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Iditarod Huskies Meet Belt Huskies

On April 12th, Iditarod competitor Brett Bruggeman and his dog sled team came to the home of the Huskies. Beginning his presentation by asking, 'are you all excited to see some cats,' Bruggeman explained a brief history of sled dogs to the 3rd grade class although the youngsters already seemed well versed in the subject. For the students, the best part of the presentation was being able to physi-



cally see what they had learned in their Iditarod unit as well as receiving one of the booties that keep the ice out of the huskies' feet. Throughout the presentation, Bruggeman kept the students engaged in the material with the aid of his sled dog team.

Pulling up to the entrance near the music room, Bruggeman was accompanied by his adult son, Chase, Ruben the basset hound (the team's "best" dog), Bugger and Grieg (the team's best lead dogs), as well as a few other dogs from the team. Overall, Bruggeman has thirty-six dogs although only fourteen pull the sled at a time. Initially, Bruggeman explained how the race worked, quizzing the 3rd graders on their knowledge of the checkpoints. Running up to eighty miles until a rest, the sled dogs (Alaskan huskies) require rest and food. *(Cont. Pg. 3)*

Music Festival

Two weeks ago, District Music Festival took place. In total, there were fifteen performances from Belt musicians. Scores were posted Friday night at CMR, where the solo/small ensembles performed. The Belt School's choir and band performed on Thursday while solos and small ensembles/duets performed Friday.

District judges scored the performances using a rubric based on thirty possible points. There are six different sections they were graded on: tone, intonation, accuracy, interpretation/musicianship, vocal technique, and other factors. Each section is worth five points. Zero to nine

points are Division V (poor), ten to fourteen points are Division IV (fair), fifteen to twenty points are Division III (good), twenty one to twenty-five points are Division II (excellent), and twenty six to thirty points are Division I (superior). Any performances with two or more individuals is scored similar to solos, but with an additional section to be graded on blending. *(Cont. Pg. 2)*



Music Festival *(Continued)*

This adds five points to the rubric and increases the point system accordingly.

The school's band received a superior rating in both prepared numbers with their pieces and sight-reading. The choir also performed phenomenally well, receiving an excellent rating (Division II), in preparedness and sight-reading. The choir was extremely close to receiving a one. They were one third of a point short from the score necessary for the top mark. These were amazing performances from both groups. The songs they performed at District Music Festival were also performed at the spring concert last night.

In total, there were three soloists and one duet which came

within one point of receiving a superior rating: MaKayla O'Neil, Julia Vogt, Sierra Reese, and the duet featuring Grace Davison and O'Neil. These soloists all earned an excellent rating of twenty five out of thirty while the duet earned a twenty nine out of thirty. There were two additional performances that also received an excellent rating: the Davison and Reese duet and the Davison vocal solo. The duet received a twenty five out of thirty five points and Davison's solo was given a twenty three out of thirty.

Seven of the thirteen Belt Friday performances received superior ratings (ones). Molly Tingey had a nearly perfect score of twenty nine points on her piano solo. An-

drew Stice tallied a twenty six in both his vocal and snare drum solo. Braeden Moon was also presented with an almost perfect score of twenty eight points on his vocal solo. On the bass clarinet, O'Neil also received a one with a score of twenty eight. William Franzen earned a superior on his flute solo with twenty seven points and soloist Charity Highfill, who earned twenty seven points.

Overall, the Belt School's music students performed very well. The Spring Music Concert last night in the Belt Gymnasium was a further celebration of that success. Congratulations to Mr. Sutton and all the performers who represented Belt so well at the District Music Festival. **By: Sierra Reese**

Debate Tournament

On Wednesday the 24th the senior government class's debate finished with the championship round between Elyse Adams and Brendan Wing. This was the culmination of a two week unit of study in government class in which the seniors engaged in a variety of verbal matches.

After serving three tournament rounds, Adams and Wing chose the topic of the legalization of marijuana for their championship touse. Wing came out on top, arguing in favor of legalization in a very

close match. Wing brought up three strong points in his argument that evidently won him the tournament. He brought up the medical and economic benefits, and the overall safety of the product compared to other legal substances. Adams fought back bringing up the increase in crime, the cost to regulate, and the point that it is a gateway drug. Both competitors were well prepared and the final class vote was razor close.

Due to absences, here are still a couple debates that need to

take place to clean up the brackets. The consolation match still needs to be contested between Julia Vogt and Tori Shelton. They will be duking it out over whether or not the U.S should continue space exploration. If Vogt wins she has the chance to challenge Adams for second place in the tournament.

The debate tourney is a Government class highlight, and the top three finishers will receive recognition for their efforts at the annual awards ceremony on May 13th. **By: Tori Shelton**

Big Husky/Little Husky

Quarterly the high school and elementary students gather together in order to create some sort art project. At the sound of the Husky bell on April 17th the high school students migrated down to the elementary wing, and began to create Easter masterpieces. The goal of the project was to create an Easter basket using as little supplies

as possible, and while the task was definitely difficult everyone found an inventive way to complete their basket. The young students loved the activity and especially enjoyed being able to show-off their baskets for the rest of the day.

This event is one of the students' favorites, as the high school and elementary students love work-

ing together to create beautiful artwork. It is a great way for the students to get to know each other.

The elementary students appreciate all of the help high schoolers give during the activities. This was the last Big Husky/Little Husky of the year but it is a program will continue on into next year. **By: Natalie Larsen**

Huskies Meet Huskies (Continued)

As such, Bruggeman demonstrated how they prepare the dogs' mush, which is where the name musher comes from, by melting snow in a metal tin and mixing the water with kibble and frozen protein. While the dogs eat between 12,000 and 15,000 calories a day, Bruggeman settles for vacuum sealed bags of frozen food like macaroni and cheese.



After explaining how the dogs are cared for, Bruggeman brought his sled out onto the green between the high school parking lot and the high school classrooms. Here, he illuminated what was carried on the sled (mostly straw for bedding, food, and a small tent) while hooking up a few of the dogs to the sled. Most don't realize that there is a division of labor among the hounds in a sled team. The wheel dogs, the canines closest to the sled, are the powerhouses of the team. In front of them are the team and swing dogs, who add to the pulling power and help to direct the sled around corners. Many swing

dogs are also lead dogs in training. Being the most important dog, the lead dog follows the musher's commands, guiding the rest of the team while always keeping the rest of the canines from tangling the lines. Once these dogs are retired from racing, many are adopted out. Although Bruggeman faces -78°F winds on the trail, his favorite part of dog sledding is when the moon is out, the dogs are pulling the sled, and the air contains a peaceful quiet. Bruggeman's passion for sled dog racing began with his youngest son, Spencer. Since Spencer was born with a birth defect that caused one leg muscle to not develop, Bruggeman decided to join a sport that his son could participate in as well. After reading some Jack London books, Spencer decided that he wanted a sled dog team and Bruggeman took to the sled. In honor of his son, Bruggeman named his kennel Skinny Leg Dog Sleds. Sometimes practicing on Kings Hill snowmobile trails, Bruggeman was aided by several Montana mentors including: Doug Swingley, Jessie Royer, Terry and Chris Adkins. Last year, Bruggeman completed the Iditarod in eleven and a half days, and although he did not complete this year's Iditarod, Bruggeman's team traveled 800 miles in nine days.

Prior to Bargeman's presen-

tation, Mrs. Jones' 3rd grade class completed an Iditarod unit last month. Tracking two or three mushers each, the 3rd graders closely followed the 47th Iditarod. Along the way, the students researched their mushers, learned about checkpoints, and discovered the supplies needed for the race, which Bruggeman showed them in person. The youngsters also studied the origins of the race. Tying the Iditarod unit to multiple areas of study, the class read *Stone Fox*, worked on math-related problems and social studies as well as the important skills of researching and writing.

Although the students learned a lot about the Iditarod and sled dog racing in the classroom, there is no substitute for physically seeing the real deal. Without Suzie Barringer (Belt School's psychologist), the 3rd grade would have never seen Bruggeman and his sled dog team in person. A friend of the Bruggeman's, Barringer set up the meeting for the 3rd grade class, satisfying Mrs. Jones' desire to expand the students' educational experience. Mrs. Jones even said, "It is one thing to read and research but to see and touch it in person tied everything together."

Overall, the 3rd grade class enjoyed their furry visitors and undoubtedly had an unforgettable experience. **By: MaKayla O'Neil**

Boone & Crockett Trip

On Wednesday the 17th several students headed to the Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch, just outside of Dupuyer, on the Rocky Mountain Front in order to participate in various conservation education programs. The Boone and Crockett Club is dedicated to wildlife research and preservation and it offers spectacular education opportunities. **Declan Bergstrom**

The trip was a reward for outstanding work on science fair projects, and the participants included: Eli Bodner, Walker Maki, Blake Waldner, Tobias Wilson, Reagan Jassen, Maren Keaster, Camree Puppe, and Lilly Silvestre.

Principal Kyle Paulson, the advisor of this trip, stated, "I looked forward to providing our students with a greater awareness and appre-

ciation of the uniqueness of the Rocky Mountain Front." Paulson added, "I expected the trip to be awesome. Spring is a great time to visit the ranch as flora and fauna both go through an amazing transition."

The students who attended had a wonderful time on this much deserved trip and hope to attend again. **By: Natalie Larsen**

High School Track and Field

As track season got underway, Mother Nature let up on her "rain" to allow some sunshine as the track athletes were able to participate in three meets in the past fortnight. The Husky team loaded the bus on the 13th for a meet in Havre, the 16th for a competition in Great Falls, and the 20th for the Cut Bank Pre-Easter Meet.



The Havre Lions meet consisted of both a junior varsity and varsity division and while the girls did not have any JV athletes, the boys' JV placed sixth overall with 27 points. A 4x400 meter relay



team made up of Robbie Gliko, Gabe Triplett, Anthony Hook and Asa Jassen placed second with a time of 4:16.69. In the field, Andrew Stice heaved the shot put 32-06 and Landon Nelson threw the implement 28-09, placing second and sixth respectively. Nelson also placed fourth in the discus with a fling of 83-02 and Cole Hepfner finished right ahead of him in third with a throw of 87-09.

The boys' varsity team placed fourth overall with an accu-

mulated score of 93. Their first points of the day came from Hunter Vogl and Adam Langston in the 110 meter hurdles. Vogl finished third with a time of 16.72 followed closely by Langston in fourth with a time of 16.79. Jassen and Gliko then added their first varsity points in the two mile, Jassen earning second (11:16.65) and Gliko taking third (11:16.67). Aidan McDaniel then placed second in the 800, totaling the two laps in 2:12.40 and placed sixth in the 400 with a time of 58.03. Kaimen Evans also participated in the 400 and stopped the clock at 53.52 to take first place. Evans also earned third in the 200 meter dash, crossing the finish line as the clock read 24.59. Next up was the short relay and the Husky team comprised of Vogl, Evans, Langston, and Brandon Wall finished in second place with a time of 48.07. Jassen and Hepfner then took the track for the 1600 meter run and cinched third and fourth with times of 5:07.03 and 5:07.52 respectively. The running events concluded with the 4x400 meter relay where Vogl, McDaniel, Hepfner, and Evans tag teamed the mile in 3:51.09 and notched third place. In the jumping events, Brendan Wing added a first place finish with a triple jump leap of 40-08 to conclude the boys' scoring for the day.

The girls' team also earned fourth place in the varsity division with a total of 58 points. Scoring began for the Lady Huskies in the



100 meter hurdles where Brooke Schraner (17.91) and Lindsey Paulson (18.30) finished fourth and fifth respectively. The hurdling duo also



captured second and fourth in the 300 meter hurdles, L. Paulson crossing the line first with a time of 50.76 followed by Schraner at 51.86. L. Paulson continued to cinch second in the 400 meter dash, completing the lap in 1:04.23. Kolby Pimperton then placed second in the 3200 meter run with a time of 13:50.01 and third in the one mile, totaling the four laps in 6:23.12. The events shifted to the sprints and Adelle Meissner earned fourth place in the 100 meter dash, stopping the clock at 13.57. The girls' 4x100 meter relay team made up of Schraner, Paulson, Morgan Cooper,



and Meissner ran for a time of 55 seconds flat and earned third place while the 4x400 meter relay team consisting of Meissner, Pimperton, Schraner, and L. Paulson also earned third with a time of 4:34.48. In the jumping events, Meissner placed fourth in the long jump with a leap of 14-08 and Cooper earned fourth with a hop-skip-and a jump

Track (Continued)

of 29-07 in triple jump to wrap up scoring for the girls.

The Fairfield-Belt Invite also consisted of JV and varsity divisions. The boys' JV team took fourth place with a total of 44 points. Nelson placed second in the shot put with a throw of 31-05 and Hepfner won discus with a measure of 80-05.

The varsity competition kicked off with Vogl finishing third in the 110 meter hurdles (16.74) and Langston capturing fifth (17.86). Vogl also won the 300 meter hurdles, clearing the obstacles in 43.44. The 4x100 meter relay team ran for a time of 47.69 and the 4x400 meter relay team totaled the mile in 3:48.03, both teams finishing in third place. Evans took fifth in the 200 meter dash with a time of 25.03 and notched second in the 400, totaling the lap in 52.79. In the 800, McDaniel earned second (2:09.3) and Hepfner finished fifth (2:19.69). Moving into the distance events, Jassen completed the 2 mile in 11:00.57 and captured first while Gliko notched third with a final time of 11:11.44. Gliko also earned second in the 1600 meter run with a time of 5:08.30. Wing concluded Husky scoring with a fourth place finishes in long jump (18-04) and triple jump (39-04.5).

The girls' varsity team totaled 146 points and earned a third place overall finish. The ladies' effort began with Schraner placing fourth in the 100 meter hurdles with

a time of 18.01 and Meissner taking third in the 100 meter dash (13.94). Meissner also took fourth in the 200 with a time of 29.56 and Schraner earned third in the 300 meter hurdles, clearing the obstacles in 52.37. L. Paulson took first in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 52.12. Then the girls' 4x100 meter relay team earned fourth place with a time of 55.57. Pimperton then won the one mile and the two mile, totaling the four laps in 6:18.34 and the eight in 13:50.3. In the field, Raily Gliko heaved the shot put 33-02.75, good for fourth place. Cooper cleared 4-04 in high jump and earned fourth place as well as getting third in triple jump with a 30-04. Meissner concluded scoring for the Lady Huskies with a long jump of 14-02.25 and third place.

In the Cut Bank Pre-Easter meet, the boys' team racked up 91 points and finished second overall. Once again, Vogl and Langston kicked things off in the 110 meter hurdles finished second (17.24) and third (17.39) respectively. Vogl also took second in the 300 meter hurdles with a time of 44.32. Evans earned third in the 200 with a 24.94 and won the 400, completing the lap in 52.76. McDaniel placed third in the 800, totaling the two laps in 2:12.07 and Gliko and Jassen earned third (11:32.63) and fourth (11:32.69) in the two mile. The boys' short relay team placed fourth with a time of 48.11 and the long relay notched third finishing in

3:52.73. In the field events, Gavin Roberts earned third place finishes in shot put (41-04) and discus (122-06) while Stice placed fourth in javelin (126-02). Wing wrapped up the boys' scoring with third place finishes in long jump (18-06.5) and triple jump (38-11.25).

The girls' team took second place at the pre-Easter meet, totaling 75.5 points. Meissner earned the ladies' first points with a fourth place finish in the 100 meter dash (13.89). Meissner also claimed fifth in the 200 (30.14) and L. Paulson took fourth with a time of 29.07. L. Paulson continued to win the 400 meter dash, completing the lap in 1:01.66 and second in the 300 meter hurdles, clearing the obstacles in 50.92. Schraner came in right behind L. Paulson with a time of 52.12 and a third place finish. The short relay ran for a time of 55.23 and earned third place while the long relay tag-teamed the mile in 4:34.5 and captured second place. In the distance events, Pimperton placed second in both the mile (6:19.14) and the two mile (13:42.55). Ahmia Lords flung the discus 88-11.5 for a sixth place finish in the field. Cooper cleared 4-04 in the high jump and place fifth while also jumping 29-07.75 and earning fifth in triple jump. L. Paulson triple jumped 27-19.75 and placed fifth and Meissner concluded the Lady Husky scoring with a fourth place finish in long jump (14-11.5).

The Husky track team will be back in action tomorrow for the second Fairfield-Belt Invite in Great Falls. Field and jumping events are set to begin at 9:00 and running will commence at 10:00. The *Valley Voice* wishes the athletes the best of luck as they continue their season.

By: Adelle Meissner



Senior Spotlight

With only twenty-three more days left until graduation, Julia Vogt is the second to last senior that gets to shine under the spotlight. Vogt was born and raised in good old Belt, Montana. She has lived her whole life in Belt, with her mother being a Belt kid as well. Mrs. Vogt, her mother is the middle school science and language arts teacher, while her father is a fire fighter. Vogt grandfather, Mike Fleming, taught here for many years several decades ago.

It's no surprise that Vogt's favorite school year was the 5th grade way back in the old elementary days. "5th was my favorite because my mom was the teacher." Vogt recalls. Obviously her favorite teacher is also Mrs. Vogt. "She's my mom and I love her." While her favorite grade and teacher were driven by a family connection, her favorite memories are of homecoming this year with her classmates.

Not only do the teachers of Belt speak very



highly of Vogt and her academic achievements, but also of her dedication to the school. While her time in high school Vogt has been devoted to drama and band all four years. She has starred in nine theater productions. *The Winter's Tale*, by Shakespeare was her favorite.

In the fall, Vogt plans on attending the University of Iowa with her brother, although she might still be accepted at Harvard University based on her fantastic ACT test scores. Vogt plans on double majoring in Physics and Astronomy. She noted that she'll miss the community of Belt the most when she graduates "I'll miss the supportive community and the small population."

Vogt clearly has a bright future ahead of her and the *Valley Voice* wishes her the best of luck. Tune in to the next issue as

the last senior on the home stretch of the year, Brendan Wing, gets the final chance to stand in the spotlight.

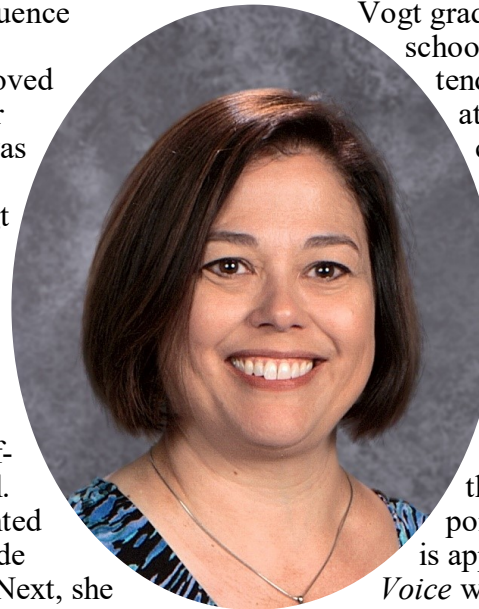
By: Tori Shelton

Featured Staff

Debbie Vogt is this week's featured staff member. She has worked with the Belt School for fifteen years and has been an incredible influence throughout that time period.

Vogt grew up in Belt. She moved to this small town when she was four years old. Her dad, Mike Fleming, was offered a teaching position and he became the guidance counselor. Vogt attended the Belt School since she was small and continues to stay in the Belt School now. The only time she was not residing in Belt was when she was in Spokane for college.

Vogt has performed many different duties while at the Belt School. She started as a part time gifted/talented coordinator and also taught third grade ELA and fifth grade Social Studies. Next, she taught third through fifth grade at the Pleasant Valley Colony for four years before returning to Belt to teach the fifth grade for seven years. At this time, she is the middle school science teacher and it is her third



year in this position. While challenging, changing assignments keeps things fresh.

Vogt graduated from good old Belt High school in 1985 as valedictorian. Vogt attended Gonzaga University and graduated in 1990 with a bachelor's in Psychology. Next, she returned to college at Walden University and received her master's degree in Elementary Reading and Math. She received this degree in 2010.

For all of the hard work Vogt has and is putting into the Belt School, she is featured staff this week. Vogt designates hours on end to help her students reach their full potential. She is a very important member of the Belt faculty and is appreciated by many. The *Valley*

Voice would like to wish a special thank you Vogt for all of the work she has put into teaching in the valley. Tune in to the next issue to get to know another one of Belt School's fabulous featured staff members.

By: Sierra Reese

Oliver Larson Tournament

Last week the 45th annual Oliver Larson Tournament transpired in the Belt Gymnasium where high school friends were able to reminisce on their “glory days.” Belt High alumni and high school players gathered in the gym as the competition tipped off Friday night with the first games being played at 6:00 p.m.

Each team, regardless of wins or losses, were given the opportunity to engage in three games. The teams were drawn out of a hat on Thursday evening at the Belt Brew Pub. Friday night the players got their first taste of competition and the following day the teams each

participated in two more contests. About 55 people competed in what has become a cherished Easter weekend tradition.



Class of '82 graduate Matt Urick was again the elder statesman in the contest showing off moves

learned years ago in the barn. Team number four, including: Kyelie Marquis, Mollie Rose Kendra Smith, Tannar Cummings, Koltin Haugrose, Lee Larson, Logan Lewis, and Clay Winters dominated the competition and defeated team number five in the championship match, 59-55.

During the day the players were able to trek up town to the Belt Brew Pub where they were fed potato soup and spaghetti. The alumni tournament began in 1975 and was later named after Oliver Larson, a long time patron of hoops in the valley.

By: Kolby Pimperton

Community Service

Here at Belt there are many opportunities to earn community service hours and give students the chance to help out the town. On Saturday May 4th, as part of the craft show, the members of the Backpack program/Cole's Pantry will be working concessions to raise money for essential items. The students and/or parents will volunteer to assist at selling food from 8:00

a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The next occasion to contribute to the community is shopping for items for the Backpack program. Jessica Tillman is looking for students to meet her in town and aid in purchasing products for the less fortunate of the community. Tillman says students can also volunteer to help sort those items and have them put into bags.

Not only do these services get students hours and look good on college applications, these acts also assist those in need and gives back to the community. The Belt Community Food Bank is also always looking for volunteers to come help. For more information contact Jessica Tillman at the Belt Public School.

By: Livvy Shelton

With spring in full swing and road conditions not as dangerous people often forget that drinking and driving is still just as dangerous. Even with clear, ice-free roads choosing to drink and drive not only put one's life in danger but everyone else around them. Each year over 10,000 people die across the country due to driving while intoxicated. This year don't become part of that number and...

Never Drink and Drive!

This message brought to you by your Cascade DUI Task Force



Golf

On Saturday the 13th ten students led by Coach Stinson loaded the bus and headed to play at the Choteau Country Club. The flat nine-hole course was windy, as usual, and served as an excellent place to PR as it is a relatively short course. Karlee Permann led the way for the Huskies while also notching a new personal record with a score of 98. Permann took first place overall for the girls in the tournament and joined Belt's record list being only the seventh Lady Husky to shoot under 100. Along with Permann five other girls shot personal bests at the tournament including; senior Tori Shelton (116), juniors Sydne Flinn (116) and Candyce Davison (130), sophomores Livvy Shelton (124), and freshmen Maddie Osterman (131)). Juniors Kyelie Marquis (125) and Natalie Larsen (123) also had excellent rounds. The team total for this day was 330, a sum of the three lowest scores of the day.

On Thursday the 18th eight girls headed back to Choteau for the varsity meet. This time the weather was much kinder, with the sun shin-

ing almost everyone was shedding their layers. This meet was very successful as four more Lady Huskies qualified for state including; juniors Larsen (119) and Marquis (113), and sophomores Sierra Reese (110) and Livvy Shelton (120). Tori Shelton (105) and Permann (95) both achieved new personal bests.



Davison (137) and Berlinger (124) also shot very well. Once again the short course served the girls well as the team took third place at Choteau, despite it being a class B tournament, with a team score of 310. Both Coach Stinson and Coach Koontz were very impressed with this score because not only was it

the lowest team score shot this season, but the lowest team score shot in the past five years.

Yesterday five girls journeyed to Shelby's Marias Valley Golf Course. This course is one of the few that has eighteen different holes for the girls to play, but is still a relatively short course that the Huskies usually play exceptionally well on. Permann was once again the leader of the pack shooting 100 and winning the individual title. Two Lady Huskies shot personal records on this day including: Sierra Reese with a 105 and Raenita Berlinger who shot 121 All in all the day was outstanding for the Huskies, with the team notching a 324 and finishing second to Chinook.

The Huskies are in action again today and tomorrow. Today ten students travel to Fort Benton's Signal Point and tomorrow the Lady Huskies travel to Fairfield. Stay tuned for the next issue of the *Valley Voice* to see the results from those meets as the season winds down to its conclusion in mid-May.

By: Natalie Larsen

Cheer Nationals

The Belt School's Andrew and Kandice Stice went to Nationals for the Storm team located in Great Falls.

Avalanche, which is the senior team for Montana Storm, has members ranging from twelve to eighteen years old. The junior team, Lady Ice, ranges from ages nine to fourteen. A. Stice is a junior in Belt High School and has been cheering with Avalanche for two years. K. Stice has been cheering with Montana Storm for three years. She is a

member in the senior team and the junior team. Members are placed on teams based on their age and experience, so since both Stice children were placed on the senior Avalanche team, it shows that they have extreme prowess regarding their skills for cheering.

Both teams compete nationally and statewide. At this point, they have traveled to Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Colorado, Utah, Georgia, and Texas. Recently, these two teams received a bid, a special

invitation, to attend the D2 Summit in Orlando, Florida. Cheerleaders oftentimes refer to the Summit as the "Super bowl of cheerleading." It is an amazing feat to even be invited to this event because not many teams are considered. The Summit is the biggest cheer event of the year and is what they work for all season.

The *Valley Voice* wishes the Stice children good luck as they journey to their biggest competition of the year. **By: Sierra Reese**

Grade Cleanup

On April 15th, at 6:00 p.m., six students helped to freshen Belt's environment by cleaning up the Belt Grade. The grade is the road from the viaduct to the highway that makes a first impression on Belt's community and by picking up the garbage, it gives people a more pleasant image as they come down into the town of Belt.

The six students: Anthony Wall, Shelby Paulson, Sabrina Wing, Kenzie Martin, Raily Gliko and Lindsey Paulson, filled a total of eight bags full of garbage and each got two hours of community service. Mr. Hoyer says the students

did a fantastic job and had a lot of fun. Hoyer comments, "I think it is very important to have pride in your community and doing something like this helps establish a positive image."

Gliko said she had a lot of fun cleaning up the grade and they found lots of interesting items she never expected to discover. Gliko wanted to help neaten the entrance to Belt so that others coming in would see how great and welcoming the town is. She states that no one likes to see trash when they are driving so she was glad they had an opportunity to eliminate the gar-

bage. Gliko says the best part of the whole experience was riding in the back of the pickup with her friends and finding unexpected objects. Some more community activities Gliko would like to see is people volunteering their time at the senior center and more services that show that the community is involved and caring of the valley.

The students of Belt School are contributing to making Belt a better living environment. By just simply cleaning up garbage off the side of the grade, it gives people a better sense of the town of Belt.

By: Livvy Shelton

Junior ACT

Last Tuesday on August 2nd the junior class took a nationwide test called the ACT that gets the students ready to apply for college. The test was taken at the St. Marks Church right across from the school and all the students were there at 7:50 in the morning to prepare for the test. This year Mrs. Prody proctored the exam and read the directions from the ACT exam booklet. The ACT tests the student's ability to apply knowledge and concepts in math, science, and English without a list of anything to memorize.

After stressful weeks of studying for the ACT the juniors can finally be relieved of the pressure. The 11th graders no longer have to worry about the ACT but now they have to take on the journey of where they will go next. The juniors will get their results back in five to six weeks and will start applying to colleges in the fall of their senior year. A student can retake the ACT after they get their results to see if they can improve their score at all.

In 1959, ACT stood for "American College Testing" but as

of right now the ACT no longer stands for anything. The goal for the ACT was to find a way to test students for the information actually learned in school instead of just cognitive reasoning. The first ACT ever given was in 1959 and students were only tested on English, math, social studies, and natural sciences, with only forty-five minutes given for each. In the end colleges will take these scores and make admissions decisions to see where the student should be placed in his/her classes.

The test was originally an alternative to the SAT but is now a requirement for all juniors nationwide and the scores are accepted by every four-year college in the U.S. The exam consists of a forty-five minute tests on English. There are five essays with portions of underlined words and the student decides whether or not the underlined portion is right or wrong. The English test focuses on grammatical mistakes and punctuation errors over seventy-five questions.

The next section covers math from pre-algebra, algebra,

trigonometry, and geometry. Sixty questions are given to each student to complete this segment within sixty minutes.

In the next portion there are four passages of reading and each of the passages consists of ten questions and they have a limited amount of time, thirty-five minutes. With two sections left the students take on the science and reasoning part of the exam.

The science component is presented with forty questions in forty minutes and there are six groups of different variations of charts, graphs, summaries of science research, and conflicting viewpoints. The last segment of the test is the writing assessment and the students are required to write a persuasive essay on a provided topic in a time frame of forty minutes. The students are to state their position on the topic and give supporting evidence for why or why not.

Testing is a way of life in modern times and the ACT is a test used to get into colleges all over the United States.

By: Kolby Pimperton

Easter

In modern times, Easter is celebrated with a giant bunny that hides colorful eggs for children. However that is not the original story behind the date. Easter is a Christian holiday that celebrates the belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He was born around 0 A.D., and was crucified in roughly 30 A.D. Approximately 2.5 billion people on the planet practice Christianity. Jesus lived during the reigns of Roman Emperors, Caesar Augustus and Tiberius in the subkingdom of Judea. Ultimately, Jesus was sentenced by Pontius Pilate to be crucified on the cross.

Three days after his death Jesus is believed to have risen from the dead. The week of his death is known as "Holy Week" and is regarded as the most sacred week in the Christian calendar. This week includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday. Holy

Thursday is the celebration of Jesus' Last Supper (a celebration of Passover) with his twelve apostles. Good Friday was the day that Jesus' crucifixion was observed. His resurrection is recognized on Easter Sunday.

Some religions associate this holiday back to pre-Christian times. Jews don't necessarily celebrate Easter, but they do celebrate the Passover. The dinner celebrates the freedom of the Jewish slaves from the Egyptian pharos. Passover is an eight-day festival commemorating their liberation as a nation under the leadership of Moses. During this time they hold a dinner and each part of the meal has a significant meaning. Four glasses of wine are drank, bitter herbs are eaten, along with a hardboiled egg and bread.

Today the holiday is nationally celebrated with Easter eggs,

chocolates, and the Easter Bunny. In Washington, D.C the White House host a huge egg hunt for the local children. New York City held parades and bonnet pageants. California holds an "Eggstravaganza" on the West Coast.

As for the little town of Belt, an Easter egg hunt was put on at the park and the school decorated the halls with pastel colors, chicks and eggs. The school also used this time to give the students a four day weekend and a break from the stress of school. Other schools in the area, including the Great Falls district, had this entire week off. While many Belt students would like to have more days off, they fail to realize that Great Falls schools get out much later in the year due to this break. Religious or not, the *Valley Voice* hopes everyone had a Happy Easter.

By: Tori Shelton

State Geography Bee



On March 29th, eighth grader Tara Hedstrom headed to Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies in order to compete in the State Geography Bee.

After winning the school Geography Bee in November, Hedstrom took an online test in order to qualify for the state bee. Once being notified she had obtained a high enough score to attend the state bee, Hedstrom began practicing and learning loads information, so she could do well at the contest.

On the day of the state bee check in began at 8:00 a.m. From there the competitors were separated into groups of twenty, where they competed in eight rounds of

competition. At the end of these rounds the scores were tallied and if a student had correctly answered six or more questions they were able to move onto the final round. While Hedstrom did not have enough correct answers to move on to the final rounds of the bee, she definitely had a lot of fun competing against kids from all around the state,

When speaking with Hedstrom she stated, "I was really excited to compete against kids from all around Montana, but I was also really nervous about making a fool of myself. Hedstrom added, "It was a really great experience and I would definitely do it again if I had the change." Despite being nervous Hedstrom did a very good job at the bee, representing both herself and the Belt community very well.

By: Natalie Larsen

Ringling 5 Performance

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH AT THE BELT PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



6 P.M. (FAMILY FRIENDLY)
7:45 P.M. (ADULT CONTENT)

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Principal's Report

With summer fast approaching, Belt Schools has been action packed as both the students and faculty prepare for the year's end. During March and April, the spring festivities included the ACT, band performances, basketball tournaments and everything in between.

On March 23rd, the high schoolers attended prom with a carnival theme. The junior class worked hard to plan the night's events which featured not only a dance floor and deejay but games and prizes as well; however the Class of 2020 had to quickly shift gears after their night of fun in preparation for the ACT on April 2nd. The students should receive their scores by the end of the school year along with the sophomore who took the Pre- ACT on the 9th.

Three members of the high school: Sierra Reese, Riley Larson, and Aundrea Glick were inducted into the National Honor Society at their annual banquet on March 26th. At the banquet, former Husky and current medical student Renae Hepfner served as the guest speaker as the three inductees joined the chapter's twelve current members.

In other academic news, two

Husky teams competed in the 19th annual Principal's Cup on March 22nd. The teams consisted of Julia Vogt, Makayla O'Neil, Elyse Adams, Shelby Paulson, Adelle Meissner, Hunter Adams, Riley Larsen, Asa Jassen, and Lindsey Paulson. Jassen placed in the top 10 in the individual freshman competition and Vogt placed 3rd in the individual overall competition as well as top 10 in the individual senior division.

A computer science professor at Montana Tech met with the Web Design/Game Design and Information Processing classes to talk to the students about the growing industry of computer software and data science. A representative from WYO-TECH in Wyoming also visited the school. He presented to the industrial arts classes about their specialized technical school offerings and the numerous job opportunities in automobile and diesel mechanics. A teaching artist with the Art Mobile of Montana come to the school as well. The artist led to interactive presentations about different feelings and interpretations of artwork for elementary students as well as conducting two hands-on art lessons in the afternoon. The visita-

tion was funded by Indian Education for All funds as a portion of the program focused on Native Montana/Indian artwork.

On April 11th and 12th, the high school band and choir performed in the District Music Festival. The band received a number rating of one, superior and the choir earned a 2, excellent. The music department's spring concert was last night and their next performance will be at graduation.

Also on the 12th and continuing through the 14th, was the season-end middle school basketball tournaments. The boys' team captured first place, finishing with a perfect record, and the girls' team took third. The same weekend as the young athlete's tournament, was the local Craig Cummings Memorial Tournament and over Easter weekend Belt hosted the Oliver Larsen tournament.

Just this week the students returned from spring break and are very eager to wrap up the year and leave for the summer. While looking forward to the break ahead, the students know that the year is far from finished and their schedules remain busy. **By: Adelle Meissner**

Middle School Sports

April 11th through the 13th was the annual middle school basketball district tournament. The girls played the DGS bearcats first and in overtime won a close 26 to 25. Next the girls faced off with Roy-Winifred but sadly lost with a final score of 25 to 42. Then the girls beat Tri-Cities to move onto the third place game. Finally, the girls beat Centerville 30 to 20, which was especially exciting because they had lost to them twice earlier in the season. Mrs. Renzi Horton, the middle school basketball coach stated, "We played really well at the tournament, and beating

Centerville after losing to them twice by twenty was great!"

The boy's team also had a very successful weekend. On Thursday the boys played DGS and won easily with a final score of 41 to 18. Next the boys battled against Centerville and won 50 to 31 and secured the tournament championship. Mr. Tony Cooper said, "Our expectations were met. We expected to win each game and bring home the championship, and we did." When asking what Cooper was looking forward to for next year he stated, "We have a great group of 7th and 6th grad-

ers returning to playing next season so everyone is looking forward to next year and having another great season and bringing home another championship."

With the end of middle school basketball season forty six students joined this year's track team. Horton, who is also the middle school track coach, said, "I am looking forward to track because it is outdoors!" The *Valley Voice* would like to congratulate both basketball teams on an excellent season, and wish luck to those continuing on with track as Belt spring sports continue. **By: Natalie Larsen**

Calendar of Events

4/26	7:30 a.m.	Golf Meet @ Fort Benton
4/26	2:30 p.m.	Dance Recital on Stage
4/26—5/1		National DECA in Orlando Florida
4/27	7:00 a.m.	Golf Meet @ Fairfield
4/27	8:30 a.m.	HS Track @ Great Falls
4/26—5/1		National DECA in Orlando Florida
5/1	All Day	Elementary Shakespeare in Schools @ MPR (Multi-Purpose Room)
5/3	6:30 a.m.	Golf Meet @ Cut Bank
5/3	7:30 a.m.	Pre-District Track Meet in Great Falls
5/3	7:30 a.m.	Muffins for Moms in Library
5/3	2:30 p.m.	Dance Recital on Stage
5/3	3:00 p.m.	Craft Fair in MPR
5/3—5/4		State Music Festival
5/4		Craft Fair in MPR
5/4	6:30 a.m.	Golf Meet @ Chinook Golf Club
5/6—5/10		Teacher Appreciation Week
5/8		3 rd Grade Buffalo Jump Field Trip
5/8		Spanish Trip into Great Falls
5/8	6:30 p.m.	Senior Dinner @ St. Mark's
5/9		4 th Grade Field Trip into Great Falls
5/10	2:30 p.m.	Dance Recital on Stage
5/10		District Track Meet

Senior Schedule

4/26		Senior Picture for hall due to Patty
		Senior Picture for yearbook due to Elyse and Tori
		Slide show pictures (10-15) due to Elyse and Tori
		Roses order due to Mrs. Gliko (up to 15 roses will be covered by the class, additional roses will be purchased by the student)
5/1		RSVP for Senior Dinner to Patty or Mrs. Gliko
5/8		AP English Exam
	6:30 p.m.	Senior Dinner @ St. Mark's Church
5/10		District Track Meet
		Honors Portfolios due to Mrs. Gliko
5/13	8:30 a.m.	Academic Awards Assembly
5/14	6:30 p.m.	Honors Presentations in Library
5/14—5/15		Senior Final Exams
5/16		Divisional Track Meet
5/17		Graduation Rehearsal in the morning and <u>Senior Checkout</u>
5/19	2:00 p.m.	Graduation
5/21	5:30 p.m.	Spring Sports Banquet

Scholarships

Name	Amount	Requirements	Due
Belt Valley Bank Community Scholarship	2 \$1000 Awards	2.5 GPA or better. Based on academic achievement, educational goals, school extracurricular activities, and community activities. Special awards, financial need, or results of ACT or SAT may be looked at as well.	April 26 th
Matt Darko Scholarship	1 \$1500 for 1 boy & girl	Belt 2019 graduate with at least a 2.0 GPA. Creative essay on "Where will I be and what will I be doing five years from now?" No required word count or length.	April 26 th
Belt School Educational Foundation Scholarship	1 \$500	Belt 2019 graduate attending a college, university, or trade school during the fall immediately after graduation	May 1 st
Cummings Leadership Scholarship	\$500	Belt 2019 graduate attending any college or trade school (requires a chronological list of leadership positions during HS and essay)	May 1 st
Hoyer Family Scholarship	1 \$1000	Must be a Belt senior during application submission and attending a 4 yr. college/university, a 2 yr. institution where credits are transferred to a 4 yr. institution, or a trade school	May 1 st
Helen Wood Memorial Scholarship	\$500	Graduate of Belt High pursuing a degree at a MT college, university, or 2 yr. institution where credits transfer to a 4 yr institution.	May 1 st
Eva Strober Scholarship	\$500	Graduate of Belt High pursuing a degree at a MT college, university, or 2 yr. institution where credits transfer to a 4 yr institution.	May 1 st