faces, the students listened to Joe Moriarty tell them where they were going to be stationed to partake in community service activities. Once they all knew where they were going, they got on their designated bus and headed to their specific venue. Once they got to their areas, they got to work.

After a long hour and a half of hard work, the students headed back to the hotel to eat lunch and then exchange their experiences. The students ate sandwiches with salad and chips. Once they were done eating they met up with their groups and wrote down what they did at their area and what they learned.

Overall it was an awesome experience for all the Belt students. They were able to learn from their experiences and take those things they learned back to the town of Belt. The Belt students want to help out as much as they can and make a difference in the community.

By: Livvy Shelton

As winter approaches and the roads get increasingly worse it is very important to choose not to drink and drive. With an increased chance of drunk driving accidents during this season, it is essential, now more than ever, to always have a plan whenever alcohol is involved. With the holidays approaching many families will be on the road making it crucial that people take the responsibility to never drink and drive.

One beer can hinder ones' ability to drive so when deciding to drink and drive keep in mind the families and children whose lives are at risk. This approaching holiday season be sure to be responsible and...

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your
Cascade DUI Task Force



Where Are They Now?

This week's article features, past Belt Valley valedictorian and state champion, Josie Stinson. Stinson graduated from Belt in 2014. During her time in high school she participated four years in basketball, volleyball, golf, band, and Science Olympiad. She was also in Nation Honor Society for two years. Choir, and theatre for one. In her time as an athlete she won three state titles in basketball, in 2012, 2013, and in 2014. She also was a state champion in golf in 2013 and 2014. Stinson accomplished many tremendous milestones in her time at Belt High.

After graduating Stinson moved to Butte and attended Montana Tech for four years. She graduated last May with her bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. While attending college, she also kept herself busy by working as a waitress at Applebee's and at Sparky's Garage. She also worked as a resident assistant at Montana Tech, and as a desk attendant at the HPER, which is the public gym in Butte.

Unfortunately, Stinson moved away from her home in August. She moved to Seattle, Washington to



accept a job at Hensel Phelps, a construction company. She is currently working as a general contractor, as a field engineer. Her latest project is in Queen Anne renovating and adding on to an elementary school.

Stinson went into college open minded. She knew she wanted to be a civil engineer but was open on different ways she could use her degree. After high school, she didn't expect that she would move to Seattle, to work on a construction project. "I love where I live and that I get to help build projects and learn everyday". Stinson stated.

In the next five years, Stinson plans on buying a house. She also plans on staying in Seattle for a couple of years but is open minded that her job will take her elsewhere. She wants to become an area superintendent with Hensel Phelps, and her most important goal is to become a dog mom!

Tune into next issue of the *Valley Voice* to check in on yet another Belt High graduate and see where they are now!

By: Tori Shelton

City News

On October 10th at 7:00 p.m. the first regularly scheduled meeting for the month was called to order for the town of Belt. In attendance was Mayor James Olson, clerk-treasurer Lynn Schilling, Alderman Delbert Darko, Sally Miller, Paul Heikkila, Annie Porter, Russell Roberts, and Dave Eggert, project engineer Idaho Trenberth, and ten members of the public.

The first item of discussion was the desire of the Pleasantville Hutterite colony to operate a vending stand on city property within Belt without buying the customary vending permit. The colony provided a statement in which they informed the council that according to the colony, the stand provides a community service and should not have to pay the annual \$175 vending fee. Schilling informed the council that the permit was primarily used by even vendors on a one time basis but could be used multiple times during a calendar year. The council decided to take the issue under advisement and will announce a decision at the second regularly scheduled October meeting.

Mayor Olson then reported to the council that all tagged campers were removed from the streets with the exception of one. Alderman Porter proceeded to say that the rest of the ordinance relative to park vehicles including: boats, trailers, large service trucks, and other RV's should be enforced now and the council

unanimously agreed.

Idaho Trenberth then presented two resolutions to accept and approve the closing out of the forty year bonds associated with the land purchase and Waste Water Expansion Project in the amounts of \$151,700 and \$960,000. The resolutions were unanimously approved by the council. Trenberth then continued with a brief overview of progress made in the Wastewater Expansion Project as well as a timeline for completion. He then went on to inform the council that he expects the final design for the Lift Station Repair and Replacement Project by Christmas as well as bidding to be completed in February, construction in April and May, and final completion of the project in August.

Mayor Olson then reported that he had applied for a MDT permit for the hydrant replacement on Castner Street. He also stated that Travis Johnson will do the work and provide a cost estimate under \$10,000 for the work. Johnson plans to use the assistance of the public works employees to keep the costs under \$10,000.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. The next city council meeting will be on November 21st and as always residents are encouraged to attend.

By: Adelle Meissner

Senior Spotlight

Senior Grace Davison has lived an interesting already life. She was born at Mountain Home Air Force Base (AFB), Idaho. She moved to North Pole, Alaska, and the Eielson AFB. Then she went to Minot AFB in North Dakota. She arrived in Montana, when her father returned to Malstrom AFB, Great Falls. In 2014, at the beginning of 8th grade year, she finally joined the welcoming Belt community.

Prior to Belt, Davison attended three different schools. Her favorite grade, before joining Belt, was second grade. "My second grade teacher had the most awesome room filled with outdoor stuff." Even though Davison stated that she had a favorite grade, she says that she likes all teachers, "I enjoy how everyone teaches and how we connect." Her favorite memories are from bus rides to tournaments.

After high school Davison plans on going into an ecology major with an option of fish and wildlife, so of course her favorite school subject would be science. "My favorite subject right now is anything sci-



ence or history, just not chemistry."

Currently Davison is involved in cheer and Youth Leadership. She has been a part of the cheer team all four years and has been co-captain for two years. Davison has actually been involved in youth leadership and has attended Youth Day Conferences for seven consecutive years.

In the fall of next year, Davison plans on attending Montana Western in Dillion. She wants to pursue a major in ecology with an option of fish and wildlife. She wants to someday become a park ranger and to work in one the national parks.

Davison has lived in a variety of states and has made lots of friends along the way, but Belt is her home. "I'll miss how everyone knows everybody and how the community feels like my family, including the school." she stated when realizing that she'll be moving to a different city next year.

Check out the next issue as the *Voice* casts a little light on senior, Matt Dollenger.

By: Tori Shelton

New Students

The two new students of Belt School are eighth grader Chloe Feit and fifth grader Tobias Wilson. These two have had no trouble adapting in Belt and involving themselves in whatever activities they can.

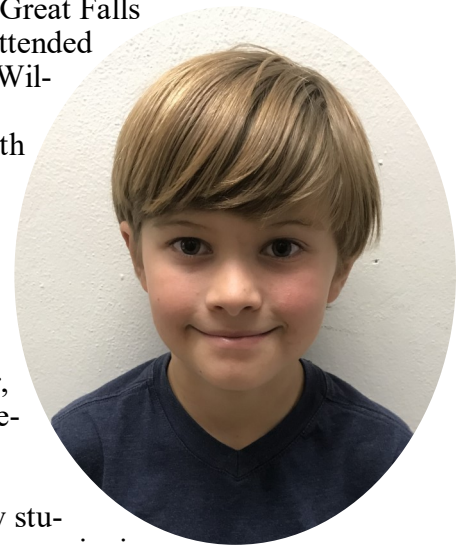
Eighth grader Chloe Feit moved from East Middle School in Great Falls. Chloe loves history and her teacher of choice is Mrs. Vogt. She played volleyball this year, planning on playing basketball later on. The hobby that she values the most is art. Chloe says that her favorite part of Belt so far is that everyone in the school, especially in her class, are really friendly and welcoming.



Tobias Wilson is a fifth grader this year in Mrs. Metri-one's class. Tobias moved

from Holy Spirit in Great Falls and before that he attended Highwood School. Wilson enjoys building things especially with Legos and making light bulbs. He also really enjoys math and he loves to read. When asked what he was most excited for this year, he said basically everything.

There is one more article for new students. The students are enjoying going to a new school and adjusting just fine. The last new student article in the *Voice* will introduce Montana Covington, Lilee Vitale, and her brother Thomas who are returning to Belt after a stint in Geraldine.



By: Livvy Shelton

Mr. Ross in the MEA

This year, Jeff Ross represented the Belt School as a speaker at the MFPE Educator Conference in Billings. This conference is held annually and each year a Belt teacher attends to make his or her speech. Remarkably enough, Ross actually had two separate lectures.



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The MEA has a list of strategic objectives on their website. A few of these goals consist of “free, quality, public education

workforce, public health and safety, and effective relationships with community-based organizations that share common values.” All of these are extremely useful goals that will continually benefit students. This organization also has a mission statement. “MEA-MFT is a union of professionals who advocate for our members, for the communities we serve, and for the people of Montana.” This organization is undoubtedly dedicated to giving students a chance at a greater future.

Belt High School’s English teacher, Ross, submitted his proposals to the MEA and they chose two of his presentations. The titles of his submissions were “Belt Valley Shakespeare: From Rural Montana to Edinburgh’s Central Hall” and “Whooping Cranes, Electric

Sheep, and Ecocriticism.” The first was about what it took for the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players to earn their trip to the 2017 Edinburgh Festival Fringe in Scotland. The second was a eco-critical comparison between Mr. Ross’s “A Whooping Crane Diary” and Philip K. Dick’s “Do Androids Dream a Dream of Electric Sheep.” It also briefly mentioned Mary Shelley’s “Frankenstein.” This workshop addressed how literature treats the way nature and people interact.

The MEA is overall a wonderful organization filled with a plethora of wise teachers and speakers. This conference is a great way for educators to share ideas and better teaching philosophies, and the presentations of Mr. Ross was extremely well received.

By: Sierra Reese

DECA

Belt DECA had their third meeting last Wednesday, the 31st. The meetings docket featured signing up for the state DECA conference, in Fairmont Hot Springs, and registering projects. The meeting also featured students signing up to sale coffee at the Divisional volleyball tournament, and them being handed out Marion Kay Spices catalogs for fundraisers.

Not all of the state registration forms have been collected but the total amount of students in DECA are around twenty-five to thirty. The students will have until late December to work on their projects then they will have to be summited to the state. This year only eight of the top written projects in each event will be allowed to attend the state conference at Fairmont Hot Springs in February.

Some of the written projects within Belt’s DECA chapter are the Community Service Project, Public Relations Project, Learn and Earn Project, and many other team written events. Students Tori Shelton, Natalie Larsen, and Anthony Wall have been working with the school and the community food bank as their own Community Service Project. Their project includes: working a couple hours one Friday a month, helping short and fill baskets, placing food drive boxes around different business, and hosting a school food drive. Along with helping the food bank, they are also in charge of the school Backpack Program. Once a month the three students head into Great Falls to shop for items for the program.

Keely Drummond and Maggie Andrews are working on the Public Relation Project, a continuation from last year. Last year they teamed up with Alliance for Youth and created the #LetsTalk app. The app is to help prevent and raise awareness about teen suicide. This year they have been promoting the app within the school and the community. More will be done as the year goes on and as they get closer to state.

The students have been working on many great projects that will be presented in front of their peers and elder DECA participants. This year the chapter officers will be holding “DECA Days” for other members to come and get help with their projects. The students will be able to present their project in front of state judges in February.



By: Tori Shelton

Halloween Festivities



To finish the eerie school day, all the students kindergarten through 5th grade marched around the gymnasium flaunting their frightful costumes. The costumes ranged from Miss Teen Rodeo Montana to Yoda. Parents and family members filled the bleachers to watch their kiddos walk around to spook-tacular

As Halloween came and went, the Belt School set the mood for the spooky holiday with the students performing the annual Halloween Parade. Mrs. Horton, the high school science teacher, and most of the high school sciences classes helped the elementary kids learn about science. The Earth Science class had the 5th graders and they made towers out of toothpicks and candy corn. The biology class had the 4th graders and they made catapults and shot candy pumpkins. The advanced biology class had the 3rd graders and they did the same thing. The physics class was responsible for Early K kids and they made elephant tooth paste.



Halloween music. It was a fantastic way for the community to see the students walking around and showing off their chilling costumes.

By: Livvy Shelton



Calendar of Events

11/1—11/3	Divisional Volleyball @ Belt
11/4—11/5	Youth Days
11/5 4:00 p.m.- 11/6 7:00 p.m.	Parent Teacher Conferences
11/7 5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts Meeting
11/8 —11/10	State Volleyball @ Bozeman
11/12 10:00 a.m.	Veteran's Day Program
11/12 12:30 p.m.	NHS Blood Drive in Library
11/13—11/16	Audit—ISS Room
11/13 9:00 a.m.	Mobile Art Van Lesson in Library
11/13 7:30 p.m.	Board of Trustees
11/14 12:31 p.m.	PIR Day—EARLY OUT
11/16 10:00 a.m.	Chinook Winds Performance
11/19—11/20	Science Olympiad (leave @ noon)
11/21—11/23	Thanksgiving Break

Voting

Once every two years, Montana enters an election year. For five Belt High seniors, this is the first election they will be able to partake in. Election Day this year fell on November 6th and (at least) one of those seniors voted. While all the juniors and sophomores cannot vote yet, they do have opinions about both the elections this year and voting in the future.

For example, junior Anthony Wall stated that, "Yeah, voting is important for the future of the country and I definitely plan on voting in the future," while sophomore Anna Pethel declared "I haven't given much thought to voting in the future but I am sure it is something I will do when I am old enough." The opinions of Belt High School students differentiate from each other quite a bit but everyone agree that voting is something they plan on doing in the future especially since it is an important part in running the American democracy.

The president of the United States has visited Montana four times over the past year in order to advocate for certain campaigns. This has been a very intense election year with many advertisements promoting different candidates on television, billboards and social media. This past Tuesday the 6th of November the new elected officials were chosen as the election season came to an end.

By: Natalie Larsen

The Belt Community Swimming Pool presents:

Breakfast with Santa



Saturday, Dec 1st 2018
Belt School Cafeteria
8:00—11:00 a.m.

Many Activities

- Photos with Santa
- Kids' Crafts
- Cookie Decorating
- Face-painting
- And more!

Breakfast cost \$5 per person, plus additional costs for activities.

Also featuring a Silent Auction!

Wide assortment of gifts and cards

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