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On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup>, eight DECA students hit the runway for their big trip to Orlando, Florida. The Belt kids that attended the International Career Developing Conference (ICDC) in Orlando were: Senior Tori Shelton (T. Shelton), juniors Maggie Andrews, Keely Drummond, Natalie Larsen (N. Larsen), Anthony Wall, William Franzen, and sophomores: Livvy Shelton (L. Shelton), and Riley Larsen (R. Larsen), the finalist were accompanied by Mrs. Patty Kolar and her Daughter Marci. During this six day trip, the chapter members were able to experience Disney World, Universal Studios, The Embassy Suits, and the warm sunshine of Florida.

International DECA is an organization dedicated to preparing students for success after high school by engaging them in real world business scenarios. Members come from eight nations on three continents annually to meet in major U.S. cities to compete in a variety of events.

7:00 a.m. on that Friday, the

students hopped on a bus to Bozeman to fly out. They touched down in Orlando roughly around 1:00 the next morning. On Saturday, they enjoyed a fun filled day at Disney World. They went on rides, shopped and simply soaked up some Florida sun. Saturday night also hosted the opening ceremony at teh4 conference itself, a traditional opening event at nationals. At this event, the students were able to trade pins with other states and listen to the keynote speaker and the Blue Man Group.

Sunday was the day for project check-ins and the start of the Leadership program. The students that were competing had to officially submit their projects and get their competition times. For L. Shelton and R. Larsen, their day started much earlier, as they began their first day at the Ignite Leadership training. After this, the rest of the day was used as the students pleased. As a group they decided to go to one of the many outlet malls of the city. *(Cont. Pg. 3)*

## Graham's Trip to Chicago

On April 23<sup>rd</sup> the Graham family headed east to Chicago where 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Ellison got her chance to compete against the best shooters at the Elks National Hoop Shoot free throw contest. Graham dominated at the local, city, state, and regional competitions and moved on with hopes of becoming a national champ.

The national contest took place on April 27<sup>th</sup> at Roosevelt University in Chicago. Graham finished 10<sup>th</sup> but felt that she could have done better as she did not shoot as well as she did in her previous levels of competition.

There was more to do in the Windy City then just shooting hoops and two highlights for the family were trips to the world famous Shedd Aquarium on Lake Shore Drive and a visit to legendary Wrigley Field to take in a Cubs baseball game. *(Cont. Pg. 2)*



## Graham's Trip (Cont.)

An interesting connection was made between the Grahams and 1980 Belt High graduate Collin Anderson. The Grahams and Anderson met in Chicago and learned that they both played a role in the Chester school. Anderson routinely returns to belt and actually attended Chester Schools when he was a youngster before moving to Belt in grade school.

The trip back from Chicago was exciting for the family. They flew back on Sunday the 28<sup>th</sup> when Montana was experiencing a white out. The group woke up at 4:00

a.m. and drove to the airport where they departed from Chicago and landed in Denver at around 10:30 a.m. When they got to Denver they found that their connecting flight was canceled and another flight to Great Falls would not take place until the following Tuesday. The Grahams were stuck in the Denver Airport for twelve hours and when they finally found a flight back to Montana they had to fly into Billings. The Grahams got to board a new plane at around 10:00 that night and when they reached Billings it was about 11:30 p.m.

They stayed with friends that night and borrowed a pick-up to get back home the next day and head right to track practice.

Compete, Connect, Succeed: that is the motto of the Elks Hoop Shoot and they want to teach kids to learn how to set their mind to it. E. Graham said that she had fun this year and hopes that next year she will have the opportunity to come back. The *Valley Voice* would like to congratulate Elli on her successes so far this year and wishes her good luck on her future competitions. **By: Kolby Pimperton**

## Dance Design Studio

Dance classes have returned to Belt, as Kylie Urick, owner of Dance Design Studio, has taken on the challenge of nurturing young talent. She teaches two age groups during practices held in the new Multi-purpose room at the school.

The pre dance class is for three to five year olds. This age group learns the basics of ballet and tap. The six to twelve year olds learn similar techniques but at an advanced level. Finally, the competition team also learns tap and ballet.

Each of these classes cost twenty dollars a month for the thirty minute sessions and twenty five dollars per month for the forty minute sessions. If a family has multiple children participating in the dance classes, then five dollars is taken off of the normal class for each additional sibling.

On Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. the students showed off their skills with a performance in the

Multi-purpose room.

In the future, there may be several new classes, such as a pre cheer class for five to seven year olds along with ballet, tap, lyrical dance, and a hip hop class if enough people are interested. Classes could



also be held on a different day for the upcoming season.

Another recital will be held on May 25<sup>th</sup> and is titled "Alice's Adventures". This program will delight audiences at C.M. Russell's Bill Williamson Auditorium in

Great Falls. There will be two shows that day. The first begins at 1:00 p.m. while the second performance is slated to commence at 5:30. Each showing will last approximately one hour.

As a new squad, this year's team did not travel to competitions, but that is likely to change. Next year they will most likely attend one competition, but Urick claims that she wants to eventually begin traveling more. Her ultimate goal is to make it to Nationals.

Be sure to support these amazing groups of dancers as their season concludes. To contact Dance Design Studio, call (406) 952-0315. Another

method of reaching the organization would be to reach out to them through their Facebook page, which is simply titled "Dance Design Studio." This program has brought dancing back into Belt and the hope is that it will thrive for years to come. **By: Sierra Reese**

National DECA (Cont.)

Monday was competition time. Franzen had the earliest time to present his Integrated Marketing Campaign Product (IMCP). Drummond and Andrews were next with their Public Relations Project (PRP). T. Shelton, N. Larsen, and Wall concluded the day with their Community Service Project (CSP).

After a stressful day of competing, the group, thanks to the generous donations of the Belt Valley Bank, were able to attend “DECA Night” at Universal Studios. From 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. the park was open for DECA students only. For N. Larsen this was the most exciting new experience.

Unfortunately, none of the students made it to finals. However,

Drummond and Andrews did place in the event.

They concluded their trip on Tuesday. The students spent most of the day at Disney World, exploring the park and taking in the last of the trip. That night they all decided to have a nice meal to end their trip. They went to the Cheesecake Factory and relished in the delightful desserts. “The last dinner at the Cheesecake Factory was my favorite because we had a lot of fun.” N. Larsen noted. After dinner the group headed back to the hotel and prepared for the long day ahead of them on their return trip home.

The 2018-2019 DECA season came to an end when the students arrived in Montana. Most re-

turned home with hopes of returning to the next ICDC. The next conference will be held in Tennessee. Larsen states that she is very excited for her final year of DECA. “I’ll do the same project because I learned a lot and am excited to make it better.”

For some, this trip marked their first time on an airplane and even away from home. For T. Shelton, this conference was her last, concluding her four year DECA career in Belt. For others like Wall and Franzen, this was their first ICDC and was filled with brand new experiences. Over all the trip was a success. It created unforgettable memories and a trip of a life time. **By: Tori Shelton**

Vaping Education

Back in December, all students in grades six through twelve gathered in the gymnasium for a presentation on E-Cigarettes and Vape Pens. Kris Minard, from OPI, gave a presentation that highlighted the dangers and explained the safety issues when it comes to this issue.

In coordination with this presentation, Belt Public School has also been educating students about the dangers of vaping. Additional emphasis on vaping in the Tobacco Units in Health Class, along with Husky Time Lessons and guest presentations have all been included in this year’s curriculum to ensure kids know the danger in E-Cigarettes and Vape Pens. The administration believes these routes have been very effective at creating both awareness and knowledge of facts when it comes to vaping.

While it is difficult to predict trends in usage within the student population in coming years, it is a concern of administrations all around the state as Belt is not the only school taking action.

“Safer Doesn’t Mean Safe” was the main take-a-way from the presentation in December, as Minard explained that these products may be safer than cigarettes but still dangerous. Another important message from the presentation was, E-Cigarettes may contain ingredients that are known to be toxic to humans. Because clinical studies about the safety of e-cigarettes have not been submitted to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), a person has no way of knowing what is actually in them. Along with this it was stressed that nicotine is a poison, while also being an insecticide and toxicant. There has been a significant increase in poisoning cases linked to E-Cigarettes, with 1,351 cases in 2013 a three hundred percent increase from 2012. These numbers are growing each year, as the problem is growing at a rapid pace. Many vaping products actually a much higher level of nicotine that a regular cigarette.

This presentation along with the efforts made by the school give

students the information they need to make smart decisions and realize the dangers of these products.

Along with educating the students it is important to note that E-Cigarettes and Vape pens are considered tobacco products and are not allowed on school property, meaning bringing them onto campus will result in disciplinary consequences. **By: Natalie Larsen**

**Honors Presentations**

Three graduating seniors, Elyse Adams, MaKayla O’Neil, and Julia Vogt have earned Belt High School Honors diplomas that represent a commitment to academic excellence.

They will present their honors portfolios before the school board, teachers, and administration in the school library on Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The public is invited to attend this celebration of learning. *Congratulations to all three of these outstanding students!*

## High School Track and Field

With the end of the season approaching this weekend, the athletes of the Husky track and field team have been putting forth their best efforts in preparation for the postseason. In the past fortnight, the entire team traveled to Great Falls for two meets including the second annual Belt-Fairfield Invitational and the 10C Preview Meet. Belt athletes who are in the top eight rankings also attended the Cascade Top 8 Meet in Great Falls and the freshmen gained some extra experience at the Great Falls High Freshman Invite.



There were thirty two teams in attendance at the Belt-Fairfield Invitational on April 27<sup>th</sup> and despite the increased number of competitors, Husky athletes still found success. The girls' team accumulated 29 points and the boys earned 26. Lindsey Paulson claimed first in the 400 meter dash, breaking the tape at 60.86 and placed second in the 300 hurdles, stopping the clock at 50.10. Brook Schraner took sixth in the 300 hurdles with a time of 52.30 and Kolby Pimperton captured fourth in the two mile, completed the 3200 meters in 13:28.07. The girls' long relay placed sixth, tag-teaming the mile in 4:33.92.

For the boys, Kaimen Evans completed the 400 meter dash in 52.19 and claimed fourth place and Aidan McDaniel totaled two laps in 2:06.38 to get second in the 800. In the two mile, Robbie Gliko earned sixth place as he stopped the clock at 11:13.96. Hunter Vogl found

success in both the hurdles races, getting third in both, completing the 110's in 17.33 and the 300's in 43.53. To conclude the day, the boys' long relay placed sixth with a time of 3:47.44.

Husky athletes who qualified for the Top 8 Meet included: Cooper, Raily Gliko, Meissner, L. Paulson, S. Paulson, Pimperton, Schraner, Evans, Robbie Gliko, Hepfner, Jassen, Langston, McDaniel, Vogl, and Wall. The girls claimed second overall with a score of 70 and the boys placed third with an accumulative score of 57. Schraner was the first girl to participate in the meet, taking sixth in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.06. Schraner also placed third in the 300 meter hur-

dles, clearing the obstacles in 51.54. L. Paulson came in right behind Schraner at 52.14 to earn fourth. L. Paulson also placed second in the 400 meter dash, stopping the clock at 60.77. Meissner finished the 100 meter dash in 13.49 seconds, good for fifth place and also took fifth in the 200 meter dash with a tie of 28.25. Pimperton earned her points in the mile and two mile, taking



second in the 1600 (6:02.22) and capturing first in the 3200, totaling the eight laps in 13:39.34. Both the girls relay teams took second, the short relay with a time of 53.89 and the long relay with a time of 4:28.37. In the field events, Raily Gliko took fourth in the shot put with a heave of 32-03. Cooper placed sixth in high jump clearing 4-06 and Meissner earned second in long jump with a leap of 15-06.

Vogl kicked off scoring for the boys in the 110 meter hurdles, taking fourth place with a time of 16.8. Vogl also claimed second in the 300 meter hurdles, clearing the obstacles in 41.7. Evans then took the track and placed fifth in the 200 meter dash (23.92) and first in the 400, winning by two seconds with a time of 51.36. McDaniel was up next for the 800 where he placed second, completing the two laps in 2:06.52. In the 1600, Hepfner placed fifth (5:07.76) and Jassen earned sixth (5:09). Jassen also took fifth in the two mile with a time of 11:28.20 and Robbie Gliko claimed second, stopping the clock at 10:53.68. The boys' 4x100 meter relay team totaled the 400 meters in 46.82 capturing fourth place and the 4x400 meter relay team completed the 1600 meters in 3:44.09 to take second as the day's events ended.

On May 2<sup>nd</sup>, the freshmen squad attended a meet at Memorial Stadium at GFHS. (Cont. on Pg.5)

Track and Field (Cont.)

The girls team totaled 36 points and earned sixth place and the boys accumulated 14. L. Paulson kicked off the Husky effort with a second-place finish in the 100-meter dash (13.60). She also claimed first in the 800 with a time of 2:33.08. In the field events, Raily Gliko won the shot put with a throw of 32-01 and took fifth in the discus, flinging the disc 73-00. Ahmia Lords captured third in the discus with a throw of 81-03 to wrap up scoring for the girls.

Hepfner got things started for the boys with a third-place finish in the 400-meter dash, stopping the clock at 57.78. Hepfner also finished third in the two mile, totaling the eight laps in 11:27.42. Gabe Triplett took sixth in the 300-meter hurdles, clearing the obstacles in 54.01 and Landon Nelson got sixth in discus with a throw of 92-08 to conclude the day's events.

While the Huskies are not part of the 10C District, they still participated in the 10C Preview Meet on May 3rd. Both Belt teams took first place, the girls totaling 132 points and the boys racking up 118. The girls first point of the day came from Schraner as she took first in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 17.78 and second in the 300's, clearing the obstacles in 50.96. Meissner then took over scoring in the 100-meter dash with third place and a time of 14.25. Meissner also took second in the 200-meter dash (28.63) while L.

Paulson came in first, stopping the clock at 28.28. L. Paulson also won the 400 (62.28) and the 800 (2:33.92) while her sister, S. Paulson earned fifth in the 800 with a time of

2:42.49. Pimperton then added some points to the Husky tally as she claimed second in the mile and the two miles, totaling the four laps in 6:14.05 and completing the eight in 13:19.45. The girls' short relay earned third (54.39) and the long relay also earned a bronze medal (4:33.69). In the field, Raily Gliko threw the shot put 33-11.5 and took second as well as taking fifth in discus with a fling of 84-04. Cooper claimed the high jump title as she cleared 4-09, took fourth in triple with a jump of 30-04, and earned third in long jump (14-02) while Meissner captured first with a leap of 15-03 to conclude scoring for the Lady Huskies.

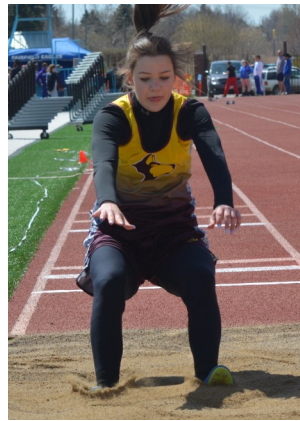
Vogl and Langston kicked off the meet for the boys with consecutive finishes in the 110-meter hurdles; Vogl took first (17.63) and Langston came in close behind (17.68). Vogl went on to place second in the 300-meter hurdles, crossing the finish line as the clock read 43.44 and fifth in the 200-meter dash with a time of 25.37. Evans then dominated the 400-meter dash, completing the lap in 52.66, three seconds ahead of the second-place finisher.

McDaniel took fifth in the race with a time of 55.83 and claimed first in the 800 with a time of 2:08.5, ahead of Hepfner who got second and

finished in 2:17.82. Hepfner also placed second in the 1600-meter run (5:08.28) along with Robbie Gliko who earned first (5:08.24), Jassen who took third (5:12.29), and AJ Hook who notched sixth (6:22.27). Robbie Gliko also completed the 3200-meter run in 11:19.08 to take second and Jassen totaled the eight laps in 11:38.23 for third place. The boys 4x100 meter relay placed third (47.52) and the 4x400 meter relay took second (3:44.82). In the field, Gavin Robertst heaved the shot put 40-02.75 and captured third while Brandon Wall placed sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 32-08 to conclude the boys' scoring.

Today was the last meet for all the athletes to compete in as they traveled to Memorial Stadium for the 8C District Meet. Competitors who place fifth or above in their event will advance to the Northern C Divisional Meet in Great Falls next Thursday. If the athletes place sixth or better at the divisional meet they will advance to state in Laurel on May 24<sup>th</sup>; however, some athletes can attend the state meet without going through districts and divisionals if they achieve a time or mark that is considered "pre-qualifying." Evans pre-qualified in the 400-meter dash and Vogl joined him in the 300-meter hurdles.

The Voice wishes all the track and field athletes the best of luck and will follow them on to the state meet in Laurel on May 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. **By: Adelle Meissner**



## Drummond Rides High

Sports have always been a long standing tradition at Belt High School, and Brady Drummond is no exception. Although her sport takes place in an arena instead of on the field or the hardwood, Drummond is excelling in High School Rodeo.

Although this is Drummond's first year of competing at the high school level, she has been battling in junior rodeos and barrel races for over six years. Rodeo has always been in the cards for Drummond, since she comes from a family interested in all things equine. When asked why she decided to continue that tradition, she stated "I love rodeo and competing and it's been in the family for generations". She plans to continue competing and riding for as long as possible.

Drummond participates in pole bending, barrel racing, and goat tying. She uses her horse Sailor for



goat tying, while her other horse, Flicker, runs the poles and barrels. She has already placed in multiple rodeos and qualified for the state event scheduled for June in Baker. To qualify for state in any event, you must at least have one point in that event. In order to get points, you need to place in the top 10 in that event during a rodeo.

The State champion is based on who has the most points throughout the whole season. The top four from state will advance to the High School Rodeo National Finals in Rock Springs, Wyoming on July 14<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>. Fifth through eighth place at state will go to the Silver State International Rodeo in Winnemucca, Nevada.

The *Valley Voice* would like to wish Drummond good luck in the rest of her season and in future rodeos.

**By: Abby Gliko**

## Belt Alumnus on the Move

2017 Belt High graduate Kassie Hoyer grew up with a basketball in her hands. In her years at Belt High, Hoyer was part of three state basketball championships and a member of the first volleyball state championship team. Upon graduation Hoyer decided to extend her basketball career and her college degree. Her post-secondary career began at Sheridan Community College in Wyoming, where she spent the last two years studying math education with a minor in business and fighting for the Generals.

After averaging about eight points per game the last two years she now plans to further her career at Black Hills State in Spearfish, South Dakota, home of the Yellow Jackets. Hoyer's new hoops coach stated that he is excited to have a player like



Kassie with as much desire as she displays for the game. Head coach Mark Nore told the media, "Hoyer is a tremendous kid and player. She works hard and just has a great passion for the game. She is an undersized post but is able to guard multiple positions because of her fearlessness and willingness to do whatever."

Hoyer's new team competes in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference with teams from Colorado, New Mexico, South Dakota, Nebraska and Utah. Spearfish is in central western South Dakota and located on the north slopes of the Black Hills with an enrollment of just over 4,000 students. The *Valley Voice* would like to wish Hoyer good luck in her future athletic and academic endeavors.

**By: Kolby Pimperton**

## Muffins for Moms



With Mother's Day looming two days hence, the elementary students conducted a special treat to celebrate their moms last week.

Children in pre-k through fifth grade were able to bring their mothers to the school in the morning and "make them breakfast", while also supplying them with specialized cards made during class. The event was attended by around four dozen young-

sters, all with their mothers in tow. The morning was enjoyed by all who shared in the experience.

Not to be outdone though, the kids will also be hosting Donuts for Dads on May 17<sup>th</sup>. These events were started by Ms. McNally three years ago with the goal of integrating classroom activities and quality family time. These galas were a smashing success and will continue for many years to come.

**By: Abby Gliko**

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## To The Links

On Friday the 26<sup>th</sup> seven girls journeyed to Signal Point in Fort Benton to enjoy a full day of golf. The results from this meet were excellent, as Karlee Permann once again led the way with a 105. Freshmen Charla Hook (133) was the only one to PR on this windy day, but that did not stop others from shooting excellent rounds. Sierra Reese (112) and Sydne Flinn (118) also shot well as both of them scored below the state qualifying mark. Raenita Berlinger, Candyce Davison and Sarah Dollenger also attended the meet, shooting 126, 127 and 148 respectively. The team score from this day was a 335, which was a combination of the lowest three scores (good for 2<sup>nd</sup> place).

The following day, Saturday the 27<sup>th</sup>, five girls went to Fairfield and had an excellent day. Flinn shot 110, as the weather finally decided to fully cooperate. Following Flinn, was Dollenger who shot a 120, but was not marked, meaning it was not a state qualifying score. Davison and Maddie Osterman both shot well, as they were not far from the state qualifying mark with a 124

and 125. Hook also attended the meet shooting a 145. 359 was the team score for this day but Coach Stinson was very impressed with the scores from this meet since the golfers made impressive progress.

The last regular season meet took place in Chinook on May 4<sup>th</sup>. The day was very chilly, especially with the wind making for difficult scoring conditions. Regardless, Reese led the pack this time with a 107. Following close behind was Flinn and Permann with a 110 and 111. The meet also provided three more state qualifiers including: Senior Raenita Berlinger (115), Junior Candyce Davison (116) and Freshmen Maddie Osterman (119). Juniors Kyelie Marquis and Natalie Larsen also scored well with a 116 and 123. Sarah Dollenger and Charla Hook also attended the meet shooting 130 and 144, both shooting personal bests at their last meet. The three lowest scores were added up for a team score of 328.

This year was groundbreaking for the Lady Huskies, as ten of the thirteen girls in the program qualified for the state meet this coming week in Seeley Lake. In

2013 nine girls qualified for the state meet, but this year is the most the program has ever seen reach the mark. Not all ten girls can attend state, as a full state team consists of only four members. On Saturday the state team was announced and includes; senior Tori Shelton, juniors Permann and Flinn and sophomore Reese. The four were chosen based on meet averages, meaning the four lowest averages were given the opportunity to go to state.

On Tuesday the 7<sup>th</sup> the state team traveled to the Double Arrow Course for the pre-state meet to get a taste of the course before next week. The day was extremely nice and the girls performed very well. Coach Stinson and Coach Koontz both have high expectations for the actual state meet next week.

Even if those who qualified did not attend the state meet, they will all receive letters at this year's Spring Sports Banquet on Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup>. The *Valley Voice* would like to congratulate all of those who qualified for the state and wish luck to those participating in the state tournament on Tuesday and Wednesday. **By: Natalie Larsen**

Although it is technically spring, winter seems to be hanging on as there has been quite a bit of snowfall in the past couple of weeks. This adds to the dangers of drinking and driving because of poor road conditions.

Don't ruin your life or someone else's by deciding to hop in the driver's seat after having a little as one alcoholic beverage. Each year more than ten thousand people drive in DUI related accident. Don't become part of this statistic. The choice is really quite simple...

## Never Drink and Drive!

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This message brought to you by your  
Cascade DUI Task Force



## City News-March

On March 20<sup>th</sup>, the second monthly meeting for the city of Belt was called to order at 7:00 p.m.. In attendance was Mayor James Olson, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling, Aldermen Delbert Darko, Paul Heikkila, Sally Miller, Annie Porter, Russell Roberts, and David Egert, project engineer Idaho Trenberth, and six citizens.

The first item discussed by the council was in regard to the mine water cleanup. Bill Snoddy gave a report about DEQ's (Department of Environmental Quality) newly revised plan to construct a plant on the hill above the water tanks rather than at Coke Oven Flats as previously discussed. Snoddy indicated that the proposed new location would result in a significantly lower cost to the project and that different options for where to send the discharge water were being considered. He continued to report that DEQ was in the process of developing job description for the plant operator and that a minimum of three people would be required to cover that position. Snoddy stated that Belt would eventually acquire all the land in Coke Oven Flats that DEQ previously gained by quiet title and options of using

city water at the plant are being considered as the project now has a time line proposed startup date of next year.

Idaho Trenberth then spoke to the council about the Waste Water Expansion Project and the Lift Station Project as well as the proposal to refinance the 1997 sewer loan. Mayor Olson questioned whether contingency project funds could be used to build a new wildlife fence around the lagoons and to perhaps engage in a program to power the lagoons with solar based energy. Trenberth stated that both may be possible an indicated that NCI would be seeking an increase to their contract amount for both the Waste Water Expansion and Lift Station Projects. Clerk Schilling said that a change order consideration would have to be made public and listed as an agenda item and the discussion was tabled until the April 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

The council then revisited the tabled motion concerning the Belt Park Board's efforts to build a new foot bridge. Alderman Darko reiterated that the city of Belt would not in any way be contractually or financially bound to the Park Board's activities. Nadine Harding-

er had asked about the council's feelings in having a new foot bridge and Darko reported that a simple motion consisting in part of the originally proposed motion would fill the bill. Darko made a motion saying, "The council declares, by this motion that they are in favor of having a new footbridge within the city limits." The motion passed by a unanimous vote.

Mayor Olson then announced that the Department of Agriculture was making funding available to the town by way of their Invasive Species Program. Olson reported that up to \$42,000 would be available for Belt to carry out its own snail abatement activities. He said that such a program could include but not be limited to purchase of iron oxide snail killer, and the purchase of hand spreader and non-mechanized equipment that could be made available to the public. The council was unanimously interested in pursuing that program.

With no business left to attend to, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.. The next meeting of the council will be on May 1<sup>st</sup>; the meeting is open to the public and residents' attendance is encouraged.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## State Fair Art

As part of Belt's art education program students have a chance to turn in State Fair projects in multiple competitive exhibits.

The fair takes place the last part of July and ends the start of August. The categories for the events consists of drawings, painting, sculptures, and quilts. The carnival does not set an age limit on who can turn in projects as long as the students are enrolled in school. There isn't a ceiling on how many projects a student can turn in but at most two to three drawings.

For submission, artwork

must be matted, matted and framed, or just framed to be ready to hang up for display. Having the art matted or framed does cost some money and is the main reason it is advisable to limit a person's entries. To purchase a mat or frame, students can shop at Hobby Lobby or Michaels. The project will have to be turned in to Mr. Adams during the last two weeks of school.

Students do not have to participate in entering projects in the fair, but seventh grade through twelfth students were required to complete a project that could be

submitted if they choose to do so. Adams says there is a small scholarship competition for eighth grade and seniors. Students interested should contact Mr. Adams.

Another announcement came out of the art department this week, as Mr. Adams will be leaving Belt to take a position as an art teacher in Utah after thirteen years in Belt. His time here has been a great benefit to the school and community and all will miss him and family when they depart. More to follow in the next edition. Of the voice.

**By: Livvy Shelton**



## City News-April

On April 3<sup>rd</sup>, the first monthly meeting for the town of Belt was called to order. In attendance was Mayor James Olson, Clerk-Treasurer Lynn Schilling, Aldermen Delbert Darko Sally Miller, Paul Heikkila, Dave Eggert, Russell Roberts, and Annie Porter Project Engineer Idaho Trenberth, Captain VanDyken and Undersheriff Reeves of the Cascade County Sheriff's Office, as well as four members of the public.

Captain VanDyken was the first attendee to present. VanDyken presented the 2020 budget including the increase to the town. The contract amount for the fiscal year of 2020, beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2019 will be \$58,255.57 and will be divided into two equal halves.

VanDyken also reported that the Sheriff's Department would supply two deputies to cover the Cummings Basketball Tournament and the aftermath. It was indicated that the coverage of this year's event would be free but future coverage would cost extra.

Mayor Olson then addressed the extra cost by commenting that in the future, costs for law enforcement should be passed onto the or-

ganizers of the event. Undersheriff Reeves pointed out that the future cost would be \$70-110 per hour for each deputy. He also reported that the department is moving ahead with preliminary plans to bring back the resident deputy program and the law enforcement contract was placed on the future agenda for the council's approval.

Bill Nebel then presented his proposal for plans to add 50 to 55 condos to county land east of Belt. Nebel expressed interest in having that ground annexed into the City of Belt and stated that the contractor would not be interested in the project unless the annexation took place. Nebel indicated that he would like to supply the housing development with city water and sewer and will return with a contract proposal when he has generated one; no action was taken and the discussion was tabled.

Idaho Trenberth then proposed two contract amendments on behalf of NCI Engineering. The two amendments would increase payments by the City of Belt to \$30,000 with regards to the Waste Water Expansion Project and increase the payments by the city to

\$19,000 for the Lift Station Repair and Replacement Project. The motions were approved by a unanimous vote.

Trenberth also reported that the final design and plans for the Lift Station Project would be submitted to DEQ on Friday and that the startup and public works training for the new sewer irrigation system would be conducted on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Olson then informed the council that the Department of Agriculture's proposed interagency agreement with Belt would be explored more in depth. The DOA proposes turning over funding in the amount of \$42,000 to the town with an agreement to use the money toward the DOA's program to abate the invasive snail species that has inhabited Belt for several years.

Mayor Olson concluded the meeting by urging citizens to help out the local senior center by buying an annual membership for \$10. With no further business to attend to, the meeting was adjourned. The next council meeting is set for May 15<sup>th</sup> and as always residents are encouraged to attend.

**By: Adelle Meissner**

## Shhh...Testing

For the last four years Belt has been administrating AP tests. All AP testing takes place in May. On Wednesday, the AP English exam was given to three seniors. Yesterday, Mrs. Horton gave her second ever AP Chemistry test. Today the AP U.S History exam is underway, but due to District Track, there will be a makeup test on May 23<sup>rd</sup> for students that missed it. For one student, an AP Calculus test will also take place on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

AP classes are only offered to juniors and seniors with a total of nineteen students taking the tests

this year. Some young scholars are even taking more than one. All the test are taken in Mrs. Gliko's counseling classroom and will last approximately three and a half hours. Every year the students taking the test are responsible for paying the test fees, which is \$94 dollars each.

AP classes are more rigorous and challenging than regular classes. Since AP classes are college-level, they demonstrate to colleges that a student is willing to challenge themselves and prepare for college and beyond. If the student passes the AP exam, many col-

leges will accept the scores for credit, saving both time and money along the way to a student's education.

AP classes are a great opportunity for students in high school. It prepares them greatly for college and helps them become better students. It also challenges teachers to go beyond their normal routine and prepare students for a different sort of assessment. While it's stressful, as many tests are, it is also a worthwhile new component in meeting the educational goals at Old Belt High. **By: Tori Shelton**

## Spring Concert

On April 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., the Main Gym hosted the fifth through twelfth grade spring concert. The theme was “Waves of Music” meaning the music focused on surfing, waves, and the joy of spending time on the water. Each group performed two to four pieces each. It was a very enjoyable performances for people to watch.

The fifth grade band began by warming up their instruments. For this, they played “Standard of Excellence.” The two pieces that they performed were a theme from “Symphony No. 1” by Johannes Brahms and “Erie Canal Capers” which is an American traditional piece. This was their first year performing and they have made a very obvious amount of progress since they first performed at the beginning of the year.

The sixth grade band performed three songs: “La Morisque (Renaissance Dance) Susato” arranged by Balmages, “Lock Lomond,” a Scottish Folk Song, and “Cossack Marching Song,” which is a traditional Russian piece ar-

ranged by R. Sheldon. “Lock Lomond” featured two soloists: David Bond and Luke Highfill.

The seventh and eighth grade choir performed “Cool Water” by Bob Nolan and “Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride” arranged by Mac Huff. “Hawaiian Roller Coaster Ride” featured two middle school soloists, Kennedie Martin and Chloe Lehnerz. Martin is a seventh grader and Lehnerz is an eighth grader. Grace Davison, a member of the Belt High School choir, is assisting in the piece as well.

The seventh and eighth grade band played two extremely interesting pieces. First, they performed “Mystery of the Maya John Edmondson.” Second, they played “Mission: Impossible” by Lalo Schifrin and arranged by Lavender. This proved to be an extremely interesting performance by this group. They blew the audience away with their intensity and clear commitment to their performance.

The high school choir performed four pieces. They began with an intense song, “Keep your

Lamps” by Victor Johnson. For their second number they sang “Inscription of Hope” by Z. Randall Stroope. Second to last, they blew the crowd away with “Beyond the Sea” arranged by Andy Beck. As their final piece of the night, they performed “Tribute to Bon Jovi” arranged by Andy Beck.

The high school band played three songs, two of which they performed at District Music Festival. They began with “Kaleidoscope” by Frank Beniciscutto and then went on to “Faure: Pavane” by Gabriel Faure that was arranged by Anne McGinty. They ended their performance and the concert with “Highlights from Moana” by Lin-Manuel Miranda, which was arranged by Johnny Vinson.

This was an incredible final performance of the year. The music department, under the leadership of Mr. Sutton, continues to show great promise, and will continue to get better as it has already grown so much since the start of this school year. **By: Sierra Reese**

### Book Fair

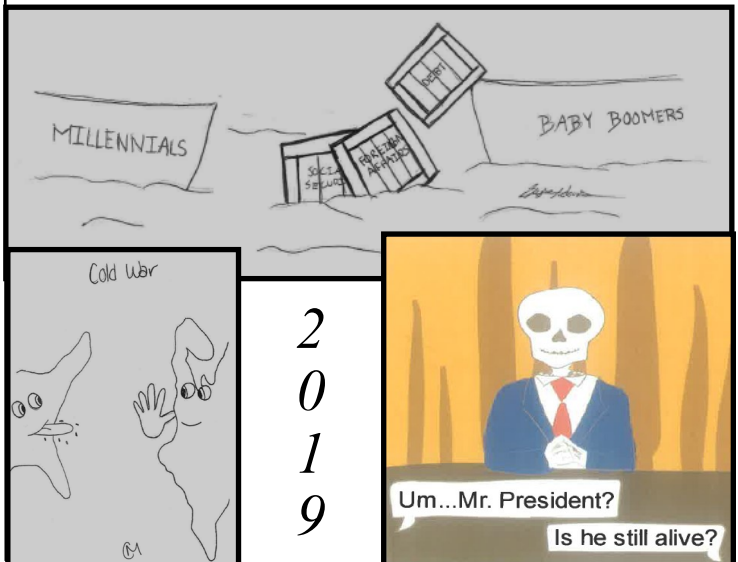
The Scholastic Book Fair concluded on April 17<sup>th</sup> after operating for a week. Students were able to obtain new books, journals, and other miscellaneous items. Since the fair was BOGO (Buy One, Get One Free) children were able to get twice as many books for half their money.

The money that was raised went towards purchasing thirty eight new books for the library, a nice addition with no cost to the school or tax payers. Highlights of the Scholastic Book Fair included: Elementary Reading Night, ice-cream sundae social, and an anonymous donor who provided enough money for every student in grades K, 3, and 4 to choose one book at no cost.

The Belt School would like to thank everyone who attended and purchased books. The Belt School Librarian, JJ Meissner, plans to continue the tradition of book fairs with the next being scheduled next fall during parent/teacher conferences. **By: Abby Gliko**

### Political Cartoons

Here are a few political cartoons produce by the Class of 2019 recently in Government class:



## The Belt Valley Shakespeare Players

There is a lot taking place with the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players right now. This group of young adults has accomplished multiple amazing feats.

In total, there are eight members of the troupe. Three of these members are from Belt: Julia Vogt, Molly Tingey, and Tara Hedstrom. Four of the members are from areas surrounding Belt, while the final member is from Bozeman. The director of the cast is Jeff Ross, who is the English teacher at Belt High. He is assisted by Elizabeth Harrison.



On April 10<sup>th</sup>, the Shakespeare Players traveled to Helena to perform at Carroll College's Flex Theatre. They performed *The Win-*

*ter's Tale*. Their next performance will be on July twelfth and thirteenth and the Belt Performing Arts Center. After this, they will venture to Bozeman to enact the play at Montana State University's Black Box Theatre on July nineteenth. Their final performances will be in London at the Edinburgh Festival. They depart on July twenty-fifth and will not return until August ninth.

The *Valley Voice* wishes the Belt Valley Shakespeare Players good luck as they continue to travel and exhibit their talents. **By: Sierra Reese**

## Cummings Memorial



From April 12<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Craig Cummings Tournament transpired. Fourteen teams took to the court, battling for the win in the Belt Gymnasium. This is one of the many traditions in Belt that many students and adults look forward to each year. It is also a chance to remember a great teacher, coach and administrator in Belt's educational past.

The tournament brought in over 300 participants, volunteers, and fans to the town of Belt which greatly benefited the local econo-

my. This year the winning team was Steel Etc., with the East Side Bar coming in second, and the Clubhouse finishing third.

All of the money raised in this event goes to the Craig Cummings Memorial Scholarship Fund, which is given to a current Belt graduating student who shows great leadership. The money also helps to fund the Craig Cummings Hall of Fame, which recognizes past Belt graduates for their athletic achievements during high school.

The tournament is composed of co-ed teams who play five

on five full court. Games are comprised of two twenty-minute halves, with baskets made by the girls counting as an extra point. Since the participants are all out of high school, the tournament was played using college rules.

The Cummings family would like to thank the following sponsors: Belt Brew Pub, Harvest Moon Saloon, East Side Bar, The Diamond, Backroads Pizza Lanes, and Belt Public Schools. The tournament was a huge success and everyone is looking forward to next year's games. **By: Abby Gliko**

## Winter/Spring Sports Banquet

On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a sports banquet in the cafeteria of the Belt School. This awards assembly recognizes the talents of athletes for the basketball, wrestling, cheer, golf, and track seasons.

The evening will begin with a banquet. Boosters provide chicken while athletes provide salad or des-

serts. Attendees will get a plate of food if they want and then take a seat until the ceremony begins.

At the banquet, several awards will be handed out. Varsity letters will be awarded a pin and a paper commending their achievement. First time letterers will receive a cloth "B" where they place the pins they are given. There will

also be participation awards passed out as well as special awards that are given to specific athletes, which are chosen by the team, coaches, or statistics.

Don't forget to show up and support the Husky athletes as they receive awards for their efforts throughout the year.

**By: Sierra Reese**

## Calendar of Events

- 5/10 2:30 p.m. Dance Recital on Stage
- 5/10 District Track Meet
- 5/11 TBA MS Track Meet @ Lewistown
- 5/13 8:00 a.m. State Golf @ Seeley Lake
- 5/13 8:30 a.m. Academic Awards Assembly
- 5/13 2:00 p.m. 4-H Blood Drive in Cafeteria
- 5/13 6:00 p.m. Bow Hunter Education Class
- 5/14 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip (FT)
- 5/14 8:00 a.m. State Golf @ Seeley Lake
- 5/14 10:00 MS Track Meet @ Great Falls a.m.
- 5/14 6:00 p.m. Bow Hunter Education Class
- 5/14 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting
- 5/14—5/15 Senior Finals
- 5/15 Sports Physicals
- 5/15 8:00 a.m. State Golf @ Seeley Lake
- 5/15 3:35 p.m. Health Insurance Meeting
- 5/16 Divisional Track Meet
- 5/16 6:00 p.m. Bow Hunter Education Class
- 5/16 7:00 p.m. EK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade Spring Concert
- 5/17 7:00 a.m. Donuts for Dads in Library
- 5/17 1:45 p.m. Voyagers Subway Party
- 5/17 2:30 p.m. Dance Classes on the Stage
- 5/17 5:30 p.m. Husky Labor Auction
- 5/17 6:00 p.m. Bow Hunter Education Class
- 5/18 9:00 a.m. Bow Hunter Education Class
- 5/19 2:00 p.m. High School Graduation
- 5/20 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade FT to GF Airport
- 5/21 1<sup>st</sup> Grade FT to GF Forde Nursery
- 5/21 Kindergarten FT to Exploration Works GF
- 5/21 5:30 p.m. Sports Awards Banquet
- 5/21 7:00 p.m. Booster Meeting
- 5/22 Elementary IEFA Day Activities
- 5/22—5/23 High School Finals


- 5/23 8:00 a.m. AP US History Test
- 5/23 3:00 p.m. K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Publishing Party
- 5/24 End of 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter
- 5/24 Field Day K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade
- 5/24 12:31 Last Day of School-Early Re-  
p.m. lease
- 5/24 2:30 p.m. Dance Classes on Stage
- 5/24—5/25 State C Track Meet in Laurel
- 5/26—6/2 Close-Up Trip

### Husky Labor Auction

Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m.

Belt Brew Pub

Everyone could use some help  
in the summer and these athletes  
will be auc-  
tioned off in  
pairs or group  
of three for 8  
hours of work!

*All proceeds go towards the Belt Basket-  
ball teams to help fund summer tour-  
naments*

### Senior Schedule

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